

Hancock County Council

May 12, 2010

The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana, met in the Commissioner Court in the Hancock County Courthouse Annex, Greenfield, Indiana, on the 12th day of May 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, Dick Pasco, Brian Kirkwood and Tom Roney. Also, present were Auditor, Robin D. Lowder, Deputy Ginny Martin, Ray Richardson, County Attorney.

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

In the Matter of the April 8th minutes)

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the April 8th minutes of the Joint Commissioner and Council meeting as written, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0

In the Matter of Tax Abatement for KTR)

Council tabled the request for review of tax abatement until June meeting, the Assessor has questions for KTR. They will be notified to appear next month.

In the Matter of Health Department Office Manager)

The Council is reconsidering the salary of the newly hired Office Manager for the Health Department. Dr. Haas hired Crystal Baker at a higher salary of \$33,500. Council requested that a letter be sent to Dr. Haas by the Auditor that states they request him to attend the next Council meeting on June 9th. Council will be amending the Salary Ordinance from \$33,500 to \$28,500 for the Health Department Office Manager in the June meeting.

Council discussed the nepotism in the County. The hiring committee is continuing to work on procedures and to streamline personnel hiring policies.

In the Matter of the 2010 budget)

Councilman Shelby reported on the status of the 2010 budget reductions. (see attached breakdown of the 2010 reductions) This should complete anymore changes to the 2010 budget.

Councilman Shelby advised of a transfer in the debt service funds due to the circuit breaker impact. The debt service funds were reduced (circuit breaker) so now Council must appropriate in another fund Food & Beverage to allow the shortfall in the amount of \$165,856.00, this amount will be additionally appropriated in a new line item. The DLGF allows the shortfall to be paid out of another fund. This will need done each year due to circuit breaker impact on tax levy funds. The additional appropriation will be advertised and public hearing held on June 9th meeting.

In the Matter of 2011 Budget Schedule)

Recommendations by Budget Committee as follows;

- No pay increase
- No service year increase
- 9-23-2010 non-binding recommendation by Council
- 9-9-2010 County budget hearings
- 8-4-2010 non -binding units help session with Greg Guerrettaz at Library
- 6-11-2010 Form 1 and Form 144 due to Auditor

- Mandatory electronic deposits for payroll. Councilman Shelby made a motion to request an Ordinance for this issue and to include email notifications of their deposit instead of mail; this request is for the Commissioners, seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 7-0

Break 9:30

Reconvened 9:45

In the Matter of Judicial Facilities Study)

Pat Powers, Director of Community Corrections appeared before Council requesting to purchase and get appraisals for the building

across the street from Community Corrections. This issue was tabled from April meeting. The listed price for the building is \$119,000. Council concern is where the money is going to come from.

Schenkel & Shultz appeared before Council to give a presentation on the proposed Public Safety facility.

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

Meeting adjourned.

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Robin D. Lowder, Auditor