

DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING

April 28, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Delaware County Commissioners Courtroom

Call to order

Pledge

ORIGINAL

Roll Call Present: Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Bledsoe, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush, Auditor Steven Craycraft, Recording Secretary, Ms. Denise Smith, Settlement Clerk, Ms. Donna Patterson, Attorney, Mr. William Hughes

Agenda Published in Muncie Star

Approval of Agenda

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

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

YEAS: All

Ms. Donna Patterson, Settlement Clerk, said \$348,000 is the county general balance, as of April 28, 2020, payroll is yet to post with FICA and PERF but will be \$687,000 based on the last couple of payrolls. All bills are paid, as of date. County General will be approximately \$338,000 in the red. City money was not received, decreased EMS monies (losing \$3,000,000). The City Controller's office said she did not receive the interlocal agreement. Mr. John Brooke, County Attorney, will resend it to the Controller. At this time the city has not been billed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 25, 2020

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve February 25, 2020 minutes.

SECOND: Councilmember Bledsoe

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

March County Council did not take place due to COVID 19.

MOTION: Councilmember Bledsoe made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-009, Authorizing Temporary Transfer from the Local Income Tax Property Tax Relief Fund to the County General Fund #1000.

SECOND: Councilmember Piper

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

RESOLUTION 2020-009
DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL

ORIGINAL

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY TRANSFER FROM THE LOCAL
INCOME TAX PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FUND TO THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND
#1000

WHEREAS, it is necessary for Delaware County to borrow money to enhance the County General Fund for cash flow purposes; and

WHEREAS, there is sufficient money on deposit to the credit of the Local Income Tax ("LIT") Property Tax Relief Fund that can be temporarily transferred; and

WHEREAS, the money transferred can be returned to the LIT Property Tax Relief Fund by May 31, 2020;

WHEREAS, the temporary transfer of money for cash flow purposes is authorized by Indiana Code 36-1-8-4;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. Delaware County is hereby authorized to transfer from the LIT Property Tax Relief Fund and into the County General Fund #1000 the sum of up to \$800,000.00 during the fiscal year 2020 for cash flow purposes.
2. Such transfers are on a per need basis and all such funds so transferred shall be returned to the LIT Property Tax Relief Fund on or before May 31, 2020.

Dated this 28 day of March, 2020.

Scott Alexander, Councilman

Ryan Ballard, Councilman

Larry W. Bledsoe, Jr., Councilman

Jessica Piper, Councilwoman

Mary Chambers, Councilwoman

Ronald Quakenbush, Councilman

Jane Lasater, Councilwoman

Attest:

Steven Craycraft, Auditor

This Resolution is approved in form by

William V. Hyman
Legal Counsel

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-010, A Resolution of the Delaware County Council to Reduce certain Appropriations (General Fund).

SECOND: Councilmember Lasater

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

ORIGINAL

Piper
Lasater

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-~~010~~

**A RESOLUTION OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL
TO REDUCE CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS (GENERAL FUND)**

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Council ("Council") adopted a budget and appropriated funds from the General Fund for the calendar year 2020 for Department 155: Emergency Medical Services ("EMS"); and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the appropriation, EMS reduced its service area and its personnel requirements; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the Council to reduce appropriations corresponding to the reduced EMS staffing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

1. The 2020 appropriation from the General Fund for Department 155: Emergency Medical Services shall be reduced in the following amounts as shown by line item:

Line #	Line Name	Reduction Amount
179	Paramedic	\$ 38,878.60
134	Lieutenant Pay	\$ 425.00
135	Lieutenant Pay	\$ 425.00
136	Lieutenant Pay	\$ 425.00
150	Lieutenant Pay	\$ 425.00
151	Lieutenant Pay	\$ 425.00
152	Lieutenant Pay	\$ 425.00
A124	Advanced EMT	\$ 25,189.63
B119	Advanced EMT	\$ 38,715.00
C106	Paramedic	\$ 44,217.00
C123	Paramedic	\$ 32,800.64
C157	Advanced EMT	\$ 38,715.00
C180	Paramedic	\$ 32,800.64
C181	Paramedic	\$ 44,217.00
D114	Paramedic	\$ 32,800.64
E140	Paramedic	\$ 24,866.96
195	Holiday Pay	\$ 8,000.00
196	Overtime	\$ 50,000.00
198	Part Time	\$ 6,500.00
226	Oxygen	\$ 5,933.12
311	Medical Advisor	\$ 7,000.00
Grand Total EMS 2020 Budget Reduction		\$ 433,184.23

2. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

Dated this 28 day of April, 2020.

Scott Alexander, Councilman

Ryan M. Ballard, Councilman

Larry W. Bledsoe, Jr., Councilman

Jessica Piper, Councilwoman

Mury Chambers, Councilwoman

Ronald Quakenbush, Councilman

Jane Lasater, Councilwoman

Attest:

Steven Craycraft, Auditor

This Resolution is approved in form by William V. Hyler
Legal Counsel

Electronic signatures approved.

MOTION: Councilmember Ballard made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-011. A Resolution Regarding 2020 Budget Shortfall Due to Covid-19 Pandemic.

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 amend Resolution 2020-011. A Resolution Regarding 2020 Budget Shortfall Due to Covid-19 Pandemic to add Mailroom Clerk.

SECOND: Commissioner Quakenbush

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

MOTION: Councilmember Bledsoe withdrew his motion for amendment.

SECOND: Councilmember Piper

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

MOTION: Councilmember Ballard made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-011, Regarding 2020 Budget Shortfall Due to COVID-19 Pandemic, with withdrawing #2 and changing #3 to be 20 hours per week instead of 29.

SECOND: Councilmember Piper

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

Mr. William Hughes, Council Attorney, will provide an update of Resolution 2020-011.

Mary Chambers, Councilwoman

Ronald Quakenbush, Councilman

Jane Lasater, Councilwoman

Attest:

Steven Craycraft, Auditor

This Resolution is approved in form by William V. Hyman
Legal Counsel

approved in morning meeting
ORIGINAL

*Ballard
Piper*

*Larry
Qualbest*

**RESOLUTION 2020-011
DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING 2020 BUDGET SHORTFALL DUE TO COVID-19
PANDEMIC**

*Larry
Piper*

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Council ("Council") as the fiscal body of Delaware County, Indiana, has the authority to appropriate money to be paid out of the County treasury and to fix the number and compensation of County employees; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of the 2020 County budgets and approval by the State of Indiana, the County has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and the declarations of emergency issued by the Governor of the State of Indiana and the Delaware County Commissioners in response thereto; and

WHEREAS, the impact will include a substantial loss of revenue to the County in various funds, including the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Council, in consultation with County office holders and department heads has determined it is necessary to reduce appropriations in order to respond to the loss of revenue;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The County Council will not approve the hiring of any new or replacement employees other than in public safety positions with the Sheriff, Jail, 911 Communications Center, or Emergency Medical Services.

withdrew
The County Council will reduce in force all part-time employees except for essential maintenance and cleaning personnel under the Commissioners' budget. *mailroom clerk*

3. All part-time employees shall be paid at their assigned hourly rate for hours actually worked which shall not exceed *20* hours per week.
4. This Resolution shall take effect upon passage and remain in effect until amended or repealed by the Council.

Dated this ____ day of April, 2020.

Scott Alexander, Councilman

Ryan Ballard, Councilman

Larry W. Bledsac, Jr., Councilman

Jessica Piper, Councilwoman

FINANCIAL and TRANSFER AGENDAS

Ms. Donna Patterson, Settlement Clerk, read aloud requests.

FINANCIAL OTHER

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Commissioners EDIT 1112 FOR \$3,000,000 (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Quakenbush

Councilmember Bledsoe gave details of information regarding projects of EDIT. One bond will fall off in 2021, which will help.

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

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Adult User Fee Fund 2100-214-5-00000 for \$3,800 (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Lasater

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

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve VOCA Grant Fund 9116-000-5-00000 for \$79,464.08 (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 Cornerstone Perpetuation Fund 1202/217 for \$30,000 (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 Health Environment 2508 for \$7,519.07 (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

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

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Community Crossing Grant 9076 for \$775,896.10 (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Quakenbush

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

COUNTY GENERAL
TRANSFER

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

SECOND: Councilmember Piper

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

WITHDRAW Communication 1000-124 transfer (see below).

MOTION: Councilmember Bledsoe made a motion to approve Drainage Board #149 transfer (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Piper

YEAS: Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Bledsoe, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush
The Drainage Board, by State statute must be paid.

OTHER

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Health Department/PHEP Coop agreement transfer (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

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

NAYES: Councilmember Quakenbush

WITHDRAW Department of Corrections (DOC 1122) transfer (see below).

COUNTY GENERAL

MOTION: Councilmember Quakenbush made a motion to approve Communication 1000-124.

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

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

ADDITIONAL TRANSFER

Ms. Patterson said an additional transfer was sent from Prosecutor office on Monday, April 27, 2020.

Ms. Patterson set up an account named 212 COVID-19 Supplies, the transfer will be 212 COVID-19 supplies +5,000 and 325 Internet Legal Research -5000. This will be filed with FEMA for reimbursement.

President Alexander said Mr. Eric Hoffman, Prosecutor said they were searching accounts for monies to purchase masks. Mr. Jason Rogers, EMA/EMS Director asked Mr. Hoffman to go in this direction for purchase of masks, with hopes of FEMA reimbursement. There is no guarantee that FEMA will reimburse and no idea how much if they do, it would be. The mask will be used for the courts.

Ms. Emily Anderson, Court Administrator will pick masks up in Goshen, Indiana.

Mr. Steven Craycraft, Auditor said anyone coming into the courts will be required to wear mask.

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve the transfer, per the request of Mr. Hoffman.

SECOND: Councilmember Bledsoe

Mr. Jason Rogers, EMA/EMS, said these are procedure masks. Public assistance is being placed with the courts to get monies reimbursed.

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

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve transfers and financial agenda and to amend salary ordinance with like reductions.

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

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

President Alexander asked if Councilmembers would approve e-signatures.

All Councilmembers were in agreement.

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

President Alexander said currently procedures are being set in the county building regarding COVID 19.

Councilmember Ballard provided information about budgetary concerns and disregard for the taxpayer with adding Sixth District Court. Councilmember Ballard was upfront due to shortfalls even before COVID 19 hit. Ballard feels mislead and is against having another court. A pandemic is now on the hands, there is going to be so many shortfalls. Councilmember Ballard has spoken his frustration to Senator Mr. Mike Gaskill.

Councilmember Bledsoe said he understands the frustration due to anticipating revenue losses was already known with 911 and EMS. The Build Operate Transfer already is in the change order. An RFP would then go out with a plan of action from Commissioners. The cost is a concern.

Councilmember Quakenbush said this same thing went on in 80's and "they" went around us. Court 5 was created and was a county court at the time for small claims. City Court was closed and then reopened and Court 5 then became Circuit Court. Quakenbush said this is politics.

Councilmember Bledsoe said the key is keeping communication open and the same materials being reviewed.

Councilmember Ballard said as a reminder, please do not disregard the fiscal body.

Councilmember Lasater said she recalled the Judges coming to a Council meeting asking for Councilmembers to give a letter of support. The Judges was going to Indianapolis to present their case. Councilmember Lasater said she did not entirely oppose. It.

Mr. Hughes will present the Resolution that was signed previously.

County Council April 28, 2020

RESOLUTION 2019-034
DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED CREATION OF DELAWARE CIRCUIT COURT #6

WHEREAS, the Judges of the Delaware Circuit Courts are requesting the creation of a Delaware Circuit Court #6 by the Indiana General Assembly based upon the weighted caseloads of the current Circuit Courts and assuming the closing of the Muncie City Court; and

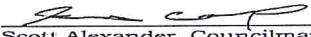
WHEREAS, the Judges have requested that the Delaware County Council acknowledge their request and the County's share of the funding for a new Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS, the County lacks the additional funds in the current County budget which would be required as its share of the costs of a Circuit Court #6;

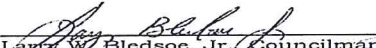
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

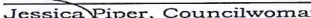
1. The Delaware County Council hereby acknowledges the request of the Judges of the Delaware Circuit Courts to create a Delaware Circuit Court #6.
2. The Council is unable to assume any obligation to provide the County's share of funding such a Court in the event of its creation by act of the Indiana General Assembly due to the impact of the property tax "circuit breaker" and other factors.

Dated this 22 day of October, 2019.



Scott Alexander, Councilman

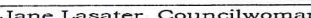

Ryan Ballard, Councilman


Larry Bledsoe, Jr., Councilman



Jessica Piper, Councilwoman


Mary Chambers, Councilwoman


Ronald Quakenbush, Councilman


Jane Lasater, Councilwoman

Attest:


Steven Craycraft, Auditor

This Resolution is approved in form by


Legal Counsel

Councilmember Quakenbush commended how county council works together for not only employees but also taxpayers.

Councilmember Piper commended those working on the frontlines of the pandemic and keeping communication open with EOC and Commissioners. Special thanks to Mr. Rogers and Mr. Kyle Johnson.

Councilmember Lasater is proud of the office holders that are keeping their offices open. Delaware County is fortunate to have this caliber type of people.

Councilmember Chambers thanked essential employees for their efforts.

No public comments have been received.

MOTION: Councilmember Lasater made a motion to recess.

SECOND: Councilmember Piper

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

Councilmember Ballard

Councilmember Bledsoe

Councilmember Chambers

Councilmember Lasater

Councilmember Piper

Councilmember Quakenbush

President Alexander

Auditor, Steven Craycraft

Due to
Covid 19
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