

Hancock County Council

January 10, 2018

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM
111 American Legion Place
Greenfield, IN 46140

The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana, met in the Commissioner Court in the Courthouse Annex, Greenfield, Indiana, on the 10th day of January 2018 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 and Deputy Auditor Mary Bowmer.

Minutes

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

Green Township EMS Assistance

Lisa Mohr requested \$18,000 to pay for EMS contract services for 2018. Councilman Fisk made a motion to pay from LOIT pre-distribution for 2019 and sign contract. Councilman Vail seconded motion. Motion carried 7/0. Councilman Gray amended motion to pay from Food & Beverage and sign contract for 2018. Councilman Shelby seconded motion. Motion carried 7/0.

Budget Meeting Update

Councilman Shelby gave an update on budget meeting:

Jill Ebbert from the Kenneth Butler Memorial Soup Kitchen is in need of \$10,000 to purchase a fire suppression system. Councilman Shelby made a motion to allow \$10,000 to be paid from Food & Beverage for the soup kitchen. Councilman Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 7/0.

Pennsy Trail liability could be \$379,500 if there is no fundraising. They have currently raised \$260,000 for the trail for acquisition of land.

Year end balances look good. Thank you to the Auditor's office for ending the year in the black except for reimbursable grants.

Status of fund balances - Fund 1001 is high due to money from Fund 1110 being transferred back in Fund 1001. All other funds look good except for LOIT Public Safety. We will look at balances more in the next budget meeting.

Talitha Koum house is coming along well. They are asking for \$75,000 for operating expenses. We could possibly use this to reserve beds once it's open.

Probation Salary Increases

Josh Sipes requested to increase the salaries of three probation officers: Officer Gayle Conley-increase \$5,000, Officer Tyler Haney-increase \$1,128, and Officer Nicholas Layman-increase \$577. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve salary increases. Councilman Bledsoe seconded motion. Motion carried 7/0.

Centurion Greenfield LLC/Smithfield Package Meat Corp

Skip Kuker presented Waiver of Non-Compliance for 2016pay2017 taxes. Due to error in reported equipment, tax impact will not be as great as originally expected. Councilman Fisk made a motion to introduce Resolution 2018-1-1. Councilman Bledsoe made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-1-1. Councilman Gray seconded motion. Motion carried 7/0.

Economic Development Commission

Skip Kuker requested signature for Resolution 2018-1-2 creating an Economic Development Commission. Councilman Bolander made a motion to appoint Tyler Eaton to the board. Councilman Fisk seconded the motion. Motion carried 7/0.

Council Nominations

Councilman Bolander opened nominations for Council President and Vice-President. Councilman Fisk nominated Bill Bolander for President. Councilman Shelby nominated Debbie Bledsoe for Vice-President. Councilman Fisk made a motion to close nominations. Councilman Sorrell seconded motion. Motion carried 7/0.

Appointments to Boards and/or Commissions for 2018

Councilman Bolander made a motion to re-appoint the following people:

Economic Development – Jim Shelby

Weed Board – John Priorie

Solid Waste Management – Kent Fisk

Area Planning Commission – Bill Bolander

Alcohol & Beverage Commission – Ed Brand

Community Corrections Advisory Board – Jim Shelby

Property Tax Assessment Board (PTABOA) – Ken Rogers

Hancock County Exposition Corporation – Kent Fisk

Councilman Fisk seconded motion. Motion carried 7/0.

Councilman Sorrell left meeting.

Clerk's Office-Budget Transfer/Replace Employee

Marcia Moore requested to transfer \$200 from deputies to the service year line item. Councilman Shelby made a motion to transfer money. Councilman Fisk seconded motion. Motion carried 6/0.

She has also lost two employees and is requesting to promote one part-time to full-time employment. Councilman Shelby made a motion to replace employee. Councilman Fisk seconded motion. Motion carried 6/0.

She is also requesting to purchase twelve Expressvotes and ballot guide from Food & Beverage at a cost not to exceed \$39,234. Councilman Shelby made a motion to pay from Food & Beverage. Councilman Gray seconded motion. Motion carried 6/0.

Public Hearing/Additional Appropriations

Councilman Bolander opened Public Hearing for additional appropriations from the following:

Cornerstone Perpetuation Fund 1202 - \$17,500

Title IV-D Incentive Fund 8897 - \$594

County Match CASA Fund 1001 - \$5,253.50

No public comment. Public Hearing was closed. Councilman Fisk made a motion to approve additional appropriations. Councilman Bledsoe seconded motion. Motion carried 6/0.

Inmate Housing in Other County

Major Burkhart requested an additional appropriation of \$393,000 from Fund 1001 for inmate housing in other counties. This will cover expenses through November 2018. The state reimburses the county for these expenses. A “thumbs up” was given to advertise.

Sheriff Shepherd requested authorization for expenditures from the Commissary fund. An accounting of all expenditures will be provided at the end of the year. Councilman Gray made a motion to approve expenditures from Commissary Fund. Councilman Vail seconded motion. Motion carried 6/0.

Talitha Koum Women’s Recovery House

Linda Ostewig and Amy Ikerd presented an operating budget for the women’s recovery house. They are requesting \$75,000 for their operating budget to get the house open. This would be a one-time request. Once the house is open they would begin working on federal grants and applying for the Recovery Works program. The house would keep women in this county instead of being sent to Marion County. Councilman Shelby made a motion for a written agreement to be brought to the next council meeting stating up to \$75,000 may be given for operating costs. Councilman Fisk seconded motion. Motion carried 6/0.

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Fisk made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 13th and 19th meetings. Councilman Gray seconded motion. Motion carried 6/0.

Councilman Shelby made a motion to adjourn the January 10, 2018 Council Meeting at 10:15 A.M. Councilman Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried 6/0.

Adopted this day: January 10, 2018

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