

## COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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

09-10-2019

START- 5:00 pm

ADJOURN-6:15 pm

**In attendance:** County Council Members Judy Smith, Pam Crozier, Ray Black, Ray Denning, Heather Foy, Chris Shelton, Heather Huff, Charity Ford.

Judy Smith called the meeting to order, and led all in attendance with The Pledge of Allegiance of The United States of America. Chris Shelton made a motion to approve the minutes from 9-10-2019 meeting with one correction. Ray Denning seconded the motion. Motion approved 6/0. Joe Craig abstained from the vote due to being absent from the 9-10-19 meeting.

**911- Susie Lawrence-** Susie will be attending the upcoming Commissioner's Meeting to present a contract for IT support. Currently there is a need for IT support to get the new 911 office set up. The base amount of this contract will be \$288.00 a month, with additional calls being rated on a tier system and billed accordingly. Susie will be sending a copy of the tier system to the council. Susie then requested a transfer from 4001-000-0116.00 Dispatcher to 4001-000-0328.00 Equipment in the amount of \$67,000.00. The surplus was caused from being under staffed for most of the year. The transfer would pay for new ADA approved consoles for the new office. After much discussion the council would like to see at least one more quote from a different company emailed to the Council this week. Ray Denning made a motion to approve the transfer contingent additional quotes. Joe Craig seconded the motion. Motion passed 7/0.

**Circuit Court- Judge Mote-** Judge Mote will be requesting bonds for the probation officers that are requesting to carry personal protection. The Jefferson County Courts are now requesting Probation Officers community presence to be increased, which has raised some safety concerns. The Judge would like for any and all officers wanting to carry personal protection to be fitted for body armor, a weapon, and attend handgun safety courses. This will be from probation user fees that are collected in the Clerk's Office. Judge Mote will return with a formal written request.

Judge Mote also spoke on the Probation Office using a therapy dog. Currently the dog "Brick" has been used in a testing period, and has seen positive results. The dog is currently under one year of age, and is personally owned by a probation officer. Judge Mote would like to send Brick to training so he could be used in court, this training is estimated to cost \$2,800.00. Judge Mote is currently working on an agreement with the Probation Officer that after the County sends Brick to training if the employee's employment would become terminated the employee would be responsible to repay the County for the training.

**Jefferson County Fire Assn. - Robert Black-** Robert Black discussed the need of funding to all County Fire Departments. The County's Fire Departments are ran solely by volunteers, and the majority of income is earned from fund raising. Due to rising costs, and increasing standards that are government regulated the Fire Departments are struggling to exist. The Council requesting Robert Black to put together a formal request with a real need assessment for the departments and report back.

**Jefferson County Sheriff- Dave Thomas-** The Sheriff's Department is in need of additional appropriation in the amount of \$10,000.00 for Medical & Hospital expenses. This additional was advertised on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Ray Black made a motion to approve the additional. Chris Shelton seconded the motion. Motion passed 7/0.

The Sheriff also submitted a request for additional funding for account 1000-019-0221.00 Meals in the amount of \$73,000.00 and 1000-019-0351.00 Utilities in the amount of \$25,000.00. These amounts were advertised on October 2, 2019 and will be voted on at the November Council meeting.

The Sheriff announced he has lowered the minimum age to work as a jailer from 21 to 19. The jail population is currently 32 inmates out to 5 different facilities, and 139 held in Jefferson County.

**Jefferson County EMA- Troy Morgan-** Troy reported building is nearing completion now working on technical aspects, and working towards the 911 move. Troy also invited all who are interested to attend LEPC exercise on 10-19-19 at the Nutrien Ag Solution facility located at the junction of State Highway 3 and 256. Troy also reminded all that Jefferson County is still under a burn ban till further notice.

**Jefferson County Commissioner- Dave Bramer-** Dave reported the Architect RFPs should be returned to the Commissioner’s Office by 10-22-2019 to start review. The Commissioners are requesting an additional \$50,000.00 for the jail project. Expenses include Phase II study, Legal fees, and other cost associated with the Jail project. The Auditor’s Office will advertise this additional for the November meeting.

**Jefferson County Park Board- Richard Hill-** Richard requested an additional appropriation to finish projects at the County Park. The Park Board operates on non-tax dollar revenue therefore the additional will not be advertised. Joe Craig made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$12,000.00 for account 4909-001-0101.00. Ray Denning seconded the motion. Motion passed 7/0.

**Transfers / Additional**

Jefferson County Health Department- Additional

1159-001-0215.00 Immunization Grant \$43.40  
1159-001-0215.00 Immunization Grant \$7,544.99

Joe Craig made a motion to approve both Health Department additional as submitted. Chris Shelton seconded the motion. Motion approved 7/0.

Jefferson County Animal Shelter- Additional

4008-001-0212.00 Vet Services \$1,500.00

Ray Denning made a motion to approve the additional. Heather Foy seconded the motion. Motion passed 7/0.

Jefferson County VSO- Transfer

From: 1000-021-0321.00 Postage \$300.00 To: 1000-021-0221.00 Office Supply \$300.00

Chris Shelton made a motion to approve the transfer. Pam Crozier seconded the motion. Motion passed 7/0.

The Council then asked if there were any other business from the audience. Commissioner Robert Little addressed a concern of political signs near the Courthouse, he confirmed the candidates are well within the law since the Courthouse is a polling place. Chris Shelton announced the Jefferson County Animal Shelter will be hosting a Photo Shoot event at the Boys and Girls Club to help 2020 funding.

Chris Shelton then made a motion to adjourn. Joe Craig seconded the motion. Motion passed 7/0.

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