

**Daviess County Commissioners
Daviess County Council
Joint Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2021
@ 1:00 PM in the Daviess County Commissioners Room
Daviess County Government Center
Washington, Indiana**

Daviess County Commissioner President Michael Taylor called the Commissioners meeting to order. Commissioners present: Michael Taylor, Nathan Gabhart and Ron Arnold.

Daviess County Council President Tony Duncheon called the Council meeting to order. Council members present: Tony Duncheon, Matt Meredith, Tom Schaffer, Darin Holder.

BAKERTILLY PRESENTATION

Jason Semler, BakerTilly and Caitlin Cheek, BakerTilly were introduced as the primary purpose of today's meeting to review information for the Comprehensive Financial Plan that BakerTilly is preparing for Daviess County. Draft documents were presented for today's discussion. Jason Semler noted this is a draft and today's information will be helpful in directing the final document. Mr. Semler noted the importance of this type of report in long range financial planning. Caitlin gave some historic data, and some definitions of terminology was defined such as maximum levy and circuit breaker caps were reviewed. Information on their projected numbers and assumptions was shared noting that the figures used were conservative. These numbers will also be reviewed by the Auditor's office to investigate details of the projections.

Net operating receipts show a balanced budget, and the cash reserve is good. The discussion of how much reserve is needed. Jason Semler stated there is no exact answer but noted that operating expenses for at least 6 months is recommended. This topic was discussed in detail of why you want to keep operating funds to avoid having to borrow money to keep services operating for the County. Daviess County does not have a formal cash reserve policy. Jason Semler stated that in the bond rating process, if a county has minimum thresholds established, it adds to your bond rating.

Cumulative Capital Development balances were reviewed, noting that this is not budgeted and is presently not at the maximum levy rate. This is the fund that can be used for capital projects. Capital Projects were reviewed with the intent to incorporate those possibilities with the financial planning plan. The Courthouse Renovation was high on the list. Discussions of using cash on hand versus borrowing and how that might look. Commissioner Nathan Gabhart asked BakerTilly to give some feedback to Daviess County on options that they need to consider regarding borrowing money for the Courthouse Renovation. A budget has not been determined as initial plans are not finalized yet. All agreed that this is a priority. BakerTilly will run some projections based on current rates.

Montgomery Bridge was also discussed as it a known project for the near future. County bridges, require long- term financial planning to make sure the capital is there when you need it.

Other items discussed regarding Capital Projects included the Airport Runway extension, Highway Dept. Salt Building, and several road projects.

TIF FUNDS and debt services regarding bonds were discussed. Noted was the shortfall in the TIF revenues specifically the GPC bond. The County does not pay the shortfall on the GPC bond per bond language.

CENTRAL DISPATCH

City Council approved the interlocal agreement with the County in establishing a Central Dispatch. The Commissioners have approved and signed the document and today it is before the Council for approval.

A motion to approve was made by Matt Meredith and seconded by Tom Schafer to sign the interlocal agreement as presented. Motion passed.

COUNTY PARKING LOT UPDATE

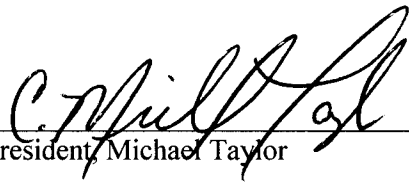
President Michael Taylor updated the members regarding the parking lot under construction, noting a few changes from the original design. Reinforcement wire was not in the original design and was not put in the sidewalks but was changed and the lot does have reinforcement wiring increasing the cost \$17,000. Also, power was added to the parking lot to allow multiple uses for the community, adding additional cost. Reminder that the parking lot size has doubled from the original plans. Mr. Taylor discussed the appropriation that Council has previously approved and how to manage the bills that are coming in concerning the parking lot. There is money appropriated in the amount of \$800,000 that can be used to complete the parking lot that was originally asked for windows and stone- work on the Courthouse. Until the plans are finalized to move that project forward, this line item is available if Council agrees to use it. Mr. Taylor wanted to have complete transparency regarding the status of these line items and the use of the appropriation.

GENERAL BUDGET OVERVIEW

President Tony Duncheon stated the Council is currently reviewing the proposed budgets and will be looking closely at adopting conservative numbers.

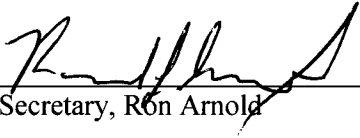
ADJOURN

All members thanked BakerTilly for attending today and how helpful the information is to them as they make decisions for the County. With no other business to discuss today, a motion to adjourn Council meeting was made by Matt Meredith, seconded by Darin Holder. A motion to adjourn the Commissioners meeting was made by Nathan Gabhart, seconded by Ron Arnold. Motions passed.

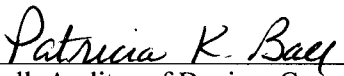


President, Michael Taylor

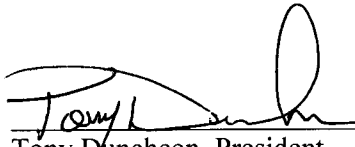
Vice President, Nathan Gabhart

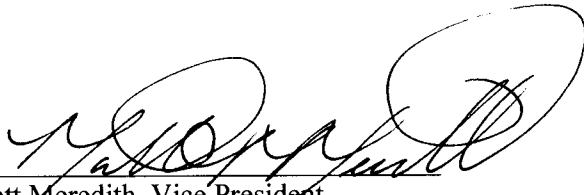


Secretary, Ron Arnold

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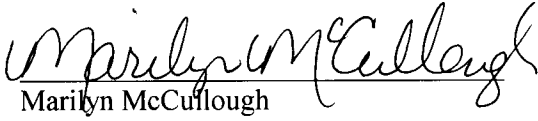
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Tony Duncheon, President

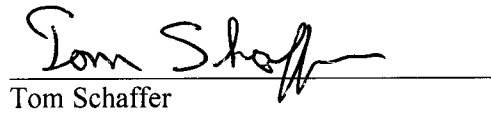

Matt Meredith, Vice President

Absent
Mike Sprinkle

Absent
Mike Myers


Marilyn McCullough


Darin Holder


Tom Schaffer

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