

Hancock County Council

MARCH 12, 2014 8:30 AM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM
111 American Legion Place
Greenfield, Indiana 46140

MEETING CALLED BY	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 th day of March 2014 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in accordance with the rules of the Council.
ATTENDEES	Bill Bolander, Jim Shelby, Marc Huber, John Jessup, Kent Fisk and Debbie Bledsoe and Tom Roney
	Also attending, County Attorney, Ray Richardson, Auditor Robin Lowder and Deputy Auditor, Ginny Martin

Minutes

President Bolander called the meeting to order.

In the Matter Of Additional Appropriations)

Public Hearing was opened for the following additional appropriations requests:

- Increase for the E 911 trainer's in the amount of \$2, 100
- Emergency Management Grant in the amount of \$5,175

No Public Comment

Public hearing closed

Councilman Fisk, made a motion to approve the \$2,100 for an increase in the E 911 trainer salary. Councilman Shelby, seconded the motion. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilman Fisk, made a motion to approve the \$5,175 for the Emergency Management Grant. Councilman Huber seconded the motion. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Public hearing was opened for the following additional appropriation requests:

- Tourism Commission, \$110,000.

Public comments were not in favor of the additional appropriation request.

Bridgette Jones, Treasurer of the Tourism Commission appeared before Council to discuss requested additional appropriation. These are the items that are currently being spent. And in addition we have \$50,000 to spend in order to support local organizations within the county.

- 2,100 (Healthy Strides / 5K Run)
- 1,200 (GMSI Virtual Tour)
- 29,055 (First Group Engineering Trail Study)
- 5,760 (Indiana Office of Tourism Travel Publication)
- 10,000 to McCordsville Sports Park (from 2013 voting)
- 25,329 to First Group Engineering (from 2013 voting)

Public Hearing Closed.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to table the issue for the request for the additional appropriation for the Tourism Commission until further information is provided at the next Council meeting. Councilman Jessup, seconded the motion. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Public hearing remains open for public input for April meeting.

In the Matter of Highway Department)

Joe Hollis, Highway department appeared before Council in Gary Pool absence. Highway is requesting approval to amend the 2014 salary ordinance, eliminating the Assistant Superintendent position and create a new Superintendent position. The salary for the new Superintendent position is in the amount of \$49,000. And decreasing the salary for the assistant superintendent position in the amount of \$46,297.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to introduce the amendment to the Salary Ordinance No. 2014-3A

Councilman Jessup made a motion to adopt the amendment to the Salary Ordinance No. 2014-3A the same day as introduction. Councilwoman Bledsoe seconded the motion. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to adopt the amendment to the Salary Ordinance No. 2014-3A Councilwoman Bledsoe seconded the motion. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Joe Hollis also presented various other Highway reports for the Council to review.

Also presented, was a request From the Highway Department for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$150,000 for a new road grader. Council approved for Auditor to advertise for the additional appropriation.

Highway reported that in 2014, the sign improvements grant program will be dropped. The Highway will continue to phase out the program.

The Highway also requested a budget transfer from part-time to LO-Hut in the amount of \$15,000 and also from new truck maintenance line item to contractors and salt in the amount of \$55,000.

Councilman Fisk, made a motion to approve the budget transfers request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

Highway requested Council to sign paperwork to receive federal funds for Broken Arrow and Bridge 71. Council signed paperwork for the Highway to apply for federal funds.

That in the Matter of the February Minutes)

Councilman Shelby, requested that on page 3 under Sheriff’s Department discussion regarding new hires , that the words “Council agreed” to be changed to “Council, discussed”

Councilman Fisk, made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Councilman Huber seconded the motion. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

In the Matter Of the Library)

Dave Gray, from the Hancock County library, and Joe Mohr, appeared before Council to present the Library’s 2013 annual report.

Council will need a new appointment to the Hancock County library in May due to Joe Mohr leaving the board. Councilman Shelby presented the name of Reed Tarwater as appointment on the board.

In the Matter of the Fortville Library)

Councilman Roney, made a motion to appoint Clyde Hall to the board for the Fortville Library. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

Break

In the Matter of Sheriff Department)

Brad Burkhart, Sheriff’s Department appeared before Council and presented the current jail report for Council review. Brad reported also, the Sheriff’s Department is working on a process to get inmates the capability to sign up for health insurance.

Councilman Fisk, made a motion to allow the Sheriff to work with the health care providers within the Sheriff's Department to ensure that all 79 inmates on the jail report sign-up for their health insurance and the cost of \$4,000 is funded from Food and Beverage. The motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

Councilman Fisk, made a motion to allow the Sheriff's Department to contact Council via email for replacement employees for JCO and Merit Deputies. This only applies to those with no added increase in budget. Motion was seconded by Councilman Roney. Vote 4 – 2 motion passed.

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

Brad, presented new fund approved by the Commissioners through an Ordinance. And the other waiting to be approved on Tuesday. The first fund Sheriff's Hosting Agency Fund in the amount of \$10,000 and the second the K-9 Dog Fund in the amount of \$15,000. Brad, requested these be advertised for additional appropriations. Council approved the Auditor to advertise the additional appropriation For the Sheriff's Hosting Agency Fund.

Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve advertising contingent on the Commissioners approving the K-9 dog fund at their next regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

In the Matter of The Holiday Pay Line)

Council approved for the Auditor to advertise for the additional appropriations for the following funds:

Sheriff, Jail, Community Corrections, and E 911

In the Matter of Sheriff Retirement)

Ronnie Mohr, President of the Sheriff Merit Board appeared before Council to report on status of Sheriff Retirement.

In the Matter of Planning)

Mike Dale, Planning Department appeared before Council to present his 2013 Annual Report.

In the Matter of Abatements)

Trish Seybold, Settlement Deputy reported to Council on (2) tax abatements.

- Flo Realty -Received the CF-1 in fifth year of 10 year abatement. Councilman Shelby made a motion to continue abatement, motion was seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.
- NCB- 108 Precedent Property- this is the property that houses Freeige Water and Comp Air. The company is in their sixth year of a 10 year abatement. Councilman Shelby made a motion to continue abatement, motion was seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

In the Matter of the Assessor)

Mary Noe, Assessor appeared before Council to request a budget transfer in her Reassessment budget fund 1188. The budget transfer is from three different line items
11409 real estate assistant non-per in the amount of \$358
12100 part-time in the amount of \$6000
11405 real estate assistant in the amount of \$39,978.

All of these amounts to be moved into line item 11399 seasonal employment in the amount of \$46,336.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the budget transfers. The motion was seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Superior Court I & Circuit Court)

Judge Snow sent a letter requesting additional appropriation for (2) cellphone service agreement for both Circuit and Superior Court I. The amount for the year is \$1,200. Council approved the Auditor to advertise additional appropriation.

In the Matter of Auditor's Office)

Robin Lowder, Auditor appeared before Council to advise that she will be restructuring jobs in the Auditor's Office. This will change the current GIS Deputy position to include Real Estate supervisor and a request to increase her salary to compensate for the position. This increase is not changing the budget bottom line.

Councilman Shelby introduced Ordinance 2014 – 3B to increase the salary in the amount of \$1268 for the GIS Deputy and change the position from GIS Deputy to GIS Deputy and Real Estate Supervisor.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014 – 3B on the same day as introduction, Councilman Fisk seconded the motion. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed

Councilman Jessup made a motion to amend the 2014 Salary Ordinance, the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed

Through replacing the Auditor's Settlement Deputy, there is a need in the amount \$1322 for 10 days to cover the person moving to this position for training. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve and pay from Food and Beverage Fund, motion was seconded by Councilman Huber. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed

In the Matter of the LOIT Homestead Issue)

Robin Lowder, Auditor and Janice Silvey, Treasurer reported on the status of the process of correcting the error the State Auditor's Office made for Hancock County LOIT Homestead. The State Auditor's Office miscalculated Hancock County's LOIT Homestead. The miscalculation created \$3.8 million error. This error resulted in Hancock County receiving too much LOIT money.

The Auditor and Treasurer have been working with the State Auditor's Office, State Board of Accounts, and our tax vendor to work out a process to resolve this matter.

In the Matter of the Budget Committee)

Councilman Shelby reported that Roy Ballard came back to the budget committee meeting and reported that the State of Indiana , Agricultural Secretary, Mr. McKinney has offered \$40,000 to the Food Hub if they could get funding from the Hancock County Council and Commissioners.

Councilman Shelby made a motion that \$10,000 be taken from Food and Beverage in support of the Food Hub. And if the Commissioners are in agreement to help fund the Food Hub. Councilman Roney, seconded the motion. Vote 2 – 5 motion did not pass.

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

Councilman Jessup made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Shelby
Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned

Approved this date: _____

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ATTEST: HANCOCK COUNTY AUDITOR	
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