

Hancock County Council

February 14, 2018

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM
111 American Legion Place
Greenfield, IN 46140

The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana, met in the Commissioner Court in the Courthouse Annex, Greenfield, Indiana, on the 14th day of February 2018 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in accordance with the rules of the Council. Councilmembers William Bolander, James Shelby, Debra Bledsoe, Kent Fisk, Martha Vail, and Randy Sorrell were in attendance. Jeannine Gray was absent. Also attending, County Attorney, Ray Richardson and Deputy Auditor Mary Bowmer.

Minutes

President Bolander opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.

Circuit Court/Additional Appropriation Request

Judge Sirk requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,000 for overtime. Councilman Bolander made a motion to advertise from the general fund. Everyone gave a “thumbs up” to advertise.

Hancock County Public Library Annual Presentation

Dave Gray presented the 2017 Annual Report and discussed the building of a new library in New Palestine.

Talitha Koum Women’s Recovery House

Linda Ostewig and Marcia Moore presented a letter for the council recognizing the motion in principal made by the council on January 10, 2018 in the amount of \$75,000. Councilman Shelby made a motion to accept the letter. Councilman Sorrell seconded the motion. Motion carried 6/0.

Skip Kuker/Celadon Update

Skip Kuker gave an update on the Celadon building. A company is interested in re-utilizing the long building. They refurbish cars and sell them online. They would employ 400-450 employees. He does not have estimates on salaries.

Public Hearing/Additional Appropriations

Councilman Bolander opened Public Hearing for additional appropriations from County General on the following:

Prosecutor County General Fund 1001 - \$884

Inmate Other Housing Fund 1001 - \$393,000

No Public comment. Public Hearing was closed. Councilman Bledsoe made a motion to approve additional appropriation for Prosecutor in the amount of \$884. Councilman Vail seconded motion. Motion carried 6/0. Councilman Fisk made a motion to approve additional appropriation for Inmate Other Housing in the amount of \$393,000. Councilman Sorrell seconded motion. Motion carried 6/0.

Pennsy Trail/Right of Way

Gary Pool stated that all deeds purchased for Pennsy Trail Right of Way have been delivered to the county. He is requesting \$50,000 for the design costs. Council recommends paying this from Economic Development instead of Food & Beverage. A “thumbs up” was given to advertise. After more discussion, it was decided to transfer money already appropriated to pay for this expense. Councilman Shelby made a motion to transfer \$50,000 for design of the Pennsy Trail. Councilman Sorrell seconded motion. Motion carried 6/0.

Resolution for Construction of new Jail and Justice Facility

Discussion was had by all in the writing of a resolution regarding the new jail and justice facility. Councilman Shelby made a motion to introduce Resolution 2018-2-2. Councilman Bledsoe made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-2-2. Councilman Sorrell seconded the motion. Motion carried 6/0.

Emergency Management/Additional Appropriation

Misty Moore requested an additional appropriation of \$825 for Fund 8918 to cover the cost of conference fees. A “thumbs up” was given to advertise.

Community Corrections/Additional Appropriation

Pat Powers requested an additional appropriation of \$10,891.84 for Fund 8910. A “thumbs up” was given to advertise.

Auditor’s Office/Replace Employee

Julie Reeves requested the replacement of an employee in the Auditor’s office. Councilman Fisk made a motion to allow replacement of the employee. Councilman Sorrell seconded the motion. Motion carried 6/0.

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 10th and January 16th meetings. Councilman Bledsoe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6/0.

Auditor’s Comp Time Approval

Councilman Shelby made a motion to pay comp time that was accrued in the Auditor’s Office due to the absence of the Auditor and Bookkeeper. Councilman Vail seconded the motion. Motion carried 6/0.

Surveyor’s Annual Report

Susan Bodkin presented the 2017 Annual Report of the Surveyor and Drainage Board. A copy of the report is available in the Surveyor’s office for review.

SWMD Funding

Councilman Bledsoe made a motion to fund SWMD from County General. Councilman Sorrell seconded the motion. Motion carried 6/0. Auditor will transfer the amount of the budget for 2018 from General fund to SWMD Fund 4021.

RDC/Conflict of Interest Approval

The RDC presented Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements for Joe Doninger and Jim Cherry for signatures of approval. The council accepted and signed statements.

Budget Committee Update

Councilman Shelby gave an update on budget balances. County General and Cumulative Capital balances are in good shape, LOIT Public Safety is not as good. The Budget Committee set up a target balance of \$1M for 2017 in Medical Health Claims and ended with \$503,000. A total of \$1M has been set up for 2018 in two separate funds – Rainy Day and Economic Development. The \$500,000 in Economic Development will be spent first directly from Fund 1112 Economic Development. Councilman Fisk made a motion to move \$500,000 from Rainy Day back into County General.

Councilman Shelby seconded motion. Motion carried 6/0. Discussion was also had regarding salaries and/or raises for 2019. Councilman Shelby also stated that they are still meeting on the new judicial center. The next meeting will be March 8, 2018.

Councilman Fisk made a motion to adjourn the February 14, 2018 Council Meeting at 10:58 A.M. Councilman Sorrell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6/0.

Adopted this day: February 14, 2018

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