

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 26, 2017, at 3:30 P.M., with the following members present: Steve Dugger, Harold Griffin, Robin Reno-Fleming, Mike Thalls, Clay Morgan, Patricia A. French, Auditor, County Attorney Joel Harvey.

The meeting was opened with the invocation led by Mr. Morgan followed with the Pledge to the Flag led by Mr. Thalls.

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Thalls to approve the minutes from the previous meeting held June 28, 2017. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mrs. Fleming to table the approval of the minutes from the special called meeting held June 19, 2017. Motion carried 5-0.

Kris LaMar, former Prairie Township Trustee, addressed Council members concerning their request for County LIT funds to purchase a rescue vehicle for the Prairie Township Fire Department. Mrs. LaMar stated there was some confusion after the initial request last month and the County Attorney had reviewed the procedure for acquiring LIT funds. After discussion Mrs. LaMar stated they wanted to ask the County to use County funds for the purchase and not go through the Income Council procedure set by the State. An additional appropriation request was advertised for \$37,440 for the vehicle. A motion was made by Mrs. Fleming and seconded by Mr. Thalls to table the request until the next meeting in August so the Council can discuss a unified plan. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Griffin and seconded by Mr. Morgan to accept the Mid-Year Jail Commissary report as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Transfers to the Federal Forfeiture Fund were presented for approval. The transfers totaled \$146,623.18. General Fund - \$29,258.64, Pace State Fund - \$44,891.41 and LOIT Fund - \$72,473.13. The request from the Sheriff's department stated the General fund and LOIT funds would be reimbursed but it did not confirm from where the reimbursement would come from. After discussion a motion was made by Mrs. Fleming and seconded by Mr. Thalls to table the request until their next meeting in August to gather more information. Motion carried 5-0.

Chris May, representing the Basketball Hall of Fame, spoke regarding a modification in their Food & Beverage request because of a billboard sign being removed at Mt. Comfort Road. Mr. May stated the project was the same (four billboards) but now there would be a different location and a cheaper price since the billboard would be moved. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mrs. Fleming to approve the modification as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Tom Cooper addressed Council members concerning a modification in the New Castle Girls Softball Food & Beverage project. Mr. Cooper stated they had been awarded \$50,000 for Buildings and Lights and had some monies left over. They were requesting \$6714 of that amount to be used to purchase a new gator. A motion was made by Mrs. Fleming and seconded by Mr. Thalls to approve the request as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Steve Rust, Surveyor, along with Joel Magiera, Drainage Board member, requested for Council to consider at their budget workshops their request for \$15,000 for Non-Navigable Drains.

A motion was made by Mr. Thalls and seconded by Mrs. Fleming to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

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Steve Dugger, 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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Clay Morgan

ATTESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Patricia A. French, Henry County Auditor