Hancock County Council Meeting

February 13, 2013

The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana, met in the Commissioner Court in the Hancock County Courthouse Annex, Greenfield, Indiana, on the 13th day of February 2013 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in accordance with the rules of the Council.

Council members present were:
Bill Bolander
Jim Shelby
John Jessup
Tom Roney
Debbie Bledsoe
Kent Fisk
Marc Huber.

Also, present were Auditor, Robin D. Lowder, Deputy Ginny Martin, Ray Richardson, County Attorney.

President Bill Bolander called the meeting to order.

Public Hearing opened for the following appropriations:

- CEDIT County Portion=$2,000
- Metro Drug Grant=$7,376.70
- Community Corrections Project Income=$40,000
- JAG Grant=$16,626
- Drug Court JAG Grant=$7,300
- E911 Recorder/Logger Grant=$20,421.50
- Rainy Day =$345,000
- 2015 Reassessment=$20,000

Public Hearing closed.

Councilman Shelby proposed to reduce the Sheriff overtime in General Fund and allow Sheriff to use remaining grant funds for overtime. Sheriff advised that the money is needed to help with Tom Harrison and getting the Evidence Room ready.

Councilman Roney made a motion to approve all the additional appropriations with the exception of the Metro Drug Grant additional. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilman Huber made a motion to allow the Sheriff to use the remaining Metro Drug Grant monies in the amount of $7,376.70 approving the appropriation for part-time. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Jail Locking System)

Brad Burkhart and Sheriff Shepherd appeared before Council regarding the Jail Locking System in the amount of $345,000. They presented the status of the locking system. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the additional appropriation seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Reassessment)

Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for Reassessment, seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of CEDIT-County Share)

Councilman Fisk made a motion to approve the $2,000 additional in CEDIT fund for payment to Economic Development, seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Community Corrections)

Pat Powers-Director Community Corrections appeared before Council regarding the additional appropriations. Council had already approved the request early in the meeting.

In the Matter of Surveyor)

Susan Bodkin-Surveyor appeared before Council to present her 2012 Annual Report. Also, requested was to advertise an additional appropriation from Cornerstone Perpetuation to pay for a tool box for the Surveyor's truck in the amount of $10,000. Council approved Auditor to advertise additional appropriation for next meeting.

In the Matter of Prosecutor's Office)

Shelli Poppino and Cortney Norris from the Prosecutor's Office appeared before Council requesting to replace the vacant Child Support position, that was previously filled by the now Office Manager . Ms. Poppino requested to move the current Child Support Receptionist into the position and hire a new Child Support Receptionist within the current resumes.
Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve request, the motion seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Conflict of Interest)

Councilman Fisk explained any conflict of interest he may have serving on the County Council with his family business. A Conflict of Interest notice is filed with Clerk's Office.

Budget Committee Report-Councilman Shelby)

- Councilman Shelby reported the budget process time table for 2014 will be moved forward by a month this year. This allows for (1) budget, both approved and advertised the same amount.

- Vending Fund-Pat Powers and Rosalie Richardson will be attending the March budget meeting answer questions regarding the balance in the vending fund.

- Capital Improvement Plan- Commissioners and Greg Guerrattaz are still working on plan.

- Counties need for Capital expenditures—ADA will need $138,000 over next (5) years to begin activities for the County to be in federal compliance.

- Vote Centers activity will begin with the Clerk . And will be recommended for the 2014 elections.

- CCD fund current process. Councilman Shelby proposal is to use our bonding ability for capital expense and allow the fund to build-up.

- Employee raise at 2% for 2014

Other Business)

Deputy Auditor, Ginny Martin requested from Council to pay a $200 administrative fee from the expense line 37402 (Circuit Breaker Debt Fund) within Food & Beverage. This fee is from the bond that was just retired on 1-15-2013 but no money left to pay the fee after the payment. Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Huber seconded the motion. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Skip Kuker, Economic Development Director appeared before Council regarding first reading of a tax abatement on real and personal property for PEERS Food.

Ron Pritzke, Attorney for PEERS Foods appeared before Council to request tax abatement for the company on real and personal property. Mr. Pritzke introduced Bill Jones, Director of Facilities and Safety Manager for PEER Foods. The business is smoking/roasting/cooking pork and beef products.

Councilman Fisk made a motion to introduce Resolution 2013-2-3. Councilman Shelby made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-2-3 the same day as introduction, seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Joe Copeland, Highway appeared before Council.

Requesting the following:

- An additional appropriation in the amount of $500,000 for County Highway Fund 1176.23000.000.0530 Road Improvement Lohut/Wheel, needed for road repair. Council gave approval for Auditor to advertise for additional.

Councilman Fisk requested from Joe Copeland a priority list of roads so when the money becomes available and Council knows what the priority. Joe advised a report will be finalized by the middle of March.

- Budget Transfer

  From 1176.40020.000.0530 (Highway truck payments) in the amount of $260,000 to the following:

  1176.23000.000.0530 Road Imp Lohut/Wheel=$185,000
  1176.13000.000.0530 Drivers/Labor/Operators=$15,000
  1176.33201.000.0530 Truck Maintenance/Repair=$60,000

Councilman Fisk made a motion to allow the budget transfers, seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

- An additional appropriation in the amount of $650,000 for Fund 1169 Local Road & Street needed for the project on 600 W south of US40. Council did not give approval for this additional to be advertised, it will be reconsidered in the next meeting.

In the Matter of Weed Liens)

Joe also explained the situation with the weed lien monies that are collected and what the procedure should be.
Councilman Shelby made a motion for the Auditor to work out the best procedure for the weed lien money, seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of the January Minutes)

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the January minutes as written, seconded by Councilman Huber . Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of the December 2012 Minutes)

Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve the December 2012 minutes as written, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilman Jessup made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Fisk . Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved this date:

Aye	Nay
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Attest: _____
Robin D. Lowder
Auditor