

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

President Bill Bolander called the meeting to order.

**In the Matter of Additional Appropriations)**

John Priorie addressed the Council regarding the additional appropriations and where the money is coming from. Councilman Shelby explained each item.

**Additional Appropriations**

- Pictometry-\$79,564.38, Councilman Roney made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0 motion passed.
- Reassessment-\$90,000, Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 7-0 motion passed.
- JAG Drug Court Grant-\$30,131.70, Councilman Roney made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. Vote 7-0 motion passed.
- Vending Fund-\$50,000, Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Roney. Vote 6-1 Councilman Jessup opposed, motion passed.

- Unsafe Building-\$50,000, Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 7-0 motion passed.
- Cum Capital Development “Other”-up to \$50,000, Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0 motion passed.
- Cum Capital Development “Other”-\$11,000 (website), Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. Vote 5-2 Councilman Pasco and Councilman Jessup opposed. Motion passed.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to pass the LOIT budget for Public Safety, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. Roll call vote 7-0 motion passed.

AYE

Dick Pasco  
 Brian Kirkwood  
 Jim Shelby  
 Rosalie Richardson  
 John Jessup  
 Bill Bolander  
 Tom Roney

NAY

Councilman Shelby discussed several items addressed at the Budget Meeting on March 8, 2011. Some of the items discussed is as follows:

- Nepotism Resolution. Councilman Shelby made a motion to introduce Resolution with this amendment “That the county Council at the direction of the Commissioners will rescind funding from any employee position ” seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Roll call vote 7-0 Resolution passed.

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- Pat Powers issues with funds and non-compliance
- Sheriff Dept hiring
- Clerk's Office review of their cash management by Financial Solutions.

**In the Matter of Midwest Mole Tax Abatement)**

Dennis Maloy, Director of Economic Development appeared before Council to approve Midwest Mole tax abatement.

Councilman Bolander opened Public Hearing.  
No comments from public  
Public Hearing closed.

Councilman Kirkwood made a motion to approve the confirming Resolution No. 2011-2-2 approving Midwest Mole their tax abatement for personal property only, seconded by John Jessup.  
Roll-call vote 7-0 Resolution passed.

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Dick Pasco  
Brian Kirkwood  
Jim Shelby  
Rosalie Richardson  
John Jessup  
Bill Bolander  
Tom Roney

**In the Matter of Leadership Training)**

Steve Vail, Hancock Regional Hospital presented a program to the County Council regarding training for professional development, and to help with efficiencies for County Government. This training would be provided for County department heads and elected officials.

**In the Matter of Hancock County Public Library)**

Dianne Osborne and Joe Mohr appeared before Council to present the Public Library 2010 annual report.

**In the Matter of Real Property Abatement for Midwest Mole)**

Dennis Maloy appeared with Council again to explain that that the Resolution No. 2011-2-2 just signed by Council was for Midwest Mole personal property only and now a Resolution No. 2011-2-3 needs approved for the real property tax abatement.

Councilman Bolander opened Public Hearing.  
No comments from public.  
Public Hearing closed.

Councilman Kirkwood made a motion to approve the Resolution No. 2011-2-3 for Midwest Mole tax abatement for real property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roney. Roll call vote 7-0. Resolution passed.

AYE

Dick Pasco

Brian Kirkwood

Jim Shelby

Rosalie Richardson

John Jessup

Bill Bolander

Tom Roney

NAY

Break

Council reconvened

**In the Matter of County Extension)**

Sarah Burke, County Extension appeared before Council to request the part-time hourly appropriation for 2011 be additionally appropriated in the amount of \$3,000. Many projects have been added to the 4-H programs therefore the part-time hourly is very vital to Extension office.

Council requested from the County Extension to look into other funding sources such as grants to help with their programs. Councilman Roney made a motion to allow the additional appropriation up to \$1,500 and find a match of \$1,500. Motion did not pass due to no one seconding the motion.

The Council advised the County Extension to come back next month to see if additional monies could be found by other sources.

**In the Matter of Additional Appropriations of Grant Funds)**

Crystal Baker, Health department, appeared before Council to request that all the grant funds be additionally appropriated with the amounts left from 2010 as follows:

0798	MRC-Medical Reserve Corp	\$284.00
0802	New Tobacco Money	\$86,854.33
0807	Health Maintenance Grant	\$47,367.75
1100	Bio-Terrorism	\$12,072.80

Council give approval to advertise above mentioned additional appropriations.

Additionally, Crystal is asking Council to appropriate 0798 in the amount of \$5,000. Health Dept was unaware they were getting this grant for 2011. Council approved to advertise.

**In the Matter of December 15, 2010 minutes)**

Councilman Roney made a motion to approve as written, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

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Dick Pasco  
Jim Shelby  
Tom Roney  
Bill Bolander  
Rosalie Richardson  
Brian Kirkwood

NAY

**In the Matter of January 12, 2011 minutes)**

Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve minutes as written, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

**Amendment to 2011 Salary Ordinance)**

Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to amend the 2011 salary as follows:

- Fund 0525 Metro Drug Officer Salary (Jason Bradbury) reduced by \$48,471 and fund 0101 County General increased by \$48,471 in deputy salaries.
- Fund 0101-380 Jail reduced the Jail Administrator line by \$4,635 and increase line Jail overtime by \$4,635

Councilman Shelby seconded motion. Vote 6-1 motion passed.

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Rosalie Richardson  
Brian Kirkwood  
John Jessup

NAY

Dick Pasco

Councilman Shelby made an amendment to the Pictometry additional appropriation approved motion . That any revenue coming in from the project be put in County General not back into

the CCD fund, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. Vote 7-0 motion amended.

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Brian Kirkwood  
John Jessup  
Dick Pasco

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**In the Matter of Animal Control)**

Brad DeReamer, Mayor appeared before Council to present the status of Animal Control. The Mayor introduced Jeff Leffel as the Director of Animal Control.

**In the Matter of Community Corrections)**

Pat Powers requested transfers into a new line item Counseling Services within fund 0539. The transfer will need to be advertised in the amount of \$7,200 additional appropriation. Council give approval to advertise transfer.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve transfers requested from Garage & Motor to Drug Screen Supplies in the amount of \$20,000. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

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Brian Kirkwood  
John Jessup  
Dick Pasco

NAY

Council asked Pat about the remaining checking accounts that were to be closed to allow all cash to come through the Auditor's Office.

Pat advised Council that the accounts are still not closed. He advised that his Bookkeeper has to balance the statement before they can be closed.

Councilman Kirkwood advised Pat, that these issues have went on far too long actually since July 2010 and that a lot of time has been wasted. Pat Powers said his department is being signaled out. Councilman Kirkwood advised for the accounts to be closed today. Pat advised he will closed today if feasible, if not they will be done by end of the week. Councilman Bolander advised that the entire department payroll will be withheld if this issue is not resolved by end of the week.

Councilman Shelby advised Pat, that Council is going across the board to ensure that the Auditor's Office and Treasurer has a handle on all cash that flows through our County. Auditor also needs information for the Annual Report.

Councilwoman Richardson asked Pat Powers why the numbers are down within Community Corrections. Pat advised that many factors enter into the downturn.

### **In the Matter of Clerk)**

Marcia Moore, Clerk appeared before Council to request several items as follows:

- Additional appropriation in Clerks Perpetuation fund. A new line will need to be created and an additional appropriation done. Council gave approval to advertise appropriation.
- A new employee leaving which leaves a full-time position open. Marcia wants to give her part-time person a chance in this position. A budget transfer of \$1,500 moved to her part-time line item from the deputy line item. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the budget transfer, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

- Dee Goodwin, election administrator has turned in her resignation and that position is now open. Marcia recommended the position be filled \$ 961.54 bi-weekly which is less than the current employee and that Janice Jones be hired to fill this position. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

**In the Matter of Jail)**

Sheriff, Mike Shepherd appeared before Council to request to fill two (2) jail positions. One resigned and one has medical issues. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the filling of the open positions, seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

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Sheriff Shepherd advised Council of the upcoming resignation of Brian Ellison. Sheriff is requesting to replace his position. Councilman Bolander made a motion to allow replacement of Officer Brian Ellison with the understanding that a resignation is received by the Sheriff, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Accident Reports-public is requesting accident reports online and this is a revenue source to obtain a fee from the online company. They want to reimburse the County \$8.00, the Ordinance for Accident Reports indicates \$6.00, Sheriff is requesting an amendment to the Ordinance. Councilman Kirkwood made a motion to amend Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Sheriff submitted other request for expenses from the Commissary fund as follows:

- Sheriff extradition in state and out of state.
- Officers attending funerals for purposes of representing Hancock County Sheriff Department and Color Guard duties.
- Liability insurance for reserve officers

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the above mentioned expenditures, seconded by Councilman Bolander. Vote 6-0 motion passed with six (6) yes and one (1) abstained Councilman Jessup.

Ray Richardson, County Attorney will be rewriting the Resolution 2011-2-4 to make sure all the expense is in one document with a new number.

The Sheriff is providing the Auditor's Office with the bank statements regarding the Commissary Fund within the Sheriff department. Auditor, Robin Lowder reviews the report each month to ensure nothing is being spent that is not in the Resolution approved by Council.

Councilwoman Richardson request to the Commissioners that they investigate how to handle the E911 equipment contract as it ends in 2011. The contract is currently through AT & T for all the E911 equipment. Council agreed to make this formal request to the Commissioners.

### **In the Matter of Prosecutor Investigator Position)**

Michael Griffin, Prosecutor appeared before Council to discuss the hiring of the Investigator position, and introduction of the new Deputy Prosecutor, Cindy Crispin.

Proposal for hiring an investigator in the Prosecutor's office as follows:

- Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$82,207.14 from Pre-Trial Diversion to County General for the Investigator salary.

- Transfer \$10,000 from Pre-Trial Diversion to County General to the Sheriff Pension line item and ever year of this 4-year term.
- Amend the Salary Ordinance to include the Investigator salary.
- Seek approval to hire an Investigator
- Approval of Pre-trial Diversion fund line item for office equipment & supplies be additionally appropriated in the amount of \$5,000 to be used by the Investigator.

Prosecutor Griffin also, provided letters from various law enforcement within our County Government supporting the hiring of an Investigator.

Council agreed to consider the proposal and to have further discussion during the Budget meeting on March 8, 2011.

**In the Matter of Insurance Reimbursement)**

Joe Copeland, Highway Engineer appeared before Council to request \$3,226.10 be added back to his expense line item 0702-530-30-0031 truck maintenance and repair for a vehicle that was damaged by hitting a deer.

Due to technical difficulty the recording stopped, therefore, uncertain who made the motion or seconded. The request was approved by Council

Meeting adjourned.

Approved this date:

Aye

Nay

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robin D. Lowder  
Auditor