

**Hancock County Budget, Efficiency & Revenue Committee  
And Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
August 2, 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 2nd day of August 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, Robin Lowder, Kent Fisk, Scott Wooldridge, Commissioner Bill Spalding, and County Attorney Scott Benkie were present.

**2023 Budget Issues**

Councilmembers reviewed fund balances.

Councilmember Butrum discussed the distribution of \$1,109,373 in Opioid and remaining ARPA funds.

Councilmember Shelby discussed a shortfall in the Utility Line due to the new jail. Councilmembers agreed to advertise \$300,000 in Fund 1234 LIT Correctional Facility to pay for the utility bills on the new jail. Councilmember Shelby made a motion to transfer \$60,000 in Food & Beverage to cover utility expenses in the interim. Councilmember Fisk seconded.  
**Motion carried 7-0.**

Sheriff Burkhart approached council and mentioned that he will need an additional appropriation for \$30,000 in Fund 1170 LIT Public Safety for salt. Councilmembers agreed to advertise for next month.

**County Vehicles/Cell Phones**

Councilmember Noe discussed reviewing who has take home cars, pool cars, etc. and is working to update the policy on county vehicles. She would like to set standards on what they can and can't be used for and set requirements for basic maintenance. Councilmembers discussed breaking down the insurance coverage by vehicle to see exact coverage.

Councilmember Noe discussed county cell phones and would like to know exactly how many cell phones we have, the cost per phone, and what different amounts are paid pay per phone. Councilmembers had discussion.

**Weed Specialist**

Commissioner Spalding requested \$3,000 additional salary for the Weed Specialist to finish out the year. Councilmembers agreed to advertise for next month.

**2024 Budget Issues**

Councilmembers proposed the following changes to the 2024 budget:

<b>FUND</b>	<b>ACCOUNT #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>LOCATION/DEPT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
1001	36702	Professional Fees	Auditor	-\$10,000
1001	35100	Utilities	BOC	-\$135,000
1001	12500	Group Insurance	BOC	-\$300,000
1001	11150	HR Manager	BOC	-\$20,000
1001		HR Supplies	BOC	-\$10,750
1001	22105	Fuel	BOC	-\$1,500
1001	31200	Contractual	BOC	-\$18,750
1001	31408	Soldier Burial	BOC	-\$5,000
1001	31503	Janitorial	BOC	-\$10,000
1001	14203	Council Salaries	BOC	\$1,400
1001	13301	Separation Sick Pay	BOC	-\$100,000
1001	39200	Meetings	CASA	-\$2,000
1001	Various	Field Off, FICA,PERF	Community Corrections	-\$50,000
1001	12100	Part Time	Drug Court	-\$15,000
1001	22105	Fuel	Homeland Security	-\$1,500
1001	39600	Vehicle Expense	Homeland Security	-\$1,000
1001	30160	Comm Court Expense	IT Dept	-\$5,000
1001	11117	Recovery Works P/T	Probation	-\$5,000
1001	11203	New Deputy Pros	Prosecutor	-\$80,000
1001	11301	New Paralegal	Prosecutor	-\$50,000
1001	Various	Deputy Pros Raises	Prosecutor	-\$17,000
1001	Various	Non Lawyer Raises	Prosecutor	-\$17,000
1001	12601	Retirement	Sheriff	-\$50,000
1001	15600	Holiday Pay	Sheriff	-\$10,000
1001	32100	Contractual	Surveyor	-\$20,000
1001	12100	Part Time	Surveyor	-\$5,000
1001	36300	Garage	Surveyor	-\$2,000
1001	36100	Equipment	Surveyor	-\$1,000
1001	12100	Part Time	Treasurer	-\$2,000
1234	35100	Utilities	LIT Jail	\$500,000
1159		Various Accounts	Health	-\$19,000
1138	30160	Comm Court Equip	IT Dept	\$5,000

Councilmembers discussed the new health funding from the state. Greg Guerrettaz with FSG stated that two new funds would need to be set up. Councilmembers had discussion.

#### **Lauth**

Ryan Thomas with Lauth discussed the property at 7763 W 350 N known as True Brands / True Fabrications. He answered questions regarding the forgivable loan for \$424,000 and EDA. Councilmembers had discussion. He will be going to RDC next Thursday for approval.

#### **Health First Indiana Funding**

Crystal Baker, Office Manager, discussed the new funding by the state. There will be a 20% buy in from the county. Councilmembers had discussion and instructed her to submit a Form 1 for the new Fund 1161.

*Councilmember Gray left meeting at 11:37 am.*

**Maximum Levy Appeal**

Greg Guerrettaz with FSG discussed the Maximum Levy Appeal. A 3 Year Growth Quotient Resolution will need to be created by council to appeal to the state. Councilmembers had discussion.

Councilmember Shelby made a motion for FSG to identify accounts in the budget that are affected by the growth factor. Councilmember Butrum seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

**2024 Budget Changes**

Councilmembers discussed removing Separation Sick Pay Line from Fund 1001 County General and remove payout lines from any other departments in Fund 1001.

Councilmember Noe made a motion to add a new account called PTO Payout in Food & Beverage for 2024 and add the amounts together for any other departments with payout lines. Councilmember Lowder seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Councilmember Noe made a motion to add a new account called Council Use Only for \$100,000 into Food & Beverage for 2024. This can be used for Probation if they have issues with collecting enough user fee money. Councilmember Fisk seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

**Minutes**

Councilmember Wooldridge made a motion to approve the minutes for June 7, 2023. Councilmember Butrum seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

**Adjourned 12:31 PM**

Councilmember Noe made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Lowder seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

**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