

MINUTES
MARSHALL COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2011

BE IT REMEMBERED: That on Monday, November 14, 2011, the Marshall County Council met in a public meeting at the County Building, Plymouth, Indiana, pursuant to the call of the County Auditor. Present were the Honorable: Matt Hassel, President; Don Morrison, Vice President; members John Benedict, Ralph Booker, Ward Byers, Rex Gilliland, Judy Stone; and Auditor Penny Lukenbill. The meeting was opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC INPUT

There were no comments from the public.

SHERIFF TOM CHAMBERLIN
AMENDMENT TO MARSHALL COUNTY POLICE RETIREMENT PLAN

Sheriff Chamberlin presented a proposed amendment to the Marshall County Police Retirement Plan. The amendment brings the plan into compliance with changes in federal and state laws as they pertain to benefit limits for participants who are in the military and IRA rollovers from previous employers. The proposed changes will not have an economic impact on funding the plan. The amendment must be approved by the County Council and the Marshall County Police Merit Board. **John Benedict moved, seconded by Don Morrison, to approve the amendment to the Marshall County Police Retirement Plan, and to recommend adoption to the Merit Board. Motion carried 7-0.**

KAREN RICHEY, PURDUE EXTENSION

Karen Richey appeared before the Council to request an increase to the mileage reimbursement rate from 40 cents to 44 cents to reflect increased fuel costs. She stated that the average mileage rate for the 92 counties is now 44 cents, ranging from 34 to 55.5 cents per mile, with the State reimbursement rate at 44 cents. She explained that the Purdue Extension educators use their own vehicles for travel within the county, and Purdue provides their training via webinars in an effort to reduce mileage costs.

The increased rate will affect employees who use their own vehicles to conduct county business and to attend meetings. Several Council members expressed concern that most departments did not budget for the increased mileage rates for 2012.

Rex Gilliland moved, seconded by Don Morrison to increase the mileage reimbursement to 44 cents per mile, effective January 1, 2012, and to re-evaluate the rate if fuel costs decline. Motion carried 5-2, with Byers and Stone voting against.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

Sheriff: Vehicle Accessories - \$3,500: Sheriff Chamberlin requested an additional appropriation of \$3,500 into Vehicle Accessories to cover the transfer and installation of equipment for two vehicles recently purchased. Mr. Byers noted that the vehicles were purchased out of 2011 funds for the 2012 vehicle rotation, and suggested reducing the 2012 Vehicle Accessories line item by \$3,500 after January 1.

John Benedict moved, seconded by Rex Gilliland, to approve the additional appropriation request for the Sheriff's Vehicle Accessories line, and reduce the 2012 Vehicle Accessories by \$3,500 after January 1, 2012. Motion carried 7-0.

Vehicle Repair - \$5,000: The Sheriff explained that vehicle repairs and insurance deductible payments have left his repair line short, and the \$5,000 requested will be used to purchase tires and perform maintenance for the remainder of the year, and to pay deductibles on insurance claims.

Council members were concerned about the increased expenses, but Mr. Hassel pointed out that the Sheriff has been keeping his vehicles longer, resulting in increased repair costs.

John Benedict moved, seconded by Rex Gilliland, to approve the additional appropriation request for \$5,000 to Vehicle Repairs in the Sheriff's budget. Motion carried 7-0.

COMMISSIONER JACK ROOSE
MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR RICH ULRICH

COUNTY BUILDING WINDOW AND DOOR REPLACEMENT PROJECT

At the October 10 meeting, Mr. Roose and Mr. Ulrich presented a proposal to replace the windows and doors in the County Building, automating the doors at both entrances, and presented a quote from Plymouth Glass for \$114,200 for 216 thermal low-e windows with vent panels, plus labor of \$27,500. Due to the cost of the project, they requested additional quotes, but have not yet received any responses. An additional appropriation of \$170,000 from the General Fund was advertised for consideration at this meeting. However, Mr. Roose stated that the five-week delivery time for the windows would make it difficult to expend the appropriation by the end of the year, and suggested withdrawing the request and resubmitting it for the 2012 budget. Mr. Hassel suggested tabling the request until the December meeting. The request could be reduced if the windows could be ordered and the deposit paid before the end of the year, with the balance of the project coming from 2012 monies.

Judith Stone moved, seconded by Ward Byers, to table action on the additional appropriation request of \$170,000 from the General Fund to the Buildings and Grounds budget pending receipt of additional quotes. Motion carried 7-0.

TRANSFER REQUESTS

Auditor: Rex Gilliland moved, seconded by Judith Stone, to approve the transfer of \$1,200 in the Auditor's budget from Longevity to Clerical. Motion carried 7-0.

Surveyor: Ralph Booker moved, seconded by Ward Byers, to approve the transfer of \$275 from Travel and \$75 from Postage into Vehicle Maintenance in the Surveyor's budget. Motion carried 7-0.

Assessor: Rex Gilliland moved, seconded by Ward Byers, to approve the transfer of \$2,500 in the Assessor's budget from PTABOA Per Diem to Overtime. Motion carried 7-0.

Commissioners: The Commissioners are in the process of securing easements over two properties for the sewer line to the Jail which had not been completed during construction of the facility. Council discussed whether the additional appropriation should come from the special CAGIT fund, but in the interest of time, decided to approve the transfers in the Commissioners' budget into the Right-of-Way Purchase line.

Rex Gilliland moved, seconded by Judith Stone, to approve the transfer in the Commissioners' budget of \$10,500 into Right-of-Way Purchase, taking \$1,500 from Office Supplies, \$4,000 from Office Machine Supplies, \$1,500 from Legal Advertising, \$1,000 from Repair Furniture and Equipment and \$2,500 from Job Classification. Motion carried 7-0.

Probation: Ralph Booker moved, seconded by John Benedict, to approve the transfer of \$104 from Urinalysis Supplies into Vehicle Maintenance. Motion carried 7-0.

Building Department: Ralph Booker moved, seconded by John Benedict, to approve the transfer of \$159 from Vehicle Maintenance to Vehicle Repair in the Building Department budget. Motion carried 7-0.

EMA: John Benedict moved, seconded by Judith Stone, to approve the transfer of \$300 from Contractual Services to Vehicle Maintenance Supplies in the EMA budget. Motion carried 7-0.

Jail: Ralph Booker moved, seconded by Don Morrison, to approve the transfer of \$3,500 in the Jail budget from Turnkey/Dispatchers to Overtime. Motion carried 7-0.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Minutes – October 10, 2011: **Don Morrison moved, seconded by Ward Byers, to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2011 meeting. Motion carried 7-0.**

MARSHALL COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

2011 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2011 Annual Report of the Marshall County Housing Authority was distributed for review. **Ralph Booker moved, seconded by Rex Gilliland, to accept the Marshall County Housing Authority Annual Report for 2011. Motion carried 7-0.**

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Ward Byers moved, seconded by Judith Stone, to reappoint Stacey Hess, Ralph Winters and Carol Young to the Marshall County Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Motion carried 7-0.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

In observance of the Veteran’s Day last Friday, Mr. Benedict expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the county’s veterans for their service.

Mr. Hassel expressed the hope that the economy would soon improve and especially encouraged the youth of our communities in their job searches.

Mr. Booker reminded members of the Community Conversation on the Economy sponsored by the Marshall County Economic Development Commission to be held Wednesday, November 16.

ADJOURNMENT

Following the day’s regular business, all documents and ordinances were signed. With no further business to come before the council, **Ward Byers moved, seconded by Judith Stone, to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 am. Motion carried 7-0.**

Matt Hassel, President

Don Morrison, Vice President

John Benedict

Ralph Booker

Ward Byers

Rex Gilliland

Judith Stone

Attest: _____
Penny Lukenbill, Auditor