

*Hancock County Council Meeting
November 9, 2011*

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 November 2011 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in accordance with the rules of the Council. Council members present were William Bolander, Brian Kirkwood, John Jessup, Jim Shelby, Richard Pasco and Rosalie Richardson and Tom Roney. Also, present were Auditor, Robin D. Lowder, Deputy Ginny Martin, Ray Richardson, County Attorney.

President Bill Bolander called the meeting to order.

President Bolander opened public hearing for (3) requests of additional appropriations.

- \$63,621-Fund 8105-000-30-0030 Law Enforcement Equitable Sharing Expense
- \$150,000-Fund 0702 Highway Department
- \$10,000- ADA Drug Screen Probation Fund 0806-000-30-0014

No public comment. Public Hearing closed.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve all (3) of the requests for additional appropriations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Budget Transfer requests)

1. **Budget transfer request from Circuit Court**

\$400.00 from 0101-232-30-0061(equipment maintenance & repair) to 0101-232-20-0011 (Office supplies)

2. **Budget transfer request from Coroner**

\$550.00 from 0101-007-20-0011 (office supplies) to 0101-007-30-0014 (autopsy)
\$700.00 from 0101-007-20-0012 (autopsy supplies) to 0101-007-30-0014 (autopsy)

3. **Budget transfer request from Community Corrections**

\$68.00 from 0504-000-20-0024 (drug test supplies) to 0504-000-10-0026 (PERF)
\$110.00 from 0502-000-30-0024 (phone) to 0502-000-10-0026 (PERF)

4. **Budget transfer request from EOC**

\$300.00 from 1156-000-20-0022 (cleaning) to 1156-000-30-0068 (bldg maintenance)

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the budget transfers, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Budget Shortfalls)

Coroner –shortfall in 2011 for Autopsy. The request is for \$14,000 (11 cases) to finish out 2011 budget year.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve a budget transfer in Food & Beverage in the amount of \$14,000. Motion was seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Auditor, Robin Lowder advised Council that the Group Insurance within the Commissioners budget will be short in the amount of \$170,000 to finish out the 2011 budget. The amount is a best estimate of what will be needed.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve \$170,000 to be taken from Food & Beverage to cover the shortfall. The motion is seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of 1782 Budget Order)

Councilman Shelby reported the 2012-1782 budget order has not been received. The employee pay raise and the sheriff retirement shortfall are still not decided. A budget committee meeting will be on Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 7:30 am

In the Matter of LOIT)

Councilwoman Richardson reported that an Inter-local agreement has been written asking the municipalities to participate in the E911 cost. John Jessup will attend Shirley/Wilkinson, Tom Roney will be going to Fortville, Rosalie Richardson and Bill Bolander will attend New Palestine and Jim Shelby and Rosalie Richardson will attend Town of Cumberland. The City of Greenfield will be asked to do something different. Council is asking them to keep up the \$380,000 after the Inter-local Agreement expiration date of 2015 or ½ LOIT proceeds whichever is greater.

Other Business)

AIC is asking Council to send a Resolution regarding E911 funding and local road and bridge funding to our legislators. Councilman Shelby has a prototype of the Resolution.

Reassessment levy increased by \$67,000. Increase was determined by the DLGF which takes away from the County levy for 2012 budget.

Councilman Shelby recommended that Council the Merit Board make an annual report to the County Council on an annual basis and would request that the Board come in December meeting with the report regarding the Sheriff Retirement.

Tourism Commission will be advertised for approval of their 2011 budget and be tabled to December meeting.

In the Matter of the Bond Issue)

President William Bolander opened the meeting to a public hearing on Ordinance Number 2011-10E, entitled “An Ordinance of Hancock County, Indiana, Appropriating The Proceeds Of the Emergency Telephone System Revenue Bonds of 2011”, which ordinance was introduced at the council meeting of October 12, 2011..

President Bolander asked if there was anyone present who would like to be heard on the matter.

Public comment was heard.

There being no more persons desiring to be heard, President Bolander closed the public hearing.

President William Bolander opened the meeting to a public hearing on Ordinance Number 2011-10C, entitled “An Ordinance of Hancock County, Indiana, Appropriating The Proceeds Of the General Obligation Bonds of 2011”, which ordinance was introduced at the council meeting of October 12, 2011.

President Bolander asked if there was anyone present who would like to be heard on the matter.

Public comment was heard.

There being no more persons desiring to be heard, President Bolander closed the public hearing.

President Bolander stated that final action on Ordinance Number 2011-10B would be in order.

Council member Rosalie Richardson moved to adopt Ordinance Number 2011-10B, as introduced, which ordinance is entitled “An Ordinance of Hancock County, Indiana, authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of said County for the purpose of providing funds to be used for the cost of funding: (i) the settlement with Community Hospitals of Indiana, Inc. d/b/a Gallahue Mental Health Center; (ii) the acquisition of equipment required for the County's contract with AT & T for emergency 911 services; (iii) the acquisition of a dispatch radio console system; and (iv) the acquisition of a new Hancock County Jail locking system, together with necessary appurtenances and related equipment and the costs of issuance of bonds therefore”, which ordinance was introduced at the council meeting of October 12, 2011.

The motion was seconded by Council member Tom Roney and passed on the following vote:

In favor:

William Bolander
Tom Roney
James Shelby
Rosalie Richardson
Brian Kirkwood

Opposed:

Richard Pasco
John Jessup

President Bolander announced that Ordinance Number 2011-10B had been duly passed and adopted.

President Bolander stated that final action on Ordinance Number 2011-10D would be in order.

Council member Rosalie Richardson moved to adopt Ordinance Number 2011-10D, as introduced, which ordinance is entitled “An Ordinance of Hancock County, Indiana, authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of said County for the purpose of procuring funds to be used to fund the contractual payments to the service supplier of the County's enhanced telephone system, together with the necessary appurtenances and related equipment and the cost of issuance of bonds therefore” which ordinance was introduced at the council meeting of October 12, 2011.

The motion was seconded by Council member Brian Kirkwood and passed on the following vote:

In favor:

William Bolander
Tom Roney
James Shelby
Rosalie Richardson
Richard Pasco
Brian Kirkwood
John Jessup

Opposed:

None

President Bolander announced that Ordinance Number 2011-10D had been duly passed and adopted.

President Bolander stated that final action on Ordinance Number 2011-10C would be in order.

Council member James Shelby moved to adopt Ordinance Number 2011-10C, as introduced, which ordinance is entitled “An Ordinance of Hancock County, Indiana, Appropriating The Proceeds Of the General Obligation Bonds of 2011”

The motion was seconded by Council member Rosalie Richardson and passed on the following vote:

In favor:

Opposed:

William Bolander
Tom Roney
James Shelby
Rosalie Richardson
Brian Kirkwood

Richard Pasco
John Jessup

President Bolander announced that Ordinance Number 2011-10C had been duly passed and adopted.

President Bolander stated that final action on Ordinance Number 2011-10E would be in order.

Council member Brian Kirkwood moved to adopt Ordinance Number 2011-10E, as introduced, which ordinance is entitled "An Ordinance of Hancock County, Indiana, Appropriating The Proceeds Of the Emergency Telephone System Revenue Bonds of 2011"

The motion was seconded by Council member Richard Pasco and passed on the following vote:

In favor:

Opposed:

William Bolander
Tom Roney
James Shelby
Rosalie Richardson
Richard Pasco
Brian Kirkwood
John Jessup

None

President Bolander announced that Ordinance Number 2011-10E had been duly passed and adopted.

In the Matter of Clerk)

Marcia Moore, Clerk appeared before Council to advise she is hiring Larry McGuire as an Input Deputy in the Clerk's Office. His salary will be \$27,735. Clerk is moving the current input Deputy to Public Access at \$24,000. Councilman Shelby made a motion to allow the request, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0 motion passed

Break

In the Matter of Economic Development)

Dennis Maloy, Economic Development appeared before Council to introduce the Company that is interested in the revolving loan program that County is implementing. And also the status of the TIF District in Mt. Comfort.

A Commission was organized to do a study of the TIF District in the Mt. Comfort corridor. Jason Semler, from Umbaugh reported on the TIF District status.

John Schuller, Independent Concrete & Pipe Company has operations in (4) states. Their operations locally are located in Maxwell. The company wishes to purchase land and equipment for expansion in the area. The company is requesting a loan from the County's Revolving Loan Fund.

Dennis advised Council that this Company and Economic Development has a very good relationship. If Council has intention of moving forward, the loan fund will have to be created by the County Commissioners. Council would then need to advertise for an additional appropriation for the revolving fund. The Concrete Company is going before the Commissioners at their next meeting. Council gives approval for the Auditor to advertise the additional appropriation in the amount of \$208,000. It is up to the Commissioners to set-up the fund.

Access 70 Browning Development (Enerdel) -CF-1 form has been prepared and no action needed at this time regarding the tax abatements.

In the Matter of Peterson Property Group)

Larry Siegler appeared before Council to ask for tax abatement for development plan at the Mt. Comfort Commercial Park Section 5 4.26 acres site. Councilman Kirkwood made a motion for a preliminary approval for the tax abatement, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. Vote 7-0 motion passed. Public Hearing will be held at 8:30 am at the next Council meeting, Wednesday, December 14, 2011.

In the Matter of Sheriff)

Brad Burkhart and Sheriff Shepherd appeared before Council to request the hiring of a Jail position. Councilman Pasco made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Brad Burkhart, Major requested that Council appropriate the Sex & Offender Fee Fund. Council gave approval to advertise the fund in the amount of \$1,700.

Councilman Shelby left the meeting.

In the Matter of Assessor)

Mary Noe, Assessor appeared before Council by request from Councilman Shelby to report on tax abatements, specifically the Peterson Group Properties.

In the Matter of E911)

Connie Hoy, Director of E911 appeared before Council to request an additional appropriation for the group insurance in the 2011 budget that will be short by \$11,000. Other lines have been transferred that would allow any additional money into the line item. Councilman Jessup made a motion to additionally appropriate fund 6004 LOIT Public Safety in a group insurance line item. No second or vote, motion not passed. Council gave approval for the Auditor to advertise for additional appropriation from the LOIT budget.

In the Matter of New Phone System)

Bernie Harris appeared before County to advise of additional money needed for the new phone system in the amount of \$7,404. Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to allow a budget transfer from "Other" in the amount of \$7,404 for the software insurance upgrades needed for the new phone system, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Approved this date:

Aye

Nay

Attest: _____
Robin D. Lowder
Auditor