

## Hancock County Council Meeting

August 8, 2012

The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana, met in the Commissioner Court in the Hancock County Courthouse Annex, Greenfield, Indiana, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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.

President Bolander opened meeting 8:30

Public hearing held on the confirming Resolution for Covance tax abatement.

Public had not comments.

Public hearing closed.

Councilman Kirkwood made a motion to approve the tax abatement for Covance, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilman Bolander opened public hearing for the additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,000 in the Elected Official Training Fund (was advertised).

Public had no comments.

Public hearing closed.

Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve the additional appropriation, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

### **Budget 2013)**

Councilman Shelby reported the following information:

- Budgets are separated per state mandate, CAGIT now has its own budget and have to move departments out of General fund into this fund
- General Fund

- LOIT Public Safety
- E911 has new state fund for fees
- Operating E911-other monies
- \$15,000,000 General Fund and CAGIT target
- The request \$15,534,333
- \$534,333 difference
- \$204,000 of the difference is the increase in the Sheriff retirement.
- The request did include the \$500 increase and 2% raise to employees
- LOIT target is \$959,000
- The requested \$1,619,887
- Difference 660,887 (533,621 was new personnel requested)
- E911 target \$1,281,853 (both 1222 & 1156)
- The requested \$1,431,662 (both 1222 & 1156)
- \$150,000 difference

**In the Matter of Treasurer)**

Phyllis Vest, Treasurer appeared before Council to request consideration to hire a new deputy for 2013. Phyllis reported on the work involved in her office. Council offered suggestions for the Treasurer to use part-time people. Council Skvarenina made a motion that the request be approved, seconded by Councilman Jessup. After Council discussion a new motion was made by Councilman Skvarenina to approve in concept the consideration of hiring a new Deputy in the Treasurer's Office, seconded by Councilman Jessup. Roll call vote. 4-3 motion passed.

**Aye**

**Nay**

Joe Skvarenina

Brian Kirkwood

John Jessup

Jim Shelby

Rosalie Richardson

Bill Bolander

Tom Roney

**In the Matter of County Health Insurance)**

Kevin Mandrell, Insurance agent for the County appeared before Council to report on the status of the Counties claims.

**In the Matter of TIF and Redevelopment)**

Councilman Bolander read a letter from President of the Redevelopment Commission, Joe Doninger that stated that there is no new development in the TIF area that brings an increase in the tax base that would go toward the fund and would not be going on the County tax role.

**In the Matter of Superior Court 1 Court)**

Judge Snow was unable to attend Council meeting but sent approval to Bookkeeper, Ginny Martin to make his request for a budget transfer from Pauper Counsel line item to the Superior Court 1 Transcript line item in the amount of \$6,000. This is due to additional jury trials. Councilman Roney made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

**In the Matter of Probation)**

Probation is asking Council for an additional appropriation for the ADA Drug Screen Fund in the amount of \$15,000. Council gives approval for Auditor to advertise.

**In the Matter of Sheriff)**

Brad Burkhart appeared before Council to request replacement of a deputy at the Sheriff Department. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve hire, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Major Burkhart explained changes in the PACE program and the concern of the federal funds currently being used to pay Nick Ernestes. The PACE works under a grant and the Federal Equity Sharing program. However, the Federal Equity portion does not allow the PACE officer to be paid from these funds. An Officer that replaces the PACE officer can be paid from these funds. Sheriff proposal is to move Nick's pay back to General Fund budget and the new Deputy to be paid out of the task force funds. Councilman Shelby made a motion to allow the Sheriff and Auditor's office to work together to get the details worked out and come back to report to Council, seconded by Councilman Skvarenina.

**In the Matter of Highway)**

Joe Copeland, Highway requested the Council sign a Resolution to reduce his 2012 Local Road and Street budget. The reduction will be in line item 31200 Contractual Services. The project has been delayed and this money will be available next year. Councilman Skvarenina made a motion to approve the reduction no second or vote.

**In the Matter of Martin Hensley)**

Martin Hensley appeared before Council to explain his non-profit organization issues.

**In the Matter of Clerk)**

Marcia Moore appeared before Council requesting to fill a position of an employee that will not be returning after being on FMLA. Marcia has a person in mind that previously worked for the County-Wendy Ruff who worked in the Election Office. Hire date of August 20, 2012. Councilman Skvarenina made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood.

Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved this date:

Aye

Nay

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Robin D. Lowder

Auditor