

MINUTES FOR THE
CLINTON COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET HEARING
AUGUST 20, 2019

The Clinton County Council met in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Clinton County Courthouse, Frankfort, Indiana on August 20, 2019 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. regular Council meeting, pursuant in accordance with law and publication as evidence by proof of the minutes of the last meeting, and any other business that may come before it. Council President Alan Dunn called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. On call to order the following members were shown to be present or absent.

PRESENT

Alan Dunn
Clark Beard

Ron Gascho
Mike Hensley
Jon Hussey
Jake Myers

ABSENT

Jeff Chynoweth

Britt Ostler, Clinton County Auditor, was present to record the proceedings of the Council.

Others present were, First Deputy Auditor Janet Lloyd, Marcia DeLaCroix, Carol Bartley, Beth Keeney, Tony Sommer, and others as mentioned in the minutes.

SUPERIOR COURT - Judge Don Curry and Michelle Rose are present to represent Superior Court during Judge Hunter's deployment. There are no changes other than the recommended 4% raise.

CIRCUIT COURT- Judge Mohler spoke regarding no changes to his budget other than 4% raise for employees. Pauper requests are lower due to a State program in which the State reimburses the County for pauper costs. The County is being reimbursed around \$25,000 per quarter. In the next year, both Courts anticipate the need for another employee.

CASA - Judge Mohler stated that the CASA budget is remaining the same.

PROSECUTOR- Tony Sommer spoke regarding the copy and print line item which was left in the child support budget. They get reimbursed 66% on the dollar for this service. There are no other changes other than 4% on payroll. Digital services for each case will be available to attorneys, judges and prosecutor. The estimated cost is \$12,000 for the Digital Evidence Server only. Software and other accessories would be a separate cost. This is not in the IT budget currently.

CLERK- Rhea Harris made a few changes to her budget. Equipment upgrades for elections due to State regulations for voter audit trail. Approximate cost is \$1500 per module or \$100,000 to upgrade the equipment.

AUDITOR- Britt Ostler stated that the budget is remaining the same, other than extra help raising from \$1000 to \$5000. This is to accommodate Cathy Hamilton being able to come back for annual projects.

TREASURER- Carol Bartley spoke regarding postage and office repair are lower due to using a new vendor. The seminar line is higher along with payroll.

RECORDER- Beth Keeney spoke regarding the digitizing process they have been doing is going well. She increased her budget to pay employees more than the recommended 4% increase.

SHERIFF- Sheriff Kelly spoke regarding raising the Chief Deputy/Major salary to \$70,000. The Sheriff has asked for \$98,000 for his salary in 2020. The matron salary is also being raised to comply with state statute.

Gas, oil and lube was raised for maintenance to vehicles.

Dues and Subscriptions raised to bring the SOP's up-to-date. This is a yearly payment for rules, policies and procedures. LEXIPOL is the vendor the sheriff wants to use for policies and procedures

The pension amount is by statute for \$356,843.00 police pension will be taken from different funds.

The evidence line is to get and maintain a system for storing and organizing evidence room. This will include a barcode system for all firearms and evidence.

Sale of asset fund needs to be created for the sale of old equipment the sheriff plans to get rid of.

Training and Seminars, Meals and Lodging are being raised due to more training for our officers to keep them sharp and current on rules, policies and procedures.

New radio equipment is needed and it may be possible that the new correctional tax money be used to help purchase these new radios.

JAIL- Administrative Assistants have a lot of responsibilities this is why the positions have more of a raise than 4%. The salary study by Dennis Dunlap provides somewhat of a guideline as well as what other businesses are paying.

Medical contract is lower due to changing companies. The savings has been due to recoding billing from 2018. Also, the medical co-pays from inmates line item is building.

Utilities are showing 74% for invoices paid through the middle of August in 2019. President Dunn suggested looking into solar power at the jail and raising the \$175,000 to \$200,000.

Household, Kitchen and Laundry line item raised due to needing a new washer.

DOC revenue moved to an annual payment. Our payment for 2019 received in June was \$418,000. It appears the DOC payment next year will be significantly lower. The bond system will be different as well, lowering the money we receive. The sheriff is thinking of housing federal inmates and negotiating a contract for housing.

Jail radios need replaced. Transport officers and staff have radios.

LIT- Courthouse security has been added to the LIT budget. These would be special deputies from jail working part-time over at the courthouse. Times for these special deputies would be during meetings and court hearings/trials.

SURVEYOR- Dan Sheets was present to discuss his budget. The only change was 4% raise and Assessment Tool in the Plat Book budget.

CORONER- Amanda was not present. Vehicle has not been purchased that was budgeted for last year. The repairs to her 12 year old vehicle have been expensive.

EXTENSION- Caren Crum was present to discuss her budget. Council member Dunn suggested Agent Salaries move to Contractual Services for \$179,720. She will check with Jerri Sexton regarding her copier line item, since it is included in Commissioner's budget.

ASSESSOR- Dana Myers was not present for hearing. Furniture line item may come out of Commissioner's line item. Reassessment - what is the Retainer Fee in this line item?

VETERANS- Joe Root was not present for hearing. Only change was salary.

COUNCIL- Alan Dunn stated he would like the Auditor to check on Social Security, Medicare, Retirement and Basic. The Auditor will report in September on the numbers to see if the numbers might be cheaper.

Healthy Communities research \$20,000 for 2020.

SHARP program is new this year.

PPRC \$12,000 research match - just for car for 2019?

EAP (Mental Health) - is a new line item.

Landfill - Healthy Communities is that ongoing? Council member Hensley suggested researching the minutes to see what was asked for in 2018/2019.

Hospital Payment - \$388,888.89 for next nine years. This will be added to the budget via an additional appropriation.

Fair Council - overhead power lines snapped by grandstand and they had a live wire hanging by the metal stand. ADA Compliant, grandstands, and other projects \$200,000 from County within two budget years. \$100,00 from IU via Sponsorship Agreement.

Cum Cap - Computer and Peripherals Tim Elston will be contacted to make sure our number is correct.

COMMISSIONERS- None present at hearing. Braden lease to be taken from Cum Courthouse or IT budgets. The Auditor will double check the mental health line item that is given to us by the State.

SOIL AND WATER - Clint Orr and Leah Harden were present to speak. Currently they are working on the contracting grant for Sugar Creek watershed. This grant will reimburse 32% of the Resource Conservation Specialist salary. 67% could be reimbursed for a period of time. The final agreement process has not yet happened. Definitely 35% will be reimbursed during the 2020 year, with a possibility of an additional 32% on top of that. This is all processed in arrears.

The conservation part-time personnel \$4225 is 100% reimbursed

Mr. Orr reported that \$12.00 for every dollar spent comes back to the County.

AREA PLAN- Liz Stitzel spoke regarding her budget. She presented a 4% raise and 35 hour work week for 2020. She raised the Executive Director pay \$1,319.00; Building Inspector \$1,615.00 raise; Zoning Administrator raised 35 hours and 4% (no additional raise was added). The Administrative Assistant would like to stay at 32 hours, this would reduce her pay in the budget book to \$30,527.08. The budget says \$32,205; Liz would take this down to \$30,527.08. \$17.74 per hour requested for Administrative Assistant. Service Agreement 4000 to 0 because of copiers being paid for by Commissioners. Plan Mileage reduce to \$2,500.00
Education and Seminars- raising to \$3000 to gain certifications for the office.

PARKVIEW- Chris Overman spoke regarding his budget. He currently has 12 employees - 10 full time and 2 part time at a 4% raise. He cut medication for residents and tire and tubes. Boiler would evidently need replaced, but not for 2020.

HIGHWAY-Kevin Myers spoke regarding the new sub-fund 1173 for preservation, construction and reconstruction. Separated salaries between 1176 and 1173 (50/50). 4% raises and equipment 50,000 for a pickup truck out of MVH. Bridge 36, 55 and 67 are now in the federal program to be repaired next.
LR&S - New service truck in equipment line 0007 \$80,000.

HEALTH- Rodney Wann spoke to his budget. Rodney raised line item 54 (cleaning) and raised 65 (copiers). The copiers will be able to be paid from the Commissioner's budget. He did the recommended 4% raise for salaries. Credit cards are now being accepted at the Health Dept. Anne McCune is retiring and Rodney is looking to hire a BSN (nurse). He is working with Dennis Dunlap on the job description. He has seven resumes at the moment.

CENTRAL DISPATCH - (Statewide 911) Renee Crick reported there weren't many changes. Spillman is an exact amount; Powerphone is an exact amount; decrease official records for hiring to \$800; Comcast is an exact amount.

Central Dispatch (4958) - Group medical should be reduced to \$175,000; dispatch chairs can be reduced to \$1521 for a three year lease for (4) chairs.

EMS- Hospital Contractual (4960) - Raises reflect the 4%; added computer repair for ACCS to maintain computers in new building; EMA previously paid the utilities and now EMS will pay for new building utilities in line 41.

Radio Equipment can be decreased from \$40,000 to \$10,000 due to new lease of radios.

Transfer (1151) - 4% for raises; ambulance purchased in June of 2017 has turned 100,000 and is working fine; living space for transfer employees will not be at the hospital when the new hospital is built. Transfer bills are at a guaranteed minimum. The first batch has been sent to IU Health for reimbursement. AccuMed has not done as promised and coded the EMS runs as to 911 or transfer runs when they send the money to the County. Discussion on EMS (transfer

side) to make it self sustaining and the possibility we have less transfers with the new hospital. Can LIT be a source of revenue long term? Council member Dunn suggested we also look at billing townships.

PROBATION- 4% raises - 2002 is combined with 2000 (2002 is no longer).

Salaries will be taking out more than they take in. Move \$20,000 (#15) and \$31,929 (#17) from Fund 2000 and to Fund 2050.

Drug Free Community runs by additional appropriations.

TRECS balance is around \$6000. Should go into 2000 or restitution. Scanning all fiscal files to become paperless. A few hundred files will be going into the TRECS program. TRECS takes monies due from probationer via federal or state tax return.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES - May purchase new proofer. Generally most inspections are due to neglect rather than cheating the system.

EMA- Darrell Sanders was not present at hearing. 50% reimbursement for salaries in this budget.

WILDCAT SOLID WASTE DISTRICT- Clark Beard spoke for Wildcat and explained they are looking to hire another full time employee. Heritage and oil filters have increased. Publication materials were overstated for \$30,000 and should have been \$3000.

AIRPORT- Alan Dunn spoke to this budget. \$200,000 is a placeholder, they are hoping to keep this money and regain a cash balance. Some numbers are different due to the new facility being opened in 2019. Meeting rooms are available to be used by the City or County. The old terminal building is still available to be used for another business. They are looking to make the runway longer to hold larger jets.

Meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

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