

**UNION COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES  
APRIL 21, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Russel Rude, Tim Williams, James Hensley Jr., Dannie Witter, Jack Heeter, Richard Blank, Pam Tharp, Matt Snyder, Dale Dishmond, Shaun Tudor, Jim Crouch, Alan Alcorn, David Woeste, Paul Wiwi, Jeff Bowers, and Gene Sanford.

President Russel Rude opened the meeting by leading the group with the pledge to the flag. Heeter moved to approve the minutes of the March 17 meeting. Hensley seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

**HEALTH FUND:** Diane Timberman, Susan Bantz, and Trish Witham were present to discuss the Health Fund being negative. This was due to using the cash balance to try and keep the Clinic going which has now closed. Timberman reported that she had met with the Auditor and they had made approximately \$154,454 in cuts to the budget but the loss of \$20,000 per month in anticipated clinic revenue has made the budget unattainable even with these cuts. They recommended borrowing \$35,000 from the Courthouse Special CAGIT Fund which would fund them until the June tax draw. The fund could be reevaluated at that time but it is currently projected that there would be a \$20,000 to \$30,000 shortage to finish the year. One option could be funding the shortage from the Riverboat Gambling Fund or Rainy Day Fund. After lengthy discussion, Thomas moved to borrow \$35,000 from the Courthouse Special CAGIT Fund for the County Health Fund. This would have to be repaid by the end of the year. Blank seconded the motion and it carried 5-2 with Williams and Heeter opposed.

**COUNTY GENERAL:** It was determined that there would not be enough cash balance to carry the County General Fund until the June tax distribution. After some discussion, Blank moved to borrow \$250,000 from the Courthouse Special CAGIT Fund to maintain a cash balance until the June tax distribution with the understanding that the loan had to be repaid by the end of the year. Witter seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

**HIGHWAY DEPT:** Funding for the Department was reviewed and projected revenue from Senate Bill 67 and House Bill 1001 was discussed. Projected use of the approximately \$319,000 was discussed at length as well as the stipulations attached to the Senate Bill to leverage matching funds from the INDOT County Trust Fund. The Commissioners discussed hiring another person at the Highway Department with Council giving a positive review of the proposal. Additional appropriations for this will be advertised for consideration at the May Council meeting.

**AIC REPORT:** Blank reported on attending the DLGF presentation on Budgets before the recent AIC meeting in Shelbyville. He stated that the major changes involved getting revenue projections to the counties earlier in the budget process with final budget approval remaining at the November 1 deadline.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:** Due to a missed publication date in February, the following two appropriations were re-submitted for Council action. Blank moved to appropriate \$5,000 in County General for the Sheriff to purchase used vehicles and the following for the EDIT Fund: UC Development Corp. \$28,000, UC Transit \$10,000, Ambulance Service \$210,000, WUR Coordinator \$6,000, Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission \$3,500, Sheriff vehicle \$30,000. Williams seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

For the Firearms Training Fund, Hensley moved to appropriate \$5,000. Blank seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

For the Misdemeanor Fund, Witter moved to appropriate \$1,000. Hensley seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

**TRANSFERS:** None

**MISC:** None

There being no further business, Hensley moved to adjourn. Blank seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

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Attest \_\_\_\_\_, Auditor \_\_\_\_\_