

# Hancock County Council

FEBRUARY 12, 2014 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 12 <sup>th</sup> day of February 2014 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in accordance with the rules of the Council.
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Bill Bolander, Jim Shelby, Marc Huber, John Jessup, Kent Fisk and Debbie Bledsoe. Tom Roney not in attendance.
	Also attending, County Attorney, Ray Richardson, Auditor Robin Lowder and Deputy Auditor, Ginny Martin

## Minutes

President Bolander called the meeting to order.

Public Hearing was opened for the following additional appropriations requests:

Public comments were heard.

Public Hearing closed.

CEDIT-County portion \$95,000 for Broken Arrow Highway project

Councilman Shelby, made a motion to approve the additional appropriation, Councilman Fisk seconded the motion. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

CEDIT-County portion \$920,000 for Mt. Comfort 300 W & 600 N Intersection

Councilman Fisk, made a motion to approve the additional appropriation, Councilwoman Bledsoe seconded the motion. Vote 4-2

Aye=Councilman Fisk, Councilman Shelby, Councilwoman Bledsoe and Councilman Bolander,  
Nay=Councilman Jessup, Councilman Huber. Motion passed.

County Highway -\$50,000 for new "Superintendent"

Councilman Shelby, made a motion to approve the additional appropriation, Councilman Fisk seconded the motion. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Cumulative Bridge-\$857,220 for Bridge Funding

Councilman Jessup, made a motion to approve the additional appropriation, Councilman Huber seconded the motion. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Public Hearing was opened for the following additional appropriation request:

LOIT-Public Safety \$117,000

Public hearing closed with no public comment.

Councilman Shelby made a motion, to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$117,000 into LOIT public safety fund 6004. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Public hearing was opened for the following additional appropriation request:  
CEDIT Co. portion in the amount of \$50,000 for The Harvest Council Food Hub  
Public comments were heard and feel that taxpayer dollars should not be used for such purposes.  
Public hearing closed.

Roy Ballard, Purdue County Extension and the Market Manager for the Harvest Council Food Hub appeared before Council and reported the process in which the food hub operates and the money needed for funding.

After Council discussion, it was decided to table the request for the additional appropriation in the amount of \$50,000 until a later time.

### **Holiday Pay Issue**

Councilman Shelby discussed a Resolution to be presented to the full Council regarding the holiday pay issue within the new Personnel Policy adopted by the Commissioners.

Councilman Shelby introduced the Resolution as follows:

Resolution No. 2014- 2 –9  
A COUNTY COUNCIL RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE SHERIFF, EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER AND COMMUNITY  
CORRECTIONS  
REMAIN WITHIN THE BUDGETS ADOPTED FOR 2014

WHEREAS, the County Council previously adopted a budget for the Sheriff's Department, the Emergency Operations Center and Community Corrections for 2014, and

WHEREAS, the employee handbook rules were changed effective January 1, 2014, that would make holiday pay for those departments more generous than provided for in the budget, and

WHEREAS, Such increase would exceed the amount appropriated by the Council for employee benefits by the sum of \$133,000, and

Whereas, the Council hereby declines to additionally appropriate such money,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the Hancock County Council hereby requests that whatever changes are necessary be made so that the three departments will remain within their current budgets.

Adopted this 12th day of January, 2014.

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Councilman Shelby made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2014-2-9; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

The budget committee's recommendation is to pay the three holidays that have occurred since the beginning of 2014. The three holidays will be New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, and Presidents' Day. Council approved for the Auditor to advertise for the additional appropriation.

### **Sheriff Department**

Brad Burkhart from the Sheriff's Department made a request to Council to replace a merit Deputy. Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote was 6 - 0 motion passed.

Brad Burkhart, Sheriff Department requested from counsel for the Sheriff's Department to either email or call the Council when a Deputy needs replaced.

Council agreed for Brad to email or call advising them of replacement and appear before the next Council meeting after the hiring of a Deputy.

### **Budget Committee Report**

- Councilman Shelby reported from the budget committee that Wayne Addison had appeared before the committee and advised them that fees are down for substance abuse fund and that he will not be replacing a probation officer.
- The budget committee also discussed the liabilities in the pension funds for the county. The first liability being PERF for all employees, which is funded by the state, and the other being the Sheriff's pension. Currently, the Council funds 75% of the Sheriff pension. Therefore, we do have an open liability.

### **Covance Appeal**

Mary Noe, Assessor and Trish Holiday, Settlement Deputy appeared before Council to report on the Covance abatement. Covance appealed certain buildings on the property that was obtained from Eli Lilly; there had not been any review since 2008 when buildings were purchased.

Covance had changed the use of the buildings. Some of the buildings are being used as warehouse buildings instead of research and development. Also, there are buildings that are vacant and not in use, the assessment had to be adjusted. The Assessor advised this is a legitimate request from Covance.

### **E911 Trainer Raise**

Connie Hoy, E911 Director appeared before Council to request the approval to advertise \$2,100 for a raise for her trainers from fund 1222. Council approved Auditor to advertise.

### **Emergency Management**

Larry Ervin, Director appeared before Council to request approval to advertise for additional appropriation for a grant he will be receiving in the amount of \$5,175 for the purchase of (12) iPad. Council approved Auditor to advertise.

### **Auditor**

Robin Lowder, Auditor appeared before Council to request replacement of Trish Holiday, Settlement Deputy. Council vote 6-0 (no motion or second made for this request, only vote)

Auditor reported of a problem at year end. A check was sent to the wrong vendor. We received the money back but the line item is over budget due to this issue. Additional appropriation is needed; Council approved Auditor to advertise in the General Fund, Commissioners budget.

**Highway**

Gary Pool, Highway Engineer appeared before Council to report the status of Highway. There are going to be shortfalls in the budget and other needs. A driver and assistant mechanic positions will be requested at a later date.

**Surveyor**

Susan Bodkins, Surveyor appeared before Council to present her 2013 annual report.

**Tourism Commission.**

Bridget Jones, Commission member appeared before Council to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$110,000. These funds will be used for the trail expansion, and any other future requests for funding throughout the year. Council approved for the Auditor to advertise the additional appropriation amount.

**Minutes**

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the December 2013 in January 2014 minutes as written; motion was seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

**2014- 1782 Budget order**

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the Resolution 2014-2-8 allowing the Auditor to reduce the funds needed to balance the 1782.

Budget order the following funds will be reduced:

- Cumulative bridge in the amount of \$238,715
- General obligation bond of 2013 in the amount of 97,366

The motion was seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote 6-0 motion passed

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

Meeting Adjourned.

Approved this date: \_\_\_\_\_

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ATTEST: HANCOCK COUNTY AUDITOR	
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