

## Hancock County Council Minutes

March 8, 2023

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 8th day of March 2023 at the hour of 8:30 AM in accordance with the rules of the Council.

Councilmembers James Shelby, Keely Butrum, Mary Noe, Jeannine Gray, Kent Fisk, Robin Lowder, Scott Wooldridge, Auditor Debra Carnes, Financial Administrator Mary Bowmer and County Attorney Scott Benkie were present.

*President Gray opened the meeting with the “Pledge of Allegiance” followed by a moment of silence.*

### Beacon Website

Cindy Carver demonstrated a new layer that is being added to the Beacon website. This will allow the public to see abatement documents and TIF’s in the county.

### Hancock County Public Library

Dave Gray presented the 2022 Hancock County Public Library Annual Update, consisting of the libraries in Greenfield and New Palestine. These are the only libraries in the state to receive income tax instead of property tax. They are currently the 24th largest out of 238 districts and rank 12th in circulation.

### Commissioners

Commissioner President Spalding presented information on Precinct Manager software called Right Stuff and requested funding in the amount of \$40,720 for the initial set up fee and \$18,720 each year after for maintenance. This time keeping system is currently being used by the Sheriff’s Department and E911 Center. Purchasing this software would reduce the amount of time spent entering employee’s time each pay period by the Auditor’s office. Councilmembers had discussion. Councilmember Shelby made a motion to approve \$40,270 to implement the Right Stuff and pay from Food & Beverage. Councilmember Lowder seconded. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Commissioner President Spalding presented pricing from Vandewalle & Associates for the comprehensive plan implementation in the amount of \$44,300. A grant for \$16,000 was also received last year from the Hancock County Community Foundation. A request was made to budget transfer \$28,300 from account #39706 in Fund 1112. Councilmember Noe made a motion to approve a budget transfer of \$28,300 in Fund 1112. Councilmember Butrum seconded. **Motion carried 7-0.**

### Public Hearings / Additional Appropriations

Councilmember Gray opened the public hearing at 9:31 am for an additional appropriation of \$83,472.50 for Fund 1112 LIT Economic Development. Councilmember Gray asked for any comments; no comments; the public hearing closed at 9:31 am. Councilmember Noe made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$83,472.50 for Fund 1112 LIT Economic Development. Councilmember Lowder seconded. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Councilmember Gray opened the public hearing at 9:32 am for an additional appropriation of \$28,638 for Fund 1138 CCD. Councilmember Gray asked for any comments; Councilmembers had discussion; the public hearing closed at 9:33 am. Councilmember Wooldridge made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$28,638 for Fund 1138 CCD. Councilmember Fisk seconded. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Councilmember Gray opened the public hearing at 9:34 am for an additional appropriation of \$337,335.96 for Fund 1237 Opioid Restricted. Councilmember Gray asked for any comments; no comments; the public hearing closed at 9:35 am. Councilmember Lowder made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$337,335.96 for Fund 1237 Opioid Restricted. Councilmember Noe seconded. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Councilmember Gray opened the public hearing at 9:35 am for an additional appropriation of \$37,800 for Fund 1213 CASA. Councilmember Gray asked for any comments; no comments; the public hearing closed at 9:35 am. Councilmember Noe made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$37,800 for Fund 1213 CASA. Councilmember Wooldridge seconded. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Councilmember Gray opened the public hearing at 9:36 am for an additional appropriation of \$144,230.25 for Fund 1238 Opioid Nonrestricted. Councilmember Gray asked for any comments; no comments; the public hearing closed at 9:36 am. Councilmember Lowder made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$144,230.25 for Fund 1238 Opioid Nonrestricted. Councilmember Wooldridge seconded. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Councilmember Gray opened the public hearing at 9:37 am for an additional appropriation of \$6,800 for Fund 8885 Problem Solving Court Grant Mental Health. Councilmember Gray asked for any comments; no comments; the public hearing closed at 9:37 am. Councilmember Noe made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$6,800 for Fund 8885 Problem Solving Court Grant Mental Health. Councilmember Butrum seconded. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Councilmember Gray opened the public hearing at 9:38 am for an additional appropriation of \$3,000.44 for Fund 8891 Problem Solving Court Grant Drug Court. Councilmember Gray asked for any comments; no comments; the public hearing closed at 9:38 am. Councilmember Wooldridge made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$3,000.44 for Fund 8891 Problem Solving Court Grant Drug Court. Councilmember Noe seconded. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Councilmember Gray opened the public hearing at 9:38 am for an additional appropriation of \$20,780 for Fund 9118 HC Community Foundation. Councilmember Gray asked for any comments; no comments; the public hearing closed at 9:39 am. Councilmember Butrum made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$2,780 for Fund 9118 HC Community Foundation. Councilmember Wooldridge seconded. **Motion carried 7-0.**

#### **Highway**

Engineer Gary Pool presented an Interlocal Agreement with Greenfield for signature. Councilmember Shelby made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement. Councilmember Noe seconded. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Councilmembers were given an update on current and future projects. A request was made for the following additional appropriations - \$100,000 for Fund 1135 Cumulative Bridge; \$150,000

for Fund 1176 MVH; and \$15,257.32 for Fund 4619 Capital/RDC. Councilmembers agreed to advertise.

### **Hancock County Tourism Commission**

Director Brigette Cook Jones and Treasurer Bob Mattsey presented a report on Tourism. Bob Mattsey responded to comments and rumors regarding the trails and the fairgrounds. Councilmembers had discussion. Brigette Cook Jones gave a presentation on Tourism and how it has evolved over the last several years. They have a new website and new ideas for 2023. County Attorney Scott Benkie stated that the county and Tourism both agree with the interpretation of Indiana Code.

*Councilmember Noe left at 11:05 am.*

### **Budget Meeting Update**

Councilmember Shelby stated that cash balances were reviewed. The Salary Committee is working on a recommendation for next month. The target fund balances were reviewed and County General Fund 1001 was increased \$1M. Councilmember Butrum made a motion to Approve Resolution 2023-3-10 updating the target fund balances. Councilmember Wooldridge seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

### **Minutes**

Councilmember Wooldridge made a motion to approve the minutes for February 8, 2023. Councilmember Lowder seconded. **Motion carried 5-0.** Councilmember Butrum abstained.

### **Council Business**

Councilmember Butrum made a motion to approve a budget transfer from Supplies to Other Services in the amount of \$4,500 for CASA. Councilmember Shelby seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Councilmembers approved the advertisement of an additional appropriation \$515.45 for Fund 4021 Solid Waste.

Councilmember Butrum made a motion to approve a budget transfer from Supplies to Other Services in the amount of \$1,200 for Drug Court. Councilmember Shelby seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Councilmember Shelby ratified a budget transfer from Miscellaneous to Capital in the Food & Beverage Fund 7201 for \$652.30 for the Commissioner's lease vehicle. Councilmember Lowder Seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Councilmember Lowder made a motion to approve a budget transfer from Other Services to Supplies in the amount of \$1,000 for Behavioral Health Court. Councilmember Fisk seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

### **Adjourned 11:10 AM**

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

**Approved this day:**

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James Shelby

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Robin Lowder

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Keely Butrum

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Kent Fisk

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Mary Noe

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Scott Wooldridge

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Jeannine Gray

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Debra Carnes, Hancock County Auditor