

DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 29, 2022
DELAWARE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURTROOM
CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC MAY BE DIRECTED TO COUNTYCOUNCILDIST@CO.DELAWARE.IN.US

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater (zoom), Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush (zoom), Councilmember Webb, Auditor, Steven G Craycraft, Deputy Auditor, Ms. Donna Patterson, Recording Secretary, Ms. Denise Smith, Settlement Clerk, Ms. Tonya Dunsmore, Attorney, Mr. Ben Freeman

AGENDA POSTED and APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented.

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush, Councilmember Webb

FEBRUARY MINUTES

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve February 22, 2022 minutes.

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush, Councilmember Webb

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Lasater

JUDGE WOLF-MAGISTRATE POSITION

Judge Wolf presented information regarding changing the position of Master Commissioner to Magistrate. At the end of the hearings, the Master Commissioner's findings and recommendations are sent to the Judge for review. This causes a delay in getting the decision to the litigants. Litigants are waiting on the sitting Judge to review the recommendations, sometimes the Judge is in court so the review may not happen until the end of day or next day. There are several steps to the process. If the position was changed, the Magistrate could/would have the authority to make a decision and also handle criminal cases.

Benefits and retirement would be paid through the State because the Magistrate is a State employee. The total amount of county general would be \$35,314.20 compared to the current cost of \$77,730.65. General Assembly determine State salaries.

A County Council letter of support addressed to the Summer Study Committee is needed before the next step could be taken.

Ms. Emily Anderson, Court Administrator, asked that the savings be moved to other line items due to some expected increases, jury trials are back logged and jury fees have to be paid. If the Magistrate position was approved this would give the Magistrate authority to make decisions without the Judges review and save time.

MOTION: Councilmember Quakenbush made a motion and then withdrew his motion.

SECOND: Councilmember Lasater seconded the motion and then withdrew her second.

County Council March 28, 2022, minutes

Judge Wolf and Mr. Ben Freeman, Council Attorney will work together to present a letter to the Summer Study Committee.

TRANSFER, FINANCIALS AGENDA

A TRANSFER COUNTY GENERAL

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Public Defenders Office Fund 139 (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Quakenbush

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush, Councilmember Webb

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Sheriff 129 (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Webb

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush, Councilmember Webb

OTHER

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Jail Loit 1170 (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush, Councilmember Webb

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Misdemeanant Fund 1175 (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Lasater

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush, Councilmember Webb

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Cumulative Bridge 1135 (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush, Councilmember Webb

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Highway Department MVH 1176 (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush, Councilmember Webb

FINANCIAL
COUNTY GENERAL

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Title IV-D Court 1000-123-5-00000 for \$229 (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush, Councilmember Webb

Purdue Extension-withdrawn

OTHER

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve EDIT 1112 for \$4,000,000 (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

A new EDIT plan will start July 1, 2022.

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush, Councilmember Webb

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve CUM BLDG 1136 for \$175 (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush, Councilmember Webb

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Convention & Tourism Commission for \$36,000 (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Quakenbush

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush, Councilmember Webb

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve CASA FUND 1212-251-5 for \$195 (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush, Councilmember Webb

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve CASA -J-CAT 9115-000-5 for \$265 (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush, Councilmember Webb

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Family Recovery Court Grant 8192-000-5 for \$188. (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Quakenbush

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush, Councilmember Webb

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Adult User Fee Fund 2100-214-5-for \$12,833 (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush, Councilmember Webb

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Sales Disclosure 1131-for \$1273 (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush, Councilmember Webb

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Statewide 911 1222-466 for \$133,000 (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush, Councilmember Webb

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Financial, Transfers and to amend salary ordinance with like reductions and to amend hiring Freeze Ordinance 2020-015.

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush, Councilmember Webb

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Ms. Pam McCammon, Human Resource Director, said she wanted to mention to Council since Ms. Donna Patterson, Auditor Deputy, mentioned that rates for long and short term disability doubled (per Ms. Julie Castor, Insurance Clerk) that she contacted the insurance representative and was told that the rates did not go up. Ms. McCammon said the only way the rates would have gone up is if an individual within a department got more insurance. Short term and long term are paid by the county. There were several that signed up for an extra \$10,000 life insurance and this could be where they are getting higher rates. Again, Ms. McCammon stated she was not notified of rates going up.

Ms. Patterson said the county portion doubled, per Ms. Castor. The billings doubled, a lot of employees would have had to be added to double. Someone will need to review this because the county is paying out double on short term disability.

Ms. Tony Skinner, Sheriff, said the department is ten employees short, four employees went to other local agencies. Overtime has been offered to Merit officers to help in the Jail, 50% of overtime budget has been used since January 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Tim Niccum and Mr. Harold King spoke regarding the Solar Steering Committee that is currently being selected by Ms. Marta Moody, Director of Plan Commission.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to adjourn.

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

YEAS; Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush, Councilmember Webb

Councilmember Alexander



Councilmember Ballard



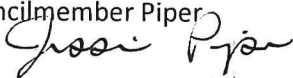
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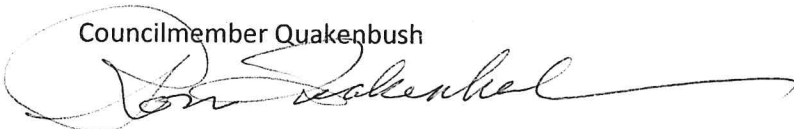
Councilmember Lasater



Councilmember Piper



Councilmember Quakenbush



Councilmember Webb

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B S Webb". The letters are stylized and cursive.

Mr. Steven G Craycraft

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Donna Patterson". Below the name, the title "Chief Deputy Auditor" is written in the same blue ink.