

BE IT REMEMBERED THE HENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA, met in special session in the Courthouse Circuit Courtroom, in the City of New Castle, Indiana, on Wednesday July 27, 2011, at 2:30 P.M., with the following members present: Nate LaMar, Richard Bouslog, Michael Thalls, Harold Griffin, Robin Reno-Fleming, Jeff Hancock, Steve Dugger and Patricia A. French, Auditor.

Nate LaMar, President, opened the meeting, followed with the invocation from Mr. Dugger and Pledge to the Flag led by Mr. Bouslog.

A motion was made by Mr. Thalls and seconded by Mr. Hancock to approve the minutes from the June meeting. Motion was carried 4-0. Mrs. Fleming and Mr. Griffin could not vote due to being absent for that meeting.

Bob Bennett, representing EIDD, addressed the Council on projects they are currently pursuing. Mr. Bennett mentioned the Springport, Kennard sewer projects and also a building in Straughn needing to be demolished.

Penny York and Bob Grewe were present to discuss EDC business. Ms. York discussed the continuing support for wind energy, stating Nordex was moving ahead with their wind studies. Also discussed was the sale or lease of the golf course. Mr. Grewe informed the council the buildings at highway #3 and interstate 70 were still being considered for demolition by the EDC.

A motion was made by Mr. Thalls and seconded by Mr. Hancock to approve a transfer for the Coroner, transferring \$697.57 from autopsies into disaster supplies (618.92) and office supplies (78.65). Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Bouslog and seconded by Mr. Hancock to approve a transfer for the Planning Commission, transferring \$250 from board members into travel. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Bouslog and seconded by Mrs. Fleming to approve a transfer for Memorial Park, transferring \$2531 from social security into gas, oil & lubricants (2000) and building & equipment insurance (531). Motion carried 6-0.

A transfer for \$3254 was presented for approval from the Clerk, transferring monies from various salary positions into postage meter rental. This amount was presented to council the month before as excess salary amounts available to be cut for 2011. Those monies were available due to the Mrs. French, former Clerk, paying those employees from the IV-D funds in 2010. After discussion a motion was made by Mr. Dugger and seconded by Mr. Bouslog to table any decision on this transfer until the August meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Dugger and seconded by Mr. Thalls to approve an amended salary ordinance presented by the Prosecutor's office, establishing a part time rate of \$8.25 for the department. Motion carried 6-0.

Mark Stamper, Chief Public Defender, asked for permission to fill a part time position which was currently vacant in his department. A motion was made by Mr. Thalls and seconded by Mr. Hancock to allow the public defender's office their request. Motion carried 6-0.

Mrs. French, Auditor, addressed the council regarding a vacant position in her real estate department. Mrs. French stated the position was not a new position, but the same one they had granted her permission to fill in January, which she did. A motion was made by Mr. Bouslog and seconded by Mr. Dugger to allow the Auditor to fill that position. Motion carried 6-0.

Butch Baker, Sheriff, upon request, addressed the council regarding the excess salary amounts in the sheriff and jail budgets.

Mr. LaMar, President, inquired about the Food & Beverage tax, wanting to know when the county could tap into those funds for projects for the county. Kim Cronk, Commissioner President, stated that the 2.2 million which is in the fund is not necessarily all available for the county to spend. The county has bonds from 2001 and 2004 that need to be paid and an amount equal to 50% of the bond payments need to be made available, in case the economy spirals downward. Mr. Cronk also stated they had contacted H.J. Umbaugh to look into how much the county actually has available.

Mr. Kim Cronk also discussed with the council the need for the Highway to borrow approximately \$300,000 from Cumulative Bridge to cover expenses for paving. The council agreed with the Commissioner's and a resolution will be presented at the next meeting to be approved.

Mr. LaMar reminded other council members about the upcoming budget workshops to be held August 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00 A.M. and if needed August 16<sup>th</sup>. The public hearing meeting for the 2012 budget will be August 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:30 P.M., followed with their regular meeting to begin at 2:00 P.M., so they can issue their non-binding recommendations for townships, corporations and libraries 2012 budgets.

A motion was made Mr. Thalls and seconded by Mrs. Fleming to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

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Nate LaMar, President

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Richard Bouslog, Vice President

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Michael Thalls

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Harold Griffin

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Robin Reno-Fleming

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Jeff Hancock

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Steve Dugger

ATTESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Patricia A. French, Henry County Auditor