

Hancock County Council

April 8, 2009

The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana, met in the Commissioner Court in the Hancock County Courthouse Annex, Greenfield, Indiana, on the 8th day of April , 2009 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in regular meeting in accordance with the rules of the Council. Council members present were William Bolander, Jack Leonard, Jim Shelby, Brian Kirkwood and Dick Pasco and Tom Roney. Also present were Deputy Auditor Ginny Martin and County Attorney, Ray Richardson. Councilwoman Richardson was absent from the meeting

Council President William Bolander, who presided, called the meeting to order.

Grant Impact Statement Questionnaire)

A Grant Impact Statement Questionnaire was presented to Council for review. This questionnaire coincides with the Grant Impact Statement Ordinance passed. It asks questions specific to the grant and is to be completed and returned to the Auditor's Office. The Auditor will provide to the Council for their review of grant. Questionnaire approved. Vote 6-0

Economic Development)

Dennis Maloy, director of Economic Development appeared before council to introduce John Cook, Vice President and General Manager for Covance. He gave an overview of the company to the council.

COPS Grant)

Bud Gray, Sheriff presented a federal grant that they wish to apply to enable the Sheriff department to hire more deputies. It is called the COPS grant. The grant term is 3 years and it is a \$790,000 grant for the sheriff department to hire additional deputies. After discussion Councilman Leonard moved to adopt a Resolution-2009-1-1 allowing the Sheriff department to apply for the grant. Councilman Kirkwood seconded. Roll call vote as follows:

Yes

No

Dick Pasco
Brian Kirkwood
Tom Roney
Bill Bolander
Jack Leonard

Jim Shelby

Prosecutor's replacement of staff)

Dean Dobbins, Prosecutor appeared before council advising Brenda Garrigus, his administrative assistant/bookkeeper will not be returning after her maternity leave due to personal reasons. After discussing many options, Councilman Shelby motion for the council to give Prosecutor permission to replace the position with his discretion of any other options he may be able to come up with such as work from home, and savings money for the county etc. Councilman Pasco seconded. Vote 6-0

In the Matter of IT Department Projects)

Bernie Harris, IT Director and Shari Burris, Clerk appeared before Council to give an informational presentation regarding document imaging software. This software would replace the current process of sending court documents out to be microfilmed at the current cost to the county of \$30,000. Council decided to table this issue until further information could be provided regarding the new State System called Odyssey from JTAC and how it may interact with the imaging software.

Bernie Harris, IT Director also give report on the Server Project and County consolidation and virtualization. It is time to buy new servers which we currently have 8. This project would allow us to go to 2 servers. The cost savings is large due to not having to buy new servers. We would only have to pay for the hardware once. We can add and change as needed. Storage is also an important factor especially if we go to more document imaging. Councilman Shelby moved to allow the IT Director to proceed with server project up to \$73,000 from the CCD fund seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 6-0

County hosted email project—Currently, any changes needed on our emails or problems, we have to call Hancock Telecom which is not efficient. This would allow the flexibility to have our own virtualized email system. This coincides with the new telephone system needed also.

In the Matter of GIS fees)

Susan Bodkin, Surveyor appeared before Council to advise that GIS is changing their fees and an Ordinance and Resolution change is needed. Councilman Leonard introduced Ordinance 2009-4B . Councilman Roney moved to authorizing adoption of new fee changes, seconded by Councilman Kirkwood. Vote 6-0

Councilman Leonard moved to adopt Resolution 2009-4-1 for GIS fee changes, seconded by Councilman Pasco. Vote 6-0

In the Matter of the Area Planning Commission)

Mike Dale, Director of Planning appeared before council to present his 2008 Area Planning Commission Annual Report.

In the Matter of PEP Grant)

Purdue Extension District appeared before Council to ask for appropriation of expense line 4603-000-30-0095. This fund is non-reverting. Councilman Leonard made a motion seconded by Councilman Roney to appropriate the expense line for the PEP grant. Vote 6-0

In the Matter of Community Corrections)

Pat Powers, Director sent correspondence requesting Council to approve the appropriations as follows: \$2,700 grant money from NASA for the Drug Court fund 0505 -000-20-0024, Drug Screens and \$5,000 grant from the Hancock County Community Foundation for computer equipment to be appropriated to fund 0539-002-40-00042, Computer Equipment in the Project Income Fund. Councilman Roney motion to approve request to appropriate the money from the grants into the above mentioned line items, seconded by Councilman Leonard. Vote 6-0

Other Council Business)

Councilman Bolander read a letter from the State regarding the Public Defender reimbursement. The amount the County is receiving is less than in the past due to shortage of funds. Non- Capital Reimbursement will be 33.9% instead of 40%.

Councilman Kirkwood moved to table the request from Wayne Addison, Chief Probation Officer to hire a Prevention Specialist until July. Motion was seconded by Councilman Pasco seconded. Vote 6-0

Council discussed departments and their 5% budget cuts and other cuts within the 2009 budget. Approximately \$400,000 needs to be cut from our 2009 budget. Council is asking for 5% cut from the departments overall budgets.

Departments Exempt for Council hiring approval)

Councilman Shelby motioned that the Jail and Highway are the only two departments that are exempt from appearing before the Council for the approval to rehire personnel. Councilman Pasco seconded.

Meeting adjourned

APPROVED on this the 8th day of April 2009

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ATTEST: _____
Linda J. Grass, Auditor