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# Minutes for Knox County Indiana County Council

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## Call to Order

A meeting of the Knox County Council was held on February 12th 2019 at Vincennes City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm and was presided over by President Bob Lechner and Vice President Harry Nolting.

## Attendees

Voting members in attendance included David Culp, Randy Crismore, Robert Lechner, Jay Yochum, Jim Beery and Harry Nolting.

Members not in attendance included Tim Crowley.

Also present was Council Attorney Drew Porter and Knox County Auditor Mike Morris.

## Main Motions

**Motion:** Moved by David Culp and seconded by Randy Crismore to approve the meeting agenda. Motion passes 6-0.

**Motion:** Moved by Jim Beery and seconded by Harry Nolting to approve the prepayment of the Industrial Park Edit Bonds. Motion passes 6-0.

**Motion:** Moved by David Culp and seconded by Jay Yochum to approve Resolution 2019-2 (As needed transfer from Rainy Day fund to County General Fund to Supplement General Fund). Motion carries 6-0

**Motion:** Moved by David Culp and seconded by Randy Crismore to approve Sherriff department request to transfer money to pay receipts for Paul Wilson. Motion passes 6-0

**Motion:** Moved by David Culp and seconded by Jay Yochum to defer the additional request from the Prosecutors office to the March meeting. Motion passes 6-0

**Motion:** Moved by Bob Lechner and seconded by David Culp to correct a line item in the CASA account and deposit the monies in the general fund. Motion passes 6-0

**Motion:** Moved by Jay Yochum and seconded by Jim Beery to appoint Harry Nolting to the Pantheon Operating Board. Motion passes 6-0.

**Motion:** Moved by Randy Crismore and seconded by Harry Nolting to nominate Jay Yochum to the Knox County IT Board and Jim Beery to the Sherriff pension oversight board. Motion passes 6-0

**Motion:** Moved by Randy Crismore and seconded by Jay Yochum to nominate Martha Thompson to the Knox County Housing Board. Motion passes 6-0.

**Motion:** Moved David Culp and seconded by Randy Crismore to appropriate \$5213.15 for Meals of Prisoners. Motion carries 6-0

**Motion:** Moved by Jim Beery and seconded by Harry Nolting to create line items for the Soil and Water department. Motion passes 6-0

**Motion:** Moved by David Culp and seconded by Harry Nolting to remove the line item Misdemeanor/Civil Attorney contracts from the Public Defender fund. Motion Carries 6-0

**Motion:** Moved by Jim Beery and seconded by Randy Crismore to publicly support an increase in the Innkeepers tax for Knox County for the maintenance of Grouseland. Motion passes 5-1

## Other Reports

Vincennes Mayor Joe Yochum discussed with the Council joining the resources of Vincennes City and Knox County. He discussed the potential hiring of a person who would work on projects that affect both the city and the county.

Todd Davis with Sunrise Coal discussed an abatement for Sunrise Coal. Sunrise Coal is potentially expanding their operation in Oaktown with the possibility of adding 25-60 new jobs. Sunrise Coal is asking for a 10 year abatement on their new personal property.

Marsha Bishop, director of Life After Meth, updated the board on their operations. Ms. Bishop discussed with the board the upcoming banquet which will be held on Thursday the 21st.

Dan Robinson and Bruce Smith appeared on behalf of the Knox County Holding Corporation to discuss the final payment for the Industrial Park Edit Bonds. Mr. Smith discussed that he had received the appropriate funds from the Knox County Commissioners to pay off the bond early.

Charlie Ring from Department of Soil and Water appeared before the board for additional line items in his budget. He informed the board that Soil and Water would fund the line items. He also reminded the board that their annual meeting will be held March 11th at Green Activities Center.

Sherriff Vantlin appeared before the board to ask for money to be transferred to cover the Salary of Paul Wilson. The salary is split between Community Corrections and the Sherriff Department. Paul Wilson works maintenance. And also money to pay for meals for prisoners.

The additional request from the Clerk's office will be rescheduled for the March meeting.

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Bob Lechner informed the board that CASA had received monies from DCFS. The monies had been deposited into the CASA donations fund. The monies were not donations but refunds for monies that had been allocated in 2018 from Knox County to CASA. In 2018 CASA was under the umbrella of DCFS. When CASA became a county entity, the unused money was returned to CASA. The two checks, totally \$40,000 were not a donation, but a reimbursement to the county.

The Board discussed the pending Indiana State legislation to increase the Innkeepers tax. The 1% increase would go completely and specifically to Grouseland. There was much discussion as to whether or not the Council should publicly support the legislation. The board discussed the other county attractions who might also benefit from an increase in the Innkeepers Tax. David Culp argued that such a public show of support was premature. Councilman Culp noted that while he supported any effort for the maintenance of Grouseland, he felt the board should wait until this specific legislation was written and researched.

Knox County Commissioner Kellie Streeter updated the board on road closures due to heavy rain and highway bids that had been received to the Commissioners. Commissioner Streeter also discussed that the Council and the Commissioners need to discuss together the employment and hiring practices for Knox County.

## Officers' Reports

Jim Beery had nothing to report.

Jay Yochum had nothing to report.

Harry Nolting had nothing to report.

Randy Crismore reported that he was still working on the Solid Waste Bldg.

David Culp reported to the board that he had recently become aware of State HB1650. The purpose of the bill is to eliminate county townships all together. He advised the board to keep an eye on this bill's progress.

Bob Lechner updated the board that Knox County had been awarded a state license to open an opioid addiction treatment center.

## Adjournment

Jay Yochum moved and seconded by Harry Nolting that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 6:55 pm .



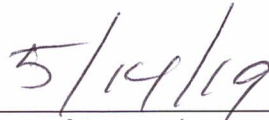
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Knox County Council



Date of Approval



President Bob Lechner  
Knox County Council



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