

DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING July 27, 2021 DELAWARE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush, Councilmember Webb, Deputy, Ms. Donna Patterson, Auditor, Mr. Steven G Craycraft, Recording Secretary, Ms. Denise Smith,

Attorney, Mr. William Hughes

AGENDA POSTED APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

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

APPROVAL OF JUNE MEETING

MOTION: Councilmember Lasater made a motion to approve Council minutes for June 22, 2021

minutes.

SECOND: Councilmember Piper

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

SECOND READING

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING DELAWARE COUNTY INDIANA TO ISSUE ITS TAXABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS IN RESPECT THERETO CANPACK

ORDIANCE 2021-016

Ms. Traci Lutton, Economic Development, provided an update on Ordinance 2021-016.

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-016, Authorizing Delaware County Indiana to Issue its Taxable Economic Development Revenue Bonds, Series and Approving and Authorizing other Actions in Respect Thereto.

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SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

Mr. William Hughes, Council Attorney, said the final version of Ordinance 2021-016 was provided July 26, 2021. Mr. Hughes spoke with Bond Counsel. When Ordinance 2021-016 was introduced, there was a possibility that it would be taxable, however the bonds can be issued on a tax exempt basis.

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MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to amend the language to reflect the tax exempt basis on Ordinance 2021-016, Authorizing Delaware County Indiana to issue its Taxable Economic Development Revenue Bonds, Series and Approving and authorizing other actions in Respect thereto CANPACK.

SECOND: Councilmember Webb

Mr. Dusty Jordan, CANPACK Plant Manager, thanked Councilmembers for their support.

Roll call on amendment, Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush, Councilmember Webb

Roll call to adopt as amended, Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush, Councilmember Webb

TRANSFER, FINANCIALS, ADDENDUMS AGENDA

Ms. Donna Patterson, Deputy, read aloud requests.

TRANSFER COUNTY GENERAL

Commissioners-withdrawn

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve EMS transfer (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

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

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Title IV-D Court transfer (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Lasater

Ms. Emily Anderson, Court Office Manager, said her request can be reduced by \$1,000.

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve as amended Title IV-D Court transfer (see

below).

SECOND: Councilmember Lasater

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

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

SECOND: Councilmember Webb

Ms. Nancy Marvin, Office Manager, said they are still interviewing people that need to be replaced. Six employees have recently been hired.

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

TRANSFER OTHER

MOTION: Councilmember Webb made a motion to approve Jail LOIT 1170 transfer (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Chambers

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

MOTION: Councilmember Quakenbush made a motion to approve GAL CASA DONATION FUND transfer (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Piper

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

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve VOCA Grant Fund transfer (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

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

ADDENDUM COUNTY GENERAL

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

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

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

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve 911 Communications transfer (see below). SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

Councilmember Webb asked about the status of employees needed and being trained.

Mr. Paul Singleton, 911 Director, provided an update of employees training and the status of employees still needed. Mr. Singleton explained the review of the applicant process. Current job opportunities are advertised through the county website, INDEED, Ivy Tech and social media.

Ms. Patterson said she is concerned regarding the grant reimbursement has not been received. Mr. Singleton said he will call the State to get the status for the grant reimbursement. 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 Commissioners for \$425,555 (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

Councilmember Quakenbush asked if any transfers had been made out of institutional.

Councilmember Ballard asked if part-time could be reduced to \$30,000.

Councilmember Webb asked about reimbursement of CARES monies.

Ms. Jeni Honeycutt, Executive Assistant, said nothing has been transferred out of institutional, \$7,000 a month is average pay for part-time. Ms. Honeycutt will email Councilmembers information on CARES monies from each department.

Councilmember Piper confirmed that the CARES monies received is different than American Rescue Plan money.

Councilmember Ballard is concerned about the part-time money running out.

Ms. Honeycutt said that \$15,000 was cut two years ago and part-time money runs short each year.

Ms. Patterson reminded Council that the hourly rate was raised.

Councilmember Quakenbush said several employees were reduced from full-time to part-time too.

MOTION: Councilmember Ballard made a motion to reduce the amount of 198 part-time by \$30,000. SECOND: Councilmember Piper

Roll call on amended amount: Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater, Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush, Councilmember Webb

Roll call on original motion

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

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Coroner for \$80,000 (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Webb

Ms. Rhiannon Reed, Coroner Office Manager, explained the amount of autopsies prices, lab costs and x-rays.

Autopsies are limited to 5, suicides, homicides, unknown, overdoses and car fatalities. Children must have an autopsy. External autopsy can be done at certain times which are cheaper.

Councilmember Ballard asked if the amount could be cut to \$40,000 and then come back.

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Ms. Reed explained the amount of bills that are due.

Councilmember Quakenbush said at one time Ms. Rhiannon was going to leave her position at the county, Quakenbush thanked her for staying and backing up the Coroner.

Councilmember Alexander, Councilmember Ballard, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Lasater,

Councilmember Piper, Councilmember Quakenbush, Councilmember Webb

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve EMA for \$10,293.50 (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Webb

Mr. John Coutinho, EMA Director, said this was monies received from grants at the beginning of the pandemic. The money is being appropriated for PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) supplies.

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

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Jail for \$139,000. (see below).

SECOND: Councilmember Webb

Ms. Nancy Marvin, Office Manager, said the request is to payback the listed accounts from the previous month. The Sheriff has placed Deputies that normally are on the road into the Jail to help due to staff shortage. The projected amount should be okay through the end of the year.

Councilmember Webb asked if this is additional overtime from what was budgeted in 2021.

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

OTHER

MOTION: Councilmember Piper made a motion to approve Family Recovery Court Grant 8192-000-5-

00000 for \$728.15. (see below). SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

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 free ordinance 2020-015.

SECOND: Councilmember Ballard

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Alexander said due to a resignation there is an appointment available for Muncie Animal Shelter.

DEPARTMENT HEADS/ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mr. Tony Skinner, Sheriff presented the Delaware County Jail food costs, inmate report, pension update, staffing analysis and Merit Deputy pay comparison. Mr. Skinner has met with all Councilmembers and all is in agreement that something is going to have to be done, however at this point continued conversations will take place to work on a solution.

Budget Hearings start September 8, 2021.

President Alexander said Councilmembers and departments/elected officials will work towards a goal of raises. This is a tough year for all departments. There is support for the Jail, Sheriff Department and Community Corrections.

President Alexander said everyone should be careful publishing information on social media.

Councilmember Webb thanked Mr. Tony Skinner, Sheriff, for allowing him to work a shift at the Jail in the Correction Department. It is a must that Council members take part of the day- to-day routine and operation of employees. Councilmember Webb said it is invaluable to work in their shoes.

Councilmember Quakenbush asked for consideration for a contractual actuarial firm. Quakenbush brought a stack of folders concerning/regarding the Sheriff's pensions. Quakenbush has a concern that things we do now to increase salaries may place the pension back to where it was previously. Numbers do mean something for the future. If it does not stay funded then it will not continue and the next generation will suffer.

Mr. Hughes has a meeting at 11:00 a.m. with Baker Tilly regarding the matter.

A Pre-budget meeting will take place on August 12, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in Commissioners Courtroom.

Budget books are available.

Ms. Jeni Honeycutt thanked Mr. Charlie Walker, Building Superintendent for all that he has done for Delaware County. Mr. Walker is retiring on Friday, August 6, 2021.

Ms. Patterson has contacted State regarding AAIC regarding reimbursement.

Mr. Steven Craycraft, Auditor, introduced Ms. Tonya Dunsmore. Ms. Dunsmore will be training with Ms. Patterson.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Andrew Popp appreciated the feedback he received from a couple of Councilmembers regarding concerns about the Sheriff Department, Jail and 911 Call Center.

Mr. Popp shared his concerns again publically and supports the Sheriff's Department.

Councilmember Ballard said and Dispatch also.

Mr. Popp said he believed these are two separate issues. There's never been a concern with the Sheriff Departments leadership and how that department operates. Mr. Popp said after listening to 911 meetings it appears to be more of a leadership issue.

Councilmember Webb said a Corporal told him a concern which is unlike most county offices. That is a challenge that will not be found in other offices within Delaware County. The Corporal said she cannot get off for her wedding day in which she had planned over a year ago. This is due to staffing issues.

Mr. Troy Ingram, Muncie City Council, voiced his support for the Delaware County Sheriff Department. Muncie has went through the same type of issues, Muncie became a training ground, and they would stay for a while and then find another position that pays more. Muncie City Council has made headway and they will continue to work hard to encourage County Council and Commissioners to use the American Rescue Plan in a creative way. All corners should be reviewed.

Councilmember Webb said the Commissioners passed an ordinance in how they can spend the money, Council votes yes or no to allocate the money.

Councilmember Piper said there is a misconception that the County has more money than the City, however that is the opposite. City received more American Rescue Plan money. Delaware County covers more ground surface but the County brings in fewer dollars.

MOTION: Councilmember Ballard made a motion to adjourn until August 24, 2021.

SECOND: Councilmember Piper

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

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