

Jefferson County Council Meeting

Jefferson County EMA, 620 Green Rd, Madison, IN 47250

Meeting was held in person and via Zoom.

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Start: 5:00pm

End: 6:40pm

In attendance: Judy Smith, Chris Shelton, Ray Denning, Gary Copeland, Heather Foy, Pam Crozier, & Ray Black via Zoom. Auditor, Heather Huff and Kristen Jones taking minutes. Pam Crozier called the meeting to order and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ray Black made a motion to approve the minutes from September 14, 2021. Judy Smith seconded the motion. Motion approved 7/0.

Tammy Monroe – Health Department

Tammy presented to the Council that the Jefferson County Health Department is eligible for a \$200,000 2 year ARP Covid Grant to hire help for the Health Dept. Tammy is requesting to use this grant for 2 new positions, 1 RN or LPN, and 1 Clerical position and to rearrange the office space. These positions would be 2 year positions. The Clerical position will help primarily with contact tracing as well as clerical work in the office. Tammy would also like to use the remaining funds of this Grant to rearrange the office for a better work space, flow, and storage. Because the money is coming from a Grant, approval from the Council is not needed. The Auditor will make 2 new line items for the new positions for 2022.

Faith Weir – Veteran Service Officer

The Council requested Faith to be present at the meeting to inform her of the VSO Budget changes. The Veteran Service Officer salary will increase to \$40,000.00 because of the effort Faith puts forth toward the veterans not only of Jefferson County but surrounding counties as well. In addition, the Part-time 28hr position hourly rate will increase to \$16.50 an hour/\$24,024.00 annually. The council wanted to recognize Faith for going above and beyond.

Heather White – Human Resources

Heather is requesting to move the surplus insurance money from the department funds to Fund 4700 (Self Funded Insurance). There is \$9,000 budgeted for each insured employee a year. This leaves \$700 per employee, in surplus to use to the benefit of the employees. The County is able to keep the insurance rates the same despite an increase in cost. Heather is also going to be able to add Teledoc and a Behavioral Health additive to the insurance plan and decrease the rate for the +Child plan. The total amount to be moved from multiple funds into Self Funded Insurance is \$103,200.00. Ray Denning made a motion to approve. Chris Shelton seconded the motion. Motion approved 7/0.

Cemetery Board – Nick Schultz

Mr. Schultz is asking the Council for an additional \$5,000 for the Cemetery Fund. The original advertised additional was turned in for \$3,000 to cover expenses needed to clean up Minor and Craig cemetery's. Mr. Schultz is asking for an extra \$2,000 to cover a stump and tree removal bill. After further discussion between the Council and the Auditor, of the current balance in the Cemetery Fund, the additional will be advertised for \$2,500. Judy Smith made a motion to approve the additional of \$3,000 as advertised. Ray Denning seconded the motion. Motion approved 7/0. The additional \$2,500 will be advertised and voted on during the next Council meeting.

Sheriff Dave Thomas – Central Square

Sheriff Thomas found out recently that the bill for the Central Square contract was not budgeted for 2021. There were some invoicing issues within this company, with the due date of the invoice being before the actual statement date. The total amount owed for the contract is \$15,521.00 for this year. This amount will need to be advertised as an additional to be added into the Central Square line item. Chief Deputy Taylor has been negotiating with Central Square regarding the price of the contract for 2022. They hope to have an amount before the next meeting to present to the Council for the 2022 budget.

The Sheriff reported that the jail is clear of COVID and the total amount of inmates currently is 200 with 31 of the 200 inmates in other facilities.

Commissioner Robert Little – EMA Storage Building

Commissioner Little is filling in for Troy Morgan and speaking on the quotes for the new construction of the PPE storage building. Commissioner Little advised the Council that they have received 1 out of 3 quotes requested and handed out information on the quote received. Commissioners are also waiting on

bids on air duct cleaning. The Auditor's office has noticed black substance coming from an air vent in the ceiling. With further investigation with the Maintenance Dept, Duane Hall advised the Auditor, Heather Huff, that this black matter is built up in all the courthouse air ducts. Commissioner Little hopes to have bids by the next Council meeting.

Saluda Township Budget Approval

The Saluda Township Budget has to now be approved by the County Council because of a family member and a fire fighter serving on the advisory board. Pam Crozier read through the Saluda Township Budget ending in a total of \$77,490.00. Ray Denning made a motion to approve the Saluda Township Budget. Gary Copeland seconded the motion. Motion approved 7/0.

Pam Crozier read the Budget by fund total for the Budget reading.


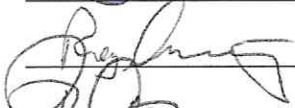
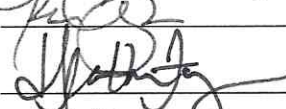
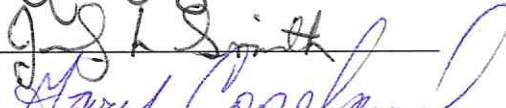
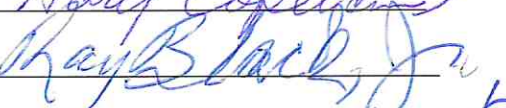

Pam Crozier asked Commissioner Bramer (via Zoom) if there has been a decision made regarding who will supply water to the new jail, The City of Madison or Dupont Water Co. Mr. Bramer advised that Dupont Water Co has hired a consultant to determine an appropriate price; but despite his efforts to reach out each month, Dupont Water does not have a quote for the water supply. Council member Chris Shelton stated that after 7 months a decision needs to be made. Mr. Bramer feels that Dupont is trying to provide a fair quote on their water supply, considering they do not have a customer that needs such a large supply of water.

Pam Crozier also asked the Commissioners about the distributions of the ARP funds. The City of Madison is requesting the County to donate 2.5 million towards the Clean Drinking Water Program. The County Commissioners plan to donate \$200,000 towards this program and Pam is asking them to consider donating more. The Clean Drinking Water Program will benefit all of the outlying county water departments. Mr. Bramer advised that the planning process is still in progress. The Council decided to meet with the Commissioners to further discuss this matter. The commissioners are seeking advisement from Barnes and Thornburg on the distribution procedure of this grant. An Executive Session meeting will be held on November 9, 2021 immediately following the Council Meeting to discuss ARP Funds.

Gary Copeland made a motion to adjourn at 6:40pm. Ray Black seconded the motion. Motion approved 7/0.

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