

*Hancock County Council Minutes*  
*March 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 March 2011 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in accordance with the rules of the Council. Council members present were William Bolander, 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. Councilwoman Rosalie Richardson was not present.

President Bill Bolander called the meeting to order.

**In the Matter of Additional Appropriations)**

- Councilman Roney made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for MRC fund 0798 in the amount of \$5,000. The motion seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 6-0 motion passed.
- Councilman Kirkwood made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for 4000-003 CCD Treasurer in the amount of \$4,320 for a copier. The motion seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 6-0 motion passed.
- Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for Health Maintenance Grant fund 0807 in the amount of \$47,367.75. The motion seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 6-0 motion passed.
- Councilman Kirkwood made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for New Tobacco Money fund 0802 in the amount of \$86,854.33. The motion seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 6-0 motion passed.
- Councilman Kirkwood made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for Bio-Terrorism fund 1100 in the amount of \$12,072.80. The motion seconded by Councilman Roney. Vote 6-0 motion passed.
- Councilman Kirkwood made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for the Highway Dept fund 0702 in the amount of \$150,000 due to extra expense this past winter weather. The motion seconded by Councilman Roney. Vote 6-0 motion passed.
- Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for Clerk Perpetuation fund 0508

in the amount of \$1,500. The motion seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

- Councilman made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for Pre-Trial Diversion fund 0511 in the amount of \$58,651.74 for the investigator position. The motion seconded by Councilman

**In the Matter of Budget Transfer and Salary Ordinance Amendment for JAG Grant)**

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve a budget transfer in Fund 0504 JAG Grant from 0539-002-30-0071 to 0539-002-30-0014 (new line item Counseling Services). The motion seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve an amendment to the 2011 Salary Ordinance amended as follows:

- Adding within the JAG grant fund 0504 Administrative Assistant with a salary of \$13,260. She previously was paid from another fund.

Councilman Kirkwood seconded the motion. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

**In the Matter of Precedent Commercial Abatement)**

Larry Siegler, Chief Operating Officer for Precedent appeared before Council regarding tax abatement on three of Precedent buildings. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve tax abatement, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

**In the Matter of Income Tax Revenue)**

Councilman Shelby advised Council that according to the State, CAGIT, LOIT and CEDIT were all overpaid and the State will be recouping the overstated funds received to our County. The State is unsure at this point how they will handle this issue.

**In the Matter of Sheriff Department)**

Sheriff Shepherd appeared before Council to request to add another addition to the list of expenditures for the Commissary Resolution. Councilman Bolander made a motion to approve the expenditures for the training and meeting expense such as refreshments etc. to be included in the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Ray Richardson will rewrite the Resolution and include this past request. Vote 5-1 motion passed.

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

Sheriff requested that the insurance reimbursement for crashed vehicle be added back to the expense line. Ray Richardson, County Attorney advised by statute it is not required for Dept to come to Council to request for this to be added back to the line.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to allow the money be added back to the expense line item which it was originally paid from. Also, that it is not a requirement for the Department head to come to Council requesting this transaction, but that the Auditor's Office keeps Council informed of such accounting transactions as they occur. The motion seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Sheriff requested from Council to purchase mowing equipment from CCD "Other Capital". This equipment is used for several mowing jobs throughout County Government. Councilman Kirkwood made a motion to take 50% out of "Other" and 50% out of the Sheriff CCD equipment line . Councilman Kirkwood withdrew his motion. There is not enough appropriated for Sheriff to spend his 50%.

Councilman Kirkwood made a motion to allow \$11,300 transferred to CCD Sheriff equipment line item from "Other capital". The motion is seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

**Matters of Council Discussion)**

- Council decided that the 2012 Budget Luncheon would be after the Council meeting on Wednesday, May 11, 2011 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.
- There will be a Farm Bureau meeting to discuss farming issues and they would like for County Council to come Tuesday, April 5, 2011 as a breakfast meeting 8:00 am at Jim Dandy.
- Councilman Shelby for the record advised Council that he feels that the employee getting raises for the budget year 2012 should be one of the highest priorities.

**In the Matter of Park 70 Access Abatement )**

Settlement Deputy, Trish Holiday addressed Council regarding an issue with Park 70. The issue with Park 70 is when their form 11 was turned into the Auditor's office it listed no employees and no salaries but listed improvements being done. Assessed values were turned in and included abatements on both buildings. Baker and Daniels appealed the assessment and requested the abatement put on for this year. The building per Assessor was classified as vacant building and abatements generally do not start until there are tenants. Browning indicated that this was not going to change anytime soon. After Council discussion, Councilman Kirkwood made a motion to approve the tax abatement for Park 70, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Roll call vote 5-1 motion passed.

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

Councilman Shelby stated for the record that he does not look favorably upon developers appealing an assessment during the abatement process.

Council break

**In the Matter of 2010 Planning Annual Report)**

Mike Dale, Director appeared before Council, presenting the 2010 Annual Report for Area Planning.

**In the Matter of Confirming Resolution for Stanley Security Solutions)**

Connie Schmidt, appeared before Council for Dennis Maloy, Director for Economic Development regarding the tax abatement for Stanley Security Solutions.

Public Hearing open  
No comment  
Public Hearing closed

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve a Confirming Resolution No. 2011-2-4 for Stanley Security Solutions Determining that the Qualifications for an Economic Revitalization Area Have Been Met, seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Councilman Roney made a motion to approve the tax abatement for Stanley Security Solutions, seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

**In the Matter of CF-1 Compliance)**

- JD Management
- 350 N LLC.
- Davis Family MN
- Mt. Comfort LLC.-University Loft

Councilman Kirkwood made a motion that all CF-1 tax abatements mentioned are in compliance, with the exception of University Loft. Council request that they come to the next regular meeting. The motion seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

**In the Matter of Clerk)**

Marcia Moore, Clerk, provided Council with copy of all her employee job descriptions. A notebook will be provided to the Auditor to keep in their office.

Clerk also requested to hire for her full-time position. Councilman Bolander made a motion to allow Clerk to hire at the salary of \$24,000, seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

**In the Matter of the Prosecutor Office)**

Michael Griffin, Prosecutor appeared before Council. He introduced Lindsay Slaven, assistant to Prosecutor and also Tami Napier, Chief Deputy. Prosecutor is requesting approval to hire an Investigator for the Prosecutor's Office. And, amend the Salary Ordinance to \$41,103( \$5,000 from General Fund and \$36,103 from Pre-Trial Diversion) and approval of Form 1 Investigator budget to be funded by Pre-Trial Diversion . Council agrees that there are no commitments for this salary to come from County General fund.

Councilman Roney made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-3-3 allowing Prosecutor to hire an Investigator and that the salary comes from the Pre-Trial Diversion Fund 0511. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

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

Nay

Councilman Pasco made a motion to approve the additional appropriations for the Prosecutor Investigator in the amount of \$58,651.74, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 5-1 motion passed.

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

**In the Matter of County Extension)**

Sarah Burke, County Extension appeared before Council to request to do budget transfer \$2,000 from Office supplies 0101-011-20-0011 to Part-time hourly 0101-10-0021. Councilman Jessup made a motion to allow transfer, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

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

Meeting adjourned

Approved this date: May 11, 2011

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