

Hancock County Council

June 9, 2010

The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana, met in the Commissioner Court in the Hancock County Courthouse Annex, Greenfield, Indiana, on the 9th day of June 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, 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.

Jeanine Gray addressed the Council, inviting them to a breakfast on June 15, 2010 at Hancock Regional Hospital. This breakfast is being hosted by the Hancock County Education Alliance.

In the Matter of the April 14th minutes)

Councilman Shelby has an amendment to the April 14th minutes as follows:

- Page 5 roll call vote was 5-1, Councilman Shelby voted “No” regarding the hiring of a new safety dispatcher for the E911 Center.

Councilman Pasco made a motion to approve the April 14th minutes as amended, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood.
Vote 7-0

In the Matter of the May 12th minutes)

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the May 12th minutes as written, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson
Vote 7-0

In the Matter of Tax Abatement for KTR)

Josh and Kevin appeared on behalf of KTR regarding their tax abatement and to explain their CF-1 that was submitted. Per Carole Maynard, County Assessor who was also present, advised Council that KTR has worked out their issues with the appeal.

Councilman Leonard made a motion to approve the tax abatement, Councilwoman Richardson seconded motion carried. Vote 7-0

Councilman Kirkwood noted his concerns for the tax abatements and reassessment and the chances of the values being down. Councilman Shelby noted also he has a problem with tax abatement appealing their assessment.

In the Matter of JB Management tax abatement)

JB Management appeared before Council to explain their CF-1 form. Company is complying. Councilman Roney made a motion to approve the tax abatement for JB Management, seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 7-0

In the Matter of Covance)

Council requested that Covance appear at July meeting.

In the Matter of Vincennes and Purdue)

Dave Tucker from Vincennes University and Jim Handy from Purdue appeared before the Council. Both schools are working in partnership to offer programs. One of the programs available is Leadership & Supervisory skills. They also have Technical System programs to make organizations more efficient and to improve their performance. A training program has been put together for Hancock County employees. If County is interested in finding out more about these programs they need to contact Dave or Jim.

Break 9:25

Council reconvened

In the Matter of Community Corrections Grant)

Pat Powers appeared before Council to request for Council to approve his 2011 budget for the Community Corrections Grant. The fiscal year for the grant begins July 1st. The grant has been increased by \$92,000 this year. The grant total budget for 2011 is \$317,888. Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to approve the 2011 grant budget, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0

In the Matter of Health Clinics)

Brad Armstrong, County Commissioner addressed the Council regarding the prospect of Health Clinics for the County employees. Commissioner Armstrong asked for a representative from the Council to be on the committee being formed to look into providing clinics for our employees. Council chose Councilman Bolander to represent the Council on the seven (7) member board. Auditor, Robin Lowder provided Council with the cost to the County at approximately \$72,000 to start up and \$18,000 per month.

Councilman Armstrong also discussed the bed space issue and solutions at Community Corrections. The possible purchase of the building across the street would be used for administrative offices and free up the space for beds in the Community Corrections building.

In the Matter of CCD purchase from Sheriff Dept)

Donnie Smith, deputy appeared before Council to request to purchase a new gas stove for the jail from the CCD fund. Councilman Shelby made a motion to request that the purchase be made from the Commissary fund, and the remaining amount from the Sheriff CCD line item in the amount of \$1,500, seconded by Councilman Leonard. Vote 7-0

Deputy Smith also asked that a \$2,500 refund check be added back to the Garage and Motor line item on a vehicle that had been damaged. The check has not been received yet but Council agreed that it could be added back to the line item.

In the Matter of Additional Appropriation for Highway)

Joe Copeland, Highway engineer appeared before Council requesting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$53,340 in Local Road & Street. The cash has already been received by Precedent Co. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for Local Road & Street for road maintenance, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0

In the Matter of New Hire for Recorder)

Sharon Shambaugh appeared before Council to request to replace an employee who is leaving and request that her part-time person be hired full -time. Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to

allow the Recorder to hire her current part-time employee as full-time, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0

Councilman Shelby asked what the salary level will be. Sharon requested \$25,500 for her part-time now full-time person. The person leaving salary was \$30,000. Council request that the person being hired come in at a lower rate.

In the Matter of Health Insurance)

Kevin Mandrell appeared before Council to report on the current status of our County health claims.

In the Matter of Prosecutor Funds)

Dean Dobbins, Prosecutor appeared before Council to address the issue of using Pre-trial Diversion funds to assist Wayne Addison with the shortfall in Probation budget. Prosecutor has a problem with paying personnel costs with these funds. These funds better use is for a one time project. Incentive funds are used for reimbursement purposes for child support. The Prosecutor wanted the Council to be aware of these funds and how frugal he has been with these funds.

In the Matter of Inter-local Agreement)

Joe Copeland, Highway engineer, advised Council of an Inter-local agreement with City of Greenfield. The agreement is for 300 north paving and time frame for agreement is through 11-1-2010. The City will reimburse the Highway Department in the amount of \$22,000 for paving on 300 N from SR 9 to 0.5 miles west of Fortville Pike.

In the Matter of Health Office Manager)

Dr. Haas appeared at the request of Council to discuss the salary of the current Office Manager, Crystal Baker. Dr. Haas disagrees with Council on this issue. Councilman Leonard voiced his thought on this issue and advised Dr. Haas he did not do anything to follow the protocol of this County. Our recourse in County Government is not to fund the position. Councilman Pasco made a motion to set the salary of \$30,000 effective June 14, 2010, Councilman Shelby seconded the motion. Roll call vote 7-0

Aye

Dick Pasco

Brian Kirkwood

Jim Shelby

Rosalie Richardson

Jack Leonard

Bill Bolander

Tom Roney

Nay

In the Matter of Cash Management)

Councilman Shelby made a motion to allow the Auditor to identify funds that are not currently managed and accounted for by the Auditor and ensure they are being reported once a month on a Report of Collections, and report back to the Council in the August meeting, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0

Ray Richardson, our County Attorney will work on a Resolution regarding this issue.

In the Matter of Nepotism)

Councilman Kirkwood provided the nepotism requirements from the State of Indiana and the committee is working on a hiring manual and the issues of nepotism within our county.

Councilman Shelby advised of the joint meeting with Council and Commissioners at Brian Kirkwood's barn on June 24, 2010 at 3:00 pm to discuss the judicial building study.

In the Matter of Auditor)

Robin Lowder, Auditor requested from Council to allow a transfer of contractual money into part-time money. Auditor has hired a part-time college girl for the summer. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve transfer, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0

Auditor requested to replace a person in the office who is leaving. Councilman Leonard made a motion to allow the hiring of the position in the Auditor's office at the lower salary level, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0

In the Matter of Food & Beverage)

President, Bolander opened public hearing for the additional appropriation of the fund 0258 Food & Beverage in the amount of \$165,856.

No public present

Public hearing closed.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to additionally appropriate Food & Beverage in the amount of \$165,856, seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 7-0

Gallahue Mental Health did not come to the meeting.

Councilman Pasco made a motion to approve the Executive session minutes of April 14, 2010 seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0

Councilman Pasco made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED on this day _____

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ATTEST: _____
Robin D. Lowder, Auditor