

Hancock County Council

February 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 February 2010 at the hour of 9:00 A.M. in accordance with the rules of the Council. Council members present were William Bolander, Rosalie Richardson, Jim Shelby, Brian Kirkwood, and Dick Pasco. Also, present were Auditor, Robin D. Lowder, Deputy Ginny Martin, Ray Richardson, County Attorney. Absent were Tom Roney and Jack Leonard.

Recording begins 9:10

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

In the Matter of the Jury Pay Fund)

Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to appropriate the Jury Pay Fund in the amount approximately \$46,000 that is currently in the fund. Councilman Pasco seconded. Vote 5-0 Councilman Kirkwood made a motion to reduce the Commissioners line item for Jury Pay \$15,000 number 0101-068-30-0093, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 5-0

In the Matter of Precedent Tax Abatements)

Larry Siegler, Precedent appeared before Council to give a status report of the CF-1 form and renewal of their tax abatements. There are 3 buildings involved in abatements. Councilman Kirkwood made a motion to approve abatements, seconded by Councilman Pasco.

Aye

Dick Pasco

Brian Kirkwood

Jim Shelby

Rosalie Richardson

Bill Bolander

Nay

Council discussed considering *all* tax abatements request during one regular Council meeting each year in March.

In the Matter of Hancock County Library)

Joe Mohr, Board member of the Hancock County Library and Dianne Osborne, Director appeared before Council to present their 2009 Annual Report. Dianne presented an overview of the first 10 years with a countywide library.

In the Matter of Animal Control)

Wayne Guinn, Animal Control and Mayor Brad DeReamer appeared before Council to present their 2009 Annual Report and status report of the department. The department is functioning very well.

In the Matter of the New Palestine Economic Development Commission)

Councilman Pasco made a motion to approve Kathy Hall for New Palestine Economic Development Commission, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 5-0

In the Matter of Recorder)

Sharon Shambaugh, Recorder appeared before Council to request a replacement of her employee that just quit in the Deputy position. Recorder also requested an additional \$2,000 as a raise to the new hire and also gives additional money to existing employee. Councilwoman Richardson advised that the 1782 budget order has not been received yet and Council is still uncertain how much is needed to cut at this point. Councilman Shelby also reiterated that the circuit breaker is now a concern to our 2010 budget.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to table the Recorder's request until March meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. Vote 5-0

In the Matter of Operation Pullover)

Joe Hunt, Deputy, appeared before Council to advise Operation Pull-Over grant was overspent. Funds in the amount of \$2,059.61 needs refunded to the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. There is \$1,661.76 cash in the fund and the Sheriff has agreed to make up the difference from his budget in amount of \$397.85 from Ammo & Flares line item. Councilman Kirkwood motion to allow this transfer to take place, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 5-0

In the Matter of Auxiliary Police Expense)

Donnie Smith, Deputy Sheriff requested that an insurance reimbursement for crashed auxiliary police vehicle that was totaled be added back to the expense line in the amount of \$21,440.67. This line item is in the CCD fund. Councilman Kirkwood made a motion to allow, seconded by Councilman Bolander. Vote 5-0

Council Break
Recorder stopped 10:37 am

Council reconvened
Recorder started 10:50 am

In the Matter of E911 Safety Dispatcher replacement)

Rhonda Bryant, Supervisor for E911 Center appeared before Council to request a replacement for an E911 Safety Dispatcher that has left. Councilman Pasco made a motion to fill the position, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Roll call vote. Motion passed.

Aye

Nay

*Dick Pasco
Richardson (abstain)
Brian Kirkwood
Bill Bolander*

Jim Shelby

Rosalie

In the Matter of IT Department)

Bernie Harris, IT Director appeared before Council to report on the Document Imaging Project. Vendors have been narrowed down to two and by the end of the month a decision will be made. Bernie also requested an additional appropriation for his Data Base Administrator line item an additional \$5,000 for a part-time position. Councilman Shelby made a motion to allow additional appropriation. No second on motion or vote the additional will need to be advertised. Council will approve in the March meeting.

In the Matter of Eastern Hancock Referendum)

Randy Harris, Superintendent and Brad Hancock School Board Member for Eastern Hancock appeared before Council for the certification of the referendum. Councilman Shelby made a motion to certify the general fund referendum for Eastern Hancock Schools, seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 5-0

In the Matter of Health Department)

Pam Baker appeared before Council to request additional appropriation from 2009 ending balances to the 2010 budget.

- *0807 Local Health Maintenance = \$45,673.78*
- *0802 Tobacco Settlement = \$75,955.06*
- *0800 H1N1 Phase 1&2 = \$32,129.45*
- *0799 H1N1 Phase 1 = \$145,159.00*

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the additional appropriations of the balances from these funds, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. Vote 5-0

H1N1 fund received an advance draw in the amount of \$8,203.25 and also needs approval for additional appropriation into the 2010 budget from 2009. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 5-0

Pam requested approval of transfers within fund 0801 since she is retiring end of February. Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 5-0

- 0801-000-30-0032 *Printing & Publication* = \$1,000
- 0801-000-30-0093 *Personal Health Care* = \$2,000
- 0801-000-40-0041 *Office Furniture* = \$1,000
- 0801-000-10-0020 *Mgr/Nurse* = \$4,000 total

Pam advised the Council that some of the line items will be in the red by year end due to increase in health insurance. Auditor will get figures from Payroll Deputy for next month meeting and schedule our Health Insurance representative Kevin Mandrell for the March Council meeting.

Pam advised Council her replacement has been hired. The issue from Council was that they needed to approve replacement of any new hires within the County. The new hire is Pam’s daughter-in-law and the position was not advertised, Dr. Haas did the hiring of this person. Council’s concern is the unfairness of the practices with hiring new employees. Councilman Kirkwood suggests this be a temporary position for 60 days until Council can meet with Dr. Haas.

In the Matter of 1782 Budget Order)

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-2-1 to allow the Auditor to balance the 1782 budget order.

*FUND
REDUCTION*

- *County General fund 0101*
\$218,191
- *Debt Service fund 0182*
\$5,350
- *Debt Service fund 0183*
\$17,785
- *Debt Service fund 0184*
\$17,297
- *Debt Service fund 0185*
\$8,269

- *Highway fund 0702*
\$93,506
- *Cum Bridge fund 0790*
\$132,963
- *Health fund 0801*
\$50,000
- *CCD fund 4000*
\$45,561

\$218,000 Shortfall = \$178,000 from Food & Beverage and \$40,000 from Rainy Day fund, Councilman Kirkwood seconded. Vote 5-0

In the Matter of Sheriff Pension Advisory Proposal)

Council is in agreement on this proposal, signed by five members of Council that were present, and proposal will be given to Bud Gray, Sheriff.

E911 and Community Correction Project)

Councilwoman Richardson reported on the status of E911 at the State level and senate bill 302 and reported on the Community Corrections project.

In the Matter of County Economic Development Income Tax)

Councilman Shelby introduced Ordinance No. 2010-2E Ordinance Rescinding one of the County Economic Development Income Taxes.

In the Matter of Re-establishing Fund Rates)

Councilman Shelby requested to reauthorize the CCD fund at a maximum rate of .05 and reauthorize the Cumulative Bridge fund at a maximum rate of .05.

Other issues)

Councilman Kirkwood requested that any meetings be scheduled for Thursday's. Also, it is imperative that Council clean-up the

issues within the departments regarding nepotism and make policies that are fair and equitable.

Minutes for January 13, 2010 were approved.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 5-0

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED on this day March 10, 2010

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ATTEST: _____
Robin D. Lowder, Auditor