

**ALLEN COUNTY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2012
8:30 AM**

The Allen County Council met on Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 8:30 am in the Chambers Courtroom in Citizens Square. The purpose of the meeting was for election of officers, reorganization and liaison assignments.

Attending: Bob Armstrong, Larry L. Brown, Roy A. Buskirk, Tom A. Harris, Kevin M. Howell, Paul G. Moss and Darren E. Vogt

Also Attending: Tera Klutz, Auditor; Nick Jordan, Chief Deputy Auditor and Becky Butler, Administrative Assistant.

The meeting was called to order by President Darren Vogt with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

Darren Vogt: Council, we have a very short agenda. As current President, I will pass it over to the Auditor for the election of officers.

Tera Klutz: Happy New Year everyone. At this time, I will entertain nominations for President of County Council for 2012.

Darren Vogt: I will make the motion for Larry Brown to be our President.

Roy Buskirk: I'll second that.

Tera Klutz: Are there any other nominations?

Darren Vogt: Move that nominations be closed.

Bob Armstrong: Second.

Tera Klutz: All of those in favor of Larry Brown being the County Council President say aye. All those opposed. Larry is the President 6-0-1(Brown abstained).

Bob Armstrong: You can vote for yourself.

Tera Klutz: Now I will entertain nominations for Vice President of County Council for 2012.

Darren Vogt: I will make a motion for Councilman Roy Buskirk.

ALLEN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Larry Brown: I will second the nomination.

Tera Klutz: Are there any other nominations?

Bob Armstrong: I move for Tom Harris.

Paul Moss: I'll second that.

Tera Klutz: We will vote in the order that they were nominated.

Roy Buskirk: I will withdraw my name. I have a lot on the table this year with the Permit Committee and I want to really concentrate on that.

Tera Klutz: Darren, with that, will you withdraw the motion?

Darren Vogt: Yes.

Larry Brown: I will withdraw my second.

Tera Klutz: All right, all those in favor of Tom Harris being the County Council Vice President for 2012, say aye. All those opposed. Tom is the Vice President 7-0. Congratulations Mr. Harris.

Tom Harris: Thank you and Roy, thank you.

Tera Klutz: I will turn the meeting over to County Council President Larry Brown.

Larry Brown: I have worked a little bit, in anticipation of this, on liaison assignments. This is a work in progress or a draft, if you will. Some are different from last year and there is some logic to some of it. I would appreciate it if in the next day or two you could review this and get back to me if there are any problems. Is there any discussion on it at this time? Is there anything else to come before this body today?

Becky Butler: You wanted to talk about May 24th.

Larry Brown: Oh, that is right. The May meeting, our normal third Thursday interferes with a conference that the Auditor's staff will be at. Just to refresh your memory, I struggled through all of 2011 with my appointment to the CIB to get them to change their meeting time. It has been changed to the fourth Thursday. I would appreciate it if we could not have the May meeting on Thursday, May 24th.

ALLEN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Roy Buskirk: When is the conference?

Tera Klutz: May 15th through the 18th. It is the State Board of Accounts conference to go over the legislation that may or may not be passed. The 17th of May is the third Thursday.

Roy Buskirk: I see, that is why you moved it to the 24th.

Becky Butler: I have reserved the room for the rest of that week for whatever day you choose during that week.

Roy Buskirk: Wednesday would be all right.

Darren Vogt: Yeah.

Larry Brown: That is fine with me if it is okay with you guys. Are we saying Wednesday the 16th or the 23rd?

Tera Klutz: Wednesday the 23rd.

Larry Brown: Okay, the next meeting is January 19, 2012. Is there anything else we need to talk about?

Cathy Serrano: Good morning, Councilmen. Cathy Serrano, Director of Human Resources. I needed to bring something before Council that stems from our last meeting with the Personnel Committee. There was a scrivener's error that none of us caught this error until we were sitting at the table. I went back and researched to make sure it was accurate before I came forward. As you may recall, you voted for a new Law Clerk position for Circuit Court and all of our paperwork said that the position would be salaried at \$40,000. To be consistent with the other Law Clerk positions, the actual salary should be \$40,459.13. It is a small scrivener's error and an oversight and none of us caught it. I wanted to bring it before Council and give you the opportunity to vote for that salary for Circuit Court.

Roy Buskirk: Can we do that at this meeting?

Tera Klutz: No, but we can do it at the January meeting. We can retro it back to the beginning of the year.

Darren Vogt: Yes, it is a \$400 error.

Tera Klutz: They won't be hired yet.

ALLEN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Cathy Serrano: Right, they are not going to be hired until August. Okay, thank you Council.

Larry Brown: So, do we need to make an adjustment to that salary ordinance?

Roy Buskirk: Yes but we can't do it at this meeting. We have to do it at the regular meeting.

Larry Brown: It has to be advertised and all of that.

Tera Klutz: This meeting is strictly for getting organized.

Larry Brown: Okay. Is there anything else?

Darren Vogt: Approval to waive the reading on any matter approved today for which it may be deemed necessary for the County Council meeting of January 5, 2012.

Roy Buskirk: Second.

Larry Brown: All in favor please signify by saying aye. The motion passes 7-0.

Roy Buskirk: Move to adjourn.

Tom Harris: Second.

Larry Brown: All in favor please signify by saying aye. Opposed like sign. The motion carries 7-0. See you on the 19th.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:43.