

Hancock County Council

November 12, 2009

The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana, met in the Commissioner Court in the Hancock County Courthouse Annex, Greenfield, Indiana, on the 12th day of November, 2009 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in accordance with the rules of the Council. Council members present were William Bolander, Jack Leonard, Rosalie Richardson, Jim Shelby, Brian Kirkwood, Dick Pasco and Tom Roney. Also, present were Auditor, Robin D. Lowder, Chief Deputy Rosemary Melvin, Ray Richardson, County Attorney.

Council President William Bolander, who presided, called the meeting to order.

In the Matter of Council Business)

Councilman Shelby requested the Auditor to send a letter to Hancock Regional Hospital to inquire the status of the bond issue that the County guaranteed.

In the Matter of Drug Interdiction)

Nick Ernstes, Deputy appeared before Council to report information regarding a grant from the Criminal Justice Institute. There are 6 surrounding agencies involved. Councilman Shelby made a motion that the Council is in support of grant, seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 7-0

In the Matter of Substance Abuse)

Wilann Beeson, Probation Officer appeared before Council to request Budget Transfers in her 2009 budget due to shortfall. Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to allow all transfers submitted, seconded by Councilman Leonard. Vote 7-0

Wilann also requested that a line item be created within her budget for the Victim Impact. Councilman Pasco made a motion to allow line to be created effective January 2010, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0

Break

Council reconvened

In the Matter of Railroad Property purchase)

Susan Bodkin appeared before Council to report to them the purchasing of railroad property, the appraisals have been completed. This is the property between county farm and 500 East, and the appraisal price is \$32,423 which is \$4,400 per acre. Councilman Shelby made a motion to allow purchase, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0

In the Matter of Commissioner Budget)

Brad Armstrong, Commissioner appeared before Council to request money for the shortfall in the Group Health Insurance in the amount of \$300,000 and \$12,000 shortfall in their 2009 budget. Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to approve the additional appropriation in the amount of \$150,000 for Group Insurance from the Rainy Day fund and Council will look next month for the remaining \$150,000. Commissioners agreed to look at their budget and take the unemployment from Contractual, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0

In the Matter of Sheriff)

Bud Gray, Sheriff and Elaine Beatty from McKreedy & Keen appeared before Council to obtain the signatures on the Sheriff Retirement reinstatement, December 31, 2009 is the deadline. Councilman Shelby made a motion to sign reinstatement, seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 7-0

Sheriff Gray, requested the money to recoup the cost of the drug investigation that was discussed in October and brought before Council. It is in the amount of \$2,296 to reimburse the Commissary fund and a claim has been submitted. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve for Sheriff to take the amount out of the appropriated \$4,000 petty cash drug buy money he currently has and approve retroactively the money he obtained from the Commissary fund for the drug investigation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. Vote 7-0

Sheriff reported that overtime budget has a shortfall and requested that the reimbursement from the Air Show overtime be appropriated into his overtime budget for 2009 in the amount of \$4,000. Councilman Kirkwood made to motion to advertise this additional appropriation before the next Council meeting, seconded by Councilman Leonard. Vote 7-0

Sheriff recently sold 6 vehicles through SRI and brought into our County General the approximate amount of \$12,000 and he is requesting the amount to purchase a vehicle by the end of the year. There are also insurance reimbursements that could be used toward this purchase of approximately \$23,000. Council recommendation is to have Commissioner's pay out of the Cumulative Capital Fund line and \$15,000 appropriated from "Other Capital". Council will advertise before the next meeting.

In the Matter of Buck Creek Township)

Joe Copeland, Highway appeared before Council to request to purchase land and the old Buck Creek fire station on Station Way. Total appraised amount is \$124,600 with office building included. Councilman Leonard made a motion to allow Highway Department to proceed, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0

In the Matter of E911 Center)

Connie Hoy, Director appeared before Council to address what questions they had from the previous month. The insurance was in question and why it was budgeted at such a high amount. Connie stated she did not prepare the past budgets and did not know why the figure was so high. Council made a recommendation to Director to investigate the possibility to change procedures on how calls are answered at the E911 Center to prevent a "no answer".

In the Matter of Budget Transfers)

Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to approve the requested budget transfer from the County Coroner, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0

Councilman Kirkwood made a motion to approve the requested Auditor's budget transfers, seconded by Councilman Leonard. Vote 7-0

Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to approve September 24th minutes, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0

Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0

Meeting adjourned

APPROVED on this day _____

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ATTEST: _____

Robin D. Lowder, Auditor