

February 28, 2012

The Hendricks County Board of Commissioners and County Council in a joint session on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 1:15 PM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the first floor of the Hendricks County Government Center with the following in attendance:

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| Phyllis A. Palmer |) | Hendricks County Commissioners | Larry Hesson |) | |
| Eric L. Wathen |) | | Brad Whicker |) | Council |
| Cinda Kattau | | Hendricks County Auditor | Nathaniel Woods |) | |
| Michael E. Graham | | Administrator to Commissioners | Richard Thompson |) | |
| John Ayers | | Hendricks County Engineer | Nancy Johnson |) | |
| Don Reitz | | Hendricks County Planning Director | Jay Puckett |) | |
| Curt Higginbotham | | Hendricks County Highway Superintendent | | | |
| Ron Love | | Hendricks County Human Resources Director | | | |
| Tami Mitchell | | Hendricks County Financial Administrator | | | |
| Judith Wyeth | | Secretary to the Commissioners | | | |

NOTE: Absent was: Council Member Myron Anderson.

Eric Wathen opened the Commissioners' Meeting with a quorum of three Commissioners present.

Larry Hesson opened the Council Meeting with a quorum of six Council Members present.

Eric Wathen led the Pledge to the Flag in unison.

Nancy Johnson moved to approve the minutes of May 10, 2011 as presented. Brad Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved 6-0-3 with Commissioner Gentry and Council Members Johnson and Puckett abstaining as they did not attend this meeting.

Attorney Bruce Donaldson, Barnes & Thornburg, acknowledged the Commissioners' appointment of Bill Holland to the Facilities Bond (Fairgrounds) Board to replace Dean Turner. He stated the Bond Board needed to meet to execute some bond documents for the refinancing of the Facilities Bond. It was noted the Bond Board is scheduled for a meeting at 9 AM on Friday, March 9, 2012 in the Hendricks County Government Center.

Greg Guerrettaz, Financial Solutions Group (FSG) reported Standard & Poor's has given Hendricks County Facilities Bond a rating of AA-. He stated this is better than the previous rating. He explained why we went to Standard & Poor's for the bond rating rather than Moody's.

Bruce Donaldson explained the proposed Appropriation Bond Ordinance for the County's Transportation Revenue Bond. Larry Hesson opened the Public Hearing for the County Council Ordinance, Appropriation Ordinance of the Hendricks County Council, at 1:23 PM. There was no public comment. Mr. Hesson closed the Public Hearing. Greg Guerrettaz stated the Transportation Bond is in the amount of \$4,000,000 and the rating is A+. John Ayers reported that the Town of Avon has agreed to pay the remaining balance they owe on the original

2003 Transportation Bond. Bruce Donaldson presented the Appropriation Ordinance of the County Council for the refinancing of the Transportation Revenue Bonds, not to exceed Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000). Nate Woods moved to approve and adopt the Appropriation Ordinance of the County Council as County Council Ordinance No. 2012-11. Nancy Johnson seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 6-0-0. .

Greg Guerrettaz explained a way to fund some proposed Jail improvements using the funds from the Work Release Center Bond. Auditor Cinda Kattau stated the funds are currently held with New York Mellon Bank.

Eric Wathen explained the unfunded liability associated with retiree health care benefits. Greg Guerrettaz stated the rating agencies are beginning to request disclosure of any unfunded liabilities. Mike Graham stated our actuarial service company, Nyhart, has provided a proposed contract to prepare the bi-annual GASB-45 update. There was discussion of possible changes and impacts. There was discussion that all three Commissioners should be included in the Employee Benefits Committee. The next meeting is at noon on March 13, 2012 in the Government Center. Jay Puckett made a motion to expand the Employee Benefits Committee to include all seven Council Members and all three Commissioners. Nate Woods seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 8-1-0 with Bob Gentry voting nay as he stated the current Employee Benefits Committee is doing a good job. There was discussion of changing the date of the Employee Benefits meetings. It was the consensus of the Council and Commissioners for Mike Graham and Auditor Cinda Kattau to look at dates and schedules for the future Benefits Committee meetings.

Eric Wathen presented a Wheel Tax video from the Build Indiana Council along with a Wheel Tax Review handout. There was discussion on the wheel tax in Hendricks County and of increasing the wheel tax \$5 per vehicle. Curt Higginbotham stated the Highway Department received \$755,000 from the Wheel Tax and explained a handout he presented. Nate Woods made a motion for the Council to submit a letter to the Towns in Hendricks County asking for their support for surtax on the wheel tax and await their response. Nancy Johnson seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-1-0 with Brad Whicker voting nay.

Jay Puckett made a motion for the Council to send a press release to the County papers explaining the Council is considering increasing the Wheel Tax from \$20 to \$25 per vehicle. Nate Woods seconded the motion. There was discussion about waiting to hear from the towns before considering a press release. Jay Puckett withdrew his

motion. Nate Woods withdrew his second. It was the consensus of the Commissioners and Council for John Ayers to draft a letter to the towns requesting their support of an increase of \$5 per vehicle for the wheel tax.

Eric Wathen reported the low bid received for the reconstruction/repair of the Danville Conservation Dam was \$223,013 and the engineering estimate was \$340,000.

Phyllis Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:07 PM. Brad Whicker seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 9-0-0.

Eric L. Wathen, President

Larry Hesson, President

Phyllis Palmer, Vice President

Brad Whicker, Vice President

Bob Gentry, Member

Myron Anderson, Member

Cinda Kattau, Auditor

Nathaniel Woods, Member

Judith Wyeth, Deputy Auditor

Dick Thompson, Member

Nancy G. Johnson, Member

Jay Puckett, Member
