

DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
August 25 2020, 9:00 A.M.
DELAWARE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM
CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
ROLL CALL

Roll Call Present: Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Bledsoe, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush, Recording Secretary, Ms. Denise Smith, Chief Deputy, Ms. Donna Patterson, Auditor, Steven G Craycraft

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

YEAS: Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Bledsoe Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush

APPROVAL OF JULY 28 MINUTES

MOTION: Councilmember Bledsoe made a motion to approve July 28, 2020 Council meeting.

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

YEAS: Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Bledsoe Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush

TRANSFER and FINANCIAL AGENDA

Ms. Donna Patterson, Chief Deputy, read aloud requests.

*(see below) refers to signed financials, transfers and addendums at the end of the minutes.

COUNTY GENERAL TRANSFER

MOTION: Councilmember Lasater made a motion to approve Clerks transfer (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Piper

Mr. Rick Spangler, Clerk, distributed the Bakertilly potential (projected) absentee voter's flyer for 2020 General Election.

YEAS: Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Bledsoe, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Emergency Medical Service 155 transfer (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Quakenbush

YEAS: Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Bledsoe Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush

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

SECOND: Councilmember Quakenbush

YEAS: Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Bledsoe, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush

Sheriff 129 transfer withdrawn

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Communication 1000-124 transfer (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Bledsoe

Mr. Paul Singleton, Director of 911, said this is to replace a Dispatcher. Mr. Singleton said he has had several employees leave 911 for other jobs. He is trying to get employees trained and up to speed due to burnt out of employees working so much overtime. Budget wise, overtime is killing the department.

YEAS: Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Bledsoe, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Enhanced 911-466 transfer (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Quakenbush

YEAS: Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Bledsoe, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush

ADDENDUMS COUNTY GENERAL

MOTION: Councilmember Bledsoe made a motion to approve Commissioners transfer (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

YEAS: Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Bledsoe, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush

MOTION: Councilmember Bledsoe made a motion to approve Election 142 (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Piper

Mr. Spangler said this request is for ballot envelopes. Poll workers may contact their party chair if they have interest in working at the polls on Election Day.

YEAS: Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Bledsoe, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush

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

SECOND: Councilmember Piper

YEAS: Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Bledsoe, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush

MOTION: Councilmember Quakenbush made a motion to approve Jail 145 (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Piper

YEAS: Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Bledsoe, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush

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

SECOND: Councilmember Quakenbush

Councilmember Quakenbush asked about the contract on the request.

Ms. Nancy Marvin, Sheriff Administrator, said they had increases on contracts after the budget last year so they had to move money around. Ms. Marvin gave a detailed explanation regarding contracts.

YEAS: Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Bledsoe, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush

FINANCIAL
COUNTY GENERAL

MOTION: Councilmember Lasater made a motion to approve Public Defender for \$30,000.

SECOND: Councilmember Piper

Ms. Michelle Harvey, Public Defenders Office Administrator, said this is due to Public Defender attorneys being tapped out and outside counsel having to take cases due to the need within Juvenile Court. A major transfer was done in 2019 from the Courts to pay Public Defenders. Juvenile Court is over ran because of Criminal Court. Ms. Harvey gave detailed information regarding staff/assignment of Public Defenders and representation of clients. As of date, hourly counsel has been paid \$71,264 with \$38,632 of that paid in Juvenile Court. Bills/invoices are needing to be paid, Public Defenders have to be paid or they won't work. This is all in county cases.

Mr. Kelly Bryant, Chief Public Defender, said they participate in the State program and as a result Delaware County receives 40% reimbursement. To qualify, guidelines must be followed on case caps and qualifications. Outsourcing has to be done to keep up with State guidelines. Ethical considerations for the attorneys must be followed.

An example, drug raids often come with children within the home, CPA is called and then the children are CHINS (Child in need of services) cases. One mother may have four children from different fathers, each child is given a Public Defender. Mr. Bryant said going for a full-time Public Defender for Juvenile Court is in hopes of saving Delaware County money. Mr. Bryant is looking for input/help from Council, Commissioners and Judges. Attorneys must be qualified and/but they have case caps. An attorney can only represent so many cases and a formula is used. Spin offs happen depending on how many fathers are involved. The State audits quarterly. Bryant said they have one Public Defender willing to go full-time in Juvenile Court. Under State guidelines, a full-time Public Defender could take more cases and the salary would increase. This is something that has not been done before but should be considered to save money.

President Alexander said they had a meeting with Public Defenders regarding a solution due to increase of cases with different attorneys. At Finance Committee meeting the amount was reduced by \$10,000.

Councilmember Quakenbush said he researched full-time Public Defenders but was met with resistance. Quakenbush believes to go with full-time Public Defenders across the board. The 40% can vary, especially with COVID. At an annual conference, Quakenbush said they were encouraged to get on the Public Defenders program.

President Alexander asked that this discussion continue during Septembers Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Kelly reminded Council that a formula is used and the Public Defender has to be qualified, this has not always been the case. There is also case caps and a formula designates how many cases each Public Defender can legally take on.

Ms. Patterson said based on when she does budgets for the upcoming budget year, she has to estimate any additional appropriations between now and the end of 2020. As of date, Patterson said Council will need to cut millions for next year. Anything over the \$25,000 is going to be added to cuts. Ms. Patterson does not have the answer of where to find the money, however this will effect what will take place next week during budget hearings. Ms. Patterson said she knows they don't have the money but they need to find the money within their own budget.

Ms. Harvey said at the end of last year, the courts done a major transfer. With trials starting up again, she is not sure of the status with the courts.

President Alexander said Council appreciates that they are finding creative ways to make this work, but Alexander wants them to find the money out of their own budget too.

MOTION: Councilmember Lasater amended her motion for Public Defender to \$22,000.

SECOND: Councilmember Piper

YEAS: Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Bledsoe, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush

MOTION: Councilmember Bledsoe made a motion to approve EMS for \$2769.12.

SECOND: Councilmember Quakenbush

Mr. Mike Ashley, EMS Director, said this is to bring the three employees up to their class. Ashley will bring two employee requests for November and then one more and then all should be up to speed.

YEAS: Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Bledsoe, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush

FINANCIAL OTHER

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Cumulative Bldg Fund for \$1030.

SECOND: Councilmember Quakenbush

YEAS: Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Bledsoe, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush

President Alexander said this is for key fobs.

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Local Roads and Streets for \$60,000.

SECOND: Quakenbush

Ms. Carrie Dye, Highway Office Manager, said this money will be used for striping over 50 miles and 20 railroad crossing markings.

Councilmember Lasater asked if any of the money would be used on the rail spur.

Ms. Dye said she would find out but does not think it would.

YEAS: Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Bledsoe, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush

MOTION: Councilmember Bledsoe made a motion to approve Health Department Immunization Grant for \$38,570.

SECOND: Councilmember Piper

County Council August 25, 2020 meeting

YEAS: Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Bledsoe, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve financial, transfers, addendums 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 Bledsoe, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush

COMMITTEE REPORTS-NONE

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Ms. Patterson sent Council an email to review maximum levies and tax caps per unit.

Council would need to motion and second for no recommendation on maximum levies or tax caps. This is not binding because the units are allowed a maximum levy. At one time, units had to come in and do non-binding reviews and Council would make recommendation. The law states that Council must review maximum levies and tax caps.

MOTION: Councilmember Bledsoe made a motion to approve no recommendation for maximum levies or tax caps for taxing units.

SECOND: Councilmember Piper

YEAS: Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Bledsoe, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush

Councilmember Ballard said after watching Commissioners meeting on Facebook, he heard there was talk from the city on raising taxes in some sort. This is not a great game plan. The Commissioners are not in agreement. Councilmember Ballard is not in favor of raising taxes.

Ms. Patterson said LIT is out of the hands of county council anyways and is a city decision.

Mr. Steve Craycraft, Auditor, said that is why the census is so important to complete for residents of Delaware County. The population of Muncie is down so much that it is possible that the city would not have the controlling vote any longer. Muncie has 57% of the vote at this time and can pass raising taxes without any assistance from the county.

Councilmember Piper echoed Councilmember Ballard and is not in favor of raising taxes.

Councilmember Quakenbush said "ditto."

President Alexander said budget hearings will start September 1, 2 and 3, 2020. The Auditor's office (Ms. Patterson and Ms. Flowers) would work on budget numbers on September 4 and September 8, 2020 and Council as of date would come back September 9. This will be discussed September 3, depending how far Ms. Patterson and Ms. Flowers get.

Mr. Craycraft said larger departments that take some time will go first this year during budgets. Smaller departments will be at the end of the day.

President Alexander thanked Mr. Craycraft and agreed that starting the budgets with the larger departments at the beginning is a great idea.

Ms. Patterson provided a spreadsheet and said Council needs to cut 2021 budget by \$8,254,000. Ms. Patterson has tried to find every penny possible. Ms. Patterson asked the State to review her budget to make sure all was correct, it was correct.

Revenue losses are \$5,000,000. Riverboat wagering is down. Usually county general receives \$183,000. At the budget workshops they were told to only anticipate half of that amount. August \$122,000 was received. In the budgets Ms. Patterson put \$91,000 so this will be increased by \$30,000.

EMS is a major loss. Communication Center and IJS is \$400,000, LIT revenue loss is half million and these are only estimates. Usually the final figure does not change, however it may this year due to the unemployment situation. Ms. Patterson sees close to \$4,000,000 loss revenue for 2021. Departments provide estimates and the Clerk is down \$240,000, EMS is down \$400,000, which Patterson reduced to \$300,000. Notification was sent to the State for EMS but the loss will be more substantial than thought. Year 2020 started with \$6,500,000 but 2021 it will be \$3,000,000. Community Corrections budget cannot be fully funded in 2020 or 2021. The State said this could continue place until 2023 on the drop in revenues. Appropriation balances will be sent to Councilmembers for the end of July.

President Alexander said they anticipated that this would be the case for the budgets. Help is going to be needed from all department heads.

Councilmember Quakenbush said he believes RIF is going to have to take place. This is never an easy discussion or decision.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Councilmember Bledsoe made a motion to adjourn until September 22, 2020.


SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

YEAS: Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Bledsoe, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush

Councilmember Alexander



Councilmember Ballard



Councilmember Bledsoe



Councilmember Chambers



Councilmember Lasater

Joe Lasater

Councilmember Piper

Joan Piper

Councilmember Quakenbush

Bob Quakenbush

Auditor Craycraft

AJ Craycraft

WHEREAS: It has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget:				
County, Indiana, that for the expenses of said municipal corporation for the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds for the purposes herein specified subject to the laws governing the same on				
TRANSFER AGENDA FOR COUNTY COUNCIL MONTH OF 8/25/2020				
COUNTY GENERAL				
CLERK				
PERSONAL SERVICES				
Salaries and Wages				
E-122 Deputy Clerk	<i>Jane</i>	<i>- 9994.50</i>	<i>11,105.00</i>	
F-122 Deputy Clerk	<i>Jess</i>	<i>+ 9994.50</i>	<i>11,105.00</i>	
SUPPLIES				
198 Part-time			-4,000.00	
221 Office Supplies			4,000.00	
TOTAL			0.00	
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE 155				
PERSONAL SERVICES				
Salaries and Wages				
1000-155-5-0000a-101 Executive Director			-3076.92	<i>-3076.92</i>
1000-155-5-00000-104 Executive Director			3076.92	<i>3076.92</i>
TOTAL			0.00	<i>0.00</i>
PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE FUND 139				
SUPPLIES				
1200-247-5-00000-211			1,000.00	<i>1000.00</i>
OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES				
1200-247-5-00000-184			-750.00	<i>-750.00</i>
Travel Expenses 1200-247-5-00000-323			-250.00	<i>-250.00</i>
TOTAL			0.00	<i>0.00</i>
SHERIFF 129				
PERSONAL SERVICES				
Salaries and Wages				
B135 LIEUTENANT			-4,500.00	
B101 SHERIFF			4,500.00	
TOTAL			0.00	

COMMUNICATION 1000-124		
PERSONAL SERVICES		
Salaries and Wages		
1000 124 C126 Comm Tech	-5,000.92	- 5000.92
1000 124 E121 Comm Tech	-5,000.92	- 5000.92
1000 124 B126 Comm Tech	-1,806.66	- 1806.66
1000 124 I108 Comm Tech	-2,153.88	- 2153.88
1000-124 196 Overtime	13,962.38	+ 13962.38
1000 124 H-108 Comm Tech	-13,198.21	- 13198.21
1000 124 I-108 Comm Tech	13,198.21	+ 13198.21
1000 124 D121 Comm Tech	-2,779.14	- 2779.14
1000 124 195 Holiday	2,779.14	+ 2779.14
TOTAL	0.00	
ENHANCED 911-466		
PERSONAL SERVICES		
Salaries and Wages		
1222-466 173 Insurance	-6,000.00	- 6000
1222-466 178 Educational Incent	-1,000.00	- 1000
1222-466 195 Holiday	7,000.00	+ 7000
TOTAL	0.00	
Councilmember Alexander		
Councilmember Ballard		
Councilmember Bledsoe		
Councilmember Chambers		
Councilmember Lasater		
Councilmember Piper		
Councilmember Quakenbush		
Auditor Craycraft		

Public

WHEREAS: It has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget:		
SECTION 1, THEREFORE: Be it ordained by the County Council of Delaware County, Indiana, that for the expenses of said municipal corporation for the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered for August 25, 2020		
FINANCIAL AGENDA FOR COUNTY COUNCIL MONTH OF 8/25/2020		
COUNTY GENERAL		
PUBLIC DEFENDER		
OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES		
1000-139-5-00000-312 Court ordered attorneys (contract)	40,000.00	22,000
TOTAL	40,000.00	30,000 30,000
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE 155		
PERSONAL SERVICES		
Salaries and Wages		
192 Education Incentive Pay	2,769.12	
TOTAL	2,769.12	
OTHER		
CUMULATIVE BLDG FUND		
SUPPLIES		
CUM BLDG 1136-405-212	1,030.00	
TOTAL	1,030.00	
LOCAL ROADS AND STREETS		
SUPPLIES		
1169 205-5-00000-246 Road Signs	60,000.00	60,000
TOTAL	60,000.00	160,000 160,000
HEALTH DEPARTMENT IMMUNIZATION GRANT		
PERSONAL SERVICES		
Salaries and Wages		
8103 Part time 8103 211 5 00000 198	16,900.00	16,900.
8103-211-5-00000-171	1,293.00	1,293
SUPPLIES		
8103-211-5-00000-211 Supplies	3,850.00	3,850
8103-211-5-00000-212 Clinic Supplies	8,000.00	8,000.
OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES		
8103-211-5-00000-320 other operating	6,000.00	6,000.
8103-211-5-00000-323 Travel	2,527.00	2,527.
TOTAL	38,570.00	38,570. 38,570.

WHEREAS: It has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget:		
ADDENDUM FOR AUGUST 25, 2020		
COUNTY GENERAL		
COMMISSIONERS		
PERSONAL SERVICES		
Salaries and Wages	-10,476.56	-10,476.56
137A VA ASSISTANT	10,476.56	10,476.56
137B VA ASSISTANT	0.00	0.00
TOTAL		0.00
CLERK		
PERSONAL SERVICES		
Salaries and Wages	-9,994.50	-9,994.50
E-122 DEPUTY CLERK	9,994.50	9,994.50
F-122 DEPUTY CLERK	-12,583.21	-12,583.21
C-125 DEPUTY FILING CLERK COURT 5	12,583.21	12,583.21
D-125 DEPUTY FILING CLERK COURT 5	-14,163.30	-14,163.30
129 DEPUTY REGISTRATION CLERK	14,163.30	14,163.30
A-129 DEPUTY REGISTRATION CLERK	0.00	0.00
TOTAL		0.00
ELECTION 142		
SUPPLIES		
315 PRECINCT WORKERS	-20,000.00	-20,000.00
211 OFFICE SUPPLIES	20,000.00	20,000.00
TOTAL		0.00
PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE #139		
PERSONAL SERVICES		
Salaries and Wages	-10,500.00	-10,500.00
1000-139-5-00000-C164	10,500.00	10,500.00
1000-139-5-00000-D164	0.00	0.00
TOTAL		0.00

JAIL 145		
PERSONAL SERVICES		
Salaries and Wages		
A101 JAILER	-2,455.35	-2,455.35
C101 JAILER	2,455.35	2,455.35
B101 JAILER	-11,593.80	11,593.80
C101 JAILER	11,593.80	11,593.80
TOTAL	0.00	
SHERIFF 129		
PERSONAL SERVICES		
Salaries and Wages		
221 GASOLINE	-30,000.00	-30,000.00
371 CONTRACT	30,000.00	30,000.00
TOTAL	0.00	
Councilmember Alexander <i>[Signature]</i>		
Councilmember Ballard <i>[Signature]</i>		
Councilmember Bledsoe <i>[Signature]</i>		
Councilmember Chambers <i>Mary Chambers</i>		
Councilmember Lasater <i>Jamie Lasater</i>		
Councilmember Piper <i>[Signature]</i>		
Councilmember Quakenbush <i>[Signature]</i>		
Auditor Craycraft		