

Hancock County Council Meeting

August 14, 2013

The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana, met in the Commissioner Court in the Hancock County Courthouse Annex, Greenfield, Indiana, on the 14th day of August 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.

Councilman Bolander opened public hearing for the following Resolution to amend Resolution 2013-6-3 the Re-Establishment of Cumulative Bridge Fund.

No public comment.

Public hearing closed.

In the Matter of July Minutes)

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve as amended the July minutes to reflect the Prosecutor's Pre-Trial Diversion Coordinator is an " 18 month trial period and make sure it is not impacting other departments revenue. Council will revisit and ensure the fund is paying for itself".

Seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Additional Appropriations)

Councilman Bolander opened public hearing for the following additional appropriations:

Tourism Commission	\$7,695
Solid Waste Management District	\$4,500

John Priorie voiced his concern with the additional appropriation for the Tourism Commission.

Public Hearing closed

Councilman (? Could not hear on recording who made motion) made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-8-2 allowing both SWMD and Tourism Commission additional appropriations, seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Bond Fund Shortfall)

Auditor Robin Lowder, explained that the final bond payment that was made in January for GO Bond 2002, put our cash balance negative in the amount of (\$165,165.43). This is due to the DLGF not giving our County a rate on this bond knowing we were paying it off in 2013. Therefore, the request is to transfer through the claims process this amount from Food & Beverage 7201.37402.000.0000 Circuit Breaker Debt Fund line item to the Debt Fund 4600 GO Bond 2002 line item 4600.38001.000.0000 in the amount of \$165,165.43. This will resolve the cash balance shortfall.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-8-3, Councilman Roney seconded motion. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Other Item from Auditor)

Auditor, Robin Lowder explained that the State has issued too much on distributions in the Food & Beverage Fund. State will adjust by holding back on our distribution over the next three months.

In the Matter of Bond)

A Resolution Of Need For Project as adopted by the Hancock County Board of Commissioners on July 30th, 2013, was made available to the County Council. The project will fund:

(i) the acquisition of property for public purposes; (ii) the purchase or lease of new equipment for vote centers; (iii) reimbursement for jail locks for the Hancock County Jail paid for from the Rainy Day Fund to the extent permitted by law; (iv) purchase of a Computer Aid Dispatch system for the Emergency Operations Center; (v) county vehicles; (vi) capital improvements to the county jail; and (vii) computer/office equipment for county offices, together with all necessary appurtenances and related equipment and the costs of issuance of bonds therefor

Council member Jim Shelby introduced an ordinance entitled “ An Ordinance of Hancock County, Indiana, authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of said County for the purpose of providing funds to be used for: (i) the acquisition of property for public purposes; (ii) the purchase or lease of new equipment for vote centers; (iii) reimbursement for jail locks for the Hancock County Jail paid for from the Rainy Day Fund to the extent permitted by law; (iv) purchase of a Computer Aid Dispatch system for the Emergency Operations Center; (v) county vehicles; (vi) capital improvements to the county jail; and (vii) computer/office equipment for county offices, together with all necessary appurtenances and related equipment and the costs of issuance of bonds therefore”

The ordinance was assigned the number 2013-8C, and taken under advisement until the next meeting.

Council member Jim Shelby introduced an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance of Hancock County, Indiana, Appropriating The Proceeds Of the General Obligation Bonds of 2013”

The ordinance was assigned the number 2013-8D , and taken under advisement until the next meeting.

In the Matter of LOIT Committee)

Councilman Jessup reported on the applications requesting to receive LOIT funding from the Townships.

- Greenfield Fire Territory request for 75,000 to help fund ALS & BLS for the following Townships:
 - Green
 - Blue River
 - Jackson
 - Brown
 - Brandywine
 - Green Township is requesting equipment funding in the amount of \$12,000
 - Shirley Volunteer Fire Department (Brown Township) is requesting equipment funding in the amount of \$16,250

Councilman Fisk made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-8-5 providing distribution of LOIT funds to the above mention service provider, seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote 6-1 (Councilman Shelby “no”) motion passed.

In the Matter of Tourism Commission)

Dave Dellaca, had requested to be on the Council agenda but failed to appear.

In the Matter of Highway)

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the Motor Vehicle Highway in the amount of \$4,340,241 and Local Road & Street budget in the amount of \$1,100,000. Councilman Fisk seconded the budget. Vote 6-1 (Councilman Huber “no”) motion passed.

Councilman Huber still has many concerns and feels we are committing to things we don’t know how we are going to pay for. Our road maintenance will suffer from this project if we don’t know how to pay for the intersection.

Councilman Fisk wants to ensure Joe is on the same path to maintain our roads.

Councilman Shelby thinks there needs to be more discussion.

Councilman Fisk made a motion approve the Highway's request to move the part-time to a full time position. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Weights & Measures)

Dick Simon, Weights & Measures appeared before Council to request and additional appropriation in the amount of \$900 for equipment. Councilman Fisk made a motion to appropriate from Food & Beverage, seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of the Jail)

Scott Karnage from DLZ appeared before Council to report on the Jail Study completed and issues found. Also, a cost analysis was presented.

Councilman Bolander left the meeting.

Public Hearing for Additional Appropriation)

Vice President Roney opened public hearing for the additional appropriation in the amount of \$650,000 in Rainy Day fund for the payment of lawsuit settlement for the purchase of the land to Karen Beeson at the Mt. Comfort corridor.

The public voiced their concerns of bonding.

Public Hearing closed.

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

Councilman Shelby made a motion to introduce a Resolution to allow reimbursement of Rainy Day the \$650,000 with a bond issue, seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Councilman Fisk made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-8-4 Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures \$650,000 the same day as introduction, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Health Department)

Crystal Baker, Office Manager of the Health Department appeared before Council to request to replace a current vacant position for Environmental Health Specialist. Councilman Fisk made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Health Department also requested from Council to hire part-time for one day a week to help out in the front office. This is already appropriated in the grant fund. Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Probation)

Wayne Addison, Chief Probation Officer appeared before Council requesting permission to replace a Probation Officer, also, a current Officer is planning to retire and is requesting to replace her as well. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the request to replace (2) Probation Officers. The motion was seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Wayne proposed to the Council to allow his current staff to work above the 35 hours to assist in the additional paperwork required by the State. And, more requirements are expected due to shifting of duties and responsibilities for the Officers.

Pre- Sentence report writing is very detailed and the Officer must complete this report used to be completed by the secretary. But with the State's new requirements it takes away from supervision time because they take so much time. Wayne proposed taking \$20,000 out of Supplemental and put into a fund to pay Officer's outside of their normal duties and work time like a contract worker to write these Pre-Sentence reports. This would avoid hiring another part-time person. No additional money is needed but utilizing what is already in his department.

County Attorney will look into the law to make sure this can be done.

In the Matter of “Request for Consent to Fill Vacant Investigator Position”)

Michael Griffin, Prosecutor appeared before Council for “Request for Consent to Fill Vacant Investigator Position”. The current Investigator has left County employment. Councilman Huber made a motion to approve request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Cash to be Transferred of LOIT)

Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve a transfer of \$750,000 from LOIT to Rainy Day fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Community Corrections replacement of Employee)

Pat Powers, Community Corrections and Marcia Moore, Clerk appeared before Council to request replacement of his Bookkeeper, Linda Willard who is retiring. He is requesting to take Marcia’s employee Penny Hunt and replace his Bookkeeper with her. Marcia is requesting to take her Part-time position Margaret Gentry to the full-time position to replace Penny Hunt. Councilman Huber made a motion to approve the replacement for Community Corrections, and full-time position for Clerk. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of INTER ACT)

Sheriff Shepherd requested a Council member participate on the panel for INTERACT. Councilman Jessup volunteered.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Approved this date: September 11, 2013

Aye

Nay

Attest: _____
Robin D. Lowder
Auditor