

Hancock County Council

JANUARY 14, 2015 8:30 AM

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM
111 American Legion Place
Greenfield, Indiana 46140

MEETING CALLED BY	Council President Bill Bolander
	The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana, met in the Commissioner Court in the Courthouse Annex, Greenfield, Indiana, on the 14 th day of January 2015 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in accordance with the rules of the Council.
ATTENDEES	Bill Bolander, Randy Sorrell Kent Fisk and Debbie Bledsoe, Tom Roney, Jim Shelby, John Jessup.
	Also attending, County Attorney, Ray Richardson, Deputy Auditor Ginny Martin and Auditor Robin Lowder

Minutes

<p>Meeting was opened with the “Pledge of Allegiance” and moment of silence.</p> <p>Election of 2015 Council Officers: Bill Bolander, President and Tom Roney, Vice President</p> <p>In the Matter of IDVA Grant) Bob Workman, Veterans Service Officer appeared before Council to request an additional appropriation for the IDVA Veterans Grant in the amount of \$250.00. Council approved the Auditor to advertise the additional for a Public Hearing scheduled for the February meeting.</p> <p>In the Matter of Highway)</p> <p>Gary Pool, Highway Engineer appeared before Council to request additional appropriations. The Council approved the Auditor to advertise the additional for a Public Hearing scheduled for the February meeting.</p> <p>HSIP Federal Grant- funded through MVH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$44,100 (sign & design inspection) • \$27,000 (construction) • \$100,000 Fund 1112 CREDIT (Broken Arrow)• \$100,000 Fund 1112 CREDIT (Broken Arrow)• \$5,000 Fund 1135 Cum Bridge (Bridge 145)• \$36,000 Fund 1135 Cum Bridge (Bridge 16)• \$10,000 Fund 1135 Cum Bridge (Bridge 59)

- \$97,511 Fund 1135 Cum Bridge (Bridge 2)
- \$48,239 Fund 1135 Cum Bridge (Bridge 2)
- Total Request =\$467,850

In the Matter of E911)

John Jokantas, Director E911 appeared before Council to request to replace an employee. Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve the replacement; the motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Prosecutor)

Brent Eaton Prosecutor and Pat Powers Community Corrections Director, appeared before Council. Prosecutor Eaton explained to Council that this grant will pay for victims of crime and the employee hired will work directly with those victims. This will increase our victim contact and have cases going to trial. The grant will be a nine-month grant for 2015 and next year when Prosecutor reapplies it will be for 12 months.

Councilman Bolander opened public hearing for the VOCA-Victims Assistance Grant. The additional appropriation is in the amount of \$38,282.

No comments.

Public Hearing closed.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to additionally appropriate and approve the VOCA Grant in the amount of \$38,282. Councilman Sorrell seconded motion. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilman Roney, made a motion to allow the Prosecutor to fill the Victim Assistant position in his office. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

Prosecutor Eaton submitted a copy of his office personnel policy to the Council.

In the Matter of Community Corrections)

Pat Powers, Director Community Corrections appeared before Council to request to replace an employee paid from Project Income. The position is a Corrections Officer position. Councilman Fisk and made a motion to approve, motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

In the Matter of PACE Grant)

Brad Burkhart, Sheriff Department appeared before Council to explain the changes in the PACE-Drug Interdiction Grant. The PACE Program is now self-sufficient and is no longer funded by the grant. A new fund will need to be created to move the cash to the new fund and it will need appropriated. When the money has been moved to the new fund we will have line items in the budget to pay the salary and the remaining amount is requested to be

appropriated for” law enforcement expense”.

Councilman Jessup requested that part of the cash balance remain not appropriated at this time so that the cash balance is not depleted. The concern is to sustain the fund with the revenue.

Council gives Auditor approval to advertise for PACE grant to appropriate the new fund only after the Commissioners establish the fund. And de- appropriate the grant fund that is currently in place.

In the Matter of ADA)

Joe Hollis, Highway Department appeared before Council to discuss the ADA funding. There is nothing in the 2015 budget to fund this project the amount needed to be appropriated is \$37,500. Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve the appropriation from Food & Beverage, motion seconded from Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilman Roney explained to Council regarding a grant from Duke Energy Foundation that the CED has been given to update their website. However, there’s a problem because they are a 501 C (6) and the grant must be given to a 501 C (4) . They have requested that the County be given the grant amount and work out a way that we would could disburse the funds back to the CED for use of a website.

Council requested the Auditor’s Office work out the mechanics to enable this grant to pass through the County.

2015 Appointments by County Council

Redevelopment Commission-Councilman Shelby made a motion to appoint Joe Doninger and Jim Cherry to serve on the RDC Commission. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

Economic Development- Councilman Fisk, made a motion to appoint Tom Roney, to serve on the Economic Development Board, motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

Weed Board-Councilwoman Bledsoe made a motion to appoint John Priorie to serve on the weed board, motion was seconded by Councilman Roney. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

Solid Waste Management District-Councilman Sorrell , made a motion to appoint John Jessup to Solid Waste Management District, motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

Plan Commission-Councilman Shelby made a motion to appoint Bill Bolander to the Plan Commission, motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

Alcohol and Beverage Commission-Councilman Shelby made a motion to appoint Ed Brand to the Commission, motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

PTOBOA- Councilman Shelby made a motion to appoint, Ken Rogers to the PTOBOA board, motion was seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

New Palestine Economic Development-Councilman Roney, made a motion to appoint Vonda Vawter to the New Palestine Economic Development Commission, motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

Community Corrections Board-Councilwoman Bledsoe made a motion to appoint, Jim Shelby to the Community Corrections Board, motion was seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

In the Matter of December 2014 minutes)

Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve the December 2014 minutes as written, motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Solid Waste Management District)

Councilman Jessup made a motion to fund the SWMD from CAGIT for 2015, and de-appropriate the funding from the Food and Beverage Fund for SWMD. Councilman Fisk seconded the motion. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

In the Matter of the Increase of the Food & Beverage Tax)

Councilman Shelby reported from the budget committee that it is agreed to request a 1% increase in the Food and Beverage Tax. This has to be carried through the legislators. The proposed use is for roads and capital. A proposed resolution was prepared by Greg Guerrettaz . Council discussion.

Councilman Fisk, made a motion to submit the letter and Resolution to the legislators to increase the Food and Beverage tax by 1%, motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

Reporting from the Budget Committee and Year End Balances)

Councilman Shelby reported to the Council the County did very well for 2014 with our target cash balances. At the next budget meeting the committee will be looking at implementing new target amounts.

Council formally welcomed Randy Sorrell as a new Council member replacing Marc Huber, who was elected as Commissioner.

Councilman Shelby reported that after January 15th the County will have 3 active bonds left to be paid. Face value of the bonds remaining is approximately \$4,000,000.

Our legislators are actively pursuing getting the townships the levy needed to help with the fire rescue issue.

Councilman Jessup made a motion to adjourn meeting, motion was seconded by Councilman Sorrell Vote 7 – 0 motion passed.

APPROVED THIS DATE:

February 11, 2015

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ATTEST: HANCOCK COUNTY AUDITOR