

Hancock County Council

March 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 March 2010 at the hour of 8:00 A.M. in accordance with the rules of the Council. Council members present were William Bolander, Rosalie Richardson, Jim Shelby, Jack Leonard and Dick Pasco. Also, present were Auditor, Robin D. Lowder, Deputy Ginny Martin, Ray Richardson, County Attorney. Brian Kirkwood and Tom Roney arrived at 8:30 am

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

In the Matter of Transfers)

Councilman Shelby made a motion to allow transfers for the Health Department, seconded by Councilman Leonard. Vote 5-0

Councilman Shelby made a motion to allow transfers for Circuit Court, seconded by Councilman Pasco.
Vote 5-0

In the Matter of the Minutes February 10th)

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve February 10th minutes with the following amendment, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson.

- Page 4 regarding the Health department office manager position they should read Councilman Kirkwood's motion stated that this is a temporary position for 60 days, paid part-time hourly with an hourly rate equal to the offered salary with no benefits.

Vote 5-0

Executive Session Minutes)

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. Vote 5-0

In the Matter of E911 Copier and Desks)

E911 Director, Connie Hoy submitted a letter to the Auditor for a request to purchase a copier and replacement of desks at the Center. However, the E911 Center does not have any appropriations in their 2010 budget for capital expenses. Copies of the letter were provided to each Council member. After discussion, Council decided to see if the copier and desk issues can be resolved without using any Cum Capital money. Auditor will work with Director to work out a way to take money from another line within their budget.

In the Matter of Amendment to Salary Ordinance)

Joe Copeland, Highway has requested an amendment to our current Salary Ordinance. This amendment would list the work title and one appropriated dollar amount for his hourly workers. When the Salary Ordinance was approved, each work title was listed with an amount based on the form 144 completed for the Auditor's Office during budget process. After discussion, Council decided to table amendment until next Council meeting in April.

In the Matter of Additional Appropriation)

Councilman Bolander opened public hearing regarding the requested additional appropriation of \$5,000 for the IT department. No objections. Public hearing closed.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for the IT department part-time position, seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 5-0

In the Matter of the Health Department \$50,000 budget reduction)

Dr. Haas, Hancock County Health Officer appeared before Council. The Council has 3 issues:

- Health department hired the Office Manager position without their approval even though the County has a current hiring freeze.
- Health department must reduce their budget by \$50,000 per the 1782 budget order
- Council is looking at total budget and possible additional cuts due to circuit breakers.

Dr. Haas submitted the following proposed cuts:

Account	Original Appropriation	Reduction Amount	Note
0801-000-10-0020	246,343.36	18,202.34	½ Salary , lower OM pay
0801-000-10-0024	21,195.96	1,267.99	½ SS for Salary
0801-000-10-0025	80,500.00	8,353.68	Cut OM insurance
0801-000-10-0026	19,005.57	1,118.82	Cut ½ PERF for Salary
0801-000-30-0095	20,000.00	20,000.00	Cut soil borings done by Health Office
0801-000-10-0055	3,000.00	<u>800.00</u>	Service yrs for OM

Total Reduction: \$49,742.83

The proposed reduction did not equal \$50,000. Councilman Pasco made a motion to take the shortfall from postage line in the amount of \$257.17, and accept the \$49,742.83 proposed cuts by the Health Department, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0

After discussion between Council and Dr. Haas and the current County hiring policy it was decided Dr. Haas keep the Office Manager position on a part-time basis until after the April 8th meeting with the Commissioners. The position will then be

addressed at the regular Council meeting on April 14th. They also advised Dr. Haas that they may come back later this year for significant budget cuts and he may have to get rid of a position within the Health department. Council does not wish for services to be cut for the County.

In the Matter of Education Alliance Presentation)

Ron Pritzke, Pritzke & Davis Law Firm appeared before Council, representing the Hancock Community Education Alliance. Rob Meck, Hancock Regional Hospital, Harold Gibson and Lynn Greenwalt Greenwalt Development Covance, Shannon Burke, Greenfield Chamber of Commerce, Rhett Livengood, Hancock County Economic Development, Dennis Maloy also give presentation and perspective in support of this Alliance. This is a partnership established to create a learning center for education, degree seeking individuals.

In the Matter of Group Insurance)

Kevin Mandrel, County group insurance representative appeared before Council. He give Council an update on the current status of the employees insurance. He explained the change to new insurance company, any fees associated and the transition to Anthem. Mary Bowmer, Payroll Deputy and Mr. Mandrel are working out the changes and any problems that the employees are having. Mr. Mandrel will follow up with Council at a later time.

In the Matter of the Budget Meeting March 4, 2010)

Councilman Shelby reported the matters at hand with our current 2010 budget. Our Financial Consultant, Greg Guerrettaz is estimating \$450,000 additional cuts out of the 2010 budget due to circuit breakers. April 8, 2010 there will be a meeting with Greg presenting the sustainability study that he has done for the County and looking to the future. At 11:00 am all Departments will be scheduled to come in and know where their budgets need cut. They will be required to complete three possible budgets from each department. Level 1, 2 & 3. May 13, 2010 will be the 2011 budget kick-off and no lunch will be served.

In the Matter of IT Department)

Bernie Harris, IT Director appeared before Council to update them on the Document Imaging software. He has made a decision to go with Docu-Ware. The total cost of software is \$32,366. He is ready to install the software as soon as he gets final approval from Council. The funds will come from Cumulative Capital Fund 4000. Council advised Bernie to proceed. Funds have already been approved.

In the Matter of Recorder)

Sharon Shambaugh, Recorder appeared before Council to request the replacement of her employee that left. This issue continues to be tabled until Council has a better idea of how the circuit breakers will impact our budget. Council continued to not take action on this issue.

In the Matter of “Enerdel”)

Dennis Maloy, Economic Development Council appeared before Council on behalf of “Enerdel”. They are here today for a two step process,

- Create the economic development area where the tax abatement is being provided.
- Create a preliminary resolution awarding a 10 year tax abatement

On the April 14, 2010 regular Council meeting a public meeting is to be held at which time a vote will be taken to actually confirm the award of the tax abatement.

Katie Culp, with Cassidy, Turley appeared before Council representing “Enerdel” as their attorney and give an overview of the company. Robert Kamischke, CFO for “Enerdel” appeared before Council to discuss being a CFO for “Enerdel”.

Councilman Shelby introduced Resolution 2010-3-2 to declare the economic revitalization area and approve application for tax abatement, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. Vote 7-0

Councilman Shelby made a motion to adopt a Resolution 2010-3-3 declaring the economic revitalization area and approval of a 10 year tax abatement, seconded by Councilman Leonard. Vote 7-0

Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to hold a public hearing on April 14th at 9:00 am for Resolution's 2010-3-2 and Resolution 2010-3-3, regarding "Enerdel" tax abatement, seconded by Councilman Roney.
Vote 7-0

In the Matter of NASA Grant for Prosecutor)

Dean Dobbins, Prosecutor appeared before Council to request an additional appropriation for the NASA grant he is receiving in the amount of \$10,000. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve additional appropriation, however, the additional appropriation will need to be advertised and a public hearing will be held at the April 14, 2010 meeting, seconded by Councilman Leonard. Vote 7-0

In the Matter of NASA appropriations)

Kevin Minnick and Tim Retherford appeared before Council on behalf of NASA, they are requesting a budget transfer from Administrative cost to other salary line items in order for the NASA director to be paid. Councilman Roney made a motion to allow the transfers, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0

In the Matter of Auditor Issues)

Robin Lowder, County Auditor addressed the Council and advised that County General is out of unemployment money. Councilman Shelby made a motion to allow \$50,000 transfer from workman's compensation to the unemployment line item seconded by Councilman Leonard. Vote 7-0

Auditor asks to replace the employee that was let go. Councilman Shelby agrees to fill the position; however he stated that due to the circuit breakers it may be best to wait to fill position. Councilman Shelby made a motion that the Auditor may replace the employee that left, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson.

Roll call vote 6-1

Aye
Councilman Pasco
Councilwoman Richardson
Councilman Shelby
Councilman Leonard
Councilman Bolander
Councilman Roney

Nay
Councilman Kirkwood

In the Matter of CF-1)

- Mt Comfort Real Estate,
Council request for them to come in and speak with
Council at April meeting.
- ATMI Properties, Council request for them to come in and
speak with Council at April meeting.
- Gerald Abraham 350 N LLC Councilman Shelby made a
motion to approve tax abatement, seconded by Councilman
Leonard. Vote 7-0
- Davis Family, Councilman Kirkwood made a motion to
approve tax abatement, seconded by Councilman Leonard.
Vote 7-0

Ginny Martin, Bookkeeper/Deputy Auditor requested from
the Council any help they can provide for the Auditor to
obtain grant and other information that is needed for the
Annual report. Some of the departments *will not* comply
with the request from the Auditor's office or from State
Board of Accounts. Council requested a memo be written
and they will see that it gets to the Department that are not
complying with our request.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED on this day April 14, 2010

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ATTEST: _____
Robin D. Lowder, Auditor