

# Hancock County Council

February 11, 2009

The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana, met in the Commissioner Court in the Hancock County Courthouse Annex, Greenfield, Indiana, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in regular meeting in accordance with the rules of the Council. Council members present were William Bolander, Jack Leonard, Rosalie Richardson, Jim Shelby, Brian Kirkwood and Dick Pasco. Also present were Auditor, Linda Grass, Deputy Auditor Ginny Martin and County Attorney, Ray Richardson, absent from the meeting was Tom Roney.

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

## **In the Matter of Surveyor )**

Susan Bodkin, Surveyor presented her 2008 Annual Report to the Council. She also explained that a new permit process was implemented between the Building & Planning and Surveyor to streamline the permit process.

## **In the Matter of the Amendment to Salary Ordinance Submitted by the Sheriff Department )**

When salary paperwork was submitted \$1,500 was left off for one of the deputies rank pay for the Jail budget. Councilman Kirkwood moved to accept amended salary, seconded by Councilman Shelby. 6-0 vote

## **In the Matter of Budget Committee )**

- Councilman Shelby presented the possibility that cuts for the 2009 budget year are very likely. However, until the 1782 Order from the DLGF is received we will not have a true amount of the possible cuts. Council will have 7 days to respond once the order is received and if council does not make the appropriate cuts the DLGF will make them for the county. There are some cuts already implemented with the retired employees in the Treasurer's Office and Auditor's Office. These positions remain vacant.
- Councilman Leonard suggested to council that they might need to look at a possible "retiring bonus" for those employees close to retirement. A cost effectiveness study will need to be completed and the outlook for 2010 is to eliminate more county employee's positions.
- The budget committee will be having their budget luncheon again this year and a suggestion has been made that during that luncheon we have a training session for Government and Computer 101 to help the departments work more efficiently in their everyday processes.

**In the Matter of the Bio-Terrorism Grant )**

At the time of the 2009 budget, the Bio-Terrorism grant did not have approval from the state, therefore council did not appropriate. Since that time, the grant was awarded for \$33,114.00 for the period of August 2008 to August 2009. These amounts need to be appropriated into the budget. Councilman Leonard moved to appropriate grant funds for Bio-Terrorism, seconded by Rosalie. 6-0 vote

**In the Matter of  
Pat Powers – Hancock County  
Drug Court Additional Appropriations )**

The Drug Court Grant funds have been advertised and need appropriated for \$35,297.00 as an additional into the 2009 budget. Councilman Shelby moved to approve Drug Court appropriations, seconded by Councilman Leonard. 6-0 vote

**In the Matter of Resolution 2009-2-1  
IT new Department )**

Bernie Harris, IT Director now has his own department 0101-070. He originally was with the Commissioners budget 101-068. Commissioners approved the creation of a new department for the IT Director. Therefore, Resolution 2009-2-1 states that the budget appropriation for \$406,882.00 is moved from the Commissioners budget line items reducing their 2009 budget to the new IT department line items as an additional appropriation for \$406,882.00. Councilman Shelby moved that Resolution be approved, seconded by Councilman Leonard. 6-0 vote.

**In the Matter of Day Reporting Program )**

- Dean Dobbins, Prosecutor appeared before council to give a report on the Day Reporting Program. This program is for students who have been suspended from school and are given a chance to do rewarding work while they are out of school. The Prosecutor is requesting from council the approval to spend \$3,000 from the Infraction Deferral and Pre-Trial Diversion fund for this program. Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to allow the \$3,000 be spent for the Day Reporting Program, seconded by Councilman Leonard. 6-0 vote
- Prosecutor Dobbins along with NASA director, Joe Thayer requested from council that \$4,637 left over grant proceeds be appropriated for the Certified Intern Program within the prosecutor's office. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the appropriation for \$4,637, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. 6-0 vote

**In the Matter of Hancock County Library            )**

Diane Osborne, Library Director and Joe Mohr, Board Member appeared before council with a presentation of their 2008 annual report.

**In the Matter of Additional Appropriations for E911 Center    )**

Ty Wooten, Director of E911 Center appeared before Council requesting an additional appropriation in his 2009 budget for \$20,000 in overtime and \$900 for a contract with Shred-IT Co. After discussion regarding E911 Center's 2009 budget and the many other issues that will eventually need resolved it was decided among Council members to table request until July for further inquiry of what more appropriations is going to be requested.

**In the Matter of Animal Control with City of Greenfield            )**

Brad DeReamer, Mayor appeared before council with a report on the current status of the animal control in the city of Greenfield. Wayne Gwen, animal management also appeared and gives presentation on the improvements that have been implemented and the facility being a viable part of the city. The 2008 year-end report was presented. The County pays to the city of Greenfield 60% of the animal control cost each year.

**In the Matter of Ordinance 2009-1-A  
Reduction of the County Economic Development Income Tax    )**

- Ray Richardson, county attorney explained the reduction of the CEDIT rate and that the Ordinance must be adopted after March 31, 2009. It can be introduced but not adopted. Councilman Shelby made a motion to rescind the motion made in January to adopt Ordinance 2009-1-A Reducing the County Economic Development Income Tax, Councilman Kirkwood seconded. 6-0 vote
- Councilman Shelby introduced Ordinance 2009-2-b Reducing the County Economic Development Income Tax.

Council break

**In the Matter of Interlocal Agreement            )**

Joe Copeland, Highway Engineer appeared before Council regarding an Interlocal Agreement between the County and the Town of McCordsville. This agreement is in regards to an incident while resurfacing 600 North and roller marks left in the pavement. Councilman Leonard made a motion to approve agreement, seconded by Councilman Pasco. 6-0 vote

**In the Matter of DCS Appropriations        )**

Dee Baldwin, Account Clerk for Department of Family & Children appeared before Council requesting \$6,894.68 in additional appropriations for the Fund 0844 Child Psych Treatment Services. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the appropriation, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. 6-0 vote

**In the Matter of University Loft 2009 Tax Abatement    )**

Chris Collins, representative from University Loft appeared before Council to report on the year to year differences on form CF-1. The current economic conditions have had an impact on their business and that is why projections differ. Councilman Leonard motion to approve the 2009 tax abatement, seconded by Councilman Pasco. 6-0 vote

**In the Matter of January Council Minutes            )**

Councilman Shelby motioned to accept the January minutes as amended, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. 6-0 vote

Councilman Shelby made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson.

Meeting adjourned

APPROVED on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009

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Linda J. Grass, Auditor