

## Hancock County Council

July 28, 2009  
Morning Special Meeting

The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana, met in the Commissioner Court in the Hancock County Courthouse Annex, Greenfield, Indiana, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in special meeting in accordance with the rules of the Council. Council members present were William Bolander, Jack Leonard, Rosalie Richardson, Jim Shelby, and Dick Pasco and Tom Roney. Also present were Auditor, Robin D. Lowder, and Deputy Auditor Ginny Martin. Brian Kirkwood absent.

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

### **In the Matter of Covance Tax Abatement )**

Ron Pritzke from Pritzke & Davis Attorneys appeared before Council to introduce the representatives from Covance Laboratories. Jonathan Cook, Vice President, Covance Associate Director of Finance and the Media Relations representative.

Covance employees 10,000 people worldwide and 260 of those are employed here in Hancock County. It is a \$1.8 billion company and Eli Lilly is its primary client. The Covance campus expands over 450 acres in Greenfield.

This request is regarding a proposed expansion for Covance. The new employees hired for this expansion will have an annual salary of \$84,000 per person. This is a \$41 million dollar investment for Covance.

The Resolution proposed is requesting to abate the payment of tax on the real property improvements, on new research and development equipment and on new information technology equipment located or installed in an area declared by the Council to be an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA).

Jonathan Cook, Vice President addresses the Council, and reiterated the Covance Company and what it stands for in the business community.

Questions from Council:

Councilman Roney, “regarding the chemical storage that Lilly had on the campus how is this being handled?”

Mr. Cook, “Lilly leases the storage, and Covance will model what has been done in the past”

Councilwoman Richardson, “ will jobs be attracted from the eastern portion of the county?”

Mr. Cook, “agrees with these thoughts and hopes to attract from all parts of the county and leverage the local labor market.”

Councilman Leonard, “what types of degrees are needed to be hired by Covance?”

Mr. Cook, “biology, chemistry, scientific and a lot of regulatory compliance positions, also background in animal science and veterinary.”

A public hearing will be set on August 12 ,2009 at 8:30 am for public hearing regarding Covance and is included in the passing of the Resolution.

Councilman Pasco made a motion to pass the Resolution 2009-7-5, seconded by Councilman Leonard. Vote 6-0

#### **In the Matter of Highway Department Local Road and Street Additional Appropriation)**

Derek Towle, Commissioner appeared before Council to request additional appropriation for the Local Road & Street fund. With the balancing of the 2009 1782 the budget was cut by \$300,000. The DLGF approved Local Road and Street budget for 2009 was \$1,000,000. This resulted in a shortfall for the “chip and seal project”.

Councilman Shelby moved to pass Resolution 2009-7-6, *A Resolution to Advance a Temporary Loan from the Rainy Day Fund to Local Road and Street* in the amount of \$300,000 to be paid back on or before October 1,2009. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roney. Vote 6-0

Councilman Pasco motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Councilman Shelby. Vote 6-0

Meeting adjourned

Recording stopped 9:30 am

APPROVED on this the

day of August 2009

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Robin D. Lowder, Auditor