

Hancock County Council Meeting

July 10, 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 July 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 Blander opened public hearing for the following additional appropriations:

Vending Fund	\$75,000
Supplemental Adult Probation	\$75,000
Cities Readiness Initiative Grant	\$50,000
Public Health Preparedness Bonus Grant	\$18,280

No public comment.

Public hearing closed.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve all the (4) funds additional appropriations, seconded by Councilman Huber.

Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilman Fisk made a motion to approve the transfer of the Surplus Tax Sale amounts as follows:

2007=\$297.00
2008=\$23,399.19
2009= \$969.29

Said amounts to be transferred into General Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilman Shelby presented a proposal for the Bond Issue

Capital Expenses needs:

- \$345,000 reimburse Rainy Day for the Jail Locks
- \$700,000 Road construction intended for 600 W South of US 40
- Vote Center (approximately \$500,000)
- CAD for E911
- \$345,000 other Cumulative Capital needs
- Chiller at the Jail

The bond will be issued at year end and this is the first step for the public input.

President Bolander opened public hearing

Taxpayers stating their concerns:

- John Priorie
- Fred Dunlavy
- Carolyn Flynn
- Martha Vail

Public hearing closed

President Bolander did a non-binding poll for Council to allow the bond issue to move forward.

Aye	Nay
Marc Huber	
Kent Fisk	
Debbie Bledsoe	
John Jessup	
Jim Shelby	
Bill Bolander	
Tom Roney	

In the Matter of Prosecutor)

Michael Griffin, Prosecutor appeared before Council, reporting on the expansion of his Diversion program in the Prosecutor's Office. He is requesting a new hire for a position to help with this task called " Pre-Trial Diversion Coordinator".

Council agrees the Diversion program and this position sustain itself with the fees collected.

Councilman Fisk made a motion to allow the Prosecutor to hire a Pre-Trial Diversion Coordinator, seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to reduce the Deputy line in the Prosecutor's 2014 general fund budget by \$45,000. This was the new Deputy Prosecutor that was requested. This would reduce line item 11203 from \$244,487 to \$199,487. (difference was \$45,000 new deputy request) And approve 2014 Prosecutor budget as amended. Motion seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the 2014 Pre-Trial Diversion budget as written, seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 7-0 motion passed . Deputy Auditor advised Council that this budget will need to be amended once the new position numbers are given to the Auditor's Office.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the 2014 Title IV-D Incentive fund as written, seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Veteran's Service Officer)

Bob Workman, Veteran's Service Officer appeared before Council to report that the State is requiring more training and hours worked for the Officer with a \$25,000 impact on the 2014 budget. Council agrees to table the issue and leave as is currently.

In the Matter of E911 Re-hire)

Connie Hoy appeared before Council to request that she replace a Public Safety Dispatcher that has left. Councilman Fisk made a motion to approve the re-hiring of the Dispatcher,

Councilman Shelby stated his concerns of the perception this

reflects regarding the person being considered for this position. When vote was taken, all Council voted yes, however, the Council each stated their own concerns regarding the person that is being hired.

Motion to approve the re-hire of a Dispatcher was seconded by Councilman Roney. Roll-call vote 7-0 motion passed.

Aye	Nay
Mark Huber	
Kent Fisk	
Debbie Bledsoe	
John Jessup	
Jim Shelby	
Bill Bolander	
Tom Roney	

In the Matter of Economic Development)

Skip Kuker, Director Economic Development and Joe Doninger, President of RDC appeared before Council to present the 2014 budget. The budget presented the bond and interest payments only. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Sheriff Items)

Sheriff Shepherd appeared before Council to discuss the Sheriff Bonus and if the criteria has been met for him to receive. Auditor reported the meals criteria had been met for 2013. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the bonus, seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Council discussed re- negotiating with Sheriff Shepherd for the 2014 Sheriff Bonus. Councilman Shelby made a motion to pass a Resolution for the criteria to remain the same for 2014. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Sheriff requested replacement of employees. The Cook has been terminated. They are requesting to replace with (2) part-time cooks and put her remaining salary into part-time line item for the remainder of 2013. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the position to be replaced with (2) part-time people and move the current remaining salary moved into the Jail part-time line item.

Councilman Fisk seconded motion. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Deputy Auditor advised Council that this approval to move the full-time salary into the part-time line item will also affect the 2014 part-time budget line but will not change the bottom line of budget. Council agreed.

Sheriff is requesting to replace a Jail Officer that was on maternity leave but has decided not to return. Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve the replacement, seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Sheriff reported that Captain Jim Bradbury will be retiring as of August 1, 2013, after 38 years of County service. Sheriff has met with the merit board to combine a list from prior applicants to be considered for this position. In doing this there may be someone from the Jail to be considered for the Bradbury position. And two other Jail Officers that were previously (2012) approved for the Sheriff positions that are just now being filled. Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve the Sheriff's request, seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Sheriff advised Ben Carr, part-time security officer in the Courthouse has resigned and Sheriff requesting to replace. Councilman Fisk made a motion to approve the part-time security position, seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe . Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilman Shelby reported on the questions regarding 2013 vs. 2014 Sheriff budget. Major Burkhart explained each line item in question.

- Garage & Motor
- Fuel
- Sheriff Communications
- Sheriff Retirement

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the Jail budget for 2014 as amended to reflect line item 12006 Dietician salary to be moved to the part-time line item 12100 in that amount of \$31,680 The motion was seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Solid Waste Management District)

Roy Ballard appeared before Council to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$4,500 for the SWMD Event fund. This additional appropriation will pay for the Fall 2013 “tox away” event Council approved for Auditor to advertise the additional and will approve the August meeting.

Councilman Huber made a motion to approve the 2014 SWMD Event Fund budget. Councilwoman Bledsoe seconded motion. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Superior Court 1)

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the 2014 Superior Court 1 budget as amended without the approval of the new position leaving the budget line item for Reporter/Bailiff/Administrator in the amount of \$99,163. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Highway and LRS)

Issues with Highway & LRS 2014 Budget:

- Lo-Hut line item \$990,000 what makes up this number.
- Breakdown of the line item ensuring it will be used for road maintenance
- Full-time position
- LRS listing of what the amount is going to be used for.

Councilman Jessup made a motion to table the 2014 budget for MVH until August meeting to allow an opportunity for Joe to address the issues at hand. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0

Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve the LRS budget for 2014 amending line item 31200 Contractual Services in the amount of \$1,150,000 to \$0.

Councilman Shelby called for discussion.

Council agreed that than an alternative funding source is needed for the Mt. Comfort corridor project

No second on the motion from Councilman Jessup. Motion did not pass.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to table approval the LRS 2014 budget until an acceptable list of projects is received. Motion seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 6-1 (Councilman Jessup nay) motion pass.

Councilman Roney provided Council with a list that Joe had provided to them previously.

In the Matter of Budget 2014)

Councilman Shelby made a motion to reduce the line item 34200 Worker's Compensation in the amount of \$57,000 within the Commissioners budget to balance our 2014 budget in General Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilman Shelby made a motion that the \$57,000 will be paid from Food & Beverage at the end of next year when the payment is due. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilman Roney made a motion in order to balance the 2014 budget , to reduce the Commissioners 2014 budget line 34101 Liability Insurance in the amount of \$480,000 and reducing line item 31503 Janitorial Services in the amount of \$70,000 in General fund. And increasing line item 34101 Liability Insurance in the amount of \$480,000 and increasing line item 31503 Janitorial Services in the amount of \$70,000 in the CAGIT fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of CEDIT Increase)

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the Ordinance 2013-6A CEDIT increasing the income tax to 0.10%. The motion seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Vote Centers)

Vendors from the ESS vote centers appeared before Council to introduce themselves.

In the Matter of Surveyor Fees)

Councilman Shelby made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2013-7A amending fees for copying increasing the laminating fee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilman Jessup made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-7A, the same day of introduction. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roney. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Cash currently in LOIT)

Discussion by Council on how much to transfer.

Councilman Jessup made a motion to transfer the allowed amount from the LOIT cash balance to Rainy Day fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Replacement of a Child Support Receptionist)

Michael Griffin , Prosecutor appeared before Council requesting a replacement of a Child Support Receptionist who just resigned. Councilman Fisk made a motion to approve the re-hire, seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote 7-0

In the Matter June Minutes)

Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve the June 12th minutes, seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilwoman Bledsoe made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved this date: August 14, 2013

Aye

Nay

Attest: _____
Robin D. Lowder
Auditor