

Hancock County Council

FEBRUARY 11, 2015 8:30 AM

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM

111 American Legion Place
Greenfield, Indiana 46140

MEETING CALLED BY	Council President Bill Bolander
	The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana, met in the Commissioner Court in the Courthouse Annex, Greenfield, Indiana, on the 11 th day of February 2015 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in accordance with the rules of the Council.
ATTENDEES	Bill Bolander, Randy Sorrell Kent Fisk and Debbie Bledsoe, Tom Roney, Jim Shelby, John Jessup.
	Also attending, County Attorney, Ray Richardson, Deputy Auditor Ginny Martin and Auditor Robin Lowder

Minutes

Meeting was opened with the “Pledge of Allegiance” and moment of silence.

In the Matter of Council Business)

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve January 2015 minutes as written; motion was seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilman Roney introduced amendment to Salary Ordinance 2014 – 10D. , Councilman Jessup made a motion to adopt on the same day as introduction. Motion was seconded by Councilman Sorrell. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

Councilman Jessup made a motion to adopt the amendment to the salary ordinance 2014 – 10 D. The motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed amendment adopted.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the 2015 budget reductions based on the 1782. Budget order for the DLGF. Items reduced as follows:

- General Obligation Bond of 2007 in the amount of \$249
- Local Road and Street in the amount of \$74,744
- Health Department. In the amount of \$5,300

Motion was seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Prosecutor)

Brent Eaton, Prosecutor appeared before Council to request a budget transfers within his budget to match the amendment to the salary ordinance that was approved in December 2014.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the Prosecutor budget transfers; motion was seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

Prosecutor discussed with Council that by moving the funds within his budgets. It left accounts \$0, but still appropriated. Prosecutors requesting to advertise the de-appropriating of those accounts. Council approved to advertise.

Prosecutor requested to allow Auditor to advertise for the additional appropriation for the RICO Forfeiture fund 4020 and also for the murder trial expenses within Food and Beverage fund 7201. Council approved Auditor to advertise.

Prosecutor also requested from the Council to allow the Auditor to advertise for the Title IV-D Incentive – General as per agreement with Clerk, Marcia Moore to expend 10% of the beginning cash balance as of January 1, 2015. This amount is \$13,400 for Prosecutor and \$13,400 for the Clerk’s Office to be used for child support enforcement. Council approved Auditor to advertise additional appropriations.

9:00 AM. Councilman Jessup left meeting.

In the Matter of Budget Committee)

Councilman Shelby reported from the Budget Committee meeting.

- There was a request made by John Jokantas, Director of the E 911 for a new command vehicle to be used by E 911, Emergency Management, and, Sheriff’s Department. In the amount of approximately \$500,000-\$600,000.
- Council advised that more planning needs to be done for this project.
- Minimum year and balances were discussed.
- Agreement between the Clerk and Prosecutor to spend the Title IV-D Incentive General. Each office receiving 10% of the January 1 cash balance.

Council approved for Auditor to advertise to reduce the Solid Waste Management District budget with in Food and Beverage. The funding will come from CAGIT for 2015.

In the Matter of Planning & Building)

Mike Dale, Plan Commission appeared before Council to present his 2014 Annual Report.

In the Matter of Additional Appropriations)

9:15 AM

President Bolander, opened public hearing for the following additional appropriations:

Fund 2100 Adult Probation in the amount of \$23,981.

Fund 1176 Signing Federal Grant for Highway in the amount of \$71,100.

Fund 1112 CEDIT in the amount of \$200,000 for Highway.

Fund 1135 Cumulative Bridge in the amount of \$196,750.

Fund 8936 IDVA, grant in the amount of \$250.

Fund 8891 Problem Solving Grant in the amount of \$4,000.

No public comments.

Public Hearing closed.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the additional for the (3) funds associated with the Highway. Federal Grant-Signing Fund 1176, CEDIT Fund 1112 and Cumulative Bridge Fund 1135. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Councilman Sorrell made a motion to approve the additional for the IDVA Comp Grant Fund 8936; motion was seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Councilman Fisk made a motion to approve the additional for the Community Corrections Problem Solving Grant Fund 8891; motion was seconded by Councilman Sorrell. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Community Corrections-FTA Employees)

Pat Powers appeared before Council to discuss the FTA Employees Affordable Care Act and request to amend the Salary Ordinance. Pat is creating (4) positions to move these employees to an FTA budget line item to allow them to work 30-35 hours only for the advantage of Health Insurance. These people currently only part-time. No additional appropriation is needed, the money will be budget transferred from one budget line into the FTA budget line. Auditor will prepare Amendment to Salary Ordinance.

In the Matter of Surveyor)

Susan Bodkin, Surveyor appeared before Council to request to advertise for a Hazard Mitigation Grant-FEMA. Council approved Auditor to advertise. Also, an additional appropriation for the Cornerstone Perpetuation Fund in the amount of \$4,500 for Data Collector and Software. Council approved Auditor to advertise.

Surveyor presented her 2014 Annual Report.

In the Matter of Notice of Revision of Tax Abatement)

Ron Pritzke, Attorney and Skip Kuker Economic Development appeared before Council to continue discussion on the Tippman Project. There have been amendments to the abatement.

Paperwork was presented to Council with the changes. John Morrell is going to be the owner of the building instead of Tippman. Mr. Pritzke filed a Notice of Revision of Tax Abatement. Scott Saunders, CFO of John Morrell Food Group gave presentation. They will be building the John Morrell Food Group which is part of the Smithfield Food Group. The company began in 1936 with now 50,000 employees worldwide. The company is based in Cincinnati, Ohio. The scope of the building or its use has not changed from Tippman original plan.

Councilman Fisk introduced Resolution No. 2015-2-7 and motion to approve the Revision of the Tax Abatement for John Morrell Food Group on the day of adoption. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Duke Energy Grant)

Skip Kuker, Economic Development Director appeared before Council to request that the Duke Energy Grant be appropriated in the amount of \$15,000. Council approved Auditor to advertise. With the understanding a contract has been signed between the Commissioners and Economic Development regarding this grant.

In the Matter of Underage Drinking Grant)

Tim Retherford, Director of NASA appeared before Council to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$23,750 for a JAG Underage Drinking Taskforce. Council approved Auditor to advertise.

In the Matter of Health Department)

Dr. Aspy, County Health Department appeared before Council to request raises for the employees. Raises have been approved by the Health Board of Directors and Commissioners. Councilman Shelby advised that raises need to be put in the next budget cycle for 2016. No action taken for Health Department request for salary raise at this point.

Councilman Shelby voiced the complaints that he has received regarding the Health Department.

In the Matter of Sheriff Department)

Brad Burkhart, Sheriff Department appeared before Council to request additional appropriation for the Sheriff K-9 Dog Fund in the amount of \$10,000. Council approved Auditor to advertise.

In the Matter of Solid Waste Management District)

Roy Ballard appeared before Council to request an additional appropriation in the Solid Waste Event Fund in the amount of \$5,500. Council approved Auditor to advertise.

In the Matter of Road Maintenance)

Councilman Shelby reported that he and Gary Pool, Highway Engineer testified at the “Ways and Means’ Committee at the State, regarding roads and additional funds needed. Requesting legislators to vote for the Food & Beverage 1% increase to help with funding.

Points of future discussions:

- Highway Road Maintenance 1.5 million earmarked for 2015
- Highway needs 2 million
- Council is considering funding \$500,000 to make up the difference.
- Possible funding sources would be Food & Beverage or CEDIT
- No. 1 priority is to spend as much as we can to fund road maintenance

Councilman Fisk made a motion to supplement the additional funding in the amount of \$500,000 from Food & Beverage. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Council approved Auditor to advertise for additional appropriation.

Councilman Fisk made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Councilman Sorrell Vote 6-0 motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED THIS DATE:	April 8, 2015
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ATTEST: HANCOCK COUNTY AUDITOR