

BE IT REMEMBERED THE HENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA, met in regular session in the Courthouse Circuit Courtroom, in the City of New Castle, Indiana on Wednesday, July 25th, 2018 at 3:30 P.M., with the following members present: Robin Reno-Fleming, Richard Bouslog, Steve Dugger, Mike Thalls, Clay Morgan, Patricia A. French, Auditor, and County Attorney Joel Harvey.

The meeting was opened with invocation given by Mr. Dugger followed by Pledge to the Flag by Mr. Thalls.

A motion was made by Mr. Bouslog and seconded by Mr. Morgan to approve minutes from a regular meeting on June 27th and a special called meeting held July 10, 2018. Motion carried 4-0.

Missy Modisett updated Council on upcoming events for the Chamber of Commerce.

The Public Hearing for American Keeper tax abatement was opened. Mrs. Fleming asked three times if anyone present had any comments or objections. None were heard.

A motion was made by Mr. Bouslog and seconded by Mr. Morgan to approve Resolution 2018-2, a resolution affirming Preliminary resolution designating property as an economic revitalization area and approving real property and personal property tax abatement for American Keeper Corporation. Motion carried 4-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-2

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION DESIGNATING PROPERTY AS AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA AND APPROVING REAL PROPERTY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR AMERICAN KEEPER CORPORATION

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2018, the Henry County Council approved a Preliminary Resolution Designating Property as an Economic Revitalization Area and Approving Real Property and Personal Property Tax Abatement for American Keeper Corporation (“Preliminary Resolution”); and,

WHEREAS, under the Preliminary Resolution, the Henry County Council preliminary approved the designation of an area consisting of approximately 15 acres plus or minus, located at 3300 South Commerce Dr., New Castle, Indiana, Parcel ID 007-85224-00, Alternate ID 33-12-34-100-122.00-015, as an economic revitalization area; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code §6-1.1-12.1-2.5, the Henry County Council is required to conduct a public hearing before making a final determination as to whether a parcel should be designated as an economic revitalization area; and,

WHEREAS, notice of the proposed hearing was published as required by Indiana law and notice of the passage of the preliminary resolution was provided to taxing authorities as required by law; and,

WHEREAS, the Henry County Council has conducted a public hearing on the designation of the above real estate as an economic revitalization area and has provided the opportunity for testimony both for and against the designation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Henry County Council hereby confirms the preliminary resolution designating property as an economic revitalization area and approving real property and personal property tax abatement for American Keeper Corporation and the area described in the Preliminary Resolution is hereby designated as an economic revitalization area.

ADOPTED BY THE HENRY COUNTY COUNCIL at its regularly scheduled meeting this 25th day of July 2018.

A motion was made by Mr. Dugger and seconded by Mr. Thalls to approve the additional appropriation for Enhanced 911 Part Time in the amount of \$40,000. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Dugger and seconded by Mr. Thalls to approve the additional appropriation for Enhanced 911 Telephone Loan Payment in the amount of \$32,000. Motion carried 4-0.

Lis McDonnell, Park Board member, addressed the Council requesting the approval to purchase a new copier for the Park. The Park had tried to use a borrowed one from the Sheriff, but Mrs. McDonnell stated the board felt a new copier would enhance marketing for the Park. She presented three different bids to consider. A motion was made by Mr. Bouslog and seconded by Mr. Morgan to approve the bid from LEAP IT Managed IT in the amount of \$5345. Transfers were approved in order to pay for the copier, transferring \$1200 from General Labor, \$639.50 from Gas & Oil and \$639.50 from Garage & Motor Supplies. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Bouslog and seconded by Mr. Morgan to approve a transfer for the Health Department in the amount of \$30 from Board of Health into Personal Health Care. Motion carried 4-0.

The County Commissioners presented for consideration the recommendations presented by Jim Robertson of VJRS during a joint special called meeting July 10, 2018. Mr. Baker, President for the Commissioners, recommended forming an exploratory committee to research Henry County's options to move forward. Harold Griffin, Richard Bouslog and Clay Morgan along with newly elected Susan Huhn would represent the Council. All the Commissioners will also be part of the committee. Members from the public would be welcomed to be a part of the committee also.

Ric McCorkle and Kim Cronk presented for approval a new matrix system for the road deputies to replace the current longevity plan. The deputies would give up the first 5 years of their employment, then each year after would receive \$250 per year of service. They were requesting for the plan to begin with hours worked beginning September 1, 2018. The new rate would be added to their salaries for payment on October 1, 2018. A motion was made by Mr. Dugger and seconded by Mr. Morgan to approve the matrix plan for the deputies in place of longevity. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Dugger and seconded by Mr. Morgan to approve the request from Guyer Opera House to use \$4392.05 from their Food & Beverage monies for kitchen upgrades. Motion carried 4-0.

Patsy Conyers requested that the Council and Commissioners at budget time consider replacing and upgrading the sound system in the Courtroom.

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Thalls to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Robin Reno-Fleming, Vice President Richard Bouslog

Michael Thalls Steve Dugger

Clay Morgan

ATTESTED BY: _____
Patricia A. French, Henry County Auditor