

**Daviess County Council Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**February 12, 2020**

The Daviess County Council met Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. in the Daviess County Commissioners' Room of the Daviess County Courthouse.

**Roll Call.**

**Present:** Mike Sprinkle, Mike Myers, Tony Duncheon, Kent Norris, JoAnn McCracken, Dave Smith, Matt Meredith.

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING**

**Motion:** Approve with corrections stated, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Dave Smith, **Seconded by** Mike Myers. **Document**

Motion passed unanimously.

**EMS YEAR END-KEITH MILLER**

Keith Miller, Chief Operating Officer for Daviess Community Hospital, came before the Council regarding the EMS year end update. Mr. Miller reviewed financial reports and gave updates regarding the Daviess Community Hospital EMS since the EMS startup date of July 15, 2019.

**GRABER POST ABATEMENT**

Bryant Niehoff, Executive Director of Daviess County Economic Development Corp., came before Council regarding Graber Post Building Inc. requesting a tax abatement for the facility's new expansion. Mr. Niehoff introduced Chad Wilson with Graber Post Building, Inc. Mr. Wilson discussed details of the expansion at Graber Post Building, Inc. Graber Post is looking at 15 new full time positions to facilitate the new expansion. Grant Swartzentruber, Daviess County Attorney, stated the Declaratory Resolution will need to be signed today to move forward in the abatement process. Resolution 2020-1 Declaratory Resolution Designating A Portion of Daviess County As An Economic Revitalization Area this resolution deems Graber Post Buildings, Inc. an economic development related area.

**Motion:** Approve Declaratory Resolution for Garber Post Buildings, Inc. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mike Myers, **Seconded by** Tony Duncheon. **Document**

Motion passes with Matt Meredith abstaining

**BERRY GLOBAL ABATEMENT REQUEST**

Bryant Niehoff, Executive Director of Daviess County Economic Development Corp., came before the Council regarding the request for tax abatement for Berry Plastics/Berry Global and expansion. Mr. Niehoff introduced Zach Hocutt, Plant Manager with Berry Global, to explain the investments and expansion. Berry Global produces reusable, recyclable, and compostable products. The expansion will add 11 full time positions by August of this year and possibly more. There is a new product line up and coming in the new expansion. **Document**

**Motion:** Approve to proceed to the Declaratory Resolution for Berry Plastics/Berry Global, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tony Duncheon, **Seconded by** Matt Meredith.

Motion passed unanimously.

**SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR RECORDER PERPETUATION-JAMIE CHAPMAN**

Jamie Chapman, Daviess County Recorder, came before the Council requesting to add more monies to the 2020 salary ordinance. The purpose is to pay employees for digitizing and indexing. The digitized records are supplied through CSI and Doxpop. Line items are Perpetuation fund 1189-11001-0000 \$15,000.00 and Social Security 1189-12200-0000-\$1,147.50. **Document**

**Motion: , Action: Approve, Moved by Mike Sprinkle, Seconded by Mike Myers.**  
Motion passed unanimously.

**DEFENSIVE TACTIC TRAINING FOR OFFICERS-DAN MURRIE**

Dan Murrie, Daviess County Prosecutor, came before the Council to get approval for special training for law enforcement officers. Mr. Murrie sponsored a defensive tactic training to provide local law enforcement training. Mr. Murrie is asking approval from Council to pay for this training out of fund 2337. The defensive tactical training for law enforcement officers cost is \$1,760.00. Mr. Murrie is asking approval from Council to pay for this training and pay for this type of training going forward out of fund 2337. Mr. Murrie agreed to provide Council with a report annually on what fund 2337 money is going toward. **Motion: , Action: Approve, Moved by Dave Smith, Seconded by Tony Duncheon.**  
Motion passed unanimously.

**DES #1801941 INDOT MID-STATES CORRIDOR PROJECT**

Phil Cornelius, Daviess County Highway Department Supervisor and Bryant Niehoff, Executive Director of Daviess County Economic Development came before the Council and discussed the importance of the Mid-States Corridor Project. Mr. Cornelius and Mr. Niehoff both encouraged Council members and public to be involved with the meetings and discussions. The Mid-States Corridor Project is very important for Daviess County and this area of I-69. There are 3 public meetings coming up next week regarding the Mid-States Corridor Project starting at 5:30 PM Tues 2/18/2020, at Loogootee High School, Wednesday 2/19/2020 at Bedford Middle School, and Thursday 2/20/2020, Jasper High schools.

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**SHERIFF COMMISSARY REPORT**

Gary Allison, Daviess County Sheriff, came before the Council to go over the Commissary distributions for the past 6 months. Sheriff Allison presented the Council with the current Commissary report from July 2019 through December 2019. **Document**

**Motion: , Action: Approve, Moved by Matt Meredith, Seconded by Tony Duncheon.**  
Motion passed unanimously.

**ANNUAL JAIL REPORT**

Gary Allison, Daviess County Sheriff, presented the Council and discussed the 2019 annual jail report.

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**Motion: , Action: Approve, Moved by Mike Myers, Seconded by Matt Meredith.**  
Motion passed unanimously.

**PREGNANCY CARE CENTER-KATHY SULLENDER**

Kathy Sullender, Daviess County Health Nurse, came before the Council today to inform them of a request from the Pregnancy Care Center to the Board of Health. The Pregnancy Care Center provides a lot of services throughout the community. Ms. Sullender stated that the Pregnancy Care Center has grown significantly. The Pregnancy Care Center has just recently moved into a new facility and requested the Health Board to help with some of the costs. Items requested were exam tables, generator, and lab chairs. Ms. Sullender stated the Board of Health felt this would be a good use of the immunization fund.

**POWERHOUSE-KATHY SULLENDER**

Kathy Sullender, Daviess County Health Department Nurse, came before the Council regarding the Powerhouse requesting equipment. This equipment is for the kids to use at the Powerhouse. The supplies requested are indoor/outdoor pit, various equipment such as soccer balls, footballs, basketballs, baseballs, and nets.

**AED REPLACEMENTS IN SCHOOLS-KATHY SULLENDER**

Kathy Sullender, Daviess County Health Department Nurse, stated the area schools would like to replace 23 outdated AED's in the schools. The warranties are now expired on the current AED's. The Health Board would like to purchase AED's to replace the current ones. There is a trade-in value of \$400.00 each for a total trade-in of \$9,200.00. 23 AED's at \$1,182.72 each for a total cost after trade-in of \$18,003.00.

The new AED's will have full warranty. **Document**

**Motion:** For funding for all projects requested by Ms. Sullender, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mike Myers, **Seconded by** Tony Duncheon.

Motion passed unanimously

**BENNINGTON LEVEE**

Council member Mike Sprinkle gave an update on the Bennington Levee status from September/October. The county's status has remained the same and is favorable. The county is eligible for federal funding if it is available.

**DAVISS-MARTIN JOINT COUNY PARKS AND RECREATION**

Debbie Crays, with West Boggs Park, and Phil Cornelius, West Boggs Park Board member, discussed the Daviess Martin Joint County Parks & Recreation Department Resolution 2020-1 Resolution Establishing Lake Enhancement Fund For Daviess Martin Joint County Parks & Recreation Department. The resolution is to establish a separate fund for use on improving water quality. The resolution is an effort to be proactive in the algae and water quality at the West Boggs Lake. **Document**

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

**COUNTY GENERAL**

COMMISSIONERS \$2,305,280.00

**Motion:** , **Action:** Additional Appropriation Request, as mentioned above, was approved as presented., **Moved by** Mike Sprinkle,

**Seconded by** Matt Meredith.

Motion passed unanimously.

CIRCUIT COURT \$12,255.00

**Motion:** , **Action:** Additional Appropriation Request, as mentioned above, was approved as presented., **Moved by** Dave Smith,

**Seconded by** Mike Myers.

Motion passed unanimously.

**TOTAL      \$2,317,535.00**

**HEALTH**

REIMBURSE FOR VACCINES \$156,997.15  
TOTAL \$156,997.15

**Motion:** , **Action:** Additional Appropriation Request, as mentioned above, was approved as presented., **Moved by** JoAnn McCracken, **Seconded by** Tony Duncheon.

**GRAND TOTAL \$2,474,532.15**

**TRANSFERS**

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**FROM:** REIMBURSEMENT FOR VACCINES **TO:** GROUP INSURANCE \$12,000.00

**Motion:** , **Action:** Transfer of Funds Request, as mentioned above, was approved as presented., **Moved by** Mike Sprinkle, **Seconded by** Mike Myers.  
Motion passed unanimously

**DRUG FREE COMMUNITY**

**FROM:** PREVENTION AND EDUCATION **TO:** OTHER SUPPLIES \$1,000.00

**Motion:** , **Action:** Transfer of Funds Request, as mentioned above, was approved as presented., **Moved by** Tony Duncheon, **Seconded by** Mike Myers.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Adjourn Meeting, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mike Sprinkle, **Seconded by** Mike Myers.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**INFORMATION**

**DAVISS-MARTIN JOINT COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING LAKE ENHANCEMENT FUND FOR DAVIESS MARTIN JOINT  
COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND INDIAN HISTORICAL BUREAU NOTIFICATION OF  
DONALD COSBY REAPPOINTMENT**

Kent Norris  
Kent Norris, President

Mike Myers  
Mike Myers, Vice President

Mike Sprinkle  
Mike Sprinkle

Matt Meredith  
Matt Meredith

Dave Smith  
Dave Smith

JdAnn McCracken  
JdAnn McCracken

Tony Durcheon  
Tony Durcheon

ATTEST: Patricia K. Ball  
Patricia K. Ball, Auditor of Daviess County