Hancock County Council

November 14, 2018

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 10th day of October 2018 at the hour of 8:32 am in accordance with the rules of the Council.

Council Members William Bolander, James Shelby, Debra Bledsoe, Kent Fisk, Jeannine Gray, Martha Vail and Randy Sorrell were in attendance. Also attending, County Attorney Ray Richardson, Auditor Robin Lowder, Deputy Auditor Mary Bowmer and Deputy Auditor Trish George.

Minutes

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

Request for Additional Appropriation Fund 1131 $24,095

Mary Noe Assessor request additional appropriation for sales disclosure fund to appropriate non-appropriated fund. Mary will use this fund to pay X-Soft cama support provider. Councilmembers all agreed to advertise for Public Hearing.

INDOT Signature Request

Dave Butler requested signatures on letters for 600W from Bridge 14S to CSX and CR 500W to CR 550W Stinmyer connection. Councilmember Shelby clarified these are Capital Projects and the money would come from funds Gary Pool set aside. Councilmember Fisk made a motion to approve the Capital Projects. Councilmember Bledsoe seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Budget Committee Meeting Update

Councilmember Shelby discussed moving forward with Phase 1 of the jail project using the county farm site. This has not been finalized. This is based on using 20 basis points of the income tax with 6 points set aside for staff. The other 16 points will be used for building cost. Greg Guerrettaz, Financial Consultant did a study and comes up with $25M as long as a conservative approach is used. There was another less-conservative approach, but Council
decided to go with a conservative approach. The Commissioners are requesting Council to appropriate the remaining $400,000. Councilmember Shelby clarified we discussed in the budget meeting doing this as long as the geological study is fine. We have appropriated $100,000 in Rainy Day Fund for Commissioners. Councilmember Vail questioned a public hearing to explain income tax increase with an evening meeting to discuss and explain further for the public to attend.

Resolution 2018-11-4


New Palestine Economic Development Commission

Hancock County Council received a letter from Brand & Morelock requesting the reactivation of their Economic Development Commission and the appointment of Joe Franklin to the Economic Development Commission. Councilmember Bledsoe made a motion to reactivate the Economic Development Commission and appoint Joe Franklin. Councilmember Gray seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Approve Council Minutes October 10, 2018

Councilmember Gray made a motion to approve Council Minutes 10-10-18 as presented. Councilmember Fisk seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Ice Miller Invoice

Robin Lowder, Auditor suggest using Food & Beverage to pay Ice Miller invoice for $51,869.93. We can use $25,000 from Miscellaneous line and $25,000 from Unsafe Building line. This invoice is from the failed referendum. Councilmember Shelby made a motion to pay the invoice for Ice Miller. Councilmember Sorrell seconded. Motion called. Councilmember Vail voted “Nay”. Motion carried 6-1.

Public Hearing Additional Appropriation Public Defender $125,000 (Fund 1001)

Open Public Hearing 9:05 am for additional appropriation Public Defender $125,000 (Fund 1001). No public comment. Closed Public Hearing 9:05 am. Councilmember Fisk made a motion to approve additional appropriation for Public Defender $125,000 (Fund 1001). Councilmember Sorrell seconded. Motion carried 7-0.
Public Hearing Additional Appropriation Surveyor $20,000 (Fund 1001)

Open Public Hearing 9:05 am for additional appropriation Surveyor $20,000 (Fund 1001). No public comment. Closed Public Hearing 9:05 am. Councilmember Shelby made a motion to approve additional appropriation for Surveyor $20,000 (Fund 1001). Councilmember Sorrell seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Hearing Additional Appropriation NASA JAG Grant $16,000 (Fund 8890)

Open Public Hearing 9:06 am for additional appropriation NASA JAG Grant $16,000 (Fund 8890). No public comment. Closed Public Hearing 9:06 am. Councilmember Fisk made a motion for additional appropriation for NASA JAG Grant $16,000 (Fund 8890). Councilmember Sorrell seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Replace Employee/Move Employees

Marcia Moore from the Clerk’s Office requested to replace a full-time position with a part-time employee which will be $1042/bi-weekly pay, effective the next payroll. This will leave a part-time position open. They cannot serve the public well without this position. Councilmember Fisk made a motion to replace a full-time employee position. Councilmember Sorrell seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Resolution 2018-11-5 Transfer of Surplus Tax Sale Funds to County General Fund

Robin Lowder, Auditor presented Resolution 2018-11-5 Transfer of Surplus Tax Sale Funds to County General Fund. This is unclaimed surplus money from 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 tax sales. They are sent letters and after three years it can be transferred to County General Fund. Councilmember Shelby made a motion to transfer Surplus Tax Sale Funds 2012-2015 to County General Fund. Councilmember Fisk seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Sheriff’s Department

Brad Burkhart requested a replacement employee for a full-time position who is retiring (Tom Harrison). Councilmember Gray made a motion to replace the full-time employee position. Councilmember Fisk seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Brad Burkhart announced Bob Campbell will be taking Chief Deputy spot.
Budget Meeting Follow-up

Councilmember Shelby would like to follow-up on the Resolution just passed for reimbursing the Rainy Day Fund. He proposes they ask commissioners in the next budget meeting where they are on contract. Councilmember Bolander said this does not require a motion. Councilmember Sorrell feels this is a good idea too.

Pretrial Release Officer hired in 2018 is in the 2019 budget. This cannot get approved from the General Fund for 2019 until DLGF approves. We need to come up with the money to support this position from January 1\textsuperscript{st} to whenever the DGLF approves the appropriation. We can’t make a motion until after January 1\textsuperscript{st} meeting. This shortfall/cash flow problem needs to be addressed January 1\textsuperscript{st}.

Councilmember Fisk would like to congratulate Councilmember President Bolander for being re-elected, Councilmember Shelby for being re-elected, Councilmember Noe for being elected to council and Councilmember Gray for being re-elected.

9:25 AM ADJOURN

Councilmember Shelby made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Bledsoe seconded. Motion carried 7-0.
Approved this day:  November 14, 2018

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Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor