

BE IT REMEMBERED THE HENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF HENRY COUNTY, INDIANA, met in regular session in the Courthouse Circuit Courtroom, in the City of New Castle, Indiana on Wednesday, August 23, 2017, at 3:30 P.M., with the following members present: Nate LaMar, Steve Dugger, Richard Bouslog, Harold Griffin, Robin Reno-Fleming, Mike Thalls, Clay Morgan, Patricia A. French, Auditor, County Attorney Joel Harvey.

The meeting was opened with the invocation given by Mr. Morgan followed with the Pledge to the Flag by Mr. Dugger.

A motion was made by Mrs. Fleming and seconded by Mr. Bouslog to approve the minutes as presented from the June 19th special joint meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Griffin and seconded by Mr. Dugger to approve the minutes from the July 26th meeting as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Thalls and seconded by Mrs. Fleming to proclaim August 23rd as Dorothea White Day. Motion carried 6-0.

Missy Modesitt gave an update on Chamber of Commerce having their annual Christmas Walk on Thursday December 7th. There will be three new businesses downtown at this time.

James Hoel, with TS Tech Indiana, gave information concerning their business, stating that TS Tech manufactures approximately 1000 vehicle seat sets a day for Honda CRV's and Honda Civics. Their current employment number is around 400. Corey Murphy, EDC Director, is organizing a plant tour with TS Tech for members of the Council and Commissioners.

Beth Whybrew owner of Bethany Cares spoke about plans with American Healthcare Services. Beth plans on opening a senior living facility by spring of 2019 and it is expected to be a \$30 million dollar project. This facility will be on S. St Rd 3 next to Bethany Cares. This is going to be a 91 bed facility with meals provided. Therapy, barbershop, and healthcare will all be available on site.

Ryan Hammer owner of Crazy Horse Hops has the largest hops farm in Henry County. He currently has approximately 28 acres of hops, with plans to reach 100-150 acres. Ryan is wanting to open a centralized processing facility, this would be the only processing facility in the state of Indiana, and the largest hop farm in Indiana. This is expected to be a \$1.3 million dollar project, with 58 new jobs by 2021.

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Dugger to approve an additional appropriation from Public Safety LOIT in the amount of \$37,440.00 for Prairie Township VFD to purchase an emergency vehicle. Motion carried 5-1, with Mrs. Fleming voting against. Mrs. Fleming stated that a plan needs to be put in place for these situations.

The transfer request from the Sheriff, totaling \$146,623.18 that was tabled from the July 26th meeting was discussed. Patricia A. French, Auditor, informed the Council members the amount of \$87,739.18 was paid to the Department of Justice from the State Pace Forfeiture Fund and the Sheriff Commissary Fund for the Pace audit. No other transfers were needed at this time.

A motion was made by Mr. Dugger and seconded by Mrs. Fleming to approve the transfer request from the Coroner, in the amount of \$500.00 from Clerical to Autopsy. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Griffin and seconded by Mr. Bouslog to approve the transfer request from the Sheriff, in the amount of \$30,000.00 from Jail Meals to Overtime Jail Personnel. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Griffin and seconded by Mr. Bouslog to approve the transfer request from the Sheriff, in the amount of \$2,245 from Utilities to Jail Officers. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Griffin and seconded by Mr. Bouslog to approve the transfer request from the Sheriff, in the amount of \$4,356.07 from Utilities to Secretary. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Griffin and seconded by Mr. Bouslog to approve the transfer request from the Sheriff, in the amount of \$13,400 from Utilities to Part-Time Correctional. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Thalls to accept DLGF's list of property tax caps and levies of all units. Motion carried 6-0.

The deadline for department heads to submit for each Council meeting will be the Friday before the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Fleming and seconded by Mr. Thalls to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Nate LaMar, President

Steve Dugger, Vice President

Harold Griffin

Robin Reno-Fleming

Richard Bouslog

Clay Morgan

ATTESTED BY: _____
Patricia A. French, Henry County Auditor