

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Jefferson Co. Courthouse, Room 103, 300 E. Main St. Madison, IN 47250

09-10-2019

START- 5:00 pm

ADJOURN-6:50 pm

In attendance: County Council Members Judy Smith, Pam Crozier, Ray Black, Ray Denning, Heather Foy, Chris Shelton, Auditor Sherry Eblen, and taking minutes Heather Huff.

Judy Smith called the meeting to order, and led all in attendance with The Pledge of Allegiance of The United States of America. Ray Black made a motion to approve the previous meetings minutes as submitted. Chris Shelton seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0.

Nadja Boone, Kristen Snyder, Amber Finnegan- JCJTAP Kristen Snyder announced that JCJTAP will be awarding **\$21,945.00** in local grants. Kristen then read the full list of recipients and the awarded amounts.

Jefferson County Court Services (Community Corrections)	\$7,000.00
Jefferson House	\$5,000.00
Lyde White Boys & Girls Club	\$6,000.00
LifeSpring Health Systems	\$1,410.00
KDH Healthy Communities Initiative	\$500.00
KDH Tobacco Free Coalition	\$2,035.00

Ray Black made a motion to approve the grants. Ray Denning seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0.

911- A previous additional was approved but required a resolution to increase the 1222 budget in the amount of **\$72,979.50**. Pam Crozier made a motion to approve and sign the prepared Resolution. Ray Denning seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0.

Andrew Lanam-George K Baum & Company- Andrew reviewed current estimates on the jail project. Currently the total estimate comes in at **\$36,727,272.00**. The different taxing options were discussed on how to fund the project. The meeting was then open to the public for discussion.

Rick Russ, a concerned resident expressed his concern of a 200% tax increase.

The tax impact was then discussed. The median house hold in Jefferson County is **\$51,163.00**. Currently the median household pays **\$179.00** per year. The suggested taxes would take that amount to **\$460.00** per year. Currently Jefferson County has the lowest income tax rate in the state, the suggested change would take Jefferson County to the 86th lowest rate.

Yancy York- Saluda Twp Trustee- Yancy asked what other entities would have to approve the income tax increase.

Andrew explained the increase would need to be approved by all incorporated cities and towns within the county.

Discussion followed concerning possible savings, and the additional costs that could result if action isn't taken, size and architect savings.

The public hearing was then closed, and the meeting resumed.

The Council then reviewed transfers and submitted additional.

Sheriff -Transfer

From 1000-005-0211.00 Gasoline	\$5000.00	To 1000-005-0222.00 Tires	\$5,000.00
1142-001-0101.00 Misc Dis	\$17.00	1142-001-0368.00 Ref Cont	\$17.00
1000-005-0312.00 Drug testing	\$141.00	1000-005-0331.00 Printing	\$141.00
1000-005-0353.00 Leads online	\$32.00	1000-005-0331.00 Printing	\$32.00

Chris Shelton made a motion to approve the transfers. Heather Foy seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0.

Sheriff-Additional

1000-005-0119.00 Overtime	\$10,000.00
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Pam Crozier made a motion to approve the additional. Chris Shelton seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0.

Health- Additional

1159-001-0215.00 **\$2,834.79** Immunization Grant

Ray Black made a motion to approve the additional. Chris Shelton seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0.

1159-001-0443.00 **\$3,000.00** Public Health Grant

Chris Shelton made a motion to approve the additional. Pam Crozier seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0.

Animal Shelter- Additional

4008-001-0212.00 **\$ 3,000.00** Vet services

4008-0010219.00 **\$1,000.00** Equipment

Chris Shelton made a motion to approve the additional. Ray Black seconded the motion. Motion passed 6/0.

Circuit Court- Transfer

From 1000-016-0321.00 Postage **\$1,000.00** 1000-016-0140.00 Association Dues **\$150.00**

1000-016-0211.00 Office Supplies **\$850.00** 1000-016-0137.01 Pauper Billable **\$5,000.00**

1000-016-0393.00 Psychiatric Services **\$5,000.00**

Pam Crozier made a motion to approve the submitted transfer. Ray Denning seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0.

Troy Morgan- Ema- Troy updated the Council on the progress on the Green Road property, and invited the Council to stop in and check out the progress. The project is running on time and on budget.

Judy Smith then read the proposed Ordinance #5 to modify the local income tax from .35 to .55 to be directed to correctional facilities. This tax would be effective 1-1-2020 and will expire when the Facility is paid for in full and to not exceed 22 years. Ray Denning made a motion to approve ordinance #5 and increase the income tax rate to .55%. Pam Crozier seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0. Ordinance # 5 was officially adopted September 10, 2019.

Judy Smith read the proposed Resolution #5 which will set the motion forward of establishing a public safety tax. All incorporated cities and towns in the county will also have to approve this amount. The County is currently working on an agreement with the City of Madison to pledge 50% of their portion of this tax to the Jail project. Ray Denning made a motion to accept the proposed resolution to create the public safety tax. Pam Crozier seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0.

The safety tax will now move on to the City and Towns of Jefferson County.

Chris Shelton made a motion to adjourn. Ray Black seconded the motion. Motion passed 6/0.

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