

Hancock County Council

September 27, 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 27th day of September 2017 at the hour of 9:00 A.M. in accordance with the rules of the Council.

Councilmen 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

9:00 AM Public Hearing: Hancock County 2018 Budget

President of the Hancock County Council William Bolander opened the public hearing at 9:00 a.m. for public comment.

Public Comments were as followed:

John Priore-Question about funding on Form 3 why he didn't see all of the funding (Innkeeper Tax). It was explained to him the Advertising only lists Budget Estimate, Maximum Estimated Funds to be raised and Current Tax Levy. Entire Budget is available on Gateway. Mr. Priore stated concerning the Tourism Commission he disagreed how the grants are distributed. He also stated he was concerned about funding Trails. Councilman Shelby explained trails were not in the budget but the Council had made a commitment to one mile of trail between 400 W and 500 W.

George Langston-He wanted clarification if the \$92,000.00 in the Tourism Commission Budget is it part of the 1% set aside for the Fairgrounds. He would like to know if it could be used for the new fairgrounds or the old fairgrounds. It was stated by the Council it had not been determined yet.

C.O. Montgomery- Stated if people attended Public meetings more often they would be more knowledgeable about what is going on and there wouldn't be so much misinformation.

Tourism Commission Director Bridgett Cook Jones- She stated that her and some members of the Tourism Commission had met with the Visitor's Bureau informing them they wanted them to be part of the Grant process to receive grant money from the Commission. They were requiring the grant process in order to receive reporting from the Bureau for transparency purposes. The Commission will also be providing the Hancock County Council with Annual Reports on Grants they have processed. These reports would also be available to the public.

Amy Studebaker- Read a letter about concerns keeping the HJ Ricks Center open, affordable and the funding in place.

Marilyn Levering- She presented the Council with an iPad that had a list of bills the Visitor's Bureau is responsible for. She expressed her concern about keeping the funding for the Visitor's Bureau/Theater.

President William Bolander closed the public meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Councilman Shelby introduced Ordinance 2017-9B for the adoption of the Hancock County 2018 Budget on October 11, 2017.

9:37 AM Public Hearing: Hancock County 2018 Solid Waste District Budget

President of the Hancock County Council William Bolander opened the public hearing at 9:37 a.m. for public comment.

There was no Public Comment.

President William Bolander closed the public meeting at 9:38 a.m.

Councilman Fisk introduced Ordinance 2017-9C for the adoption of the Hancock County Solid Waste District 2018 Budget on October 11, 2017.

Councilman Sorrell made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting at 9:40 a.m. Councilman Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Adopted this day: September 27, 2017

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Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder

Hancock County Auditor