

Hancock County Council

April 14, 2010

The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana, met in the Commissioner Court in the Hancock County Courthouse Annex, Greenfield, Indiana, on the 14th day of April 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, Jim Shelby, Jack Leonard and Dick Pasco, Brian Kirkwood. Also, present were Auditor, Robin D. Lowder, Deputy Ginny Martin, Ray Richardson, County Attorney. Tom Roney was not in attendance.

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

In the Matter of Ordinance 2010-2E)

Councilman Shelby made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-2E regarding rescinding the CEDIT Special tax and the Library CEDIT will remain the same rate, seconded by Councilman Pasco. Roll call vote 6-0

Aye

Nay

Councilman Pasco
Councilman Kirkwood
Councilman Shelby
Councilwoman Richardson
Councilman Leonard
Councilman Bolander

Councilman Shelby requested a report from the Auditor on current status of the Library CEDIT fund. A letter needs also needs sent by the Auditor advising that the special tax has been rescinded.

In the Matter of Hiring Practices)

Councilman Shelby made a motion to include Sheriff and Jail in our current hiring freeze and or replacing employees, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. Roll call vote 5-1

Aye

Councilman Pasco

Councilman Kirkwood

Councilman Shelby

Councilwoman Richardson

Councilman Leonard

Nay

Councilman Bolander

In the Matter of Enerdel Tax Abatement)

Dennis Maloy, Economic Development appeared before Council to request the confirming Resolution awarding tax abatement for Enerdel. The attorney for Enerdel appeared along with representatives from the Company. Councilman Shelby asked question regarding improvements and the real and personal property not included in the Resolution. The attorney advised that today Council will be confirming both the Resolution for the real and personal property tax abatement. Council wishes are to include amending the language of the Resolution. The County Council will be reviewing the CF-1 on a yearly basis.

President Bolander opened the public hearing regarding Enerdel's confirming Resolution for tax abatement.

Hancock County citizen, Bryan Barny from McCordsville addressed Council speaking against Enerdel's abatement. His many concerns is the impact on the tax payers and our County government spending tax dollars to incentivize private business, and how much of Federal dollars are involved. He also was concerned about the total incentives that Hancock County is giving to Enerdel and the over \$10 million bond issue.

President Bolander closed public hearing.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to adopt the confirming Resolution for Enerdel as amended seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Additional Appropriation)

President Bolander opened the public hearing regarding Local Road and Street additional appropriation in the amount of \$250,000 and \$10,000 additional grant money for Prosecutor's Office.

No public attended.

Public meeting closed.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for Prosecutor's Office in the amount of \$10,000 grant. Motion was seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 6-0

Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for Local Road and Street in the amount of \$250,000. Motion seconded by Councilman Leonard. Vote 6-0

In the Matter of Reappointment of Joe Mohr to Library Board)

Councilman Pasco made a motion to reappoint Joe Mohr to the Hancock County Library Board, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 6-0

In the Matter of Tax Abatements)

- ATMI- a representative appeared before Council to answer questions regarding their CF-1 compliance form. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve ATMI tax abatement, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. Vote 6-0
- Chris Collins, Uloft Company appeared before Council. He explained why Mt. Comfort Uloft has seen reductions in their company the past 2 years due to the economic environment. He assured the Council that the Company is solid and moving forward. Councilman Shelby made a

motion to approve the tax abatement for Uloft, seconded by Councilman Leonard. Vote 6-0

Break 9:30

In the Matter of Minutes)

Councilman Leonard made a motion to approve the March 10, 2010 minutes, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 6-0

Reductions in 2010 budget)

Bookkeeper, Ginny Martin provided a breakdown of the budget reductions. The Sheriff wants as part of his 4% for Council to take into consideration the salary paid by a federal grant for one of his deputies. Council agrees to cut the \$66,000 from the deputy's line item. Auditor, Robin Lowder reported that Wayne Addison, Chief Probation Officer has saved the County \$100,000 by negotiating with Henry County and the housing of Juveniles for Hancock County. Community Corrections cut their Supplemental from County General and wants to take the same amount and additionally appropriate it in Project Income. This will need to be advertised before the appropriation can be done and a public hearing held. Auditor will advertise in newspaper. Councilman Shelby made a motion to accept the budget cuts as presented except the CCD fund. This fund needs to be discussed with Greg Guerrettaz to make sure we are doing the right thing in cutting our CCD fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 6-0

In the Matter of Highway)

- Joe Copeland appeared before Council with an overview of the status of Highway, Local Road & Street and Cum Bridge funds projection report for the next five years capital expenditures.
- Joe requested from Council if some of his equipment costs can come from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Council declined his request; there is not enough of money to allow for this type of expenditures in the CCD fund.

- He also requested that the Salary Ordinance for 2010 be amended. When the original Salary Ordinance was completed it listed his part-time hourly separately. He wants his entire hourly employees group together in one appropriated amount on Ordinance. Councilman Pasco made a motion to amend the Salary Ordinance for 2010 as requested, seconded by Councilman Leonard. Vote 5-1
- Joe Copeland reported to Council regarding the Weed Specialist position, that the Board wants to hire part-time help to replace Alan Wicker.

In the Matter of Health Department Office Manager)

Dr. Haas, Health Officer appeared before the Council to get a decision on the status of Crystal Baker position after she replaced Pam Baker as the Health Department Office Manager. There was discussion of the position and reasons for the Council concerns with the hiring practices of the Health Department. Councilman Pasco made a motion to keep Crystal Baker as the Health Department Office Manager. Her current salary \$33,500, seconded by Councilman Leonard. Roll call vote 5-1

Aye

Nay

Councilman Pasco
 Councilman Bolander
 Councilman Shelby
 Councilwoman Richardson
 Councilman Leonard

Councilman Kirkwood

In the Matter of E911 Center)

Connie Hoy appeared before Council to give a current status report of the E911 Center. She also requested to replace the Public Safety Dispatcher who is leaving. The vote was 6-0 but due to the recorder malfunction the motion and second was missed.

In the Matter of a Transfer for County Extension)

County Extension requested from Council to approve a transfer of a budget line item from SWMD Program Coordinator in the amount of \$27,024.96 to SWMD Contractual Services. They are not replacing the position for the Coordinator but are now contracting the services for the Solid Waste. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Councilman Leonard. Vote 6-0

Councilman Pasco made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Bolander. Vote 6-0

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED on this day _____

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ATTEST: _____
Robin D. Lowder, Auditor