

# Hancock County Council Minutes

May 11, 2016

111 American Legion Place

Greenfield, Indiana 46140

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Council President Bill Bolander
	The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana, met in the Commissioner Court in the Courthouse Annex, Greenfield, Indiana, on the 11 <sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in accordance with the rules of the Council.
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	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.

Brent Eaton, Prosecutor, David Thornburg, Deputy Prosecutor, Judge Marshall and Michelle Poppino appeared before the County Council. MADD-Mothers Against Drunk Drivers presented awards to Brent Eaton, David Thornburg and Judge Marshall for exemplary work toward prosecution and prevention of drunk driving in Hancock County.

Prosecutor, requested that County General pay for the new VOCA grant administrator group insurance. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the payment, seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Gary Pool, Highway Engineer reported to Council on the status of bridges and roads to date. Requested to advertise for additional appropriations for (2) bridges.

Skip Kuker, Economic Development and Ron Pritkze, Attorney appeared before Council for approval of Confirming Resolution for Celadon Trucking. Public hearing was held with no public comment. Public hearing closed. Councilman Roney made a motion to approve the Confirming Resolution 2016-5-1 for Celadon Trucking tax abatement. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7-0

motion passed.

Councilman Roney made a motion to approve a tax abatement for Peer/Wake. Motion seconded by Councilman Fisk. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Skip Kuker, Economic Development Director, requested the County fund an amount of \$52,500 to HEDC for the 2017 budget. This is a 5% increase from 2016

#### Public Hearing for Additional Appropriations

- Taxing Software-\$369,464
- Treasurer, front counter revision-\$7,750
- Transfer Fee Fund Purchase-\$15,214

Susan Bodkin, Surveyor—McCordsville Inter-local Agreement. Councilman Fisk made a motion to approve, motion seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Marcia Moore, Clerk- Reduction of Mary McCoy salary who is currently Chief Deputy in the amount of \$500. She has moved out of the County. And promoting Kelly Taflinger to Chief Deputy and increasing her salary by \$500.

Brad Burkhart, Sheriff Department, requested an account be created in Jail budget for payment to other counties for housing our inmates due to overcrowding and additional appropriation to fund it in the amount of \$75,000. Council approved Auditor to advertise additional. Public Hearing will be held at next meeting.

Auditor reported to Council the restrictions made by the State for the LOIT Special Distribution. There is to be 75% to Highway and 25% to County. Councilman Roney made a motion to apply the county's 25% to Rainy Day fund, motion seconded by Councilman Jessup. Vote 7-0 motion passed.

Councilman Shelby made a motion on an issue that was discussed in several meetings regarding a Jail employee receiving \$500 additionally from a prior raise to be added to her new position salary. Councilman Shelby made a motion not to give her the extra \$500, motion seconded by Councilwoman Bledsoe. Vote 5-2 motion passed.

Discussions by Council

- 2% employee raise for 2017-will discuss in June budget meeting
- Sheriff Retirement 2017 contribution

Councilman Fisk made a motion to change the July Council meeting from July 13<sup>th</sup> to July 20<sup>th</sup>. Motion was seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 7-0 motion passed. Ray will re-advertise the meeting.

Councilman Shelby reported from the Budget Committee meeting the following items:

\$300,000 gap for 2017

2% raise to employees vs department new hire

Positions requested for 2017

- Commissioners-full-time Maintenance person
- Clerk-full-time Clerk Deputy
- Emergency Management –Misty Moore going full-time with a salary of approximately \$56,000
- Probation Officer full-time
- Sheriff-Narcotics Investigator

Sheriff Retirement contribution \$579,531 -\$50,000(fees) =\$529,531

Commissioner Stevens advised Council the Board is looking as a recommendation a 1% raise based on evaluations. A lot of effort has been done to work and to get job descriptions for employees. The departments have not complied with the requests made. No raises for those who are not in compliance. Without cooperation of both Boards working together this plan will not work.

Meeting continued into Budget Luncheon and meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED THIS DATE:

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ATTEST: HANCOCK COUNTY AUDITOR