

Minutes for Knox County Indiana County Council

Call to Order

A meeting of The Knox County Council was held on January 8th at the Vincennes Fortnightly Club. It began at 5:00 pm and was presided over by President Bob Lechner, with Knox County Auditor Micheal Morris as secretary.

Attendees

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

Members not in attendance included Jim Beery.

Also present was Council Attorney Drew Porter.

Main Motions

Motion: Moved by Randy Crismore and seconded by Harry Nolting that Robert Lechner serve as board president. The motion carried with 6 yea's in favor and 0 nay's against.

Motion: Moved by Jay Yochum and seconded that Harry Nolting serve as board Vice President. The motion carried with 6 yea's in favor and 0 nay's against.

Motion: Moved by David Culp and seconded by Randy Crismore to approve the agenda. The motion carried with 6 yea's in favor and 0 nay's against.

Motion: Moved by Harry Nolting and seconded by David Culp to approve the following list of Board Appointments. The motion carried with 6 yea's in favor and 0 nay's against.

- Mental Health, Joe Williams Drug Court
- SIDC, David Culp
- Solid and Water, Tim Crowley
- Solid Waste, Randy Crismore
- Knox County Public Library, Jim Beery
- Community Corrections, Jim Beery
- Criminal Justice Committee, Tim Crowley & Randy Crismore
- KCDC, Bob Lechner
- Knox County Parks, Cathy Lane
- RDC, Randy Crismore and Jay Yochum
- PTABOA, Ed Thais
- KCDC Bob Lechner, Harry Nolting, and David Culp

Motion: Moved by Harry Nolting and seconded by Randy Crismore that Resolution 2019-1 be approved. The resolution sets the County Council meeting dates and times. The motion carried with 6 yea's in favor and 0 nay's against.

Motion: Moved by Harry Nolting and seconded by Tim Crowley that attorney Andrew Porter be retained as Council attorney. The motion carried with 6 yea's in favor and 0 nay's against.

Other Reports

Knox County Commissioner Kellie Streeter appeared before the board to discuss the Community Crossing Matching Grant. The grant was awarded to Knox County. As it is a fund matching grant, the application requires a signed letter from the County Council stating that the county has its portion of the grant. A motion to approve and sign the letter was made by Tim Crowley, seconded by David Culp. The motion carried with 6 yeas in favor and 0 nays against. The letter was signed by president Bob Lechner and returned to Kellie Streeter.

Bruce Smith, Dan Robinson and Tim Young presented to the council on behalf of Knox County Holding Corporation. They presented a plan to repay an outstanding bond ahead of schedule to save the county future interest payments. Attorney Drew Porter noted that any transfer of funds needs to be properly advertised and that no such advertisement was announced. The council agreed to advertise the proposed amount and vote on the motion at the next meeting. Knox County Holding Corporation will provide the correct numbers to be advertised.

A list of personnel requests was presented to the Council. The Assessor has 3 vacancies, the Surveyor has 1 vacancy, and the Auditor has 2 vacancies. Each office requests permission to fill the vacancies. Moved by Randy Crismore and seconded by Tim Crowley to approve that each office holder fill their vacancies immediately. The motion carried with 5 yeas in favor and 0 nays against. David Culp abstained.

The 2019 salary ordinance was scratched from the agenda. The ordinance was not prepared for this meeting.

Judge Gara Lee presented to the board about a Grant her office was awarded from the Indiana Supreme Court for the creation of a Family Recovery Court. The grant was amount was \$67,300. The monies will be used as salary for a Family Recovery Court Coordinator, as well as office supplies and travel expenses. This position will require no county monies. Judge Gara Lee would like the council to draft a salary ordinance for this new position as well as setting up a fund to deposit and disperse the grant monies. The council asked for time to review the grant information before deciding on this matter.

Knox County Clerk David Shelton appeared to request the creation of a temporary, full time, 1 year position to help digitize and organize the clerk's office. He also noted that his office had a vacancy that he wished to remain unfilled at this time. **Motion:** Moved by David Culp and seconded by Randy Crismore to approve the creation of the Clerk's office position. The motion carried with 6 yeas in favor and 0 nays against.

Sheriff Doug Vantlin appeared before the council to request salary adjustment for 2 of his employees. Officers Mike Fisher and Tom Fuller are to be promoted to Major. No additional funds would be required from the county, only approval for the requests. **Motion:** Moved by David Culp and seconded by Harry Nolting to approve the agenda. The motion carried with 6 yeas in favor and 0 nays against.

Officers' Reports

Councilman Harry Nolting had nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Jay Yochum had nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Randy Crismore reported that he was in the process of resolving some issues with the solid waste location. He noted that this would be an ongoing process and would keep the council updated should anything be decided definitively.

Councilman David Culp had nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Tim Crowley reported that he had been in discussions with the local office of the Department of Soil and Water Conservation. Their office is located in a federal building on Hart St. In the event that the current federal government shutdown would prevent these employees from entering the building, Councilman Crowley stated that the employees could be situated in a basement office at the Knox County Courthouse. The office has been recently vacated by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Councilman Crowley had discussed this with Commissioner Kellie Streeter, who agrees with the decision.

Announcements


President Robert Lechner announced that the Pantheon Business project had received a site visit from a prominent Silicon Valley science company.

Adjournment

Jay Yochum moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 6:12pm .



Secretary
Knox County Council



Date of Approval



President Bob Lechner
Knox County Council



Date of Approval