

## Hancock County Council Meeting

July 11, 2012

The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana, met in the Commissioner Court in the Hancock County Courthouse Annex, Greenfield, Indiana, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in accordance with the rules of the Council. Council members present were William Bolander, John Jessup, Jim Shelby, and Rosalie Richardson, Joseph Skvarenina and Tom Roney, Brian Kirkwood present. Also, present were Auditor, Robin D. Lowder, Deputy Ginny Martin and Attorney Ray Richardson.

Councilman Roney addressed Council and public regarding the article that come out of the newspaper regarding the Re-Establishment of funds and road issues.

President Bill Bolander opened the public hearing regarding the Re-Establishment of Cumulative Capital Development Fund and Cumulative Bridge Fund at .05.

Public Comments made.

Public Hearing closed.

Councilman Roney made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-7 to Re-Establish Cumulative Capital Development Fund, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilman Roney made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-7 to Re-Establish Cumulative Bridge Fund. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilman Skvarenina made a motion to appoint Carrie Woolston to the Fortville Library Board, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilman Jessup made a motion to amend Salary Ordinance 2012-6b from the June meeting. Due to employees leaving employment etc. the ending dollar amount reduced in County General from \$92,822 to \$91,821. The motion seconded by Councilman Skvarenina. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

**In the Matter of Dormant Fund)**

Robin Lowder, Auditor reported to Council that a bond was paid in full at end of 2011 but ended with a small portion of money left in the fund 0182 –Construction of Community Correction bond in the amount of \$2,876.64.

By law the remaining balance can be moved to either General Fund or Rainy Day Fund. Councilman Shelby made a motion to move this amount to the Rainy Day fund, seconded by Councilman Skvarenina. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

**In the Matter of 1782 Budget Order)**

Councilman Roney made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-7-3 to balance the 1782 budget order for 2012. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

**In the Matter of Sheriff)**

Sheriff Shepherd and Major Burkhart appeared before Council.

- Council discussed bonus criteria for 2013 Sheriff bonus.
  1. Keep accurate records
  2. Seizure activity reported.
  3. Meal reports to Auditor
  4. Hold the quality and quantity of meals to the standard of the previous years.
  5. Hold food costs to .45 less than the State for \$5,000 and if better than .49 than State, Sheriff earns another \$2,500. The Sheriff is .57 less than the State.

Based on criteria met by Sheriff Shepherd, Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the \$7,500 bonus for the Sheriff, seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to re-establish the same agreement for the 2014 Sheriff bonus, seconded by Councilman Skvarenina. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

- Additional Appropriation request for \$100,000 for inmate medical. Council agreed on \$70,000. Councilman Shelby made a motion to allow \$70,000 to be taken from Food & Beverage for inmate medical service for the Sheriff Dept. seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Auditor presented (2) Resolutions to Council from Joe Copeland, Highway regarding Bridge #59 funded by Cum Bridge Fund and the 300 N & 600 W intersection project funded by RDC and Local Road & Street. This must be signed for IDOT to assure that the County pays their part of the projects.

Council had many questions regarding these (2) Resolutions. Commissioner Stevens was not aware of the amount on the project. Council concern is that there is no figure for the round-a-bout project at Mt. Comfort. Commissioner Stevens indicated that they have not final figures yet. In order for the project to move forward the Resolutions must be signed today. Joe Copeland will be coming to the meeting and issue will be tabled until he appears before Council.

**In the Matter of Gallahue)**

Eric Crouse, Chief Financial Officer appeared before Council and give report of the status of Gallahue and the money the County expends by law each year to Gallahue. Council feels Gallahue is double dipping the County since they service the Jail and charge them when the County pays such a large amount each year to Gallahue as a separate expense to the County. Council agreed to have Councilman Skvarenina and Councilwoman Richardson to work with Gallahue on these issues.

**In the Matter of E911)**

Connie Hoy, Director appeared before Council to request replacing an employee. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Skvarenina. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

**In the Matter of Pellican Industries Tax Abatement)**

Skip Kuker, Economic Development Director reported on behalf of Pellican Industries. The company is leaving the County effective June 22, 2012 and will be closing plant. Councilman Shelby made a motion to rescind the current tax abatement for Pellican, seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 7-0 motion passed. Skip Kuker suggested to Council that a claw back provision be put in a "statement of understanding" for future tax abatement.

**In the Matter of ADA)**

Joe Copeland and Joe Hollis from Highway requesting \$20,000 for the transition plan for ADA in our County. The plan is for all County buildings and to be completed year end. Highway will be paying \$8,000 of the cost. Councilman Shelby made a motion to appropriate the money from Fund 0258 Food & Beverage in the amount of \$20,000, seconded by Councilman Skvarenina. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

**In the Matter of Highway Projects)**

Councilman Shelby made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-7-6 for bridge # 59 construction previously discussed in meeting, seconded by Councilman Roney. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Resolution 2012-7-5 Mt. Comfort intersection and round-a-bout at 600 West & 300 North. Council discussed their concerns with Commissioner Stevens and Joe Copeland, the cost to the county is \$672,000 (only construction and construction inspection) out of Local Road & Street. Highway needs the Resolution signed by Council to move forward on this project. This Resolution guarantees the funds.

Councilman Roney made a motion to approve the Resolution 2012-7-5, seconded by Councilman Shelby in the amount of \$672,000.

Roll call vote 4-3 motion passed.

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Joe Skvarenina

John Jessup

Rosalie Richardson

Brian Kirkwood

Tom Roney

Jim Shelby

Bill Bolander

Councilwoman Richardson voted yes, but request more interactive planning next time due to progressing so far along without knowing an amount.

Councilman Shelby reiterates objection that local money is being used for road maintenance for this on-going Mt. Comfort project.

Councilman Jessup stated that in the same meeting “we are talking about gravel roads and discussion of the round-a-bout. Some people up here represent the west side of the County while others represent the east side driving on the gravel roads and also people living along the corridor who are against this project”.

**In the Matter of Recorder)**

Debra Carnes, Recorder and Susan Bodkin, Surveyor appeared before Council to request an additional appropriation for a new fund that was instituted July 2011 per state statute called Elected Official Training Fund . The requested appropriated amount is \$1000.00. The amount divided between the Clerk and Surveyor training. Council approved advertising of additional appropriation.

**Council Business)**

- Letter Greg Guerrettaz provided a letter to go to all the other entities for the non-binding review process. Council recommendation is to send this letter to those entities.
- Dates for non-binding review September 12<sup>th</sup>, September 6<sup>th</sup> Budget Hearings.
- Sheriff shifting of budget line items from Sheriff budget to LOIT
- Highway to reimburse LRS from TIF
- Assessor request for another layer of the Pictometry project amount \$135,000
- Target for General Fund budget \$15,000,000
- Commissioner's recommended the hiring of Greg Guerrettaz to assist the Township Trustees on their EMS issues.

**In the Matter of Covance)**

Skip Kuker, Economic Development appeared to present Resolutions for personal property tax abatement and real property tax abatement. A representative from Covance presented the status of the company. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve both Resolutions, seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 7-0 motion passed. This is the first reading of the Resolutions and the next meeting will be a public hearing.

A Council and Commissioner retreat was recommended by Councilman Shelby on Thursday, August 23, 2012 at 4:00 at Councilman Kirkwood's. This will be a caucus not a public meeting.

Councilman Jessup motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved this date:

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Robin D. Lowder

Auditor