Dearborn County Council Meeting

Meeting Date: May 24, 2011

Members of the Dearborn County Council met in the County Administration Building, 215-B West High Street, 3rd Floor – Commissioners Room, Lawrenceburg, Indiana on May 24, 2011 starting at 6:00 pm.
Present**:** Dennis Kraus, Sr., President, Bill Ullrich, Jim Hughes, Maynard Barrett, Dan Lansing, Bryan Messmore & Liz Morris, Council members.
Gayle Pennington, Auditor

The County Council met in Executive Session to discuss a question presented to them about the Matrix pay scale ordinance that is in place at this time.

The County Council meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. and began with the *pledge of allegiance.*

Commissioners – Commissioner Orschell asked Council what direction they wished to go now with plans for the Jail expansion. Should they continue with the schematics? This funding cannot be voted on because it was not advertised.
Dennis Kraus would like to continue the practice of putting money in savings.
Liz Morris wanted to know if the Commissioners have agreed on a particular plan. She is not ready to sign tonight.
Bryan Messmore realizes that the scope of the project is about 15 million dollars on the high end. Feeling that the project will probably not pass a referendum would lead him to believe we need a lower cost alternative. His opinion is that Council should find a solution to the problem that is below that referendum threshold and that is a good value to the citizens.
Dan Lansing wants referendum but is not apposed to taking from savings.
Jim Hughes says the money belongs to the people. He would like to see a referendum.
Bill Ullrich pointed out that there may be a court order.

Judge Cleary - Judge would like to replace the Superior Court I. court reporter because his is retiring. Mrs. Wethington will be paid out $8,129.44 pursuant to Dearborn County Policy. Part of the monies in Fund # 001.11401.000.026 ($4,000.00) will be used to properly train Mrs. Wethington's replacement. $8129.44 currently in #148.30000.000.100 Cash Bail Fund is to be transferred to the Court Reporter Fund, #001.11185.000.26 to pay Mrs. Wethington without using any additional appropriations.

Motion to approve was made by Bryan Messmore and seconded by Liz Morris. All in favor, motion carried.

Bill Ewbank – Bill spoke on behalf of Commissioners about reallocation of office space since acquiring the Hoosier Square office building. He mentioned that three buildings are involved. This plan puts all permitting offices together and concentrates all high traffic areas on a single floor. Hoosier square will house Community Corrections and Probation for all of the Courts. This gives space for Prosecutor, Clerk and Courts to relocate throughout the building.
He also requested to erect secure storage in the Water Rescue/EMA building. The total request for $458,483.50 will be spread out over two years. He recommends $190,000.00 as an additional along with the balance to be used this year. The appropriation is to cover Hoosier Square and installation of records storage this year. He will consider capital investment on rest in the August 2011 budget cycle.

Note: This is the first time that a plan has been presented that all Office Holders have been in complete agreement with.

Bill Ullrich made a motion to approve out of Riverboat Contingency, not to exceed $190,000.00. Liz Morris seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Aaron Negangard - Child Advocacy Center - $25,000.00 - new fund - one time request.

A motion was made by Dan Lansing to approve $25,000.00. Liz seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

requests for supplies - **Liz Morris made a motion to approve $2,000.00 for supplies. Bill Ullrich seconded, all in favor, motion carried.**

Code books - $3,000.00 and $2,000.00 for publications.

A motion was made by Maynard Barrett and seconded by Dan Lansing. All in favor, motion carried.

Request to hire a replacement for Special Crimes investigator/administrative assistant. No additional funds needed.

Motion by Liz Morris and seconded by Jim Hughes. All in favor, motion carried.

Pregnancy Care Center. Kim Malloy presented a proposal for $1,000.00 to make blankets and quilts.

Liz Morris moved to approve $1,000.00, Jim Hughes seconded. Bryan Messmore voted Nay. Motion carried.

Greg Townsend Special Olympics - request $1,500.00 to compete in summer Olympics.

Liz Morris moved to approve $1,500.00 and Bill Ullrich seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

PAWS – Bill Ewbank presented the amount needed to contract with PAWS for animal control. The amount contracted is less than the amount budgeted yearly. Request for $60,000.00 for the duration of 2011. Contract to be presented at the June ?? Commish

Liz Morris made a motion to approve pending a signed contract at $10,000.00 a month for duration of this year. Bill Ullrich seconded. All in favor, motion carried

Marlene Underwood needs one part time ACO for temporary employment until the shelter move is made. Liz Morris made a motion to approve and Maynard Barrett seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer - $5,000.00 for investment advisor to develop a structured program.

A Motion was made by Bill Ullrich and seconded by Maynard Barrett. All in favor, motion carried.

DCRSD - Robert Lischkge presented a request for $70,000.00 for road repair by Herzo engineers. Bryan Messmore asked can Highway do this job. Todd Listerman answered, no. He also asked if this will go on the bills as an operating expense. Rob answered, no.

A motion was made by Liz Morris to approve and seconded by Bryan Messmore. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>Juvenile</u> – Tracy Agner presented. Youth Attendant III Salary. An additional for salary plus benefits. Request for recovery of $5,000.00 for part time monies used to pay this full time employee.

Bryan motion to approve fixing full time position by approating $30,000.00 plus FICA - all but $5,000.00 for part time recovery. Liz Morris seconded, Dan Lansing and Dennis Kraus voted nay. Motion carried with five votes.

<u>Park Board</u> - Jim Red Elk - clarification of mechanics of budget/spending process.
The Board is asking County Council to set up a non reverting operating account – to collect fees that would be deposited and expended from this account.

Bryan Messmore will entertain a motion to look at a draft ordinance that defines the needs and clarify the receipts and expenditures process. Dan Lansing seconded. Maynard voted Nay.

Grant for Lattire Rd. property - seeking County Council support.

Bill Ullrich made a motion to match funds so that the Park Board may apply for a Grant. Maynard seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

<u>Highway</u> – Todd Listerman seeks permission to hire two summer interns for sign inventory.

A motion was made by Bill Ullrich for approval and seconded by Dan Lansing. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>Line striping -</u> Permission to transfer $115,000.00 from Fund #172.

A motion was made by Bryan Messmore and seconded by Bill Ullrich. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>Install warning flashers</u> - $25,000.00 transfer from Fund #172 and set aside until reimbursement after project completion.

A motion was made by Bryan Messmore and seconded by Liz Morris. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>Salt Building</u> - There were additional costs of $56,600.00 to finish the building. Need to transfer this amount from Fund #172.

A motion was made by Bill Ullrich for approval and seconded by Liz Morris. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>Equipment</u> - $235,000.00 transferred from Fund #172 to replace one each tractor and tandem a year for the next three years.

A motion was made by Dan Lansing and seconded by Bill Ullrich. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>Slip repairs</u> - $100,000.00 to be transferred from Fund #172 into a new line item.

A motion was made by Liz Morris and seconded by Dan Lansing to approve. All in favor, motion carried.

Open discussion about Highway and Bridge program.

<u>911</u> – An additional amount of $22,000.00 is needed to supplement the 911 fund until reimbursements are received.

Liz Morris made a motion to appropriate the additional funds. Bryan Messmore seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Auditor - Gayle Pennington asked that the minutes be tabled to make the amendments.

EMS training affidavits were presented for signature.

Bryan Messmore made a motion to give Dennis Kraus the authority to sign the affidavits for payment. Dan Lansing seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

A $929.00 expense from the Auditor's Perpetuation fund for the purpose of Records management was presented.

Motion was made by Maynard Barrett and seconded by Bryan Messmore. All in favor, motion carried.

Executive Session decision: Dennis Kraus would like to have a full audit.

Bryan Messmore made a motion is to deny request pending an audit. Auditor is to provide as quickly as possible to the Board an estimate of cost. Maynard Barrett seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, Bryan Messmore made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. Bill Ullrich seconded, all in favor motion carried.

ATTEST: ______________________________ ______________________________

Gayle L. Pennington, Auditor Dennis Kraus, Sr., County Council President