

Hancock County Council

May 13, 2009

The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana, met in the Commissioner Court in the Hancock County Courthouse Annex, Greenfield, Indiana, on the 13th day of May, 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 and Tom Roney. Also present were Auditor, Linda Grass, Deputy Auditor Ginny Martin and County Attorney, Ray Richardson.

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

In the Matter of Council Business)

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the April 8th 2009 minutes with amendments, seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 7-0

In the Matter of Sheriff Department)

Bud Gray, Sheriff appeared before Council in regards to the replacement of employees at the Sheriff Department without appearing before Council to make his request. The Sheriff misunderstood that when Council exempted the Jail and Highway to come before the Council to replace personnel it also meant the Sheriff Department as an entity. There is a person who has retired and needs to be replaced due to being under staffed. The replacement would be a Division Commander over investigations that is being replaced by a Deputy with the savings to the County with the longevity and rank pay. Councilman Kirkwood moved that the Sheriff be allowed to replace the retired employee with the Deputy, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0

Other matters discussed with the Sheriff were how much the County receives from tickets. The agency receives \$3.00. The rest of the money comes into the Clerk's Office and stays there. Auditor needs call the Clerk to find out how much is there in the fund.

Sheriff Gray also advised the Council that he is inquiring about a scanning system for inmates. The Sheriff will be coming in for a presentation at a later time regarding this system.

Councilman Shelby asked Sheriff Gray that the Merit Board come in before the Council with an inmate's report once a year.

In the Matter of GIS)

John Milburn, GIS technician, appeared before Council. He provided a copy of his Grant Impact Statement for the GIS grant that he is applying for. The Grant is for \$15,000 now and cost to County is \$6,000 per year after, for the enhancement of our current County GIS system. Some of

the money can be recouped from the City of Greenfield possibly by combining into a single site at a later date. After Council discussion and questions, Councilman Shelby moved to allow the application of the GIS grant, seconded by Councilman Leonard with the objective that the GIS department looks at the options of cost sharing with other entities.

In the Matter of the Weed Board)

Alan Wicker, weed specialist appeared before the Council to propose that all the current line items in the Commissioners budget pertaining to weeds be moved into its own department, still under the authority of the Commissioners. After discussion of the Council they did not make a decision at this time. Auditor will discuss the impact of creating the new fund with Greg Guerrettaz, our county financial advisor.

In the Matter of Emergency Management)

Jeff Vanderwal, Deputy Director Emergency Management, appeared before Council to request that they appropriate the grant funds received in the amount of \$101,000, 2007 Public Safety Communications grant. Councilman Shelby made a motion to appropriate the \$101,000 so the invoice could be paid for the radios, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. Vote 7-0

They also have a 2007 RACES grant in the amount of \$4,458.51 that is in the signature process; Councilman Leonard made a motion to appropriate grant, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0

There are no matching funds needed on these grants from the County.

President Bill Bolander requested a break 9:42 am

Meeting reconvened at 10:00 am

Linda Grass, Auditor give an update to the Council on her pending State Police Investigation and that she had been interviewed by Mitch Blocher at the State Police. She expressed her appreciation for the Council support through this very difficult time.

In the Matter of E911 Personnel)

Ty Wooten, Director E911 Center made a request to the Council via a letter to request the hiring of new personnel for replacement positions. Ty is at a Conference and is unable to appear. Councilwoman Richardson proposed that Ty Wooten have approval to hire 1 dispatcher and come back to the next Council meeting and give an analytical report on the staffing issues of a E911 center as follows; number of calls versus the number of dispatchers and the times of the day that is needed to handle the calls now that the Center is up and running. Proposal was seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0

In the Matter of CF-1 Form for JB Management LP)

Council reviewed the CF-1 Compliance form for JB Management Company, Councilman Leonard made a motion that the company is in compliance and to extend their abatement, seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 7-0

In the Matter of CCD Fund)

Judge Snow, Superior Court I appeared prior to Council meeting to inquire if his lease for equipment could be taken out of the line item in the CCD fund. In order to do this a new line item would have to be created within fund 4000. The Judge also requested that it become part of the record. Councilman Shelby called Greg Guerretaz to make sure that these funds could be used for such purposes. Councilman Shelby moved that Judge Snow, Superior Court I be allowed to pay his copier lease out of the CCD fund line item that would be established for him. Councilman Roney seconded. Vote 7-0

There was also discussion by Council regarding the \$497,000 in other Capital Outlay. Councilman Shelby view is that these monies be appropriated for specific purposes only. After discussion, nothing was decided regarding the other capital outlay line item at this time.

In the Matter of Insurance Deductibles)

Councilman Leonard moved that the Insurance deductibles be payed out of Food & Beverage. These deductibles are from past cases from the Sheriff department and are approximately \$75,000. Motion seconded by Councilman Pasco.

Amendment to the October 29, 2008 minutes)

The amendment should read as follows: That Hancock County Government will pay the City of Greenfield \$250,000 through an Interlocal Agreement for the 2009 rescue budget. This amendment is due to a clerical error when typing the October 29, 2008 minutes. Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to approve amendment to October 29, 2008 minutes, seconded by Councilman Shelby.

Other Council Matters)

The Council and Commissioners will be on a Retreat on June 4th at the home of Brian Kirkwood from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Auditor, Linda Grass requested from Council that she hire a part-time student for summer to complete projects in the office to be paid out of the Auditor Transfer Fee. Council gives approval.

The Council discussed the 5% budget cuts that were submitted from the departments.

Councilman Shelby made a Resolution that the Hancock County Clerk and IT Department work together and implement the new imaging software as soon as possible. This will relieve the off-site microfilming budget line of \$30,000. Councilman Pasco seconded.

Councilman Leonard made a motion to reduce the Sheriff Garage & Motor line 0101-005-30-0063 by \$2,000 as part of the 5% budget cuts. Sheriff had submitted a portion of his mandatory 5% out of the fund 4000 CCD. We can't take cuts from a CCD fund. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. Vote 7-0

Councilman Shelby motioned that council accept all the budget cuts as submitted from the Departments, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0

Council agreed to submit a letter to all the departments, thanking them for their effort in helping cut our County budget.

Councilman Leonard motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Roney.

APPROVED on this the 13th day of May 2009

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Linda J. Grass, Auditor