

Hancock County Council Meeting

May 8, 2013

The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana, met in the Commissioner Court in the Hancock County Courthouse Annex, Greenfield, Indiana, on the 8th day of May 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

Kent Fisk

Marc Huber.

Debbie Bledsoe

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

President Bill Bolander called the meeting to order.

President Bolander opened public meeting regarding the additional appropriation for the Clerk's Pro Scan 2000 in the amount of \$16,700.

No public comment.

Public hearing closed.

Councilman Fisk made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-5-1 for the Pro Scan 2000 for the Clerk in the amount of \$16,700. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Council Discussion and Recommendation of the Budget Committee)

Councilman Shelby reported to Council the Budget Committee recommendations options for Highway funding and the TIF District at Mt. Comfort.

- 1,200,000 for Road Maintenance
- Agree to pay land purchase at 600 W & 300 N intersection from the Rainy Day fund approximately \$600,000-\$800,000
- Ask TIF to repay County for the land purchase over a 10 year period of time through an Interlocal Agreement. Ray will prepare the document.
- Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve a Resolution for the Council to pay for the remaining land purchase once the law suit is final and require the RDC to repay over a 10 year period, Councilwoman Bledsoe seconded motion. Vote 7-0 motion passed.
- Discussion-RDC proposal for the increase of the size of TIF and to include personal property. Councilman Shelby does not agree and proposes a Resolution requesting the Redevelopment Commission to meet with members of the County Council before a decision is made to include within its taxable property the personal property within the district. And requesting RDC to attend the next budget meeting. Councilman Jessup made a motion to adopt the Resolution 2013-5-2 as stated above proposal, seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 7-0 motion passed.
- Recommendation for in 2013 is the issuance of a GO bond at \$1,995,000 and proceeds \$1,920,000.

To be used as follows:

1. \$ 700,000 road maintenance 600 W South of US 40
2. \$345,000 jail locks reimbursement to the Rainy Day Fund.
3. \$ 345,000 CCD for the amount over the \$800,000 that the Commissioners approved in CCD expenses. This would help keep the fund as a cumulative fund.
4. \$530,000 Vote Centers/911 Equipment

Ray Richardson, County Attorney stated he will begin the process. The Bond Counsel is hesitate due to the Council did not proceed with the bond in 2013.

Commissioners are the initiator of a bond issue for the County. The consensus needs to be discussed with the Commissioners. Council will discuss with the Commissioners.

Public hearing is the beginning of the process, the vote of Council comes later. The process takes approximately (4) months.

- Recommendation from Budget Committee asked if Council wants to impose a 10 basis point CEDIT tax that would cover the (1) year that the Library is not using the tax. And keep money in the CEDIT Fund (County portion) using it for needed expenses. Councilman Shelby made a motion for Ray Richardson, County Attorney to prepare a Resolution to increase the CEDIT tax for a period of (1) year. Councilman Fisk seconded the motion. Vote 7-0 motion passed. Resolution will be addressed at June Council meeting.
- Ray Richardson, County Attorney has prepared a Resolution to establish minimum target balances at year end and reviewed on an annual basis for the following funds as recommended by the Budget Committee and Greg Guerrettaz.

1001-County General & 1110 –CAGIT	\$3,000,000
1138-Cumulative Capital Development	\$2,000,000
1159-Health	\$80,000
1176-County Highway	\$800,000
1186-Rainy Day	\$6,000,000
6004-LOIT	\$700,000

Councilman Fisk made a motion to approve the Resolution 2013-5-8 setting the minimum fund target balances for the funds listed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

- Sheriff Bonus addressed in the July meeting.

In the Matter of Vote Centers)

Marcia Moore appeared before Council regarding the Vote Centers. Councilman Fisk questioned Clerk about signing a Resolution designating our County as a Vote Center County without having any information on the cost and funding of the project. Clerk explained to Council that we must first designate our County, then, she can get bids for vote center equipment and set-up for the centers, pursuant to IC 3-11-18.1-3 (h) (2).

Councilman Shelby made a motion to pass Resolution 2013-5-3 designating Hancock County as a Vote Center County. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Probation Fee & Odyssey)

Wayne Addison, Chief Probation Officer appeared before Council to explain an issue that the new Odyssey system. With the new system, the State Court Administration no longer allows the ADA user fees to be receipted into the fund but must be receipted directly into the Adult Probation Fund. The 2014 budget will need an additional line item in order to accommodate this changed in the judicial system; Wayne will work with Bookkeeper and Auditor to work out details.

In the Matter of Bio-Terrorism Grant)

Crystal Baker, Health Department appeared before Council to request an additional appropriation in (2) Bio-Terrorism Grants. Council gave approval to advertise and Ms. Baker is to meet with Bookkeeper with the amount of additional.

In the Matter of CF-1 Tax Abatements)

Skip Kicker, Economic Development and Trish Holliday, Settlement Deputy appeared before Council with the following CF-1 reports for Tax Abatement reviews:

- Park 70 Partners
- West core Delta LLC aka Irwin Tool
- KTR Indiana LLC aka CVS
- Davis Family Minnesota aka Cambria
- GPT aka Stanley Black & Decker
- MCB aka Friejie

Councilman Jessup made a motion to reaffirm all the above tax abatements, motion seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Skip Kuker is working with the Auditor's Office with a process for the CF-1 and a summary page for each company for the Council's information.

Commissioner Armstrong and Commissioner Stevens
Councilman Shelby made a motion to include in the Resolution for the Highway the following.

- \$239,000 from CEDIT to supplement the money from MVH and LRS in order to leave a balance in MVH in the amount of \$235,000 for Road Maintenance leaving \$1,200,000 in 2013. And \$1,200,000 projects are attached. Councilman Fisk seconded motion. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Re-establishment of Cumulative Funds)

Council discussion on Re-establishing rates for the June advertisement of the Cumulative Bridge and Cumulative Capital Fund for 2014. The 2013 rate for Cum Bridge .05 and received .0495 and the CCD rate is .0333 and received .0330.

Councilman Jessup made a motion to Re-establish the Cumulative Bridge fund at .05 and the CCD fund at .0333 for 2014. The motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Road Maintenance funding)

Councilman Shelby amended motion made earlier in the meeting in regards to funding Highway road maintenance. Councilman Shelby stated \$239,000 from the CEDIT fund but the amount is \$ 290,000 from the CEDIT fund. Councilman Fisk seconded the motion as amended. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

**10:30 am Public Hearing for Spectra Premium Corporation
and the Resolution for tax abatement)**

President Bolander opened public hearing.

No public comment.

Public hearing closed.

Attorney, Ron Pritzke for Spectra presented Resolution 2013-5-4 confirming that the qualifications for an economic revitalization area have been met and that personal property tax abatement should be granted.

Councilman Fisk made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-5-4, seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

**In the Matter of Inter-local Agreement with City of
Greenfield)**

Joe Copeland, Highway appeared before Council to present an Inter-local Agreement with the City of Greenfield regarding the culvert on McKenzie Road over Potts Ditch. Councilman Roney made a motion to approve the Inter-local, seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Joe Copeland advised Council that the additional money coming from the State will begin in August and over the next (2) years in the amount of \$600,000-\$700,000.

Council gave approval to advertise the additional appropriation needed for Highway's road maintenance funding.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Approved this date:

Aye

Nay

Attest: _____
Robin D. Lowder
Auditor