

Hancock County Council

JUNE 10, 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 13 th day of May 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. Not present-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 Additional Appropriations)

8:30 am

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

Fund 4921	K-9 Sheriff Dog Fund	\$1,500
Fund 8941	Operation Centipede Grant NHTSA	\$6,000

No public comments.

Public Hearing closed.

Councilman Fisk made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for K-9 Sheriff Dog Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sorrell. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Councilman Roney made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for Operation Centipede Grant. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Community Corrections Project Income and Grant)

Pat Powers, Community Corrections Director, appeared before Council to request approval of the Project Income and Community Corrections Grant for 2016. They both run on a fiscal budget. There is expected additional revenue coming in from the State for 2015-2016. These budgets do not reflect the additional funds. There is no plan to request for additional funding from the County. Councilman Roney made a motion to approve both budgets for 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Change in Salary Ordinance for Highway)

Gary Pool, Highway Engineer appeared before Council to request change in Salary Ordinance for employees who are receiving their CDL. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve change in Salary. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Budget Committee Report for Highway)

Councilman Shelby reported the following regarding Highway;

- County is funding \$500,000 for 2016 for Road Maintenance
- Road Capital for 2016 equals approximately \$730,000 from CEDIT

Discussion for need for new tax system in the amount of \$400,000 and is not in the 2016 budget.

Council needs to rework the Sheriff bonus food cost situation since a company has taken over feeding the inmates.

Clerk, new employee and was covering the direct costs within her budget.

In the Matter of Abatements)

Larry Siglar, Pedersen Property Group appeared before Council to discuss tax abatement. Mr. Siglar gave Council an update on the buildings with abatements MCB 108. Councilman Fisk made a motion to approve the abatement; motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Skip Kuker, Executive Director Economic Development appeared before Council to request additional funding for 2016 in the total amount \$65,000. The City of Greenfield is also being asked this amount.

Council had requested that ULoft attend Council meeting, Skip read a letter from the CEO of ULoft regarding abatement. They were unable to attend. The letter explained why the CF-1 was not in compliance but are working toward a better year next year. Councilwoman Bledsoe made a motion to approve abatement; motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Council received a report of compliance for all the remaining abatements. Councilman Fisk made a motion to approve all. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Sheriff)

Brad Burkhart, Sheriff Department appeared before Council. He introduced Keegan Summers, intern for the summer from Purdue University.

Brad reported on the Courthouse security changes that are in progress.

Brad requested to replace an Officer for replacement of Karen Robinson position, who went to E911. Councilman Shelby made a motion to replace the position held by Karen. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Buck Creek Trustee)

Mel Branson, Buck Creek Trustee appeared before Council to request LOIT-Public Safety money for consideration. Councilman Bolander requested that this be in writing from Townships.

In the Matter of E911)

John Jokantas, Director appeared before Council to request to hire Karen Robinson as a replacement dispatcher position. Councilman Fisk made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Sorrell. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Prosecutor)

Brent Eaton, Prosecutor appeared before Council to report on the Pre-Trial Diversion cash balances. And also the Title IV-D Incentive fund and the low cash balance. Many changes have been made in the office to fix the issues, and should be ok for 2015. But going forward to 2016, there needs to be more changes because all cash balances will be gone in these funds. Which will create approximately \$140,000 to put somewhere in the General Fund budget.

Councilman Shelby explained that the agreement with prior Prosecutor was once the Investigator and Pre-Trial Diversion Coordinator could no longer fund the position within Pre-Trial and other fee based funds, the positions would be eliminated.

In the Matter of Matching Grant)

Jimmie Roberts, Fire Chief appeared before Council to request County to fund a matching grant for Radio's. This amount is for a federal grant the Fire Departments throughout the county. It is a 10% match in the amount of \$75,158. Councilman Fisk made a motion to approve funding grant match to be appropriated in Food & Beverage. The motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of New Hire Form)

Auditor passed out a new form being used when a Department requests a new employee from Council. The Council was favorable to use the form.

In the Matter of Bond Issue)

Ray Richardson, County Attorney advised Council that if they pass this Resolution for Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures it will allow the money be spent for the project from another source to be repaid by the Bond issue.

- (1) Refurbishing of the Roof of the Hancock County Annex Building
- (2) Replacement and repair of plumbing in the Hancock County Jail Building
- (3) Replacement of the roof on the Hancock County Jail Building
- (4) The alteration of the entrances to the Hancock County Courthouse Building

Councilman Shelby made a motion to introduce. Resolution 2015-6-3.

Councilwoman Bledsoe made a motion to adopt, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Innkeepers Tax Increase)

The Innkeepers Tax by Ordinance 2015-5C increased the tax by 1% and this amount will go to help fund the XPLEX project. The Tourism Commission is in compliance with the Auditor in getting their budget for 2016 completed and turned in.

Councilman Fisk made a motion for increase to begin August 1, 2015. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Bookkeeper, Ginny Martin interjected that this would not give hotels enough time for the increase due to notification and paying a month behind.

Councilman Fisk amended his motion for increase to begin September 1, 2015. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Councilman Fisk made a motion to amend the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Councilman Fisk made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED THIS DATE:	October 14, 2015
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ATTEST: HANCOCK COUNTY AUDITOR	