

## **Hancock County Council**

November 8, 2017

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 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017 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, Deputy Auditor Mary Bowmer and Auditor Robin Lowder.

### **Minutes**

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

#### **Requests for Replacement of Employees**

Circuit Court Clerk Marcia Moore has two full-time positions open. She made a request to replace one full-time employee and increase other deputies salaries instead of replacing second full-time employee position. Councilman Sorrell made a motion to replace employee and increase other deputies' salary, Councilman Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Treasurer Janice Silvey made a request to replace full-time employee. Councilman Gray made a motion to replace employee, Councilman Sorrell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Auditor Robin Lowder made a request to move money from part-time to full-time to increase salary for three employees with no change to 2018 budget. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve transfer of money, Councilman Gray seconded motion. The motion carried 7/0.

#### **Sheriff's Bonus and Retirement**

Sheriff Shepherd and Attorney Greg Morelock discussed Sheriff's bonus being included in retirement. Councilman Gray made a motion to include bonus in retirement, Councilman Fisk seconded the motion. The motion carried 6/1. Councilmember Shelby voted Nay.

#### **Public Hearing of Additional Appropriations**

Additional appropriation of \$125,000 for Supplemental Public Defender Fund 1200. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve, Councilman Vail seconded motion. The motion carried 6/1. Abstention made by Councilmember Sorrell.

Additional appropriate of \$100,000 for Food and Beverage Fund 7201. Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve, Councilman Fisk seconded motion. The motion carried 7/0.

### **Budget Transfers**

Chief Probation Officer Josh Sipes requested a budget transfer from equipment to office supplies. Councilman Fisk made motion to approve transfer, Councilman Bledsoe seconded motion. The motion carried 7/0.

### **Highway Grants**

Highway Engineer Gary Pool discussed grants for 600 West, Highway Safety School Zones, and Bridge #62 and requested signatures for approval. Councilman Gray made a motion to sign grants, Councilman Bledsoe seconded motion. The motion carried 7/0.

### **E911 Center**

Director John Jokantas made a request for an additional appropriation of \$15,000 in Fund 1153 for group medical insurance. Additional appropriation will be advertised and voted on in December meeting. Funding of the 911 center for 2018 and 2019 was also discussed.

### **Budget Transfers**

Councilman Shelby made a motion to approve budget transfers for Community Corrections, Commissioners, Sheriff, and Circuit Court. Councilman Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 7/0.

### **Animal Control**

Councilman Shelby discussed Animal Control's request for \$50,000 - \$10,000 for new software and \$40,000 to replace truck bed. Councilman Shelby made a motion to pay \$50,000 from Food and Beverage for animal control for 2018 budget. Councilman Fisk seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

### **Approve Minutes from Meetings**

Councilman Fisk made a motion to approve the Council minutes from the following Council meetings: October 11, 2017 and October 30, 2017. Councilman Sorrell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

### **Criminal Justice Center**

Commissioner Jessup discussed a resolution for a cost of no more than \$55 million dollars and stated he only needed 6 more of his 50 signatures in support of the land project. First determination hearing has been advertised and set for November 20, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. The second determination hearing has been set for December 12, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. Many different options for funding were discussed. Councilman Shelby suggested strategic planning session with Steve Vail as facilitator.

Councilman Fisk made a motion to adjourn the November 8, 2017 Council Meeting at 11:47 A.M. Councilman Vail seconded the motion. The motion carried 7/0.

Adopted this day: November 8, 2017

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