

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

November 20, 2017

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of Hancock County (the "County") was held at the Hancock County Annex, 111 South American Legion Place, Greenfield, Indiana, on November 20, 2017 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. (Local Time), pursuant to notice duly given in accordance with the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order by Brad Armstrong, the President of the Board.

On call of the roll, the members of the Board were shown to be present or absent as follows:

Present: Brad Armstrong, Marc Huber and John Jessup.

Absent: None

The President presided over the hearing, welcoming everyone and introducing members of the Board and speakers.

President Armstrong explained that under Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-3.5 whenever a political subdivision proposes to enter into a lease agreement and/or issue bonds for the construction or renovation of a building resulting in total costs in excess of \$12,000,000, the political subdivision is required to hold two public hearings on its preliminary determination to issue such bonds and/or enter into such lease agreement. This meeting represents the first of such hearings. Notice of both of the public hearings was published in the Daily Reporter on November 10, 2017, and was mailed to the Hancock County Clerk and any organizations previously requesting such notice as provided in Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-3.5. The proof of publication of the notice of the hearing was presented at the meeting.

It was also explained that at this hearing all interested people may give testimony and/or ask questions concerning the proposed 2018 Safety and Security Project, which includes the construction, renovation, and expansion of necessary county Criminal Justice Center Complex facilities and the repair of the courthouse roof, together with all necessary appurtenances, related improvements and equipment (the "Project"). The purpose of the hearing is two-fold: (1) to inform the public as to the proposed Project; and (2) to allow all interested parties, taxpayers and patrons of the County to voice their opinions as to the Project and ask questions.

After the purpose of the hearing was explained, the presentations regarding the need for the Project were given. An evaluation of the existing facilities was presented by Roger Stephens and Pete Peterson of RQAW Consulting Engineers and Architects, including the building plans explaining the proposed Project. Greg Guerrettaz of Financial Solutions Group, Inc., the financial advisor to the County made the following information available to the public: (a) the result of the County's current and projected annual debt service payments divided by the net assessed value of taxable property within the County; and (b) the result of (i) the sum of the County's outstanding long term debt plus the outstanding long term debt of other taxing units that include any of the territory of the County, divided by (ii) the net assessed value of taxable property within the County.

After the above presentations, the Board President announced that the Board would now hear testimony and questions from the public. Questions and testimony were given by several patrons.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted unanimously. Steve Vail was authorized to lead a mediation on the details of the jail financing project.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

Commissioner Marc Huber, Vice

President Commissioner John Jessup

Attest:_____

_ Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor

