

DEARBORN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
November 19, 2013
6:30 p.m., Commissioners Room
County Administration Building
215 B West High Street, Lawrenceburg, Indiana

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Maynard Barrett, Liz Morris, Dennis Kraus, Charlie Keyes, Randy Lyness, Dan Lansing, Gayle Pennington, Auditor
Bill Ullrich, absent.

There was an executive session before the meeting to discuss an employee issue.
There were no decisions made in that session.

NEW BUSINESS:

Aurora Library Board - Mary Alice Horton presented Board appointments. Ralph Drogue does not want to serve any longer so the Board asked that Council consider Maureen Eller.

Liz Morris made a motion to appoint Maureen Eller. Dan Lansing seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Prosecutor – Arron Negangard asked that Council appropriate \$25,000.00 for Children's Advocacy Center of Southeast Indiana. List of Counties are Dearborn + (Rush, Franklin, Shelby, Bartholomew, Jennings, and Jackson Counties). Dearborn is the primary user, receive a \$70,000 Grant, \$100,000.00 from Lawrenceburg, donations and fund raising. He has now added a forensic interviewer to staff.

Dan Lansing made a motion to appropriate the funds. Maynard Barrett seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Clearing house – presented and asked for funding. This was for discussion only because there was no advertisement for an appropriation.

Liz Morris stated that if we give to one, we would have to give to all. It is very hard to justify this. She understands and sympathizes, it is a tough situation. Dennis agrees. Council will take it under advisement.

Convention and Visitor Bureau - There was not a representative at the meeting to speak with Council.

Maynard Barrett made a motion to table this item until December 10th meeting. Liz Morris seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Superior Court II – Request for a new tape drive for their server and reduced the Public Defender fees to \$12,000.00.

Liz Morris made a motion to approve \$12,000.00 for Public Defender fees and \$3,266 for a tape drive. Maynard Barrett seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner's Courthouse Study - John Maxwell presented an overview of the findings and gave Council the opportunity to ask questions about Courthouse study performed to maximize space.

EMT/EMS – Terri Randall presented. The State puts more and more on volunteer's requirements. Commissioner's want to keep the level of care up. Dearborn County Hospital is paying for an EMT trainer full time w/ benefits. The cost is \$325.00 per student. The County would like to fund a one time bridge course to get levels up. The over all cost would be \$10,000.00 to send 30 people. Any support. First responders, basic, advanced, Paramedic levels

Dennis Kraus stated that volunteers should not have to pay for training. Liz Morris asked how the participants are divided between areas of the County?

Liz Morris made a motion to grant the funding. Randy Lyness seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Transfer of funds. Hoosier Square is finished and there is a surplus of \$7,473.80 to be returned. There is an opportunity to run phone lines to EMA while the digging is being done. EMA pays a \$560.00 bill every month for phone and that could go away. She would like to transfer the \$7,473.80 to the communication budget.

Randy Lyness made a motion to transfer. Dan Lansing seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Redevelopment – transfer \$300,000.00 back into Land Aquasition. Liz Morris would like a recap of what is in that fund and what was expended.

Motion to deny and re advertise out of the correct fund was made by Liz Morris. Dan Lansing seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Shortfall in Legal Fund– There is a need for an additional \$20,000.00.

Liz Morris made a motion to deny and re advertise out of the correct fund. Maynard seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

EMA- Bill Black requested a vehicle replacement in the amount of \$30,000.00.

Charlie Keyes made a motion to approve. Motion died for lack of a second.

Randy Lyness asked that Gayle inquire at the Sheriff's Department as he needs more facts.

Liz Morris made a motion to table. Maynard Barrett seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Coroner – Steve asked for an appropriation of Part Time wages in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Dan Lansing made a motion to appropriate the funds. Liz Morris seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Autopsies – He has received \$4,000.00 in reimbursement from other Counties but those funds are deposited in the General Fund. He would like to have \$10,000.00 appropriated.

Maynard Barrett made a motion to appropriate \$5,000.00. Liz Morris seconded. Charlie Keyes voted NAY. Motion passed.

Drug testing -

Randy Lyness made a motion to approve \$2,000.00. Dan Lansing seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Communications – \$1,500.00 for phone service.

Dan Lansing made a motion to appropriate the funds. Liz Morris seconded. Maynard Barrett was out of the room and did not vote. Motion carried.

Vehicle maintenance - \$1,000.00

Randy Lyness made a motion to deny vehicle maintenance and approve miscellaneous operations in the amount of \$1,000.00. Dan Lansing seconded. Maynard Barrett was out of the room and did not vote. Motion carried.

Cot and locking system - \$12,470.00

Liz Morris made a motion to approve. Maynard Barrett seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Part time Hours - Three approved levels:

\$10.00 an hour – file clerk, custodian work, answer phones, etc.

\$12.00 an hour – Clerical, Sheriff part time, Highway part time.

\$14.00 - \$15.00 an hour – Special skills, experienced, highly technical, people with more training.

Randy Lyness made a motion to approve the levels of part time wages. Dan Lansing seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Liz Morris made a motion to change Part Time hours to not more than 24 hours a week maximum. Maynard Barrett seconded. Motion passed.

Town of St. Leon and Town of West Harrison pay Dearborn County \$1,500.00 to do planning work for them. These funds could pay a wage increase for the assistant planner.

Motion by Liz Morris to change the wage of the Assisstant Community Planner to \$32,000.00 per year based on the income from St. Leon and W.Harrison. Maynard Barrett seconded. Motion passed.

With no further business before the Board Dan Lansing made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Randy Lyness seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Attest:

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