

**Hancock County Budget, Efficiency & Revenue Committee  
And Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
April 5, 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 5th day of April 2023 at the hour of 8:32 AM in accordance with the rules of the Council.

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

**Budget Committee Issues**

Councilmembers reviewed the results of the salary study questionnaire and will revisit in May. Councilmembers discussed Sheriff's retirement, the medical insurance committee, Sheriff's pay matrix, House Bill 1499, Deputies paid from LIT Economic Development, Hancock Senior Services, Jail Navigators, Level 6 payments, and lost revenue from Senate Bill 78. Councilmembers reviewed the cash balances.

**Commissioners**

Commissioner President Spalding requested an additional appropriation for the Liability Insurance Account #34101 which is currently out of money. The insurance premium increased over \$200,000 from last year. Councilmembers had discussion and would like to see more information next week at the council meeting. A request was made to cover a new invoice for \$2,705. Councilmember Noe made a motion to transfer money from Food & Beverage to a Liability line pay the invoice. Councilmember Lowder seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

**Prosecutor**

Brent Eaton presented a spreadsheet and discussed salary issues in the Prosecutor's office. Councilmembers had discussion. He will return next month to discuss further.

**E911**

Director John Jokantas talked about his future TIF/RDC request of \$250,000 for radios. He stated Gary Pool has taken care of this for him.

On behalf of Misty Moore, he is requesting that \$55,000 be advertised for a federal reimbursable grant Fund 8962 Homeland Security. Councilmembers agreed to advertise for next month.

**Treasurer**

Treasurer Jane Klemme gave an update on investments. We are receiving 3.5% on interest and rates are still increasing. Matt Henry with Star Bank said many goals have been reached and most funds have become fully liquid and fully guaranteed. Councilmembers thanked Jane for all her hard work.

**Behavioral Health Court**

Judge Davis stated that the Probation Department was good enough to loan Kevin Minnick to the Behavioral Health Court, but he needs to add him as part of his staff and let Probation hire a new officer, or he needs to let him return to Probation and hire his own full-time employee. This

would be an increase to the General Fund. Councilmembers thanked Judge Davis for putting this on their radar.

**Weights & Measures**

Commissioner Spalding discussed a piece of equipment that Richard Simon would like to purchase from another county. This would help him to work more efficiently and the cost of the equipment is much lower than if was purchased new. He would like to use a line in the CCD budget labeled Council Other Capital Expense. Councilmembers had no objection to the use of this line.

**Minutes**

Councilmember Wooldridge made a motion to approve the minutes for March 1, 2023. Councilmember Fisk seconded. **Motion carried 6-0.**

**Adjourned 10:12 AM**

Councilmember Noe made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Gray 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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Absent  
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