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JUNE 14, 2023

The Jay County Commissioners and Council met in joint executive session on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium in the courthouse. Attending from the commissioners was Brian McGalliard, and Chad Aker; auditor Emily Franks, council members, Cindy Bracy, Dave Haines, Matt Minnich, Randy May, Harold Towell, Faron Parr and Jeanne Houchins. Absent: Rex Journey. The Jay County Council and Commissioners met in executive session for discussion of strategy of a real property transaction per IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 2 (d)

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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JUNE 14TH 2023

The Jay County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 7:00 PM, in the auditorium at the Jay County Courthouse. Attending was, Harold Towell, Cindy Bracy, David Haines, Matt Minnich, Randy May, Faron Parr, attorney Wes Schemenaur, auditor Emily Franks, and Jeanne Houchins, presiding. Faron Parr made a motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting on May 1st, the regular session on May 10th, the special meeting on May 18th, and the executive session on May 23, 2023. Matt Minnich seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Additional Appropriations:

LIT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1112-001-30-0181 Small Business \$2,000
Faron Parr made a motion to approve the additional from LIT Economic Development. Cindy Bracy seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

CLERKS PERPETUATION

1119-001-40-0011 Equipment (Voting Machines) \$38,973.73
Faron Parr made a motion to approve the additional from the Clerk's Perpetuation. Harold Towell seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

STATEWIDE 911

1222-001-10-0130 Wages- Asst. IDACS Coor \$1,747.20
Dave Haines made a motion to approve the additional appropriations from Statewide 911 Fund Fund. Faron Parr seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

ARR-2021 CLFRF

8950-001-40-0071 Repairs at Jail/Security Center \$35,700.18
Faron Parr made a motion to approve the additional appropriation from the ARR- 2021 CLFRF Fund. Dave Haines seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

TITLE IV-E REIMBURSEMENT

8891-001-30-0087 Pauper Counsel \$710.00
Faron Parr made a motion to approve the additional appropriation from Title IV-E fund. Harold Towell seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

TRANSFERS

1000-068-10-0049 Co. General- Comm (Health Insurance) to 1000-068-30-0027 (Contractual Services)
Faron Parr made a motion to approve the commissioner's transfer. Cindy Bracy seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

CF-1s

The following compliance forms for county granted abatements will be verified by the following council members:
Minnich Poultry, LLC and Reier Pullets- Cindy Bracy
Next Era Energy- Dave Haines

JOINT RESOLUTION 2023-04

Wes Schemenaur, county attorney, informed the council regarding an issue that has arisen with the IU Health transition over Jay County Hospital. He explained a little of the history of the transition. Originally IU Health agreed to put up 5 million dollars to make renovations at IU Jay in 2018. They were to be spent by 2021 but were not spent due to COVID. Of the \$5 million, \$3.75 million dollars was put in an account at First Merchants Bank with \$1.25 million went to the Portland Foundation. \$1.291 million of the funds has been spent to date. IU Health has requested the funds be released by First Merchants Bank but they have been unable to release due to a signature issue. Harold Towell made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-4 Designating alternate Authority for the escrow account. Matt Minnich seconded the motion and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 2023-08

The amendment to the salary ordinance would create the new classification of Civilian Pole B Level 1.5 at \$19,53 retroactive to January 1, 2023. The new classification will only include the position of Asst. IDACS Coordinator. The sheriff requested the change citing the gap between classifications in 2022 and 2023. The difference between the Asst. IDACS coordinator and a dispatcher was \$1.31 in 2022. The coordinator received a 6% increase in wages for 2023, with dispatchers receiving a 12%, lowering the gap in classifications to \$.49 cents. The personnel committee's recommendation was to increase the coordinator wage back up to the \$1.31 an hour difference. Dave Haines made a motion to approve salary ordinance amendment 2023-08. Cindy Bracy seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

HELP! PROGRAM

Mike Kleinpeter, Kleinpeter Consulting, came to the council meeting to introduce himself. His firm has been contracted by the county to work on the HELP! Program. They are currently in the process of completing an income study which is required for any OCRA project. Projects the council might want to move forward with including affordable housing, broadband, trails, and transitional living. Mr. Kleinpeter liked the idea of broadband but did not think the county could get the project moving quickly enough for OCRA.

Suzy Ripley and Victoria Templeton, RQAW, came to the council to give information regarding their services related to a new housing development. They believe their company could benefit the county based on their experience, relationship with developers and as a part of DCCM (a national company). They discussed the difference between a market rate and affordable housing. Jeanne Houchins questioned how the guidelines for affordable housing was determined. Ms. Templeton stated it would be based on the income study with it being 30% below the median county household income. She added the county cannot do individual housing with the HELP! Grant but would need it to be apartments. It is also not as desirable for developers as they do not make money on building the building. Developers would be looking incentives such as Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC). The projects with those restrictions would only be obligated to do so for a period of 15 years. They would be looking at a similar set up to Subpoint Village in Fishers, Indiana. Dave Haines expressed concerns related to other affordable housing complexes in Portland and how this would differ from them. Ms. Templeton stated the type of restriction could be decided such as elderly, or domestic violence victims. Mrs. Ripley added the county would still need market rate housing to attract and grow the county. The most recent 2020 study indicate the biggest need in the county was first time homeowners for an average house price of \$160,000.

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