

MINUTES
 ELKHART COUNTY COUNCIL
 2009 Budget - First Reading
 September 8, 2008

1. The Elkhart County Council was called to order by Council Vice-President Sharkey at 8:30 a.m., in Room 104, County Administration Building, Goshen, Indiana. Other members present were Donald E. Abel, James L. Hartman Randall D. Yohn, and Clarence J. Yoder. David E. Foutz .and John K. Letherman was absent.

Also present were David L. Hess, Auditor and Pauline E. Graff, First Deputy Auditor; and Carol Caviness, Assistant Director of Personnel.

2. Reading of Advertised Notice to Taxpayers

Budget Hearings: August 19-20, 2008
 Date of Work Session & Reductions: 8:00 a.m., August 26, 2008
 Date of Public Hearing: August 26, 2008, at 4:00 p.m.

2. Graff read the advertised Notice to Taxpayers of the 2009 Proposed Budget Estimates and Tax Levies for each fund.
 (Budget Form No.3) (Page 262)

3. Graff then read the proposed budget requests of each Elkhart County Department made before the budget hearings for 2009.
 (Form 4A-Column 1) (Page 263)

GENERAL FUND #001

Clerk	\$ 1,790,507.00
Auditor	\$ 647,391.00
Treasurer	\$ 352,064.00
Recorder	\$ 270,394.00
Sheriff	\$ 14,028,963.00
Surveyor	\$ 355,386.00
Coroner	\$ 241,483.00
Prosecuting Attorney	\$ 1,824,782.00
County Assessor	\$ 1,364,796.00
Concord Twp Assr	\$ 351,300.00
County Council	\$ 115,552.00
Commissioners	\$ 16,146,800.00
Code Enforc/Bldg Dept	\$ 570,174.00
Plan Commission	\$ 537,330.00
Co. Drainage Board	\$ 10,800.00
Veterans Service Board	\$ 158,043.00
Weights & Measures	\$ 79,755.00
Emergency Management	\$ 150,274.00
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 2,159,320.00
Data Processing	\$ 1,585,014.00
Personnel	\$ 429,267.00

Microfilm	\$	168,954.00
Soil & Water	\$	112,796.00
County Extension	\$	551,473.00
Board of Appeals	\$	30,400.00
IV-D (Pros Atty)	\$	1,311,564.00
Victim/Witness Asst	\$	287,154.00
Circuit Court	\$	293,835.00
Circuit Ct - Juvenile	\$	270,254.00
Superior Court I	\$	304,639.00
Superior Court II	\$	292,594.00
Superior Court III	\$	415,779.00
Superior Court IV Goshen	\$	235,264.00
Superior Court V Elkhart	\$	313,770.00
Cts Magistrate - Goshen	\$	45,844.00
Court Services	\$	3,024,365.00
Cts Magistrate - Elkhart	\$	37,732.00
Superior Court VI – Elkhart	\$	268,116.00
IV-D Court	\$	239,814.00
Public Defender	\$	945,884.00
Substance Abuse	\$	320,917.00
Corrections Work Release	\$	<u>670,010.00</u>
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL	\$	53,310,553.00

Election Board/Voters Reg (#106)	\$	166,763.00
County Highway (#112)	\$	5,508,331.00
Cumulative Bridge (#335)	\$	387,620.00
Local Road & Street (#114)	\$	1,395,000.00
Park & Recreation (#104)	\$	2,124,352.00
Emergency Communication (#103)	\$	1,795,283.00
Solid Waste Disposal Fees (#533)	\$	6,338,786.00
Health Department (#102)	\$	3,229,180.00
Cum Reassessment - 2009 (#105)	\$	154,246.00
Emergency Phone System - 911	\$	895,886.00
Convention & Visitors (#116)	\$	1,300,000.00
Co Econ Dev. Commission (#159)	\$	2,000.00
Public Defender Supplemental (#160)	\$	207,970.00
Adult Probation Users Fees (#165)	\$	567,527.00
Juvenile Probation Users Fees (#166)	\$	74,621.00
Cumulative Capital Development (#334)	\$	731,232.00
Cumulative Drain (#337)	\$	- 0 -
Major Bridge (#338)	\$	- 0 -
Special Projects (#144)	\$	314,646.00
2004 Bond & Interest (#201)	\$	6,179,351.00
Storm Water Utilities (#320)	\$	554,318.00
Criminal Justice Facilities (#336)	\$	11,723,446.00
Elkhart County Gis Fund (#177)	\$	45,200.00
County Police Pension	\$	<u>153,392.00</u>
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$	97,159,703.00

4. Auditor Hess then read the levies as advertised. These are the first figures that were submitted to him and advertised. This is the levies and the rates that would have been required. (17-Line Statement) (Page 264)

5. Hartman made a motion to close the First Reading of the 2009 Budget; seconded by Yohn and unanimously carried the First Reading of the 2009 Budget was closed.

6. Review and approval of Library budgets.

Hess informed the Council that according to the instructions from the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) that the County fiscal body shall review the proposed or estimated tax rate or levy of proposed budgets and issue a non-binding recommendation to the civil taxing unit regarding the proposed or estimated tax rate or levy of proposed budgets. Essentially that is what we will be doing. The Council does have the authority to cut the library budgets, but he is not sure the Council has any authority to cut them beyond 4%. All of the budgets that we are going to look at are under the 4%. The Libraries have been very diligent and prudent.

a. Review of the Nappanee Library Budget. Their percentage was 3.20%.

On motion made by Yoder seconded by Hartman and unanimously carried, the Council approved the Nappanee Public Library Budget for 2009. (Page 265)

b. Review of the Wakarusa Library Budget. Their percentage was 3.69%

On motion made by Yohn seconded by Hartman and unanimously carried, the Council approved the Wakarusa Library Budget. (Page 266)

c. Review of the Bristol Library Budget. Their percentage was 4%.

On motion made by Yoder seconded by Hartman and unanimously carried, the Council approved the Bristol Public Library Budget. (Page 267)

d. Review of the Goshen Public Library Budget. Their percentage is 2.843%

On motion made by Randy seconded by Hartman and unanimously carried, the Council approved the Goshen Public Library Budget. (Page 268)

e. Review of the Middlebury Public Library Budget. Their percentage is 2.477%.

On motion made by Hartman seconded by Yoder and unanimously carried, the Council approved the Middlebury Library Budget. (Page 269)

f. Review of the Elkhart Public Library Budget. Their percentage is 3.97%.

On motion made by Hartman seconded by Yoder and unanimously carried, the Council approved the Elkhart Public Library Budget. (Page 270)

Recessed

Vice-President Sharkey asked for a motion to recess the meeting. On motion made by Hartman and seconded by Yohn the meeting was recessed. The Council will re-convene at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 9, 2008, for the Second Reading of the 2009 Budget.

Recording Secretary
Kenlyn K. Arnott

Secretary's Note: The complete recording of this Budget Reading is available in the Auditor's Office.