

Minutes for Knox County Indiana County Council

Call to Order

A meeting of the Knox County Council was held on March 12th 2019 at Vincennes City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm and was presided over by President Bob Lechner and Vice President Harry Nolting.

Attendees

Voting members in attendance included David Culp, Randy Crismore, Robert Lechner, Jay Yochum, Jim Beery, Tim Crowley and Harry Nolting.

Also present was Council Attorney Drew Porter and Knox County Auditor Mike Morris.

Main Motions

Motion by Randy Crismore and seconded by Jim Beery to approve the agenda. Motion passes 7-0

Motion by David Culp and seconded by Randy Crismore to nominate County Engineer Benji Boyd as the contact person for grant applications concerning rural broadband. Motion passes 7-0

Motion by Jay Yochum and seconded by Harry Nolting to continue having the Council meetings at Vincennes City Hall. Motion passes 7-0

Resolutions

Motion: Resolution 2019-3 FIRST READING. Motion by Jim Beery and seconded by Harry Nolting to approve the publishing of resolution. Motion passes 7-0

Motion: Resolution 2019-4 Motion by Randy Crismore and seconded by David Culp to transfer money from the County General Fund to Title IV-D Incentive fund for compliance with the Indiana Child Support Bureau's 2106 quality assurance review. Motion passes 7-0

Motion: Resolution 2019-5 Motion Jay Yochum and seconded by Randy Crismore authorizing a temporary loan and transfer of funds from the Rainy-Day fund to the general fund Motion passes 7-0

Additional/Transfers

Prosecutors office: Transfer \$1500 from Printing to Depositions, and \$500 from Printing to Dues. Motion by Jim Beery and seconded by Harry Nolting to approve. Motion passes 7-0

Prosecutors office: Additional appropriation request for \$16,500 for Health Insurance and Unemployment that had been inadvertently left out of approved budget. Motion by Jim Beery and seconded by Jay Yochum to approve. Motion passes 7-0

Surveyors office: Additional appropriation totaling \$14,585 for part time summer employee. Motion by Randy Crismore and seconded by Harry Nolting to approve. Motion passes 7-0

Health Department: Additional appropriation of \$64,918 for the hiring of 3 part time employees. Motion by Tim Crowley and seconded by David Culp to approve. Motion passes 7-0

CASA: Transfer of \$20,000 from CASA Donation to the General Fund. Motion by Randy Crismore and seconded by David Culp to approve. Motion passes 7-0

Other Reports

Todd Davis with Sunrise Coal discussed the proposed abatement for the Oaktown Mine. He discussed that Sullivan County was in the process of approving a 5 or 7 year abatement for Sunrise Coal.

Kent Utt from KCDC discussed grants available from the state of Indiana for the implementation of Rural Broadband.

Knox County Clerk David Shelton updated the board on the consolidation of court records. Also present was Jason Elikofer from Tristate Systems. David Shelton has been in discussions with TriState Systems to install a filing system in the basement of the courthouse which will consolidate and organize court records. Clerk Shelton said that he already has money in his budget to pay for the new system. Clerk Shelton will advertise as necessary and the Council will vote on the project in April.

Clerk David Shelton also updated the board on the new interest rate he is receiving on one of his accounts. The account is for monies held in trust from the state of Indiana, but the interest goes directly into the Knox County general fund.

Sheriff Doug Vantlin appeared to discuss the Sheriff Merit Boards determination to move their investment accounts to German American Bank. The movement of funds requires approval before March 29th. A special session of the County Council will be called on March 19th to coincide with a meeting of the Knox County Commissioners and the Sheriff Merit Board.

Health Department Director Dr. Alan Stewart discussed with the board his plans for new part time employees and how this will better serve the residents of Knox County.

Knox County Commissioner President Kellie Streeter updated the Council on several Commissioner projects, including the Employee Health Clinic, grant money for Freelandville road repairs, the Elkhorn Rd project in coordination with INDOT, and the potential need for more funds in the professional services fund.

Officers' Reports

Jim Beery had nothing to report.

Jay Yochum reported on the IT Board meeting and that 120 computers will need to be upgraded. He also informed the board that he will be attending a tour of the Toyota plant in Princeton on March 29th at 9am and invited other board members to attend.

Harry Nolting had nothing to report.

Randy Crismore reported that the Solid Waste Management board was still researching whether to upgrade the existing building or to buy a new one. Councilman Crismore updated the board on the recycling amounts for 2108.

David Culp had nothing to report.

Bob Lechner had nothing to report.


Jim Beery reported that the Fortnightly is still in the process of renovating the restrooms.

Tim Crowley reported that he had attended the Soil & Water annual banquet. He also reported that he, along with Councilman Crismore, had arranged the first Criminal Advisory Committee meeting. The first meeting of the committee will be April 11th, 12 pm at the Knox County Jail. The committee will meet quarterly.

Adjournment

Jay Yochum moved and seconded by Harry Nolting that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 7:14 pm.

Secretary
Knox County Council



President Bob Lechner
Knox County Council

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