

**UNION COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 19, 2016**

PRESENT: Russel Rude, James Hensley Jr., Dannie Witter, Jack Heeter, Burke Thomas, Richard Blank, Pam Tharp, Matt Snyder, Dale Dishmond, Jim Crouch, Alan Alcorn, David Woeste, and Gene Sanford.

President Russel Rude opened the meeting by leading the group with the pledge to the flag. Thomas moved to approve the minutes of the March 17 meeting with two corrections; one being the attendance of Thomas and the second being that the Health Department Loan would be repaid after the June tax distribution. Hensley seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

HOOSER START: Todd Williams and Kim Rumble of the Hoosier Start Deferred Compensation Plan were present to discuss their program which is available for county employees. This is a 457 retirement fund which the state has sponsored since 1981. There are no county funds involved as only the employees participate. The plan allows a retirement counselor to meet with employees to help them towards funding their retirement. 60 of the 92 Indiana counties participate in this program. This is something the Commissioners may want to consider.

HEALTH FUND: Diane Timberman, Ron Parker, and Trisha Witham from the Health Department were present to discuss a funding issue. Since the Opiate Treatment Center has begun, the Nurse Practitioner for that program has been paid from a grant fund in the Health Department. Upon further investigation it was determined that her salary was not an allowable expense from that grant and it would have to be repaid. Also there was enough in another grant fund to pay her for 2 more pay periods only. It was also stated that once credentialing is completed, her time could be paid through insurance reimbursement. After lengthy discussion, it was decided to have a special meeting on June 2nd to consider an additional appropriation for this salary. After the meeting, it was determined that the grant could fund the salary through June 3rd and additional funding could be considered at the regular meeting on June 16.

EASTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION: After some discussion, Burke Thomas was appointed as the Union County Council representative to this Board.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS: For the Public Safety LOIT, Blank moved to appropriate \$7,700 in Jail supplies and \$201,500 in Jail Services and Charges. Thomas seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

For the Highway Department, Hensley moved to appropriate \$19,000 for a Truck Driver and \$1,500 for OASI. Heeter seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

TRANSFERS: None

MISC: Council was informed of the County Council State meeting to be held on June 18th at the Grand Casino near Shelbyville. Several members indicated an interest in attending.

There being no further business, Blank moved to adjourn. Rude seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

Attest _____, Auditor