

Hancock County Council Meeting

April 17, 2013

The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana, met in the Commissioner Court in the Hancock County Courthouse Annex, Greenfield, Indiana, on the 17th day of April 2013 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in accordance with the rules of the Council.

Council members present were:

Bill Bolander

John Jessup

Tom Roney

Marc Huber.

Debbie Bledsoe

Councilman Shelby was not in attendance

Councilman Fisk arrived at 8:40 am

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

President Bill Bolander called the meeting to order.

In the Matter of Cumulative Bridge)

Councilman Bolander opened the public hearing for the additional appropriation for the Cum Bridge Fund.

No public comment

Public hearing closed.

Councilman Roney made a motion to approve the additional appropriations as follows: The motion was seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 5-0 motion passed.

• Bridge 145 600W South of 200S	10,000
• Large Culverts	47,200
• Bridge # 2 600 N at 400 W	60,000
• BR #114 MTWN P N OF 200	81,000
• Bridge 59 - 200N West of 600W	<u>386,600</u>
Total:	\$584,800

In the Matter of Emergency Management)

Councilman Bolander opened public hearing for additional appropriation for the Emergency Management grant for purchase of (4) Dell computers.

No public comment

Public hearing closed

Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve the additional appropriation, seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 5-0 motion passed

In the Proposal for Highway Funding)

Council discussion on the proposal from the Budget Committee recommendations.

2013 Proposal

Wheel Tax & MVH	\$435,000
LRS	<u>\$710,000</u>
	\$1,145,000
	<u>-\$1,200,000</u>
	-\$55,000

1. a) For MVH only take \$200,000 out leaving a better fund balance.
b) Therefore add \$235,000 + \$55,000 from EDIT fund to get the \$1,200,000. (MVH and LRS) for road maintenance.
2. Use Rainy Day fund to pay lawsuit for 600 West intersection land purchase (600-800 k)

Repayment by TIF or not is to be discussed. If repayment by TIF, maybe 10 years.

3. Issue a GO bond for \$2 million for:
 - a) \$700,000 for 600 West South of US 40
 - b) \$345,000 to repay Rainy Day fund for jail locking system.

- c) \$345,000 to pay for Capital needs from CCD.
- d) Balance for Vote Centers and 911 Equipment

Have a preliminary public meeting next month. (TBD)

- 4. Get agreement from Commissioners to us MVH and LRS for road maintenance as first priority at \$1,200,000/year minimum per Resolution.
- 5. If money becomes available from other sources (State) Council and Commissioners could and should increase road maintenance money above the \$1,200,000.

2014 Proposal

Wheel Tax & MVH	\$435,000
LRS	<u>\$575,000</u>
	\$1,010,000
	<u>-\$1,200,000</u>
	-\$190,000

- 1. Again use MVH and LRS first for road maintenance at \$1,200,000 minimum. If other money is available, Council and Commissioners should use it for that purpose.
- 2. \$700,000 from bond proceeds to be used for capital projects exclusive of 600 West North of I-70 rather than using the LRS fund.
- 3. Issue GO Bond or use other funds for other capital needs.

A Resolution was prepared by County Attorney Ray Richardson, stating that the money is to be used as road maintenance not construction. Councilman Fisk made a motion to introduce and pass Resolution 2013-4-4 . Councilman Jessup seconded the motion. Vote 6-0

In the Matter of Townships Interlocals)

This was a new interlocal the Commissioners signed and Council needs to decide if the money is to come from Food & Beverage to fund the EMS for Jackson, Blue River and Brown Townships. Councilman Jessup made a motion to fund the Townships EMS

from Food & Beverage, seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of LOIT application process)

Councilman Jessup presented a report from the LOIT-Public Safety Committee on ways to start a process for EMS help to the Townships. Needs were set by priority and a process for the entities to request from Council. Councilman Jessup requested Council input in sending out a letter to the entities. Council agreed. Auditor will mail to all the Township Trustees.

In the Matter of Community Correction Grant Budget Transfer)

Community Corrections is requesting a budget transfer in the Grant fund to help with his PERF shortfall. Councilman Fisk made a motion to approve a transfer in the amount of \$1,956 from Risk Assessment to PERF. Motion was seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of March Minutes)

Councilman Huber made a motion to approve March minutes as written, seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Health Department)

Crystal Baker, Office Manager Health department appeared before Council to request replacement of a Public Health Nurse who is leaving the County. The salary will be at a lower rate. Councilman Huber made a motion to approve the replacement, seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Clerk Scan purchase)

Marcia Moore Clerk appeared before Council to request the purchase of an imaging scanner. This allows people to read the microfilm. Council gave approval for the Auditor to advertise the additional in the amount of \$15,529.

In the Matter of Prosecutor)

Michael Griffin, Prosecutor appeared before Council to request a replacement of a Child Support Case Worker who has left employment. Councilman Fisk made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Council break

In the Matter of Economic Development Abatements)

Skip Kuker, Economic Development Director and Ron Pritzke appeared before Council on behalf of Spectra Premium (USA) Corp tax abatement. Councilman Fisk made a motion to approve the application of tax abatement Resolution 2013-4-5, motion was seconded by Councilman Roney. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Councilman Jessup made a motion to set Resolution 2013-4-5 for public hearing May 8, 2013 at 10:30 am for Spectra tax abatement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of CCD)

Commissioner Towle appeared before Council requesting an additional amount needed to add to the initial \$800,000 of CCD money the Council allowed. The Commissioners met with each Department to evaluate the CCD need and more monies are needed. The additional amount is \$262,528.60. This is not new money; it is already in the fund and needs to be budget transferred to the Commissioner line item. Councilman Fisk made a motion to allow the additional amount of \$262,528.60 to be added to the \$800,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of County Mowing)

Commissioner Towle appeared before Council to request money for our county mowing for 2013 and in the budget for 2014. The inmates, due to liability insurance issues are no longer able to do the county mowing. Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve \$5,400 from Food & Beverage to help with the mowing of the County this year. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman

Bledsoe. Motion was amended to include the amount of \$5,400.
Vote 6-0 motion passed.

President Bolander allowed John Priore (5) minutes to comment on issues of LOIT & CEDIT. Mr. Priore concern is not having plans in place for the LOIT & CEDIT monies and the issue of bonding.

In the Matter of Sheriff Department)

Sheriff Shepherd appeared before Council to request a Commissary Expense. And, a request for overtime expense for officers to work in Marion County from a grant they received for Sex Offenders. Sheriff is requesting they pay the overtime from their budget to be reimbursed from the grant from Marion Co. Sheriff will work out details with Auditor.

The Commissary Expense is for a Law Enforcement Citizen Academy. Councilman Fisk made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-4- 2 for the expense to be paid from the Commissary Fund, seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Councilman Bolander suggested Brad Herndon be considered as a possible appointment to the Library Board.

Councilman Jessup volunteered to be the appointee. Councilman Fisk made a motion to appoint Councilman Jessup to the Library Board, seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Council recessed.

11:00 – 1:00 pm Budget Luncheon (All Departments)

1:00 pm

Councilman Bolander made a motion for meeting to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved this date: _____

Aye

Nay

Attest: _____
Robin D. Lowder
Auditor