

*Hancock County*

*Council Meeting  
January 11, 2012*

The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana, met in the Commissioner Court in the Hancock County Courthouse Annex, Greenfield, Indiana, on the 11th day of January 2012 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in accordance with the rules of the Council. Council members present were William Bolander, Brian Kirkwood, John Jessup, Jim Shelby, and Rosalie Richardson and Tom Roney. Also, present were Auditor, Robin D. Lowder, Deputy Ginny Martin, Ray Richardson, County Attorney.

President Bill Bolander called the meeting to order.

**In the Matter of Sheriff Bonus)**

Mike Shepherd, Sheriff appeared before Council to discuss his bonus and the goals set by Council and Commissioners and if the Sheriff has met those requirements for 2011. After discussion at the budget meeting the agreement is as follows for 2011:

1. Keep accurate records and make a monthly report to the County Auditor of the following: number and cost of meals served, activity of the Commissary Fund and disposition of assets obtained by seizures.
2. Keep up the quantity and quality of meals served to at least the standard of the previous year.
3. Hold the food cost per meal served to \$0.45 less than the state meal allowance for prisoners. Should the Sheriff hold the cost to \$0.49 less than the state meal allowance for prisoners per meal, the bonus will be increased by an additional \$2,500.

The recommendation of budget committee is that the bonus requirements were fulfilled. Councilman Shelby made a motion to give \$7,500 bonus to the Sheriff, seconded by Councilman Roney. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

The 2012 recommendations were given to the Sheriff for his review by Resolution.

Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to *rescind* the action taken by Council in December to move the Federal Equitable Sharing money in the amount of \$63,921 received by the Sheriff into a line to help fund the Sheriff Retirement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

### **In the Matter of Tourism Commission )**

President Bolander opened the public hearing for the approval of Tourism Commission 2012 budget for the Director Salary. No public comment. Public hearing closed.

Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to approve the Director salary as presented, seconded by Councilman Roney. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

### **Election of 2012 County Council Officers)**

Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to elect Bill Bolander as President, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to elect Councilwoman Richardson as Vice President, seconded by Councilman Bolander. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

### **Other Appointments Approved for 2012)**

- **Redevelopment Commission**  
Councilman Shelby made a motion to reappoint Joe Doninger and Jim Cherry, seconded by Councilman Roney. Vote 6-0 motion passed.
- **Economic Development Commission**  
Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to reappoint Tom Roney, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 6-0 motion passed.
- **Weed Board**  
Councilman Bolander made a motion to appoint Brian Kirkwood , seconded by Councilman Roney. Vote 6-0 motion passed.
- **Solid Waste Management**  
Councilman Kirkwood made a motion to appoint John Jessup, seconded by Councilman Roney. Vote 6-0 motion passed.
- **Planning Commission**  
Councilman Kirkwood made a motion to reappoint Bill Bolander, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 6-0 motion passed.
- **Alcohol & Beverage Commission**  
Councilman Jessup made a motion to reappoint Ed Brand, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 6-0 motion passed.
- **Community Correction Advisory Board**  
Councilman Shelby made a motion to reappoint Rosalie Richardson, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

### **Amendments to 2012 Salary Ordinance)**

Fund 0101-080 Building Department change on Part-time hourly line from \$1,000 to \$3,000 and the rate of pay from \$16.00 per hour to \$15.00 per hour per Commissioners request. Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to approve amendment, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Fund 0101-068 County Attorney line item change from \$29,268 to \$29,628. Councilman Kirkwood made a motion to approve the amendment, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

### **In the Matter of Mt. Vernon Schools)**

Brian Burney appeared before Council to request Hancock County Council to come to the aid of Mt. Vernon School Corporation. Also, a concerned parent who has 4 children in the Mt. Vernon Schools addressed Council as well with his concerns.

### **In the Matter of Townships Rescue)**

Bob McDaniel-Jackson, Paul Cooper-Blue River, Katie Lewman-Brown, Sharon Brown-Green appeared before Council requesting assistance with the Townships rescue EMS/ALS services by using LOIT money coming to the County. Trustees presented their needs and concerns due to the tax caps and DLGF will not give them a rate and are having to use their cash balances. Green Township does have a rate and are able to fund their contract with Greenfield currently but they keep raising their costs. Currently Greenfield is charging the Townships to provide EMS runs through contracts. A possible solution is a Fire Territory in the future or work toward another way to pay for their rescue services.

Councilman Kirkwood made a motion to appropriate \$45,000 to help the Townships for short term. The motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. However, Ray Richardson interjected and said they must file an application from the Fire Department who provides the services according to the law. No vote was taken on motion. Townships left the meeting to meet with Greenfield to make application. Council agreed to advertise the additional appropriation.

### **In the Matter of Sheriff Additional Appropriation)**

Brad Burkhart, Sheriff Department appeared before Council to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$12,000 in the Law Enforcement Activity fund. Council gave approval for Auditor to advertise the additional. Council will address in the February meeting. Council requested that the Merit Board come to Council to give a report for 2010 and 2011.

Break 9:50 am

Reconvene 10:05 am

### **In the Matter of Community Corrections)**

Pat Powers appeared before Council to request an additional appropriation in fund 0539 Project Income in the amount of \$50,000 for equipment rental. Also, a request that the grant budgets in fund 0502, 0504, 0505 be approved. The grants have been awarded, however some line items will reduce and others will be additional appropriation. Also, Pat is requesting an amendment to the Salary Ordinance as well.

Council approved Auditor to advertise the additional appropriation in the amount of \$50,000 for equipment rental.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to allow the amendment to the Salary Ordinance in the grant fund 0502, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson . Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to allow the amendment to the Salary Ordinance in the grant fund 0504, seconded by Councilman Roney. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Council approved advertising of grant fund 0505 due to additional appropriations. No salaries attached to this fund.

### **In the Matter of Prosecutor)**

Michael Griffin, Prosecutor appeared before Council to request final approval to hire a new Child Support case worker. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the position for (1) child support case worker with the positions benefit coming out of the General Fund. The motion seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

### **Auditor Reports)**

- Auditor reported the money appropriated through a Resolution for the Bond shortfall was not used. After settlement there was enough to eliminate the negative cash balance in the bond fund.
- General fund balance as of 12-31-2011 was \$2,096,624.80
- The history of the year end balances reviewed.

Council approved advertising of the additional appropriations that were advertised on Form 3 lower than what the Council approved during the budget process.

- Prosecutor Incentive           \$5,000
- Pre-Trial                         \$10,000
- Clerk Perpetuation           \$10,084
- E911 Operations               \$6,000
- CEDIT County portion       \$460,000
- ADA Drug Probation          \$21,000

Councilman Shelby made a motion to additionally appropriate the Financial software for the Auditor's Office in the amount of \$150,000 from the CCD fund 4000. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Richardson .Vote 6-0 motion passed.

**In the Matter of Tourism)**

Earl Smith, Commission member appeared before Council regarding the 2012 Tourism Budget. Due to communication problem , Dave Dellaca did not attend meeting. The salary portion of the 2012 Tourism budget was already approved earlier in the meeting. The Tourism Commission is beginning work on the 2013 budget.

Councilman Jessup made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 6-0 motion passed. Meeting adjourned 10:42 am

Approved this date:

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Robin D. Lowder  
Auditor