

Hancock County Council Minutes October 21, 2020

The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana met in the County Commissioner's Court in the Courthouse Annex located at 111 American Legion Place Greenfield, Indiana 46140 on the 21st day of October at the hour of 8:34 AM in accordance with the rules of the Council.

Councilmember William Bolander initiated the County Council Meeting. Councilmembers William Bolander, James Shelby, Jeannine Gray, Kent Fisk, County Attorney Scott Benkie, Auditor Debra Carnes and Financial Administrator Mary Bowmer were present. Debra Bledsoe, Martha Vail participated through Zoom. Mary Noe was not present.

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

2021 Hancock County Budget

Councilmember Gray made a motion to adopt the 2021 Hancock County Budget Ordinance 2020-10E. Councilmember Fisk seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

2021 Solid Waste Management District Budget

Councilmember Fisk made a motion to adopt the 2021 Solid Waste Management District Budget Ordinance 2020-10F. Councilmember Gray seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Ambrose Abatement

The Ambrose abatement was rescheduled to the next Council meeting November 12th at 8:30 AM.

Community Corrections Bookkeeper Salary Increase

- Director of Community Corrections requested a salary increase for his bookkeeper to be placed in the range of bookkeepers in her field.
- Councilmember Gray made a motion to transfer money from the part-time field officer position to the bookkeeper's position in Community Corrections. Councilmember Fisk seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**
- Councilmember Shelby made a motion to amend the Salary Ordinance for the Bookkeeper in Community Corrections. Councilmember Fisk seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Revision of Tax Abatement / Indiana Becknell

- Attorney for Indiana Becknell requested a revision of the tax abatement and requested a confirmation of abatement on the same terms. Unfortunately, the previous tenant Spectra declared bankruptcy. Same building, same property, overall compensation similar and same terms.
- Councilmember Shelby made a motion to reconfirm the Indiana Becknell abatement for a new tenant. Councilmember Fisk seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Bond Ordinances / Amazon, Hancock Regional Hospital HRH and NineStar

- Bond Counsel for Amazon, HRH and NineStar requested approval for the Amazon loan Ordinance 2020-8D. Bond Counsel for Amazon read into minutes the amendment to the Ordinance as requested by County Council. The change to Section 3 reads "the project will

be funded from the IDGF grant and loan, the county shall fund the loan for \$500,000 from TIF revenues on hand and pledged from the RDC to the borrower.

- Councilmember Shelby made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-8D authorizing Hancock County to fund its “taxable economic development revenue notes, series 2020” and approving authorizing other action in respect thereto. Councilmember Fisk seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**
- Bond Counsel requested approval for HRH Ordinance 2020-8B for maximum draw amount of \$22,200,000 for a maximum of 25 years. This will pay for infrastructure required such as; utilities, side work, erosion control, stormwater management, roadwork, lighting and landscaping improvements. Councilmember Shelby requested when the bonds are paid off the TIF ends. The Bond Counsel for RDC clarified dissolving a TIF area would be an RDC action and a Board of Commissioners approval. Bond Counsel suggested adopting Ordinance 2020-8B contingent on the next RDC meeting and adopting a resolution to dissolve that TIF area when the HRH and NineStar bonds are paid off.
- Councilmember Fisk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-8B contingent on the next RDC meeting and adopting a resolution to eliminate the TIF area when the bond sunsets for HRH. Councilmember Gray seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**
- Bond Counsel requested approval for NineStar Ordinance 2020-8C for \$4M for a maximum of 25 years.
- Councilmember Fisk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-8C. Councilmember Gray seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**
- Bond Counsel notified the County Attorney the Board of Commissioners need to adopt a reimbursement resolution. The BOC need to make a motion declaring the County’s official intent to reimburse itself for capital expenditures made prior to the issuance of the bond. This needs to be in the minutes to reimburse hard costs. Official intent needs to be declared in order to reimburse yourself.
- Councilmember Shelby made a motion declaring its official intent to reimburse itself for prior expenditures pertaining to bond proceeds which would include engineering design, but also secure physical capital improvements made. Councilmember Fisk seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Budget Transfers

- Councilmember Fisk made a motion to transfer \$1,800 from Supplies to Other Services. Councilmember Gray seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**
- Councilmember Gray made a motion to transfer \$2,000 from Other Services to Supplies. Councilmember Fisk seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

CASA Update

The Director of CASA updated Council on the program and thanked Council for their support.

2021 Council Meeting Schedule

Councilmembers approved the 2021 Council Meeting Schedule.

Replace Employee / Health Department

- Health Department requested approval to advertise \$156,000 and set-up a Fund for a COVID IT Grant.
- Councilmember Fisk made a motion to allow the Health Department to set-up a Fund for the COVID IT Grant. Councilmember Gray seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**
- Health Department requested a replacement employee.

- Councilmember Gray made a motion to allow the Health Department to replace an employee. Councilmember Fisk seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Council Minutes

Councilmember Shelby made a motion to approve the October 7, 2020 minutes with changes. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Council Business

- Councilmember Shelby updated Councilmembers on the RDC meeting.
- A group was put together for recommendations for the Justice System Programs.

Adjourned 9:33 AM

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

Approved this day:

William Bolander	Kent Fisk
James Shelby	Martha Vail
Jeannine Gray	Absent
Debbie Bledsoe	Mary Noe
Attest: _____	
Debra Carnes, Hancock County Auditor	