Hancock County Council Minutes
January 8, 2020

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM
111 American Legion Place
Greenfield, Indiana 46140

The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana, met in the Commissioner Court in the Courthouse Annex, Greenfield, Indiana, on the 8th day of January at the hour of 8:30 AM in accordance with the rules of the Council.

Councilmembers William Bolander, James Shelby, Debra Bledsoe, Jeannine Gray and Mary Noe were in attendance. Kent Fisk arrived at 8:40 AM. Martha Vail was not present. Also attending County Attorney Scott Benkie, Auditor Debra Carnes and Financial Administrator Mary Bowmer.

President Bolander opened the meeting with “Pledge of Allegiance” and a moment of silence.

Election of Officer
- Councilmember Noe made a motion to nominate Councilmember Bolander for Council President. Councilmember Gray seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- Councilmember Shelby made a motion to nominate Councilmember Gray for Council Vice President. Councilmember Bledsoe seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Hearing Fund 1001 CASA - $59,558
- Public Hearing Opened 8:32 AM. No comment. Public Hearing Closed 8:32 AM.
- Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve $59,558 for CASA Fund 1001 (Superior Court 1). Councilmember Noe seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Hearing Fund 1001 Building - $20,000
- Public Hearing Opened 8:34 AM. No comment. Public Hearing Closed 8:34 AM.
- Councilmember Noe made a motion to approve $20,000 for Building Dept Fund 1001. Councilmember Gray seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Board Appointments
- Alcoholic Beverage Commission: Councilmember Gray made a motion to nominate Ed Brand to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Councilmember Bledsoe seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
Councilmember Fisk arrived at 8:40 AM

- **Community Correction Advisory Board:** Councilmember Shelby made a motion to nominate Marie Castetter to the Board. Councilmember Gray to the Community Correction Advisory Board. Councilmember Fisk seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Hancock County Solid Waste Management District Board:** Councilmember Gray made a motion to nominate Kent Fisk to the Hancock County Solid Waste Management District Board. Councilmember Shelby seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Hancock County Economic Development Board:** Councilmember Gray made a motion to nominate Jim Shelby to the Hancock County Economic Development Board. Councilmember Fisk seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA) Board:** Councilmember Noe made a motion to nominate Ken Rogers to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals Board (PTABOA). Councilmember Gray seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Fortville/Vernon Township Library Board:** Councilmember Fisk made a motion to nominate Julie Wilson to Fortville/Vernon Township Library Board. Councilmember Bledsoe seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Redevelopment Commission (RDC):** Councilmember Shelby made a motion to nominate Jim Cherry and Joseph Doninger to the Redevelopment Commission (RDC). Councilmember Bledsoe seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Hancock County Solid Waste Management
Councilmember Fisk made a motion to Fund Solid Waste Management $62,428. Councilmember Gray seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

**Probation: Juvenile Detention Beds/Supervisor Change/Grant Funds/New Probation Officer**

- Josh Sipes (Chief Probation Officer) requested additional juvenile detention beds. The county utilized in 2018 1,935 beds and 2019 1,850 beds (this includes transportation). Josh would like to increase beds to 2,250 at a cost of $25,000. Councilmembers agreed 6-0 to advertise additional appropriation for $25,000 next month.

- A Supervisor stepped down and Nick Layman was promoted to this position. A $5,000 increase switched to this position. The proper paperwork has been sent to Mary McCoy (Payroll).

- Grant funds are not as expected, it was a bit more. Amy Ikerd’s salary will not change, only the funds where it is paid. Amy is a Probation Officer and a Licensed Social Worker. Fund #8943 increased $2,040, Fund #2100 decreased $2,040. Josh will meet with Debra Carnes (Auditor) and Mary McCoy (Payroll) to discuss.

- Josh requested a new Probation Officer. Councilmember Shelby made a motion to allow Josh to hire a new Probation Officer not to exceed $48,750 and advertise. Councilmember Bledsoe seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
Highway Department / Increase Hazmat Employees (From 2 to 3)
Councilmember Shelby made a motion to increase Highway Departments hazmat employees from 2 to 3 employees. Councilmember Fisk seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Assessor / Replace Employee
- Katie Molinder requested to replace an employee.
- Councilmember Fisk made a motion to allow the Assessor to replace an employee. Councilmember Bledsoe seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Recorder / Additional Appropriation
Marcia Moore requested to replace the copier in the Recorders Office. Marcia requested $137 additional appropriation in Cum Capital Line for the Recorders Office. She went before the Commissioners and they approved her request. **Councilmembers agreed 6-0** to advertise additional appropriation for $137 next month.

Community Corrections / Additional Appropriations
- Pat Powers requested additional appropriations. **Councilmembers agreed 6-0** to advertise additional appropriation for Fund #8952 $14,876 and #8935 $1,200 next month.
- Bureau of Administration Grant #8900 (Drug Court Grant $74,778). **Councilmembers agreed 6-0** to advertise.
- Pat requested to move Drug Court from Community Corrections to Circuit Courts budget. Councilmembers would like Pat to meet with Debra Carnes (Auditor) and Mary Bowmer (Financial Administrator) to discuss further. **Councilmembers agreed 6-0** to advertise Drug Court Budget and decrease Community Court Budget.
- Pat requested to fill an FTE position, Council approved, but the FTE was hired at the jail and he still needs an FTE position hired. Councilmember Shelby made a motion to allow Pat to hire an FTE position. Councilmember Fisk seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Approve Council Minutes
Councilmember Bledsoe made a motion to approve Council Minutes for December 11, 2019 as presented. Councilmember Gray seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Board of Commissioners Request
- John Jessup (President, Board of Commissioners) requested permission for a change order to build the jail/sheriff administration building for $5-6M with $150,000 to start.
- Councilmember Shelby verified Greg Guerrettaz (Financial Consultant) is working on proposals to pay for it from our own funds.
- Councilmember Shelby made a motion to appropriate $150,000 from Rainy Day for design of Sheriff's Administration Office adjacent to the jail. Councilmember Bledsoe seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**
Abatement Process

Randy Sorrell (Director HEDC) discussed abatement process. Councilmembers agree 6-0 to go to City Council and confirm they are on board with abatement process.

Adjourn 10:02 AM

Councilmember Fisk made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Gray seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Approved this day: January 8, 2020

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Attest: __________________________
Debra Carnes, Hancock County Auditor