# DEARBORN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 24, 2017 6:30 p.m., Commissioners Room County Administration Building 215 B West High Street, Lawrenceburg, Indiana

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Liz Morris read the Title VI certification.

Liz Morris called for a moment of silence for the passing of Ryan Brandt's father.

#### REORGANIZATION:

## **Election of President**

Ryan Brandt made a motion to nominate Liz Morris as Council president for 2017. Bill Ulirich seconded. Liz called for other nominations, hearing none she called for a vote. All in favor, motion passed 7-0

#### Vice President

Bill Ullrich made a motion to nominate Ryan Brandt as Council vice president for 2017. Allen Goodman seconded. Liz called for other nominations, hearing none she called for a vote. All in favor, motion passed 7-0

# Appointment of Boards and Board Seats

Plan Commission - Dan Lansing

Convention, Visitors and Tourism - Ryan Brandt

**Community Corrections - Liz Morris** 

Juvenile Advisory Board - Liz Morris

SIRPC - Dennis Kraus was appointed at the November 2016 meeting.

Solid Waste - Allen Goodman

Personnel Advisory Committee - Dennis Kraus & Liz Morris. Ryan Brandt will

be the alternate if either Dennis or Liz cannot attend.

Community Mental Health - Allen Goodman

Emergency Management Advisory - Bill Ullrich as president's alternate

Redevelopment Commission - Allen Goodman

OKI Board of Directors - Commissioner's to find a representative

### **Citizen Board Appointments**

PTA BOA - Council is following the letter of recommendation from the Board to have Bill Hartwell continue.

Alcohol Beverage - Glen Huismann will continue to serve.

OKI - Mark McCormack will continue to serve.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND 911 – Jason Sullivan and Jared Teaney brought the representative from Rave Mobile Safety to the meeting to present. This is a Smart 911 service. Citizens sign up and receive alerts on their cell phone or home phone. Citizens may input data that they would like 911 to be aware if and when they would need to call for 911 services. It creates a private profile. This software out performs the existing Rapid Notify. Dennis Kraus asked Jared to contact the State and see if this could be paid for from the State 911 Fund.

## **Discussion of Weather Warning Strens**

Dearborn County has 36 sirens. The cost to replace a broken siren would be about \$24,000.00 each. The oldest was purchased in 1979. Discussion followed and then Jason was asked to see how many counties in Indiana have sirens. Discussion will continue.

<u>COMMISSIONERS</u> – Terri Randall presented an update of the Court House Annex Project. Despite the weather, they are staying relatively on schedule and they are under budget. Steel is in the final phase, concrete pour has begun, and they expect to be enclosed by April 1st. Expected occupation of early 2018.

<u>AUDITOR</u> – Gayle Pennington presented Minutes from November 22, 2016

Bill Ullrich made a motion to approve as presented. Ryan Brandt seconded. Dennis Kraus abstained as he was not present at that meeting. Motion passed.

EMA Salary reimbursement Grant application.

Allen Goodman made a motion to sign the Grant application to recover one half of the EMA salaries. Bill Ullrich seconded. Motion passed.

Circuit Court Adult Advocate Grant application. Application for \$50,000.00.

Bill Ullrich made a motion to sign the Adult Advocate Grant. Allen Goodman seconded. Motion passed.

Charlie Keyes asked Council to consider health insurance for employees after they retire but before they are eligible for Medicare. Discussion about costs followed. Gayle will check COBRA rates and also see what some of the other options would be to cover the county rate after they retire. Charlie would just like to gather some information and have Council think about this gap option.

**Liz Morris** noted that since the 2017 Budget had not yet been approved so there was a need for a February meeting to address additional appropriations. Council will meet on **February 28**<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

<u>Public Comment:</u> Chris Mueller opened discussion about the legality of the park board appointments. Council and Judge Humphrey both needed to appoint a democrat to keep the board politically balanced. Council had appointed Jim RedElk in November and may have to take a look at the appointments again.

With no further business before the Board. Bill Ullrich made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Dennis Kraus seconded. Motion passed.

Elizabeth J. Morris, County Council President

Attest:

Gayle L. Pennington, County Auditor