

Hancock County Council

September 13, 2017

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 13th day of September 2017 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, Jeannine Gray, and Randy Sorrell were in attendance.

Also attending, County Attorney, Ray Richardson, Deputy Auditor Mary Bowmer and Auditor Robin Lowder

Minutes

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

County Surveyor Request for Additional-Surveyor requests to advertise additional appropriation for \$15,000 for Contractual Services in General Fund. Council agrees to advertisement for additional \$15,000.

Pennsy Trail request- Mary Ann Wietbrock requested \$27,923 from funds deposited to the county from Pennsy Trail Foundation. \$4,410 of the money is part of the Public Hearing this morning at 10:00 a.m. to be appropriated. Washington Village Apartments donated part of the land. Their parking lot is being replaced they have 90 days to complete the parking lot or the money comes back to the Foundation. The total cost of the project is approximately \$330,000. They are hoping for more Grants.

Recorder Replacement of Employees Request- Debra Carnes County Recorder requested a full time employee and a part time employee to train for next year because she has some one retiring January 2018. Councilman Fisk made a motion to grant the Recorder's request to replace a full time employee and a part time employee as requested. Councilman Sorrell seconded the motion. The motion carried
7/0

Health Department Replacement of Employee Request- Dr. Aspy requested to replace a full time employee. Councilman Fisk made a motion to grant the Health Department's request to replace a full time employee as requested. Councilman Sorrell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0

Assessor Replacement of Employee Request- Mary Noe requested to replace a full time employee. Councilman Fisk made a motion to grant the Assessor's request to replace a full time employee as requested. Councilman Sorrell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0

Assessor request of Additional-Assessor Mary Noe requests to advertise additional appropriation for \$6,600 from the Sales Disclosure Fund to offer training to county employees. Council agrees to advertisement for additional \$6,600.

Fortville Vernon Library Appointment-At the request of the Fortville Vernon Library Councilman Gray made a motion to appoint Eric Garst to the Fortville Vernon Library Board. Term beginning on September 13, 2017 expiring on May 13, 2019. Councilman Bledsoe seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Green Township EMS request-Green Township Trustee Lisa Mohr requested \$18,000 in assistance for their EMS. They don't have any funding for this due to them inadvertently being left out of prior legislation. They have requested legislation next year for 2019 to provide Funding for their EMS. They will need assistance in 2018. Councilman Shelby made a motion the County Council recommends in 2018 the Council funds \$18,000 for Green Township's EMS from the Food and Beverage Fund. Councilman Fisk seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Commissioners requested Budget Transfer for Weed Specialist-Councilman Gray made a motion for Budget Transfers from Weed Specialist Supplies and Chemicals to Weed Specialist personal services in the Commissioners Budget. Councilman Bledsoe seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Councilman Shelby gave a Review of the Budget Meeting:

Income Tax estimate for 2018 an increase of 5.5% average for the entire County. The County portion was just a 3.5 increase.

County losing funding due to Annexations

Financial advisor recommended meetings with Donut Counties

Discussed the Bridge Fund

Need to focus on funding for E-911/Need Funding after 2018/Need change of Legislation

Public Hearing Open 10:12 a.m.-\$140,000 Inmate Housing Payment for Transfer of Inmates from General Fund

\$4,410 Expenses for costs for the Pennsy Trail from Pennsy Trail Fund

\$11,336 Expenses for Transport of Inmates from General Fund to Law Enforcement Fund

Public comment: John Priore concerned that first the County needs to get their ducks in a row. They don't have a plan who will maintain the trails, provide services such as security etc.

Public Hearing Closed at 10:19 a.m.

Councilman Gray made a motion to additionally appropriate \$140,000 Inmate Housing Payment for Transfer of Inmates from General Fund. Councilman Fisk seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Councilman Gray made a motion to additionally appropriate \$4,410 for the costs of the Pennsy Trail Fund from the Pennsy Trail Fund. Councilman Fisk seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

The \$11,336 needs to be re-advertised from the General Fund and only for the amount owed to Garrison Law Firm for services rendered. Will be advertised again. Per County Attorney Richardson.

Prosecutor Replacement of Employee Request- Brent Eaton requested to replace a full time employee. Councilman Fisk made a motion to grant the Prosecutor's request to replace a full time employee as requested. Councilman Sorrell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Requesting Payment Invoice from Murder Trial-Prosecutor is requesting payment of invoice for cost on car for Murder Trial for Inman's Towing for \$2,437.50. Councilman Shelby made a motion invoice presented by Prosecutor for payment be paid out of Food and Beverage Fund. Councilman Bledsoe seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0. Auditor received invoice to be paid.

Prosecutor needs attorney IV-D Payroll changed-Prosecutor has an attorney that is being paid from IV-D Funds \$5,100. He is no longer doing IV-D work so he can't be paid from that fund any longer. The Office manager does do IV-D work but is being paid from a fund that isn't IV-D. The Prosecutor wants to switch them so they are paid from each other's prior account lines. The bottom line will not change in the budget. Affective next pay. This was informational.

Probation Replacement of Employee Request- Wayne Addison requested to replace a full time employee. Councilman Fisk made a motion to grant Probation's request to replace a full time employee as requested. Councilman Shelby seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Coroner Additional Request-The Coroner needs an additional \$4,500 to \$5,000 for his deputies. Councilman Shelby made a motion to fund \$5,000 from the Food and Beverage Fund for the Coroner's Deputies payroll. Councilman Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Public Speaking: Councilman Vail wanted to address some boards allow people to speak about any subject they chose for a set amount of minutes. She was interested in the Council possibly having that

type of policy. Some members were concerned it would be to confusing and would open the door for personal attacks.

E-911 Replacement of Employee Request- John Jokantas requested to replace a full time employee. Councilman Gray made a motion to grant E-911's request to replace a full time employee as requested. Councilman Fisk seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0

Judge Culver retiring from the Bench October 1st- Councilman Shelby spoke about what an asset Judge Richard Culver has been to Hancock County all of these years and that he will be missed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Adopted this day: September 13, 2017

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Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder

Hancock County Auditor