

MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY COUNCIL
October 17, 2011

The special meeting of the St. Joseph County Council was called to order at 5:33 p.m., on October 17, 2011, by the President, Rafael Morton, in the Council Chambers, fourth floor, County-City Building, South Bend, Indiana.

Members in attendance were:

Mr. Mark Catanzarite
Mr. Dale DeVon
Mr. Michael J. Hamann
Mr. Daniel G. Herbster
Mr. Michael J. Kruk
Mr. Robert J. McCahill
Mr. Rafael Morton
Mr. Corey D. Noland
Mr. Mark Root

Present from the Auditor's office was Mr. Peter H. Mullen, Auditor and Ms. Teresa Shuter, Chief Deputy Auditor. Council staff present were Mr. Michael A. Trippel, Attorney and Ms. Joan M. Pawlowski, Executive Secretary.

At the Regular Meeting of the St. Joseph County Council on October 11, 2011 a motion was made by Mr. Noland and seconded by Mr. Root to continue action on Bill No. 91-11, 92-11 and 93-11 until the evening of Monday, October 17, 2011. The motion passed by a voice vote; 8-0. No negatives were heard.

Unfinished Business:

On September 13th the Council held a Public Hearing on the 2012 Budgets. We will now continue discussion prior to the adoption of the 2012 Budgets.

BILL NO. 91-11: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND FIXING THE NUMBERS OF EMPLOYEES OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, INDIANA FOR THE YEAR 2012.

Mr. McCahill moved to amend the budget to reflect a 5 percent raise as opposed to a 3 percent raise in reference to the Merit Officers for the St. Joseph County Police Department, excluding the Sheriff and the Chiefs. His motion was seconded by Mr. Hamann. The motion passed by a voice vote; 9-0. No negatives were heard.

Mr. DeVon questioned what the dollar amount difference would be? Mr. McCahill stated that he thought it would be \$145,000.00 extra.

Mr. Kruk asked if this would still be under the advertised amount? Mr. Mullen stated yes.

Mr. Catanzarite commented that during the difficult time in the economy, he stated how the employees have done a great job. He commended everyone, especially the Auditor's Office, for doing a great job with the budget process. He stated that he was in favor of Bill No. 91-11, as amended.

Motion to pass Bill No. 91-11 was made by Mr. Noland and seconded by Mr. McCahill. Bill No. 91-11 passed as amended; 9-0.

BILL NO. 92-11: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONEYS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, INDIANA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2012, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012, INCLUDING ALL OUTSTANDING CLAIMS AND OBLIGATIONS, AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL TAKE EFFECT.

The Clerk read the amendment stating that in Section 2., Adult Probation User Fee Fund, Community Based

Corrections Fund, Community Correction Sex Offender Grant Fund, Community Transition Program Fund and Probation Administrative Fund have been added. Section 4., has been added completely.

Motion to amend was made by Mr. Hamann and seconded by Mr. Noland.
The motion to amend passed by a voice vote; 9-0. No negatives were heard.

Mr. Catanzarite moved to amend to reflect the dollar amount difference between 5 and 3 percent raises for the Merit Officers, approximately \$108,000. His motion was seconded by Mr. McCahill.
The motion to amend passed by a voice vote; 9-0. No negatives were heard.

Motion to pass Bill No. 92-11 was made by Mr. Kruk and seconded by Mr. Noland. Bill No. 92-11 passed as amended; 9-0.

BILL NO. 93-11: AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES AND FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING REVENUE TO MEET THE NECESSARY EXPENSE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012, FOR THE COUNTY OF ST. JOSEPH, INDIANA.

The Clerk read the entire new bill as follows:

For COUNTY GENERAL FUND, the sum of .6036 dollars on each one hundred dollars of Taxable Property, **included herein is .022 cents per hundred dollars of taxable property for the Community Mental Health Center, per I.C. 6-1.1-18.5-10.**

For MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND, the sum of -0- dollars on each one hundred dollars of Taxable Property.

For COUNTY HEALTH FUND, the sum of .0105 dollars on each one hundred dollars of Taxable Property.

For COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION FUND, the sum of .0175 dollars on each one hundred dollars of Taxable Property.

For 2017 CUMULATIVE PROPERTY REASSESSMENT FUND, the sum of .0125 dollars on each one hundred dollars of Taxable Property.

For COUNTY BOND AND INTEREST FUND, the sum of .0690 dollars on each one hundred dollars of Taxable Property.

For MAJOR CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND, the sum of .0227 dollars on each one hundred dollars of Taxable Property.

For CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND, the sum of .0112 dollars on each one hundred dollars of Taxable Property.

For CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND, the sum of .0227 dollars on each one hundred dollars of Taxable Property.

For PORTAGE MANOR FUND, the sum of -0- dollars on each one hundred dollars of Taxable Property.

For SJC SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND, the sum of -0- dollars on each one hundred dollars of Taxable Property.

For AIRPORT AUTHORITY GENERAL FUND, the sum of .0389 dollars on each one hundred dollars of Taxable Property.

For AIRPORT CUMULATIVE BUILDING FUND, the sum of .0050 dollars on each one hundred dollars of Taxable Property.

For AIRPORT BOND FUND, the sum of -0- dollars on each one hundred dollars of Taxable Property.

Motion to amend was made by Mr. Catanzarite and seconded by Mr. Hamann. The motion passed by a voice vote; 9-0. No negatives were heard.

Mr. Catanzarite asked the Auditor, Mr. Mullen, does the General Fund need to be amended for the amount of the Merit Officers raise, or will this come from Public Safety LOIT money? *Secretary's Note: Mr. Mullen did not use the mic and he was inaudible.*

Mr. Catanzarite moved to amend that the County General Fund to give the County Auditor the flexibility to increase the County General Fund tax levy to the amount necessary to fund the difference in the law enforcement raise for rank and file police officers, up to and including all ranks with the exception of Chief and Sheriff to increase the General Fund Tax levy necessary up to roughly \$108,000 whatever the levy would require to do that. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hamann. The motion passed by a voice vote; 9-0. No negatives were heard.

Motion to pass Bill No. 93-11 was made by Mr. Kruk and seconded by Mr. Noland. Bill No. 93-11 passed as amended; 9-0.

New Business:

Privilege of the floor:

Mr. Mullen, Auditor, thanked all who were involved in this process from the Commissioners, who set up the meetings in groups of three (3) with each one of the Commissioners to the Department Heads and the Council. He also thanked Teresa Shuter for her work during about 35 -40 meetings that were held along with 75 telephone calls.

Adjournment:

Mr. Morton stated that the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Auditor, St. Joseph County

President, St. Joseph County Council