

# Hancock County Council Meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 12, 2016

8:30 AM

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COURTROOM  
111 American Legion Place  
Greenfield, Indiana 46140

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Council President Bill Blander
	The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana, met in the Commissioner Court in the Courthouse Annex, Greenfield, Indiana, on the 12 <sup>th</sup> day of October 2016 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in accordance with the rules of the Council.
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Randy Sorrell, Debbie Bledsoe, Tom Roney, Jim Shelby, John Jessup, Bill Bolander. Kent Fisk was not present.
	Also attending, County Attorney, Ray Richardson, Deputy Auditor Ginny Martin and Auditor Robin Lowder

President, Bill Bolander, opened the Council meeting with Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

***In The Matter of the Adoption of the County 2017 Budget***

Councilman Shelby made a motion to adopt the 2017 Hancock County Budget; motion was seconded by Councilman Sorrell. Vote 6-0 motion passed 2017 County Budget is adopted.

***In The Matter of the Adoption of the County SWMD 2017 Budget***

Councilman Shelby made a motion to adopt the 2017 Hancock County SWMD Budget; motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 6-0 motion passed 2017 County Solid Waste Management District Budget is adopted.

***In The Matter of the Abatement of John Morrell & Company***

Skip Kuker, Executive Director of the Economic Development and Mary Bowmer, Settlement Deputy presented the CF-1 for John Morrell Company. They are in compliance. Councilman Roney made a motion to approve the abatement; motion was seconded by Councilman Sorrell. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Councilman Sorrell had to leave.

***In The Matter of a Public Hearing for the following:***

- Rainy Day fund 1186--\$500,000 for the Health Claims Shortfall
- Supplemental Public Defender fund 1200—\$150,000 for Pauper Counsel Expenses.
- Food & Beverage fund 7201---\$200.000 for shortfalls to year end.
- CASA fund 1213 --\$9,216 additional funds were received from the State

Councilman Bolander opened the public hearing.

No public comment.

Public hearing closed.

Councilwoman Bledsoe made a motion to approve all the above additional appropriations. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 5-0 motion passed.

***In The Matter of the Budget Committee***

Councilman Shelby reported the following items discussed at the last budget meeting.

- City/County Cooperation for snow removal for the county. Commissioners will make a recommendation of \$28,000 to cover cost of gator purchase for City.
- 2017-2018 Animal Control project with the city for building a new facility at a 50/50 County/City for total of \$300,000.
- Medical Health Claims fund must have a minimum target balance of \$1,000,000.
- Pennsy Trail
- Councilman Shelby spoke with Mike Crider regarding the Township issues of funding. With a possible special levy of \$25,000
- Conference room project

Councilman Sorrell returned to meeting.

Auditor Robin Lowder explained the Health Claims Fund and how the process works to Council.

***In The Matter of Highway***

Gary Pool appeared before County to report on the roads currently and future projects.

Gary Pool will be applying for (4) grants.

1. 300 South/Gem Road partner with New Palestine and is a SHIP Grant. Due by end of November, need letter signed by Council today.
  - 90% Federal with 5% County and 5% New Palestine.
  - \$100,000 construction
  - \$15,000 inspection
  - \$2,500 utilities
  - \$5,000 r/w purchase/services
  - \$16,750 preliminary engineering\$139,250 County commitment

Purpose of Grant is to install a round-about at this location. Councilman Roney made a motion to support the projects for the Highway. Councilwoman Bledsoe seconded. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

2. Broken Arrow 600 W, South to Bridge 145---New Palestine. In 2021 a county commitment of \$440,000. In 2020 a county commitment of \$1,000,000. The feds will not pay for the R/W or preliminary construction. Total cost of project for county \$1,059,000. Councilman Roney made a motion to support the projects for the Highway. Councilwoman Bledsoe seconded. Vote 6-0 motion passed.
3. Bridge 62--- over Sugar Creek county commitment of \$1,000,000. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve this project. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 6-0 motion passed.
4. TAP 90%/10% Grant for Pennsy Trail. Friends of Pennsy Trail will cover local match. County commitment 10% match \$230,000. Council has already committed \$45,000 for R/W. And Friends of the Pennsy Trial have raised approx. \$45,000. Council wants to hear from Mary Ann regarding the commitment before Council approves.

Council approved for Auditor to advertise the \$42,000 from Hancock County Community Foundation for Pennsy Trail.

Commissioner Stevens addressed Council regarding the 20 year plan and how each of these projects differs.

***In the Matter of Sheriff)***

Brad Burkhart, Sheriff Department appeared before Council to request funding for a new body scanner for the jail. Total cost is \$118,000, the Commissary fund is paying the first \$20,000 for the deposit but \$98,000 is the request for funding from the Council. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve this project. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Project to be funded in the amount of \$98,000 to come from Fund 7201, Food & Beverage. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

***In the Matter of the Minutes)***

Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve the July 20, 2016 minutes and September 14, 2016 minutes from Council meetings. Councilwoman Bledsoe seconded the motion. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

***In the Matter of Budget Transfers)***

Commissioners requested \$597.62 budget transfer from 1001.22403.000.00068 Weed Chemicals to 1001.11408.000.00068 Weed Specialist to finish out 2016. Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve the transfer; motion was seconded by Councilman Sorrell. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Clerk requested \$5,000 budget transfer from 1110.32100.000.0010 Election Board postage to 1110.21100.000.0010 Office supplies to finish out 2016. Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve the transfer; motion was seconded by Councilman Sorrell. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

***In the Matter of Replacement Employee)***

Robin Lowder, Auditor appeared before Council to request replacement of an employee. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve, motion seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

***In the Matter of the Copy Ordinance)***

Councilman Shelby made a motion to amend Section B. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 4-2 Ordinance 2016-9A amended.

Excerpt of the September minutes:

Councilman Fisk introduced Ordinance 2016-9a regarding copy fee changes except Clerk charging \$1.00 per copy. Councilman Sorrell moved to suspend the rules to adopt on the same day of introduction. Vote 4-2 motion did not pass vote was not unanimous. The changes were made by Ray Richardson, County Attorney.

Marcia Moore, appeared before Council on another matter, however she interjected and told Council they could not make the changes on the copy fees regarding her office. Marcia will bring the revenue amount to the next meeting that the copies money makes to her office.

This Ordinance is without changing the Clerk copy amount tabled until October Council meeting.

Ordinance No. 2016-~~9A~~  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FEES FOR COPYING

Be it Ordained by the Board of Commissioners of Hancock County, Indiana, That

Section I

Section 34.23 of Chapter 34 of Title II of the Hancock County Code is amended as follows:

**§ 34.23 PHOTOCOPIY FEES.**

Pursuant to I.C. 5-14-3-8, the County Council hereby sets the fees to photocopy documents as follows:

(A) Per sheet when made on photocopy machines at the office of the County Surveyor:

**Hancock County - Administration**

Size	County Records	Personal Documents
8.5 x 11 or 14	\$ .07	\$ .25
11 x 17	\$ .10	\$ .35
12 x 18	\$ .20	\$ .75
18 x 24	\$ .23	\$ 1.50
24 x 36 or 35 x 50	\$ .31	\$ 3

(B) Per sheet when made on photocopy machines at the office of the County Assessor:

(1) For property record cards from the laser printer, a charge of \$.18 per page; and

(2) For property record cards from the standard photocopy machine, a charge of \$.03 per page.

(C) For each duplicate of a C form tax statement issued by the County Treasurer, a charge of \$.25.

(D) Per sheet for standard sizes on all other county photocopy machines, a charge of ~~\$.26~~ **\$ .10, except that the County Clerk copy fee is \$1.00, pursuant to IC 33-37-5-1.**

(E) Pursuant to I.C. 36-1-3, for all other standard county photocopy machines, a charge of ~~\$.40~~ per sheet for copying personal documents or when assistance is required to copy county documents. The identification of the location of county documents does not constitute assistance under this section, as that is a service rendered under divisions (A), (B), and (C) above for the charge set out therein.

Meeting Adjourned	
<b>APPROVED THIS DATE:</b>	January 11, 2017
<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>
<b>ATTEST: HANCOCK COUNTY AUDITOR</b>	