# CARROLL COUNTY COUNCIL

**REGULAR MEETING** 

Council Members Ann Brown, Bill Northcutt, James Hancock, Jamie Rough, Steve Pearson and Al Auffart met in Regular Session on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 2014 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 12, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved.

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#### REPORTS:

<u>Treasurer</u>: The Treasurer reported the December cash sheet funds balanced. A Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. The Cum Bridge investment is coming due and will recommend to the committee that they renew the investment. Contact has been made with banks for interest rates for all investments.

<u>Auditor</u>: The Auditor reported the budget order was received December 19, 2014. Distributed documents were the 2014 tax rates per taxing district, the December tax distributions for County funds and a year-end summary of County General department budgets.

<u>Financial Report:</u> Bill Northcutt gave the financial report noting unusual for the end of the year. Jim Hancock instructed the members that in order to compare 2013 to 2012 they needed to add County General and CAGIT together. Hancock further stated Carroll Manor lost over \$90,000 for the year and the Council needs to keep an eye on their fund.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Highway Position: Paul Couts asked for permission to go back to the situation he had 3 or 4 years ago. He took a full time truck driver position and made it a seasonal position; now he is asking to make it a full-time position again. With the chip and seal program he would like another full—time driver to be more effective. Couts explained he would need approximately \$15,000 more to change the position. He did not ask for it at budget time because he didn't realize in June the position would be necessary. Couts wanted to bump the employee up to full rate after 6 months of probation; it was explained that he needed to pay \$15.22 from the beginning, per salary ordinance. He will probably not need an additional; he will probably have money left over in seasonal or overtime that he can transfer at the end of the year. Jamie Rough made a motion to move the seasonal employee to full-time at \$15.22 per hour; Bill Northcutt seconded. Motion passed with Ann Brown voting nay.

<u>Public Defender Compensation</u>: Attorney Abby Diener reported the State now requires a minimum amount if public defenders are not contracted. Carroll County public defenders fill out time sheets so the County is not affected. Diener added it was a savings for Carroll County to do it the way they are; public defenders are appointed, not contracted.

<u>Carroll County Jail</u>: Sheriff Burns gave an update on the jail sewer pipe that has been repaired; he is waiting for the terrazzo floor to be repaired. He has not received an invoice but is planning to pay it out of his budget if possible.

Sheriff Burns reported the jail video recorder system lost months of video and the system needs to be updated. He is getting quotes for a new system and would like to use money from misdemeanant funds to purchase the system. He needs a backup system for the video files and will check into having an offsite storage system; he has to have 180 days of film.

<u>2014 Council Budget Committee</u>: The 2014 Budget Committee was distributed; being no objections the Auditor was asked to distribute it to all department heads.

**2014 Funds:** Jim Hancock reported that next month's report for Cum Cap will have just the 2014 projects. In Riverboat he will remove the extradition line and leave the \$75,000 for the Highway. In Rainy Day he will keep the GIS ditch layer which is not finished. Hancock reminded the Council that in 2013 they held 20% of Rainy

Day in reserve; for 2014 the State is suggesting 25% be held. Al Auffart made a motion to reserve 25% of Rainy Day; Ann Brown seconded; passed unanimously. The February Rainy Day report will reflect the change.

Appointments: The following appointments were unanimously approved:

> Camden-Jackson Township Public Library, 3 year term - Lois Johnston JR/BN

➤ K-IRPC, 1 year term – Bill Northcutt

<u>Jail Study</u>: James Hancock announced there would be a presentation of the results of the DLZ jail study on Monday, February 3, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. during the joint meeting of the Carroll County Commissioners and the Carroll County Council.

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Certified Public Managers Program: Ann Brown and Donnie Shockley have been accepted into the Certified Public Managers Program conducted by Ball State University. Jamie Rough is preparing to send in his application; Dana Jeffries had expressed interest also. Mike Durr sent in his application but has not heard back. Jim Hancock expressed his recommendation that the County pay for the training as it will be a benefit to the County. Al Auffart made a motion that was seconded by Steve Pearson to transfer \$10,000.00 from the tax cap line in CAGIT and create a CPM Training line; motion passed unanimously. Attorney Diener was asked to prepare a resolution for the February meeting to address payment of fees and attendance at training.

Additionals: The following additionals will be advertised for action at the February meeting:

Department	Amount	Classification	Fund
Area Plan	\$5,000.00	Personal Services	Area Plan
E-911	\$6,200.00	Professional Services	E-911
E-911	\$30,260.00	Personal Services	E-911

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

<u>Drainage Board</u>: Surveyor Donnie Shockley asked about the pay for the Drainage Board part-time secretary that was budgeted as \$25/meeting. The Council stated the \$25/meeting was to cover attendance at the meeting and the work to prepare for the meetings. The extra legal line is to be billed at \$80.00 per hour.

<u>Area Plan Commission</u>: Attorney Diener stated she wanted to retract her previous legal advice concerning the APC Board Member. There are different types of Area Plan Commissions established and with the APC established by Carroll County; there cannot be an appointee from the Council. Al Auffart made a motion to appoint Don Frushour; Jamie Rough seconded; passed unanimously.

Diener had conversation with County attorney Ted Johnson and the State Board of Accounts concerning payment to the Surveyor for APC meetings. It was determined it was a permissive statute. State Board of Accounts felt that most counties do pay and it is up to the Council on the amount; it is within the law to pay or not to pay. Jim Hancock suggested addressing the pay for the 2015 budget since the money was not approved for 2014.

Salary Ordinance: The following changes to the 2014 Salary Ordinance were unanimously approved:

4-H Building Custodian to \$14.20 per hour

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> Add the Preparedness Grant clerical at \$10.85/hour

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> All part-time courthouse custodians \$10.00/hour

SP/BN

Revised salaries will be effective when the ordinance is signed.

### Other Topics:

- A committee consisting of Al Auffart, Steve Pearson and Jamie Rough was established to analyze the
  pay for all board members.
- Steve Pearson and Jamie Rough were appointed to research options for new chairs for the Council table.
- Al Auffart made a motion to retain Abigail Diener as the legal counsel for the Council; Jamie Rough seconded; passed unanimously. Diener is to have the contract at the February meeting.

## **Committee Reports:**

Ann Brown reported that \$265.02 was spent for the EMS open house. They planned for 200 people; there were 100 people in attendance. Items are in storage to be used for the next open house.

Ann Brown reported the committee studying the County Coordinator position was meeting today to discuss information received from other counties. Once the study is complete the recommendation of the committee will be presented to the Commissioners, and if approved, will be presented to the Council. If approved it will be included in the 2015 budget.

There being no further business to bring before the Carroll County Council, motion to adjourn was made by Jamie Rough and seconded by Steve Pearson; passed unanimously. The next regular Council meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2014.

# **CARROLL COUNTY COUNCIL:**

James R. Hancock President

Jamie Rough

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Steve Pearson

Absent

Nancy S. Cripe

Se Bill Northcutt

Ann Brown

ATTEST:

Elaine Hathaway, Auditor