

**Hancock County Budget, Efficiency & Revenue Committee  
And Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
October 4, 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 4th day of October 2023 at the hour of 8:30 AM in accordance with the rules of the Council.

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

**2023 Budget Issues**

Councilmembers reviewed 2023 fund balances and Exhibit A of the 2023 general obligation bond.

Councilmembers discussed using the Food & Beverage fund to purchase the Borgmann property and then pay the fund back with bond money. Councilmembers agreed to advertise \$500,000 in the Food & Beverage fund for next month.

**Maximum Levy Increase**

Greg Guerrettaz discussed a petition to appeal for an increase above the maximum levy. A resolution must be passed by October 19<sup>th</sup>. Councilmembers agreed to place on next week's council agenda.

**Community Corrections**

Commissioner President Bill Spalding discussed making an offer to Morgan Walker for the Community Correction Director position. He would like to offer a salary of \$80,000 for 2023, \$82,500 for 2024, and \$85,000 for 2025. Councilmembers had discussion and agreed to extending an offer of employment and the new salary.

**Sustainability Report**

Greg Guerrettaz discussed the updated sustainability report and the importance of the 2023 ending balance in Fund 1001. He would also like to work with the Auditor to prepare a new dormant fund resolution in January. Discussion was also had on paying off the (BAN) Bond Anticipation Note in 2024.

**Vernon Township Public Library**

Greg Guerrettaz discussed the Fortville Vernon Township Public Library's interest in building a new library and the project would need to be bonded. Councilmembers had discussion.

**Minutes**

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

**General Follow Up**

Councilmember Shelby reviewed items that need future follow up: BAN payoff, library

discussion, and a car policy.

**Adjourned 9:52 AM**

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

**Approved this day:**

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Absent  
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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Keely Butrum, Councilmember

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Scott Wooldridge, Councilmember

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