

Baldwin Township Special Meeting
June 9, 2011

Present – Supervisors Jay Swanson, Randy Atwood and Kim Good. Supervisor Larry Handshoe arrived at 7:58 p.m. Supervisor Tom Rush left at 8:21 p.m.

Call to Order – The June 9, 2011 special meeting of Baldwin Township was called to order by Chairman Jay Swanson at 6:57 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – All present recited the pledge of allegiance.

Consultation with Attorneys Mike Couri & Bob Ruppe, Couri, MacArthur & Ruppe Law Firm – The law firm of Couri, MacArthur & Ruppe represented Baldwin Township from 2004 to 2007 as the Township's attorneys. This representation included meetings and negotiations with the City of Princeton regarding annexation issues as well as several discussions regarding the pros and cons of incorporation, annexation and merger. Consequently, they are familiar with Baldwin Township and the issues it is recently facing.

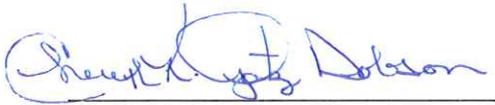
Using a team approach, Mike Couri said he will be the one who would be assigned as the lead attorney to work with Baldwin Township with Bob Ruppe as backup in instances where Couri may not be available. The firm concentrates exclusively in municipal law representing over 140 townships throughout the state.

In Ruppe and Couri's opinion, the first concern is to find out what the City of Princeton wants to achieve whether its population or tax base, then set up a priority situation. They said they would get Baldwin Township the best possible agreement. It will be important for Baldwin Township to have dollar figures, and the building blocks needed to create infrastructure, to present to a court in case the action of incorporation would be contested.

Discussion/Selection of Attorney – Since Rush was not present for the process of discussion and/or selection of an attorney, it was decided that selecting an attorney would be put on for the July agenda. Also to go on the July agenda is 'Discuss Interviewing a Planner'.

Also discussed was the possibility of having a public hearing after more information of a financial analysis was obtained in order to show the residents what the ramifications of becoming a city would be.

Adjourn – Good/Atwood unanimous to adjourn at 9:31 p.m.



Submitted By: (s/)
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Baldwin Township



Approved By: (s/) Jay Swanson
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Baldwin Township

Attendees: Chuck Nagel