

BE IT REMEMBERED THE HENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA, met in the regular session in the Courthouse Circuit Courtroom, in the City of New Castle, Indiana, on Wednesday, June 22, 2016, at 3:30 P.M., with the following members present: Nate LaMar, Richard Bouslog, Michael Thalls, Harold Griffin, Robin Reno-Fleming, and Steve Dugger. Clay Morgan, Patricia A. French, Auditor, and Joel Harvey, County Attorney.

The meeting was opened with the invocation led by Mr. Dugger, followed with the Pledge to the Flag led by Mr. Bouslog.

A motion was made by Mrs. Fleming and seconded by Mr. Thalls to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, held May 18, 2016. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. LaMar updated the Council on upcoming Chamber of Commerce activities, such as the golf outing to be held on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. LaMar presented a plaque to the Henry County 4-H Junior leaders and voiced the Council appreciation for their dedication.

Mr. LaMar also recognized Judge Mary Willis, congratulating her on her new position with the State of Indiana Supreme Court.

Ordinance #5 and Ordinance #6 were presented for approval. Both Ordinances were concerning increasing the Wheel & Surtax for Henry County. Mr. Morgan stated the only reason the Council was increasing the tax was because of the grant incentive by the State to match the amount dollar for dollar. He also stated if something does not materialize from the State the Council has the option to revisit the tax and decrease it back if they so choose. Mr. Dugger stated the increase would affect his family business, but he supported the increase and felt it would be a good thing for Henry County. After some discussion a motion was made by Mr. Dugger and seconded by Mr. Thalls to approve the Ordinances as presented. The motion was carried 5-1, with Mr. Griffin voting against. Mr. Griffin stated most of his constituents did not want the added tax, so he had no choice but to vote against it, as great as it might be. A special meeting was scheduled for June 27, 2016 beginning at 6:00 P.M. for a second reading of the Ordinances, since the first was not unanimous.

Aaron Benson, representing the Capital Improvement Committee, presented their recommendations for the Food & Beverage distributions. The total distribution was \$ 2,635,782.94 divided between 15 different projects from around the County. Mr. Kim Cronk thanked the committee for all their hard work and dedication to the process. Patty Broyles and Rebecca Baker both stated the committee acted professionally and did go through the process as directed. Richard McKnight, questioned why Ivy Tech received any monies, since they are partially funded by the State and the County had been more than generous when Ivy Tech decided to locate in Henry County. Dr. Jetts, representative from Ivy Tech, proceeded to produce some figures on how many students they started with and where they are today. After discussion a motion was made by Mrs. Fleming and seconded by Mr. Bouslog to approve the recommendations as presented by the Capital Improvement Committee. Motion carried 5-1, with Mr. Morgan voting against.

A letter of support was presented for approval regarding giving a portion of any monies over what had been anticipated in the Food & Beverage fund to the Wilbur Wright Trails, depending on what the State of Indiana was willing to grant for the project. Whatever was needed for the 20% match would be what the Trails would need from Food & Beverage. Mrs. Fleming stated she was against the letter of support since the County has a process in place and it works well for distributing Food & Beverage monies. Corey Murphy stated the trails was a different situation since they could receive federal monies at 80%. Greg York, Mayor of New Castle, spoke against the support, stating if the County was going to allow entities to get in line early for any extra money he wanted to go on notice as one who will need more money for the Sports Complex, which will bring in more money to the City and County. After discussion a motion was made by Mr. Dugger and seconded by Mr. Bouslog to approve the letter of support as presented. Motion carried 4-2, with Mrs. Fleming and Mr. Morgan voting against.

A motion was made by Mr. Dugger and seconded by Mr. Morgan to approve the amended salary ordinance for the Probation department to establish a rate of pay for two part time drug testing observation officers at a rate of \$10 per hour. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Fleming and seconded by Mr. Dugger to approve a part time permit processing clerk, for the Planning Commission, at a rate of \$12 per hour. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Bouslog to approve the replacement of a Juvenile Secretary/Receptionist for the Probation department, retroactive. Motion carried 6-0.

CF-1 Abatement Compliance forms from Harvest Land Co-Op and TS Tech were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Bouslog and seconded by Mr. Thalls to approve the forms as presented. Motion carried 5-1, with Mr. Morgan voting against.

Mr. LaMar asked since the Three Rivers Solid Waste meeting was scheduled to start at 5:00 P.M. if the Council should recess to allow the President of Three Rivers to open their meeting. A motion was made by Mrs. Fleming and seconded by Mr. Griffin to recess the Council meeting.

After the Three Rivers meeting was officially opened the Council resumed their meeting.

Mr. LaMar stated for FYI the Redevelopment Commission had issued their allocation area reports along with Middletown TIF District report.

Dr. & Mrs. Merrill addressed the Council concerning the extension of the overlay district. Council members stated they would take their concerns under advisement.

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan 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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Clay Morgan

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

Patricia A. French, Henry County Auditor