

MINUTES
ELKHART COUNTY COUNCIL
2012 Budget - Second Reading & Adoption
Special Called Council Meeting
September 28, 2012
8:30 A.M.

The Elkhart County Council was called to order by Council President John K. Letherman at 8:30 A.M., in Room 104, County Administrative Building, Goshen, Indiana, for the second reading and adoption of the 2013 Budget. Other members present were Dennis E. Sharkey, David E. Foutz, David Ashe, Randall Yohn, Darryl J. Riegsecker and David L. Hess.

Also present were Pauline E. Graff, Auditor; Dawn R. Truex, First Deputy Auditor Tom Byers, County Administrator; Terry Rodino, County Commissioner, Mike Yoder, County Commissioner; Frank Luchesse, County Commissioner and Carol Caviness, Director of Personnel.

Second Reading 2013 Budget

The Auditor said the First Deputy will now read the final version of the 2013 budget after the cuts the Council decided on during the budget work sessions have been made.

Truex presented the second reading of the 2013 Budget. Truex read the approved individual budget totals and reductions previously made by the Council.
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2013 Net Tax Levies and Tax Rates

Graff reviewed the reductions that were made during budget work sessions. Graff then read the net amounts of tax levies and tax rates by funds, using the estimated valuations shown on the bottom of the 17-line statement and on Column 2 of Budget Form 4-B.

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2013 Salary Ordinance No.CC-2012-18

Caviness briefly presented the 2013 Salary Ordinance including non-exempt pay grade ranges, exempt pay grade ranges and part-time hourly rates.

On motion made by Foutz seconded by Sharkey and unanimously carried, the Council approved the 2013 Salary Ordinance in its entirety. (Page 359)

Letherman asked for a motion to adopt the 2013 budget and 2013 levies and rates as presented. On motion made by Ashe seconded by Hess and unanimously carried, the Council adopted the 2013 budget and 2013 levies and rates.

On motion made by Hess seconded by Yohn and unanimously carried, the Council closed the second reading of the 2013 budget, levies and rates.

PUBLIC HEARING

Craig Buche, County Attorney, gave a brief explanation of the process.

On motion made by Sharkey seconded by Riegsecker and unanimously carried, the Council opened the public hearing.

Baziel Vrient, Agdia, expressed his gratitude to the Council.

There being no other audience participation, the public hearing was closed on motion made by Sharkey seconded by Riegsecker and unanimously carried.

On motion made by Foutz seconded by Riegsecker and unanimously carried the Council approved the commitment and payment agreement for Agdia.

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On motion made by Sharkey seconded by Riegsecker and unanimously carried the Council approved Confirmatory Resolution, CC-2012-17.

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Mike Yoder addressed the Council and withdrew the Commissioner's (130) request from Environment Special Projects (#541) for \$63,600, project 1201. He stated that the Horizon Education Alliance (HEA) has found sufficient funding to cover salaries and benefits through outside sources and will not be needing the County's funding at this time.

Several audience members approached the Council in opposition to using County tax dollars to fund the Horizon Education Alliance.

There were also a few audience members that approached the Council in favor of using tax dollars for social growth in the community.

The Council reviewed the 2013 Council Meeting Schedule.

On motion made by Yohn, seconded by Riegsecker and unanimously carried, the Council adopted the 2013 Council Meeting Schedule as presented.

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Adjourn

On motion made by Riegsecker seconded by Ashe and unanimously carried, the Council adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Recording Secretary
Audie L. Hostetler

Secretary's Note: The complete recording of this budget reading is available in the Auditor's Office for one year.