

Kosciusko County Council
January 11, 2024

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday January 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Mike Long, President	Sue Ann Mitchell
Kathleen Groninger, Vice-President	Joni Truex
Kimberly Cates- Absent	Dave Wolkins
Tony Ciriello	Rhonda Helser, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by Mike Long.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 14, 2023 MEETING:

MOTION: Tony Ciriello	TO: Approve the December 14, 2023
SECOND: Kathleen Groninger	meeting minutes as presented.
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED	

IN THE MATTER OF ABATEMENT DECLARATORY RESOLUTION & NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING-LOUIS DREYFUS:

Attorney Steve Snyder on behalf of Louis Dreyfus Agricultural Industries, requested approval of a new tax abatement for the Claypool companies’ construction expansion. Prior tax abatements have been approved by the county. Louis Dreyfus has a project in the works in which some has already occurred with the acquisition of equipment but has not been assessed. Snyder requested the approval of the abatement and upon final hearing in February, requests the approval of the waiver, due to the acquisition of equipment already beginning. Snyder provided details of the project stating there would be real estate improvements of \$27,109,000.00 projected to be completed by years end 2024. There would be personal property in regards to installation of upgrades and new equipment totaling \$32,758,000.00 with a total project cost of \$59,867,000.00. Snyder stated due to the increase in the Canola Oil business; there are additional needs for a means to process and store the material. The expansion will generate 13 new jobs with an annual payroll and benefits of \$959,000.00. A list of personal property details was provided. The request is for a 10-year tax abatement on real estate and a 5-year tax abatement on personal property considering the total value of the project at \$59,000,000.00 with the additional \$1M in employee benefits that will be coming from the new jobs.

In closing, Snyder added there would be positive benefits to local and state taxes with the expansion and requested the Counties support. Council President Mike Long inquired on what the next steps will be with Snyder responding if the declaratory resolution is adopted; a hearing would be scheduled on the request for a waiver and a hearing on the final confirmatory resolution. Long opened the meeting to the public; asking if anyone wished to speak in favor or opposition of approving the resolution. Hearing no one to speak in favor or opposition; Long closed the meeting to the public.

Councilmember Sue Ann Mitchell stated the Abatement Committee reviewed all the material presented and believed that it was appropriate to move forward for consideration to make a final decision at the February meeting.

MOTION: Joni Truex	TO: Approve the declaratory resolution and
SECOND: David Wolkins	request for a public hearing as presented.
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0	
Kathy Groninger Abstained	
MOTION CARRIED	

RESOLUTION NO. 24-01-11-001 (2024010473)
As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST VOCA GRANT:

Prosecutor, Brad Voelz, along with Victim’s Assistance Coordinator Linda Giusti, presented a request for an additional appropriation for the VOCA grant. Voelz wanted to remind the county

citizens of the purpose of the Grant stating this is an annual request. VOCA, Victims of Crime Act, where VOCA funds are collected from criminal defendants in the form of fines, costs, and fees in the federal court system. 100% of the money in VOCA is collected by convicted criminals. The funds provide services to victims of crime. The Prosecutor’s office has administered this grant for many years and has been awarded the grant for 2024 which will fund the program that Linda leads. The request was for Council’s approval for the additional appropriations listed:

8138-11158-000-0000	VOCA Caseworker	\$36,765.00
8138-11601-000-0000	Social Security	\$2,813.00
8138-11602-000-0000	Retirement Contributions	\$4,118.00
8138-11605-000-0000	Group Health Insurance	\$7,000.00

The Grant is reimbursable.

MOTION: Joni Truex
SECOND: Kathleen Groninger
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the VOCA Grant additional appropriations as listed above, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER REQUEST & SALARY ORDINANCE
AMENDMENT -HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Bob Weaver, Health Department Administrator, presented a request for a 2024 transfer of funds in the amount of \$2,732.00 from 1159-11195-000-0000 Registrar IV/Secretary to 1159-11133-000-0000 Environmental Food Specialist. This will cover the funds needed for the salary ordinance amendment for Health Department Environmental Food Specialist 1159-11133-000-0000, at \$61,584.00 annually. The request is needed as the employee in the Environmental Food Specialist position is a 10-yr employee. Weaver made the 2023 salary ordinance amendment request at the December meeting and this is now needed for the 2024 Salary Ordinance.

MOTION: Kathy Groninger
SECOND: Sue Ann Mithcell
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the transfer in the amount of \$2,732.00 from 1159-11195-000-0000 Registrar IV/Secretary to 1159-11133-000-0000 Environmental Food Specialist as presented.

MOTION: Sue Ann Mitchell
SECOND: Kathy Groninger
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the salary ordinance amendment for Health Department Environmental Food Specialist 1159-11133-000-0000 \$61,584.00 annually as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER REQUEST -ASSESSOR:

Assessor Gail Chapman stated the Commercial Industrial department has been reinstated to be done within the office, she is requesting changes needed for the employee who is now in the position. The employee changes were approved by the Wage Committee. She requested a transfer in the amount of \$500.00 from 1224-31001-000-0046 Contractual Services to 1224-22003-000-0046 Gas Oil Etc.

MOTION: Joni Truex
SECOND: Tony Cirello
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the transfer in the amount of \$500.00 from 1224-31001-000-0046 Contractual Services to 1224-22003-000-0046 Gas Oil Etc. as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER REQUEST -ASSESSOR:

Assessor Gail Chapman requested a transfer in the amount of \$11,000.00 from 1224-31001-000-0046 Contractual Services to 1224-11145-000-0046 Commercial Industrial Supervisor Deputy.

MOTION: Joni Truex
SECOND: Tony Cirello
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the transfer in the amount of \$11,000.00 from 1224-31001-000-0046 Contractual Services to 1224-11145-000-0046 Commercial Industrial Supervisor Deputy as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS - ASSESSOR:
Assessor Gail Chapman presented a request for additional appropriations for the Commercial Industrial Supervisor’s salary along with benefits:

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| • 1224-11145-000-0046 | Commercial Industrial Supervisor | \$41,000.00 |
| • 1224-11601-000-0046 | Social Security/Medicare | \$3,947.00 |
| • 1224-11602-000-0046 | Retirement Contributions | \$5,778.00 |
| • 1224-11605-000-0046 | Group Health Insurance | \$2,600.00 |

MOTION: Sue Ann Mitchell
SECOND: Joni Truex
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the additional appropriations as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-ASSESSOR:
Assessor Gail Chapman presented a salary ordinance amendment for the Commercial Industrial Supervisor, 1224-11145-000-0046 at the current 3-year service level of \$49,322.00 annually; as well as \$51,582.00 annually for the level IV, 6-year service level which will take place in September of 2024.

MOTION: Sue Ann Mitchell
SECOND: Joni Truex
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the salary ordinance amendment for the Commercial Industrial Supervisor, 1224-11145-000-0046 3-year service level of \$49,322.00 annually; and \$51,582.00 annually for the level 6-year service level as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT- SHERIFF:
Sheriff Jim Smith requested a salary ordinance amendment for his 2024 Sheriff Contract to coincide with the ordinance. The salary ordinance amendment request was for 1000-10012-000-0019 Sheriff, \$120,515.00 annually.

MOTION: Joni Truex
SECOND: David Wolkins
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the requested salary ordinance amendment for was for 1000-10012-000-0019 Sheriff, \$120,515.00 annually as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF CHIRP GRANT REQUESTS-SHERIFF:
Sheriff’s Office Lt. Mike Mulligan clarified his request from the December Council meeting presenting a request for approval for 2 CHIRP Grants. CHIRP Grant DUITF, Driving Under the Influence in the amount of \$8,000.00 and for CHIRP Grant SAVE Stop Arm Violation Enforcement in the amount of \$13,000.00. Lt. Mulligan requested approval at the December meeting but now has the proper applications for Council to sign and approve.

MOTION: Tony Ciriello
SECOND: Kathy Groninger
AYES: 6 NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve 2 CHIRP Grant requests: CHIRP Grant DUITF, Driving Under the Influence in the amount of \$8,000.00 and for CHIRP Grant SAVE Stop Arm Violation Enforcement in the amount of \$13,000.00.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS CHIRP GRANTS -SHERIFF:

Sheriff's Office Lt. Mike Mulligan requested additional appropriations for the above-mentioned Grant requests:

<input type="checkbox"/> CHIRP -CITL Grant 2024		
<input type="checkbox"/> 8410-11706-000-0000	Grant Salaries	\$17,000.00
<input type="checkbox"/> CHIRP-DUITF Grant 2024		
<input type="checkbox"/> 8261-11706-000-0000	Grant Salaries	\$8,000.00
<input type="checkbox"/> CHIRP-SAVE Grant 2024		
<input type="checkbox"/> 8275-11706-000-0000	Grant Salaries	\$13,000.00

MOTION: Tony Ciriello
SECOND: David Wolkins
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the additional appropriations as listed above, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF GRANT REQUEST – NAVIGATOR POSITION, KOSCIUSKO COUNTY COMMUNITY RECOVERY PROGRAM (KCCRP)- SHERIFF:

Sheriff Jim Smith, Chief Deputy Chris McKeand and JCAP Coordinator Casey Trombley presented a request to apply for a K21 Foundation Grant. Sheriff Smith stated the grant reflects a program that they have been working on in collaboration with several community members and organizations such as LITE and Fellowship Missions. The program is for the jail and has to do with peer recovery coaches. The grant is specifically for a Resource Navigator Position in which the Sheriff wishes to fill the position by an employee of the Sheriff's Office.

Heard from JCAP Coordinator Casey Trombley who stated the goal is to assist more inmates in the jail in addition to the JCAP program. She advised the hope is to work with inmates who are approximately 60-90 days from being released to support them in life outside of incarceration. Assistance would be with finding housing, work, transportation and help with continuing addiction recovery. Sheriff Smith stated the program will provide the necessary resources needed in hopes of trying to keep the jail population down.

Heard from Chief Deputy Chris McKeand who advised they have been partnering with K21 and a proposal has been built that will be presented to them. He stated they are proposing that K21 fund the "Navigator Position" at 100% and then the final year (5yrs.) of the program will be 100% the Counties responsibility. The total is \$483,500.00 with K21's portion being: \$228,500.00 and Kosciusko County's portion being \$255,000.00. The proposal includes the percentage and break downs per year and is calculated using an entry level Jailer position. The position will need specific certifications and training which McKeand said those particulars would be sought out and then the wages for the position would be revisited upon completion of the training.

MOTION: Joni Truex
SECOND: Sue Ann Mitchell
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the request to apply for the Navigator Position for Kosciusko County Community Recovery Program a K21 Foundation Matching Grant in the amount of \$255,000.00 as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF GRANT REQUEST 2024 RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT (RSAT)- SHERIFF:

Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Chris McKeand requested permission to apply for the 2024 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment reimbursable grant in the amount of \$680,000.00. The grant requires a 25% cash or in-kind services match for the cost of the program which can include the cost of the Navigator position. This grant request is through the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute and would fund the needs of the grant listed above including, contractual services, computers, training etc... The 25% matching grant would provide funding to operate the grant for 2 years with total funding being requested at \$680,000.00. With the programs the Sheriff's office has in place with mental health, the JCAP coordinator; the department already meets the 25% match.

MOTION: Kathy Groninger
SECOND: Joni Truex
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the request to apply for the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) 2 year, 25% matching grant in the amount of \$680,000.00 as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER REQUEST -SHERIFF:

Sheriff Jim Smith presented a request for a 2023 transfer of funds which will then be encumbered. The request is to transfer \$34,000.00 from 1000-22003-000-0019 Sheriff Gas Oil Etc. to 1000-46001-000-0019 Motor Vehicles. This is needed for outfitting five new Sheriff vehicles purchased in 2023.

MOTION: Tony Ciriello
SECOND: Joni Truex
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the transfer \$34,000.00 from 1000-22003-000-0019 Sheriff Gas Oil Etc. to 1000-46001-000-0019 Motor Vehicles.as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-HUMAN RESOURCES:

Auditor Rhonda Helser presented a salary ordinance amendment on behalf of the County Administrator and the Human Resources Department. The salary ordinance amendment is needed for 1000-11141-000-0009 Human Resources Specialist \$54,510.00 as the employee will be increasing to a six-year level later in 2024 and this was missed on the original salary ordinance.

MOTION: Kathy Groninger
SECOND: Sue Ann Mitchell
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the salary ordinance amendment for 1000-11141-000-0009 Human Resources Specialist \$54,510.00 as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OPIOID GRANT-RESTRICTED & UNRESTRICTED FUNDS:

Councilmember and Opioid committee member Sue Ann Mitchell provided information concerning the requests for additional appropriations for the Opioid Grant. Mitchell stated Fellowship Missions will be receiving a total of \$299,999.00 for their purchase of a new shelter and the Sheriff’s Department will be receiving funds to support their counseling needs in the amount of \$28,832.00. There is currently a cash balance above the amounts being awarded, but she stated the State Opioid funds have not been coming in in a timely manner from Federal and then onto the State. There will also be funds available for juvenile court needs. She stated the building in which Fellowship Missions is purchasing is approximately \$350,000.00. There was a brief discussion with Council and Eric from Fellowship Missions who was in attendance. He advised the real estate closing will be occurring soon to complete the purchase of the building and Mitchell advised she has obtained documentation providing proof of purchase and where the remainder of funds is coming from to complete the purchase. Eric provided a brief update of the project stating they were awarded a grant from K21 for the remodel of the property.

The requests for additional appropriations were as follows:

<u>Opioid Grant Restricted Funds</u>		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1237-37031-000-0000	Fellowship Missions	\$230,095.00
<u>Opioid Grant Unrestricted Funds</u>		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1238-37031-000-0000	Fellowship Missions	\$69,904.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 1238-37032-000-0000	Kosciusko Sheriff’s Office	\$28,832.00

MOTION: Joni Truex

SECOND: Kathy Groninger
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the additional appropriation for the restricted funds of the Opioid Grant-1237-37031-000-0000 for Fellowship Missions in the amount of \$230,095.00 as presented.

MOTION: Joni Truex
SECOND: Tony Ciriello
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the additional appropriation for the unrestricted funds of the Opioid Grant-1238-37031-000-0000 Fellowship Missions \$69,904.00 & 1238-37032-000-0000 Kosciusko Sheriff's Office \$28,832.00 as presented.

Mitchell stated as funds are reimbursed, the County will be looking at other projects to support.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS -ARPA:
Council President Mike Long provided the list of additional appropriations for the unexpended ARPA grants. The funds have not been spent and need to be appropriated for 2024 for funds to be used for the approved projects. Each additional appropriation is individually listed and was voted on as listed below:

American Rescue Plan Act Additional Appropriations -2024

Fund & Account:	Name:	Amount:
<input type="checkbox"/> 8950-38024-000-0000	Public Safety Comm. Project	\$30,442.00

MOTION: Tony Ciriello
SECOND: David Wolkins
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the additional appropriation as presented.

American Rescue Plan Act Additional Appropriations -2024

Fund & Account:	Name:	Amount:
<input type="checkbox"/> 8950-38026-000-0000	Administrative Expenses	\$668,648.00

Councilmember Joni Truex clarified that the amount was a certain percentage (10%) of the total amount of ARPA funds they were required to use.

MOTION: Kathleen Groninger
SECOND: Tony Ciriello
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the additional appropriation as presented.

American Rescue Plan Act Additional Appropriations -2024

Fund & Account:	Name:	Amount:
<input type="checkbox"/> 8950-38028-000-0000	Fire Alarms	\$94,608.00

MOTION: Joni Truex
SECOND: Kathleen Groninger
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the additional appropriation as presented.

American Rescue Plan Act Additional Appropriations -2024

Fund & Account:	Name:	Amount:
<input type="checkbox"/> 8950-38031-000-0000	Tower Connectivity	\$60,245.00

MOTION: Tony Ciriello
SECOND: Sue Ann Mitchell

TO: Approve the additional appropriation as presented.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

American Rescue Plan Act Additional Appropriations -2024

Fund & Account:	Name:	Amount:
<input type="checkbox"/> 8950-38035-000-0000	IT Meraki Access	\$3,373.00

MOTION: Kathleen Groninger
SECOND: Sue Ann Mitchel
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the additional appropriation as presented.

American Rescue Plan Act Additional Appropriations -2024

Fund & Account:	Name:	Amount:
<input type="checkbox"/> 8950-38037-000-0000	IT Secure Email	\$56,530.00

MOTION: Tony Ciriello
SECOND: David Wolkins
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the additional appropriation as presented.

American Rescue Plan Act Additional Appropriations -2024

Fund & Account:	Name:	Amount:
<input type="checkbox"/> 8950-38039-000-0000	LRSD Ferric Chlorine Storage	\$100,000.00

MOTION: Sue Ann Mitchell
SECOND: Joni Truex
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the additional appropriation as presented.

American Rescue Plan Act Additional Appropriations -2024

Fund & Account:	Name:	Amount:
<input type="checkbox"/> 8950-38040-000-0000	HELP Kosciusko	\$1,200,000.00

MOTION: Kathleen Groninger
SECOND: Sue Ann Mitchell
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the additional appropriation as presented.

American Rescue Plan Act Additional Appropriations -2024

Fund & Account:	Name:	Amount:
<input type="checkbox"/> 8950-38043-000-0000	HS HVAC/Bldg. Repairs	\$12,833.00

MOTION: Tony Ciriello
SECOND: Sue Ann Mitchell
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the additional appropriation as presented.

American Rescue Plan Act Additional Appropriations -2024

Fund & Account:	Name:	Amount:
<input type="checkbox"/> 8950-38044-000-0000	CCS HVAC/Box Truck	\$4,457.00

MOTION: Kathleen Groninger
SECOND: Sue Ann Mitchell
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the additional appropriation as presented.

American Rescue Plan Act Additional Appropriations -2024

Fund & Account:	Name:	Amount:
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☐ 8950-38052-000-0000

Beaman Home Upgrades

\$7,961.00

MOTION: Tony Ciriello
SECOND: Joni Truex
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the additional appropriation as presented.

American Rescue Plan Act Additional Appropriations -2024

Fund & Account:
☐ 8950-38057-000-0000

Name:
Beaman Home

Amount:
\$23,255.00

MOTION: Tony Ciriello
SECOND: Joni Truex
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the additional appropriation as presented.

American Rescue Plan Act Additional Appropriations -2024

Fund & Account:
☐ 8950-38063-000-0000

Name:
North Webster Community Ctr.

Amount:
\$1,460.00

MOTION: Joni Truex
SECOND: Tony Ciriello
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0
Sue Ann Mithcell- Abstained
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the additional appropriation as presented.

American Rescue Plan Act Additional Appropriations -2024

Fund & Account:
☐ 8950-38064-000-0000

Name:
CASA Training/Fingerprinting

Amount:
\$19,100.00

MOTION: Sue Ann Mithcell
SECOND: Joni Truex
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the additional appropriation as presented.

American Rescue Plan Act Additional Appropriations -2024

Fund & Account:
☐ 8950-38065-000-0000

Name:
KCCVB Digital Sign

Amount:
\$19,375.00

MOTION: Tony Ciriello
SECOND: Kathy Groninger
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the additional appropriation as presented.

American Rescue Plan Act Additional Appropriations -2024

Fund & Account:
☐ 8950-38066-000-0000

Name:
KosCo Hwy 1300 N

Amount:
\$1,888,000.00

MOTION: Joni Truex
SECOND: Sue Ann Mitchell
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the additional appropriation as presented.

American Rescue Plan Act Additional Appropriations -2024

Fund & Account:
☐ 8950-38067-000-0000

Name:
Justice Bldg. Renovations

Amount:
\$2,400,000.00

MOTION: Tony Ciriello
SECOND: Sue Ann Mitchell
AYES: 5 NAYES: 1
Joni Truex- Opposed
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the additional appropriation as presented.

American Rescue Plan Act Additional Appropriations -2024

Fund & Account:	Name:	Amount:
<input type="checkbox"/> 8950-38068-000-0000	Sidney Tower	\$372,000.00

MOTION: Tony Ciriello	TO: Approve the additional appropriation as presented.
SECOND: Kathy Groninger	
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED	

American Rescue Plan Act Additional Appropriations -2024

Fund & Account:	Name:	Amount:
<input type="checkbox"/> 8950-38069-000-0000	Wagon Wheel Renovations	\$250,000.00

MOTION: Sue Ann Mitchell	TO: Approve the additional appropriation as presented.
SECOND: Joni Truex	
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED	

American Rescue Plan Act Additional Appropriations -2024

Fund & Account:	Name:	Amount:
<input type="checkbox"/> 8950-38070-000-0000	Joe’s Kids	\$38,699.00

MOTION: Joni Truex	TO: Approve the additional appropriation as presented.
SECOND: Tony Ciriello	
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED	

American Rescue Plan Act Additional Appropriations -2024

Fund & Account:	Name:	Amount:
<input type="checkbox"/> 8950-38071-000-0000	YMCA Madison Campus	\$100,000.00

MOTION: David Wolkins	TO: Approve the additional appropriation as presented.
SECOND: Tony Ciriello	
AYES: 4 NAYES: 1	
Joni Truex- Opposed	
Kathy Groninger- Abstained	
MOTION CARRIED	

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT CORRECTION-SHERIFF:

County Auditor Rhonda Helser presented a correction to the salary ordinance for 1000-11315-000-0019 Part Time Sex/Violent Offender Registrar \$25.15 per hour. The amendment was done to correct the hourly amount based on a Civilian Pole VI instead of a Civilian Pole VI-10. This will be retroactive to January 1st 2024.

MOTION: Joni Truex	TO: Approve the salary ordinance amendment for 1000-11315-000-0019 Part Time Sex/Violent Offender Registrar \$25.15 per hour as presented.
SECOND: Sue Ann Mitchell	
AYES: 6 NAYS: 0	
MOTION CARRIED	

IN THE MATTER OF THE TABLED COUNCIL BUSINESS TRAVEL – CONFERENCE MEETING POLICY:

With the request for corrections to be made to the policy by Councilmember Cates, who was not in attendance, the matter was tabled.

MOTION: Sue Ann Mitchell	TO: Table the Council’s business travel-conference meeting policy.
SECOND: Joni Truex	
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED	

**IN THE MATTER OF TOWN OF SYRACUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT -
COUNCIL BOARD APPOINTMENT:**

Council president Mike Long recommended Councilmember Kimberly Cates to serve on the Town of Syracuse Economic Development Board. Cates expressed to him her willingness to serve. This council board appointment is a 1-year term and will expire 12/31/24.

MOTION: Tony Ciriello

SECOND: Joni Truex

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve Kimberly Cates to serve on the
Town of Syracuse Economic Development
Board as presented.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE COMMISSION (ABC) COUNCIL
BOARD RE-APPOINTMENT:**

Council president Mike Long recommended Dan Woods to be re-appointed to serve on the ABC Board with a term expiring 12/31/2024.

MOTION: Sue Ann Mitchell

SECOND: Tony Ciriello

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve Dan Woods to serve on the
ABC Board with a term expiring 12/31/2024.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE COUNCIL
BOARD APPOINTMENT:**

Councilmember Tony Ciriello nominated Mike Long to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee with a second from Kathy Groninger. The term is 1 year and will expire on 12/31/24.

MOTION: Tony Ciriello

SECOND: Kathy Groninger

AYES: 5 NAYES: 1

Joni Truex- Opposed

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve Mike Long to serve on the
Strategic Planning Committee.

IN THE MATTER OF FURTHER BUSINESS:

**IN THE MATTER OF HELP/OCRA RESOLUTION- TOWN OF MENTONE, TOWN OF
MILFORD, TOWN OF PIERCETON:**

Zach Dripps, Grant Administrator with MACOG, said with Kosciusko County participating in The Help projects and that it was agreed upon to award those funds to the towns of Mentone, Milford & Pierceton for their top projects; there are requirements needed to further the process. The towns are now ready to submit their applications which are due soon. One of the requirements necessary is a one to one match from the ARPA funds to the CDBG dollars that are allocated. This does not require that the county provide actual funds, but to spend ARPA dollars on projects that are in the Strategic Implementation Plan from HELP. The amount set aside to help with those projects is \$1.2M. He advised part of the administrative task is to state the local match that the County is helping for each community with a resolution for each community.

TOWN OF MENTONE:

Dripps requested Council to approve a resolution for the Town of Mentone stating the ARPA project being specified and used is the \$302,798.00 Broadband Expansion Project for Sidney. The Town of Mentone is submitting their application for funds to update and enhance Mentzer Park. The total cost of the project is \$702,800.00 and they are applying for CDBG dollars of \$280,662.00. Mentone is providing from their own ARPA match \$202,961.00 leaving a balance of \$77,701.00 to come from the match of the Sidney Broadband Expansion project

MOTION: Kathy Groninger

SECOND: Sue Ann Mitchell

TO: Approve the resolution for the Town of
Mentone and for the County to commit a

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 match of \$77,701.00.00 in ARPA funds as
MOTION CARRIED presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-01-11-002 (2024010405)
As recorded in the office of the Kosciusko County Recorder

TOWN OF MILFORD:

Dripps requested Council to approve a resolution for the Town of Milford who's selected project is replacing water meters with a total cost of \$427,328.00 00. The town is applying for CDBG dollars in the amount of \$249,296.00. The Town of Milford's contribution from local ARPA funds is \$178,032.00 with the County portion of the ARPA match being \$71,264.00.

MOTION: Joni Truex	TO: Approve the resolution for the Town of
SECOND: Sue Ann Mitchell	Milford and for the county to commit a
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0	match of \$71,264.00 in ARPA funds as
MOTION CARRIED	presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-01-11-003 (2024010406)
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TOWN OF PIERCETON:

Dripps requested Council to approve a resolution for the Town of Pierceton who has chosen to complete a segment of sidewalks for their project. The total cost of the project is \$501,428.00 with the town applying for CDGB funds in the amount of \$280,042.00. Their local ARPA contribution is \$221,386.00.00 with the counties match of ARPA funds being \$58,656.00.

MOTION: Tony Ciriello	TO: Approve the resolution for the Town of
SECOND: Kathy Groninger	Pierceton and for the county to commit a
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0	match of \$58,656.00 in ARPA funds as
MOTION CARRIED	presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-01-11-004 (2024010407)
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IN THE MATTER OF FURTHER BUSINESS:

Council Vice President Kathy Groninger advised there will be a joint public meeting with Commissioners and Council on January 30th, 2024 after the Commissioners meeting at 10:00 AM with Reedy Financial.

IN THE MATTER OF FURTHER BUSINESS:

Councilmember Joni Truex provided an update on the Redevelopment Commission stating the Commission met, elected officers, took their Oaths of Office, and will meet every other month for 2024.

IN THE MATTER OF FURTHER BUSINESS:

Councilmember Sue Ann Mitchell provided information concerning the County Council Association's district meeting invitation. She stated the meetings are at Whitley County and it would be a great opportunity to hear about legislation.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

Kosciusko County Council

February 8, 2024

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday February 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Old Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Mike Long, President	Sue Ann Mitchell
Kathleen Groninger, Vice-President	Joni Truex
Kimberly Cates	David Wolkins-Absent
Tony Ciriello - Participated Via Video Conference	Rhonda Helser, County Auditor

Tony Ciriello participated in the meeting virtually. For clarity, each vote was made by a roll call vote.

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Long.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 11, 2024:

MOTION: Kathy Groninger	TO: Approve the minutes for the January 11, 2024 meeting as presented.
SECOND: Sue Ann Mitchell	
AYES: 5 NAYES: 0	
Kimberly Cates- Abstained	
MOTION CARRIED	

IN THE MATTER OF LAKELAND REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT BOARD REAPPOINTMENT:

Jim Haney, Lakeland Regional Sewer District Board President, requested to re-appoint himself to the board with his four-year term expiring 4/18/2028. Councilmember Joni Truex thanked Jim for his willingness to serve another term.

MOTION: Joni Truex	TO: Approve reappointing Jim Haney to serve on the Lakeland Regional Sewer District Board with his four-year term expiring 4/18/2028 as presented.
SECOND: Kimberly Cates	
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0	
MOTION CARRIED	

IN THE MATTER OF MARY ANN’S PLACE-BEAMAN HOME:

Renea Salyer, Executive Director of The Beaman Home, presented a request to utilize funds in the amount of \$11,500.00 that was left over from the \$44,000.00 awarded ARPA grant- 8950-38057-000-0000 Mary Ann’s Place for windows.

MOTION: Joni Truex	TO: Approve the request to reallocate \$11,500.00 for windows from ARPA Grant 8950-38057-000-0000 Mary Ann’s Place as presented.
SECOND: Kathy Groninger	
AYES: 6 NAYS: 0	
MOTION CARRIED	

IN THE MATTER OF LOUIS DREYFUS ABATEMENT:

Attorney Steve Snyder stated on behalf of his client Louis Dreyfus Agricultural Industries, he requests that the matter be tabled until the March 14th, 2024 Council meeting. He said this would give more time for consideration. Snyder requested the matter be considered whether it be individually or with the abatement committee. Snyder advised he reviewed the prior Louis Dreyfus abatement requests he made which was 2013, 2017, 2019 and 2020, all of which were approved, and each one included a waiver. The waiver was in regards to any items that were installed, or purchased by Louis Dreyfus prior to filing the SB1 forms. He added there were four other abatements he had represented and done in the county which were also approved with a waiver; as well as others in the community that were approved containing waivers. Snyder stated the Abatement Committee requested further details of the waiver and to see what

expenditures may have been in 2023 as opposed to 2024. He suggested that if there is going to be a change in practice based on prior approvals that Council form an abatement policy. He advised this would give his clients the knowledge of whether to request an abatement if Council has adopted a policy to not accept waivers. Snyder requested the hearing date on the waiver which was published for February 8th, 2024, and the consideration of the confirmatory resolution be tabled until March 14th, 2024. Councilmember Joni Truex stated that these types of changes should come before the entire Council and should not be made by a committee, and anything at a committee level needs to come back to the Council for full approval. President Mike Long stated the committee makes recommendations to the Council.

MOTION: Kimberly Cates

TO: Table the request until the March 14, 2024 meeting.

SECOND: Tony Ciriello

AYES: 5 NAYES: 0

Kathy Groninger Abstained

MOTION CARRIED

After the vote, Council Vice President Kathy Groninger read a letter of recommendation of the abatement written in support by KEDCO.

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2023 COMMISSARY REPORT-SHERIFF:

Sheriff Jim Smith along with Financial Administrator, Cheryl McGettrick, presented the July through December 2023 commissary report. The report was provided to all Council members. Sheriff asked if Council had any questions in which they did not, but thanked the Sheriff for providing the information and keeping the Council informed. Sheriff thanked McGettrick for her job well done on her process of completing the report.

MOTION: Sue Ann Mitchell

TO: Approve the July through December 2023 Commissary Report as presented.

SECOND: Joni Truex

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF SRT BODY WORN CAMERA GRANT- SHERIFF:

Lt. Mike Mulligan requested permission to apply for a body camera grant in the amount of \$9,094.00. The request is for four body cameras and three years of cloud storage which would be used by the four new officers hired in 2023. The grant is a reimbursable 50/50 match with the County's half at \$4,492.00 plus shipping fees.

MOTION: Joni Truex

TO: Approve the request to apply for SRT Body Worn Camera grant as presented.

SECOND: Kimberly Cates

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION & SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - ASSESSOR:

Auditor Rhonda Helser on behalf of Assessor Gail Chapman presented an additional appropriation and a salary ordinance amendment in the amount of \$41,914.00 for Building Permit Field Assessor 1224-11146-000-0003. Councilmember Joni Truex clarified that this request is to bring the Commercial Industrial Department back "in house" and she made a motion to approve both items together. The new employee will be obtaining training.

MOTION: Joni Truex

TO: Approve the additional appropriation and the salary ordinance amendment in the amount of \$41,914.00 for Building Permit Field Assessor 1224-11146-000-0003 as presented.

SECOND: Sue Ann Mitchell

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Council had a brief discussion stating that the changes will be good for the county and for the taxpayers by having the department in house.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST- SENIOR PROSECUTOR HUB GRANT:

Prosecutor’s Office Rob Bishop advised that due to the Prosecutor’s office no longer participating in the Senior Hub Grant; he is requesting to utilize the remaining funds in the account for conference expenses. He requested an additional appropriation for the Prosecutor Senior Hub Grant in the amount of \$4,219.00, 9001-31199-000-0000 Conference Expenses. Bishop said that they will be able to use those funds in 2024 and then eliminating the account. Councilmember Kimberly Cates inquired about the balance in the fund stating it had \$12,779.08, but their request was for \$4,219.00. After a brief discussion the request which was presented was advertised and cannot be for more than advertised. The balance will be reviewed and another additional appropriation would need to be requested. Bishop advised the remaining balance of the grant can be spent on child support oriented expenditures.

MOTION: Joni Truex
SECOND: Tony Ciriello
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the additional appropriation for Senior Hub Grant in the amount of \$4,219.00, 9001-31199-000-0000 Conference Expenses.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR I - COURT REFORM GRANT:

Circuit & Superior Court I Judge Mike Reed requested an additional appropriation for 9112-22024-000-0000 Court Reform Grant, Equipment in the amount of \$1,079.00. Judge advised the funds will be used to purchase real time transcribing, voice to text equipment in which all courts will share the device. This will assist with being ADA compliant and once they use the program, the cost is a dollar an hour to use vs. \$180.00 for an individual person per hour.

MOTION: Kimberly Cates
SECOND: Sue Ann Mitchell
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the request for an additional appropriation for 9112-22024-000-0000, Court Reform Grant, Equipment in the amount of \$1,079.00 as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST – ADULT DRUG COURT, KCCC:

Barry Andrew, Community Corrections Director, presented a request for an additional appropriation for the Adult Drug Court PSC Grant which was awarded, and included the following:

<input type="checkbox"/> 9202-23009-000-0000	Drug Testing Supplies	\$2,500.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 9202-32025-000-0000	Incentives	\$2,500.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 9202-36003-000-0000	Training & Seminars	\$5,000.00

MOTION: Sue Ann Mitchell
SECOND: Kimberly Cates
AYES: 6 NAYS: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the additional appropriations as listed above as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS-GRANT REQUESTS:

Community Corrections Director Barry Andrew presented a request for permission to apply for the 2025 Indiana Department of Corrections Home Detention grant in the amount of \$350,755.00 and the 2025 Drug Court grant in the amount of \$82,746.00.

MOTION: Joni Truex
SECOND: Kathy Groninger
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the requests to apply for the 2025 Indiana Department of Corrections Home Detention grant in the amount of \$350,755.00 and the 2025 Drug Court grant in the amount of \$82,746.00 as presented.

After the vote there was a brief discussion concerning the terms of payments received on the grant.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION- HEALTH FIRST INDIANA FUND HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Bob Weaver, Health Department Administrator, presented a request for an additional appropriation from the Health First Indiana funds which will fund the new position of Fund Coordinator.

<input type="checkbox"/> 1161-11150-000-0000	Fund Coordinator	\$54,100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 1161-11601-000-0000	Social Security/Medicare	\$4,140.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 1161-11602-000-0000	Retirement Contributions	\$6,060.00

MOTION: Tony Ciriello
SECOND: Sue Ann Mitchell
AYES: 5 NAYES: 1
Joni Truex Opposed
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the request for additional appropriations as listed above as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT- HEALTH FIRST INDIANA FUND HEALTH DEPARTMEN:

Bob Weaver, Health Department Administrator, presented a salary ordinance amendment for the Health First Indiana Fund, Fund Coordinator 1161-11150-000-0000 in the amount of \$54,077.00 annually. He stated for the position to be labeled as an exempt position for no overtime as cash enumeration or comp time. Councilmembers Kimberly Cates and Joni Truex inquired about the matter going to the Wage Committee and if the position was part time or fulltime in which Weaver advised the position is full time. Truex stated the wage committee recommendation had not come back before the council to make a decision; which is typically the process.

MOTION: Kathy Groninger
SECOND: Sue Ann Mitchell
AYES: 5 NAYES: 1
Joni Truex Opposed
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the salary ordinance amendment for Health First Indiana Fund, Fund Coordinator 1161-11150-000-0000 in the amount of \$54,077.00 annually with the stipulation that there will be no overtime and no comp time as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF KCCRP ADVISORY BOARD-COUNCIL APPOINTMENT:

Council president Mike Long recommended Councilmember Sue Ann Mitchell to serve on the Kosciusko County Community Recovery Program Board. The appointment is a 1-year term and will expire 12/31/24. Sheriff Smith explained the need for the board and the jail program which he had previously presented to the Council. The KCCRP is a new program they will be implementing through a K21 Foundation Grant. He advised they have established a board and wanted a representative from the Council and the Commissioners. The Commissioners appointment is Robert Conley. Council Vice President Kathy Groninger suggested that the legalities be looked into with the County Attorney.

MOTION: Tony Ciriello
SECOND: Kathy Groninger
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Sue Ann Mitchell to serve on the Kosciusko County Community Recovery Program Board. The appointment is a 1-year term and will expire 12/31/24.

IN THE MATTER OF ARPA COMMITTEE -COUNCIL BOARD APPOINTMENT:

Council president Mike Long advised of a correction to the ARPA Committee in which he is to be appointed as a member. He was omitted when the board appointments were presented at the end of 2023. The one-year term will expire 12/31/24.

MOTION: Kathy Groninger
SECOND: Sue Ann Mitchell
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve Mike Long to serve on the ARPA Committee with the term expiring 12/31/24.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNCIL BUSINESS TRAVEL – CONFERENCE MEETING POLICY:

Council President Mike Long presented the revised County Council Business Travel Policy which was tabled from the January 11, 2024 Council meeting. He stated the wording had been changed to include the following changes which are highlighted:

4. If you are attending a conference/class for credit towards another certification unrelated to county government that you need continuing education to retain that certification, **neither lodging or conference/class will be paid for by the county.**

MEALS

1. If the registration fees for conferences/classes include meals and you choose to eat elsewhere, you may not turn in bills for that time period when food is offered at the conference.

2. If you must arrive the night before because of the start time of the conference/classes or the distance necessary to travel, you may be reimbursed for meals the night preceding the conference/class with proper receipts.

MOTION: Kimberly Cates

SECOND: Sue Ann Mitchell

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the Council business travel-conference meeting policy with the above changes, as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF PARKS & RECREATION BOARD- COUNCIL APPOINTMENT:

Auditor Rhonda Helser requested approval to correct the board term for Aggie Sweeney of the Parks & Recreation Board to 4 years as it states on Ordinance No. 22-05-10-001. The term is to be four years versus two years as it was approved previously. Aggie's term will expire 12/31/27.

MOTION: Tony Ciriello

SECOND: Joni Truex

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the board term for Aggie Sweeny to four years expiring 12/31/2027.

IN THE MATTER OF FURTHER BUSINESS:

Executive Director of L.I.T.E. house Women's Recovery Home, Tammy Cotton, provided an update on the program. She advised in the last year the Women's Recovery Home was opened; and they became an RCO which is a recovery community organization and a designation with the State. They were asked by the State to become a Regional Recovery Hub which means they oversee the counties of St Joseph, Elkhart, Cass, Marshall, Fulton and Kosciusko. They will assist in connecting clients to services such as mental health and recovery programs. L.I.T.E. also opened a recovery café and welcomed all to visit. Both L.I.T.E. entities are in Milford, IN. Cotton advised she has added staff and they serve the whole county with services to help transition after incarceration. Several community events are forthcoming. She stated they would like to have presence in Warsaw as well.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

Kosciusko County Council

March 14, 2024

The Kosciusko County Council met for their regular meeting on Thursday March 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Courtroom of the Courthouse, 100 W. Center St., Warsaw, IN. Those present were:

Mike Long, President
Kathleen Groninger, Vice-President
Kimberly Cates
Tony Ciriello

Sue Ann Mitchell
Joni Truex
Dave Wolkins
Rhonda Helser, County Auditor

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Long.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 1-30-24 & 2-8-2024:

MOTION: Kimberly Cates
SECOND: Tony Ciriello
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the minutes for the 1-30-2024
& 2-8-2024 meetings as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF BOWEN CENTER PRESENTATION:

- Dr. Robert Ryan, Bowen Center President and CEO, introduced Kosciusko County Board members Dan Woods and Kosciusko County Sheriff, Jim Smith who were present. Two other board members who were not present Cindy Brady and Roxanne Gonzalez were also introduced. Bowen Center will be focusing on the total health of individuals, not just mental health by providing an Integrative Care Group. Many people who have mental health issues also have chronic diseases which lead to death earlier in life. Each client will have a total healthcare team to help manage the health of the entire body not just the brain. He also informed the council that the Bowen Center bought property on New 30 between the dental office and the Goodwill store. The estimated cost of the building project for Kosciusko County is approximately 7 to 8 million dollars. Robert closed his portion of the presentation by asking for questions from the council and informing the council that the Bowen Center would be interested in providing the council with updates more than once a year.
- Mike Murphy, Bowen Center Senior Director, presented the 2023 annual report.

Outpatient Services	74,680
Health Clinic Services	68,820
Skills Coaching Services	363,308
DCS Families Served	661
Hospital Patient Days	4,984
Opioid Use Disorder Patients	1,991
Free Care Provided to Kosciusko County	\$1,588,632
Total Employees Company	1,169
Total Employees Kosciusko County	351
Total Kosciusko County Funding	\$ 749,340
- Tess Ottenweller, Vice President of Intensive Services, commented on the Crisis Service expansion at the Center. She said they’ve been partnering with the Division of Mental Health and Addiction and the 988 crises hotline. A Crisis Receiving and Stabilization Service is now in place at the Bowen Center Pierceton, Indiana location. If someone is experiencing a crisis after normal business hours, they can be seen 24/7. Tess also commented that they have started a Mobile Crisis team and have been collaborating closely with Chris Fancil and CARES (Community Assistance Resources & Emergency Services) and want to make sure what Bowen is doing will complement what CARES is doing. Lastly, Ottenweller stated, that by implementing the expansion of Crisis Services, Bowen is hoping to decrease the number of unnecessary hospitalizations and emergency department usage.

IN THE MATTER OF CONFIRMATORY RESOLUTION TAX ABATEMENT AND RESOLUTION ADOPTING WAIVER –PUBLIC HEARING-LOUIS DREYFUS

Attorney Steve Snyder, on behalf of Louis Dreyfus, presented a tabled matter from the February 8, 2024 council meeting for a confirmatory resolution tax abatement and waiver resolution. Snyder requested a 10 year tax abatement on real estate values proposed at \$27,109,000.00 and a 5 year personal property abatement in regards to installation of mill storage expansion on values proposed at \$32,758,000.00 with a total project cost of \$59,867,000.00. The number of employees mentioned were that 142 of 148 are Kosciusko County residents.

Council President Mike Long opened the public hearing for persons to speak against the abatement and waiver. Being none, he asked for persons in favor of the request. KEDCO Co-Director Greg Fitzloff again, spoke in favor of the abatement, after which Long closed the public hearing. Long read an abatement committee letter stating comparisons ranging from 2 years for each to 10 and 5 years. The committee recommended a 2 year for each of the requests with a tax impact of \$778,995.26.

MOTION: Joni Truex
SECOND: Kimberly Cates
AYES: 2 NAYES: 4

Kathy Groninger-Abstained
MOTION FAILED

TO: Approve the confirmatory resolution tax abatement and waiver for a period of 7 years for real estate and 5 years for personal property with a total tax impact of \$1,860,971.00.

MOTION: Dave Wolkins
SECOND: Sue Ann Mitchell
AYES: 3 NAYES: 3

Kathy Groninger-Abstained
MOTION FAILED

TO: Approve the confirmatory resolution tax abatement and waiver for a period of 2 years for real estate and 2 years for personal property as recommended by the abatement committee.

MOTION: Kimberly Cates
SECOND: Joni Truex
AYES: 5 NAYES: 1

Kathy Groninger-Abstained
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the confirmatory resolution tax abatement and waiver for a period of 5 years for real estate and 3 years for personal property.

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IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST HAVA ELECTION SECURITY GRANT-CLERK:

County Clerk Ann Torpy requested an additional appropriation for \$28,000.00. The funds are a reimbursable grant given by the Secretary of State’s office from the Help America Vote Act or (HAVA). It will be used to pay for election videos which include, how to register to vote, and how to vote by mail. Warsaw High School students will help as actors, videos will hopefully be out by the general election in November. Torpy added that she had asked to be included in the audit after the election to ease the voters’ minds in our county.

MOTION: Joni Truex
SECOND: Tony Ciriello
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the request for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$28,000.00 8211-32057-000-0000 Video Production as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST-PROBATION:

Superior Court I Judge Karin McGrath and Tammy Johnston requested an additional appropriation for the juvenile probation officers who are the coordinators for the JDAI grant.

The request was for Juvenile Probation User Fees.

2050-11121-000-0000 Probation Officer #2 \$12,500.00

2050-11196-000-0000 Probation Officer #9 \$12,500.00

The request is to continue to fund the coordinators in 2024 as in 2023.

There was a question from the Council on the reason for this request. They were informed that an email was sent from the Auditor's office in February that stated since there was an additional appropriation done in 2023 these funds did not pull over automatically in the Budget Projection for 2024 this additional appropriation was needed to correct the fund balances.

MOTION: Kimberly Cates

SECOND: Kathy Groninger

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the request for Juvenile

Probation User Fees 2050-11121-000-0000

Probation Officer #2 \$12,500.00 and 2050-

11196-000-0000 Probation Officer #9

\$12,500.00 as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS-ARPA:

County Administrator Marsha McSherry requested the following additional appropriation for the approved ARPA recommendations for the funds from 2023 to be used in 2024.

- 8950-38027-000-0000ARP Launch Pad \$25,000.00

MOTION: Joni Truex

SECOND: Kimberly Cates

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the above ARPA additional

appropriation request as presented.

McSherry gave updates on the Justice Building renovations.

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT SHERIFF:

Chief Deputy Chris McKeand requested a salary ordinance amendment to change the title only for position Deputy to Deputy/SRO 1000-10083-000-0019. No change to the wages are being made.

MOTION: Joni Truex

SECOND: Kathy Groninger

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the requested salary ordinance

amendment to change the title only for

position Deputy to Deputy/SRO 1000-10083-

000-0019 as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF 2024 TARGETED VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT-SHERIFF:

Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy McKeand presented the 2024 Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Program Grant for approval. He stated that the grant is through the US Department of Homeland Security in the amount of up to \$345,000. It will help enhance the Kosciusko County Community Recovery Program. It will be used for services, bystander training and supplies.

MOTION: Joni Truex

SECOND: Kathy Groninger

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the 2024 Targeted Violence and

Terrorism Prevention Program Grant in the

amount of up to \$345,000.00 as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF REENTRY COURT GRANT-PROBATION:

Superior Court I Judge Karin McGrath and Tammy Johnston presented a request to apply for an Indiana Office of Court Services Reentry Court Grant in the amount of \$170,000.00 to start in 2025. It would be the startup of a Reentry Court through Superior Court 1. The purpose of the grant is to reduce recidivism, increase public safety and provide a cost effective alternative to incarceration in the jail. It would be an advance grant to fund personnel, supplies and services.

MOTION: Tony Ciriello

SECOND: Kathy Groninger

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the request to apply for a
Reentry Court Grant in the amount of
\$170,000.00 as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF PROBATION JUVENILE DIVERSION DONATION/GRANT:

Superior Court I Judge Karin McGrath along with Tammy Johnston presented a request for an approval to accept a charitable donation/grant from Zimmer/Biomet. The funds would be used to purchase Virtual Reality Career exploration software and equipment. The program is an incentive that is something fun and educational that only the best-behaved kids get to use. It would be fully funded through this charitable donation/grant.

MOTION: Kimberly Cates
SECOND: Kathy Groninger
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the request to accept a
charitable donation /grant as presented.

After the motion Councilmember Mitchell stated that the donation fund ordinances need to be addressed and that they should have guardrails and be more specific on the uses of the donation funds. It will be looked at further.

**IN THE MATTER OF KEDCO INCENTIVES POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
HANDBOOK DISCUSSION:**

KEDCO Co-Director Greg Fitzloff and KEDCO Co-Director Suzie Light were present to update the Council on questions concerning the Incentives Policies and Procedures Handbook that was posted to the KEDCO website in 2021. Fitzloff stated that the handbook will be taken off the website until further discussions can be had.

IN THE MATTER OF MEETING AGENDA WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

Council President Mike Long and Vice President Kathy Groninger opened the discussion about a meeting agenda workshop. It would be a pre-meeting to cover the agenda before the actual Council meetings each month. Department heads, the public, Commissioners and Council would be encouraged to attend, it is not mandatory. In summary, the thought was that it would be a great way for the Council to work better together and provide more transparency. The meetings would be at 8:30 am in the video conferencing room in the Justice building. Council comments were given.

MOTION: Kathy Groninger
SECOND: David Wolkins
AYES: 5 NAYES: 2
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the Council meeting agenda workshop. The workshop will be held 1 week before each Council meeting starting at 8:30 am for approximately one hour. The first meeting will be held on 4/4/2024. Zoom will be available as a listen-only mode. Meetings will be held through the end of the year and revisited in January 2025.

IN THE MATTER OF ENCUMBERING:

County Auditor Rhonda Helser presented the February encumbering report, stating a total of \$2,505,805.05 has been encumbered, which is the bulk of the reporting for payroll and claims.

MOTION: Joni Truex
SECOND: Tony Ciriello
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the February encumbering report in the amount of \$2,505,805.05 as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION HMEP 2024 GRANT-EMA:

County Auditor Rhonda Helser presented a correction for an additional appropriation 8168-36065-000-0000 Planning & Training that was previously approved. This is to correct the year to 2024.

MOTION: Kimberly Cates
SECOND: Joni Truex
AYES: 7 NAYES: 0
MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the correction of the year as presented.

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT- HEALTH FIRST INDIANA FUND HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

County Auditor Rhonda Helser presented a clarification concerning the 1161-11150-000-0000 Fund Coordinator position. This position will be a salaried/exempt position, it will not receive overtime/compensatory time. The position is a PAT IV-II that is effective immediately. This adjustment to the original amendment is retroactive to the February 8, 2024 Council meeting. It is understood that when funding for the Health First Indiana is terminated, this position will be removed from the salary ordinance

MOTION: Tony Ciriello

SECOND: Sue Ann Mitchell

AYES: 6 NAYES: 1

MOTION CARRIED

TO: Approve the adjustment to the original amendment retroactive to the February 8, 2024 Council meeting as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Kathy Groninger

- MACOG-INDOT approved a sidewalk project in North Webster, IN.

David Wolkins

- Solid Waste District will be doing a 3 month amnesty for recycling fees.

Joni Truex

- The Redevelopment Commission received a request of \$30,000 from the Old Road 30 TIF from Core Mechanical regarding renovations at the old Diamond Fleet building in Atwood.
- Bookkeeping corrections for the CR 1300 N project with regards to where expenses will be paid from have been discussed. Joni will forward information on the CR 1300 N project to the entire council.

Sue Ann Mitchell

- Abatement committee met to discuss Louis Dreyfus.
- Market & Financial Feasibility Study copies were provided to each council member.
- KCCRP (Kosciusko County Recovery Program) advisory committee meeting. Navigator position was discussed.
- Meeting with Stillwater Hospice on topics of where the funds that the county gives them are spent. Tony Ciriello advised that they will attend the April meeting to provide an update to the council.
- Health First Indiana advisory committee meeting.

Mike Long

- Area Plan 5 plats were approved.
- KEDCO discussed LSC property.

Being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.