

Jefferson County Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 08, 2023
Jefferson County Public Safety Center
620 Green Road, Madison, IN 47250

In attendance: Council Members, Ray Denning, Pam Crozier, Heather Foy, Dwayne May, Gary Copeland, and Ray Black. Auditor Heather Huff taking minutes. Council President, Ray Black called the meeting to order and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pam Crozier made a motion to approve the July 18th Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Heather Foy seconded the motion. Motion passed 6/0.

Non-Profit Funding Requests:

Jefferson County 4-H- Scott Hubbard presented 2023 4-H statics. 4-H is now serving at their pre Covid membership numbers. The 2023 Livestock Auction raised \$350,990.23 for 4-H members. The fair had over 20,000 visitors with 3,000 being visitors that traveled over 30 miles. The 4-H Fair Board thanked the County for supporting their organization.

CASA- Linda Zapp presented the current mission "Recruit, Educate, Train, Volunteer". CASA Volunteers serve as the voice of the child. CASA volunteers are appointed to children that are involved in DCS and Court Cases. CASA has 84 new cases in 2023. Linda thanked Jefferson County for support.

VMI- Andrew Forrester presented 2022 annual financial reports, and current highlights. Jefferson County had 734,000 people visit in 2022, with 500,000 of those people visiting Madison. Andrew looks forward to continuing to work with Jefferson County.

Life-Time Resources- Erin Thomas presented 2023 information. LifeTime Resources serves as the council on aging offers in home aide services, along other services including Catch a Ride. The funds requested are to match State and Federal Grants to continue their services.

CAC- Kelli Jette shared 2023 statistics, and updated the Council on the current grant project. CAC offers services to abused children before their case is in courts. CAC looks forward for future opportunities to work with other agencies providing similar services to children, and thanked Jefferson County for support.

All Non-Profit Organizations requests were taken under advisement.

Jefferson County Sheriff- Chief Laura Pickel- June of 2022 the Sheriff's Department entered a contract with Axon for Taser service that exceeded the budgeted amount. Laura requested an addition in fund 1142 Cum Jail to pay for the additional Axon contract. Pam Crozier made a motion to approve the submitted additional for \$15,680.00. Ray Denning seconded the motion. Motion passed 6/0.

CCI- John Painter- John Painter is the Jefferson County Jail Projects Owner's Representative. John updated the Council on the project and the delays that the project is faced with. The new occupancy date is November 1, 2023. There are additional costs that have occurred to do the length of the project. The Auditor Heather Huff advertised \$250,000.00 under John's advice from fund 1170 Public Safety LIT to cover the additional construction costs. After discussion Ray Denning made a motion to approve \$250,000.00 in fund 1170 to finish the Jail Project. Pam Crozier seconded the motion. Motion passed 6/0. Council thanked John Schoenstein, and Robert Little for their work on the Jail Project.

Commissioner- Dave Bramer presented information concerning the GEO fencing project that was originally discussed in June of 23 and tabled in July of 23. The project will provide economic development statistics that will benefit Jefferson County and plans for future projects. This is a collaborative effort between the City of Madison and Jefferson County. Heather Foy made a motion to approve the addition to fund 9112 ARPA in the amount of \$5,000.00. Gary Copeland seconded the motion. Motion passed 6/0.

Dave Bramer then requested that the Council review the salary of the EMA position moving forward. It is the Commissioners recommendation that the pay be increased to continue offering the same services as Jefferson County. Auditor Huff will share salary information with the Council. Council took the request under advisement as they move into budget sessions.

EMA- Matt True- Matt updated the Council on the EMA Office. Bethany Legacy Foundation provided Jefferson County with a grant to cover the cost of 40 AEDs. They are now being stored in the Logistics Center. Robert Black has secured a trailer for EMA use. Fork Truck funding is still being sorted out. The EOC computers have all been updated. EMA is also working on a grant for flash flood areas on 421.

Ray Black reminded Council Budget Workshops begin 8-14-23 at 8:30 am.

Ray Denning made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pam Crozier seconded the motion. Motion passed 6/0.

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Auditor Attest:
