

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, May 18, 2016, at 3:30 P.M., with the following members present: Nate LaMar, Richard Bouslog, Michael Thalls, Harold Griffin, Robin Reno-Fleming, Steve Dugger. Clay Morgan, Patricia A. French, Auditor, Scott Hayes, County Attorney.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Bouslog and seconded by Mr. Griffin to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2016 meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Missy Modisett updated the Council on upcoming events for the Chamber of Commerce such as the Memorial Day Parade.

Cory Murphy, EDC Director, discussed activity with the Pierce Parkway project, stating the Redevelopment Commission had voted to pay anything over the \$400,000 grant amount for the road construction. Mr. Murphy also stated a hotel chain had been looking at property at Highway 3 & Interstate 70. Also discussed was Boars Head, stating the Planning Commission had completed the last step for approving the Distribution Center.

Mrs. French, Auditor, introduced Mandy Adams and Lois Cook, who would be retiring June 30, 2016.

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Bouslog to approve the additional appropriation request for Public Safety LOIT in the amount of \$54,000 for a Criminal Justice Study. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Dugger and seconded by Mr. Griffin to approve a transfer for the Sheriff, transferring \$6,999.44 from Deputies into Vehicles. Motion carried 6-0.

Ric McCorkle, Sheriff, also requested an increase for the 2017 budget in the amount of \$3,098 for Sheriff's Retirement.

Mr. LaMar also stated Lifestream had requested \$13,302 for the 2017 budget.

Darrin Jacobs, Zoning Administrator, addressed the Council concerning his department needing some part time help. His request was for \$9000 for the remainder of the year. A motion was made by Mr. Dugger and seconded by Mr. Thalls to approve a transfer of \$9000 from Reclassification under the Council budget, into a Part Time line item to help with paying a part time person for the Planning Commission. Motion carried 6-0. The question was raised on what the hourly rate would be for the position. Mr. Jacobs stated he felt \$12.00 would be sufficient. A motion was made by Mr. Fleming and seconded by Mr. Morgan to approve the \$12.00 part time rate for the Planning Commission. Motion carried 6-0. Mr. Jacobs was told to produce an amended salary ordinance to the Auditor's office for the part time rate.

Judge Willis along with Susan Lightfoot, Probation Officer, updated the Council concerning the JDAI Grant. Judge Willis stated since the JDAI started the County had saved \$49,644 in 2014, \$56,185 in 2015 and as of April 21, 2016 \$3213, with a possible savings of \$142,500.

Joe Wiley, Highway Administrator, informed the Council the one to one match for the grant with the State was due by June 30, 2016, so the Council would not need to vote on an increase for the Wheel and Surtax until their June or possibly their July meeting.

Mr. Dugger inquired about the cost of different trailers and heavier vehicles on the county roads. Mr. Cronk, Commissioner suggested that two different Council members, along with the Highway work together on the certification needed for the grant. Mr. Dugger, Mr. Thalls and Mr. Bouslog stated they would meet with the Highway.

Public responding on the grant match for roads were: David Fisher, Cynthia May, Tom Gray and David Province.

A motion was made by Mr. Thalls and seconded by Mr. Dugger to allow the Probation department to replace an employee that had passed away. Motion carried 6-0.

The Highway was given permission to replace two employees retiring.

A motion was made by Mr. Dugger and seconded by Mr. Morgan to allow the Auditor's office permission to replace one of the two employees retiring from her office. The second position will be evaluated during the budget workshops. Motion carried 6-0.

Butch Baker, Commissioner, updated the Council on the AIC East-Central District meeting him and Debbie Walker had attended.

Mrs. Fleming asked to have the dates set for the budget workshops in August. August 2nd, 4th, and 9th was set by Council.

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

Nate LaMar, President

Richard Bouslog

Michael Thalls

Harold Griffin

Robin Reno-Fleming

Steve Dugger

Clay Morgan

ATTESTED BY: _____

Patricia A. French, Henry County Auditor