

Hancock County Council Minutes
December 15, 2010

The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana, met in the Commissioner Court in the Hancock County Courthouse Annex, Greenfield, Indiana, on the 15th day of December 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.

State Representative Bob Cherry appeared before Council to present Councilman Jack Leonard the "Distinguish Hoosier Award" signed by Senator Bev Gard and Governor Mitch Daniels. This is for his 15 years of public service on the Hancock County Council.

President Bolander along with the County Council presented Councilman Leonard with an engraved clock for his many years of dedicated service to the Council.

In the Matter of Clerk Positions)

Marcia Moore, Clerk-elect appeared before Council to present a change of employee positions and salary changes. Marcia advised Council she wants to replace 4 positions in the Clerk's Office.

She proposed that she needs a Child Support position due to the 66% reimbursement from the State for that position. She wants to rearrange the positions and salaries. She is requesting 4 replacement positions. She will be billing the State for the work of the Child Support Clerk. Councilman Shelby made a motion to allow the Clerk to replace the 4 positions, seconded by Councilman Leonard. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Health Department)

Crystal Baker, Office Manager requested from Council to allow budget transfers as follows:

- \$4,000 from 0801-000-20-0023 Personal Health Supplies to 0801-000-10-0025 Group Insurance
- \$2,000 from 0801-000-20-0025 Environmental Health Supplies to 0801-000-10-0020 Manager/Nurse/Sanitarian

Councilman Shelby made a motion to allow the budget transfers, seconded by Councilman Leonard. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of November 10, 2010 minutes)

Councilman Shelby made a motion to accept minutes for November 10, 2010 as written, seconded by Councilman Leonard. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Coroner)

Councilman Roney made a motion to approve \$12,000 for additional appropriation for Autopsy expense to be expended from Food & Beverage fund 0258. Councilman Leonard seconded motion. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of the Fortville Library Board Appointment)

Councilman Leonard made a motion to approve the appointment of Carrie Woolston for the Fortville Library Board, seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Group Insurance Shortfall for 2010 Budget)

Councilman Shelby made a motion to allow a budget transfer from the Liability Insurance line item and or Food & Beverage to Group Insurance to cover the shortfall of approximately \$120,000, seconded by Councilman Leonard. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Sheriff Retirement Shortfall for 2010 Budget)

Councilman Shelby made a motion to take \$50,000 from Food & Beverage and \$75,000 from the Sheriff's budget however the Sheriff wants to contribute for 2011 and do nothing for 2010 shortfall in Sheriff Retirement. Motion did not pass, no second.

In the Matter of Resolution 2010-12-3)

Councilman Leonard made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-12-3 stating no year-end encumbrances with the exception of part-time hourly and no additional appropriations for 2010, seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Pictometry)

Mary Noe, Assessor-elect, John Milburn- GIS Technician and Susan Bodkin, Surveyor appeared before Council to request an additional appropriation for 2011 from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. This project is for Pictometry which takes aerial views of the properties with measurements etc. for assessment purposes. The cost of project is \$65,000.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve this project for the 2011 budget and take it from the Cumulative Capital Fund. Motion did not pass no second to motion or vote was taken. Council did agree to pursue and for the Assessor to come back to January 2011 meeting.

In the Matter of Sheriff Department)

Donnie Munden, acting Sheriff appeared before Council to present Resolution No. 2010-12-1 authorized expenditures from the Sheriff Commissary fund.

Resolution No. 2010-~~12~~-1

A COUNTY COUNCIL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
EXPENDITURES FROM THE COMMISSARY FUND

WHEREAS, IC 36-8-10-21 specifies the purposes for which money in the jail commissary fund may be spent, and

WHEREAS, subsection (9) provides that in addition to the purposes specifically set out that money in the fund may be spent for "any other purpose that benefits the sheriff's department that is mutually agreed upon by the county fiscal body and the county sheriff".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the following uses of money in the jail commissary fund are agreed to by the council as purposes that will benefit the sheriff's department:

Retirement rings
Retirement party
Dues and membership fees for law enforcement and civic organizations
Bottled water for dispenser in administration lobby
Floral arrangements for funerals of department members or their immediate family

Adopted this 15th day of December, 2010.

Hancock County Council

William A. Bender

Thomas E. Poney

Jack Leonard

Attest: Rob. D. Lorde
Hancock County Auditor

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Richard Xalis

Councilman Shelby advised that he felt that the expenditures of this fund in the future, be prioritized by the Sheriff and to use the fund for contribution to the retirement instead of rings, parties etc. considering the financial situation of our County.

Councilwoman Richardson advised she felt that no other department has a Commissary to use for these purposes. Council is asking for help from the Sheriff to fund the retirement for this year.

Councilman Pasco asked that something be contributed by the Sheriff Commissary for this year. Any extra money would benefit the shortfall.

Councilman Kirkwood commented that no other employee in the County receives retirement parties or rings.

Councilman Leonard made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2010-12-1, seconded by Councilman Bolander. Roll call vote, motion passed.

Aye

Nay

Undecided

Bill Bolander

Jim Shelby

Rosalie Richardson

Tom Roney

Jack Leonard

Brian Kirkwood

“Yes, with the understanding that it should be for all employees”

Dick Pasco

“Sheriff should understand that if any money is left that they help this one time shortfall”.

- Acting Sheriff Munden requested that Council allow that the PACE grant be appropriated back into the deputy line item in the Sheriff budget to eliminate the shortfall in payroll for year end. Councilman Shelby made a motion to appropriate the Pace Grant and allow the transfer, seconded by Councilman Leonard. Vote 7-0 motion passed.
- Acting Sheriff Munden requested approval from the Council to replace the Jail Officer position that is leaving at year-end. The current Jail Officer is a civilian division commander with rank. The person wanting this position is a merit deputy and this would be a savings to the County because of the lower pay. The merit deputy position would not be filled. The body count would remain the same.

Councilman Roney made a motion to allow the replacement of the Jail Officer with a civilian merit deputy, seconded by Councilman Leonard. Roll call vote 7-0, motion passed

Aye

Nay

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

In the Matter of County Extension)

Sarah Burke appeared before Council to advise Council they need to replace their copier and have found a copier at a lower cost lease buy out, with a savings of \$2916. Councilwoman Richardson made to motion allows the copier lease buy out purchase from CCD fund, seconded by Councilman Leonard. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Prosecutor's Office)

Michael Griffin, Prosecutor-elect addressed Council to advise them of how the transition process is going with Prosecutor Dean Dobbins. Prosecutor Dobbins has allowed the new Prosecutor to be sworn in as Deputy to work in transition and also the new Chief Deputy as well. Mr. Griffin thanked Prosecutor Dobbins for the easy transition of the office.

The following programs the Prosecutor's office will actively be involved in.

- The Child Support Amnesty Program
 - Community Prosecution Program
 - Efficiencies in the Office
 - Funding for Investigator in January
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- Mr. Griffin introduced Tami Napier as his Chief Deputy Prosecutor to the Council. Tami has worked several positions within the Marion County Prosecutor's Office.
 - Reclassification of Child Support Administrator: Shelley Poppino will become the new Child Support Administrator along with the positions salary and Susan Shambaugh will become a Child Support Specialist along with the positions salary. For the record, Shelley Poppino is the daughter of Robin Lowder, Auditor and for transparent purposes it is important for the Council to be aware of this.
 - Replacement of Deputy Prosecutor Nancy Flatt-Moore to begin January 4, 2011. The candidate will come in 68,000 with 12 years experience. The candidate for this position has excess of 12 years and the request for Council is to keep the salary at this rate as long as the person has 12

- years experience or more. Councilman Shelby made a motion to allow the replacement of the Deputy Prosecutor under the conditions that Mr. Griffin explained, seconded by Councilman Leonard. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Pre-Trial Diversion)

Dean Dobbins, Prosecutor appeared before Council to further explain the appropriation in Pre-Trial Diversion Fund for the expense of his Deputy Prosecutor, Nancy Flatt-Moore and the Indiana Disciplinary Commission action currently against her.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the appropriation within Pre-Trial Diversion for payment of Nancy Flatt-Moore disciplinary action expenses, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Dean Dobbins, Prosecutor thanked County Council for the privilege of working with them the past four years.

In the Matter of Resolution 2010-12-2)

Councilman Leonard made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-12-2 giving the authority to the Auditor to proceed with year-end clean-up of funds and balancing, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of 2011 Salary Ordinance)

Councilman Leonard made a motion to adopt the Salary Ordinance as written with the exception of anything that appears to be an increase in salary, if so the Salary Ordinance will need to be amended accordingly, seconded by Councilman Roney. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of CASA)

Councilwoman Richardson, seconded by Councilman Leonard, made a motion to additionally appropriate the matching grant for CASA for 2010.

Councilman Roney made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Leonard. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved _____

Aye

Nay

Attest: _____
Robin D. Lowder
Auditor