

Council Members Ann Brown, Bill Northcutt, James Hancock, Jamie Rough, Marion Huffer, and Scott Ayres met in Regular Session on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2012 at 8:30 a.m. to conduct business pursuant to the laws of Carroll County and the State of Indiana. Nancy Cripe was absent.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the December 22 and December 30, 2011 meetings were approved upon motion made by Marion Huffer and seconded by Bill Northcutt; passed unanimously.

#### **REPORTS:**

**TREASURER:** The Treasurer distributed the latest bank statement from Salin Bank showing \$3,123.77 in interest. Also distributed was the investment report; showing a total of \$1,733,500.00 in investments. Two investments mature January 20; she will most likely invest them in money markets.

**AUDITOR:** The Auditor e-mailed the Monthly Comparison Report, Monthly Financial Statement and Revenue & Expenditure Comparisons for December 2011. She reported that \$254,075.70 from County General had been transferred to Rainy Day to complete the 10% allowed transfer of \$556,103.70 for the year.

Hathaway announced that the DLGF would conduct their public hearing on the budgets, tax rates and levies for tax year 2011 pay 2012, the hearing will be in the Commissioners' Room on January 24, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Jim Hancock gave the financial report noting that as expected, excise tax was down for the year. Ambulance receipts increased this year, probably due to a new collection company.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**HIGHWAY:** Paul Coutts reported he applied for a grant from INDOT that involves stop and yield signs at all railroad crossings where there are no lights and also replaces advance warning signs. The grant is 100% funded and is a total of 87 signs at 23 crossings. The County will have to pay \$26,292.27 to the contractor; then be reimbursed by the State. The contractor will do all the work. Brown made a motion to take the \$26,292.27 out of Riverboat and then the reimbursement deposited back into Riverboat. Seconded by Jamie Rough, passed unanimously.

Coutts informed the Council that Homeland Security has requested a refund of \$12,867.78; this is money that was overpaid the County by FEMA in 2008 for disaster reimbursement. The money was originally deposited into Motor Vehicle Highway. Huffer made a motion that was seconded by Jamie Rough to take the \$12,867.78 out of Motor Vehicle Highway to reimburse FEMA for the overpayment; passed unanimously.

**BACHELOR RUN CONSERVANCY:** Miriam Robeson, attorney for the Bachelor Run Conservancy, discussed the GIS project and their desire to participate; Bachelor Run is a separate entity and would like to be able to access the information. Robeson talked to Schneider Corporation about a separate contract for the Conservancy's work and about interfacing with the County for parcel information. The Conservancy is willing to pay a subscription or access fee to the County and will be billed separately by Schneider for maintenance.

**RECYCLING CENTER DISPOSAL:** Hancock explained the need for a line to be added to the 2012 Transfer Station budget to allow for payments to dispose of tires or other items; the money has been receipted into County General. Commissioner Slavens believes since it is nontax revenue, it should be separate from County General so it can be tracked. Other departments with nontax income have a separate fund. Hancock believes the funds should be maintained the same as the EMS funds and left in County General and that Ordinance 2011-09 is too vague and not needed. Brown's suggested to not set up a new fund for at least a year to see how things work out. Huffer did not see any problem with establishing a new fund.

Shockley prepared a year-end report of his time and expenses for the recycling center and submitted a letter to the NWISWD; he received reimbursement of \$11,185.28. Hancock asked that given the information from Slavens, did anyone have any comments; he feels it is a County General function and there are too many unknowns. Rough stated with the ordinance the recycling center is to be self sufficient and he is afraid it will

be a cost to the taxpayers. Brown feels that for a time it will not be self sufficient and needs to stay in County General. Ayres asked who would manage the fund if the money goes into its own fund. Hancock talked to Carol Stradling of NWISWD and she reported counties do it both ways.

Rough made a motion to table Ordinance 2011-09, An Ordinance Establishing a Fund for Collecting Recycling Center Revenue, for approximately six months and see how it works; he would like to receive monthly reports. Seconded by Brown, passed unanimously.

**ADDITIONALS:** Additional of \$1,500 from County General for disposal at the recycling center and \$77,689 from Rainy Day for an additional GIS layer will be advertised and voted on at the February Council meeting.

**ASSESSOR LEVEL II REQUEST:** In December the Assessor requested a transfer from Clerical to Assessor Level II Compensation to compensate a second deputy who also had the certification; previously it had only been given to the first deputy. At the time the Auditor incorrectly reported it was part of the salary ordinance and the salary ordinance would have to be changed; the request was denied. Following the December meeting the Auditor determined it was not part of the salary ordinance so given the correct information, the Council could address the issue again at the January meeting. Rough made a motion to transfer the \$500 to Assessor Level II Compensation, encumber the money, and approve the extra compensation for the second deputy. Huffer seconded; passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENT:** The Council signed appointments for Bill Northcutt to the Kankakee-Iroquois Regional Planning Commission and Louis Nance to the Alcoholic Beverage Board. Both appointments were approved at the December meeting.

Council President Hancock informed the Council members about the updated 2012 budget committees and contact information that was in their mailbox.

The January financial report will be given by Marion Huffer.

Per request of the Council, the Auditor will prepare a report for the February meeting listing year end balances and percent of budget used for each department in County General.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Zoning Ordinance Comments meeting Saturday, January 21, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the Interpretative Center.
- Next regular Council meeting will be February 16, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.

There being no other business to bring before the Carroll County Council, motion to adjourn was made by Marion Huffer and seconded by Jamie Rough; passed unanimously.

**CARROLL COUNTY COUNCIL:**

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James R. Hancock, President

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Nancy S. Cripe

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Jamie Rough

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Joe Bill Northcutt

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Marion Huffer

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Ann Brown

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Scott W. Ayres

**ATTEST:**

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Elaine Hathaway, Auditor