

Hancock County Council Minutes
January 12, 2011

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 January 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 Budget Committee Issues)

Councilman Shelby advised Council that the County ended the year 2010 in the plus by approximately \$1.1 million. Other funds are also all in the plus at year-end. We ended with good results. The Sheriff has been advised of the proposed Sheriff Bonus information. The Assessor office will be requesting an additional appropriation for 2011 budget due to the severe cuts that the DLGF took from Reassessment.

The Sheriff now collects a new revenue called Sheriff Incentive that comes to County General. It is for inmates on SSI and a \$400 fee is collected from the inmate. The proposal is to use this revenue to possibly supplement retirement. Councilman Shelby made a motion to accept this proposal, seconded by Councilman Pasco. Roll call votes 5-0 John Jessup, no vote and Tom Roney not sworn in yet by Clerk.

Aye
Dick Pasco
Brian Kirkwood
Rosalie Richardson
Jim Shelby
Bill Bolander

Nay

Councilman Shelby advised Council about the issue with Metro Drug Task Force Grant and that the reimbursement for salary and benefits ended in 2009 and the grant is only paying overtime due to declining federal money. Councilman Shelby proposed that one deputy be moved back to the Sheriff budget.

Councilman Tom Roney, took oath of office by Clerk, Marcia Moore.

In the Matter of Clerk)

Marcia Moore, Clerk appeared before Council requesting to rescind the proposal from December 15, 2010 meeting regarding salary and moving positions. Plan was too premature for Council to decide upon. Clerk is requesting to move Lisa Pressley to the Circuit Court Clerk position. Due to additional responsibilities the salary needs to start at \$27,500, which is a pay increase from her current position. Councilman Shelby made a motion to allow, seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 7-0 motion passes.

In the Matter of Appointment of Boards and Commissions)

New Palestine EDC

- Councilman Roney made a motion to approve Kathy Hall for the New Palestine Economic Development Commission, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0 motion passes.

Redevelopment Commission

- Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to re-appoint Jim Doninger and Jim Cherry to the Hancock County Redevelopment Commission, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0 motion passes.

Other Appointments

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve all other appointments needed, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Roll call votes 7-0 motion passes.

Aye

Nay

Dick Pasco

Brian Kirkwood

Rosalie Richardson

Jim Shelby

Bill Bolander

John Jessup

Tom Roney

Economic Development-Tom Roney

Weed Board-Tom Roney

Solid Waste Management- John Jessup

Planning Commission-Bill Bolander

Alcohol and Beverage Commission-Ed Brand

Community Corrections Advisory Board-Rosalie Richardson

In the Matter of Transit Authority)

Erin Biggaman, Executive Director CIRTAs, appeared before Council to give a presentation on our local area transit system and the goals for the future Central Indiana Regional Transit System.

In the Matter of County Extension)

Roy Ballard appeared before Council to present their 2010 Annual Report.

In the Matter of the Prosecutor Office)

Michael Griffin, Prosecutor appeared before Council to give a report of how the transition of the office is going since the new administration took over. The state of the Prosecutor's office is good and gives an explanation of the lay- out of responsibilities and duties of the office.

In regards to Tami Napier, Chief Deputy, Mr. Dobbins agreed to pay Ms. Napier \$35.00 per hour for the time worked the last two weeks of 2010. However, he failed to bring it before County Council for approval which left it in the part-time cap of \$12.00 per hour.

Per IC code 33-39-6-2F allows a salary supplement to be paid to the County Chief Deputy without limit. Mr. Griffin requested that County Council approve the additional supplement and for it to come out of Superior Court 1 Deputy Prosecutor line item, 56 hours x \$35 per hour plus FICA. Councilman Kirkwood made a motion to allow the claim, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Roll-call votes 7-0 motion passed.

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

Nay

Liz Napier, Tami Napier's daughter has been hired for a part-time position as file clerk and overflow work. The rate of pay will be \$10 per hour.

Cost savings in the Prosecutor's Office is Brenda Garrigus position. She will not be coming back as part-time. We have

divided the work among our full time employees. We continue to identify improvements in the office.

In the Matter of Community Corrections)

Pat Powers appeared before Council requesting to rehire a position in his office. Councilman Shelby made a motion to allow the Corrections Officer position to be filled, seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Requesting that the Vending account be appropriated to enable expenditures. All the money is being put into a new fund 4900 and the request is for \$50,000 appropriation. Council gives approval to advertise appropriation. They will vote in February meeting.

Pat advised Council that they will be receiving another JAG grant and request that it be appropriated in the amount of \$30,131.70. Council gives approval to advertise appropriation. They will vote in February meeting.

In the Matter of Midwest Mole)

Dennis Maloy, Director for Hancock Economic Development appeared before Council to introduce Midwest Mole Co. regarding a tax abatement for real and personal property for this project. The company is currently located in Marion County. Tax advisor Jeff Kelsey is also available for questions in abating personal property. Dan Liotti, President addressed Council and reported about the Company and what they are anticipating for Hancock County.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve a preliminary abatement for Midwest Mole Co. and to create an Economic Development area where the abatement will occur. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Richardson. Roll call vote 7-0 motion passed.

Aye

Dick Pasco

Brian Kirkwood

Rosalie Richardson

Jim Shelby

Bill Bolander

John Jessup

Tom Roney

Nay

In the Matter of American Legion Demolition & Distressed Houses)

Commissioner Brad Armstrong appeared before Council to request an additional appropriation of \$50,000 for demolition of the American Legion Building.

Commissioner Armstrong also addressed the distressed property issue west of Greenfield. Money is needed to begin the process. We are requesting \$50,000 to target the properties for demolition and handle any legality associated with the process.

Councilman Kirkwood made a motion to approve but will need to advertise the additional appropriations addressed by Commissioner Armstrong. The motion seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0 motion passes.

Commissioner Armstrong had received an invoice from Community Hospital regarding a lawsuit for approximately \$5,000 it was agreed by Council and Commissioner to pay from contractual line for now.

In the Matter of Weights & Measures)

Dick Simon requested the \$2,000 additional be approved by Council from CCD fund. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for 4000-308-40-0051 seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 7-0 motion passes.

In the Matter of County Website)

Bernie Harris, IT Director appeared before Council to present the price for the new County website. The cost is \$11,000 to do what is needed to update our site. And a \$200 per month maintenance and hosting fee. Commissioner Armstrong agreed that the Commissioner's will pay the maintenance fee each month. Council approved the additional appropriation for \$11,000 from "Other" in the CCD fund. The additional to be advertised and approved next meeting.

Treasurer needs a new copier but has no CCD monies. Council agreed to approve a lease for the Treasurer office to come from the "Other" CCD fund. Additional appropriation must be advertised and will be addressed the next meeting.

In the Matter of Pictometry)

Mary Noe, Assessor and Susan Bodkin, Surveyor addressed Council regarding the exact amount of \$79,564.38 and is requesting to move forward with the Pictometry project. Auditor had advertised the additional appropriation for \$65,000 but amount has come in higher. Auditor will re-advertise the project and Council will approve at February meeting.

Councilman John Jessup asked what advantage this project would be in his district. Assessor explained that the project would help with the reassessment and enable employees to view parcels at their desk instead of sending someone out. Also it will help with the appeal process. It will pay for itself eventually.

Assessor also requested an additional appropriation for \$90,000 in the regular reassessment budget. The shortfall is due to the DLGF cutting the budget due to decreased revenue. Councilman Shelby made a motion to advertise this appropriation and Councilman Kirkwood seconded. Vote 7-0 motion passes.

In the Matter of Sheriff Department)

Mike Shepherd, Sheriff appeared before Council to introduce his new executive staff for the Sheriff Department

- Major Brad Burkhart is Chief Deputy
- Kevin Haggard, Investigations
- Tom Harrison, Supplies inside the jail
- Susan Powers, Matron
- Bobby Campbell, Road Division

Sheriff request to replace Michael Robinson due to his resignation.

Council has found out that the Metro Drug grant is no longer paying for Jason Bradbury salary but only overtime he works. After discussion among Council, Councilman Shelby made a motion to amend the Salary Ordinance and transfer Jason Bradbury salary back into the Sheriff budget and out of the new fund 0525.

Leaving the fund 0525 for overtime only. The position for Michael Robinson will not be approved by Council at this time. The motion was seconded by Councilman Pasco. Roll call votes 7-0 motion passes.

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

Sheriff Shepherd advised and requested from Council the following. Rita Munden has received rank pay in the amount of \$4,635 since Sheriff Gray was in office. With the new administration, Sheriff Shepherd is requesting to move the rank pay she was receiving over to the overtime line item within the Jail budget and reduce her total salary by this amount.

Councilwoman Richardson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Votes 5-2 motion passes.

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

Councilman Shelby made a motion to pass Resolution 2011-1 regarding the Sheriff Bonus, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0 motion passes.

Councilman Pasco made a motion to appropriate the FICA line item for the PACE grant, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 7-0 motion passes.

Councilman Pasco left the meeting.

In the Matter of Balancing the 1782 Budget Order)

Councilman Shelby made a motion for the Auditor to look at the Sheriff and Jail budget and shift the proper amount from County General to the LOIT Public Safety budget, at her discretion. This will balance the 1782 budget order with the DLGF. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 6-0 motion passes.

In the Matter of Election of County Council 2011 Officers)

Councilman Shelby made a motion to reappoint Bill Bolander as President of the 2011 County Council and Rosalie Richardson as Vice President. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 6-0 motion passes.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved this date:

Aye

Nay

Attest: _____
Robin D. Lowder
Auditor