

*Hancock County Council Minutes
September 14, 2011*

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 September 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, and Rosalie Richardson. Also, present were Auditor, Robin D. Lowder, Deputy Ginny Martin, Ray Richardson, County Attorney. Councilman Roney came to meeting at 9:00 AM and Councilman Pasco at 9:05 AM

President Bill Bolander called the meeting to order and opened public hearing for Non-Binding reviews.

Townships/Cities/Towns/Libraries Non-Binding Reviews
Budget 2012

Township/City Town/Library	Trustee Clerk-Treasurer	Approved Not-Approved	Council motion
Blue River Township	Paul Cooper	Approved	Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the 2012 budget as written, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. Vote 5-0
Brandywine Township	Marc Hill	Approved	Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the 2012 budget as written, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 5-0
Brown Township	Catie Lewman (not present)	Approved	Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the 2012 budget as written, seconded by Councilman Bolander. Vote 5-0
Buck Creek Township	Mel Branson	Not Approved	Councilman Shelby made a motion to not approve the 2012 budget as written; budget is over growth quotient, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. Vote 5-0
Center Township	Ron Horning	Approved	Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the 2012 budget as written, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 5-0
City of Greenfield	Larry Breese	Approved	Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the 2012 budget as written, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 5-0

Fortville Library	Richard Bell	Approved	Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to approve the 2012 budget as written, seconded by Councilman Jessup . Vote5-0
Green Township	Sharon Brown	Approved	Councilman Kirkwood made a motion to approve the 2012 budget as written, seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 5-0
Hancock Co Library	Dianne Osborne	Approved	Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the 2012 budget as written, seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 6-0
Jackson Township	Robert McDaniel	Approved	Councilman Kirkwood made a motion to approve the 2012 budget as written, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 5-0
Sugar Creek Township	Bob Boyer (not present)	Approved	Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the 2012 budget as written, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 6-0
Town of Cumberland	Grace Heck (representative for Grace Heck)	Approved	Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the 2012 budget as written, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0
Town of Fortville	Bud Mitchell (representative Cindy Mitchell)	Not Approved	Councilman Shelby made a motion to NOT approve the 2012 budget as written, seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 6-0
Town of McCordsville	Cathy Gardner	Not Approved	Councilman Kirkwood made a motion to NOT approve the 2012 budget as written, seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 6-0
Town of New Palestine	Becky Hilligoss	Approved	Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the 2012 budget as written, seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 7-0
Town of Shirley	Marla Kemerly	Approved	Councilman Kirkwood made a motion to approve the 2012 budget as written, seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 7-0
Town of Spring Lake	Sue Denneman (not present)	Approved	Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the 2012 budget as written, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0
Town of Wilkinson	Janette Young	Approved	Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the 2012 budget as written, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote

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Vernon Township	James Nolte	Approved	Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the 2012 budget as written, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0
Redevelopment Commission			<p>Review of the Redevelopment Budget Joe Doninger Economic Development Board Member. Mr. Doninger reported that there are sufficient revenues to cover the bond which Greg Guerrattaz had questioned .</p> <p>Greg reported that within a couple of years the bond could go on to property tax roll to make the payment. This was a flag for the County to watch closely.</p>

Councilman Pasco made a motion to close public hearing for the non-binding budget reviews, seconded by Councilman Roney. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilman Pasco left the meeting.

Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to allow Auditor to do a budget transfer from 0258-000-30-0075 (Misc Expense) to 0258-000-30-0076 (Special Attorney Expense) in the amount of \$280.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 5-0 motion passed.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the budget transfers in Cumulative Bridge as presented, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 5-0 motion passed.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Account No/Description</u>	
0790	000-40-0004 BR & CULVERT CONSTRUCTION INSP	165,151.00
0790	000-40-0082 BRIDGE and CULVERT REPAIR	
0790	000-30-0062 BRIDGE INSPECTION	2,125.00
0790	000-40-0082 BRIDGE and CULVERT REPAIR	

0790	000-30-0095	70,152.24
	REIMBURSEMENT TO MVH LABOR	
0790	000-40-0082	
	BRIDGE and CULVERT REPAIR	
0790	000-40-0003	19,000.00
	Culvert Inspection>=36"	
0790	000-40-0039	
	BR 76-600-S W 300 W	
0790	000-40-0077	96,000.00
	Culverts 600W South of 300S 2 EA	
0790	000-40-0088	
	Bridge 110 300S East of 600E	
0790	000-40-0090	60,000.00
	CULV-SC-30-400S E 400W	
0790	000-40-0088	
	Bridge 110 300S East of 600E	
0790	000-40-0001	56,152.00
	Culv-G22-50E S 700 N	
0790	000-40-0088	
	Bridge 110 300S East of 600E	

Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to approve the hiring of a Jail Officer, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 5-0 motion passed.

Crystal Baker-Office Manager for Health Department presented the 2012 budget with additional revenue of approximately \$34,000 by increasing fees. With the additional revenue and calculating the budget form 4B, the Health Dept was able to stay within their levy and no reductions at this time. Councilman Kirkwood made a motion to approve the 2012 budget as written for the Health Department, seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

- Council discussion regarding Bonding.

Councilman Shelby spoke to Council regarding the critical need for new financial and taxing software. Councilwoman Richardson feels the expense of the software can be taken from CCD not put in the bond. Councilman Bolander opinion is to bond the money and not deplete the CCD "other" which is not yet appropriated.

Councilman Jessup is against the entire bond but if we are going to do it, do the entire amount to meet our needs. Councilman Kirkwood doesn't see the need for the software at all.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to put \$170,000 on the bond for the taxing software, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson and the financial software comes from the CCD fund. Roll call vote 2-3 motion passed.

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Councilman Shelby
Councilwoman Richardson
Councilman Bolander

Councilman Jessup
Councilman Kirkwood

It will be the Commissioner's decision to put the software in the bond.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to take the financial software needed in the Auditor's office from the CCD fund. Motion seconded by Councilman Jessup. Roll call vote 5-0 with 1 pass (Councilman Pasco arrived) motion passed.

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Councilman Shelby
Councilman Kirkwood
Councilman Bolander
Councilman Jessup
Councilwoman Richardson

Councilman Pasco

Councilman Roney arrived.

In the Matter of Sheriff Pension Plan)

Ronnie Mohr, Chairman of Sheriff Merit Board appeared before Council. His concern is the funding of the Sheriff Pension Plan. If it is not funded in full to the minimum actuary amount for 3 years the Sheriff Pension at the end of the third year could go away. It is by statute that it must be done. The merit board was unanimous to stay with Morgan Stanley. Other counties have taken their Council to Court over this issue. They promise the deputies this retirement plan. Merit Board asked two Council members at their last

meeting to make a commitment to fully fund and if not it will be turned over to Legal.

Council expectations from the Merit Board:

- Are you (Merit Board) going to support the increase in LOIT for Public Safety?
- A report to the Council on selection of investment firms.
- A renewed commitment from the Merit Board from a request made a couple of years ago to report the status of the Investment fund on an annual basis. As soon as the Investment Company completes their Annual report they will report to Council so the actuary can be looked at prior to the beginning of the budget cycle.
- Knowing the status of the fund, for public review.

In response to comments made at the Merit Board meeting, Councilman Shelby stated, “For the record, Capital City Investment Firm is in good standing with Marion County and Greg Guerrattaz is in good standing with Hendricks County Council”.

Response to Council:

Ronnie Mohr responded saying “Do you want to save some money people”? My opinion, to have someone go into each office and do their budget and pay him with my tax money is not right. If they are not capable to do their budgets, and then let Council tear them apart “I personally don’t like Greg Guerrattaz and was not impressed with him at all”. We elect Council members and pay them well.

Councilwoman Richardson interjected “no we don’t”.

Ronnie Mohr asked Councilwoman Richardson “How much do you make?” She advised \$3,808 plus county health insurance.

Ronnie responded that Council is well compensated. He doesn’t know any other place where part-time employees get benefits of health insurance.

Councilman Bolander stated that one of the boards Mr. Mohr is on give him trips to South America, County Council doesn’t get these perks.

Councilman Roney stated, “For the record, I do not participate in the county health insurance”.

Auditor Robin Lowder, requested from the Merit Board to have McCreedy & Keane invoice the County at the beginning of the year.

Council and Merit Board agreed to meet and work toward a solution and Council requested a report from the Board for 2010.

In the Matter of Economic Development Revolving Fund)

Councilman Bolander reported on the Economic Development Revolving Fund. The fund is in the works and this is an established company and will be a good candidate for this type of fund. The company interested is Concrete Pipe Company wanting to expand in Maxwell. The loan would be approximately \$200,000 with low interest rate.

Summary of Budget 2012)

Councilman Shelby reported the following from the Budget Committee:

- General Fund addition at budget hearings = \$81,950 which brings fund 0101 to \$14,600,300.
- LOIT amount in budget stays same amount.
- Sheriff Retirement amount in budget stays same amount.
- A possible Employee increase makes the budget \$15,855,712
- Anticipated revenue of \$400,000 coming from unaudited probable increase in CAGIT . This is only an estimate.
- Makes the anticipated revenue up to \$15,298,000
- Subtract the two amounts;
 $\$15,855,712 - \$15,298,000 = (\$560,000)$ deficit and if you don't include the estimate of the \$400,000 CAGIT, the deficit would be $(\$960,000)$.
- Circuit Breakers are taken care of with \$250,000 from Food & Beverage. And it is not addressing the E911 revenue shortfalls, the Reassessment increase fund levy and the CAGIT levels.

In the Matter of Prosecutor)

Michael Griffin, Prosecutor appeared before Council to request additional appropriations to arrive at a solution of the correction

from prior administration for his 2011 budget. Proposal as follows:

- Two (2) Deputy Prosecutors salaries removed from Incentive Fund IV-D and added to General fund in the amount of \$13,295.
- Reducing General fund by \$13,295 and additionally appropriating Pre-Trial Diversion in the amount of \$13,295 as follows:

\$6,500 from 0101-009-10-0093 (transcripts) to 0511
\$500 from 0101-009-20-0035 (cleaning supplies) to 0511
\$800 from 0101-009-30-0061(equipment maintenance) to 0511
\$1,500 from 0101-009-30-0068 (cleaning services) to 0511
\$1,500 from 0101-009-30-0091 (dues) to 0511
\$2,000 from 0101-009-30-0013 (crime control) to 0511
\$495 from 0101-009-30-0013 (evaluations & witness fees) to 0511
Total reductions and additions to Pre-Trial Diversion fund 0511 =\$13,295

- Additionally appropriated Deputy Prosecutor line item in General fund 0101-009-10-0020 in the amount of \$13,295
- Amending the 2011 Salary Ordinance on line 0101-009-10-0020 increasing both Deputies salaries by \$6,647.50.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the Prosecutor's proposal, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilman Jessup made a motion to amend the 2011 Salary Ordinance as proposed, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Prosecutor reported on the job description of his Office Manager to allow and substantiate the increase in her salary. Council requested a job description be reported. Councilman Kirkwood made a motion to approve the Salary increase in the 2012 budget to \$34,157 for Office Manager. The motion seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to introduce the increase in the LOIT for Public Safety Ordinance No. 2012-9b from .15 to .25%.

Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Roney. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Meeting adjourned

Approved this date:

Aye

Nay

Attest: _____
Robin D. Lowder
Auditor