# Floyd County Council Public Hearing August 13, 2024 5:30 P.M.

### Pineview Government Center Commissioners Meeting Room #104

#### <u>Public Hearing - Modifying Local Income Tax Rates</u>

Danny Short called the meeting to order and led the *Pledge of Allegiance*Roll Call – Full Quorum – Denise Konkle-Virtual

Also Present- Attorney, Steve Langdon; Auditor, Diana Topping and Sheriff, Steve Bush

#### 1. Introduction Ordinance 2024-08

**Ordinance Modifying Local Income Tax Rates** 

Motion to discuss. Moved by Dale Bagshaw. Seconded by Connie Moon. Motion passed unanimously.

Connie Moon stated the Public Safety LIT would be shared with the City of New Albany and other municipalities.

Danny Short stated the EMS LIT is only for the County.

Dale Bagshaw said if the County is going to provide EMS services they have to find a way to fund it.

Connie Moon said they do not want to collect the money from all constituents from the County and City, then keep their portion of the money.

Danny Short went over the impact numbers provided by Baker Tilly. A LIT rate at .2% on someone making \$50,000.00 a year is \$100.00 annually or \$8.33 a month, \$75,000.00 a year is \$150,000.00 annually/\$12.50 a month and \$100,000.00 a year is \$200.00 annually/\$16.67 month. Generating approximately \$5.8 million a year.

Jim Freiberger asked who will control this money so it isn't spent on other things. He doesn't want it to become a slush fund.

The money generated would go into a non-reverting fund specific for EMS.

#### **Public**

Dale Mann, Georgetown, is against any tax increases. He is bothered that a gentleman that always came forward and said-for \$39.00 we could have the best EMS available. The amounts discussed tonight is \$100.00 - \$200.00 a year. That is a lot to a lot of people. He asked when it is going to stop.

Mark Ginn, New Albany Township, said he is not opposed to the tax increases discussed. He would like to know what their vision is for EMS and the plan to start getting there. He has attended some of the EMS meetings and all he sees is turf wars and egos.

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Correctional or	0.2000%	0.2000%
Rehabilitation Facilities <sup>3</sup> (IC 6-3.6-6-2.7)		
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c. Public Safety and Emergency Medical LIT

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The local income tax rates proposed above will become effective on the 1st day of October, 2024.

After the public hearing, the County Council may take action on the proposed ordinance. There is no remonstrance opportunity on any action taken on the proposed ordinance. The public hearing identified above is the taxpayer's opportunity to express concerns and ask questions regarding the proposed ordinance.

Motion to adjourn. Moved by Tony To	oran. Seconded by Connie Moon.	Motion passed unanimously.
Signed theday of, 202	24	
FLOYD COUNTY COUNCIL		
Danny Short, President	_	

ATTEST, Diana M. Topping, Auditor

Connie Moon, Vice President

Dale Bagshaw, member

Jim Freiberger, member

Denise Konkle, member

Brad Striegel, member

Tony Toran, member