

Hancock County Council Minutes

April 13, 2016

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 13 th day of April, 2016 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in accordance with the rules of the Council.
ATTENDEES	Bill Bolander, Randy Sorrell Kent Fisk, Tom Roney, Jim Shelby & John Jessup, Debbie Bledsoe
	Also attending, County Attorney, Ray Richardson, Deputy Auditor Ginny Martin and Auditor Robin Lowder

Minutes

President Bill Bolander opened the Council meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

In the Matter of Tsuda Tax Abatement)

Skip Kuker, Economic Development appeared before Council for the approval of Tsuda's Confirming Resolution for their new expansion project.

Public hearing was opened by President Bolander

No public comment

Public hearing closed

Councilman Fisk introduced the Confirming Resolution for tax abatement for Tsuda. And adopt on the day of introduction. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sorrell. Vote 7-0 motion passed Confirming Resolution was adopted.

In the Matter of Celadon Trucking Tax Abatement)

Skip Kuker also introduced a new company possibly choosing Hancock County to build at the Mt. Comfort corridor and request for a tax abatement. The CFO from Celadon Trucking spoke with Council. Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve the Resolution for possible tax abatement and a public hearing set for May 11, 2016 at 8:45 am. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0

In the Matter of Prosecutor)

Brent Eaton, Prosecutor appeared before Council requesting the VOCA , Victims Assistant position be filled by a Child Support Caseworker who is already working for the County. Councilman Jessup made a motion to allow replacement, motion seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilman Sorrell excused himself from meeting, he is needed in Court.

In the Matter of Auditor and Treasurer Request)

Robin Lowder, Auditor appeared before Council to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$361,714 to implement the LOW Taxing Software for use by Auditor, Treasurer and Assessor.

Also, a request for an additional in the amount of \$15,214 to upgrade the Auditor transfer room with new chairs, wider tables with racks and to be appropriated within the Auditor Transfer Fee fund.

Janice Silvey, Treasurer requested to revise her front counter to make it more user friendly and to utilize the new LOW taxing software system. New scanners and other equipment will be used at front counter. The amount is \$7,750.

Council agreed to allow advertising for the additional appropriations requested for the tax software and counter revision in the Treasurer's Office. The projects will be funded by CEDIT.

In the Matter of Amendment to Salary Ordinance)

Councilman Jessup introduced an Amendment to the Salary Ordinance regarding the position changes within the Surveyor Office.

Councilman Jessup made a motion to adopt on the same day as introduction, seconded by Councilman Shelby.

Councilman Jessup made a motion to adopt Amendment to the Salary Ordinance, seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 6-0 motion passed.

Councilman Sorrell returned to Council meeting.

In the Matter of Sheriff)

Brad Burkhart, Sheriff Department appeared before Council.

- Annual Jail Report
- An employee at the Sheriff Department wants a \$500 raise Council give (3) years ago included in her salary. The employee changed positions. Councilman Fisk requested to discuss in the next budget meeting. Issue was tabled.
- Update on the Narcotics Officer

In the Matter of Highway)

Gary Pool, Highway Engineer requested Council to sign commitment letters for federal projects.

In the Matter of the Minutes)

Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve the March 2016 minutes as written, seconded by Councilman Sorrell. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

In the Matter of Budget Calendar)

Councilman Jessup made a motion to approve the 2017 budget calendar seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED THIS DATE:

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ATTEST: HANCOCK COUNTY AUDITOR