

Hancock County Council Minutes
November 10,2010

The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana, met in the Commissioner Court in the Hancock County Courthouse Annex, Greenfield, Indiana, on the 10th day of November 2010 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in accordance with the rules of the Council. Council members present were William Bolander, Rosalie Richardson, Dick Pasco, Brian Kirkwood, Tom Roney, Jack Leonard and Jim Shelby. 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 Approval of October 6, 2010 Minutes)

Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to approve the October 6, 2010 minutes as written, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Roll call vote 6-0 with one abstained. Motion passed.

Aye

Dick Pasco
Brian Kirkwood
Rosalie Richardson
Jack Leonard
Bill Bolander
Tom Roney

Jim Shelby abstained

In the Matter of Approval of October 13,2010 Minutes)

Councilman Shelby requested amendments to the October 13,2010 as follows:

- Page 1 the 2nd to last bullet regarding 10 positions, should read “About 10 positions”.
- Page 1 the last bullet should read “year before any action”.
- Page 2 the 3rd bullet should read” spending will occur but just filling our gap within our budget. No pay increases for employees next year”.
- Page 2
 1. 4th bullet should read “LOIT tax is intended that”
 2. Step 1 “All income tax will offset property tax with no net gain to government.
 3. Step 2 “Offsets annual growth in property tax with income tax. No net gain to government”.
 4. The 4th line in paragraph stating Councilwoman Richardson, “Step 3 we have to implement .25 of step 1 or a combination of step 1 & step 2.

Minutes to be approved in the December 15, 2010 Council meeting.

In the Matter of the 2011 Budget)

Councilman Shelby give a report on the strategy for balancing our budget with the 1782 budget order when it comes in, we anticipate the State giving us \$13,500,000 and we submitted a \$15,200,000 budget. We have four steps that need to be implemented.

- Estimate how much LOIT will come in
- Set up a LOIT Public Safety fund and be prepared to move line items from our County General public safety expenditures into this fund.
- Reduce the General Fund by the shifts that are made.

Then the difference between what comes in from LOIT and the \$15,200,00 requires 2 steps:

- Make the cuts we want to make
- Supplement any of the shortfall amount from the Rainy Day Fund.

Sheriff Pension

- 2011 Sheriff Retirement to be actuarially sound within our budget.
- Take \$50,000 from some other fund and the other \$75,000 request a budget transfer from the Sheriff budget into the Retirement line item. That would be up to the new Sheriff to decide which line item to move.

The shortfall is approximately \$127,000. The Auditor will send a letter to the new sheriff regarding the retirement shortfall.

Councilman Shelby proposed a Resolution not allowing any department to encumber funds into the 2011 year and no additional appropriations allowed through 2010 year end. Councilman Pasco seconded. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilman Shelby reported on the discussion with Pat Powers at the budget meeting and the Community Corrections compliance issues.

A letter will be sent to all the taxing entities regarding the LOIT tax and the request from Council to help the County with the financing of the E911 Center. Councilman Leonard made a motion to send the letter, seconded by Councilman Roney. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of CF-1 Approval of Tax Abatement)

Chad Sweeney appeared before Council representing Hardigg Industries and questions regarding their CF-1 submitted. Due to the economic environment downturn the numbers reflected on the

CF-1 were lower than originally projected. They anticipate the numbers to increase looking forward.

Councilman Roney made a motion to approve the CF-1, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0 motion passed

In the Matter of Demolition of the American Legion Building)

The Commissioner requested in the Budget meeting for Council to appropriate up to \$60,000 for the demolition of the American Legion Building adjacent to the Annex. After discussion it was decided to wait until the first part of 2011 to address. Council is considering the appropriation to come from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Council give thumbs up for Commissioners to proceed and Commissioners will continue with bids after first of the year.

In the Matter of Transfers)

Circuit Court

- \$1,500 From 0101-232-30-0061 equipment maintenance & repair to 0101-232-20-0011 office supplies

Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to allow the transfer, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Sheriff Department

- \$8,160 From 0101-380-30-0095 medical & hospital care to 0101-380-10-0019 jail nurse

Councilman Leonard made a motion to allow the transfer, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Coroner

- \$300--From 0101-007-10-0020 deputies to 0101-007-30-0014 autopsy
- \$433--From 0101-007-20-0011 office supplies to 0101-007-30-0014 autopsy
- \$48—From 0101-007-30-0021 postage to 0101-007-30-0014 autopsy

Councilman Shelby made a motion to allow the transfer, seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2010-E changes in photo copy fees, seconded by Councilman Leonard. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Council discussed the additional appropriation for the Pre-Trial Diversion fund. This is an additional for the Deputy Prosecutor that has expended over \$50,000 of her own finances on charges against her from the Indiana Disciplinary Commission for overly aggressive actions in a case she prosecuted against John Huntzinger for the County. Council agrees that she should be reimbursed for her expenditures and will vote on the issue next Council meeting.

Bookkeeper, Ginny Martin went on record to report what has been appropriated and/or spent from the “Other Capital Outlay” category within the CCD fund.

“Other Capital Outlay” \$185,842 (beginning appropriation in line)

Eby, Michael & Gidding -\$32,423.60
(spent from other for railroad right of way)

Bernie Harris Imaging Project -\$32,366
(budget transferred this amount from “other” to IT imaging project)

1782 reductions -\$45,561
(balancing of the 1782 budget order)

Circuit Breaker reductions -\$62,657
(further reductions per Greg/sustainability report due to circuit breakers)

Remaining amount in “Other Capital Outlay” =\$12,834.40

In the Matter of Abrasive Products Tax Abatement)

Dennis Maloy, Director of Economic Development addressed Council, requesting to adopt a confirming Resolution granting the 10 year real property tax abatement.

President, Bill Bolander opened public hearing.

Public hearing closed, no public present.

Roll call vote 7-0 motion passed.

Aye	Nay
Dick Pasco	
Brian Kirkwood	
Jim Shelby	
Rosalie Richardson	
Jack Leonard	
Bill Bolander	
Tom Roney	

Break

Council reconvened

In the Matter of Highway Employees)

Joe Copeland, Highway appeared before Council to advise that his Office Manager is retiring and wants to switch the Assistant Office Manager and make her the new Office Manager. Joe is requesting to pay the retiree what is owed to her the first two weeks of the year. Take the remaining amount in her salary and move to the hourly amount in his budget. The retiree is coming back in 30 days as a part-time employee approximately 20 hours a week.

In the Matter of Probation)

Wayne Addison, Chief Probation Officer appeared before Council requesting them to approve an appropriation of \$2,950 for fund 0507 Adult Probation that they will be receiving from the State. The additional will be advertised and voted on next meeting. Wayne also requested a budget transfer for this amount from office supplies to the SOP grant line just in case the money doesn't get here from the State on time for December claims. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the budget transfer, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Wayne requested from Council to replace a Probation Officer that is leaving in December . Ryan Sharp is the current Probation Office working the Juvenile Division and it is important that he be replaced. Councilwoman made a motion to allow Wayne Addison, Chief Probation Officer to rehire the position in Probation, seconded by Councilman Leonard. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilman Pasco made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0

Councilman Pasco withdrew his motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood.

Pat Powers appeared before Council to request a transfer of cash from Project Income 0539 to BJA grant fund 0502 due to negative cash balance. This will be a temporary loan to the fund and has to be paid back by year end. Councilman Shelby made a motion to allow the transfer to fund 0502 to fix the negative cash in the grant, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Pasco. Roll call vote 7-0

Aye

Dick Pasco

Brian Kirkwood

Jim Shelby

Rosalie Richardson

Jack Leonard

Bill Bolander

Tom Roney

Nay

Meeting adjourned.

Approved this ____day December 2010

Aye

Nay

Attest: _____
Robin D. Lowder
Auditor