

**Hancock County Budget, Efficiency & Revenue Committee  
And Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
June 7, 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 7th day of June 2023 at the hour of 8:31 AM in accordance with the rules of the Council.

Councilmembers James Shelby, Keely Butrum, Mary Noe, Jeannine Gray, Robin Lowder, Kent Fisk, Scott Wooldridge, Commissioners Bill Spalding, John Jessup, and County Attorney Scott Benkie were present.

**Budget Committee Issues**

Councilmembers reviewed fund balances. Councilmembers had discussion on reimbursable grant funds that were negative. Councilmember Shelby met with Probation Manager to discuss user fees and concerns for next year. NineStar is working on an agreement to use the ARPA money for infrastructure. Greg Guerrettaz discussed moving more money into the Medical Reserve Claims Fund 5902.

**Recorder**

Marcia Moore requested money for record indexing. She is currently working on 1975 to 1985 to index and have the records electronic. Councilmembers had discussion. She discussed Senate Bill 65 which allows the county to transfer money from Fund 1217 Elected Officials Training to Fund 1189 Recorders Perpetuation. Councilmembers had discussion and ask her to return next week with solid numbers. Councilmembers also requested that a line be added into Fund 1217 of the 2024 budget for council training.

**70 Connect II & III**

Ryan Thomas spoke on behalf of Lauth and gave an update on the buildings. Building II is fully occupied and only has 22 employees due to the use of robotics. Building III just received its certificate of occupancy and has been available for 37 days. Councilmembers agreed to vote on CF-1 approval next week.

**2024 Budget**

Councilmembers had discussion on a new employee for Behavioral Health Court, Prosecutor's office raises or add employees, need for a Human Resource Director, liability insurance, raises for employees, sheriff retirement plans, medical insurance, sheriff matrix, commissioner's insurance, departments requesting to add new employees, above average raise increases, economic development fund, medical claim funds under stress, health department funding issue, animal management, Drug Court, HEDC contribution, Community Corrections, and new LIT Judiciary system tax, Jail LIT tax, new IT employee. Councilmember Shelby reminded everyone that the budget meeting on July 5th has been cancelled.

**Minutes**

Councilmember Butrum made a motion to approve the minutes for May 3, 2023. Councilmember Noe seconded. **Motion carried 7-0.**

**Adjourned 11:36 AM**

Councilmember Shelby made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Wooldridge seconded.  
**Motion carried 7-0.**

**Approved this day:**

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Jeannine Gray, President

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Robin Lowder

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James Shelby

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Keely Butrum

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Kent Fisk

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Scott Wooldridge

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Mary Noe

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