

Hancock County Council

April 8, 2010

Joint Meeting Council & Commissioners' Departments

The County Council and the County Commissioners' of Hancock County, Indiana, met in the Commissioner Court in the Hancock County Courthouse Annex, Greenfield, Indiana, on the 8th day of April 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. Commissioner, Brad Armstrong, Auditor, Robin D. Lowder, Deputy Ginny Martin, Ray Richardson, County Attorney. Councilmen Brian Kirkwood and Tom Roney, and Commissioners' Tom Stevens and Derek Towle were not in attendance of the meeting.

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

Greg Guerrettaz, the County financial consultant presented our County sustainability report for all funds through 2013 as follows:

- Current financial status of our County
- Future outlook of financial stability of our County through 2013
- Circuit Breaker impact to our budget for 2010 being in the amount of additional cuts of \$756,924
- How Circuit Break impact will increase each budget year
- Loss of revenue to our County

- How Circuit Breaker impacts all our debt service funds
- Ways to prevent the drastic reductions in the budgets by creating expense lines with the dollar amount of the Circuit Breaker but never spending from that line.

Pat Powers appeared to present a proposal for purchasing the liquor store on Main Street, across from the Community Corrections. This building would increase the bed capacity for Community Corrections. Pat requested approval to proceed with purchase. Council tabled request for discussion at the next Council meeting.

Joe Copeland, Highway engineering appeared before Council to request approval for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$250,000 in Local Road & Street. Councilman Bolander made a motion to approve the additional appropriation, seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 5-0

11:00 am

All departments were in attendance of the meeting with the exception of the Sheriff and Coroner. Greg Guerrettaz again presented the sustainability report and the critical situation our County currently in with the circuit breaker impact.

Greg asked that each department carefully look over the document to ensure the information is accurate. If it is not they need to let the Auditor's office know so it can be corrected.

President Bolander, spoke with departments asking for a 4% budget reduction in their 2010 budgets due to the circuit breaker impact. They are to complete the worksheet provided and turn into Ginny Martin, at the Auditor's Office by Tuesday morning, April 13th. If the department does not turn in their cuts the Council will cut their budget by the 4% needed.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED on this day _____

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ATTEST: _____

Robin D. Lowder, Auditor