

Council Members Ann Brown, Marion Huffer, Jamie Rough, Bill Northcutt, and James Hancock met in Regular Session on the 16th day of June 2011 at 8:30 a.m. to conduct business pursuant to the laws of Carroll County and the State of Indiana. Nancy Cripe and Scott Ayres were absent.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the Regular Meeting held May 19, 2011 and the Special Meeting held June 2, 2011 were unanimously approved as written. BN/MH

REPORTS:

AUDITOR: Auditor Elaine Hathaway e-mailed the Monthly Comparison Report, Monthly Financial Statement and Revenue & Expenditure Comparisons for May 2011. Hathaway reported that May collections for EMS were \$83,428.99; year-to-date collections are higher than last year. Hathaway also reported that there was a problem with Deer Creek Prairie Levee. An REMC bill was received that was for more than funds in the account. After some research, it was discovered that Tippecanoe County had not made a payment to us for Deer Creek Prairie Levee since 2003. Teresa Maxwell contacted Tippecanoe County and they will make their June settlement payment soon and will make another payment in the fall. Hathaway also reported that neither the County or any of the tax sets had a levy excess so no transfers needed to be made.

TREASURER: Treasurer Beth Myers passed out a revised Monthly Comparison report for May showing that the negative balance she had in payroll clearing had been corrected. She also passed out a preliminary settlement report stating she hoped to get the numbers to the Auditor's Office this afternoon. Myers stated she has worked with the State Board of Accounts to get the cash book to balance with the bank accounts. She also explained there may be money in Regions that should be in Salin due to excise tax.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Jim Hancock gave a review of the May financial reports, noting that overall, departments look good. For County General, expenditures are more than receipts again, but that should change when settlement is done. He wanted to make sure everyone noticed the County Option Income Tax difference from last year. Marion Huffer will give the review in July.

Council President Ann Brown reminded everyone that budgets are due to the Auditor by June 24 and that they should be working with their departments to make sure they get done. Brown told everyone to be sure to bring their calendars to the July meeting so that the budget calendar can be set. The Council will review the budgets on July 21 before they are advertised. After advertising the Council can reduce budgets, but nothing can be added.

Council President Ann Brown stated that she had been in contact with Dan Jones concerning the 2011 General Fund budget. She was advised that if the 2011 budget could be reduced, that money could be put toward the 2012 budget. Brown pointed out that the Debt Service fund in the Commissioners' budget was not needed and recommended reducing the 2011 budget by the amount in that line item which is \$268,993.00. Attorney Abigail Huffer concurred with Brown's statement, saying there was nothing to prevent the Council from making this decision. Jim Hancock moved to remove the Debt Service line from the 2011 budget, seconded by Marion Huffer, passed unanimously. The Council signed Resolution 2011-2 to reduce the 2011 General Fund budget by \$268,993.00.

OLD BUSINESS:

TRANSFER STATION ADDITIONAL: Jamie Rough made a motion to approve the additional of \$47,680 from Rainy Day to the Transfer Station for the recycling center building. Seconded by Marion Huffer. Motion passed with three ayes and Jim Hancock against.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ADDITIONAL: Highway Engineer Paul Coutts was present to answer questions about the \$60,000 additional for Burnett Creek Arch. He reported that the environmental study was approved on June 8, 2011 and now it was time to start the acquisition of right-of-way and that is the need for the

\$60,000. Jim Hancock asked if the land owners were OK with the project. Coutts said he has only talked with one land owner at this time. Marion Huffer asked Ron Slavens if the County needed to go ahead with this project. Coutts stated these are transportation enhancement funds, not highway. If we accept the funds, we have to do as they request. Coutts reminded everyone that Burnett Creek Arch is on the Historical Register and the Select Bridges list; therefore, you cannot just decide to do what you want. The grant is for \$1,009,000. Jim Hancock asked how much additional would be needed. Coutts responded that it was an 80/20 grant and he would not ask for more federal funding; he wants to do with money we have. The project has a total cost of \$1.5 million; total cost to the County could be approximately \$500,000. The grant does have an expiration date in 2013. Jim Hancock asked about the Select Bridge list; Coutts replied that it is a category to identify bridges that need to be preserved; there are 16 bridges in Carroll County that are on the list. Marion Huffer asked if the County would lose other federal funds if we do nothing and suggested to not do anything. It was not believed that we would lose other federal funds. Jamie Rough asked if the County did not give the \$60,000 additional, what was the next step. Coutts indicated that would be the end of the project.

Marion Huffer made a motion to not approve the additional of \$60,000 for the Burnett Creek Arch. Jim Hancock seconded. The vote was two ayes, Jamie Rough voted opposed and Bill Northcutt abstained. Northcutt had another question about the \$60,000. He had read the letter in the paper from one of the land owners and wanted to know if the \$60,000 was to buy the land owners out. After receiving his answer Northcutt then voted aye, making it three ayes and one nay. Motion passed to not approve the additional. Coutts then questioned if there were enough people present to vote; was there a quorum? Attorney Huffer will check into the legality of the vote.

CARROLL MANOR ADDITIONAL: Martha Lewis of Carroll Manor reported that she had approximately \$200.00 left in her repair building fund, and has the \$5,000 requested in the Carroll Manor fund. Marion Huffer made a motion to allow the additional, seconded by Jim Hancock. Vote was three ayes and Jamie Rough opposed, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

CUSTODIAN TRANSFER: Sheryl Shockley was present to request a transfer of \$300.00 from janitorial supplies to office supplies. Marion Huffer made a motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Bill Northcutt, passed unanimously.

CIRCUIT COURT TRANSFER: Circuit Court turned in a request to transfer \$200.00 from their Witness Fees fund to Continuing Ed. Jamie Rough made a motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Marion Huffer, passed unanimously.

President Brown called a recess to allow Attorney Huffer to research the voting issue prior to voting on any further issues. When the meeting reconvened, Attorney Huffer reported that statute states you need a majority of the quorum to pass a motion. Since there was a quorum of the Council present, majority vote was fine. Attorney Huffer was asked to prepare a resolution to clarify voting and have it available to vote on at the July meeting.

TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE: President Ann Brown stated that before a decision was made on the new tax abatements, the Council needed to act upon the compliance statements for the tax abatements already in place. Jamie Rough made a motion to continue the present abatements for The Andersons, seconded by Jim Hancock, passed unanimously. There was also a compliance statement for Indiana Packers that needed to be acted on; Jamie Rough made a motion to renew the present abatement with Indiana Packers, seconded by Marion Huffer, passed unanimously.

THE ANDERSONS TAX ABATEMENT: Laura Walls of the Carroll County EDC stated that by continuing The Andersons' present abatements it showed the County's commitment to The Andersons. Region Operations Manager for The Andersons, Bob Marlow, was present to talk about the project and answer any questions. The Delphi facility was built in 1975 for a cost of \$12 million, and when built, the plant was state of art. This project is to foster growth at the facility. Marion Huffer asked that if the County was losing money, wouldn't the school and township lose also? Huffer is for the abatement, but was hesitant to vote without input from the school. Miriam Robeson remarked that the abatement isn't taking money away from the school, just delays them getting the money.

Marion Huffer made a motion to accept the abatement for a period of 7 years for the real property and 3 years for the personal property, with the restriction that there be no reduction in the number of employees at the Delphi plant for the life of the abatement. Vote was 2 ayes and 2 nays, President Brown voted nay to break the tie, motion did not pass.

Jamie Rough then made a motion to approve the abatement for 5 years on the real property and 5 years on the personal property, with the restriction of no reduction of employees for the life of the abatement. Jim Hancock seconded, passed unanimously.

CARROLL MANOR OPEN POSITIONS: Martha Lewis was present asking to fill a part-time and full-time position that are already in the budget. She would like to hire the full-time person prior to the incumbent retiring. Jamie Rough asked about paying the new person for one week of training while the incumbent was still employed. Lewis stated that she had the money available. Jamie Rough made a motion to approve the full-time and part-time positions. Marion Huffer seconded, motion passed unanimously.

JAIL OPEN POSITION: Tobe Leazenby stood in for Sheriff Burns to request to fill a part-time jailer position. Jamie Rough made a motion to allow, Bill Northcutt seconded, passed unanimously.

CASA PROGRAM: Judge Fouts was not available so Abigail Huffer gave an update on the CASA program. The \$5,000 start-up money from the State has been received. Six people in Carroll County have applied to be mentors in the program. At this time there will be no request for funds, they will be able to work off the \$5,000 from the State. There will be a budget prepared for next year.

OTHER BUSINESS:

President Ann Brown explained that at the July 21, 2011 meeting the Council will review the budget and set the budget calendar.

President Brown asked if anyone was going to the State Board of Accounts called meeting on Saturday, June 25, 2011. President Brown has already registered but no one else is available to attend.

Jim Hancock and Ann Brown will work on the Council Budget for next year and turn it in to the Auditor by June 24th.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Joint session of Commissioners and Council June 16, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss Cum Cap.
- State called conference of Council members June 25, 2011 at the Primo Conference Center in Plainfield, Indiana.
- Next regular scheduled Council meeting is Thursday, July 21, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.

There being no further business, Jamie Rough made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Marion Huffer, passed unanimously. After a short recess the Council met with the Commissioners to discuss the Cum Cap budget.

CARROLL COUNTY COUNCIL:

Ann Brown, President

Absent
Nancy S. Cripe

Jamie Rough

Joe Bill Northcutt

Marion Huffer

James R. Hancock

Absent
Scott W. Ayres

ATTEST:

Elaine Hathaway, Auditor