

Jefferson County Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 11, 2022
Jefferson County Public Safety Center
620 Green Road, Madison, IN 47250

Start: 5:03pm
End: 6:32pm

This meeting was held in person with an attendance of Council Members: Ray Denning, Judy Smith, Pam Crozier, Chris Shelton, Heather Foy, Gary Copeland, and Ray Black. Auditor Heather Huff and Kristen Jones taking minutes.

Pam Crozier made a motion to approve the minutes from September's meeting. Judy Smith seconded the motion. Motion approved 7/0.

Clerk – Tabatha Eblen is requesting a poll worker / meal increase in the election budget. The moneys for the increase are already in the election fund, she just needs the council to approve the proposal for a resolution. Ray Black made a motion to approve. Gary Copeland seconded the motion. Motion approved 7/0.

Auditor – Heath Huff presented the 2023 Council Meeting dates for approval. Pam Crozier made the motion to approve the dates. Ray Black seconded the motion. Motion approved 7/0.

Saluda Township Trustee has to have a resolution passed to submit a budget because of a family member and a firefighter being present on the board. Heather presented Resolution 2022-16 for council approval. Judy Smith made a motion to approve. Gary Copeland second the motion. Motion approved 7/0.

Heather provided the council with an update on the record retention. The state has agreed to take qualifying records and will transfer them to Gateway.

2023 Trash Card sales will begin on November 1st in the Courthouse. The Auditor's Office will also be selling trash cards at the sites on the following dates: Nov 9th – Dupont, Nov 10th Ryker's Ridge, Nov 14th Chelsea, Nov 15th Deputy, & Nov 18th Canaan/Brooksborg.

Animal Shelter – Commisioner Bobby Little is asking the council to approve additional funds for the following improvements to the Animal Shelter: security camera system, cat room renovation for safety concerns, and keyless entry due to the amount of employee turnover for security. Commissioners Little has collected quotes on all three projects totaling \$21,643.00. Judy Smith made a motion for the keyless entry and security system to be paid from Cum Courthouse; and the cat room renovation be paid for out of the Rainy Day Fund. Pam Crozier seconded the motion. Motion approved 7/0.

Heather Huff presented to the Council an inter-local agreement to terminate the cable advisory board. Any equipment will be liquidated and they will not film / record passed time of termination. The Council will table the decision to terminate the cable board until the commissioners complete the second reading of the agreement.

Transfers and Additional

VSO \$300.00

From: 1000-021-0222.00 Outreach To: 1000-021-0322.00 Travel

Heather Foy made a motion to approve. Pam Crozier seconded the motion. Motion approved 7/0.

Additional for Insurance reimbursement

Treasurer Office Supplies 1000-003-0211.00 \$425.00

Cum Courthouse General Repair 1138-001-0346.00 \$24,092.57

Pam Crozier made a motion to approve. Judy Smith seconded the motion. Motion approved 7/0.

The Council is requesting additional information on the additional that the Sheriff's office is requesting in Cum Jail 1142, County General 019 (Jail) and 005 (Sheriff).

Public Comments – Taxpayers, Kevin Kellems, Kathy Hale, and Warren Auxier discussed their opposing concerns and opinions regarding the ARPA Funds possibly going towards the Economic Development Plan at JPG. Commissioner Bramer does not have a final scope yet from CMT, therefor does not have a definitive answer of how much the study will cost. Further discussion followed between all parties present in the meeting. Ray Black made a motion to redirect the ARPA Funds designated for the Economic Development Scope to other projects in the county. Gary Copeland seconded the motion. Motion denied 5/2.

Heather Huff read the 2023 Budget totals for each fund. Chris Shelton made a motion to approve to move forward to the October 24th public reading for final adoption. Gary Copeland seconded the motion. Motion approved 7/0.

Ray Black made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:32pm. Gary Copeland seconded the motion. Motion approved 7/0.

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