

DEARBORN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday August 12, 2015
6:30 p.m., Commissioners Room
County Administration Building
215 B West High Street, Lawrenceburg, Indiana

CALL TO ORDER:

Present: Dennis Kraus Sr., Liz Morris, Bill Ullrich, Dan Lansing, Charlie Keyes, Randy Lyness, Ryan Brandt. Gayle Pennington, Auditor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Hogan Creek Watershed Coordinator – Heather Werth presented a Grant application for signature.

Bill Ullrich made a motion to sign the Grant and Liz Morris seconded. Motion passed.

911 – Jared Teaney presented.

911 needs to update the recording system that records all incoming call and radio transmissions. The current system is over ten years old and not supported by the manufacturer anymore. The request is for \$59,140.00 to purchase from World Systems. This includes a 5 year warranty. Maintenance cost is \$19,000.00. The appropriation is from Fund #1222, Statewide 911 Fund.

Ryan Brandt made a motion to approve the appropriation from the Statewide 911 Fund. Dan Lansing seconded. Motion passed.

Council Discussion – Possible funding of the Annex project and possible funding of a comprehensive financial study.

James Secrest, Aurora resident, believes that we need to fund a treatment center to combat our drug problems rather than an annex building.

Kathy Scott, a West Harrison resident, spoke about her concern of depleting the Riverboat Savings when our revenue is declining. She also spoke about the square footage of the annex and feels that it could be less. She feels that there is an unnecessary push to build the building.

John Maxwell spoke and answered her square footage questions.

Aaron Negangard, County Prosecutor, pointed out that the Council has been talking about this and putting away funds since 2002. He encouraged Council to vote for what is right so that all the people working in the Courthouse can come in a safe functional environment so that they can do their job. This county has a legal obligation to provide all the elected officials with a functional office. This is the cheapest way to do it.

Terri Hall, a Moores Hill resident, agreed that more space is needed but was uncomfortable that the 11.2 million total was so close to the 12 million it takes to go to public vote.

Chris Mueller, I'd like these questions and the answers to be part of the official minutes of this meeting.

The additional requested for \$275,000 for Maxwell and DLZ- Is this in addition to the \$343,000 contract for Maxwell as construction manager?

Terri Randall, County administrator, In order for you to consider the 11.2 million budget the additional appropriation is to be a portion of the 11.2 million. Also apply the money prior, \$250,000.00 for the architect and construction manager. The cost of project includes already appropriated funds. Advertise the full amount of the project, take drawdowns as needed so that money can stay invested. A portion of the contract is called soft costs – the construction manager, \$900,000 to \$1million. They cannot lay out a budget at the point of conceptual design. She ascertains that once the budget is set they will stay well within that budget.

Is there a contract with Maxwell and DLZ as to a budget and work product for this sum? How much is each entity allowed?

DLZ - Council has not decided on the amount to appropriate or where it is to come from yet. Once they get that far there will be contracts.

Can the Auditor create separate accounts for Maxwell and DLZ's contracted budget amounts so that these items are easy to track with respect to expenditures and staying within budget?

Council sets up line items as they choose.

Can you request any changes to the design of the annex as a stipulation for funding?

Shane McHenry answered, he spoke with the Historical Society along with other groups and they had no issues. He feels that the Commissioners did listen.

On the record I'd like to ask one more time- Do any of you have any financial or business relationship that constitutes an ethical or legal conflict of interest regarding the proposed county annex construction and financing.

Randy Lyness stated that he had discussion with the County Attorney and his situation is fine. He is even allowed to vote but will not. He has had letters from his constituents stating that it is his obligation to represent them and vote but he has decided not to.

Randy Lyness left the room, discussion continued.

County Commissioners –Additional appropriation in the amount of \$275,000.00 to continue contracted work performed by the Architect and Construction Manager should the Annex project be approved.

Ryan Brandt made a motion to approve \$11.2 million for the Courthouse annex. Motion seconded by **Bill Ullrich**. Yes votes: **Charlie Keyes, Bill Ullrich, Liz Morris, Ryan Brandt**. No votes: **Dan Lansing and Dennis Kraus**. Abstain: **Randy Lyness** left the room.

Ryan Brandt made an amended motion to approve \$11.2 million for the Courthouse annex with the appropriation of \$275,000.00 out of Fund #4924 Riverboat Savings/Capital Improvements to continue the contract with the architect and the construction manager. Motion seconded by **Bill Ullrich**. Yes votes: **Charlie Keyes, Bill Ullrich, Liz Morris, Ryan Brandt**. No votes: **Dan Lansing and Dennis Kraus**. Abstain: **Randy Lyness** left the room.

Charlie Keyes verified that they were just approving funding the building NOT appropriating the \$\$ from a specific Fund. Correct.

Randy Lyness reentered the room.

Auditor – Gayle Pennington presented

Ordinance fee for Heritage Barn exemption discussion. A public safety fee of \$50.00. \$25.00 to the fire and \$25.00 to the police.
Taken under advisement.

Bill Ullrich made a motion to table this item. **Dennis Kraus** seconded. **Ryan** abstained. Motion passed.

Ordinance fee for Business Personal Property of \$20,000.00 and under discussion.

Bill Ullrich made a motion to approve Ordinance #2015-001. **Liz Morris** seconded. **Dennis Kraus** abstained. Motion passed.

Reinstate the Litigation line item for the Health Department.

Bill Ullrich made a motion to reinstate the original Litigation line item in the Health Budget. **Liz Morris** seconded. Motion passed.

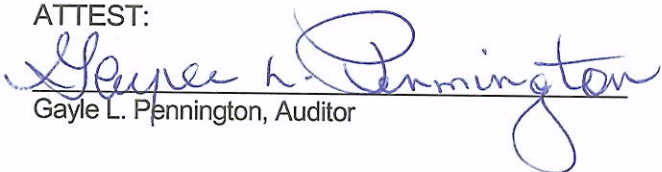
Minutes from the July 21, 2015.

Motion by **Bill Ullrich** to approve the minutes and seconded by **Dennis Kraus**. Motion passed.

Charlie wanted to know if we have received a final bill for the jail. Terri said no but still close.

With no further business before the Board **Bill Ullrich** made a motion to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. **Ryan Brandt** seconded. Motion passed.

ATTEST:


Gayle L. Pennington, Auditor


Dennis A. Kraus
County Council President