

# Hancock County Council

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
 COURTROOM  
 111 American Legion Place  
 Greenfield, Indiana 46140

MAY 13, 2015 8:30 AM

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Council President Bill Bolander
	The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana, met in the Commissioner Court in the Courthouse Annex, Greenfield, Indiana, on the 13 <sup>th</sup> day of May 2015 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in accordance with the rules of the Council.
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Bill Bolander, Randy Sorrell Kent Fisk and Debbie Bledsoe, Tom Roney, John Jessup and Jim Shelby
	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 Additional Appropriations)**

8:30 am

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

Fund 8918	Emergency Management Grant	\$8,485.29
Fund 1200	Supplemental Public Defender (Superior I)	\$15,000
Fund 8628	D.A.R.E.	\$450.69
Fund 8917	Traffic Safety PBT Award	\$1,500
Fund 1175	County Misdemeanant	\$1,972

No public comments.

Public Hearing closed.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the additional additional appropriations listed above; The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Councilman Fisk arrived late.

**In the Matter of Sheriff Retirement)**

Merit Board President, Ronnie Mohr and Stan Brown from One America the Manager of Client Actuarial Services appeared before Council per Council Resolution to report on the Sheriff Retirement status. Mr. Mohr reported that the Sheriff Retirement is being fully funded by County.

Sheriff Mike Shepherd appeared before Council to request to spend from the Commissary for “Registration fees for Youth applicants attending the Indiana Sheriff’s Association Youth Camp”. Councilman Roney made a motion to pass Resolution 2015-5- 4 approving the expense. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Brad Burkhart, Sheriff Department appeared before Council to further discuss the Food Service Company to take over the serving of Inmates at the Jail. Council approves but Sheriff needs to take contract to Commissioners to decide.

**In the Matter of Additional Appropriations)**

Councilman Shelby requested from Sheriff that when an additional appropriation is requested to ensure it is for an amount large enough to cover the amount of paperwork Auditor must go through and time allowed.

**In the Matter of Abatements )**

Skip Kuker, Hancock Economic Development Council and Mary Bowmer, Settlement Deputy appeared before Council regarding abatements. Skip requested Council take action on the CF-1 Compliance Forms. Councilman Shelby mentioned U-LOFT and MCB108-Freige was not in compliance. Council requested both appear before Council at next meeting on June 10. Councilman Fisk made a motion to approve abatements for each Company listed below with the exception Mt. Comfort Real Estate-Uloft and MCB 108 LLC. Who will be attending next Council meeting. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

**Peer Foods Group**, estimated 70 new employees at wages of \$1,540,000 they are reporting and estimated 90 employees with wages of \$1,741,812. This is request for compliance of both Real and Personal Property.

**MCB 108, LLC** (aka Freije Building), estimated 100 employees with wages of \$4,500,000 on the original request, they are reporting 26 employees with wages of \$1,487,555.

**GPT Mt Comfort Owner, LLC** (aka Stanley), estimated 16 employees with \$544,000 in wages, they are reporting 79 employees with wages of \$3,013,314.

**Mt Comfort Real Estate** (aka U-Loft), estimated 180 employees with wages of \$5,170,859, they are reporting 100 employees with wages of \$3,830,746.

**Formica**, estimated 98 employees with wages of \$2,200,000, they are reporting 86 employees with wages of \$3,816,625.

**WPT**, estimated 54 employees with wages of \$1,900,000, they are reporting 334 employees with wages of \$10,134,147.

**Flo Realty, LLC**, estimated 39 employees with wages of \$2,500,000, they are reporting 40 employees with wages of \$4,786,174.

**In the Matter of Assessor)**

Mary Noe, Assessor appeared before Council to request replacement of employee. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

**In the Matter of Health Department)**

Dr. Aspy from the Health Department appeared before Council to request the hiring of a part-time person. Dr. Aspy also presented a copy of their Annual Report. Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve the hiring, motion seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

**In the Matter of Buck Creek Township and LOIT funds)**

Mel Branson, Township Trustee had requested to be on the agenda but failed to appear.

**In the Matter of the Budget Committee)**

Councilman Shelby reported the following items for recommendation:

- Clerk requested to shift personnel out of Clerk Perpetuation to CAGIT.
- Commissioners presented their CCD and CIP.
  1. 2016 CCD \$1,155,600 capital requests with \$1,000,000 coming into the fund. Moving the Pictometry cost out of CCD which would allow the fund to accumulate.
  2. CIP needs in the amount of \$2,000,000 for 2016 which is priority and longer term needs of \$3,500,000 plus \$400,000 is for a new tax system not in any proposed budget.
- 2016 raises for employees recommendation is at 4.5% .
- Commissioners will decide who get raise but Council wants all employees to get a raise.
- (3) of our County Townships in a bill passed is allowing Blue River, Jackson and Brown to increase their levy by \$25,000 for ALS service.
- The Xplex on the County Farm, the City of Greenfield have the utilities as far east as 400 E. If we develop the farm they will have to be run onto the property. County will work with City to extend the

utilities onto the farm with the cost amount of \$300,000. Commissioners agreed to put in the CIP.

- 800 mhz radios countywide - Councilman Fisk requested for the County to fund the 10% match for a federal grant through Homeland Security Grant that Chief Roberts is applying. Council was unanimously in favor of request .

**In the Matter of Resolution for Bond Recommendation to Board of Commissioners)**

Commissioner Armstrong reported to Council of our County building needs. Also, the Tax System for the Auditor's Office, is an unfunded amount of approximately \$400,000. Currently our Capital Improvement Plan is not able to be fully funded.

Councilman Shelby introduced Resolution 2015-5-5 A County Council Resolution supporting the issuance of up to \$2,000,000 to meet urgent needs to repair and reconstruct existing County buildings.

Councilman made a motion to adopt the Resolution, motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Councilman Jessup's call for a question, "I am in favor as long as the bond doesn't start shifting around" as long as it is spent for what it was intended. Commissioner Armstrong reiterated to Council that it is for building maintenance. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

**In the Matter of April Minutes)**

Councilman Fisk made a motion to approve the April 8, 2015 minutes; motion was seconded by Councilman Sorrell. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

**In the Matter of Requested LOIT funds)**

Councilman Shelby reported that (3) of the townships the legislators changed to allow for a levy for their ALS service. With that said, I would proposed that we do not open ourselves up for the townships to request for LOIT-Public Safety funds. If we need to help Brown and Green we could do that on an individual basis.

Councilman Jessup doesn't agree. We can't shut off the process, just say "no" if we don't agree with the help. It is part of our job to answer to our constituents.

**In the Matter of County Farm Property)**

Councilman Fisk discussed the Economic Development of County Farm. We have had inquiries to portions of that property not related to the XPLEX. We need to move forward with the utilities on the property whether the project goes or not for future prospects. It is pertinent for next year budget to get the utilities out there funded by Economic Development dollars. We need to be aggressive in utilizing this property. The City and Ninestar have agreed to run the utilities out there.

**In the Matter of County Extension Grant)**

Councilman Roney advised Council there was an idea proposed at the last County Extension board meeting to pay the summer intern regular pay. Then as extra fund a grant to the college where the intern is attending. It would benefit the intern better. It would be funded by the County Extension.

Councilman Fisk suggested that the 4-H be increased to \$86,000 and let them do the funding. County Attorney, Ray Richardson advise that is a better way to handle the request.

**In the Matter of 2016 Budget)**

Councilman Shelby reported from the Budget Meeting that since the employees were getting a 4.5% raise for 2016 there would be no additional hiring. The 4.5% for part-time is up to the Commissioners to recommend.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to recess.

APPROVED THIS DATE:	September 9, 2015
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ATTEST: HANCOCK COUNTY AUDITOR	