

# Hancock County Council

SEPTEMBER 9, 2015 8:30 AM

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM  
111 American Legion Place  
Greenfield, Indiana 46140

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Council President Bill Bolander
	The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana, met in the Commissioner Court in the Courthouse Annex, Greenfield, Indiana, on the 9 <sup>th</sup> day of September 2015 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in accordance with the rules of the Council.
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Bill Bolander, Randy Sorrell Kent Fisk and Debbie Bledsoe, Tom Roney, John Jessup and Jim Shelby
	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 Foamcraft, Inc.)**

Skip Kuker, Executive Director of Economic Development introduced a new client into our County. The company is Foamcraft, Inc., requesting an abatement of tax on real estate improvements, for new information technology equipment, research and development equipment and logistical distribution equipment. The company will create employment for approximately twenty-five (25) persons with annual salaries of \$658,736.

Attorney Ron Pritzke presented Resolution 2015-9-1 to the Council. Councilman Fisk made the motion to pass said Resolution. Councilman Sorrell seconded motion. Vote 7-0 motion passed. Public Hearing on this matter will be October 14, 2015 at 8:30 am.

### **In the Matter of Covance Abatement)**

Skip Kuker, and Mary Bowmer appeared to present the compliance form for Covance. Skip requested approval of the tax abatement. Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve; motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Council President Bill Bolander opened public hearing for the 2016 County Budget.

John Priorie voiced his concerns regarding budget.

Public Hearing closed.

Council President Bill Bolander opened public hearing for the 2016 Solid Waste Management District Budget.

No public comments.

Public Hearing closed.

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

Auditor Robin Lowder, on behalf of Judge Snow who was unable to attend meeting, is requesting to replace a Court Reporter position within his office. Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve request, the motion seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

**In the Matter of Budget Transfer)**

Auditor, Robin Lowder requested approval of a budget transfer within the Commissioner budget in the amount of \$4,080. Transferring from weed supplies, weed chemicals, weed liens and Gallahue line items into the Weed Specialist line item. Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Roney. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

**Hancock County Council Non-Binding Reviews of 2016 Budgets  
Cities/Towns/Townships/Libraries**

**Review only of all Hancock County School Corporations**

Unit Name	
BLUE RIVER TOWNSHIP	Councilman Roney made a motion for recommendation of the 2016 budget. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 7-0 motion passed.
BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP	Councilman Shelby made a motion for non-recommendation of the 2016 budget. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7-0 motion passed.
BROWN TOWNSHIP	Councilman Jessup made a motion for recommendation of the 2016 budget. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0 motion passed.
BUCK CREEK TOWNSHIP	Councilman Shelby made a motion for non-recommendation of the 2016 budget. Motion was seconded by Councilman Roney. Vote 6-1 motion passed.
CENTER TOWNSHIP	Councilman Shelby made a motion for non-recommendation of the 2016 budget. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7-0 motion passed.
CUMBERLAND CIVIL TOWN	Councilman Shelby made a motion for non-recommendation of the 2016 budget. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7-0 motion passed.
FORTVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	Councilman Fisk made a motion for recommendation of the 2016 budget. Motion was seconded by Councilman Sorrell. Vote 7-0 motion passed.
GREEN TOWNSHIP	Councilman Jessup made a motion for recommendation of the 2016 budget. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 7-0 motion passed.
GREENFIELD CIVIL CITY	Councilman Fisk made a motion for recommendation of the 2016 budget. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 7-0 motion passed.
HANCOCK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	Councilman Shelby made a motion for recommendation of the 2016 budget. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 7-0 motion passed.
JACKSON TOWNSHIP	Councilman Fisk made a motion for recommendation of the 2016 budget. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0 motion passed.
MCCORDSVILLE CIVIL TOWN	Councilman Shelby made a motion for non-recommendation of the 2016 budget. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7-0 motion passed.
NEW PALESTINE CIVIL TOWN	Councilman Shelby made a motion for recommendation of the 2016 budget. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7-0 motion passed.
SHIRLEY CIVIL TOWN	Councilman Jessup made a motion for recommendation of the 2016 budget. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0 motion passed.
SPRING LAKE CIVIL TOWN	Councilman Shelby made a motion for non-recommendation of the 2016 budget. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 7-0 motion passed.
SUGAR CREEK TOWNSHIP	Councilman Roney made a motion for recommendation of the 2016 budget. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7-0 motion passed.
VERNON TOWNSHIP	Councilwoman Bledsoe made a motion for non-recommendation of the 2016 budget. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0 motion passed.
WILKINSON CIVIL TOWN	Councilman Fisk made a motion for recommendation of the 2016 budget. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 7-0 motion passed.
TOWN OF FORTVILLE	Councilman Roney made a motion for recommendation of the 2016 budget. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0 motion passed.
MT. VERNON COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION	Councilman Roney made a motion that a review was completed by the County Council; motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7-0 motion passed.
GREENFIELD CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION	Councilman Roney made a motion that a review was completed by the County Council, motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7-0 motion passed.
EASTERN HANCOCK COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL	Councilman Roney made a motion that a review was completed by the County Council, motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7-0 motion passed.
SOUTHERN HANCOCK COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL	Councilman Roney made a motion that a review was completed by the County Council; motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

**In the Matter of Additional Appropriations)**

10:00 am

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

Fund 8927	STOP Grant-Prosecutor	\$79,341
Fund 6004	LOIT-Public Safety Narcotics Officer	\$100,000

And the de-appropriation of the LOIT-Public Safety CAD system in the amount of \$188,000

No public comments.

Public Hearing closed.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the additional appropriations and de-appropriate the LOIT-Public Safety CAD amount of \$188,000 listed above; The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilman Shelby stated that the funding of the new Narcotics Officer will be cash transferred from Rainy Day fund to LOIT-Public Safety. The actual budget will be in the LOIT.

**In the Matter of Court Reform Grant and Replacement of Position)**

Marcia Moore appeared before Council to request Auditor to advertise the Court Reform Grant for appropriation of grant at the next meeting. Also, requesting replacement of employee that is leaving her office.

Council approved Auditor to advertise grant. Councilman Shelby made a motion to allow replacement of employee in the Clerk’s Office. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

**In the Matter of Coroner)**

Crystel Myers, Coroner did not show up to Council meeting. Auditor Robin Lowder reported to Council that more autopsy money is needed but there are not any line items within Coroner budget to transfer.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to fund autopsy from Rainy Day in the amount of \$20,600 through a budget transfer from miscellaneous expense line item to autopsy line item. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

**In the Matter of Prosecutor)**

Brent Eaton, Prosecutor appeared before Council to request the replacement of an employee who is moving to Superior Court II. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve replacement; motion was seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

**In the Matter of Highway)**

Gary Pool, Highway Engineer appeared before Council to give them an update on the current projects.

**In the Matter of Probation)**

Wayne Addison, Chief Probation Officer appeared before Council to request approval for Auditor to advertise for an additional appropriation within the 2101 ADA Drug Screen probation fund in the amount of \$11,000. This amount is a vacation buy out for (2) employees in the Probation Officer; Kevin Minnick and Josh Sipes.

Council approved the Auditor to advertise the additional appropriation request.

**In the Matter of May and August 2015 Minutes)**

Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve the minutes; motion was seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

**In the Matter of General Obligation Bond 2015)**

The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana, met in the Commissioners’ Court of the Hancock County Courthouse Annex, Greenfield, Indiana , on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015, at 8:30 am in a regular meeting in accordance with the rules of the Council.

Present

- William Bolander
- Jim Shelby
- John Jessup
- Tom Roney
- Kent Fisk
- Debbie Bledsoe Randy Sorrell

Absent

None

A Resolution Of Need For Project as adopted by the Hancock County Board of Commissioners on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, was made available to the County Council. The project will fund: the renovation and additions to the : (i) Hancock County jail; (ii) Hancock County Courthouse; (iii) Hancock County Courthouse Annex; (iv) Hancock County Memorial Building; (v) Hancock County Emergency Operations Center; (vi) Hancock County Prosecutor’s Office; (vii) Hancock County Extension Office Building; and (vii) Hancock County Highway Buildings, together with all necessary appurtenances and related equipment and the costs of issuance of bonds therefore.

Council member Shelby introduced and 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 the renovation and additions to the: (i) Hancock County jail; (ii) Hancock County Courthouse; (iii) Hancock County Courthouse Annex; (iv) Hancock County Memorial Building; (v) Hancock County Emergency Operations Center; (vi) Hancock County Prosecutor’s Office; (vii) Hancock County Extension Office Building; and (vii) Hancock County Highway

