

MINUTES
ELKHART COUNTY COUNCIL
2010 Budget - First Reading
September 23, 2009

1. The Elkhart County Council was called to order by Council President John K. Letherman at 8:30 a.m., in Room 104, County Administration Building, Goshen, Indiana. Other members present were Dennis E. Sharkey, Donald E. Abel, David M. Ashe, Randall D. Yohn, and Clarence J. Yoder. David E. Foutz was absent.

Also present were David L. Hess, Auditor; Pauline E. Graff, First Deputy Auditor; Carol Caviness, Assistant Director of Personnel and Tom Byers, County Administrator.

Added Item: Approval of Public Hearing Minutes for the 2009 re-advertised budget and 2010 budget of September 14, 2009.

On motion made by Sharkey seconded by Ashe and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

2. Reading of Advertised Notice to Taxpayers

Budget Hearings: September 9-10, 2009

Date of Work Sessions & Reductions: 8:30 a.m., September 11 & 17, 2009 and
1:00 p.m. September 14, 2009

Date of Public Hearing: September 14, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.

Graff read the advertised Notice to Taxpayers of the 2010 Proposed Budget Estimates and Tax Levies for each fund.

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3. Graff then read the proposed budget requests of each Elkhart County Department made before the budget hearings for 2010.

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4. Auditor Hess then read the levies as advertised. These are the first figures that were submitted to him and advertised. This is the levies and the rates that would have been required.

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5. Yohn made a motion to close the First Reading of the 2010 Budget; seconded by Sharkey and unanimously carried the First Reading of the 2010 Budget was closed.

6. Review and approval of the Solid Waste District Budget.

Tim Neese addressed the Council and explained the Solid Waste Budget. Letherman questioned the difference in revenues between County landfill and Earthmovers. Neese explained that Earthmovers (Waste Management) takes in industrial waste which is significantly more volume than the smaller residential accounts that the County takes in. A brief discussion ensued on personnel and the cost of recycling drop-off sites within the County.

On motion made by Yoder seconded by Yohn and unanimously carried, the Council approved the 2010 Solid Waste District Budget. (Page 284)

7. Review and approval of non-binding budgets for 2010, with exception of binding review of the New Paris Conservancy District and Nappanee Public Library budgets.

Todd Samuelson of H.J. Umbaugh and Associates presented an Analysis of Civil Taxing Unit Budgets for 2010 for the review of the Council. The analysis was broken out by Cities/Towns, Libraries, Townships and Conservancy District. Samuelson then went on to summarize this analysis for the Council and the Civil Taxing Unit representatives.

On motion made by Yohn seconded by Sharkey and unanimously carried, the Council approved the non-binding budgets as presented, with no recommendation. (Page 285)

On motion made by Sharkey seconded by Yoder and unanimously carried, the Council approved the New Paris Conservancy Budget.

On motion made by Sharkey seconded by Ashe and unanimously carried, the Council approved the Nappanee Public Library budget.

Recessed

President Letherman asked for a motion to recess the meeting. On motion made by Sharkey and seconded by Ashe the meeting was recessed. The Council will re-convene at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, September 24, 2009, for the Second Reading of the 2010 Budget.

Recording Secretary
Audie L. Hostetler

Secretary's Note: The complete recording of this Budget Reading is available in the Auditor's Office.