

Hancock County Council

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM

JUNE 11, 2014

8:30 AM

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 11 th day of June 2014 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in accordance with the rules of the Council.
ATTENDEES	Bill Bolander, Marc Huber, Kent Fisk and Debbie Bledsoe, Tom Roney, Jim Shelby, John Jessup.
	Also attending, County Attorney, Ray Richardson, Deputy Auditor Ginny Martin and Auditor Robin Lowder

Minutes

President Bolander called the meeting to order.

In the Matter of Planning Department)

Mike Dale, Planning Department appeared before Council requesting an additional appropriation for his legal services budget line item. The amount needed is \$8,000. Councilman Fisk made a motion to approve a budget transfer within Food and Beverage fund in the amount of \$8,000. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. 7 – 0 motion passed.

In the Matter of the LOIT Committee)

Councilman Jessup reported status of the LOIT committee. The Committee has only received a couple of applications so far. Just waiting on the application process with July 1, 2014 being the deadline.

In the Matter of Highway)

Gary Pool appeared before Council to report on current projects. There are (3) Federal projects Bridge 62 and Bridge 93 and Phase III of Broken Arrow to be approved and signed by Council to send to IDOT. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Assessor)

Mary Noe, Assessor appeared before Council to request a budget transfer. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

The Assessor also requested the replacement of employee who is retiring. She wishes to advertise for the position. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

The Assessor also reported to Council regarding the appeals currently submitted to her office.

In the Matter of E 911)

Nick Gulling, Interim Director of the E911, appeared before Council to request hiring a replacement for Public Safety Dispatcher. Councilman Fisk, made a motion to approve request, motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Superior Court II)

Judge Marshall, Superior Court II, appeared before Council to request the replacement of a Court Reporter who is leaving County employment. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve request, motion was seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Circuit Court)

Judge Culver, Circuit Court (unable to attend Council meeting but submitted request to the Auditor) is requesting a budget transfer in the amount of \$5,000 within the Supplemental Public Defender Fund from Miscellaneous Expense to Circuit Court Transcripts. Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve budget transfer, motion was seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Auditor)

Robin Lowder, Auditor appeared before Council to request the replacement of an employee who is retiring. The new person will move to this position with a lower salary amount than Rosemary. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve Auditors request, motion was seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

In the Matter of the Coroner)

Crystal Myers, Coroner, appeared before County Council to request additional funds and budget transfer. The budget transfer is moving \$1500 from vehicle expense and \$600 from training line items to the deputy line item. And additional money is needed in the autopsy line item and deputies. Councilman Roney, made a motion to approve the budget transfer, motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to add \$5000 into the Coroner deputy line and \$15,000 into the autopsy line, both amounts within Food and Beverage Fund. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed. Council made a request that the Coroner return in the September Council meeting to report status of her budget and autopsies.

In the Matter of Library CEDIT)

Councilman Shelby made a motion to introduce an ordinance to increase the CEDIT for the Library. The recommendation from the budget committee was to put the .05% back to the Library CEDIT. This would give them 15 basis points total. Councilman Fisk seconded the motion. Councilman Shelby made a motion to adopt ordinance on the same day as introduction. Councilman Fisk seconded the motion.

Aye
Tom Roney
Bill Bolander
Jim Shelby
Kent Fisk
Marc Huber

Nay
Debbie Bledsoe
John Jessup

Vote 5 – 2. Motion passed.

The 2nd ordinance is to repeal the current CEDIT which is 10 basis points; this was implemented because the library was giving up 5 basis points. This action was only meant to be temporary. This has been in place for 2 years. Councilman Shelby made a motion to introduce the ordinance to repeal the current CEDIT. Motion died for lack of 2nd.

Council discussion.

Commissioner Stevens commented on this issue. His request is to keep a desirable revenue stream for Highway. Keep the County consistent and let the Library fluctuate the tax as needed. This would help everyone with their planning needs.

In the Matter of Community Corrections Field Officer)

Councilman Shelby made a motion to appropriate not to exceed \$35,000 from LOIT-Public Safety Rainy Day for a Community Corrections Field Officer. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

Note* After discussion with County attorney, Ray Richardson, and the Auditor. Council gave permission to advertise this appropriation, if needed.

In the Matter of 2015 Budget)

Councilman Shelby reported the following from the budget committee:

- Budget hearings for the 2015 budget will be held on July 9, 2014. All departments will come in at that time and present the 2015 budget.
- Council is requesting actuary from McCready and Keene for the Sheriff's retirement to Council by March 1 each year for budget purposes.
- The merit board should be presenting their request for the counties portion of the retirement.

Councilman Roney proposed to the Council to open all meetings with prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. Council discussed and decided to open with the Pledge of Allegiance only.

In the Matter of May Minutes)

Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve the minutes as written; motion was seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

Meeting session remains open 11:00 AM.

Budget Meeting Luncheon

All Departments, Council , Commissioner Stevens, Greg Guerrettaz County Financial Advisor, Auditor Robin Lowder, Ginny Martin, Deputy and Ray Richardson, County Attorney were in attendance of Luncheon.

- Greg Guerrettaz the County Financial Advisor reported on the sustainability of our County finances going forward and the 2015 Budget.
- Councilman Bolander addressed Departments regarding the 27th pay and the budget expectations for 2015.

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

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED THIS DATE:

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ATTEST: HANCOCK COUNTY
AUDITOR