

MADISON COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 7, 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
David McCartney
Buddy Patterson
Mike Phipps

Also present were Council Attorney Jon Hughes, County Auditor Kathy Stoops-Wright and First Deputy Auditor Patty Mauck.

Mike Phipps made a motion to amend the motion to move 5.1 2013 Budget hearing to 5.2 and add 5.1 County Councils legal fees claim discussion. Motion was seconded by Mike Gaskill. John Bostic made a motion to modify the motion to add the following requests:

Sheriff

110-000 Public Safety Hardware/Software Installer	\$18,571.00
110-000 Salaries	\$49,971.00

Voters Registration-Councilman Bostic

113-001 2 nd Deputy Democrat	\$14,800.00
113-002 2 nd Deputy Republican	\$14,800.00

Courthouse-Councilman Bostic

128-000 Custodial Supervisor	\$18,172.00
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Commissioners

160-161 FICA	\$3,287.28
160-163 Group Insurance	\$20,658.48

Commissioners-Councilman Bostic

120-000 Administrative Secretary	\$16,361.00
160-163 Group Insurance	\$750,000.00

ITS-Councilman Bostic

111-000 Programmer/Analyst II	\$24,196.00
113-000 Senior Programmer	\$39,718.00
116-000 Senior Programmer/Analyst	\$35,010.00
117-000 Tax System/Analyst	\$20,851.00
118-000 Programmer/Analyst II	\$33,427.00

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Motion was seconded by Buddy Patterson. Motion to modify the modified motion by John Bostic to add the Courthouse transfer of \$12,701.00 into 128-000 Jail Custodial Supervisor from 112-000 Assistant Properties Manager. Motion seconded by Buddy Patterson. Councilman Mike Gaskill asked the Council Attorney, Jon Hughes, if this transfer should be acted on due to it being part of the ongoing litigation with the Commissioners. Council Attorney gave legal advice to the Council not to discuss or act on anything that is part of an ongoing litigation at an open meeting - this is part of that litigation. A roll call vote was taken on the modified motion.

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

3 Ayes 4 Nays Motion failed.

A roll call vote was taken on the original motion:

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

4 Ayes 3 Nays Motion carried.

President Phipps asked the Auditor if a check to their legal counsel, Bose, McKinney and Evans has been issued and if so where is it? The Auditor responded that the check is with the County Attorney by order of the Commissioners. President Phipps asked if there is a five minute break if that check can be given to their legal counsel. The Auditor responded yes.

Motion was made for a five minute break by Mike Gaskill and seconded by David McCartney.
5 Ayes 2 Nays (Bostic and Higgins) Motion carried.

President Phipps opened the meeting back up and asked their legal counsel if the check he received is satisfactory. Mr. Hughes responded yes it is. Councilman Bostic asked what the amount of the ck. is Mr. Hughes responded \$26,031.00. President Phipps added that most of that check is payment for the litigation from the Commissioner's office and there will be more checks following for payment regarding that litigation.

Auditor Kathy Stoops-Wright explained to the Council that the check was not being held in secret and the original claim that was turned into the Auditor for payment was not on the correct claim and it was not itemized dollar wise, had no idea what they were charging per hour and the Auditor's office is directed by the State to have an itemized claim for all payments made. Mr. Hughes understands the issues and apologized for the mix up.

The meeting was reconvened 25 minutes later and the check to Bose, McKinney and Evans was supplied to Mr. Hughes after a lengthy discussion between Mr. Shine, Mr. Bowers, Mr. Richwine and Mr. Hughes.

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There was then a discussion by the Council concerning if there was a deficit in the County.

President Mike Phipps then went to 5.2 Preliminary 2013 Budget Review

Chief Deputy Auditor Patty Mauck, explained to the Council that the State has directed the Auditor to take the COIT revenue out of the General Fund and create its own fund. They expect the Council to then pay some expenses from the General Fund out of the new COIT fund.

He then went over the Revenue Estimates received by the Auditor's office stating that the estimated revenue is \$29,739,900.00 and the requested expense amount from the various departments is \$34,373,837.00 stating this leaves a - \$4,633,937.00.

Councilman Gaskill stated that it looks like there are three choices the council needs to make, cut spending, raise taxes or run out of money. He is asking all departments and office holders to cut their budgets.

Councilman Bostic stated that if there is a deficit then the Department Heads has a responsibility to cut their budgets.

Motion was then made by Mike Gaskill to set the dates for the 2013 budget workshops for September 4, 2012 through September 7, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., setting September 6, 2012 for the nonbinding review for the other government entities, setting October 8, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. for the Public Comment and October 9, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. for the final adoption of the 2013 budget. Motion was seconded by Rick Gardner. A roll call vote was taken:

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

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion carried.

Motion was then made by Mike Gaskill to direct the President to write a letter to all Elected Officials and Department Heads stating the projected revenue and projected expenses that have been turned in and the projected deficit and to suggest they make cuts to their budgets to close the gap of approximately \$4.7 million. Motion was seconded by Rick Gardner. Councilman Bostic left the meeting.

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A roll call vote was taken:

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

6 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent Motion carried.

Motion was made by President Mike Phipps directing the Auditor to pay all future Council claims to Bose McKinney and Evans, the Council's attorney. Motion was seconded by David McCartney. A roll call vote was taken:

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

6 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Attached are the Council's directions to each department concerning their 2013 Budget:

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The Madison County Council, after reviewing submitted preliminary 2013 budget data furnished to or estimated by the Auditor, unanimously approved additional communication to elected officials and department managers regarding financial targets and policy requests with respect to next year's budget.

Submitted 2013 general fund expenditures approximate \$ 34.4M and preliminary estimates of general fund revenues approximate \$ 28.5M. Similar directional variances exist in other funds, as well. Once the Indiana Department of Revenue and the Department of Local Government and Finance complete certification of local government revenue distribution amounts, the estimated revenue is expected to increase; however, it may not change materially.

The Council will consider all requests that comply with the following procedures, and reserves the right to not consider budget requests that fail to follow the outlined procedures below. The requests below apply to all funds and departments.

Request #1 – Written Explanations

Each department is requested to submit a written explanation that also identifies by line item number, description, and amount (including employee positions) all new, increased, or modified line items (including description of title changes, etc.), incorporated into their respective 2013 budget submission, as compared to their 2012 approved budget adjusted for all Council actions occurring during 2012.

Request #2 – Submit Cost Savings

Each department is requested to submit a list, by line item number, description, and amount, identifying at least a 5 percent reduction for the 2013 year as compared to their 2012 approved budget adjusted for all Council actions occurring during 2012. To the extent that a respective department has already exceeded the 5 percent reduction threshold with respect to their current 2013 submission as compared to their 2012 approved budget adjusted for all Council actions occurring during 2012, those respective departments are exempt from Request #2.

Request # 3 – Submit 20% Contingency Savings

Each department is requested to submit a prioritized contingency plan equal to a 20% reduction of their 2013 submitted budget. Each department is requested to develop these proposals in sufficient detail so that they are ready to be entered into the state online budget tool by the Auditor, if needed, including individual line item detail, description, and amount. These contingency proposals may be necessary due to unknown impacts of state certified revenue amounts and/or assessed valuation data at this time, or during 2013 due to property tax collection rates, labor negotiations, etc. Office holders and their respective department managers are encouraged and expected to work together, as necessary, to develop and implement alternative innovative solutions in light of the fact that many departments have direct expenses reflected in their budget submission and additional indirect expenses (e.g. benefits, etc.) or support amounts included elsewhere. The County will likely need some of the departmental contingency proposals in order to balance the 2013 deficit created by budget expenditure submissions exceeding revenues.

Request #4 – Deadline

Return all items indicated above completed to the Auditor by Monday, August 27th, 2012.

Madison County Council, August 14, 2012