

**Hancock County Budget, Efficiency & Revenue Committee  
And Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
January 3, 2024**

The County Council of Hancock County, Indiana met in the County Commissioner & Council Meeting Room in the Courthouse Annex located at 111 American Legion Place Greenfield, Indiana 46140 on the 3rd day of January 2024 at the hour of 8:30 AM in accordance with the rules of the Council.

Councilmembers James Shelby, Mary Noe, Jeannine Gray, Robin Lowder, Kent Fisk, Scott Wooldridge, Commissioner Bill Spalding, and County Attorney Scott Benkie were in attendance. Councilmember Keely Butrum was not in attendance.

**2024 Budget Issues**

Councilmembers reviewed 2023 year-end fund balances, discussed moving three Merit Deputies from LIT Economic Development to County General in the future, moving money to the Health Claims Reserve Fund, Rainy Day Fund, and/or possibly use for a sewer project on the east side of the county.

Greg Guerrettaz discussed the 1782 Notice for Hancock County and the maximum levy for 2024.

**Superior Court 1**

Judge Davis requested a 2024 salary amendment for his Behavioral Health Court employees. He would like to redistribute the money. Councilmember Fisk made a motion to approve the salary changes for Behavioral Health Court. Councilmember Lowder seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

**Senior Services**

Suzanne Derengowski discussed changes to the Senior Services grant. The grant ran out of CARES Act money in the 3rd Quarter of 2023 and is no longer a 100% matching grant. The grant doesn't expire until the end of 2024. Councilmembers had discussion. Councilmembers recommended a 2024 budget be prepared for the council meeting next week, and that she go to the Commissioners for approval to continue the program beyond 2024.

**2024 Budget**

Councilmembers approved an advertisement of \$9,000 for an additional appropriation for Highway Engineer's salary increase.

Councilmembers approved an advertisement of \$79,500 for an additional appropriation for Superior Court 1.

Councilmembers approved an advertisement of \$81,500 for an additional appropriation for Superior Court 2.

**Council Business**

Councilmember Noe presented a list of county owned vehicles by department. Councilmembers had discussion. Councilmembers agreed to update the report and give recommendations at a future meeting.

### **Minutes**

Councilmember Wooldridge made a motion to approve the minutes for December 6, 2023. Councilmember Noe seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

### **Assessor Appeals Report**

Councilmembers reviewed the Appeals Report sent by the County Assessor. Councilmembers had discussion.

### **Auditor Business**

Auditor Debra Carnes updated Councilmembers on Opioid money that was received in December 2023 in the amount of \$17,986.66.

### **Board Appointments**

Alcohol Beverage Commission – Councilmember Shelby nominated Bob Hiday to a one-year appointment ending December 31, 2024. Councilmember Fisk seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Area Plan Commission – Councilmember Noe nominated Scott Wooldridge to a one-year appointment ending December 31, 2024. Councilmember Fisk seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Community Corrections Advisory Board – Councilmember Lowder nominated Jeannine Gray to a one-year appointment ending December 31, 2024. Councilmember Fisk seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Hancock County Council President – Councilmember Lowder nominated Jeannine Gray for President of the Hancock County Council. Councilmember Noe seconded. Councilmember Fisk closed nominations. Councilmember Noe made a motion to elect Jeannine Gray to a one year term ending December 31, 2024. Councilmember Lowder seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Hancock County Council Vice President – Councilmember Fisk nominated Mary Noe for Vice President of the Hancock County Council. Councilmember Lowder seconded. Councilmember Wooldridge closed nominations. Councilmember Fisk made a motion to elect Mary Noe to a one year term ending December 31, 2024. Councilmember Lowder seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Economic Development (County) – Councilmember Fisk nominated James Shelby to a one-year appointment ending December 31, 2024. Councilmember Noe seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Emergency Operations Center Management Board – Councilmember Fisk nominated Keely Butrum to a one-year appointment ending December 31, 2024. Councilmember Shelby seconded.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

Property Tax Assessment Board (PTABOA) – Councilmember Noe nominated Ken Rogers to a one-year appointment ending December 31, 2024. Councilmember Lowder seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Redevelopment Commission (RDC) – Councilmember Fisk nominated Robin Lowder to a one year appointment ending December 31, 2024. Councilmember Wooldridge Seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.** Councilmember Noe nominated Kent Fisk to a one-year appointment ending December 31, 2024. Councilmember Wooldridge seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Solid Waste Management – Councilmember Shelby nominated Robin Lowder to a one-year appointment ending December 31, 2024. Councilmember Noe seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Personnel Advisory Committee – Councilmember Noe nominated Robin Lowder to a one-year appointment ending December 31, 2024. Councilmember Shelby seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Hancock County Education and Innovation Center Board (Amplify Hancock) – Councilmember Shelby nominated Debra Carnes, Mary Noe, and Kent Fisk to one-year appointments ending December 31, 2024. Councilmember Lowder seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Budget Finance Committee – Councilmember Fisk nominated James Shelby to a one-year appointment ending December 31, 2024. Councilmember Wooldridge seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

**Adjourned 10:58 AM**

Councilmember Shelby made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Fisk seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

**Approved this day:**

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Jeannine Gray, President

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Mary Noe, Vice President

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James Shelby, Councilmember

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Kent Fisk, Councilmember

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Robin Lowder, Councilmember

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Not Present  
Keely Butrum, Councilmember

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Scott Wooldridge, Councilmember

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debra Carnes, Hancock County Auditor