

### **Jefferson County Council Meeting**

Jefferson County EMA Building  
620 Green Rd, Madison, IN 47250

Tuesday, August,9th, 2022

Start: 5:00pm

End:6:00 pm

This meeting was held in person with Council Members, Ray Denning, Judy Smith, Pam Crozier, Gary Copeland, Heather Foy, and Ray Black Chris Shelton. Auditor Heather Huff took minutes. Ray Denning called the meeting to order and led all in The Pledge of Allegiance. Ray Black made a motion to approve the minutes from the July meeting. Chris Shelton seconded the motion. Motion passed 7/0.

**Sasha Backus - Boys and Girls Club-** Sasha presented a recap of the programs offered at the Boys and Girls Club including Anti Bullying programs, Careers, Master Gardening. Summer guests included an NBA player and an Elvis impersonator. The Boys and Girls Club has multiple programs planned for the year. After school care has begun for the year. The Club would like to request \$20,000.00 of funding from the County's 2023 budget. 2020 hurt the Club's fundraising efforts. The Club has served over 1000 children in the last year. The \$20,000.00 would be used to work towards being fully staffed. Heather Foy praised the Club for the work that they do in our community.

**Erin Thomas- Lifetime Resources-** Lifetime resources is the agent for the council on aging. The average home care package offered is around \$350.00, by keeping residents in home longer they are avoiding the charges of inpatient care. In addition to in-home care Lifetime resources also offers County transit. Congregate meals is another offering to residents. Lifetime Resources is requesting \$15,000.00 of funding from the 2023 County budget. 2020 exposed the need for in-home care options residents are wanting to stay in homes longer. Catch a ride was a very impacted service, but is now up and running with masks and temperature screenings. Ray Black expressed his gratitude for the services that they offered to residents.

**Susan Walker - USI** Susan presented the Jefferson County Insurance Committees mid year projection. The projected cost for Medical claims should run at a 10% increase. 10% increase which runs at about \$160,000 the insurance committee is requesting the Council to budget at \$11,000 per full time employee instead of the current \$9,000.00. Susan is also working on retrieving quotes from other insurance carriers to see how True Costs quote is ranking with other companies. Chris Shelton asked to see a claim history for the County's plan. Judy Smith asked why is there such an increase, Susan reported a few isolated high claimants but the cost increase is attributed to medical inflation.

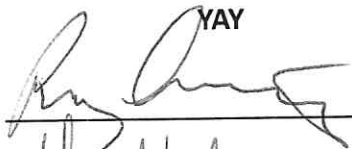

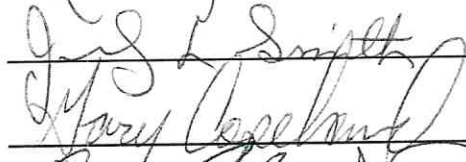
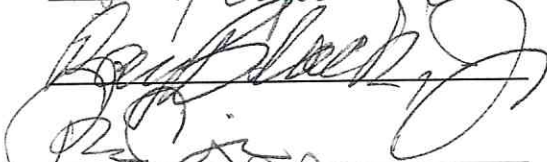

**Adam Robillard- Madison Railroad-** Adam introduced himself and delivered a message of how the Railroad/ Port Authorities plans for the future. Madison Railroad/ Port Authority was established 45 years ago. Just completed the Graham Creek Bridge project the project has improved the amount of services that can be offered via Madison Rail. The Port Authority has reestablished their board including members from surrounding Counties. Yesterday the Railroad purchased 22 acres for a transload facility. Ray Black asked how they are planning to use the railroad for our development?Adam answered by explaining that the transload site has started negotiations with around 6 local companies.

**David Bramer- Jefferson County Commissioners-** Economic Development Study update. Madison Railroad will be a big part of the proposed study. The scope of work is still The RDA is still working out funding that could be available for the

study. Pam Crozier made a motion to table the economic study for another month. Judy Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 7/0.

Judy Smith made a motion to get numbers together and for the Auditor to advertise wages for a facilities manager for the Jail. Gary Copeland seconded the motion. Motion passed 7/0.

Ray Black made a motion to adjourn. Chris Shelton seconded the motion. Motion passed 7/0.

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