

MINUTES
ELKHART COUNTY COUNCIL
Non-Binding Review of Civil Taxing Unit Budgets 2015
September 18, 2014
8:30 a.m.

The meeting of the Elkhart County Council was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Council President John K. Letherman. The meeting was held in Room 104 of the County Administrative Building, Goshen, Indiana. Members present were President John K. Letherman, Vice President David L. Hess, David E. Foutz, Randall D. Yohn, David M. Ashe, Darryl J. Riegsecker, and Thomas W. Stump. Also present were Pauline E. Graff, County Auditor; Dawn R. Truex, First Deputy Auditor and Tom Byers, County Administrator.

BINDING REVIEW OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT:

The binding review of the 2014 advertised Solid Waste Management District budget was held at 8:30 a.m., in Room 104 of the County Administration Building, Goshen, Indiana.

Tim Neese explained his budget to the Council.

On motion made by Hess, seconded by Stump and unanimously carried, the council approved the Solid Waste Management District's budget.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF NON-BINDING BUDGETS FOR 2015

Todd Samuelson of H.J. Umbaugh and Associates presented a Comparison of Budgets and Levies for County Non-Binding Review. This analysis included Elkhart County, Townships, Cities and Towns, Libraries and New Paris Conservancy District.

President John K. Letherman opened the meeting to the Public for any comments or questions from the audience.

There being no audience participation, the Public Hearing was closed.

On motion made by Yohn seconded by Stump and unanimously carried, the Council approved the non-binding budgets as presented, stating that all departments were within approved guidelines.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Non-Binding Review of Civil Taxing Units and Solid Waste Management was adjourned.

PUBLIC HEARING 4:30 P.M.:

Motion to Open Public Hearing

On motion made by Yohn second by Stump and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

There being no audience participation, the Public Hearing was closed.

On motion made by Riegsecker seconded by Stump and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

LOCAL OPTION INCOME TAX DISCUSSION:

Motion to move ahead with discussion of possible Local Option Income Tax.

On motion made by Stump seconded by Foutz, a roll-call vote was taken: Stump nay, Riegsecker nay, Ashe nay, Yohn aye, Foutz aye, Hess aye and Letherman aye.

Motion to enact a .25% Property Tax Relief and a .25% Public Safety Tax Increase.

On motion made by Foutz seconded by Hess a roll-call vote: Stump aye, Riegsecker nay, Ashe nay, Yohn aye, Foutz aye, Hess aye and Letherman aye, the Council approved this request.

Motion to instruct the County Attorney to prepare the Ordinance for the Property Tax Relief and Public Safety Tax for the Council to consider and vote on September 30, 2014 at the Public Meeting.

On motion made by Hess seconded by Foutz and carried 5-2, Riegsecker nay and Ashe nay, the Council approved this request.

DISCUSSION OF SURPLUS PROPERTIES TO BE SOLD BY ELKHART COUNTY: Motion is made to give the approval to the Commissioners to move forward with the sale of excess property based on the list the was provided to the Council by the County Highway.

On motion made by Hess seconded by Stump and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m. on motion made by Ashe seconded by Riegsecker and unanimously carried.