

# Hancock County Council

August 22, 2017

## **Special Meeting with Council and Commissioners**

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM

111 American Legion Place

Greenfield, Indiana 46140

The Hancock County Council and Hancock County Board of Commissioners met in Joint Session at the Commissioner Court in the Courthouse Annex, Greenfield, Indiana, on the 22nd day of August 2017 at the hour of 4:00 P.M.

Councilmembers William Bolander, James Shelby, Debra Bledsoe, Kent Fisk, Jeannine Gray, and Randy Sorrell were in attendance. Commissioners Brad Armstrong and Marc Huber were in attendance.

Also attending, County Attorney, Ray Richardson and Auditor Robin Lowder.

### Minutes

Commissioner Armstrong called the Commissioners meeting to order. Councilman Bolander called the County Council meeting to order.

Commissioners stated at this time they felt they could not commit to \$300,000 from the Medical costs from Health Insurance because it is too early in the year for the Insurance Company to have specifics on the trending of our county medical costs for this year. They will need those expenses to estimate our 2018 Medical costs. Those costs will come in October of this year. Approximately 75% of the employees are on the County Insurance. The Commissioners questioned why the salary increase should be taken from funding where we already have financial issues.

**Cumulative Bridge Rate**-It was discussed using Cumulative Bridge Fund by lowering the rate. It was decided the rate had already been established for 2018. It was too late in the year to lower the rate.

Councilman Fisk made the following Motion:

Funding Salary Increase: \$200,000-Medical Costs

\$ 77,000-Animal Control

\$ 27,000-LIT-not presently in Budget/unexpected revenue

Total \$304,000

Increase will be funded in General Fund.

Councilman Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried 6/0

Councilman Sorrel made a motion \$1,000 for each full time employee (included Merit Deputies) (department heads could distribute as they think appropriate). Includes full time Elected Officials (work at least 35 hours a week). Part-time employees receive 2% and it must be found in Department Budgets. Merit Deputies receive an additional 7%. Councilman Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried 6/0.

#### **Washington Village Deed**

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to accept the Washington Village Deed on behalf of the County in preparation of a mile of Pennsy Trail between 400W and 500W. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Commissioner Armstrong adjourned the Commissioners meeting at 5:49 p.m. Councilman Bolander adjourned the Council meeting at 5:49 p.m.

Adopted this day by County Council: August 22, 2017

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Robin D. Lowder

Hancock County Auditor

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