

MADISON COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 3, 2012

The Madison County Council was called to order by President Mike Phipps. The following Council Members were present:

John Bostic, Jr.
Mike Gaskill
Rick Gardner
Larry Higgins (absent)
David McCartney
Buddy Patterson
Mike Phipps

Also present were Council Attorney Susan Traynor-Chastain, County Auditor Kathy Stoops-Wright and First Deputy Auditor Patty Mauck.

Mike Gaskill made a motion to make an adjustment to the agenda and add the following items: 8.22, 8.23, 8.24, 8.25, 8.26, 8.27. Motion to second made by Rick Gardner. A roll call vote was taken:

McCartney – yes	Bostic - no
Gardner – yes	Patterson - no
Gaskill – yes	Phipps – yes

4 Ayes 2 Nays (Bostic, Patterson) 1 Absent (Higgins) Motion carried.

Mike Phipps stated that the following corrections need to be made on Ordinance No. 2012-2B, in Section 3, the Ordinance No. read SD and it should be 5D. Motion was made by Mike Gaskill and seconded by David Mc Cartney to approve the February 28th and February 29th minutes with the corrections.

6 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent Motion carried.

Mike Phipps reported that the DLGF approved the 2012 budget with no reductions or corrections.

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Kathy Stoops-Wright, Auditor, requested additional appropriations (8.1) in the her budget of \$23,407.00 into 121-000 Plat Book Manager and a reduction in the Surveyors budget of \$23,407.00 out of 121-000 Plat Book Manager. She stated that the Commissioners signed a Resolution to transfer this position into the Auditor's budget.

Steve Ford, Health Department Director, requested additional appropriations in the WIC (8.2) of \$4,293.00 into 121-000 Clerical Supervisor. This additional pay was approved in 2010 but was not brought forward at the budget hearings for two years.

Sheriff Ron Richardson requested the following additional appropriations out of COIT Public Safety (8.4):

115-000 Patrol Officer	\$35,841.00
117-001 Jail Merit Officer	\$35,841.00
134-001 Civilian Jail Officer	\$30,030.00
148-010 General Officer	\$27,095.00
160-161 FICA	\$9,854.00
160-162 Retirement	\$19,635.00
160-163 Group Insurance	\$88,274.00
440-000 Machinery and Equipment	\$33,000.00
139-007 Patrol Officer	\$36,908.00
148-001 Civilian Jail Officer	\$30,931.00
148-002 Civilian Jail Officer	\$30,931.00
148-003 Civilian Jail Officer	\$30,931.00
160-161 FICA	\$10,000.00
160-162 Retirement	\$13,000.00
160-163 Group Insurance	\$88,300.00
440-000 Machinery and Equipment	\$55,000.00

There was no one present to present Resolution No. R-1, A Resolution Disbursing Economic Development Project Funds From the County Share of Food and Beverage Tax Funds. (8.5)

Captain Jim Cleaver, requested additional appropriation in the Jail budget of \$54,600.00 into 390-241 Jail Medicine (8.6) for an inmate that will need dialysis and will be incarcerated for at least a year.

Commissioner John Richwine requested additional appropriation in the Highway Maintenance and Repair (8.7) in the amount of \$500,000.00 into 230-000 Repair and Maint supplies for road surface.

Mr. Richwine also requested additional appropriations in the Road and Street Fund (8.8) of \$100,000.00 into 300-017 2012 Drainage and \$500,000.00 into 300-018 2012 Paving.

Kathy Stoops-Wright, Auditor, requested appropriations in the Auditor Ineligible Deduction Fund (8.9 and 8.16) in the amount of \$176,879.00 into 390-000 Other Services and Charges. This fund is established by legislature as a non reverting fund for use by the County Auditor. There are outstanding invoices from SRI, Inc. and the Auditor is also asking for the purchase of a new copier for the office.

Rodney Cummings, Prosecutor, requested additional appropriations in COIT Public Safety (8.3) of the following:

148-004 1 st Deputy	\$7,050.00
148-005 2 nd Deputy	\$7,050.00
148-006 5 th Deputy	\$7,050.00
148-007 Felony Trial Deputy	\$7,050.00
148-008 Felony Trial Deputy	\$7,050.00
148-009 Felony Trial Deputy	\$16,355.00
160-161 FICA	\$6,800.00
160-162 PERF	\$7,365.00
148-010 Legal Secretary/Receptionist	\$28,000.00
160-163 Group Insurance	\$15,506.00
150-000 Part time	\$18,000.00
370-000 Rental	\$3,000.00

Councilman Gaskill stated that he supports the Prosecutor but is concerned that when the cities and towns get their COIT Public Safety they can put it directly to use with the officers on the street but when it comes to the County portion of the COIT, with 34% of the residents live outside the cities and towns, that part of the COIT is being used for things the whole County benefits with only a few patrol officers covering that 34%. He thought if we could advertise for next month's meeting out of General Fund for the Prosecutor instead of Public Safety, he asked the Prosecutor if he could transfer money to get him by for 6 weeks until that could happen and the Prosecutor said he did have the following funds to transfer:

119-000 First Deputy	\$814.00
120-000 Second Deputy	\$814.00
124-000 Fifth Deputy	\$814.00
133-000 Felony Trial Deputy	\$814.00

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134-000 Felony Trial Deputy	\$814.00
135-000 Felony Trial Deputy	\$1,887.11
128-000 Legal Secretary	\$3,230.77
Transfer from 172-000 Witness & Reporting Fees	(\$4,404.35)
Transfer from 390-000 Other Services and Charges	(\$4,783.53)

Captain Jim Cleaver requested additional appropriation in the Sheriff budget (8.10) of \$17,000.00 into 149-002 DARE Officer. This is Grant funds that have come from the Indiana Department of Criminal Justice Institute. This is for two part time officers that go out to schools.

The Intergovernmental Agreement (8.11) has been tabled until May meeting due to some statutory issues.

Public Safety COIT-Juvenile (8.12) no one present of present this item.

Judge Thomas Newman, Jr., Chief Judge of Circuit Courts requested the following additional appropriations out of COIT Public Safety for Probation (8.13):

148-011 Probation Officer	\$40,447.00
148-012 Probation Officer	\$40,447.00
160-161 FICA	\$6,190.00
160-162 PERF	\$6,270.00
160-163 Group Insurance	\$39,168.00

Captain Jim Cleaver requested additional appropriations into Sheriff Photo Fund (8.14) of \$4,000.00 into 390-000 Other Services and Charges, modifying if from the original request of \$5,000.00.

Commissioner John Richwine requested additional appropriations into the Windfarm Economic Development Fund (8.15) into 310-000 Professional Services. This is money given by EON, Inc. for expenses on the Windfarm.

Steve Richardson, Director of the Drug Free Community Fund (8.17), requested additional appropriations in the Drug Free Community Fund of \$3,250.00 into 390-000 Other Services and Charges. This money goes toward post prom activities at the various schools in the county.

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Judge David Happe, Problem Solving Judge, came to the Council not asking for money at this time, just asking the Council for a commitment in the future for these funds if the Grants to fund the Problem Solving Court is no longer available to the County. (8.18)

8.19 Surety Bond Resolution no one present.

President Mike Phipps presented the request for additional appropriations in the County Council budget of \$140.00 into 390-000 Other Services and Charges for the Council annual dues (8.20) and \$62,236.00 into 311-000 Attorney (8.21) for equivalent match in the Commissioners budget line item which is \$70,000.00 for their internal attorney line item. He stated that there is no anticipation to use this money beyond what is originally budgeted; however in the event it is needed for any reason for the Council to continue to provide its work for the county it would become available.

Ward Townsend, taxpayer, commented on this addition.

Councilman Mike Gaskill presented the following reduction in the Commissioners budget: \$1,750,000.00 out of 160-163 Group Insurance (8.22), making it more in line with the public sector of insurance or it will be eating up jobs in the County. He stated that if the Council passes this reduction, he would personally be in favor of restoring dollar for dollar in this account if department heads or elected officials come to them with reductions between now and the ending of the year.

Connie McCarty, taxpayer, commented on this reduction.

Councilman Gaskill also presented the following reductions in the Voters Registration budget (8.23) of \$14,800.00 out of 113-001 2nd Deputy Democrat and \$14,800.00 out of 113-002 2nd Deputy Republican making that office only having 4 employees making it comparable to other counties with about the same population size as Madison County.

Pam Jones, Voters Registration Director, commented on this reduction.

Loral Shreves, Voters Registration employee, commented on this reduction.

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Councilman Rick Gardner presented the following reductions in the ITS budget (8.24), stating that some of these budgeted items such as Programmer Analyst or Senior Programmers some of our needs are changing and as need change over time they have to be addressed as they happen not waiting until the next year. As new software and technology come about we need to be proactive not reactive. Also after looking at budgets throughout the state and the AIC guides, with our population our county IT is way over staffed by double.

Jerry Branson, ITS Director, commented on this reduction.

Captain Jim Cleaver, Sheriff Department, commented on this reduction.

Jail Commander Andrew Williams commented on this reduction.

Councilman Gaskill presented the following two reductions in the Commissioners budget, \$16,361.00 out of 113-000 Telecommunications Manager and \$16,361.00 out of 120-000 Administrative Secretary (8.25).

Commissioner John Richwine, commented on this reduction.

Commissioner Steffanie Owens, commented on this reduction.

Commissioner Jeff Hardin, commented on this reduction.

Councilman Rick Gardner presented a reduction in the Courthouse budget, \$18,172.00 out of 128-000 Custodial Supervisor (8.26).

Commissioner John Richwine, commented on this reduction.

Commissioner Steffanie Owens, commented on this reduction.

Commissioner Jeff Hardin, commented on this reduction.

Councilman Mike Gaskill presented a reduction in the Commissioners budget, \$17,878.00 out of 160-161 FICA (8.27).

Commissioner John Richwine, commented on this reduction.

Commissioner Steffanie Owens, commented on this reduction.

Commissioner Jeff Hardin, commented on this reduction.

Comments also came from the following people:

Mike Miller, taxpayer

Kathy Stoops-Wright, Auditor

Captain Jim Cleaver, Sheriff Dept

Heather Profit, taxpayer

John Hughes, taxpayer

Burl Tyner, taxpayer

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Motion was made by John Bostic and seconded by Buddy Patterson to approve as presented the following items: 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, 8.9, 8.10, 8.13, and 8.14-this item request reduced to \$4,000.00, 8.15, 8.16 and 8.17. Mike Gaskill made a motion to modify Mr. Bostic's motion to remove the following items from his motion: 8.3, 8.4, 8.16, 8.13, and 8.9. Motion seconded by Rick Gardner. A roll call vote was taken on the modified motion:

McCartney – yes	Bostic – no
Gardner – yes	Patterson - no
Gaskill – yes	Phipps – yes

4 Ayes 2 Nay (Bostic and Patterson) 1 Absent Motion carried.

A roll call vote was taken on the modified original motion, approving items 8.1, 8.2, 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, 8.10, 8.14, 8.17:

McCartney – yes	Bostic – no
Gardner – yes	Patterson - yes
Gaskill – yes	Phipps – yes

5 Ayes 1 Nay (Bostic) 1 Absent Motion carried.

Councilman Gaskill made a motion on item 8.16 to approve only \$37,000.00 motion seconded by David McCartney. A roll call vote was taken:

McCartney – yes	Bostic – yes
Gardner – yes	Patterson - yes
Gaskill – yes	Phipps – yes

6 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent Motion carried.

Councilman Gardner made a motion to approve the transfer within the Prosecutors budget. Motion was seconded by Mike Gaskill. A roll call vote was taken:

McCartney – yes	Bostic – yes
Gardner – yes	Patterson - yes
Gaskill – yes	Phipps – yes

6 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent Motion carried.

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Councilman Gardner made a motion to approve items 8.20 and 8.21 motion was seconded by David McCartney. Councilman Bostic made a motion to modify the original motion to lower the requested amount on item 8.21 (Council Attorney) to \$10,000.00. A roll call vote was taken on the modified motion:

McCartney –no	Bostic – yes
Gardner – no	Patterson - yes
Gaskill – no	Phipps – no

2 Ayes (Bostic and Patterson) 4 Nays 1 Absent Motion denied.

McCartney – yes	Bostic – no
Gardner – yes	Patterson - no
Gaskill – yes	Phipps – yes

4 Ayes 2 Nays (Bostic and Patterson) 1 Absent Motion carried.

Councilman Gaskill made a motion to approve the following requests within County Public Safety Fund (Sheriff) (8.4):

115-0000 Patrol Officer	\$35,841.00
139-007 Patrol Officer	\$36,908.00
160-161 FICA	\$5,566.00
440-000 Machinery and Equipment	\$88,000.00

He stated that he realized that there will be some group insurance affiliated with these additions and if the Sheriff brought that information back to them at a later date when the officers are hired he would be willing to make a motion to approve that amount. Motion was seconded by Rick Gardner.

McCartney – yes	Bostic – no
Gardner – yes	Patterson - yes
Gaskill – yes	Phipps – yes

5 Ayes 1 Nay (Bostic) 1 Absent Motion carried.

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Councilman Gaskill made a motion to approve the following items: 8.22, 8.23, 8.24, 8.25, 8.26, 8.27. Motion seconded by David McCartney. Councilman Bostic made a motion to modify this original motion to table these items for further discussion motion seconded by Buddy Patterson.

McCartney – no	Bostic –yes
Gardner –no	Patterson -yes
Gaskill – no	Phipps –no

2 Ayes (Bostic and Patterson) 4 Nays 1 Absent Motion denied.

A roll call vote was taken on the original motion:

McCartney – yes	Bostic –absent
Gardner – yes	Patterson - no
Gaskill – yes	Phipps – yes

4 Ayes 1 Nays (Patterson) 2 Absent (Bostic, Higgins) Motion carried.

Steve Ford, Director of Health Department, requested out of state travel (10.1) for an employee in the WIC Department. The training is paid from the WIC grant in the amount of \$1,789.12. Motion to approve made by Buddy Patterson and seconded by Mike Gaskill. A roll call vote was taken:

McCartney – yes	Bostic –absent
Gardner – yes	Patterson - yes
Gaskill – yes	Phipps – yes

5 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent (Bostic, Higgins) Motion carried.

Jerry Branson, ITS Director, requested out of state travel (10.2) for a New World Conference. Motion to approve made by Buddy Patterson and seconded by Rick Gardner.

5 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent Motion carried.

The next meeting was set for Monday, May 14, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.