

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 8, 1997**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 8th day of January, 1997 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:38 p.m. by County Auditor Suzanne Crouch.

Suzanne Crouch: Good afternoon. I would like to ask Deputy Duckworth to open the meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council.

Deputy Duckworth: Would everyone please rise? Oh yes, oh yes, oh yes, the Vanderburgh County Council is now in session pursuant to adjournment. Thank you, you may be seated.

Suzanne Crouch: Thank you, Mike. I'd like the Council Secretary to call the roll for attendance.

Roll call was taken by Council Secretary, Teri Lukeman.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Smith	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Lloyd	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	

Suzanne Crouch: If you would all stand while we do the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Suzanne Crouch: The Chair will now entertain nominations for the President of the Vanderburgh County Council for 1997.

Councilmember Raben: I move that we nominate Curt Wortman as president.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

Suzanne Crouch: There has been a nomination and a second. Are there any other nominations for that position? Any discussion?

Councilmember Lloyd: I'd just like to state that I am pleased that we're going to nominate Curt Wortman for president. He's got a lot of experience with the Council and I think he'll do an excellent job.

Suzanne Crouch: Any other discussion?

Councilmember Smith: Motion that the nominations be closed.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Suzanne Crouch: I would like the Council Secretary to do a roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Aye.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Aye.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Suzanne Crouch: Congratulations to the new president, Mr. Wortman, and if you'd like to assume your Chair?

President Wortman: Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. I'll try not to let you down and will do the best I can. We'll get down to business here and we're going to have the election of the Vice President. I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: I move that we nominate Phil Hoy.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a motion and a second. Do I have any other nominations from the floor? I'll entertain a motion for the nominations to be closed?

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Wortman: I've got a second. Is there any discussion on this? If not, please all raise your right hands.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: We have the appointment of the County Council Attorney. We've went through and screened a lot of attorneys

and we've come up with the name of Jeff Ahlers, and you spell that A-h-l-e-r-s. Now, I'll entertain a motion for approval of the Vanderburgh County Council's attorney.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll make that motion.

President Wortman: We've got a motion from Mr. Bassemier and do I hear a second?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Wortman: Is there any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Is he here?

President Wortman: No discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. Royce, did you raise yours?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: It's unanimous and I kind of recognize him in the crowd. Would you come up here, Mr. Ahlers, and meet the public and the Councilmembers, please? I might add that this attorney comes with quite a good recommendation and credentials. We welcome you here and thank you. Do you know all these members here now?

Jeff Ahlers: Yes, I believe so.

President Wortman: I was going to ask if you know Mr. Sutton and Mrs. Smith, of course Ed and Sandie, and right on around here is Teri Lukeman from the Auditor's Office, and of course our Auditor, and then the tire man, Mr. Raben, and Russell Lloyd, Jr., and Mr. Hoy over there.

<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b> <b>DECEMBER 4, 1996</b></p>
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President Wortman: Next on the agenda is going to be approval of the minutes for December 4, 1996. Do I hear a motion?

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy made the motion and we've got a second from Mr. Sutton. Any discussion on the minutes? If not all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p><b>APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS</b></p>
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President Wortman: We'll go to the appointment of Committee Chairpersons and the Personnel Chairman, which is really the Job Study, is going to be Mr. Ed Bassemier. Thank you, Mr.

Bassemier. The Finance Chairman is going to be Mr. Raben. Thank you, Mr. Raben.

<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>
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President Wortman: We're going to move right on and we're going into the Appropriation Ordinance. I'll ask for you, being this is the first meeting, Mr. Raben, would you proceed with the Appropriation Ordinance and, of course, follow it with the Transfers? Then we'll go from there. I'll take one at a time and we'll ask for a vote on each individual one. Proceed.

**A) BOARD OF REVIEW**

Councilmember Raben: I move that we approve Board of Review in the amount of \$4,100.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a second from Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? No discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

BOARD OF REVIEW		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1091-3310	Training	800.00	800.00
1091-3370	Computer	1,000.00	1,000.00
1091-3371	Hardware	1,000.00	1,000.00
1091-3530	Contractual services	1,300.00	1,300.00
TOTAL		4,100.00	4,100.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**B) PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: The next one is the Pigeon Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: I move that we approve an appropriation in the amount of \$22,264.00.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a second from Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes. In comparison with the other two larger townships, is this going to put us -- having one more staff member in this office than in the other two?

Paul Hatfield: No.

President Wortman: Not necessarily, but if anyone would like to speak to it from the audience -- the Pigeon Township Assessor,

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Mr. Paul Hatfield, would you come forward, please? State your name.

Paul Hatfield: My name is Paul Hatfield and I'm the Pigeon Township Assessor. In answer to your question, no, this will not be an additional person over what the other townships have. The fact is, they have both got two and we have only had one. By the way, we are not...the other two larger townships. We are only second to Knight.

Councilmember Hoy: I wasn't comparing your size, I was just talking about the three large townships. Every time somebody adds a new employee, Mr. Hatfield, then we can rest assured that the other two will be in shortly after for two more positions.

Paul Hatfield: Well, they should be in this case because we are the only one that didn't have --

Councilmember Hoy: And that's why I asked the question.

President Wortman: I spoke with Mr. Hatfield and this person is going to go out and create more revenue than the salary and he really needs it and he said he would --

Paul Hatfield: Yes, we have quite a bit to -- new assessments to make and a lot of building permits which will add assessments. The fact is this man has already been earning his salary. Any other questions?

Councilmember Lloyd: I have a question. I noticed on a report from the Auditor's Office that said you were not complying with the time accrual compliance. Were you going to start doing that?

Paul Hatfield: I've spoken to Mrs. Crouch. I was not aware that we were not, but we are now.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, so you are going to start, or you are doing it now.

Paul Hatfield: Any other questions?

President Wortman: Any other questions of Mr. Hatfield? Okay, you can be excused. Any more discussion? I'm going to call for a vote. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Unanimous. Thank you.

**PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

**REQUESTED**

**APPROVED**

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1150-1190-1150	Real estate deputy	17,566.00	17,566.00
1150-1910	PERF	1,054.00	1,054.00
1150-1900	FICA	1,344.00	1,344.00
1150-1920	Insurance	2,300.00	2,300.00
TOTAL		22,264.00	22,264.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Thank you.

**C) AREA PLAN**

President Wortman: We'll move right on to the next one, it's Area Plan. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move that we approve 1240-3610 in the amount of \$13,965.

President Wortman: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: I've got a second from Mr. Bassemier. Any discussion? No discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand --

Councilmember Sutton: Whoa! I couldn't get my hand on the switch quick enough!

Councilmember Hoy: Councilman Sutton, we're going to put a time delay on the President's switch this year. He just doesn't know it.

Barbara Cunningham: You'll have to talk fast, Royce.

Councilmember Sutton: Barbara, I know this is just a one time --

President Wortman: Excuse me, would you state your name and --

Barbara Cunningham: Barbara Cunningham with Area Plan Commission.

Councilmember Sutton: This is a one time accumulation, I guess in going forward in terms of how we will receive our billing, what steps have we put in place this year that maybe we don't --

Barbara Cunningham: I have put in place to make sure that we get monthly billings from now on that we were not -- and then I can be aware of this so this does not happen hopefully again. I thought I had monthly billings in place, Mr. Sutton, and I was surprised. So I made a strong recommendation, not even a recommendation, I've said we have to have monthly billings from now on.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Sutton. Any other discussion?

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No discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1240-3610	Legal services	13,965.00	13,965.00
TOTAL		13,965.00	13,965.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**D) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

President Wortman: County Commissioners.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I move that we set in line item 1300-3841 Daylight sewer project in the amount of \$130,000.00.

President Wortman: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion?

Councilmember Smith: I didn't hear exactly what you said, \$130,000?

Councilmember Raben: \$130,000, that's all they need --

Councilmember Smith: How far does that put the project along, because this has been going on for quite some time and its created a problem out there?

President Wortman: Here comes Mr. Robling, and thanks for your question. Mr. Robling, your name and --

Mike Robling: Mike Robling, Department of Metropolitan Development. This appropriation will allow us to award a contract for the Earle portion of the project which goes up Petersburg Road from the BSH Development to the Hornet's Nest. The Daylight portion of the project, which will go along Highway 57, is still on hold pending some outcome on this Phoenix Commerce Center project.

Councilmember Smith: Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, you can be excused. Okay, we have a motion and the second. Any more discussion? If not, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3841	Daylight sewer project	690,000.00	130,000.00
TOTAL		690,000.00	130,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**E) LEGAL AID**

President Wortman: Legal Aid.

Councilmember Raben: I move that we set in line item 1460-1920 in the amount of \$5,804.00.

President Wortman: Do I hear a second? I don't hear a second so the motion dies for lack of a second.

Councilmember Raben: I might explain what that \$5,804 is. They have an existing employee that has not been on county insurance that wants to get on county insurance. This is for an existing employee.

Councilmember Smith: Then I'll second it.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded it. Okay, it's still in effect then. So we've got a motion and a second. Now discussion. Anybody else want to ask -- Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, the requested amount is \$10,650.00. For a part-time employee can...we're looking at, I guess, essentially different -- your motion is essentially...

Councilmember Raben: My motion only includes that we fund the insurance for an existing employee.

Councilmember Smith: One person?

Councilmember Raben: One person that currently is not on county insurance that wants to go on the county insurance.

Councilmember Bassemier: I thought that's what you meant, Jim. What was the figure again, please?

Councilmember Raben: \$5,804.00

President Wortman: Any more discussion on this?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I guess I'm not opposed to it but that would give us -- well, strike that question. That's okay.

President Wortman: We've got the lady from Legal Aid. Would you mind giving your name and --

Kim Johnson: Thank you very much. I'm Kim Johnson and President of Legal Aid. If I understand correctly what this motion is, our Junior Secretary is asking for benefits so this would appropriate that, which the rest of our requests, the repeals and additional appropriations and transfers, are not being approved to upgrade that third secretarial position.

Councilmember Raben: That's the way the motion reads right now, yes.

President Wortman: Is everybody clear on that now?

Councilmember Sutton: Did they request --

Councilmember Bassemier: They're wanting to take part-time and make full-time, and you're saying that --



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Councilmember Raben: My motion denies that request, but it does fund the insurance line for the existing full-time employee.

Councilmember Smith: Question.

Councilmember Sutton: But that wasn't what they requested, I guess. I guess that was my question and are they aware of this particular request here and how it's being funded and -- you know, I don't know if this is what they want. That's what my question is.

Councilmember Hoy: Being their liaison, Councilman Sutton, no, this is not what Legal Aid wants and I was hoping that we might defer part of this until we get more solid figures in on the balance and the General Fund from the Auditor. This early in the year we really don't know where we are. I don't think I'm going to win that, but I would like to say, ask Council that if we're not going to defer that part, that in the next month we study this issue. I think the position is needed, I'm on record. But I think not enough people are convinced yet, to be honest with you.

Kim Johnson: We would be more than -- we feel like we've answered questions. If there are still questions out there we would be glad to meet with people, go back and answer questions on that third. We do appreciate the appropriation for our Junior Legal Secretary for her insurance benefits. But as you did say, Mr. Hoy, this is not what we've asked for. We really do feel like we need more to make it work.

Councilmember Smith: This is a full-time job, position, that we're funding the insurance for?

Councilmember Raben: Right. This is an existing employee --

Councilmember Smith: And it is full-time?

Councilmember Raben: Correct.

Councilmember Hoy: And the rest of it would be for a new employee, Councilwoman.

President Wortman: Okay, everybody understand --

Councilmember Lloyd: I was wondering why this was coming up now, the first meeting of the year.

Kim Johnson: We requested this in our original proposed budget and cuts were made, so we went back and at the meeting, the designated deadline in December we asked for the additional appropriations. We went back to our budget as a Board and we have the support of -- United Way is here with us today. United Way went ahead and funded this position. We are the only agency that they have made a commitment to in their 1997 fund drive. And we've made some switches in our line items, sacrifices really, where we have decided that upgrading this position is important enough to us in our agency and the service that we're able to provide the county that we are willing to make some adjustments, so that came up in December. And in December they heard our presentation and discussion and all appropriations

were deferred until this meeting. Is that correct?

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President? I've had many conversations with Ms. Hartig on this and she gave a printout of her case loads and before we kill this, I'd rather defer than see it denied. So I'd like to go on record, too. I'd like to see her get this part-time to full-time, but instead of killing it today on a vote, I'd just as soon defer it. Jim, is there a possibility that we can study this a little more and go over the case load?

Councilmember Raben: Regardless of what you do, that full-time employee that is asking for insurance today, they need money to fund that. I mean, starting January 1st.

Councilmember Bassemier: But all this ties in with the transfers and the repeal --

Councilmember Raben: I understand that, but if this employee wants insurance to start probably retroactive to the first, right?

Kim Johnson: That's right.

Councilmember Raben: We need to fund this insurance line, and correct me if I'm wrong, but if we defer it today it still has to be readvertised, does it not?

President Wortman: No.

Kim Johnson: Would there be a suggestion that if you could approve the allocations you're saying, Mr. Raben, today for the insurance and defer the rest of our request until...to study? The other issue that we're facing as an agency, too, is that we have a maternity leave that is coming up with this Junior Secretary which will leave us without, we'll have one full-time secretary and probably only one who knows what's going on in the office at the time because our part-time help currently will not be able to stay with us.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so what you're asking is that we go ahead and set it in like the motion calls for at \$5,804 and you're asking that when we get to the transfers that those simply be deferred and not zeroed out. Is that fine? I mean, is that what you're --

Councilmember Bassemier: I wish I could show everybody out before we get to that part!

President Wortman: Madam, let me ask you this --

Councilmember Bassemier: I got Phil's okay, but they are really busy, looking at their case load and we've got to remember that it's not really giving them a new employee, it's just taking a part-time and making them full-time. But, yeah, let's get the insurance over with.

Councilmember Raben: I do have a question. We've robbed Peter to pay Paul, you know, with these transfers. We have no assurance that July or August you're not going to be back in

here asking for appropriations to replenish those line items.

Kim Johnson: We will not be back in here. Unless something would change and it's something that would change like an operating cost that we have no control over, but where we have made adjustments we feel like we'll do whatever is necessary to stay within those line item budgets. We do not, that's not part of our strategy at all.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, I'd like to add I've been their liaison officer for the last four years and at budget times, if you remember, they hardly ever raise their budget and I'm sure that if they're telling us that they need a new employee, they need one. Now if you want to go back the last four years, Sue keeps that doggone budget real, real tight. That's all I have to say about it.

President Wortman: Let me ask you this. Now you've got a repeal in here. Could you take that \$5,000 out of that repeal money?

Kim Johnson: Yeah.

Sue Hartig: That repeal is United Way funding that we are not going to get, so the money that we're repealing doesn't exist. I know that's a confusing issue. When we turn the budget in to you in May or June, we have no idea what United Way is going to do at the end of the year and because of problems within their campaign, we still don't know. As our Board President said, right now we're the only agency that they've made a commitment to because they knew we needed their help to come to you and say if you fund your portion of this position, they'll fund theirs. So we had estimated asking for much more from United Way than we're going to receive. So that money for the repeal really isn't there to be transferred anywhere else. Half of this position is funded by the city, so we're asking you for \$4,800, but it's only \$2,400 out of your coffers.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so let's get this thing moving. If the motion is that we set that in at \$5,804, we cannot set that in at \$5,804 and defer the remainder balance, so regardless of what we do, you're going to have to file a new appropriation and this early in the month, we're not going to take final action on it if we defer it until February anyway. So you're still going to need to file a new appropriation for the remainder.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, there hasn't been any action taken as of yet.

Councilmember Raben: But I meant, --

Councilmember Sutton: I don't know if --

President Wortman: We'll just withdraw the second and the motion and then have a new motion.

Sue Hartig: But just for clarification, the other portion could not be deferred?

Councilmember Raben: No, because you're setting a figure in that line item today. But, I mean, again, it's just a matter of filing a new appropriation.

Sue Hartig: Fine, we can do that.

Councilmember Raben: And we'll defer -- you'll have the chance to defer the transfers, you know, the rest of it when we come to that.

Councilmember Bassemier: Can I get you to take that back, that motion, and start all over again so --

Councilmember Raben: Well, or vote it down.

President Wortman: There's a motion on the floor and a second and we're in discussion. So if you're ready we can try it and see if it is going to pass or fail. I can call for a vote now and --

Councilmember Hoy: The question of Mr. Raben, I think I know the answer, but I'd like it clarified is that you prefer not to withdraw your motion. Is that correct, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: I can at this point, I guess. I don't really wish to, though.

Councilmember Hoy: Well then, that's all I'm saying is that we just need to clarify that you don't want to withdraw your motion because there's been a request. It's a parliamentary procedural thing once another Councilman requests that and if you --

President Wortman: If it stands as it is, your motion stands as is to approve \$5,804 and there's been a motion and a second, we've had a discussion, and we'll vote on it then. Then if it doesn't pass then it will be open for a new motion. So all those in favor of it, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four. Those opposed: one, two, three. So the motion passes on that item. We'll proceed to the next item.

Councilmember Bassemier: Sorry to (inaudible - microphone not turned on).

Councilmember Raben: You sure worked for it, though.

Kim Johnson: So for clarification for us, we need to come back to you with another appropriation and do this again?

Councilmember Raben: When I get to the transfers, I'll make a motion --

Councilmember Hoy: Give your liaison a call.

**LEGAL AID**

**REQUESTED**

**APPROVED**

1460-1920	Insurance	10,650.00	5,804.00
TOTAL		10,650.00	5,804.00

(Motion carries 4-3. Councilmembers Bassemier, Sutton and Hoy opposed.)

**F) COUNTY COUNCIL**

President Wortman: Okay, the next item is County Council.

Councilmember Raben: I move that we approve line item 1480-3310 in the amount of \$300.00.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy. Any discussion on this? No discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-3310	Training	300.00	300.00
TOTAL		300.00	300.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

G) COUNTY ASSESSOR

President Wortman: Now we'll go to the County Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, this is out of the Reassessment budget. This request is in the amount of \$26,478 for the Land Commission. It is unclear as to whether or not this money actually needs to be set in or not, so I'm going to move that it be set in at zero.

President Wortman: Do I have a second to that effect?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: I've got a second from Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? We have Mrs. Musgrave, would you come up to the microphone, please, and state your name and what office you represent? Thank you.

Cheryl Musgrave: Cheryl Musgrave, County Assessor and thanks. He's right, I don't think we need to appropriate that right now, but I would ask that instead of setting it in at zero, you defer it for a month so I don't have to do the paperwork all over again. Is that possible?

President Wortman: Well, the motion is made to set it in at zero, but by the time they get done fooling with the legislative process it might be March or so, I'm thinking. But you could readvertise and we'll see how it goes because see, right now, we don't know anything.

Cheryl Musgrave: I know, in fact, I know less than nothing about what they're going to do with this. But the paperwork, we all love filing it and it's a real hassle. Can we just defer it instead, please? That's all I have to say.

President Wortman: Well, you'd have to rephrase your motion and back off, unless you don't want to.

Councilmember Raben: Let's just leave it as is.

President Wortman: The gentleman says leave it as is and the

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second says leave it as is. So, any more discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five...opposed? Okay, that takes care of the Appropriation Ordinance --

Councilmember Hoy: I voted against.

President Wortman: Yeah.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1130-2492	Land commission	11,970.00	
2492-1900	FICA	2,329.00	
2492-1910	PERF	448.00	
2492-1990	Extra help	6,731.00	
2492-2600	Office supply	2,000.00	
2492-3370	Computer	3,000.00	
TOTAL		26,478.00	-0-

(Motion carries 6-1. Councilmember Hoy opposed.)

## TRANSFERS

**A) LEGAL AID**

President Wortman: We'll move to the transfers and the first is Legal Aid.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, these are the transfers for Legal Aid. I move that all these account line items be deferred.

President Wortman: Have I got a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion on this? All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

LEGAL AID	REQUESTED	APPROVED
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FROM: 1460-1990	Extra help	2,544.00	DEFERRED
1460-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,250.00	DEFERRED
1460-3450	Yellow pages	200.00	DEFERRED
1460-3600	Rent	2,852.00	DEFERRED
1460-4210	Furniture/fixtures	500.00	DEFERRED
1460-3730	Continuing education	500.00	DEFERRED
TO: 1460-1910	PERF	956.00	DEFERRED
1460-1160-1460	Junior legal secretary #2	6,260.00	DEFERRED
1460-1900	FICA	284.00	DEFERRED
1460-1920	Insurance	346.00	DEFERRED

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

B)     LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY

President Wortman: Okay, the next is Superior Court. There's two of them there, transfers.

Councilmember Raben: There's another Legal Aid we need to do. This is the United Way portion.

President Wortman: Oh, okay. I'm sorry.

Councilmember Raben: And this transfer request, I also move that it be deferred.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a motion and a second. Any discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 4290-4220	Office machines	2,000.00	DEFERRED
4290-4210	Office furniture	1,000.00	DEFERRED
4290-1990	Extra help	2,521.00	DEFERRED
4290-3130	Travel/mileage	500.00	DEFERRED
4290-3280	Exam of records/Audit	1,300.00	DEFERRED
4290-3700	Dues and subscriptions	500.00	DEFERRED

4290-3990	Miscellaneous	1,334.00	DEFERRED
4290-1900	FICA	25.00	DEFERRED
4290-3250	Law books	500.00	DEFERRED
TO: 4290-1190-4290	Junior legal secretary #2	9,680.00	DEFERRED

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LATE TRANSFERS

A & B) SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Next we have another Legal Aid -- well, we need to handle the other additional transfers first, don't we? There are some Late Transfers. The first one is Superior Court. It's in the amount of \$3,815. I move that we approve it.

President Wortman: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: I've got a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: Are we discussing item 1370-1200-1370?

President Wortman: Anymore discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand.

VANDEBURGH SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1370-1200-1370	Juvenile Magistrate	3,815.00	3,815.00
TO: 1370-1610-1370	Judge Pro Tem	1,015.00	1,015.00
1370-3730	Continuing Legal Ed	1,000.00	1,000.00
1370-3940	Public Defender Sec. Exp.	1,800.00	1,800.00

(Motion carries 6-0. Councilmember Sutton abstains.)

Councilmember Raben: Am I understanding this correctly? There's another Superior Court as well. This is Superior Court as well. This is 1370-1630 in the amount of \$5,956.00. I move that we accept that transfer.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a second. Any discussion. If not, I'll call for the vote. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Okay.

VANDEBURGH SUPERIOR COURT REQUESTED APPROVED



FROM: 1370-1630-1370	Public Defender	5,956.00	5,956.00
TO: 1370-1640-1370	Public Defender	1,620.00	1,620.00
1370-1670-1370	Public Defender	1,620.00	1,620.00
1370-1700-1370	Public Defender	1,096.00	1,096.00
1370-1730-1370	Public Defender	1,620.00	1,620.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**C) TREASURER**

Councilmember Raben: And last but not least we have a late transfer for the Treasurer. It's in the amount of \$2,300. I move that we approve.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a motion and a second. Do I have any discussion on this? No discussion? All those in favor --

Councilmember Lloyd: Yeah, what is the reason for that?

President Wortman: Excuse me -- go ahead.

Councilmember Lloyd: What is the reason for that transfer?

President Wortman: The reason is that, if the way I understand it, her system will not adapt, they swap banks every two years and this will not adapt to the new Citizens Bank and they were with Old National, and that's the reason -- she didn't know -- unaware of it and Mrs. Berry-Bland, do you want to come to the microphone and explain that, please? Thank you.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Jayne Berry-Bland, County Treasurer. Every two years we bid out our cash management contract and it's awarded to, normally, either Citizens or Old National. They're the only two banks that really qualify to accept our payments. We have been with Citizens in the past. The last two years we've been with Old National, but prior to that we had been with Citizens and our system was fully capable of accepting their program. Since that time they have updated and require on hardware a Pentium processor and we do not have that. We're not even close to being able to accept that program. So since January 2nd we have had to do everything by phone as far as getting our balances and wiring and so forth. So, we'd very much appreciate a new system.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, so in the past you were just on line to the bank and you could communicate with them, but now you can't? You have to --

Jayne Berry-Bland: Exactly, I've been on-line with the bank since 1990. This is the first time we've ever run into this problem.

President Wortman: Thank you.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman? Jayne, what is the difference if you went back to Old National? You said you were at Old National. You don't have to change every two years, do you?

Jayne Berry-Bland: Yes, by contract, I'm on a cash management. I'm not like some of the other offices. We are on a cash management contract. The contract is for a two year, per statute by Indiana state statute. Previously, before 1991 we switched banks every year, we rotated banks like some of the county offices still do. We were not receiving any interest on balances. It's illegal for me to kite the money and use that to invest knowing that we have checks written out there. So, therefore, I always have a huge balance in that account that I can't invest legally. So I felt like that we needed a system where we could get interest on that account. So this was the way to go.

Councilmember Smith: The reason I asked that is because you have to get a quote from each one of the banks every year to see who pays the most interest and you said you were at Old National last year and then to transfer it over it would cost you \$2,300. That's the question.

Jayne Berry-Bland: I still came out ahead. Citizens was much less than Old National this time. They wanted our business, I guess.

President Wortman: Okay, well keep that interest going. Thank you.

Jayne Berry-Bland: I try hard.

President Wortman: Thank you. We appreciate it, the Council appreciates it.

Councilmember Hoy: Call for the vote, please.

President Wortman: I almost forgot that! Okay, anymore discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1030-3410	Printing	2,300.00	2,300.00
TO: 1030-4220	Office machines	2,300.00	2,300.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REPEAL OF FUNDS

President Wortman: We'll go down to the repeal from the Legal Aid/United Way, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: I move we defer the repeal for line item

4290-1990.

Councilmember Bassemier: You want to defer that, right, Jim?

President Wortman: Yeah, and do I have a second here?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Bassemier. Any discussion on this? If not, I'll call for a vote. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you.

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4290-1990	Extra help	7,479.00	DEFERRED
TOTAL		7,479.00	DEFERRED

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROVAL OF AMENDED 1997 SALARY ORDINANCE

President Wortman: The next one is the approval of the amended 1997 salary ordinance. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I move that the following amendments be made to the salary ordinance as approved by the Council today. This amendment includes both Pigeon Township and Superior Court.

President Wortman: Alright, do I have a second to that effect or do you have some more there, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Not right now.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, second from Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion on this? If no discussion I'll call for a vote. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: We need to make another motion that the following corrections be made to the 1997 salary ordinance. These are corrections that had to be made (inaudible - microphone not turned on). We'll start off with the County Clerk's Office, line item 1150 Chief Deputy/MT \$21,749; line item 1570 Counter Clerk should be set in at \$17,566. Next is the County Auditor, line item 1170 should be set in at \$22,109. Next is the County Treasurer, line item 1230 Administrative Assistant should be set in at \$19,284. Next is the County Recorder, line 1130 First Deputy/Bookkeeper should be set in at \$25,502; 1190 should be set in at \$21,200. Then we go to the Sheriff's Office Administrative Assistant, that's line 206, should be set in at \$26,819; 207 Clerk/Typist \$20,218; 208, \$22,231; 209, \$19,284; 210, \$24,316; 216, \$20,218; 217, \$20,218;

218, \$20,218. Then we go to the Coroner's Office, line 1140 Assistant Deputy should be set in at \$4,685; line 1180 Assistant Deputy should be set in at \$3,940. Next is the Prosecutor's Office, line 1280 --

President Wortman: Hold up, Jim, we've got a buzzer going off here. Just a minute.

**TAPE CHANGE**

Councilmember Raben: Prosecutor's Office, line 1280 Paralegal Secretary should be set in at \$21,008. Prosecutor IV-D, 1130 Director should be set in at \$26,819. County Assessor, line 1150 should be set in at \$24,380. Curt, could you read those back to me so I can make sure I got them all?

President Wortman: No, just go ahead!

Councilmember Raben: Next is the Armstrong Assessor, 1120 Chief Deputy should be set in at \$7,500. Next is Knight Assessor --

Councilmember Lloyd: Which one was that?

Councilmember Raben: Knight. It's line 1990 Extra Help should be set in at \$7,500. Next is Pigeon Assessor, line 1190 Real Estate Deputy should be set in at \$17,566. Weights & Measures, line 1130 Deputy Inspector should read \$25,609. Circuit Court, line 1970-1360 should read \$14,000. Superior Court, line 1200 should read \$41,393; line 1630 Public Defender should read \$25,224. And I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: I've got a second from Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? Everybody understand it? I did. I memorized it so I'm alright so I don't have to rehearse it. Any other discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: I would also move that effective September 1st, 1997, that part-time hourly employees be paid at a minimum of \$5.15 per hour unless otherwise specified. And I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I hear a second to that effect?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith. Do I have any discussion on that? If not, all those in favor raise your right hand --

Councilmember Smith: Excuse me, I have a question. What is the minimum wage? \$5.15?

Councilmember Raben: Right.

Councilmember Smith: Or is it \$5.25?

President Wortman: That's a good point. I think it's \$5.25.

Councilmember Smith: I think it's \$5.25.

President Wortman: Let's see, it was \$5.75 and it jumped to \$5.25.

Councilmember Raben: It went up --

President Wortman: No?

Councilmember Raben: No, huh-uh.

President Wortman: In the office in there I think it's \$5.75 and jumped to \$5.25 because it was a 40-cent raise.

Councilmember Raben: Well Curt, look on your pay stub!

President Wortman: You go in there and look and it's on that Board on the wall in there.

Councilmember Smith: I think we have to pay the minimum wage, whatever it is.

Councilmember Raben: Right, I think you're right on that.

Councilmember Smith: It may have raised since then, but it was \$5.25. So if you're going to make the motion, I think we need to correct it now before then.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, we'll wait for Sandie to come back just to kind of take a break and rehash things, rehearse things a little bit.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, how about if I come back to that motion? I'd like to rescind.

President Wortman: Rescind the second then, too, Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I'll rescind the second.

Councilmember Raben: I move that all over salaries and job titles be approved as printed in the Salary Ordinance.

President Wortman: Do I have a second to that effect?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton seconded. Any discussion on what we said?

Councilmember Bassemier: Couldn't we afford to pay a little bit more than minimum wage, though, Curt? \$5.15 and \$5.25 (inaudible - microphone not turned on).

Councilmember Hoy: It's \$5.15.

Councilmember Smith: It's how much? Is it \$5.15?

President Wortman: That's what I said, \$5.75 to \$5.15, 40-cents

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Councilmember Hoy: It's going up in increments over a period of time --

President Wortman: This is effective September 1st, am I not right, Sandie? September the 1st, 1997 effective.

Councilmember Raben: Can we go ahead and take a vote on the last motion?

President Wortman: Okay, let's take a vote on this last motion. Everybody understand the motion, what you said, Jim?

Councilmember Hoy: Do you want to remake it, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to rescind that motion and start from scratch.

President Wortman: Okay, did you want to withdraw your second?

Councilmember Smith: I did.

President Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: September 1st, 1997, the part-time employees hourly rate will be a minimum of \$5.15 per hour unless otherwise specified and all other salaries and job titles be approved as printed in the salary ordinance.

President Wortman: Okay, do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? No discussion --

Councilmember Smith: But, I have to agree with Mr. Bassemier. It's awfully hard to hire a person that can do certain jobs for \$5.15 - \$5.25 an hour because that's all we were allowed to pay. But out of the incentive fund we could raise it to \$6.00 and, of course, we only used part-time whenever we had to have, but it is hard to get qualified people at \$5.15 an hour.

Councilmember Raben: You know, Betty, we do have a lot of these -- there are a lot out there working at that, but we do have some departments that we're paying \$6.00 and \$7.00 that the Council, over the last several years, has approved like in the Assessors Offices, and --

Councilmember Smith: But aren't we forced to pay, like out in the parks, aren't we forced to pay them minimum wage? And most of those are students.

Councilmember Raben: Right, but they have some people out there that we're paying \$7.00 an hour.

Councilmember Smith: Do they?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, the head life guards and some of

those people.

President Wortman: Well, keep the image up now, we are a very conservative Council, so keep that in memory now.

Councilmember Hoy: I just want to add one more thing to the discussion. I run a charity and we're usually the lowest people in the world and we never start anybody out that low at Tri-State Food Bank. We also include insurance and retirement.

President Wortman: Okay, and other discussion? If not, I'm going to call for a vote. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Thank you. That's all I've got.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

President Wortman: Any old business?

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A) MEMO TO DEPARTMENT HEADS REGARDING FILING DEADLINE FOR APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS AND REPEALS**

President Wortman: New business? I might comment on new business. We're going to send a memo out and kind of refresh people and the department heads' minds about the 15th of the month transfers and the 15th of the month appropriations. I think sometimes it's abused and there is extreme emergencies which we could recognize, but I think it's abused. I think the offices should stay on the ball more, and I think we wouldn't have a lot of extra work for our personable secretary here. I think it creates a problem.

#### **B) APPOINTMENT OF LIAISONS**

President Wortman: If there's no more new business, I'm going to make some appointments. We're going to start out with the liaisons. I'm going to start with Mr. Ed Bassemier. First on his assignment is the Airport, the Sheriff, Surveyor, Knight Assessor, Community Corrections, Circuit Court, and Superior Court. We'll go to Mr. Phil Hoy over there: the Auditorium, Hillcrest Home, Coroner, Treasurer, Convention & Visitors Bureau, City/County Purchasing and Legal Aid. Russell Lloyd, Jr: Auditor, Voters Registration, Central Dispatch, Center Assessor, Evansville Urban Transportation, Health Department and the Scott Assessor. Mr. Royce Sutton over here: Prosecutor, Prosecutor IV-D, Human Relations, Welfare Department, Area Plan and Weights & Measures. Mr. Jim Raben: Burdette Park, County Assessor, Perry Assessor, German Assessor, Armstrong Assessor and the Recorder. Betty Knight Smith: Drug & Alcohol Deferral, Veteran's Administration, Union Assessor, Co-op Extension, Building Commission, Pigeon Assessor, Levee Authority. Curt Wortman is: Commissioners, the County Clerk, the County

Highway, Cumulative Bridge, Local Roads & Streets, the Drainage Board, Superintendent of County Buildings. Now you'll be getting those sheets.

**C) APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

President Wortman: We'll go to the next item on there, on the Personnel Administrative Committee, which is actually the job study. The Chairman is Mr. Ed Bassemier, Curt Wortman will be one of the members and Jim Raben, the Finance, will be a member, and the County Council minority member representative is Royce Sutton. The County Commissioners representative is Richard Mourdock. The county judge is Tom Lockyear. The Democratic elected county officeholder is Ray Hamner. The Republican elected county officeholder is Betty Hermann. The executive classification representative is Doug Brown. And by the way, he's from the Prosecutor's Office. The POLE classification representative is Eric Williams from the Sheriff. The PAT classification representative is Wallace Corbitt from the Health Department. The COMOT classification representative is our own Teri Lukeman. So the attendants will be Sandie Deig, Sarah Crow and, of course, our attorney, Jeffrey Ahlers.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, these are printed for us, aren't they? We don't have to write them down, do we?

President Wortman: No. I'll give you a copy.

**D) OTHER APPOINTMENTS****ABC BOARD**

President Wortman: Now we'll have to go to the next County Council appointments and this one here is the ABC Board. I'm going to put the name out of Frank Daugal and we're going to have to have a vote on it. So, I'd entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: I move that we approve.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a second on that. Is there any discussion? No discussion. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**ADMINISTRATIVE DEVELOPMENT CHAIRMAN**

President Wortman: The next is Administrative Development Chairman, that's Mr. Royce Sutton over there.

**AREA PLAN COMMISSION**

President Wortman: The Area Plan: Curt Wortman and Mark Foster, he's a continuation and expires in 1999.



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**AUDITORIUM ADVISORY BOARD**

President Wortman: Auditorium Advisory Board, Mr. Phil Hoy and Louis Iaccarino.

**BURDETTE PARK**

President Wortman: Burdette Park, Marion Deig, and he's the Republican appointment, the Democrat appointment is Michael Jordan. Now you're sure that's not the basketball player?

Councilmember Sutton: No, it's not.

President Wortman: I thought we'd have a celebrity here.

**CENTRAL DISPATCH**

President Wortman: We'll go to Central Dispatch. Russell Lloyd, Jr.

**CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU**

President Wortman: Convention & Visitors Bureau, Gloria Altman and David Dunn.

**COUNTY COUNCIL ATTORNEY**

President Wortman: County Council Attorney, of course, is our own to my right here, Jeffrey Ahlers.

**DATA PROCESSING BOARD**

President Wortman: Data Processing Board, Sandie Deig.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

President Wortman: Economic Development Commission, that's Joe Harrison, Sr. and expires in '99.

**EVANSVILLE URBAN TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

President Wortman: The Evansville Urban Transportation System, Russell Lloyd, Jr.

**BUILDING AUTHORITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

President Wortman: The Building Authority Board of Trustees, Bill Vieth.

**FARM MARKET TASK FORCE**

President Wortman: Farm Market Task Force, Betty Knight-Smith.

**HUMAN RELATIONS**

President Wortman: Human Relations, Sandra Shauntee.

**LIBRARY BOARD**

President Wortman: Library Board, Lucille Fowler. She expires

in '98.

**MUSEUM BOARD**

President Wortman: Museum Board, we're going to appoint that in February.

**SOLID WASTE**

President Wortman: Solid Waste, Mr. Phil Hoy.

**SOUTHERN INDIANA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**

President Wortman: Southern Indiana Mental Health Board, John Koehler.

**WEST SIDE IMPROVEMENT**

President Wortman: The West Side Improvement, Betty Knight-Smith.

**D) APPROVAL OF 1997 COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

President Wortman: We're going on to the approval of the Council meeting dates. Of course we'll start off, naturally, today is January the 8th, the County Council, and then January 29th is Personnel & Finance. Now, the first Wednesday of every month and the last Wednesday of every month. Exception is naturally the last of December, which is the 17th on account of Christmas and New Years. You'll also notice the budget hearing dates are August, three days in each week and the time element down there, and then finalization is in September and we have the addresses of everybody.

**E) PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION FOR TAX ABATEMENT FOR WEDEKING INVESTMENTS - 6051 WEDEKING AVENUE**

President Wortman: Next we're going to have a resolution for this tax abatement for the Wedeking Investments and Michael Robling, would you step forward, please?

Mike Robling: Mike Robling, Department of Metropolitan Development. You have before you today a preliminary tax abatement resolution for Wedeking Investments LP. The tentative address for this project is 6051 Wedeking Avenue. They're proposing a new structure, an 18,000 square foot spec building which will be Phase 3 of the Burkhardt Square Industrial Park, which is just northeast of the intersection of Burkhardt and Morgan Avenue. This land has been vacant for a number of years and has recently been filled to make it suitable for building. The developer projects that the building will eventually house from one to three business based on his experience in the earlier phases which are located across the street. The projected investment in the project is from \$550,000 to \$700,000. Since no tenants have been identified, they have not made any projections of job creation or retention at this time. The Department recommends your approval of this tax abatement.

President Wortman: Okay, I'll entertain a motion to get the motion on the floor. This is a preliminary, now, if you recall.

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Councilmember Bassemier: I'll make that motion.

President Wortman: Okay, I've got a motion from Mr. Bassemier. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: I've got a second from Mrs. Smith. I might add before we get too far, the Council would appreciate if they could get this tax abatement a little earlier so they could kind of do a little -- even prior to the preliminary.

Mike Robling: We submitted it, I guess, on the day of your committee meeting. That's always my intention to get it to you by the Committee Meeting day but apparently it was a little late because the meeting was early.

President Wortman: That will give them a chance to do their research.

Councilmember Raben: Our next vote will be when?

Mike Robling: It will have to be advertised and it would come up for final at the next meeting.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President? Mr. Robling, should we approve this preliminary, that does not bind us?

Mike Robling: No.

President Wortman: Does anybody else have any questions to ask Mike Robling on that?

Councilmember Lloyd: I guess on a preliminary, then, you're just getting the information out, but it could change for the final -- I mean, there could be a change --

Mike Robling: Right, the law requires us to advertise and do a ten day public notice of the public hearing and the public hearing is conducted at the subsequent meeting and a vote is taken then on the final resolution at that time.

Councilmember Hoy: On construction like this, and I know the Prevailing Wage Law has changed some, are they required to beat prevailing wage or not?

Mike Robling: No, they're not. The Prevailing Wage Law just applies to construction by governmental agencies, governmental bodies.

Councilmember Hoy: But not for tax abatement?

Mike Robling: But not for tax abatement.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Is there any other discussion?

Councilmember Smith: Yes. The tax abatement area out in there, why -- are they going to designate that as a tax abatement area?

Mike Robling: There is no specific tax abatement area per se --

Councilmember Smith: But don't they have to designate an area?

Mike Robling: Each tax abatement is designated on an application basis.

Councilmember Smith: Well, I've got a question of why it would have to be there, because there is so much development going on out there, why they would have to get tax abatement?

Mike Robling: The argument that they make in their application is that this land was basically undevelopable because it was low lying and was often covered with water and that they've had to do substantial work to make the property buildable.

Councilmember Raben: Now, is this abatement for the real estate developer? I take it, is he going to lease?

Mike Robling: That's my understanding, he'll be leasing the space in this building to --

Councilmember Raben: I mean, it seems like until you know who the tenants are going to be that you're granting a tax abatement and it seems like you would do it if there's three spaces, it seems like you would do them as they fill.

Mike Robling: Well, you can't -- you have to do the abatement before the property is completed and assessed and on a project like this it may be a couple of years before they have tenants, before they actually fill the building up.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Mike Robling: You have approved spec buildings for the Industrial Foundation in the past. The length of deduction will basically be determined on who they get into the building initially. It could only be for a three year period, especially if they don't get a tenant right away, it would only be the minimum which would be three years.

Councilmember Raben: Alright.

President Wortman: Is there any other discussion? Okay, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five. Opposed, Mrs. Smith, and one absentee.

(Motion carried 5-1. Councilmember Smith opposed - Councilmember Hoy out of room.)

President Wortman: We're going to do a memo for the -- February the 14th is the deadline for the March meeting due to the fact that the 15th is on a Saturday. So anytime it falls, why we'll send a memo out to that effect. Okay, I think that just about sums it up. I noticed all of you were smiling when you came in and I'm glad you're smiling when you leave. So, we've had a little discussion -- go ahead, Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: I just want to speak to that tax abatement. One time several years ago, on Eastland Mall, we gave

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preliminary approval and then it was turned down at Council, they took it to Federal Court and since we gave the preliminary approval, then they had to give it to them. So that was my reason for voting no, but I think we need to think about that because that's in an area where there's a lot of development going on.

President Wortman: Good point. Thank you, I appreciate that.

Councilmember Raben: I'd like to bring up something else, too. I understand this is preliminary and that's why I went ahead and voted for it today, but I think it kind of bothers me somewhat granting a tax abatement to tenants whom you don't know who they're going to be. And one, you know, I always think about the unfair advantage it might give a new business from out of state or out of town to come in to Vanderburgh County and compete against an existing business that has paid taxes for the last fifty or a hundred years. So, I mean, I'd kind of like to know who they are and single them out one at a time.

President Wortman: I think you make a good point, Jim. A very good point. Okay, has anybody else got anything to say? If not, we're going to adjourn until the end of the month, the last Wednesday. You've got your assignments and keep the conservatism going and we'll be all right. Could I have a motion for adjournment? Oh, just a minute.

Sandie Deig: We need to get the sheet back.

President Wortman: Oh yeah, we've got a sheet to turn in on your telephone numbers and what have you and whether you want to be notified, your meetings and all this and what have you. So, you've got that on your desk. Yeah, if you want to be paid. Okay, may I have a motion for adjournment?

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded. All those in favor raise your right hand. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:40 P.M.**

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President Curt Wortman	Vice President Phil Hoy
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Councilmember Russell Lloyd, Jr.	Councilmember Raben
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Councilmember Bassemier	Councilmember Sutton
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Councilmember Smith	

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 5, 1997**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 5th day of February, 1997 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order by Council President Curt Wortman at 3:35 p.m.

President Wortman: The Vanderburgh County Council meeting will come to order this February 5th. We're going to open the meeting and we're going to have a roll call. Would the secretary please call the roll?

Roll call was taken by Council secretary Teri Lukeman.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH	X	
COUNCILMEMBER SUTTON	X	
COUNCILMEMBER BASSEMIER	X	
PRESIDENT WORTMAN	X	
COUNCILMEMBER RABEN		X
COUNCILMEMBER LLOYD	X	
COUNCILMEMBER HOY	X	

President Wortman: Okay. We'll stand and pledge allegiance to the flag, please.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
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President Wortman: I will entertain a motion for approval of the minutes from the January 8th meeting of `97.

Councilmember Lloyd: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Alright. I've got a motion from Mr. Lloyd and a second from Mr. Sutton. All those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six. Unanimous - six votes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**APPROPRIATIONS**

President Wortman: We'll start in on the appropriations and first on the appropriations is the Knight Township Assessor, which is Mr. Bassemier.

**A) KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**



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Councilmember Bassemier: That was withdrawn. I'll make a motion --

President Wortman: Just set it in at zero.

Councilmember Bassemier: -- set it in at zero.

President Wortman: Okay, I've got a motion to set it in at zero. Do I hear a second to that effect?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton. Okay, any discussion on that? No discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six.

KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1130-1990	Extra help	5,000.00	-0-
TOTAL		5,000.00	-0-

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**B) PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: We'll move right on down to the Pigeon Assessor and that is Mrs. Betty Knight-Smith, please.

Councilmember Smith: We gave them \$680 and that's out of the 4210 account with the agreement to come back on this at a later time whenever you and I could go down there, Curt.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith, then your motion is that you'll strike that 1150-3550 Repairs to Grounds and Buildings, which is a new line item, and this money will come out of the 4210 in their Fixture account, which they have \$1000 and your \$680 -- that's enough to cover it, then. That's in the form of a motion?

Councilmember Smith: Right.

President Wortman: Do I have a second to that effect?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd has got the second. Do I have any discussion on that?

Councilmember Hoy: Are we --

Councilmember Sutton: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Smith: \$680.

President Wortman: \$680, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Hoy: We're shifting accounts, are we? Is that correct?

President Wortman: Sir?

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Councilmember Hoy: We're changing the account out of which it comes, or what are we doing?

President Wortman: We're taking -- Repairs to Buildings & Grounds, Mr. Hoy, 1150-3550 was a new line item so we're going to take it out of the 4210 which is in the budget and there's \$1,000 in there that was budgeted for it.

Councilmember Hoy: Legal counsel, is there any problem with shifting that at all? I don't think there is with advertising, but I want to make sure.

Councilmember Smith: That's already in there, they can use it without an okay from us. The \$680, they have \$1,000 in there, Phil, so they can use it anyway.

Councilmember Hoy: So we really don't need to vote at all, do we?

Councilmember Smith: We really don't need to do anything.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, well I always like to know what I'm voting on or not voting on.

Councilmember Smith: So should we delay the account 1150-3550 or do you want them to file a new appropriation for that?

President Wortman: No, the way I understand it, and I spoke to Jeff and the Auditor -- excuse me, Suzanne Crouch, I spoke with you on this and we can automatically transfer without any legal ramifications.

Suzanne Crouch: I believe the legal counsel could address this better, but I believe the County Council has the right to change a line item, a number, on the floor as long as you don't appropriate more than what was advertised.

Councilmember Smith: But, the money is already in that line item and they can spend it without coming to Council. I'm concerned whether \$3,495, do we want to delay that and have them to come back for another appropriation or just delay this for a couple of months, the amount that's there?

President Wortman: My suggestion would be to -- and Mr. Ahlers can comment on that -- that 1150-3550, eliminate that line item and that amount and just set it in at the \$680. Now, does that sound right?

Councilmember Smith: Curt, the \$680 is already in the line item 4210, which is in their budget.

Councilmember Sutton: So we'd be giving them an extra \$680.

President Wortman: What we're doing is making a record of it that it is in there. See, it will be taken out of there for the Auditor to have some record. Does that make sense what I'm saying, Jeff?

Councilmember Hoy: Actually, we don't have to make a record of anything like that.

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Councilmember Sutton: We would just actually set this in at zero --

Jeff Ahlers: It would seem to me if it's already there --

Councilmember Sutton: -- whatever they need to do to make the particular repair.

President Wortman: But see, right now it's advertised as such.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, I want to make a motion if we don't have one on the floor.

President Wortman: Yeah, we've got a motion on the floor.

Councilmember Sutton: It's \$680 --

President Wortman: From Betty Knight.

Councilmember Smith: The \$680, the way I understand it, it's in their budget. They can spend that out of that budget for the furniture that's necessary without coming back to the Council. The \$3,495 is a new appropriation that they wanted to put walls up. Now, what I'd like to do is make a motion to delay this until next month until you and I get a chance to go down there and take a look at it.

Jeff Ahlers: You'll need to withdraw your first motion then, Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: Then I'll amend my motion from \$680 to zero. That's what he said do. So then that still leaves the money there.

Jeff Ahlers: Mrs. Smith, can you just withdraw your first motion and make your second motion? I think that's the cleanest way.

Councilmember Smith: I'll withdraw my motion for \$680 from the line item 4210 and --

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton, did you second it?

Councilmember Sutton: No, I didn't second it.

Russell Lloyd, Jr: I did.

President Wortman: Oh, you did. Yeah, okay. Mrs. Smith, make a new motion.

Councilmember Smith: Then I will make a motion that we hold 1150-3550 till next month and that gives you and I a chance to go down there and talk with the officeholder.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a motion and a second by Mr. Hoy. Everybody understands that, the \$680 will come out of the existing budget 4210. Everybody clear on that now?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I'm clear on what we're trying to

do, but there's one thing we're kind of leaving hanging out there. Since we've got a request from this particular department, we still would need to zero that out if that's what our intentions are as a part of what we're going to do.

President Wortman: No, she wanted to delay it, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: But I still -- since we've got a request we need to...well, we can't really delay it we have to --

Jeff Ahlers: I believe it could just be deferred if that's what you're wanting to do.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, okay.

President Wortman: Yeah, let's just defer it because -- the reason is these portable partitions are not working and Betty and I are going down there and we're going to work it out with Mr. Hatfield. That's the purpose.

Councilmember Smith: (Inaudible - microphone not turned on)

President Wortman: That's right. Okay, now any discussion on this? I don't hear any. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six.

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1150-3550	Repairs to bldg. & grounds	3,495.00	
TOTAL		3,495.00	Deferred

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**C) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

President Wortman: The next is the Board of Commissioners. Would you take that, Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, Board of Commissioners, Daylight Sewer Project. They request \$26,700 for continuing work there and redesign. I would make a motion that we approve that.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a second from Mrs. Smith. Any discussion on this? If not, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3841	Daylight sewer project	26,700.00	26,700.00
TOTAL		26,700.00	26,700.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**D) CIRCUIT COURT**

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President Wortman: Okay, we'll move right on to Circuit Court. Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll make a motion we set 1360-4250 in at zero. They were asked to readvertise that for the CCD Fund.

President Wortman: Very good. Do I have a second on that?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a second. Any discussion on that? All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-4250	Misc. equipment	10,000.00	-0-
TOTAL		10,000.00	-0-

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**E) COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

President Wortman: Okay, Community Corrections. Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I also make a motion 1361-1150-1361 Intake Clerk be set in at zero.

President Wortman: Okay, do I have a second do that effect?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: That was their recommendation.

President Wortman: Any discussion on that? All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Wortman: Alright, we'll move right on down to Legal Aid. Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Bassemier: Let me get the other two. There's two more to go I'm going to --

President Wortman: Do you want to include them --

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, there's 1361-1270-1361 set that in at zero. 1361-1300-1361 be set in at zero, they're going to be bringing it back next month. They're going to give us a different figure.

President Wortman: There's a discrepancy there.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

President Wortman: Okay, do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: I've got a second. Now then, any discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1361-1150-1361	Intake clerk	850.00	-0-
1361-1270-1361	Work release officer	382.00	-0-
1361-1300-1361	Counselor	1,147.00	-0-
TOTAL		2,379.00	-0-

F)     LEGAL AID

President Wortman: Legal Aid, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, I would like to make a motion that item 1460-1920 for insurance be set in at \$4,846, and after the second I would like to make a couple of comments, sir.

President Wortman: Okay, is there a second to that effect?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, Mrs. Smith seconded. Okay, now discussion. Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: As we discussion last week, just so we have all our ducks in a row here. We have some transfers later and a repeal, so when this washes out, we're only looking at \$2,400 out of the General Fund. I think we all know that, but I've slept a couple of times since last week and I want to make sure that I had that on the record. Thank you, sir.

President Wortman: Okay, any more discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five. Opposed. One.

LEGAL AID		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1460-1920	Insurance	4,846.00	4,846.00
TOTAL		4,846.00	4,846.00

(Motion carried 5-1. Councilmember Wortman opposed.)

G)     CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

President Wortman: Now we'll go to the Cumulative Bridge and Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, Cumulative Bridge line item 2030-3600, they are requesting additional money to cover rent, \$675. I would make a motion to approve that.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mrs. Smith. Any discussion on this? If not, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six.

CUM BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-3600	Rent	675.00	675.00
TOTAL		675.00	675.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

H) LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

President Wortman: Okay, Local Roads & Streets. Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Local Roads & Street, line item 2160-4827 Lynch Road extension \$625,000. It's matching funds for construction. I would make a motion to approve that.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Sutton over there. Any discussion on this? If not, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2160-4827	Lynch Rd. Extension	625,000.00	625,000.00
TOTAL		625,000.00	625,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

I) COUNTY ASSESSOR

President Wortman: Okay, County Assessor. Mr. Lloyd, would you take that? Mr. Raben is gone, absent.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, on County Assessor, there is a request for line items 2492-1130, 1900, 1910, 1990, 2600, 3370. This is related to the Land Commission. I would recommend, since this has still not been determined by the state, that we set all that to zero.

President Wortman: Do I have a second to that effect?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith? Okay, any discussion on this? Don't see none, hear none. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1130	Land Commission	11,970.00	-0-
2492-1900	FICA	2,330.00	-0-
2492-1910	PERF	448.00	-0-
2492-1990	Extra help	6,731.00	-0-
2492-2600	Office supply	2,000.00	-0-
2492-3370	Computer	3,000.00	-0-
TOTAL		26,479.00	-0-

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

J)     **CIRCUIT COURT SUPP. ADULT PROBATION**

President Wortman: We'll go down to Circuit Court Adult Probation. Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd like to make a motion 2600-1390 be set in at zero and also 1400 be set in at zero on their request. They also are bringing that back next month.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Mr. Bassemier. Do I have a second on that?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith. Okay, any discussion on that? If not, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPP. ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2600-1390	AISP/DISP Caseworker	1,020.00	-0-
2600-1400	Qualified Medication Aide	1,916.00	-0-
TOTAL		2,936.00	-0-

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<b>TRANSFERS</b>
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President Wortman: Transfers. Mr. Lloyd, would you proceed with the Transfers?

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, we've got a request for transfer, the first one is the Legal Aid Society from line item 1460-1990, 1460-3130, 1460-3450, 1460-3600, 1460-4210, 1460-3730 to 1460-1910, 1460-1160-1460, 1460-1900, 1460-1920. Do I need to read all those individually?

President Wortman: No, you can continue on and make your



adjustment there in the Circuit Court Misdemeanor Offender, if you want to.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, Circuit Court Misdemeanor, transfer from account 2760-1990 to 2760-1110-2760 and 2760-1120-2760. I would like to make a motion on that, that --

President Wortman: Now they're going to set that in at \$883.

Councilmember Lloyd: Right, that 2,047 I want to change to \$883; and the Cook, 1,020, I want to change that to \$465; and the Guard, 1,027, I want to change that to \$418.

President Wortman: Okay, continue on down to Legal Aid.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, Legal Aid/United Way, from account 4290-4220, 4290-4210, 4290-1990, 4290-3130, 4290-3280, 4290-3700, 4290-3990, 4290-1900, 4290-3250 to 4290-1190-4290. And that's it on those.

President Wortman: Now come over to the Coroner, please.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, Late Transfer, Coroner. From 1070-3520 to account 1070-4271; I have County Commissioners from 1300-3532 to 1300-3530; and then the last one or the second to the last one, Auditorium, from 1440-3440 to 1440-4250.

President Wortman: Okay, and you need to make all that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: I make all that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second to that effect?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Hoy. Any discussion on this?

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question. The Commissioners, 1300-3532, Garage remediation, I'm assuming that has to do with the diesel fuel, does it or what? We've had this one on for a long time and I just want to make sure that the remediation has been done and the money is there to do it rather than have to deal with a big environmental problem. Does anybody know the answer to that?

President Wortman: No, I don't. But I think that amount was put in there and then they want to take it out for an evaluation, but I can't answer that. Somebody else --

Councilmember Hoy: We've faced this before, Mr. President, where a couple of years ago this was kind of shifted around and then we had to add more money to the remediation fund and this is not a big amount of money, but that's all I'm looking for is to make sure that job has been done and done properly. I'll go ahead and vote yes, but who is assigned to the Commissioners?

President Wortman: I'll find out and then see what that remediation --

Councilmember Hoy: Is that your liaison, sir?

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: If you would, I'd appreciate it.

President Wortman: Yeah, okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I've got a question on that same transfer request. The money that's to be used for evaluation of garage purchasing versus leasing components, I know we have been talking about this for quite some time on a county-wide basis but in particular I know we've made mention in the garage area. Who is conducting this study? Do we have some type of information on who is going to make this evaluation or --

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton, I think the Commissioners are going out there and finding some discrepancies and they want to get into it before they get to going so they know where they are at. That's the way I understand it.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess if we're going to expend \$5,000 for a study to be done to evaluate it for only one particular area, when really I think we initially we had discussions about several different areas, this leasing versus purchasing ordeal. I don't want us to be so narrow, and I really don't want to vote on something and approve something, \$5,000 -- to tell you the truth, I haven't seen anything prior to this meeting that shows who is going to be doing it, what they're going to look at, that type of thing. I just really wouldn't feel comfortable voting in favor of it and I don't have any information besides the transfer request we received today.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I'd like to comment, too, and I know it's a woman's prerogative to change her mind, but we're in a liberated age and I think it's a man's prerogative, too. I'll probably vote no. I'd like to see that one deleted because Mr. Sutton has prompted some questions about this whole situation and former Councilman Jones and I, along with some other folks, went out to the garage and we inventoried every vehicle out there and Mr. Morpew came in with the kind of recommendations for a process that all of us agreed upon, we thought it was reasonable and in place. I've just got an initial problem with this and this is nothing against the man who is the acting supervisor at the garage, I want to be real clear about that, I think he's a good man, but presently, we don't have a superintendent at the County Garage. We have a temporary man out there and I'd kind of like to get that in place first and then I'm looking around the room and I do not see a Commissioner here to comment on this at all. It's not a big amount of money, but I'm a Scotsman, I don't drop five grand without knowing what I'm doing.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, if we've already done the study on this, why do we need to restudy it? I don't know if we can separate this particular transfer from the other transfers that we've got because I don't want to have to vote no on all of the transfers, it's just this particular one.

Councilmember Hoy: We could do an amendment if the motion maker

is willing to accept the amendment and then you have a second to the amendment to set this line at zero and look at it again when we get information.

President Wortman: There's a motion on the floor and a second and I can call for a vote and if this gets defeated, then we can come back and redo it.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, you can do it simpler than that, sir, if Mr. Lloyd is willing to accept a friendly amendment to his motion, and I'll make it, so that we can maybe do this quicker, that 1300-3532 Garage remediation transfer to 1300-3530 both be set in at zero and if we get a second to that and -- no, we don't need a second he just needs to accept it and the seconder needs to, then you don't have to --

Councilmember Lloyd: I'm not willing to make an amendment.

President Wortman: Okay, so now then, any more discussion? We'll just call for the vote.

Councilmember Lloyd: I'm not going to amend it, I want to vote on the whole thing.

Councilmember Hoy: He wants to vote on the whole thing and not put it at zero.

President Wortman: He rejected that. Okay, any more discussion? All those in favor for the transfers raise your right hand. One, two, three. Opposed, one, two, three. It's even.

(Motion fails 3-3. Councilmembers Smith, Sutton & Hoy opposed.)

President Wortman: The motion is defeated. How do you judge that?

Jeff Ahlers: You would need the majority to prevail.

Councilmember Hoy: We need seven people to have a tie-breaker.

Councilmember Bassemier: I call for a recount, maybe somebody will change their mind.

President Wortman: Okay, do I have a new motion to that effect?

Councilmember Hoy: You want a new motion on transfers, sir?

President Wortman: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: I make a motion that we grant all of them except the County Commissioners transfer, 1300-3532 Garage remediation at \$5,000 to 1300-3530 Contractual services, both be set in at zero.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton. Any discussion on that? Okay, so all the transfers except the County Commissioners, is that correct?

Councilmember Hoy: That's correct.

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President Wortman: All those in favor of those transfers raise your right hand. One, two, three, four -- okay, now I have a new motion on the County Commissioners --

Councilmember Hoy: He's a -- Mr. Bassemier is a no.

President Wortman: Five to one, okay.

LEGAL AID SOCIETY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1460-1990	Extra help	2,544.00	2,544.00
1460-3130	Travel	1,250.00	1,250.00
1460-3450	Yellow pages	200.00	200.00
1460-3600	Rent	2,852.00	2,852.00
1460-4210	Office furniture	500.00	500.00
1460-3730	Continuing education	500.00	500.00
TO: 1460-1910	PERF	956.00	956.00
1460-1160-1460	Junior legal secretary #2	6,260.00	6,260.00
1460-1900	FICA	284.00	284.00
1460-1920	Insurance	346.00	346.00

CIRCUIT COURT MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2760-1990	Extra help	2,047.00	883.00
TO: 2760-1110-2760	Cook	1,020.00	465.00
2760-1120-2760	Guard	1,027.00	418.00

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY	REQUESTED	APPROVED
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FROM: 4290-4220	Office machines	2,000.00	2,000.00
4290-4210	Office furniture	1,000.00	1,000.00
4290-1990	Extra help	2,521.00	2,521.00
4290-3130	Travel	500.00	500.00
4290-3280	Exam of records/audit	1,300.00	1,300.00
4290-3700	Dues & subscript.	500.00	500.00
4290-3990	Miscellaneous	1,334.00	1,334.00
4290-1900	FICA	25.00	25.00
4290-3250	Law books	500.00	500.00
TO: 4290-1190-4290	Junior legal secretary #2	9,680.00	9,680.00

LATE TRANSFERS
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CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1070-3520	Equipment repair	400.00	400.00
TO: 1070-4271	Morgue equipment	400.00	400.00

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1300-3532	Garage remediation	5,000.00	-0-
TO: 1300-3530	Contractual services	5,000.00	-0-

AUDITORIUM		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1440-3440	Advertising	2,500.00	2,500.00
TO: 1440-4250	Misc. equipment	2,500.00	2,500.00

(Motion carries 5-1. Councilmember Bassemier opposed.)

President Wortman: So in the County Commissioners we need a motion to set this in whatever have you on the Garage.

Councilmember Hoy: I made the motion to set it in at zero.

Councilmember Smith: He made the motion to set it in at zero.

President Wortman: Oh, at zero. Okay, that was included. Okay, you made the motion to set it in at zero. Okay. So that takes care of the transfers.

**REPEAL OF FUNDS**

President Wortman: Now we'll go to the Repeal of Funds.

Councilmember Lloyd: I'd like to make a motion on Repeal of Funds, the Legal Aid account 4290-1990 for the amount requested.

President Wortman: Do I have a second to that effect?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion? No discussion, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six.

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4290-1990	Extra help	7,479.00	7,479.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE**

President Wortman: Approval of the Salary Ordinance amendments. Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Sutton: I'm sorry, Curt, before you get into that, since you're the liaison to the Commissioners, if it's possible maybe you could bring some information to us at the next meeting on who, what, when, where, how on the lease/purchase proposal that they're looking at.

President Wortman: Yeah, okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, Mr. President, I'll move that the Salary Ordinance be amended as follows: Circuit Court Misdemeanor be set in as approved on the transfer request, and the Legal Aid/United Way Junior Legal Secretary #2 set in as previously approved, the 1997 salary should be set in at an annual salary of \$19,284 and the initiation salary is \$18,394 for a period of six months.

President Wortman: Okay, do I have a second to that effect?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion on that? If not, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six.

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

President Wortman: Is there any old business? Okay, hearing none, new business.

A) CONFIRMING RESOLUTION - WEDEKING INVESTMENTS  
6051 WEDEKING AVENUE

President Wortman: Confirming resolution for Wedeking Investments at 6051 Wedeking Avenue. Mr. Robling, would you state where you represent and your name, please?

Mike Robling: Mike Robling, Department of Metropolitan Development. You have before you today a confirming resolution to declare an economic revitalization area designation for the property at 6051 Wedeking Avenue for Wedeking Investments, LP. I'm not aware of any changes that have occurred in this project since last month. I would like to make a few clarifications based on some questions that have come up since then. This tax abatement designation would only apply to the real estate improvements that are included in this application or any improvements that would come up between now and March 1 of 1999, but anything that's not in this application would have to come back to this Council on a subsequent Statement of Benefits. This abatement would not approve manufacturing equipment for anyone who might locate in this facility. Any tenant would have to apply for their own abatement specifically for manufacturing equipment and it does not in any way apply to personal property such as inventory, which is not abatable. Rick Richardson is here representing Wedeking Investments if you have any questions of him.

President Wortman: Anybody got any questions for Mr. Robling?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes sir, I do. As I understand it, Wedeking Investments is not a construction company, but they will be employing a construction company and my first question has to do with two things: will the construction be done by a union company, that's the first question; the second question, will it be done by local construction firms and persons?

Rick Richardson: I'm Rick Richardson, I'm a general partner in Wedeking Investments. To answer your question, Phil, we're going to have two gates: there will be union and non-union and yes, it will be all local labor.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay. We've talked so this is no surprise and I appreciate you bringing information in, you're using union electrical, plumbing or -- how is that split out?

Rick Richardson: Right now, it's my understanding that concrete, the brick and block, the HVAC, the steel erection and the glass and all the insulation is going to be union.

Councilmember Hoy: And if you do use the possible non-unions, that's the majority of things I'm concerned about --

Rick Richardson: But I do think there will be a few non-union contractors.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you. I have a second question, third question, you and I, again, we have talked about drainage and erosion control and we talked about the process on that, that land is low as you know, and you've put that in your proposal. Is that moving along through the channels?

Rick Richardson: The drainage problem has been resolved. It's not an issue.

Councilmember Hoy: How about erosion or has --

Rick Richardson: It has.

Councilmember Hoy: Good. My concern, and again, we have discussed this before the meeting, I'm not shanghaiing him at all, we're friends and I wouldn't do that, but we have drainage problems all over this county and frankly, that question is more for the benefit of the person building the building than it is for me because I'm not going to live with it and you are.

Rick Richardson: We appreciate that.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Okay, usually when they give tax abatement there is more to it. How many full-time jobs is this going to be? And how much money are we talking about with the tax abatement?

Mike Robling: At this time, since they have no tenants identified, they have not identified any job --

Councilmember Smith: They really don't know how many is going in there, what's going in there or anything at this time?

Rick Richardson: That's correct.

Mike Robling: No tenants have been identified.

Councilmember Smith: And that area out there is building up like everything and I've always based mine, and nothing against you, but I've always based mine on the tax base, the amount of full-time jobs, construction man-hours and whatever, and I don't have any answers. How many full-time jobs is this going to create? Not to give a person a place to rent a building.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, and I asked this question, too, --

Councilmember Smith: I have a bad problem with that.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Robling, I want to make sure I'm clear from you. While ago, I think you said all we would be approving today would be the abatement on the building itself, not on a company coming on -- or that's a critical point.

Mike Robling: If a tenant that they lease all or some of their space to is a manufacturer, they would have to come in and apply for a separate designation for new manufacturing equipment in order to receive abatement.

Councilmember Hoy: And they would be the persons responsible for --

Mike Robling: They would be the ones that would have to provide job projections and all that.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, that's...

President Wortman: Any more questions?



Councilmember Lloyd: Is there any other abatement property in that area?

Mike Robling: There have been in the past. The earlier phases of this got abatement, Hoprich got abatement when it relocated there --

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, I can answer part of that. At the time when Mr. Richardson had to move from down here off of Lloyd when they put Lloyd Expressway in, they did give it to him because he was forced to move for the highway. So at that time it was given to him. But, from that point on I think he's developed twice since that time. He's gotten it twice. This is another area that he's developing. But that happened several years ago when they built Lloyd Expressway so there was tax abatement out there at that time.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions? If not, we'll call for a vote. All those in favor raise your right hand, three. Opposed? One, two, three.

(Motion fails 3-3. Councilmembers Lloyd, Smith and Wortman opposed.)

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I have a question, probably, of legal counsel or you may know it or somebody who knows this stuff better than I do. Since we have a tie, is it possible to bring this up again next month when we have all seven of us here? I mean, we've already voted.

Jeff Ahlers: I think it would need to be reapplied for and readvertised and go through the process. I can check on that if you want and report to you tomorrow or something.

Councilmember Hoy: What I would like, Mr. Ahlers, for you to do because I can't recall, and maybe we did, this is my fifth year. I'm so old, today is my birthday, I may not remember but I don't think we've run into tie votes like we have today. We've had a lot of 4-3's as everybody remembers, but I would like an opinion, Mr. Ahlers, as to if we have a tie, what do you do with it. Mrs. Smith may be absolutely correct if it's defeated. I don't know.

Jeff Ahlers: I'll check on that, but that's one thing I'm fairly sure on that when it's a tie, it doesn't pass. I mean, it's just not passed. Now if your question is beyond that as far as whether they can amend and come back or not, I can --

Mike Robling: It doesn't pass but is that the same as --

Jeff Ahlers: I'm sorry?

Mike Robling: It doesn't pass, but is that the same as being defeated?

Jeff Ahlers: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Right. Okay, if you could get that delineated for us, probably as much from the Indiana law as from Robert's Rules of Order and parliamentary procedure because

sometimes, while we follow that procedurally here, we don't always. I'll give you one example. Normally, in parliamentary procedure under Robert's Rules, the president of a body does not vote unless there is a tie and the president of a body cannot comment on an issue. Now, that's not the way we operate here. We certainly have the privilege of deviating at points from Robert's Rules, but I would feel more comfortable seeing what both of those say.

Jeff Ahlers: Then is your request concerning tie votes, are you talking about in general, or just with regard to this particular abatement?

Councilmember Hoy: In general, in cases -- we've had two today.

Jeff Ahlers: Just another point, though, Mr. Hoy, there's nothing in state statute that requires that Robert's Rules of Order is the manner of proceeding and, in fact, state statute says that this body cannot adopt its own rules of proceeding. Just so you understand that.

Councilmember Hoy: That I do know.

Jeff Ahlers: And I understand as a matter of common courtesy, a lot of times we defer to Robert's Rules, but there is nothing by state statute, this body can adopt its own rules.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, and I understand that, but we also do, as a body, run up against some, to say the least, curious state laws. That's probably the kindest word I can find for some of the evil that has been perpetrated upon the citizens of this wonderful --

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

President Wortman: Yes ma'am?

Councilmember Smith: I don't know if it differs from county and the city, but if anything is voted down, it cannot be brought back for a year. That is the rule there. But if you are going to change the rules as you go along, then we need to know to start with what the rules are going to be, not change in the middle of the stream.

President Wortman: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, thank you for reminding us, because that's important. That is in City Council, and I would imagine that's Indiana law. I don't know. That's why I would like to know.

Jeff Ahlers: I think that depends on what you're talking about. If you're talking about a zoning or something like that, there's particular statutes that talk about when that's defeated, but as we know in appropriations somebody can come back. You don't have to wait a year to come back and amend or come back and ask for money, so some of that, that's what I'm saying, I can generally answer your question, but if you want a specific answer, you have to give me a specific fact situation, because it may depend upon what type of issue is before us.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I'd like to know in general and specifically because I think Mrs. Smith is correct that we probably have the same rules on us as City Council does, but that also may vary in terms of tax abatement. We're in the different --

Mike Robling: I think the City Council has adopted their own rules. I don't know whether this body has or not.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, and I'm content with giving you some time on that because I'm concerned that we might run into this again and I...

Mike Robling: I would appreciate finding out what the answer is --

President Wortman: Normally you wouldn't run into this with seven members, so it would have to be one way or another, that's normal, but with Mr. Raben absent, see. Okay, Mr. Ahlers will get back with us. So we'll move along and thank you for your time.

**B) EVANSVILLE-VANDERBURGH DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE  
1996 ANNUAL REPORT**

President Wortman: We'll go to B, Evansville-Vanderburgh Domestic and Sexual Violence 1996 Annual Report. Would you come forward, please and state your name?

Lori Bryant: Hello. Thank you. I'm Lori Bryant and I'm representing the Vanderburgh County Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence today. I am by no means going to read the report to you because I know that you can do that yourself and probably be able to absorb it a little better later than me reading it all. I did want to highlight some things. I have two things here today: one is the annual report and then attached at the end is a draft of the strategic plan that you'll be able to look at a little closer. The other one, the strategic plan that we actually have in thorough process here, I'm sure you wouldn't need. So we did have a smaller document for you to be able to read. I did want to highlight some things. As you'll see here, during 1996 we looked at some things. One was to develop a five-year strategic plan which we met and it is attached. We wanted to create opportunities for information exchange. This was also met. The Commission meets monthly and has subcommittees as well. One thing that we're working on is developing the administrative budget. At present the Commission is dependant on the cooperation of the Commissioners for secretarial skills and they also are kind enough to do the copying and mailing, take care of those costs so that's something that we have written into the strategic plan. Number two, you'll see that we have researched and actually supported the development and implementation of a peer advocacy program and this was met, actually the Evansville Police Department and Albion Fellows put together a COPS Program. Although it was denied at the beginning, they resubmitted and thank heavens we got the grant, it's a little bit less, but the grant is going to enable us to hire a program coordinator to develop and implement the programs, so that was real exciting news. On B, under number one, for implementation of community and professional education programs, we felt that

we should have ongoing community-wide education and awareness. As far as the status, as I said, this is going to be an ongoing process and it's something that the Commission can't do on their own, so of course, Albion, YWCA, other groups are trying to do more and more all the time in the way of community education. We also reviewed education and training programs for specific groups. Those groups were law enforcement officials, prosecutors, and judicial officials, health care and service officials, education professionals and professionals working with churches and other religious institutions. Those were met. We actually are concentrating first and most primary on the law enforcement officials and hospital health care workers. And I'm real excited to say that the hospitals have actually adopted a protocol for domestic and sexual violence cases that come through to the hospitals, area hospitals in the tri-state. We also concentrated on areas of education for the Sheriff's Department and those are going to continue. They actually do roles and that type of thing for the police officers and sheriff's and they are able to get more and more education, ask questions, etc. With the Evansville Police Department, seven hours of training was devoted to domestic violence, gender sensitivity, cultural diversity, ethical, decision making and customer satisfaction and then there were some other training classes that took place which you can read.

President Wortman: Excuse me, ma'am. We've got a tape here to change.

**TAPE CHANGED AT 4:20 P.M.**

President Wortman: Okay, you may continue now.

Lori Bryant: Okay, we'll move down to C, where we want to continue the collaborative discussion to foster better coordination among agencies and services so they'll all network and that's something that was met and will continue to be something that we follow in the future. And as you'll see A, B, C, and D there following on page four, those will specifically tell you what types of education and service was provided in the community so you can read a little closer about those. We also researched the development and use of a central data bank and this is included in the strategic plan but we were not at the stage where we could say we've gone too far on that, so that has been written in the strategic plan. As you'll see, the last two pages are the goals for the next three years, 1997 to '99 and some of the things we've added in were to seek ways to increase the community's capacity to provide treatment to victims and perpetrators of domestic or sexual violence and their families. One of the key things is we focused on families. You have to look at the entire family unit rather than the perpetrator, separate from the abused or what have you. Objective one, to increase the number of family members who obtain treatment after a domestic, sexual or violence or sexual assault incident. You'll see over to the right, those are actually suggested strategies. There is a more original copy available. I didn't have it in my hands, but you may find a couple of typos, but this was pretty close to what the original document that will be or has been submitted to the mayor. To research the feasibility and advantages of developing one overall agency, we don't know if this is going to be possible, but instead of everybody

working in their separate areas, we though collaboration would be helpful. We're going to look into that and contact other communities to see what they do. Three, to enhance present treatment programs. Four, support the increase and expansion of anger management programs for young children and families. Again, we're focusing on the others in the household. Goal two, to increase the effectiveness of domestic and sexual violence enforcement procedures thereby increasing community safety and security. You'll see objective one, to develop a protocol to identify repeated calls of domestic violence and have a treatment intake person to do follow up before violent incidents occur. So that is something that we're going to work on. Objective two, pursue long-term funding alternatives for peer advocacy programs. You'll see objective three, to evaluate setting domestic violence cases during certain court sessions in misdemeanor court so deputy prosecutors assigned to those sessions are more familiar with repeat offenders and special cases by 1998. Four, revise existing policies and procedures for the issuance and enforcement of protective orders. Five, develop PSA's speakers bureau, what have you, for increased education. Goal three, to increase the effectiveness of community education efforts. One of the things we're going to do is look at, there's lots of education going on in the high schools. We're going to investigate looking into elementary, middle and high schools and enhancing the high schools. Elementary is an area that's not hit at all and we think that there might be some opportunities of support-type services for children that are living in violent homes. Two, help to increase participation in DAIP. Three, increase awareness programs in the community and, thank heavens, the domestic violence task force has decided to take this one on and going to work on that as a project for themselves. Goal four, provide administrative needs of the Commission. As I said earlier, the County Commissioners are doing it right now, but I know they can't absorb those costs forever. So, if there's any questions, I do have the entire document if somebody would want to see it and I also have the protocol for the hospitals if anybody would need that.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody want to ask any questions?

Councilmember Hoy: I don't want the whole document, I really appreciate your digest. We get so much to read, it's very helpful. I am interested in the hospital protocol copy of that if you will, please, and I want to thank you for your work because this is an area where I have a lot of concern, being a clergyman. I've talked to a lot of people in my career that have been battered and I would encourage you in this and also to focus on the little children, because I know that you know this and I do too, that what happens in the first five years is so crucial. I look at it now from the food standpoint, if we don't give them nutrition, we'll really pay as a society. But if they experience this, we pay again. Thank you for your dedication.

Lori Bryant: I'll get that to you. I also would like to mention, of course you're not at the meetings, but it is so impressive so see the chief of the police department, the judges, the prosecutor's office, the community agencies all working so well together. It's really been a great experience.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton, did you have anything?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah. I think you've really done a marvelous job in putting this together and appreciate you coming and explaining to us. Quite often we don't really get very many people coming and talking about their programs and the good things that are going on out there. But you're touching base with a number of different people. Now the committee that you have serving here, how many people serve on that committee? Do you have a general idea?

Lori Bryant: Probably about 13 to 15.

Councilmember Sutton: On that committee, because looking at maybe the goals and what you're trying to achieve, do you have any African-Americans serving on that committee?

Lori Bryant: We've actually had, well, unfortunately, Rosemary is going to be leaving us, as you know. Then we had a gentleman previously, Reverent Rascoe, but he wasn't able to attend very often. So if there's been any new ones in January I'm not sure.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I would encourage you as you're trying to reach the entire community that you get some African-American participation on your committee. I think that the inroads that you're trying to make with different organizations, different groups out there, it would be very helpful to you in performing and adequately meeting all of your goals. Like I said, I just think that's very important so I'd like to encourage you to do that.

Lori Bryant: I agree and especially the churches with African-American leadership.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody got anything else to say? Thank you very much.

Lori Bryant: Thank you.

**C) EVANSVILLE-VANDERBURGH COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

President Wortman: Next we'll go to the Evansville-Vanderburgh County Emergency Management Agency distribution of a booklet. Is anybody here representing them? Looks to me like we don't see anybody.

Councilmember Lloyd: It's a good thing we don't have an emergency.

Councilmember Hoy: I think that probably Mr. Greer is out of the city in a meeting. I'm not sure, I serve on the local emergency planning committee, as you know, and I think he'll probably just want to come back. In a month or so I think you're going to hear some real good news about our community and I don't want to -- sorry, A.J. and Jane, but I'm sitting on that one.

**D) TIME ACCRUAL REPORT**

President Wortman: Okay, how about the Auditor's time accrual system, Suzanne?

Suzanne Crouch: Thank you. We have included in your packet a monthly report that we try to submit the first of the month on time accrual. Just a couple of comments: as you all know, the time accrual report is a result of a State Board of Accounts exit report citing that Vanderburgh County was not keeping proper records. This timekeeping system is essential to protect the county from potential lawsuits resulting from improper record keeping such as the recent SAFE house lawsuit. This project is not designed to be punitive, but progressive. It is simply a way to apply the latest computer technology to a uniform record keeping system and by doing so we will hopefully be better able to protect the employee, the officeholder, and the taxpayer. I think it's important at this point to share information with offices and to work on education so that offices will become more comfortable with the system and realize the benefit to them. So I would like to, we have about a third of the offices that have already been in and a number of the Councilmembers that have already been in and I would like to extend an invitation and invite everyone to come in personally. We'll try to set up some time where we can acquaint people with that particular system. Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, has anybody got any questions for Suzanne?

**E) COUNTY COUNCIL SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

President Wortman: The next then is Sandie wants to comment on a computer from the Veteran's...

Sandie Deig: Mrs. Racine from the Veterans Office has asked if we would, the Council, would allow them to take our old computer that was used in my office so I don't know the procedure. I turned in a copy of the surplus property...

Teri Lukeman: Fixed asset report.

Sandie Deig: Yeah, fixed assets to Teri Lukeman but I don't know the correct procedure now. No one has ever asked me for a computer before.

President Wortman: And you'd like the Council's permission to do that? Is that right?

Sandie Deig: To give it to Mrs. Racine, yes.

President Wortman: Do you want to make that in the form of a motion?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll make a motion to do that.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: I have a second from Mr. Hoy. Any discussion on that? If not, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six. Okay. If there is no other business before the Council I'd like a motion for adjournment.

Councilmember Sutton: One thing, I was looking through my material and packet information, and Suzanne, I don't -- maybe

you guys had so much stuff I don't know if maybe you just omitted it this time, but I didn't see a balance on our accounts, that particular form that we normally get for our monthly meetings.

Suzanne Crouch: Right. The State Board of Accounts, we haven't received all the financial information. We've received some. They have until February 15th is their deadline for getting information to counties. It's been pushed back this year, so I will have that for you for the March meeting. Our miscellaneous revenue collections were up last year and our cash balance is up, so it looks like we're going to be in perhaps better financial condition than last year but I will have that for you for the March meeting.

Councilmember Sutton: So based on our appropriations that we made today, do you have any general idea where we are on the General Fund?

Suzanne Crouch: I couldn't -- I wish I could, but I'd hesitate to do that without having all the information.

Councilmember Hoy: They're just slower this year. We had it by February and --

Suzanne Crouch: They pushed the deadline from January 15 to February 15 back.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I said before, we live in a curious state.

**F) DISCUSSION TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR REVISITING REQUESTS  
DENIED BY COUNCIL**

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, Mr. President. You know last year there was something brought before our body that was defeated four times in four months and this appeared before us today and Mrs. Smith had a good idea and I wanted to do this last year, but I'd like to make a motion that anything that's defeated at our meetings, it takes one year before they can bring it back on the floor. I'd like to make that in the form of a motion. After today, I know we were checking on something here today, but after today I'd like to make that motion.

Councilmember Smith: I second that motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: They almost wore me down last year, I hung in there and we finally -- but one time is enough.

President Wortman: Okay, we're open for discussion. Is this a reference to transfers, too?

Councilmember Bassemier: Anything that's --

President Wortman: Anything. A year?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, one year, unless it's an emergency.

Councilmember Hoy: I have problems with that, Councilman



Bassemier, in view of what's happened today. We've had two tie votes and my inclination is the same as Councilwoman Smith's and that is that a tie vote is a defeat and that is my first problem. The second one is that we, well, I won't speak for the rest of you I'll speak for myself although I think it fits all of us. We make mistakes and then if we make a mistake and vote, then we've locked somebody in for a whole year --

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, but you can bring it back and five votes can change it.

Councilmember Hoy: Well...

Councilmember Bassemier: I was fighting it all year, you know, on the Community Corrections and we know that wasn't right and four months, we finally got it defeated. I don't know who won, but --

Councilmember Hoy: I can tell you who won on that issue and that is the workers won because the Commissioners all signed the contract and the workers did and when that happens, I'm not a lawyer, Mr. Ahlers, but I have a lot of friends who are including you, I hope, and I checked it out with lawyers and the thing is, once that was done, we may not have liked some of the details and we did work it over and we put a lot of time in on it, but the contract was complete because we are not the contract signing body of this county, we are the fiscal body of this county. And I know you put a lot of time in and so have a lot of other people, but I don't find that a terrific illustration because -- and we were talking about uniform allowance was the thing we were batting around for months and they got the uniform allowance, they got the whole contract. That should have been reviewed by the Commissioners and their counsel and, if you recall, and I'll step in it again, but doggone it, I think we need to deal with the truth insofar as we are able and that is the Commissioners, some of them admitted they had never read it, that contract. So that, I mean, that was laid on our table and I went to meetings where nobody showed up from the Commissioners and it got a little wearying for all of us when -- but that was a done deal once that contract was signed and --

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, could I ask Ms. Smith, on City Council why they had it for one year?

Councilmember Smith: They had the one year for rezonings and tax abatement and that. Now on a finance ordinance or a transfer, I think if you turn it down and they come back the second time, they're going to make some changes in it so it wouldn't be the same one. There's going to be some changes, but when any zoning or anything of that sort came up, they could not bring it back for one year. Now on the transfers and this kind of stuff, I think that could be done, but they may say go back and come back later.

Councilmember Bassemier: So it's changed, so it would be different, so the one year would still be in effect?

Councilmember Smith: Basically, yes.

Councilmember Sutton: I think that we're all kind of trying to move in the same direction but wouldn't a resolution maybe be in order if we -- Ed, I was wanting to move into it, you know, maybe point by point maybe cover the issues, put something together for us and then we all vote on it or something that we can see. I know what we're trying to get at but maybe just trying to look at a way we can make sure we're really putting together something that's well structured.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, I'll withdraw my motion.

President Wortman: Okay, and do you withdraw yours?

Councilmember Smith: I think we need to have the attorney to look it over and maybe make some rules that we go by and then to see whether we can do it or -- I guess you can do anything we decide to do here, but I think we need some rules and regulations and everybody understands.

President Wortman: Let me ask you this: beings it's not on the agenda, and making resolutions and ordinances, I think it should be on the agenda when we do this, but this is from the standpoint of the chair. What's wrong with me appointing you, Betty Knight, and you and me on a committee and reporting back to this Council? Does anybody have any problem with that?

Councilmember Hoy: That's proper procedure, Mr. President, and you're quite right in your opinion, in my opinion. This was not on the --

Councilmember Smith: And us getting with the attorney.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm sorry, I didn't put my period there yet. I think your previous opinion that it wasn't on the agenda is a correct opinion, sir. I would support you on that.

Councilmember Smith: I mean, by us working with the attorney we would know whether we were in the law or not, but we would have some rules and regulations to go by.

President Wortman: Okay, do I have the blessing of the Council by you raising your hands on that? Thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: That's a good secure vote, but sir, you do have the authority to do that.

Jeff Ahlers: Mr. Hoy, I got to thinking about your problem a little bit there when you were talking about the three-three votes and getting all the members here and I didn't know if maybe you wanted to consider employing a whip. They're, apparently, effective in Congress and that and you might consult Congressman Hostetler. As I understand it he was whipped a little bit on some votes lately and you might think of that to get your votes here.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you, Mr. Ahlers. In fact, I do have one on the wall of my office at the food bank that I inherited from the previous director, but since I just blessed this domestic violence thing I obviously have never taken it off the

wall.

President Wortman: Okay, with that in mind I'll entertain a motion for adjournment.

Councilmember Lloyd: I'll make a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: All those in favor say yes or aye. Ayes have it.

(Motion to adjourn unanimously approved 6-0)

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:38 P.M.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Curt Wortman                      Vice President Phil Hoy

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Councilmember Russell Lloyd, Jr.              Councilmember Bassemier

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**MINUTES**  
**MARCH 5, 1997**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 5th day of March, 1997 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by Council President Curt Wortman and officially opened by Asst. Chief Deputy Ellsworth of the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department.

Roll call was taken by Council secretary Teri Lukeman.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH	X	
COUNCILMEMBER SUTTON	X	
COUNCILMEMBER BASSEMIER	X	
PRESIDENT WORTMAN	X	
COUNCILMEMBER RABEN	X	
COUNCILMEMBER LLOYD	X	
COUNCILMEMBER HOY	X	

President Wortman: We'll stand and pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b> <b>FEBRUARY 5, 1997</b></p>
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President Wortman: Next on the agenda, I'll entertain a motion for approval of the minutes from February 1997.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

President Wortman: Who said that...Mr. Sutton? Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith. Okay, any other discussion on it? If not, all those in favor raise your right hand. Unanimous, seven votes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: I want to recognize Mr. Lloyd, he wants to say something about a group in the audience.

Councilmember Lloyd: The past four years I've been a den leader of a group of Cub Scouts and we have some of them present here today. They're from Pack 312, Den 6. Part of their achievement badges they're working on is the citizen badge and that pertains to government and things of that nature, so we'd like to recognize them and hope you enjoy the County Council meeting.

Thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you, Russ. Nothing like some good future taxpayers. Okay, we'll move right on here and Suzanne Crouch, would you want to comment on the financial situation, please?

<b>1997 FINANCIAL STATEMENT</b>
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Suzanne Crouch: The financial statement you have before you today is reflective of a large unappropriated balance in the General Fund. This is the consequence of a number of factors: a healthy economy, additional river boat revenues and, to a very large extent, a conservative County Council who has been very fiscally conservative and who has kept spending down. This fiscal conservatism has resulted in the largest cash balance that the General Fund has had in the past ten years. So, my hat is off to you. You're in a unique position now to be able to establish some priorities and fund them. Thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mrs. Crouch. We'll have a little bit of comment from the Council. Anybody want to comment on this nice surplus?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I'd like to ask the media for a headline. We usually get one where we're in the hole and this is just incredible and I think Mrs. Crouch is right. The Council has worked hard on this, all of us have, both parties have, and that's good.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I was just going to add, I think it is a really positive sign to see such a healthy balance. We've been looking forward to times when we could have a little bit more breathing room, but at the same time I hope that we don't view this as an opportunity to be a little bit more...take a little bit less prudence in some of the requests that come before us.

President Wortman: Words of wisdom, very good. Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, Mr. President, my hat is off to the Auditor's Office for keeping us informed of what is going on and it really helps us out when we know how much money we've got on hand, we know what to spend and, like I said, my hat is off to the Auditor's Office.

President Wortman: Anyone else? Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Nothing or than if being conservative has added to this picture, boy, just imagine if we really buckled up what we could do.

President Wortman: Anybody got any suggestions?

Councilmember Hoy: I still want bridges, okay?

President Wortman: Have we got any suggestions about what we

might do with this money? Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I'll tell you, as a member of the Council for the past six years, there's been a lot of projects come before us that we've not been able to really look at seriously. It's kind of great to have a surplus that we can really do some great things, some positive things for the taxpayers outside of general operating monies. Speaking for myself, and hopefully the other six members of this Council, I would like to see us set aside three million dollars for funding infrastructure improvements and things like that.

President Wortman: Beings you mentioned that, we have a County Commissioner here. Would you want to speak to that in reference to infrastructure or have any ideas because it will be your call.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I'd like to thank you for having this opportunity.

President Wortman: State your name and --

Bettye Lou Jerrel: My name is Betty Lou Jerrel and I'm a County Commissioner. Councilman Hoy has heard this presentation Monday night, but I wanted to appear before you to talk to you a little bit about John Stoll's report that he gave us about present and future road projects. Just to help refresh your memory a little bit, we are going to receive this next week, the largest amount of state distribution that we've received in a long time and that will enable us to do the Lynch Road project and the bids will go out March 11 and it will be 28 weeks till completion. So that will be done. I would like to ask you to consider something and I'd like to walk you through the process. We had to put up 20 percent of the money for Lynch Road, that's the arrangement when you get federal money, it has to be an 80/20 split. Next years' federal ISTEA funding will go to Fulton Avenue, another long overdue project in our community and, as you know, there is a Tax Incremental Financing that is currently funding the Burkhardt Road project from Lloyd to Virginia. That is just about, a little past K-mart on Burkhardt. I would like for you to consider something and that is, I believe we can fund the project, the widening of Burkhardt from Virginia to Morgan, without borrowing money or bonding for any money or without increasing taxes in any way if we can put together a funding source that uses the CCD money that we have set aside, the river boat infrastructure money which we set aside and part of the unappropriated General Fund. You need to be a part of this with us, but it could truly be a pay as you go process. I'm not opposed to bonding, but when you bond, you pay a lot of attorney fees and pardon me to the attorneys in the audience. You don't have to pay the Bond Counsel, you don't have to pay all of the financing costs and you don't have all of the long term interest that literally doubles the cost of the project. We could do this, the project from Virginia to Morgan has an approximate price tag of six million dollars and the balance to Lynch is 3.9; it's about a ten million dollar road project. If we could start it and get that phase two completed, we could do it with existing funds which would be a wonderful thing to have happen. We could start with those two funds I mentioned to you and any unappropriated that you would be willing to contribute and we

would have our road, the public could have a bypass to the Lloyd that would include Morgan and over without having the congestion all the time. We're going to speak to the banks about perhaps a loan program to complete the rest of it right away and pay it off with this infrastructure money that we would have in place. It's all just in the talking stages, but I wanted the opportunity, since we met Monday night to talk about this, to come to you and present it to you. I hope you'll consider it. I came from a generation where you didn't buy anything until to could pay for it and I know that you need to bond at times, but this would be a wonderful lasting way to take advantage of the county's good fortune and good fiscal health in a concrete manner.

President Wortman: I think that's true. You know, in the past, we were always restrictive with money and we've piecemealed everything and now with your recommendation, suggestion, we could get a project done because we all know it's a mess out there. I think that would be something that the Councilmen might want to comment on it or if you've got any additional comments?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I would take your suggestions, John Stoll and I are working on the cost amounts to give to the Commissioners, and I told them that I would report to you and I'm meeting with the banks, so any way that you would like to be partners in this.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President and Mrs. Jerrel, Commissioner Jerrel, Monday night I believe that the Commissioners are going to hold your hearing on roads and I would encourage Councilmembers to be there to listen and maybe even to speak but I think it's important to...

Bettye Lou Jerrel: That road project hearing is for the Roads and Street money that we're going to use this year. Thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: You're not, and correct me because that was a busy meeting, there will also be a chance for comments just in general on planning, is that correct?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Right.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Well, taking all of this into consideration, I would like to see us as a Council form a partnership with the Commissioners to come up with some major improvements, some infrastructure improvements much like Commissioner Jerrel is speaking of and I think it's important that, as we look at this 5.4 million dollar General Fund balance, that we think real strongly of separating, putting some money aside and just working up a little formula here on my own, last year we appropriated 2.2 million dollars last year. If, using that figure for '97, if we set aside 2.2 to fund the General Fund operating expenditures, okay, things that come up between now and the rest of the year, I think we could safely set aside three million dollars for infrastructure improvements,



whether it be roads, ditches, sewers. But I would like to see us, before we go --

President Wortman: Dedicate it to infrastructure is what you're saying.

Councilmember Raben: Right.

President Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, and I'd make it in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Okay, before you make it you would have to get the paperwork in line, the procedure, before we could have anything official, naturally.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: One thing to keep in mind, the Board of Tax Commissioners, we would be better served financially if we had a commitment for the appropriation and I think, frankly, if we've got it down, we've worked it through and we've got something concrete to do, we're going to stand a better chance of being able to segregate that money out. Now we do have the segregated funds that we're using for the sewer project that's currently going on and so if -- I will get back with you and I would welcome your input and I know that Pat Tuley and Richard Mourdock would welcome your input. Any way that you want to do it, if you want to be on a formal basis of some kind or if you want us to give you a continuing report, whatever you'd like we will bring it to you, but it would be wonderful if we could do something besides that little...Lloyd to Virginia and complete that so we have a fully widened Burkhardt Road, at least to Morgan Avenue.

Councilmember Sutton: Commissioner Jerrel, do you have this proposal written out in some type of form that we might be able to review?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Just my notes. I have from John Stoll the road project report that he made and I can get you a copy of that. What that simply showed was the approximate cost and the likelihood that Burkhardt...the continued widening of Burkhardt from Virginia to Morgan and from Morgan to Lynch is in the 2015 MPO report.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess what I would like to see, and you guys have been spending a lot of time on this, but something that will show us based on if we use X number of dollars from our General Fund for these projects where we stand or what you're proposing that we use from the General Fund and as well, looking at the proposals that you're looking at, the number of projects, so something that we can look at and kind of evaluate and determine on our particular end what priorities we may want to set, what projects may fall higher on the scale.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: The Commissioners, and I spoke with Pat Tuley today and I spoke to Richard Mourdock yesterday, the Burkhardt widening to Morgan at least, if we could afford to do that was their number one project.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, if we could get a breakdown there and then I guess on our particular end, I know that when we talk about infrastructure needs we've got a number of different needs out there and I think it's a good idea in terms of setting some aside, but at the same time we also have some other needs out there as well and --

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Well, it might be helpful --

Councilmember Sutton: Just a second, Commissioner Jerrel, let me finish. Thank you. And just looking at maybe some of those other needs that we might have out there, so we don't want to overlook the infrastructure needs, but I know Commissioner Mourdock has spent an awful lot of time and I've been working with him on the Welfare to Work and some of the needs there, some of the thoughts there, and then as well, just factoring in some of the cost increases on some of the things that we have even now before us, especially as we look at some of the things that have been coming through over the last couple of weeks or so. So we don't want to maybe overlook in our haste, but we do want to definitely factor in a number of different things there.

President Wortman: Remember, Aztar has welfare involved in that, you remember?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: We have a half million.

President Wortman: There's three of them involved in that.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, that's what the proposed amount was. Initially they were looking at, for funding that, right actually about 800,000, but it's likely that's not going to be the amount for that and I think there's still a lot of research going on in terms of what the need is going to be. It's kind of hard to determine right now, but we've spent a lot of time in terms of to kind of get a tighter grip on what our costs are going to be there, or what we intend to allocate.

President Wortman: Thank you. Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I guess my feeling at this point, Commissioner Jerrel, is I would feel more comfortable with a written proposal from all three Commissioners and then we could look at that. Mr. Sutton did touch on an issue that everybody knows that I'm concerned about and that is Welfare to Work and what is going to happen to a lot of people. I don't want to editorialize on that because we want to get on with the meeting and I can talk too long on that subject, but I definitely would be open to setting up a formal proposal.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Okay, I'll come back to you with that in the form of an appropriation request and a prioritized report from the Commissioners. Thank you.

President Wortman: Alright now, Mr. Raben, did you want to make a motion that we give them our blessing on this appropriation, maybe to give them financial support?

Councilmember Raben: I don't think that's even what Commissioner Jerrel is asking for at this point. She's just briefing us but

back to my point, you know, we did this last year with our COIT Windfall and we all kind of bonded together and decided that before this money gets away from us and to vote it toward some worthwhile projects and that's basically all I'm asking for today whether it be this project -- I mean, if we set it aside, regardless of what they decide to use it on, they still have to come to us to appropriate it much like the CCD Fund. And that's the only thing I would like to do, just for security I would like to set aside some of this balance so we know it will be there as we need it for worthwhile things much like welfare or roads and streets or sewers, you name it.

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Raben, I guess the ones I'm probably the most concerned about is the Patient Inmate Care and our lack of ability to have any control or any idea of where we may stand on that. That's been a sore spot for us for quite a while. We've got a pretty hefty request before us even today. That's probably the area --

Councilmember Raben: That would still give you a 2.4 million dollar operating balance.

Councilmember Sutton: I'm sorry, I couldn't hear you.

Councilmember Raben: That would still leave us a 2.4 million dollar operating balance in the General Fund.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, but I'm saying we don't know what we may get down the road because...I don't know.

Councilmember Hoy: I can assure you of one thing, that those costs, even if we were keeping the same amount of persons incarcerated or wherever, those costs are going to go up, wholesale price on food recently went up much higher than it has in recent years, 3.5%, and all those places feed people. We're going to see that increase there. I'm not against setting some money aside, Councilman Raben, I just don't feel a need to do it today. I think the need today is, what I would like to ask the Congress to do, instead of fooling around with an amendment to the Constitution on the balanced budget, I wish they would just work on it every time they vote on an appropriation. I think that's our charge in our group is to continue to do the kind of management we've done and if we do that, then we can do some things. But I'm not quite ready to vote an amount today.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Well, thank you very much for --

President Wortman: Thank you for appearing, Mrs. Jerrel. I think you're on the right track.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Are there any other questions? I need to (inaudible) resources grants committee meeting concerning the presentation I made last week.

President Wortman: Thank you, appreciate it.

Councilmember Lloyd: I might just have a comment.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: The infrastructure improvements, wherever they are, and I think the Burkhardt Road area is the place where the Commissioners did identify, every new business that opens out there, it's going to be needed more and more. The traffic counts out there are much higher than in any other location, so I think that this is a worthwhile project for us.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: And I may as well say some of my feelings I'm going to say Monday night and that is, I have been accused of looking at the big picture. I am very, very concerned that we keep stretching ourselves as a city and a county with infrastructure and roads, basically for retail jobs. Retail jobs generally are not full-time, retail jobs generally do not pay a lot, and as those new buildings are being built, buildings all over the city and county are being closed. In my estimation, often we're simply seeing a lateral transfer of jobs from this store or this section of the city out there. That's why I am cautious about this, Mr. President. Also, since I am interested in food, I like to eat it but also since I'm in that business, I'm quite concerned that we just keep gobbling up agricultural land year after year after year and that's our -- agriculture is one of our main trump cards as a nation. I know that's big picture, but if we don't look at that in Vanderburgh County and look at our farm land, who is going to look at it and who is going to -- our major economic competitor is Japan. Last year we sold them 14.7 billion dollars worth of food because they can't grow anything. They don't have any place to grow it. We are part of a country that needs to look at the fact that we're eating up our farm land and our resources and I'm not so sure the tradeoff with these kind of jobs, I don't think it's even a tradeoff, I think it's just a transfer of the workforce from here to another place and so I am not in a big rush to do some of those road projects and if I lived on the northwest side of the city, I'd want the Fulton project first anyhow.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you.

<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>
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President Wortman: Let's move on to the Appropriation Ordinance, and first on the agenda is the County Clerk and that is mine. Mr. Lloyd, would you take that for me, please?

**A) COUNTY CLERK**

Councilmember Lloyd: Ordinance 1010-3370, I move be approve as requested, \$400.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Bassemier. Any discussion? No discussion, all those in favor raise your right hand. Seven yes votes.

**COUNTY CLERK**

**REQUESTED**

**APPROVED**

1010-3370	COMPUTER	400.00	400.00
TOTAL		400.00	400.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

B) PROSECUTOR

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton, Prosecutor?

Councilmember Sutton: I move that item 1080-1090-1080 be set in at zero.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion? No discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. Seven votes.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-1090-1080	CHIEF TRIAL DEPUTY	4,169.00	-0-
TOTAL		4,169.00	-0-

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

C) PROSECUTOR FEE - CHECK RECOVERY

President Wortman: We'll move right on to Prosecutor Fee - Check Recovery and that will be Mr. Sutton again.

Councilmember Sutton: Item 1082-2600, move approval of \$5,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion?

Councilmember Smith: I have a question. It's March 5th and they're asking for office supplies right now. I mean, isn't there money in the budget for office supplies?

President Wortman: She might address that. That don't come out of the General Fund, see that's on their own.

Councilmember Smith: I know, but --

President Wortman: Do you want to elaborate, give your name, please?

Lauren Kincaid: Lauren Kincaid from the Prosecutor's Office. The reason that we asked for the Check Deception to pay for their own supplies is so there is enough money left in the county funds for the general office supplies because it takes all that is in the county budget to run our general office.

Councilmember Smith: But the fund, isn't that set aside for

their supplies, the Check Deception Fund, or does that go back into the County General Fund when you collect it?

Lauren Kincaid: No, it's not county funds, it's the fees that she collects from the people who present bad checks and it is for her salary and benefits and her supplies, but I need a line item to get the money for her supplies, that's why I'm putting that figure on it.

Councilmember Smith: So they don't have a line item for supplies?

Lauren Kincaid: Supplies, and that's what I'm asking for, yeah.

President Wortman: Does that answer your question, Mrs. Smith? Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any other discussion? If not, all those in favor raise your right hand. Seven yes votes.

PROSECUTOR FEE-CHECK RECOVERY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1082-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL		5,000.00	5,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

D) PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Wortman: We'll go to the Pigeon Township Assessor and that's Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: Last week we went down there and Curt and I both agree that they need it. As a matter of fact, all those offices are out of space, but this is for a partition to make them a little more private for people to do their work, but I also feel that they need a window in it because if you have people back there I think you need to be able to see in there. So I recommend approval for this.

President Wortman: Okay, do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton did the second. Okay, any discussion? Don't hear none, don't see none. All those in favor raise your right hand. Seven yes votes.

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1150-3550	REPAIR TO BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	3,495.00	3,495.00
TOTAL		3,495.00	3,495.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

E) ELECTION OFFICE - TWO REQUESTS

President Wortman: Election Office. I'll entertain a motion, there.

Councilmember Raben: I move that 1210-3610 be set in the amount

of \$1,200.

President Wortman: Zero, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Lloyd: That was withdrawn.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, move that it be set in at zero. I'm sorry.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. Seven yes votes.

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1210-3610	LEGAL SERVICES	1,200.00	-0-
TOTAL		1,200.00	-0-

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Just a little information for Councilperson Knight. On that Prosecutor bad check recovery, they do have a line item but there was \$500 put in the budget.

Councilmember Smith: But I was under the impression that they paid for their supplies out of the money that they collect. Am I not right? Is that what they --

Suzanne Crouch: May I speak to that?

President Wortman: Yes, do you want to address that, Mrs. Crouch?

Suzanne Crouch: There was a State Board of Accounts bulletin that came out last year and said that money was now to be receipted in the General Fund, so that's what changed, but you're right, that's the way it used to be.

President Wortman: Thank you for asking the question, Mrs. Smith. That's very good. Okay, anything else? We'll move right on to the Election Office.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, line item 1210-1110-1210 and line item 1210-1200-1210, 1210-3610 be approved, all three lines, in the amount of \$10,600.

President Wortman: Do I have a second to that effect?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Smith: Yes, in the fall after we had the Election Board meeting, we went into the Auditor's Office and asked them that they set aside \$7,000. That was discussed in the Election Board meeting and Terri told us that it was set aside and then they said it hadn't been, so that's the reason I wanted to ask, because that was for the attorneys that are checking the

ballots.

Suzanne Crouch: And I did check with Ms. Woodward and that conversation did take place, but I think where the step was missed was that the paperwork wasn't filed asking that be encumbered.

Councilmember Smith: At the time, Terri told us it wasn't necessary, that it was there and that's the reason it wasn't done, but the money was requested at that time, that \$7,000. But the other, we have never had a budget for the Election Office on a non-election year. The \$7,000 was set aside for the research for the two attorneys, so I have a question about why the other money is being asked for. The only time on a non-election year we had it is when we had the referendum for the river boat and that's the only time we've ever had any money for the Election Office.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions in reference to Mrs. Smith? Any other discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Is there anybody to answer Betty's question?

Councilmember Smith: Nope.

President Wortman: I can't answer it.

Councilmember Bassemier: Marsha is here.

President Wortman: Do you want to address that, Mrs. Abell? Please come forward.

Marsha Abell: I'm Marsha Abell, the County Clerk. The reason that it was requested is that there have been meetings this year to continue the investigation from 1995 and 1996.

Councilmember Smith: But the attorney was supposed to get back and they haven't finished their investigation, that was the question. But there has never been a budget for the Election Office other than we did ask for the \$7,000. So, I mean, I don't understand why the \$2,400 and the \$1,200.

Marsha Abell: Because even though there is no election this year, we are having to have meetings this year because of the investigation that's going on by the police department. If those people are willing to serve without compensation, that's up to them, but the reasoning is that they are having to have meetings this year.

Councilmember Sutton: And is this request for the balance of the year or is this just --

Marsha Abell: The entire year of 1997.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions? We've got a motion and a second. All those in favor raise your right hand. All those opposed? Two opposed, five to two.

**ELECTION OFFICE**

**REQUESTED**

**APPROVED**



1210-1110-1210	BOARD MEMBER	2,400.00	2,400.00
1210-1200-1210	ELECTION ATTORNEY	1,200.00	1,200.00
1210-3610	LEGAL SERVICES	7,000.00	7,000.00
TOTAL		10,600.00	10,600.00

(Motion carried 5-2. Councilmembers Smith and Sutton opposed)

Councilmember Smith: I would like to go on record that I don't oppose the \$7,000 because that was set aside for the attorneys but I don't feel the other part is necessary this year.

President Wortman: Okay, thanks, Mrs. Smith. Appreciate your comments.

**F) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

President Wortman: We'll go to the County Commissioners, Patient/ Inmate Care. I'll entertain a motion. Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I make a motion, item 1300-3050 Patient/Inmate Care requested \$500,000 to budget. I would make a motion to approve that amount.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mrs. Smith. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Do we have to pay it all now? Have we held out as long as we normally do on this? I mean, normally, we do try to kind of hold out on this. I know we've got a little bit of extra cash but you never know what can happen.

Councilmember Hoy: We have listened, Mr. President, for four years to those speeches about waiting and I agree that we should wait. We can pay this later and the money can stay in the account and make a little bit of money for us and I would favor it being reduced to around \$300,000 and -- we'll pay our bills. I'm glad to see 5.6 sitting there, but the reason we've got 5.6 sitting there is because we were very careful about this kind of thing. So, I would have to vote no and vote for a lesser amount.

Councilmember Bassemier: Don't we owe this money now, though? I mean, we owe it right now, don't we?

Councilmember Hoy: We've always owed it right now, we've always waited because it's something we can wait on and I just...that's just my opinion, Mr. Bassemier, that we -- I don't want to jump into it, that's all.

Councilmember Smith: I think Mrs. Jerrel said last week that she really needed over \$800,000 and I agree, you hold onto money, but if we owe it, people object sometimes to doing business with government because they do hold onto it so long and they don't pay it. But she said last week they needed 813,000, something

like that, so --

Councilmember Hoy: Now was this appropriation, if you'll look on your appropriation sheet, if we vote all of this then they will have a balance of \$736,093.82 after the appropriation, so no, that's more than they need and Mrs. Jerrel is gone, but she's the person who argued constantly for us to hold back on this and I always agreed with her because it is a bill we owe and I grant you that, and we owe it to other governmental units, a lot of it, but if you'll look down there at the bottom and look at the balances, she was projecting ahead and we will spend more money. This is just in one of those accounts where we always will spend more money.

Councilmember Lloyd: I believe last week Mrs. Jerrel mentioned, too, that there is a bill from the boys' school for six months, \$412,629, so I mean, the money is needed now and she had mentioned last year we spent \$1,263,000 and this year that will go up. We don't have the final figures.

President Wortman: Yeah, we don't want to get too far behind and I think that's true. So we've got a motion on the floor and a second. No other discussion, all those in favor --

Councilmember Sutton: Someone wanted to make a comment, I guess. Did you --

President Wortman: Would you come forward, please?

Brad Ellsworth: My name is Brad Ellsworth, I represent the Sheriff's Department. Are we talking about inmate care, jail inmate?

President Wortman: No.

Brad Ellsworth: Then I would have no comment!

President Wortman: Thank you for your effort. Okay, anything else? If not I'm going to call for the vote. All those in favor raise your right hand. Three, four, five, six. Opposed? One opposed.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3050	PATIENT/INMATE CARE	500,000.00	500,000.00
TOTAL		500,000.00	500,000.00

(Motion carried 6-1. Councilmember Hoy opposed)

#### G) CIRCUIT COURT

President Wortman: Okay, we'll go on to the Circuit Court Probation Officer. Do we have a representative here to speak on this?

Alan Henson: Thank you, Mr. President. My name is Alan Henson, I'm a Chief Adult Probation Officer. We had some discussion at our meeting last Wednesday about the validity and the legality of this payment. I have faxed information, state statutes, attorney general decisions to Mr. Ahlers, your attorney, he has

discussed it with Judge Young and I believe that -- Mr. Ahlers, can you give a legal opinion to the Council on...

President Wortman: Yeah, just a minute and I think, I talked to Mrs. Deig, too, we've got a problem with classification, being unclassified and classified. I think there is something on the state on this, but we've got to be careful here because we get one out of line and then they all want to get out of line and I know there's talk about this. Mrs. Deig, would you want to elaborate on this a little bit? Or Mr. Ahlers, he addressed you first. Do either one of you?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, thanks for the information that you furnished to us, Mr. Henson. We've looked at it and I think as a general matter, the case law there that obviously the -- you know, there is a Supreme Court case on point and there's some attorney general opinions regarding the judicial conferences fixing minimum standards for probation officers and while I guess those are not directly a mandate to this Council, of course the judge has the power to mandate it and there is a precedent for that being upheld. So generally, I guess, we agree that the minimum standards ought to be followed where they can. One thing that has come up since the discussion was that maybe unlike many counties, we've got a situation here where they're a part of the salary ordinance rather than being unclassified employees. And then this particular employee will get a raise in January and will be above that minimum standard. Now, how that figures in, that's one of the things that we've indicated that we need to check on further that has come up since my discussion with you and Judge Young as to whether that makes a difference in whether that throws off our salary ordinance then. Because then if we give the increase now, and the person is to get another increase in January, what do we do then with the other probation officers? Do we need to look at whether or not they need to be unclassified? I don't know. I mean, it kind of presents a little bit of a problem there because I think most counties, other than maybe some of the larger counties than us, that have salary ordinances and that's kind of what we're wrestling with here is how you go ahead and give a raise like that in the context of the salary ordinance. And so that's what we're looking into. I don't know if you had anything else on that.

President Wortman: Hearing this, I would ask for a postponement of one month to go through this to make sure we're on the right track.

President Wortman: Mr. President, I make a motion we defer this till next month.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: And we've got a second from Mr. Lloyd. Okay, any more discussion on this?

Councilmember Bassemier: I have one. It's just like we point out to all Councilmembers, January 1st of '98, this person is going to get a \$1,406 raise as of January 1st because of the step increase.

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President Wortman: Okay, thank you. Proceed. Any other discussion?

Councilmember Smith: Was he supposed to have this January the 1st and he didn't get it January 1st?

Alan Henson: January the 1st there was a \$509 discrepancy, yes --

Councilmember Smith: That he was supposed to have received?

Alan Henson: Correct.

Councilmember Smith: And then he will get a step increase in January of '98?

Alan Henson: Yes, that's correct.

Councilmember Smith: So if this was -- how come he didn't get it? Was it just forgotten or...

Alan Henson: The truth of the matter is, Mrs. Smith, that this person fell below the minimum salary standards until we got a copy of it. This was passed, I believe, in September of '96, and I came upon a copy I guess when I first started this issue late January or mid-January that this person, one of our six staff members was \$509 below the state minimum salary and that's when I started requesting it.

Councilmember Smith: Well, if he was supposed to have it and they didn't know it at the time, they deserves it even if there's a step increase starting in '98, that's in another step.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I'd like to ask a question of our counsel, again, Mr. Ahlers. We're dealing here with our rule about unclassified people, is that correct?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, actually, this person is classified as part of the salary ordinance, as I understand it.

Councilmember Hoy: Oh, he is classified?

Jeff Ahlers: Correct. That's where kind of the problem is that unless they want to move to unclassified or what we need to take a quick look at that came up after I had spoken with Mr. Henson and Judge Young, I thought we had this all squared away and then it was brought to my attention that, what do you do then? Do these people want to be unclassified then, and then they don't get the step increases and they want to go with -- I mean, you run into a problem here of, can you do both? Can you give the minimums and then also give the step increases? So the real thing that I think that has been brought to my attention to deal with is, how do you mesh those two things? If we didn't have a salary ordinance, you know, --

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, second question, and thank you for clarifying it because I did misunderstand, Mr. Ahlers. Are we dealing with the situation here where the state law is perhaps not as strong, I don't think that's the word I want but are we really mandated to pay this from state law in your opinion? Or

do you need to research that some more?

Jeff Ahlers: No, I've researched that. Now, whether or not there's anything out there, I guess you can keep researching and researching, but the way I understand the issue and there's precedent on point and Mr. Henson and Judge Young were kind enough to bring some matters to my attention, too, was that the judicial conference, the setting of the minimum salary standard, I believe they refer to it, in and of itself may not be a mandate, but of course, the Circuit Court Judge could make it a mandate. And if he did make it a mandate, then this Council would be faced with the choice of either complying with that mandate or facing a court challenge. What I'm saying is there's precedents where the courts have upheld the minimum standard salaries, okay? Do you follow me now, where we're going, is that maybe at this point it's not a mandate but that it could be. But what we're wrestling with here is how do you mesh that with the salary ordinance? I am not aware and was talking to some people as to whether it's that much trouble, if there were some possibility to give the \$509 now and then somehow back that out of the January. I was told that may be something we need to look into, whether that creates a lot of problems, but that would be the easy way to keep everybody on the same keel, otherwise you've got a problem with what do you do about other probation officers in the salary ordinance and they're looking forward to a lock increase and that's the real struggle here.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, but the answer to my question is, in your opinion the law does not force us to do this today. I understand judges mandating things and I know they're very reluctant to do that and he could, the judge could, but we're not in violation of the law today if we don't grant this?

Jeff Ahlers: That's correct, that's my interpretation of the law is that you're not violating anything now but, of course, our goal ought to be to comply with the spirit of it and what I'm saying is no, there's not a mandate, but there could be and that with the precedent, you need to keep that in mind.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, if we're going to comply with the spirit of it I'd rather do it across the board rather than on a case by case.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I asked that question last week in terms of whether we were required by the state to kick in this \$509 and the reply that I got was that we were required to do that. That was the response that I got. Now I'm hearing something, I guess, a little bit different. I guess I'm kind of unsure, but I guess I don't want to lose sight of the big picture. We have an individual seemingly deserving of this particular increase and whether they get a step increase in '98 I don't think that has any bearing on what our decision should be today. However, looking at where we are on this particular request I think that if we're talking about a requirement being put in place, I don't think we need to have to sit and wait for all the administrative wheels to go into motion before this person gets their particular situation dealt with. Yes, it does appear that we probably will have some other positions affected by this, but I just don't want the individual to get caught up in the time that it takes for us to readjust our salary

ordinance and make all the necessary steps when this person was due this January 1. So this person may not live to January 1 of this year to see a step increase, but I just think we need to do what's fair and what's right on this employee's situation.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President? I made that motion and if my seconder agrees, I made a motion to defer it until next month. Given the information from Attorney Ahlers, I would like to withdraw my motion and I would like to make a motion, should the seconder agree, that we set line 1360-1230-1360 in at zero.

President Wortman: And withdraw the second, Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yeah, I'll withdraw the second.

Councilmember Hoy: That's a new motion and you'll need a second.

President Wortman: Do I have a second to that effect?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm going to second that and I'll tell you the reason why. Being Personnel Chairman, we're going to open up a can of worms here because you can't have the best of both worlds and the way I feel about it, we do not owe him \$509 because he's a classified job. Now, like I said, January 1, he will get his step increase which is fair that we're giving all the other employees and he will get a \$1,406 raise minimum, it might be more than that. So I'd like to give him that \$509, but everybody else is going to want their's too, the best of both worlds, so I'll have to second that and I'm sorry.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I would just like to say that this really isn't a unique situation outside of the fact that it may pertain to the courts. I mean, we've dealt with this in my six years where people want to go classified, back to unclassified, just however it weighs in their favor. I mean, in '97 and '98 they may make more being classified, but then they see a brighter picture in '99 and say hey, wait a minute, now I want to go unclassified. I mean, we've had this prior to my six years, I'm sure, but this isn't anything new. We've dealt with this on and off numerous times a year and we've always stuck to our guns that you can't be classified and want stipends and stuff like that. I mean, it's just we need to stick to our guns and Ed is exactly right. We're going to open a can of worms and we'll take our chance. If they mandate us, then we have to give it to him. But on the same token and the point I made last week, he was over the schedule years prior but he didn't give that back to the county. Now, all the sudden, again, it's not in his favor and he wants that plus what is associated with being classified in January. So, I mean, it's a tough situation but I think we're doing the right thing if we set it in at zero.

President Wortman: Any other discussion? If not, I'm going to call for a vote. All those in favor of setting it in at zero raise your hands. One, two, three, four, five. Opposed? Two opposed. Ms. Smith and -- thank you, Mr. Henson.

CIRCUIT COURT

REQUESTED

APPROVED

1360-1230-1360	PROBATION OFFICER	509.00	-0-
TOTAL		509.00	-0-

(Motion carried 5-2. Councilmembers Sutton and Smith opposed)

H) CIRCUIT COURT/CCD FUND

President Wortman: The next is the CCD Fund in Circuit Court and isn't that Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd like to make a motion to approve 2031-1360-4250 Miscellaneous Equipment for a total of \$10,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, no discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. Seven yes votes.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2031-1360-4250	MISC. EQUIPMENT	10,000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL		10,000.00	10,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

I) LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

President Wortman: Now we go to the Local Roads & Streets and I'd like to inform you that they've got a request in for \$2,484, and if you look at your financial sheet they've got zero there, so I'd like to have that set in at zero at this time. Do I hear a motion to that effect?

Councilmember Lloyd: I'll make a motion to set in item 2160-4926 at zero.

President Wortman: Do I have a second to that?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith, thank you. Any discussion on that? If not all those in favor raise your right hand. Seven yes votes.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2160-4926	RED BANK RD.	2,484.00	-0-
TOTAL		2,484.00	-0-

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

J) KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Wortman: We'll go down to the Knight Township Assessor and that will be Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd also like to make a motion to approve 2492-1130-1910, 1920, for a total of \$464.00

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded. Do I have any discussion? No discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. Seven yes.

KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1130-1910	PERF	269.00	269.00
2492-1130-1920	INSURANCE	195.00	195.00
TOTAL		464.00	464.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

K) PROSECUTOR/PRETRIAL DIVERSION

President Wortman: We'll go on to the Prosecutor Pretrial Diversion and Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd like to make a motion 2630-2600 Office Supplies for a total of \$3,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd, we've got a second. Okay, any discussion? No discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. Seven yes votes.

PROSECUTOR PRETRIAL DIVERSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2630-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	3,000.00	3,000.00
TOTAL		3,000.00	3,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

L) CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

President Wortman: We'll go on to the Convention & Visitor's Bureau and I'll entertain a motion from there.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, Mr. Helfrich wants to make some comments. If you don't mind to make your comments first and then I'll make a motion.

Pete Helfrich: Mr. President, thank you. My name is Pete Helfrich, I'm the Executive Director of the Convention & Visitors Bureau. After last Wednesday's meeting we did discuss one of the items with the applicant, it was the youth hockey league and it was tabled at our meeting which takes if off the table here, so we are asking that be withdrawn and we're also asking that the request for the \$17,500 for the artwork be



deferred for another month. There was still some discussion and a decision could not be made. We're asking them to fund the Arts Fest River Run, the \$15,000 request, and also the \$10,000 request from the Ten Pin Classic.

President Wortman: Okay, you've heard --

Councilmember Smith: How much?

Pete Helfrich: It would be a total of \$25,000, yes ma'am.

Councilmember Hoy: I had hoped, and I think maybe we need a legal opinion on this or maybe not, I was hoping we could defer some of this but it's all on one line and so I think Mr. Helfrich will have to resubmit those.

Pete Helfrich: That would be fine.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay. So I'll make a motion that we, in line 3570-3793, we set it in at -- it's \$25,000, I believe is the figure, is it not?

President Wortman: Do I have a second to that effect?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion on that? No discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. Seven yes votes. Thank you very much.

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3570-3793	PUBLIC RELATIONS	47,500.00	25,000.00
TOTAL		47,500.00	25,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Helfrich? How does someone go about applying for those funds?

Pete Helfrich: The special projects funds?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Pete Helfrich: We accept applications three times year: January, May and in September and the Commission has criteria that are on the application forms. Each application is then reviewed based on its own credentials and it either receives an approval or denial, and then we also have to come to County Council and you get to put your decision on it also. So it requires two steps.

Councilmember Sutton: How do you guys advertise? Do you guys advertise that out when you're accepting those applications or is it just kind of a generally known thing?

Pete Helfrich: Word of mouth, yeah.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess I'd like to encourage you maybe to maybe get word out maybe a little bit more about that. I think there might be some other groups who also serve a very vital part of bringing convention and visitors to our area and

generating economic development in our area that would be very interested in what we have here as well.

Pete Helfrich: We will do that.

Councilmember Hoy: What are those months again, Mr. Helfrich?

Pete Helfrich: January, May and September.

Councilmember Hoy: And I'm your new liaison this year, Mr. Sutton, and I'll be glad to do my best to carry...

Councilmember Sutton: I guess what I had in mind is there is a whole month of black history month events that take place and, you know, a number of different things going on that bring a lot of people to the city and that would be one use that I could think of.

Pete Helfrich: We have funded a black expo activity from about five years ago and we did receive an application and it went through this process.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

<b>TRANSFERS</b>
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President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Lloyd, do you want to take the transfers?

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, on the transfers, I'd like to make a motion 1010-1620-1010 to 1010-1990; Sheriff 1050-1130-0036 to 1050-1130-0021 and 1050-1130-0012; County Commissioners from 1300-1130-1300, 1300-1160-1300, 1300-1190-1300, 1300-1900, 1300-1910, 1300-1920 to 1300-3610; Community Corrections from 1361-1980 to 1361-1150, 1361-1210, 1361-1300; Circuit Court from 2600-1980 to 2600-1390-2600, 2600-1400-2600, Circuit Court from 2760-1990 to 2760-1120-2760. I'd make a motion that all those be transferred as requested.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Bassemier might have a correction there, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Bassemier: And that's my fault, Russell, on this here. I should have told you there's a couple changes on Community Corrections. That 1361-1980 Other Pay should be \$441.

President Wortman: Okay, what you do, Mr. Lloyd, is refer to that -- matter of fact, Mr. Bassemier, is there any other correction?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, we should -- we're going to cancel that 1361-1300, that Counselor there, that's zero. That should be set in at zero.

President Wortman: Just a minute, how does this sound? Let's take and stop here on the other one and we'll take the Community Corrections on the transfers next and you repeat them and you end your motion to that. Does that sound alright?

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Councilmember Lloyd: I'll amend my motion to all those as requested except Community Corrections which would be deleted from that motion.

President Wortman: Thank you. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, any discussion? Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I have some questions on County Commissioners, 1300-1130 Assistant County Attorney, 1300-1160 Assistant County Attorney, and so on, on that page. Previously these were assigned to specific positions and my question is, why are we shifting this, and then I also have a comment to make and I think I know what that reason is. I'll go ahead and comment, this has been done in the past and we ended up with some very, very high legal bills by shifting these out of regular salaries and I really have problems with the wisdom of doing that because I think -- I don't know how many attorneys voted for me but I've got four more years so I can relax, I guess. I don't want to cheat attorneys out of their money, but I think we have to watch the legal bills and I think that contract with the Commissioners should be written up pretty tightly and I don't want to see it loosened. So I wish we could segregate that one out and the motion doesn't, so I would have to vote against the motion on that issue unless somebody can convince me it's a good idea.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I'd like to ask Marsha on the Bond and Fine Clerk, back when that position was made, it was made with the agreement of the judge and they were going to furnish all the part-time and we had a full-time person there that worked nights, and then the courts paid for the holidays, the vacations and whenever for Saturdays and Sundays. Are you taking over the whole system there?

President Wortman: Do you want to step forward?

Councilmember Smith: Actually, there used to be two people down there that done two different jobs. We joined the two positions and we did that in 19 -- I believe it was May or June of 1989, and that was with the agreements with the courts and this is what I'm asking you. Are you taking over the whole Bond and Fine system now?

President Wortman: I guess she's got her own way of doing things, I guess. Do you want to elaborate on that, Ms. --

Marsha Abell: I spoke with Mr. Howerton and he's here and I'm sure he would be happy to tell you that he did. Yes, I will be the one who will be overseeing the three part-time positions that will be made from this position.

President Wortman: Okay. Alright, is there any other -- Mr. Sutton, do you have...

Councilmember Sutton: Back on the item that Phil mentioned

earlier, the County Commissioners, I can't remember the exact year but we did spend some time researching and looking through this whole issue because of the size of the legal bills and what we had gotten into and came to an agreement and they presented that to us that we would fund these three positions. What we have here, the way this request is presented to us is really eliminating those positions altogether and by taking the action that we're taking, is there something that -- you know, other than -- I didn't see anything in the request that gave any additional information, but are these positions being eliminated? Is there a new structure that's going to be put in place? If someone could speak to that?

Harris Howerton: Harris Howerton, Director of Court Services. Yeah, what that amounts to is, some years back we had a dual position, a person who did reports for the courts --

President Wortman: No, you're on the wrong thing.

Councilmember Sutton: The County Commissioners.

Councilmember Smith: He's talking about attorneys.

Harris Howerton: Then I have no comment.

Councilmember Raben: Could I address Royce's question?

President Wortman: Go ahead, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: The year, and I can't recall now that you might be referring to, it was more than usual but I don't remember the particular cases, but there were some cases that were fought and won that saved the county millions of dollars that the fees that we paid were minuscule to what we could have paid. Secondly, under the situation that we've been under for the last few years, you had four attorneys hired on retainers, we're still paying them for litigation. You were paying three thousand dollars per attorney for office supplies, benefits, you're still going to have a full-time county attorney, but the money that was set aside, just keep them on a retainer is now what is going to pay litigations. So no, I don't think anybody knows what the final picture is going to be at the end of the year, but it's the way the Commissioners want it and its got to be a better situation.

Councilmember Sutton: I'm really going to have no choice but to vote against, I guess, all of the ones that were presented, the transfers, even though that's the only one I do have a problem with, but the Commissioners took time to come before us and present that whole picture and lay that out for us when they made the change. I wish that same courtesy would be extended even in this situation. I mean, if someone is going to make a major shift in change like that, if the County Attorney is going to handle all those responsibilities, I would still like to see that. I don't -- from what you say I'm assuming that will not be the case. There still will be other additional individuals handling other matters for the county, on the county's behalf. I'd like to know who those individuals are, I'd like to know how many individuals are going to fund it rather than having a big lump sum that we have in some pot that we just decide to dole

out sparingly depending on what comes up. Can they present something to us that shows us exactly what they are going to do there? Otherwise, I can't go along with that.

Councilmember Raben: Right now, as it is, you're not actually spending more than what you budgeted for in '96 for '97. If the figure goes beyond this, they'll have to come to us so all you're doing is transferring money at this point. We've already appropriated this amount of money in August.

Councilmember Sutton: Then why not leave it where it is if you're going to have the same --

Councilmember Raben: Because the county no longer has these three attorneys sitting dormant on a retainer. We're going to hire them as needed. Now when we get into litigation, we'll pay the fees for litigation.

Councilmember Sutton: Still, I think you're still talking about, you know, I don't want to get into a long tete-a-tete, but I think if we're going to make a major change in our structure, we're the funding body. We're the body that makes the decisions on who is going to get what when it comes to the dollars, and if someone has made that decision for us I'd like to see what that decision is.

Councilmember Hoy: And with an amount of this magnitude, and what I would like to suggest to the motion maker, because I support almost all of the transfers, really, and I'd hate to see the other transfers defeated because I think one of these other transfers takes five votes. I would feel better, at least, if we dropped this one out because I'm going to vote no on this. My first year on this Council, we paid and we paid and we paid and I see this as a possibility of us opening that door again. Does anybody know, and I don't have the figure and I wish I did, how much we paid last year? But that year we paid over \$500,000 and we've not paid that kind of money since and we've been sitting here talking about what a good job we've done in getting the funds in this shape and I think this kind of decision militates against responsible budgeting for one thing, the budget was set and it militates against the kind of control that we would like to have as a Council. When we're looking at \$137,000 in the transfer, I'd like to see a Commissioner standing at that microphone telling me why they want it and they're not here and I can't responsibly support this. I could go for a deferral or something else and hear an explanation, but I'm afraid, Mr. President, that my no vote, which it will be, is going to jeopardize the rest of these transfers and I'd just as soon not jeopardize them. I'd like to ask the motion maker if he would remove this one. I may still get defeated but at least I won't defeat the other transfers because if I'm not mistaken, Mr. Ahlers, and you're our legal counsel, I think one of these transfers takes five votes.

Jeff Ahlers: Which one of them is --

Councilmember Hoy: I believe the one that takes five votes, and you correct me if I'm incorrect because I'm not the attorney, but we do pay you. Okay, that's what we're talking about here is the one on the Bondsman. I think that needs five votes, I

may be wrong. But if we do that one on the Bondsman, removing, that takes five votes, is that not correct?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, if you're increasing on some of these, that's right. You will have to have five votes.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

Councilmember Hoy: So do you see the predicament, Mr. President? I don't want to mess up the rest of the process, that's all.

President Wortman: Will you take, on reference to the County Commissioners, a lot of that litigation in the past was different, they probably had a lot of lawsuits then, too. You've got to judge by that, what it costs. You've got to go over there because every year is different. I don't see how you can judge, really, on it.

Councilmember Smith: I remember one time that we had a telephone call that Carol McClintock called the attorney and the bill was \$196 for a telephone call.

President Wortman: Did they talk a long time?

Councilmember Smith: They must have! I mean, I understand where you're coming from.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I do not want to get into personalities, I don't want to get into law firms, I want to -- but I understand what Councilwoman Smith is saying and...see, I don't have facts here. You may be absolutely right, maybe there were more cases one year than another, but I don't know that. I do not know that and I know what happened to us. It may not have been anybody's fault, but we did not have any kind of Council control over the flow of money and that's what we were elected to do. Just because the Commissioners request this, they set contracts and I know that, because I've sat here and had them lay contracts on my desk and your desk that I wish they hadn't in years past. But this bothers me.

Councilmember Raben: Can we vote on this and then entertain a --

President Wortman: Yeah, but a little more on this here, when it changed politics, the Commissioners, whether it's Republican or Democrat, they're entitled to their way of doing. And, of course, approval of the financial plan. Evidently, do they think they can save money? Who knows. And if they do, fine.

Councilmember Hoy: We'll I'd like to have my request honored that we remove this -- vote on this one separately so we do not jeopardize the other transfers because I want to say again, I don't think you're going to get five votes on this, Mr. President, and you're going to mess up the rest of the transfers. So I probably will not get my way on this, but then some other things aren't going to get passed, particularly the one that takes five votes. I think it would be a mistake to jeopardize that.

Jeff Ahlers: I just have two comments. One, though, if you separate out the transfers for County Commissioners, that would

not require five votes and would only require the four votes. So, I mean, in essence, it could pass anyway standing alone possibly even if you don't -- I mean, I'm just saying that as an observation. The only other thing I was just going to address is my understanding is, and you know, maybe we do or do not need a Commissioner, but just, my understanding of what this is, this does not change what you're doing. You're saving money from the standpoint of you're getting rid of the existing salaries, that is not changing litigation. Litigation is still paid to the County Attorney hourly anyway, so concerns you may have with regard to hourly things does not change in the past five years between the way it's been handled. My understanding is last year the litigation was handled the same way and is hourly. I don't think, unless you understand the County Commissioners request any different, that they are suggesting that three attorneys be taken off salary and be placed on hourly to perform the functions of those three attorneys. Do you see what I'm saying?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, that's what the request really is. I mean, the County Attorney, when there is an issue or an area that maybe he's maybe not well versed in or not comfortable with, someone else is going to handle that and they will handle that on an hourly basis; therefore, your costs, whatever they may be, will be whatever you are billed at.

Jeff Ahlers: And that may be, but all I'm suggesting, Mr. Sutton, is that's the way that I understand it's always been. I mean, bond work, litigation, those sorts of specialties you're referring to, I think have always been billed out at an hourly -- I'm not exactly sure whenever they transfer this to Legal Services whether that's in anticipation -- maybe they'll have a surplus left or maybe they intend to use it. I don't know and maybe I'm speaking out of turn, but I just thought I would clarify my understanding of the way that's done, is not going to change. The comments that you made with regard to the one hour phone call or something can still occur --

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Ahlers, let me make a comment because you're new and I happen to like you. I do, I mean that sincerely. Here I sit not being an attorney, but all I want from you is legal opinion, not debate. We have to be real careful with that because we've been accused of that before with another attorney of having eight Councilmembers instead of seven, and so I appreciate your efforts but what I would like to know on this is, before I would want to vote on it is how much have we spent? And we can get that figure and then bring it up. I understand your reasoning there, but I've been sitting here long enough, I've seen what happens and it worries me, that's all.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, he's our attorney. Now, if one of us have a question and we call you up on the phone, do you charge for that phone call, so much for phone conversations? This is what I'm having a problem with. If they're drawing a salary and some officeholder has to call them and talk to them, why would we have to pay so much per phone call? That's what I --

Jeff Ahlers: And I don't know, and maybe in light of Mr. Hoy's comments, maybe you should you direct that to a Commissioner,

I'm just saying my understanding was I don't know that that changes -- that the Commissioners can talk to Mr. Harrison without that, but maybe you should direct that to a Commissioner.

Councilmember Hoy: And in defense of Mr. Ahlers, Mr. Ahlers, that is not a personal attack on you, it's that I want to keep you safe from that kind of criticism, that's all. What's happened, Mrs. Smith, since I've been on this body is that money, that could just be used up. Mr. Harrison and Mr. Ahlers, if I call Mr. Ahlers he's not going to charge me for that phone call, I know that and that's fine, that's part of his retainer.

But what we're looking at here is money that can go out pretty fast via other channels and it worries me. I'm very worried.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Can we go ahead, and I think Russell made the motion, maybe he'd go one at a time. We're taking the last two, and then maybe that would help speed this along.

President Wortman: We've got a motion and a second on the floor.

Councilmember Lloyd: I have a question for either Mrs. Deig or Mr. Ahlers: which of the transfers takes five votes?

Sandie Deig: The Sheriff's Department because you're increasing salaries and the last three transfers on the back page. I'm not quite sure about the Clerk's. You're deleting (inaudible - microphone not turned on).

Jeff Ahlers: I don't think you do if it's an even -- it's just a matter of if it's an increase.

President Wortman: Okay, we've got to change the tape here.

**TAPE CHANGED AT 4:57 P.M.**

President Wortman: All those in favor of the transfers, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four. Opposed? One, two three. Okay, motion passes.

(Motion carried 4-3. Councilmembers Hoy, Sutton and Smith opposed.)

Councilmember Hoy: Well, the ones that need five votes do not pass, sir, and I want to know what those are before we leave this room. I think we have a right to know what we did and didn't pass just now. What I requested you to do is real simple and that is to start at the top, ask the motion maker to start at the top and make sure that you drop this one out. I'll be very happy to loose that vote, I don't want to, but I don't want to jeopardize the other transfers and I don't think we know what we've done here. We don't know what takes five and what doesn't.

President Wortman: I'm going to ask the attorney. What is your opinion on this?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I guess there's a couple of issues here that



come to concern because if you group them all together in one motion, maybe the entire motion fails if it does not have the five votes. I don't know that you can separate out, if you're going to group it all as one motion that you can group out and say what passes is part of and if it doesn't, usually the entire motion rises or falls unless it's made as a separate motion. I mean, that's an issue here as to whether or not you can do that.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes, sir?

Councilmember Bassemier: Russell made the first motion, right? Who made the second motion?

Councilmember Raben: I move that we reopen County Clerk 1010-1620-1010 and 1010-1990, I move that we accept this transfer in the amount of \$15,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Move to reopen needs a second and needs a two-thirds vote, parliamentary procedure, so you'll need five votes to reopen. You can't reopen without voting to reopen.

Councilmember Smith: That's right. You sure can't.

President Wortman: Alright.

Councilmember Raben: I need a second.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

Councilmember Hoy: You've got a motion and a second to reopen. Now you have to take a vote, and you've got to have five votes to reopen this whole thing, and then you can vote on each issue. That's the next vote you need to take, is a vote to reopen.

President Wortman: Alright.

Councilmember Raben: The motion is to reopen.

President Wortman: I've got a motion to reopen and you seconded it. Any discussion on that? Okay, all those in favor to reopen raise your right hand.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Now I'm going to make a motion that the County Clerk's transfer in the amount of \$15,000, the Sheriff's Department, Community Corrections, Circuit Court, and Circuit Court Misdemeanor be approved as listed.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, we've got some changes on the back page, so --

President Wortman: Just eliminate the Community Corrections. Repeat that Jim.

Councilmember Raben: No, the motion remains as I stated with the changes to the Community Corrections which, what are those

changes again?

President Wortman: We'll take them as a separate vote. Do you want to take them one at a time or what?

A) COUNTY CLERK

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to start my motion again. County Clerk \$15,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a second. Any discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand.

Councilmember Bassemier: And that takes four votes.

President Wortman: One, two, three, four, five. Okay, that takes care of that.

COUNTY CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1010-1620-1010	BOND & FINE CLERK	15,000.00	15,000.00
TO: 1010-1990	EXTRA HELP	15,000.00	15,000.00

(Motion carried 6-1. Councilmember Smith opposed.)

B) SHERIFF

President Wortman: Okay, I'll entertain another motion.

Councilmember Raben: Sheriff's Department, line item 1050-1130-0036; 1050-1130-0021 to 1050-1130-0012.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

Jeff Ahlers: That takes five votes.

President Wortman: This is on the Sheriff, and he's got the second. Alright, any discussion on it? If not, all those in favor raise your right hand. All seven votes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1050-1130-0036	CORPORAL	4,120.00	4,120.00
TO: 1050-1130-0021	SERGEANT	2,338.00	2,338.00
1050-1130-0012	LIEUTENANT	1,782.00	1,782.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

C) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

President Wortman: Now, the next motion.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, County Commissioners, 1300-1130-1300, 1300-1160-1300, 1300-1190-1300, 1300-1900, 1300-1910, 1300-1920 to 1300-3610.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a motion and a second. Any discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four. Opposed? One, two, three.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1300-1130-1300	COUNTY ATTORNEY	33,766.00	33,766.00
1300-1160-1300	COUNTY ATTORNEY	33,766.00	33,766.00
1300-1190-1300	COUNTY ATTORNEY	33,766.00	33,766.00

1300-1900	FICA	7,749.00	7,749.00
1300-1910	PERF	6,077.00	6,077.00
1300-1920	INSURANCE	22,624.00	22,624.00
TO: 1300-3610	LEGAL SERVICES	137,748.00	137,748.00

(Motion carried 4-3. Councilmembers Hoy, Sutton & Smith opposed)

Councilmember Hoy: Is that a five vote or a four?

Councilmember Sutton: Now which of you are going to be willing to appropriate more money in Legal Services when that exceeds the \$137,000 amount?

Councilmember Hoy: What's that?

Councilmember Sutton: I said how many of the Councilmen are going to be willing to vote on the appropriation request when it exceeds the \$137,000 that we just put in Legal Services there.

Councilmember Raben: Did it not exceed last year in '96?

Councilmember Sutton: I'm talking about '97.

Councilmember Raben: But, I mean, in '96?

Councilmember Sutton: I'm talking about '97.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President? I'd like to make a request and, Mrs. Deig, could you get us the final figures on what we spent on attorneys, the Commissioners spent on attorneys the last few years? Not now, just for information, that's all I want. Thank you.

Sandie Deig: Are you talking about salaries plus Legal Services?

Councilmember Hoy: Uh-huh, I'd like to see some breakouts on and --

Councilmember Bassemier: Now that did pass, right, Mr. President?

Jeff Ahlers: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Ed, do you want to carry Community

Corrections?

Councilmember Hoy: We're sure we're clear legally on that one, right? There's no problem.

Jeff Ahlers: Not when there's no increase in pay.

Councilmember Hoy: No increase in pay. Alright.

**D & F) COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS & CIRCUIT COURT MISD. OFFENDER**

Councilmember Bassemier: As I said before, this was my fault, Mr. Lloyd. I should have -- I found out a little bit later after I talked with you that there is a little change here. Okay, on Community Corrections, 1361-1980 Other Pay should be \$441 and that is going to be transferred to 1361-1150 Intake Clerk \$59, 1361-1210 Work Release Officer for \$382, that gives you \$441. The other change, on Circuit Court Misdemeanor Offender from 2760-1990 Extra Help should be \$418 to 2760-1120-2760 Guard for \$418.

President Wortman: That's in the form of a motion? Do I have a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: That's in the form of a motion. And remember, we've got one more to do, but let's take those, I guess.

President Wortman: We'll take those two. Okay, do I have a second to that?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, could we have -- Mr. Lloyd and I didn't get all those figures --

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Bassemier, would you repeat those please?

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, the figures on the top one, 1361-1980, that should be \$441, sir. And then the last one is \$418.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: You're welcome, and that's in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, any discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. Seven yes votes.

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

**REQUESTED**

**APPROVED**

FROM: 1361-1980	OTHER PAY	537.00	441.00
TO: 1361-1150	INTAKE CLERK	59.00	59.00
1361-1210	WK RELEASE OFFICER	382.00	382.00
1361-1300	COUNSELOR	96.00	-0-

CIRCUIT COURT MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2760-1990	EXTRA HELP	609.00	418.00
TO: 2760-1120-2760	GUARD	609.00	418.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

E) CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, Circuit Court Supplementary Adult Probation from 2600-1980 Other Pay \$749 to 2600-1390-2600 to \$284 for a total of \$465.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: We’ve got a second. Okay, any discussion? If not, all those in favor raise your right hand. Seven yes votes.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPL. ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2600-1980	OTHER PAY	749.00	749.00
TO: 2600-1390-2600	AISP/DISP CASEWORKER	284.00	284.00
2600-1400-2600	QUALIFIED MED. AIDE	465.00	465.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Teri Lukeman: Mr. President, could I ask for some clarification on the first vote of the transfers for the County Clerk? Could you get the vote again, please? I have Betty Knight-Smith as a negative vote.

Councilmember Smith: I didn’t vote on it because he didn’t say against, but I would have voted against it. But he didn’t ask that.

Teri Lukeman: Okay, were you the only no, then?

Councilmember Smith: What?

Teri Lukeman: Mr. Sutton, were you --

Councilmember Sutton: Which one?

Teri Lukeman: For the County Clerk, Bond and Fine Clerk into Extra Help?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, I was in favor.

Teri Lukeman: Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, that completes the transfers.

<b>APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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President Wortman: We'll go to the approval of the Salary Ordinance amendments. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: First we'll start off with item (inaudible - microphone not turned on) pay three part-time employees at the rate of \$7.00 per hour. Item B is the Sheriff's Department, C has been withdrawn, D is the Election Office, E is the Commissioners, -- I'm sorry, I neglected to read the salaries. Back to item A which is the County Clerk, that is for three part-time employees paid at the rate of \$7 per hour; B is the Sheriff's Department, this is three salaries, line item 1050-1130-0036 that should read \$32,803, 1050-1130-0021 that salary should read \$39,379, 1050-1130-0012 that salary should read \$39,956; the Election Office 1210-1110 Board Members should read \$2,400, 1210-1200 Election Attorney should read \$1,200; Commissioners salaries 1300-1130, 1300-1160, 1300-1190 be set in at zero; Community Corrections 1361-1150 in the amount of \$17,625, 1361-1210 should read \$21,682; Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation 2600-1390, that salary should read \$21,292, 2600-1400 that salary should read \$19,749; Circuit Court Misdemeanor line 2760-1120 should read \$20,727; and line 2600-1400, let's see, let me make sure I'm not missing one here, yes, that should read \$465. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Lloyd. Okay, any discussion on that? If not, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

**AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE**

CLERK	1010-1620-1010	BOND/FINE CLERK	3 @ \$7.00/hr
SHERIFF	1050-1130-0036	CORPORAL	32,803.00
SHERIFF	1050-1130-0021	SERGEANT	39,379.00
SHERIFF	1050-1130-0012	LIEUTENANT	39,956.00
ELECTION OFFICE	1210-1110-1210	BOARD MEMBERS	2,400.00
ELECTION OFFICE	1210-1200-1210	ELECTION ATTY	1,200.00
COMMISSIONERS	1300-1130-1300	COUNTY ATTY	-0-
COMMISSIONERS	1300-1160-1300	COUNTY ATTY	-0-
COMMISSIONERS	1300-1190-1300	COUNTY ATTY	-0-
COMM. CORRECTIONS	1361-1150-1361	INTAKE CLERK	17,625.00
COMM. CORRECTIONS	1361-1210-1361	WK RELEASE OFFICER	21,682.00
CIRCUIT COURT SUPP. ADULT PROBATION	2600-1390-2600	AISP/DISP CASEWORKER	21,292.00
CIRCUIT COURT SUPP. ADULT PROBATION	2600-1400-2600	QUAL. MEDICA- TION AIDE	19,749.00
CIRCUIT COURT MISD. OFFENDER	2760-1120-2760	GUARD	20,727.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS</b>
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President Wortman: Any old business? Don't hear none. New business?

**A) PRELIMINARY TAX ABATEMENT - INTEGRATED SYSTEMS MFG., INC.**

President Wortman: We're going to start off with the preliminary tax abatement, Integrated Systems Manufacturing, Incorporated. Please come forward.

Mike Robling: Mike Robling, Department of Metropolitan Development. Integrated Systems Manufacturing has applied for abatement designation for both real estate improvements and new manufacturing equipment for property to be located at 18400 Highway 41 North which is just north of Ameriqua Foods. They would be relocating from a landlocked facility in Haubstadt. Initially they propose to build a 50,000 square foot building that they hope will grow to 150,000 square feet within five years. They currently employ 70 employees with an annual payroll of 2.2 million dollars and anticipate the creation of ten new full-time jobs. The Department recommends approval of this application. Scott Larson is here if you have any questions about the project. This is a rendering of what the

facility would look like.

President Wortman: Anybody got any questions for...

Councilmember Lloyd: I'm just wondering, what is the reason for the move?

Mike Robling: They are currently landlocked in their current location. They started out small and kept adding on and adding on and adding on, and they've run out of places to add on now. It's my understanding most of their employees, a great number of their employees live in Vanderburgh County anyway.

President Wortman: Any other questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, these new employees, what kind of positions will these be? You are going to add ten, and looking at an average wage rate at right at sixteen is what it says here in the application, could you elaborate on what kind of positions those might be?

Scott Larson: My name is Scott Larson, I'm the president of Integrated Systems. The employees that we have currently and the employees that we intend to add over the coming year are all high-tech type positions, they're engineers, they're skilled technicians. As was mentioned earlier, probably a third of those people that we employ currently are from Vanderburgh County now, the rest are from as far away as Illinois and Kentucky. A lot of them are up in Gibson County.

Councilmember Raben: What was that figure again? I'm sorry.

Scott Larson: How many people?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

Scott Larson: I believe it said 70 at the time we filled out that application. Currently, it's up to about 73.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, but how many are Vanderburgh County residents?

Scott Larson: How many? Probably not less than a third.

Councilmember Raben: Does Gibson County have a County Option Income Tax?

Scott Larson: Are you asking that of me?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, just if you knew. Mike, do you know?

Mike Robling: I would assume they have something (inaudible - comments not made at microphone) Toyota project.

Councilmember Lloyd: They have a newly issued one for the Toyota project. I believe it started in July.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Mike, how many years is this for?



Mike Robling: This is a manufacturing project which the guidelines call for a ten year on real estate...I guess all they've applied for is real estate.

Councilmember Smith: Ten years?

Mike Robling: So it would be ten years, right.

Councilmember Smith: What would be the tax rate after this building is finished? Does anybody know what the estimated appraisal would be? The kind of facility they're building, what kind of tax base would be there after --

Mike Robling: They have estimated on their statement of benefits -- no, they didn't. It's really hard to tell what those would be. Theoretically, a third but you don't know what...

Councilmember Smith: Well, that may change. Supposedly, that's in legislature now and they may change that, but to know a third of what? A third of the --

Mike Robling: The projected investment is \$3,000,000.

Councilmember Sutton: I have a question. In describing your project you indicate there's going to be a showplace, can you tell us what you mean in terms of the physical description of the aesthetic look to this project?

Scott Larson: Mike just showed you that illustration, this is a glass tower and the office area will be two stories tall so actually it's 50,000 square foot (inaudible) but it's a 60,000 square foot floor space. The second level of that tower, we have an industrial robot and we've taught it to play the piano, we're a group of technicians, that's what we do, and just to show off we're probably going to put a robot up in that upper level at nighttime and turn the lights on inside so it's visible from Highway 41 and have it do something whether it be wave at people or what, we don't know. But just, how many companies spend \$50,000 for a robot just to be playful?

Councilmember Sutton: Have you given some thought on this here? I have to ask the question, what if you didn't get the abatement?

Scott Larson: We have other options.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Wortman: Who owns the property now that you would be purchasing?

Scott Larson: The one that we would purchase?

President Wortman: Yes.

Scott Larson: It's a SIPI property. A Southern Indiana Properties --

President Wortman: That's Southern Indiana Gas & Electric, okay.

Councilmember Raben: I might also, and maybe some of you are aware of and I don't know that I'm totally accurate on this, but I raised the question about Gibson County having a COIT tax in place and correct me if I'm wrong, but --

Councilmember Smith: I can't hear you, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: When I raised the question about whether or not Gibson County has a COIT tax in place, and I don't think I'm wrong on this, I hope you're aware that we cannot collect it in Vanderburgh County if they're a Gibson County resident and they also have a COIT tax. So...have you lost me? If they're residents of Gibson County, we cannot collect COIT tax in Vanderburgh County from those employees.

President Wortman: Collect it twice is what it amounts to.

(Inaudible - microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Raben: Well no, it's just the counties that have one in place. Like Posey County a year or two ago didn't have a COIT tax and we could collect the COIT tax from Posey County residents. Now I don't know if they've since implemented it --

(Inaudible - microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Raben: Well, out of state I don't know, but counties within the state of Indiana, if they do not have a COIT tax in place you can collect that tax from those employees, but if they're from a county that has a COIT tax in place, then we're not able to collect it.

Councilmember Lloyd: That's correct.

President Wortman: Mr. Ahlers, do you want to address the Council?

Jeff Ahlers: I just have one question to make sure I understood that we're meeting the guidelines here, you're asking for a ten-year abatement, is that right?

Scott Larson: Yes.

Jeff Ahlers: And I'm looking at the investment criteria, and if you're spending three million dollars, doesn't that -- maybe Mr. Robling can answer this -- doesn't that fit within the six year?

Mike Robling: The criteria says if it's an industrial project it's automatically ten years. If it's something other than industrial, the investment in jobs are utilized, too, to determine the length of deduction.

Councilmember Sutton: Any estimate, Mr. Robling, over that ten-year period how much we're talking about in abated taxes on this particular request?

Mike Robling: It would be approximately one half of what they would normally pay without abatement, but no dollar figures have been calculated. It's such an iffy proposition because of the way things are assessed.

Councilmember Sutton: If you based it on what the tax rate is now, we couldn't come up with a figure or --

Mike Robling: At one time the law required us to do that and they took that out of the law and we have stopped making those calculations because they're really inaccurate, I think.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? If not, I'm going to call for a vote. This is a preliminary, so all those in favor raise your hand -- don't have a motion? Don't look like a motion. So, if there is no motion to adopt it, it fails. So, that's it.

(Abatement fails for lack of motion to approve)

**B) PRELIMINARY TAX ABATEMENT - BERNARDIN, LOCHMUELLER & ASSOC.**

President Wortman: We'll go to the next one then and that's preliminary tax abatement on Bernardin, Lochmueller & Associates.

Mike Robling: They have asked that theirs be deferred until next month.

Glen Wallace: It has nothing to do with your last action just a moment ago. We had asked him before this came up. I'm Glen Wallace, I'm here for Bernardin Lochmueller. I was just retained to assist Bernardin Lochmueller in this. We started looking into it today, we had some questions we thought should be answered before we brought it to you. We're asking this be put off thirty days.

President Wortman: Thank you. It's withdrawn. Okay, if there's no other business, I'll ask for a motion --

Councilmember Sutton: I do have a question for you, Mr. President. I guess because today -- I know that you are liaison for the Commissioners, Mr. President, and I know we had a number of questions relative to the County Commissioners, I guess we really need some answers on a few things. I don't know if we can get someone that might be able to show up for the duration of the things that they might have or you might be able to get with them and maybe speak on their behalf, but it would be kind of helpful. And then there was a question that I asked last month, they were proposing to get into a lease/purchase program and you were going to report back to us on that, have you gotten anything further on that?

President Wortman: No, not yet. We're working on it.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Wortman: Sandie, did you want to say something?

Sandie Deig: I'd like the Council's permission to send a memo to change the filing date in March to March 14 for the April meeting.

President Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: One more thing on that lease/purchase thing, now I did hear Councilman Jerrel make some mention of that, so I assume they're still pursuing this lease/purchase program. I guess, obviously, they're going to be coming back to us at some point in time. Do you know when that will be?

President Wortman: No, whenever they get everything together she'll be back or I can report, too. Okay? Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Jeff, I gave you a copy of the (inaudible - microphone not turned on) just some guidelines for the Council for us to go by. Have you done anything on that?

Jeff Ahlers: No, it was my understanding that we were going to meet, weren't we? It was you and I and Curt and...

President Wortman: Yes.

Jeff Ahlers: I'd suggest we talk about it and see, and I can draft up whatever you --

Councilmember Smith: What takes five votes, what takes four. These are the things that we need to know ahead of time because they've never answered Phil's question a while ago and I'm not so sure that it passed because these are the things that we need to get some guidelines on.

President Wortman: We had that years ago, the same question you asked, what took five votes, and then we got the attorney general's opinion and he wouldn't comment. He said that's a Council -- I mean, it was a circus. But you're right, that's a good point.

Jeff Ahlers: There's a statute on that I can give you a copy of that sets that out.

Councilmember Smith: But if we get together and set this out, then we'll all know. We don't have time to look up statutes, that's not our job. That's what we've got you for. But I'm just talking about these are the things that we need to sit down and (inaudible - microphone not turned on).

Councilmember Hoy: We do have, I think we have some of that in print, Mr. Ahlers. I believe Mrs. Deig has supplied us with that over the years, but --

Councilmember Smith: (Inaudible - microphone not turned on) passed it out to you last year --

Councilmember Hoy: That's City Council or was that the County Council?

Councilmember Smith: That was the City Council --

Councilmember Hoy: City Council, yeah, and we have some things on County, and I do not know, for instance, like on the transfer from the three lawyers positions to just the General Fund. I don't know the answer to that. We've never faced that one before. That's one that I would wonder if it's a five vote or a four vote and I'm in my fifth year and we have not faced that

to my -- I know we've faced transfers, Mr. Raben, but not one quite like that.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I get your point. The salary, if you were going from a salary to contractual account -- if you were going contractual to a salary account, it would have required five votes.

Councilmember Hoy: I do think Councilwoman Smith has got a point, though, we need -- huh?

Councilmember Raben: I'm not an attorney (inaudible - microphone not turned on).

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I think maybe we ought -- we do have some guidelines and we probably need to reissue those for all of us.

President Wortman: Anything else? The young gentleman there in the front row now, do you figure on getting into politics or are you going to think about it for awhile?

Unidentified: I'll think about it.

President Wortman: Think about it, I figured that! Okay, I'll entertain a motion for adjournment.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Wortman: All those in favor say aye.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:27 P.M.**

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Curt Wortman                      Vice President Phil Hoy

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Councilmember Russell Lloyd, Jr.      Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Ed Bassemier              Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**APRIL 2, 1997**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 2nd day of April, 1997 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:36 p.m. by Council President Curt Wortman and officially opened by Eric Herrmann of the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department.

Roll call was taken by Council secretary Teri Lukeman.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH	X	
COUNCILMEMBER SUTTON	X	
COUNCILMEMBER BASSEMIER	X	
COUNCILMEMBER HOY	X	
COUNCILMEMBER LLOYD	X	
COUNCILMEMBER RABEN	X	
COUNCILMEMBER WORTMAN	X	

President Wortman: Will you all stand and pledge allegiance to the flag, please?

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**MARCH 5, 1997**

President Wortman: I will entertain a motion for the approval of the minutes from the March 5th, 1997 minutes, please.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I think we may have a mistake on page 7, I'm not sure.

President Wortman: Okay, turn to page 7.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't know who said it, but we've got Councilman Raben answering himself back and forth and I think it must have been somebody else speaking there.

Councilmember Raben: I do that quite often.

Councilmember Hoy: Well then, maybe it's not a mistake, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: Which one?

Councilmember Hoy: Well, you're talking to yourself there and it just needs to be corrected. I think somebody else was speaking there or if you were speaking, doing the whole speech then it just needs --

Councilmember Raben: Are you talking about the -- March?

Councilmember Hoy: March, yeah.

Teri Lukeman: I believe it should be Councilmember Sutton.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't know who it was.

President Wortman: Are you on page 7?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, on page 7, the middle of the page. It's not a big issue but it -- Sutton speaks and then Jim says, "That would still give you 2.4", and I think that should be Councilmember Sutton said, "I'm sorry, I couldn't hear you."

Councilmember Raben: Page 7, you say?

Councilmember Hoy: Middle of page 7, yeah.

President Wortman: The middle of the page, Jim, it says, Councilman Raben: "Sorry, I couldn't hear you"; Councilman Raben: " That would still leave us 2.4 million".

Councilmember Lloyd: It's the March 5th.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, that's the one we're approving right now is March 5th. I think that should be Councilmember Sutton. I don't want to take a lot of time with it, it's just a --

Teri Lukeman: I'll make that correction and have that for you at the next meeting.

Councilmember Wortman: With that motion for approval, will you include that in your motion, Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

President Wortman: Okay, do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mrs. Smith. Any more discussion on the approval of the minutes? All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Unanimous.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

## APPROPRIATIONS

President Wortman: Now then we'll get into the Appropriation Ordinance, and prior to this, we're going to have a roll call vote today and that's when we'll vote. When the person, for instance, the first one to be up would be the Treasurer. When she comes she'll state her name and then I'll entertain a motion and a second and then we'll have discussion. And then we'll vote and the discussion should possibly be over with then so we can move on because we've got to be out of here at 5:00.

### A) TREASURER

President Wortman: Would the County Treasurer please step



forward?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, would you like for me to make that motion being the liaison? Is that the procedure?

President Wortman: Yes sir, that would be fine.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I move that line 1030-4220 Office Machines for \$3,200 be granted.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a motion from Mr. Hoy and a second from Mr. Bassemier. Now we'll have discussion. State your name and department, please.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Jayne Berry-Bland, County Treasurer.

President Wortman: I'll entertain a motion by raising your right hand, anybody that wants to ask any questions. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Jayne, last week we had requested the interest rate for Discover, do you have that today?

Jayne Berry-Bland: I have been so busy with the tax bills. I did make two calls today, one to the local representative that works out of her home, her name is Marilyn, and Tracy Weigle, also, in Washington, D.C., which is the main representative. I've not had either call returned today. So I have no idea what interest rate. I did talk to someone that had a Discover Card and they did tell me that it's not like VISA or MasterCard, there are not different interest rates. It is one flat rate for Discover Card. I don't know, I don't have a Discover Card. So I could not get a hold of anyone. We have a new printer this year printing our tax bills and I'm trying to face that deadline of getting these tax bills out.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, one other question, I want to picture in the back of my mind how all this is going to happen. When the tax bills go out, I'm sure there will be some kind of notice that those people can use Discover to pay for it. Will there also be anything that will tell them about the \$4.00 per \$100.00 or \$4.00 per \$200.00?

Jayne Berry-Bland: Yes, it's on the form. The fee rate is on the form --

Councilmember Raben: So they will clearly understand how much it's going to cost them to use that card?

Jayne Berry-Bland: Yes, if they can read numbers there should be no problem with them interpreting what the fee would be for them to use that card.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: We had talked earlier and I know you were requesting the \$3,200 to purchase the terminals and I guess you

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had indicated that it would be hard to tell what the county would gain out of that as far as whether we would have additional -- like taxpayer monies that weren't delinquent or anything of that nature. So did you have any other comment on that or any information?

Jayne Berry-Bland: Well, I would like to say that I know better than a lot of people, that it would be wonderful for me to be able for me to stand up here and assure you that I can get back that \$3,000 in interest. I feel confident that I can, but I'm certainly not going to stand up here and say that because it's not ever been tried in an Indiana county, a credit card. I certainly wouldn't ask if I didn't feel like not only is it maybe a convenience for people, but also a way that we can get our tax dollars a little more quickly. Three thousand dollars is not a lot of money, I made over 1.9 million in interest last year. I really would like to hit that 2 million dollar figure this year. I can't say that I'm going to do that or not, but I certainly feel there is a good reason for me to ask for this and that is that I do feel that we will get our tax dollars in a little quicker. I can't give you a percent because I wouldn't even want to try to guess. You might come after me with knives. I have no clue as to what difference this possibly could be on our county, but I certainly feel that it's a workable option for you to be able to use a credit card to make a tax payment. It's been done at the license branches for, I don't know, two, three, four years.

Councilmember Raben: I wasn't aware of that.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Yes, it has. And they do accept VISA and MasterCard, where I can't, by law.

Councilmember Raben: I was not aware of that. I had one other question and I don't know if this was even part of your discussion with them, but should the taxpayer default on their credit card, would Discover be a second lienholder toward that property?

Jayne Berry-Bland: I've done some research on this. My main concern actually was people in bankruptcy. I was concerned that if someone filed bankruptcy and they had the taxes charged on a charge card, normally charge cards are written off...bankruptcy -- taxes charged on a bank card per Bob Musgrave, which is my counsel regarding bankruptcies because he is very familiar with them here, informed me that it is not released. If you charge on a credit card, your taxes, that portion is not released from bankruptcy. So it still would be collectible.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions? Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I have a question, and I guess I have no problem with Jayne having hers, but I have a problem of buying it for the bank because I think this county does enough business with the bank that they could pay their part, and that's the only problem I have, and I can understand where you're coming from but when we start buying equipment for these banks here with the amount of money that goes in it from the taxes and whatever, then I have a problem with that.

Jayne Berry-Bland: And let me respond to that, please. The reason why I want to purchase that through the county is because very possibly, every two years I change banks and I don't want to have to be buying equipment every two years. That's not feasible.

Councilmember Smith: You mean, if you buy it there, then if we change banks you can go get it and move it?

Jayne Berry-Bland: It's absolutely the county's. If we pay for it, it's the county's property. The bank is only using it to process only Vanderburgh County tax payments. It already will have a special I.D. number on it. Taxes apparently is a whole different, separate thing than any other credit card transaction you would deal with. They identify that these are a tax payment and only tax, Vanderburgh County tax payments can be ran through this machine which also will help to identify how many people used a credit card, the amount of money that was charged on a credit card and whether they came in and used a credit card via through our office or they made a mail payment and used a credit card. We really want to track this if we do it.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? Okay, I'm going to call for a roll call vote, please. Secretary, would you call the roll?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH		x
COUNCILMEMBER SUTTON	x	
COUNCILMEMBER BASSEMIER	x	

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO
COUNCILMEMBER HOY	x	
COUNCILMEMBER LLOYD		x
COUNCILMEMBER RABEN		x
COUNCILMEMBER WORTMAN		x

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	3,200.00	-0-
TOTAL		3,200.00	-0-

President Wortman: The vote is 4-3, so it fails. Thank you, Mrs. Bland.

B) COUNTY CORONER

President Wortman: Next is the County Coroner. That would be Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I would like to move that line item 1070-2210 Gas, Oil & Lube for \$500; line item 1070-2230 Garage & Motor for \$1,300; line item 1070-2600 Office Supplies for \$500; 1070-2700 Other Supplies \$825; 1070-2710 Color Film/X-Rays \$1,500; 1070-2730 Sanitary Supplies at \$500; 1070-3520 Equipment Repair at \$1,800; 1070-3640 Diagnostics for \$12,000; 1070-4271 Morgue Equipment at \$500; all be passed and granted, for a total of \$19,425.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Wortman: I've got a second from Mr. Raben. Okay, now we'll have discussion. Mr. Buickel?

Dennis Buickel: Dennis Buickel, Vanderburgh County Coroner.

President Wortman: Do we have any questions for Mr. Buickel on these requests? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes. Dennis, I was looking at line item 3640 Diagnostics, and right now -- well, you're requesting \$12,000 on that line item?

Dennis Buickel: Yes sir.

Councilmember Sutton: Right now, our balance is at \$4,000.

Dennis Buickel: That's correct.

Councilmember Sutton: In terms of the amount of traffic that you're seeing through at this point, is it higher than say previous years or are we running about the same because we've got a balance in that account right now and just trying to get an idea of where you stand.

Dennis Buickel: Well, in the accompanying letter than I submitted to the Council I said our case load was up 300%. We are now processing graphically tissue blocks and microscope slides for the other counties to use our facility. Now, the first 73 days of this, to give an example, in the first full year of operation, 1992, there was only a total of 170 autopsies performed in that building. Then in the first 73 days of this year we've already brought either from Vanderburgh County or from other counties leasing our facility, 116 autopsies. That's in exactly 73 days which is 1/5 of the year. If the trend continues we'll have in the neighborhood of 530 to 580 posts or autopsies performed in the facility. When the pathologist, whether it be Dr. Heidingsfelder, Dr. Lavone, or Dr. Jacoby performs an examination, he collects certain biopsy specimens. Those specimens are reduced to what is called tissue blocks and microscope slides are made from those tissue blocks. The histologist we use, for every block and every slide that is performed charges one dollar. In turn, we turn around and we charge the other counties that are using our facility two dollars. But we don't have any other account to take it -- it is a diagnostic function so some of the expense that we've already incurred out of that account comes for the histology work, the blocks and the slides. When we have a Coroner's case, especially when we have an autopsy, we routinely perform certain toxicology testing and the scale that we use for lack of a better description is a sliding scale depending on the facts surrounding the case. The facts surrounding the case determine what particular test we have performed. If we have, for example, a 40 or 45 year old person that dies in Vanderburgh County we're responsible for not only if we order an autopsy, the autopsy fees, but the toxicology testing. When that person has nothing at the scene or nothing in the medical records to give the faintest idea of what was going on with them just immediately prior to their death, we'll order a level of tests that is -- I'm forgetting the actual name of it, it's more expensive than a test if we're specifically looking for a particular drug or particular narcotic or a particular agent.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess in terms of your particular request, I don't know in terms of how long we might be, it's even difficult for you to get an indication of how long it may last, you know, how much that allocation that you've got there, but we've got a balance in that account and I don't know if looking at the \$12,000 figure that you're requesting whether it's something that maybe we might look at less or something like that or if what we've got here. I'm just trying to find some ways just to --

Dennis Buickel: Okay, I see what you mean. The best case scenario is that \$12,000 would get us through the remaining eight to nine months -- eight and a half months of this year, that's the absolutely best case scenario. The best case scenario would also be that the money we currently have in our autopsy line item account will see us through the end of the year and there is simply no way of knowing.

Councilmember Sutton: I understand. Thank you.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Dennis, how much do we get from other counties when they come in for an autopsy? Do we charge a flat fee or what? And that goes back into the County General Fund, doesn't it?

Dennis Buickel: That's correct.

Councilmember Smith: It doesn't go back into a fund of yours?

Dennis Buickel: No, we don't have a -- we have no vehicle or no method to quietus back into the General Fund and then transfer it over to part of our operating budget.

Councilmember Smith: It just goes back into the County General Fund, then?

Dennis Buickel: Correct.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, how much last year did we receive from other counties? Do you have any idea?

Dennis Buickel: Yes I do. Last year, let me go through this. Going back to 1992, that's the first full year that the morgue was in operation, there was a grand total, and this count is not only morgue usage fees, but copying fees. When another county sends a body in they have to have X-rays, that includes X-ray fees, the whole ball of wax. In '92, we took in a total of \$6,765 that we brought back into the General Fund. Last year I increased the morgue usage fee from, it was \$50 in '92 through '95, in '96 I increased it to \$75. At the end of last year we had brought in a total of \$12,335 back in the General Fund. This year, to date, well, I won't say to date, but at 73 days in to the year we had either brought back into the General Fund or had billed, a combination of the two, a total of \$8,146.

Councilmember Smith: For 73 days.

Dennis Buickel: Exactly one fifth of the year, and if this same trend continues, realistically we would be bringing in, and it's hard to project this, somewhere between 35 to 41, \$42,000 back into our General Fund.

Councilmember Smith: Thank you.

President Wortman: Any more discussion? Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes, I think Mr. Sutton kind of alluded to what my question was, you don't have the autopsy account on here, is the way the money is expended there different than what is requested here?

Dennis Buickel: I'm sorry.

Councilmember Lloyd: The autopsy account.

Dennis Buickel: For this year in our autopsy line item account?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yeah, just what's been expended.

Dennis Buickel: Bear with me for just a moment. The Council

approved \$80,000 and paid to date about \$29,000 and change, 29,800, 29,900. And I say paid to date, that's what we've been billed for, so far. The Council approved 80,000, we carried over, encumbered from last year \$4,397.90 and, well, as a matter of fact, the first three invoices we got this year totalled about \$13,015, which was from work performed in 1996.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? Okay, if not, I'm going to call for a roll call vote, please. Thank you, Mrs. Secretary.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH	x	
COUNCILMEMBER SUTTON	x	
COUNCILMEMBER BASSEMIER	x	
COUNCILMEMBER HOY	x	
COUNCILMEMBER LLOYD	x	
COUNCILMEMBER RABEN	x	
COUNCILMEMBER WORTMAN	x	

1070-2210	GAS, OIL & LUBE	500.00	500.00
1070-2230	GARAGE & MOTOR	1,300.00	1,300.00
1070-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	500.00	500.00
1070-2700	OTHER SUPPLIES	825.00	825.00
1070-2710	COLOR FILM/X-RAYS	1,500.00	1,500.00
1070-2730	SANITARY SUPPLIES	500.00	500.00
1070-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	1,800.00	1,800.00
1070-3640	DIAGNOSTICS	12,000.00	12,000.00
1070-4271	MORGUE EQUIPMENT	500.00	500.00
TOTAL		19,425.00	19,425.00

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Buickel.

Dennis Buickel: Thank you.

### C) COUNTY ASSESSOR

President Wortman: County Assessor. Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: I would move that we set in line 1090-1120 in the amount of \$2,776.72.

President Wortman: Do I have a second to that motion?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded it.

Councilmember Smith: I didn't hear exactly the amount.

Councilmember Raben: The amount was \$2,776.72 -- oh, okay \$2,777.

President Wortman: To round it off. \$2,777 is the figure. I've got a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Jeff Ahlers: Mr. President, I'd just point out that since this involves a salary it will take five votes, just so in your discussion you know ahead of time.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Ahlers. Okay, we'll have a roll call vote to that effect.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?



Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH	x	
COUNCILMEMBER SUTTON	x	
COUNCILMEMBER BASSEMIER	x	
COUNCILMEMBER HOY	x	
COUNCILMEMBER LLOYD	x	
COUNCILMEMBER RABEN	x	
COUNCILMEMBER WORTMAN	x	

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1090-1120	CHIEF DEPUTY	2,874.00	2,874.00
TOTAL		2,874.00	2,874.00

D) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

President Wortman: Next on the agenda is County Commissioners, Travel. Mr. Lloyd, would you take that, please?

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, I would like to make a motion line item 1300-3130 be approved for \$10,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy made the second. Now then, is there any discussion? No discussion, I'll have a roll call vote please, Madam Secretary.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH	x	
COUNCILMEMBER SUTTON	x	
COUNCILMEMBER BASSEMIER	x	
COUNCILMEMBER HOY	x	
COUNCILMEMBER LLOYD	x	
COUNCILMEMBER RABEN	x	
COUNCILMEMBER WORTMAN	x	

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	10,000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL		10,000.00	10,000.00

President Wortman: Next on the agenda, County Commissioners, Infrastructure. Mr. Lloyd, I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, I'd like to make a motion line item 1300-4325 Infrastructure be approved for \$3,000,000.

President Wortman: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben seconded it. Now well have discussion and it looks like we're going to have the three Commissioners appear here for discussion.

Councilmember Hoy: Coming for gold, frankenscents and mhyrr.

Richard Mourdock: I thought it was going to be the three blind mice or something, Curt.

Councilmember Raben: They don't bring as many people as the Convention & Visitor's Bureau does, do they?

Richard Mourdock: I'm Richard Mourdock, President of the County Commission, and ladies and gentlemen, it is a pleasure to come to you today not having been a long-term Commissioner, I guess, but having been on that board for two years and three months, I think there's only been one other time when all three Commissioners have been so united on a particular issue that they came forward to speak to you in solidarity about something that we feel is very important to the county. There is an old saying that says if you fail to plan, you plan to fail. At our first meeting of the Commission this year, we did something a little bit different, we basically put a bulletin board on the wall and each of the three of us identified what we see as the top priorities that the county needs to deal with. To their credit, both Commissioner Jerrel and Commissioner Tuley recognized as a top priority that we find a way to deal with the traffic on the east side of Evansville and that we find a financial method to begin to really make changes there. As you know, we've begun the section from the Lloyd to Morgan Avenue, we've begun the first phase of construction from the Lloyd to Virginia. The remaining roughly 4800 feet from Virginia to Morgan is what we want to talk to you about today. I believe the Commission is presenting before you a realistic plan to finance that and to develop the construction. It is very important to recognize there are two fundamental reasons why now is the right time to do this. Number one, we have construction in progress and we believe we can help minimize some costs by beginning to combine that project with this project we're proposing. Number two, if you've been reading the newspapers, and I'm sure you have, there seems to be a trend where interest rates are going up now. The longer we wait, we're convinced the more it is going to cost us. I would also add that the congestion that is consistently been occurring out in the Burkhardt/Green River area is something, unfortunately, unfortunately, that is a black mark against the name of this community. It is somewhat of joke, quite honestly, and we feel that we need to move forward again. We have a plan here that is a good plan, it's a workable plan and I would ask your support of it. Commissioner Tuley will speak to you as well about his commitment to this plan and then Commissioner Jerrel will deal with some of the financial side and with how we feel that plan should come together. So I'll turn it over to Commissioner Tuley.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Mourdock.

Pat Tuley: Good afternoon, I'm Commissioner Pat Tuley. As Richard said, speaking for himself, but speaking for all three Commissioners, we all are united on this. We think it's a very worthwhile, a very important project. I think you as Councilmembers, a couple of questions that you'll want to answer in your own minds, is it a necessary project and a worthwhile project? I think it goes without much thought, it's absolutely necessary and worthwhile. Are the funds available? I think when Commissioner Jerrel gets done talking to you you'll

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understand, and she'll talk about the financing of it and where those funds are coming from. I think the answer to that question is yes. Is it a good use of taxpayers money? I think Richard gave you a good explanation of why it is important that we do this now and why, with the continued development out there, and if you read and if you're on the Area Plan Commission you know there is one coming before you, I think, tonight for a rezoning on Old Boonville Highway across from Miller Truck. There are others in the works on North Burkhardt Road beyond Morgan Avenue that we're going to have to deal with that section at some point down the road. Lynch Road is coming across. I understand that contract has been let for paving and that will get done to at least Burkhardt this year, or hopefully this year it will be completed. So I think the timeliness of it is the key here and the fact that there is money available to do this with a minimal amount of borrowing and doing it on a very short term. So I would ask your support for this worthwhile project.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Tuley. Mrs. Jerrel?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I'm going to wait and respond. You received the materials this week and if there are any questions, then I'd like to be able to answer those.

President Wortman: Okay, any questions by the Councilmembers in reference to Mrs. Jerrel?

Councilmember Hoy: I have some questions and comments, sir. I would like to speak against this request. My first reason is that, and we can't undo this and I'll step on Republican and Democrat toes by saying this, but I feel that the development that occurred at this intersection last year or so was a mistake, the planning for the traffic was not done, we saddled our Engineering Department with a virtually impossible task and I feel like we're voting money to rescue some planning that was already bad. Secondly, I don't know what we're going to be doing with Welfare to Work. It's still up for grabs. That is going to use river boat money but we may need some more money for that, I don't know. The third reason is that we still have a ten million dollar class action lawsuit that's pending and even if that is saddled out of court, I think it could use up a great deal of money. In the fourth place, we could well be mandated to do something about the crowded conditions in the jail. My fifth reason is that we continue to eat up valuable farm land and I think that's a mistake. The next reason is that we just have come through this flooding period and you don't have to be a genius to know that the more you pave, the more drainage problems you cause. We have four watersheds in this county, we're in a river valley and I think that we may be adding a burden to the Levee Authority and to the effectiveness of the levee. My next reason is that being a person that lives in the inner city and works in the inner city, I would like to see us try to persuade the city to develop the inner core of the city. There is a lot of land and space available. My next reason is that most of these jobs are retail jobs which are often part-time, low pay, with no benefits and often we just have a lateral shift of jobs. The last reason at this point that I have is that I think if firms want to develop that area, that perhaps they should go the expense. I know the developers

of subdivisions build their own streets, put in their own sewers. My son-in-law's firm just built an award-winning subdivision and they paid for everything, all of the infrastructures for development of that. So for those reasons, and I'll stop there because I don't want to read Mr. Reese's article here again, or the report from the U.S.D.A. which is the bigger picture, which tells you if we keep eating up our farmland, we have nothing to trade with. We are the breadbasket of the world and every time we pave farmland, we reduce our ability to compete in the world market and that's a concern of mine. Thank you very much.

President Wortman: Thank you. Mrs. Jerrel, do you want to address that or do you want some more questions?

Betty Lou Jerrel: The Engineer Department is here if there is any response or any specific questions you'd like to ask Mr. Stoll or Miss Zigenfus with EUTS. This is part of the plan, I think that's important. Go ahead. Sure, I'm just going to answer --

President Wortman: Mr. Mourdock?

Richard Mourdock: -- Engineering points to John Stoll as he pursues them, but just, Commissioner Hoy, I think you are well aware there is no one in the community, I believe I am safe in saying, who is more supportive of what the county has been trying to do with Welfare to Work than I am. The funds that we have established and that the Commission came to this Council with, with the budget last year called for the river boat funds going to the county to be cut in thirds: a third of the money for infrastructure, a third for economic development, a third for Welfare to Work. This does not impact the Welfare to Work money. That is still aside and as I think, well, I believe it got published, but I'm not certain, there was also a report last week or several weeks ago now about FSSA's interest in our program and we're convinced there will be some money coming through the state. It won't be river boat money, but it will still help that program. The other comment, your initial one, we're voting to rescue a bad plan, I have to say amen to that. Yeah, I think that is what we are doing. Unfortunatly, it costs money to do that, but I think we would help the situation.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Mourdock. Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm sure we all have good and bad points about Burkhardt Road, but I've been out there the last four weekends. Unless we widen the street, somebody is going to get seriously hurt out there, so Mr. Hoy, he brought up some good points, and some bad points, too. In fact, I think there was an accident out there yesterday, I heard it across my scanner. So, if we don't do something out there, as I said before, somebody is going to get hurt out there, so that's my main concern.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I guess that kind of leads me to, I've been going a lot of looking into this and researching and I think that there is something that needs to be done out in

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that area. And I guess reading through some of the information reports kind of made me reflect back on some of my planning days and a transportation planner and all, but I did have some questions that I would like to have answered. I guess in terms of this particular project itself, and deciding that six million dollars worth of improvements from Virginia to Morgan, what was the source of why, in this particular project, this particular way, at this particular time, and I understand in terms of the traffic and I understand all of that, but what is our source that we are drawing on to make this recommendation other than maybe our own personal thoughts or ideas?

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton, you're directing that to Mr. Stoll?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess Councilman Jerrel was I guess the one that put together the package and --

President Wortman: He's the Engineer, so you can state your name and...

John Stoll: John Stoll, County Engineer. One of the reasons why this project at this time is being pursued is because it's a part of the long-range transportation plan that was prepared by EUTS but there is no federal funding available for that project, so we would have to come up with some other alternate funding source other than federal funds to be able to do this project. Given the need at this time, that's why it's really being pursued at this time just because of all the development.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, if that's the source that we're drawing on for the recommendation in terms of -- because I read through it, then plan, I read through the proposal at great length on what we've got here today, the Burkhardt project, and reading through the material the way that it indicates here, if the extent of our project here is going to just widen the road from Virginia to Morgan, that's not what the report indicates that needs to be done to really deal with the problems that we have out there on the road. As I understand the report, and perhaps maybe someone will see something different, but I've kind of dog eared it pretty good and read through it, as I understand the report, that if we widen Burkhardt Road from Virginia to Morgan, that is insufficient to handle the traffic problems that are -- will now facing that road and then that we'll see down the road. As I understand the report, it indicates a series of actions that need to be taken to address the traffic problems out there. One of those would be to widen, the other would be to deal with Cross Pointe, that particular road, and then as well, the recommendation says that if we really want to really address the problem with Burkhardt specifically in terms of what they are projecting the traffic flow to be is that we'll actually widen it to seven lanes rather than five lanes because even widening it to five lanes, it will still, from a traffic flow standpoint really only be at a D level and to be somewhat acceptable, it needs to be at least at a C level. So that's maybe what I'm trying to get an understanding of where we're coming from in terms of making a determination of only doing that particular part of the project when the plan specifically asks that we address some other areas to make this an effective project so that the traffic flow will meet the needs of what's been projected by EUTS and by this

study here.

President Wortman: Mr. Tuley?

Pat Tuley: I don't want this to come across like a smart aleck, but if you'll give us the money for all the rest of it, we'll do it all at once. But it's a lot more money than six million dollars. We're having to phase it in. We're looking at it from the standpoint that there is no way we can go out and get twenty or thirty million dollars at this point in time to do Morgan Avenue all the way out to Lynch Road that we can complete Cross Pointe Blvd. and what have you, so all those are being worked on now. But what we're looking at today is, because of the nature of the development at Burkhardt Road, along Burkhardt Road between Morgan Avenue and the expressway, it's important that we get at least this leg done. And yeah, it's not going to solve all the problems. You're absolutely right, Councilman Sutton, it's not going to solve all the problems out there. We'll be coming back from time to time looking for additional monies to continue on Burkhardt North. We'll be looking for money to improve as continued development go along out there, Cross Pointe Blvd., which will terminate on the south end at the expressway and then will terminate on the other end at Morgan Avenue. So we're hopeful that with the traffic going on over at Cross Pointe Blvd., that what we're doing on Burkhardt will offset, there will be enough traffic flow going north and south that it will alleviate some of your concerns.

Councilmember Sutton: But we don't have Cross Pointe Blvd. and I guess that's my point, so we're not alleviating traffic from Burkhardt Road. By not having Cross Pointe Blvd. as a part of the plan we're not eliminating the traffic as it's recommended here in the study. And the study also says that north of Morgan up to Lynch is not recommended, it says that it's not feasible really at this time. That's not the issue really at hand today but just effectively, we're not going to get that much better of a road by putting three million dollars from our particular sources than we would in terms of looking at what we're getting here. The quality is not going to be precipitously improved according to what it says here and that's why I'm trying to get a sense of what the basis of why this particular route and not consider developers and their involvement in on this project in helping us to open up this particular --

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton, just a minute, we've got to change the tape.

**TAPE CHANGED AT 4:20 P.M.**

President Wortman: Okay, we're ready to go, gentlemen.

Pat Tuley: The developers are participating. We have been able to acquire some donations, we've had discussions about potential, more right-of-way donations along Burkhardt Road. They do a lot of the work within their development. I don't think it's the developers responsibility to widen Burkhardt Road. Now maybe some of the infrastructure on some of the internal roads, yeah, I might argue with you on that one or agree with you on that one, but Burkhardt Road is our road. Burkhardt Road is at the point it's at now, the icing on the

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cake, yes, was the development of the commercial development, in the last ten years there's been a lot of homes, a lot of other things that happened in that general area that has increased the traffic on Burkhardt Road. Granted, I graduated twenty-five years ago from Harrison High School and that's been along time ago, but all that out there was cornfields when I was going to school there. They're not cornfields, there's a lot of homes, it's not just commercial development although there is a lot of commercial, but there is a lot of residential out there as well.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, like I said, if we're proceeding in this particular direction I don't see that we are greatly improving our transportation situation.

John Stoll: I don't mean to interrupt, but I would disagree with that in the short term because initially, until that area is fully developed out there, we will be substantially improving Burkhardt Road.

Councilmember Sutton: But we're not going to spend six million dollars on a short term project. That's not my impression here. I'm under the impression we're here to spend six million dollars on a long term approach toward the transportation problem out there. If we're doing something for three to five years which is what essentially we're doing here by approving this, how much are we aiding that area?

John Stoll: I don't think that whole area between 164 and Burkhardt is going to be fully developed in three to five years and as things are phased, and like Pat was saying, when developers come in and build additional phases of Cross Pointe, things like that, the traffic is going to come in phases and the roads can come in phases as well. But until that area is fully built out, I don't think you're going to see that five lanes is inadequate for Burkhardt Road.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I should just take this study and just throw it in the trash can then, because that's what it says.

John Stoll: What is the timeframe that study was based on as far as--

Councilmember Sutton: Well, this is the study that the Commissioners had put together.

John Stoll: I was just wondering what the ultimate build out date was.

Councilmember Sutton: Let me, let me read that for you.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: He's talking about -- what he's reading, Burkhardt Road upgraded from two to five lanes in a one to five year scenario. The (inaudible) changes would go to the next phase. This was our request and I think you have to explain (inaudible) about the developers (inaudible).

Richard Mourdock: Yeah, if I --

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Mourdock, yeah, we've got to move



along here.

Richard Mourdock: Yeah, and let me say, I think Councilman Sutton's questions are excellent questions and I think I hear in your question, and correct me if I'm wrong on this, but I think I hear your question, why not do something like Cross Pointe that would give you a totally other avenue by which some of that traffic can be spread rather than just widening the road and keeping all of the traffic on Burkhardt. Is that somewhat safe to assume?

Councilmember Sutton: That is precisely my point and ties right into what the study says on page 29, the intersection now says also indicating that Burkhardt Road should be upgraded to seven lanes by the twenty-five year horizon. The section of Burkhardt Road between Morgan and Oak Grove Road should be built first if the entire project cannot be undertaken within the next five years.

Richard Mourdock: Okay, and let me respond to that because, again, if I were king for a day and I had the kind of money the state of Indiana has in its surplus right now the problem I would solve is to do exactly the Cross Pointe option. I bring Cross Pointe down all the way to where it connects to the Lloyd. The problem that the county has had traditionally is one that Councilman Hoy's questions brought up, why aren't the developers doing that type of infrastructure. In the past that has been the key out there. East of Burkhardt we're having developers involved with those roads. The section from Cross Pointe from Morgan to the Lloyd that is not presently built would be much more expensive to do than that the present option is that we're presenting to you today because we would have to start from scratch. We would have to buy the right-of-way. We would have to probably do adverse condemnation because, again, to use Councilman Hoy's example, the people who own that land are very committed to the agricultural business. That property is being farmed today, it's not owned by developers and quite honestly, having spoken with the owners on several occasions, I don't think it's going to go to development in the near term. If that were the case, then it would be a lot easier to say okay, we'll have the developers put in that road and we've got something to build from and we could plan on doing this efficient width that we need. Since that is not an economic option comparable to the one we're presenting today, we think this is the next best solution. And let me just turn it one other way, we have committed at this point, as you all know, to go from Lloyd to Virginia, so we've got all these lanes coming this way and then going this way. That is not a good answer either. If we don't do this, we're going to have one heck of a bottleneck there. We've committed to doing everything in phases. Phase one was to Virginia, phase two is from Virginia to Morgan, and then the next section which I see coming about is that TIFF develops, which would be from Morgan up to Lynch.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, well that's just one issue and I wanted to try to move away from that, but I think I pretty clearly stated where I am on that, but I think in terms of the Commissioners, you guys are the executive authority and our authority is from the budget standpoint and really where we stand on our unappropriated balance in the General Fund, we have

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some other issues that are also pending that I don't think we should neglect. We've got some issues that need to be addressed. We've got the situation with our jail, we've obviously had some discussions about that, we've got some issues related to what Commissioner Jerrel brought forward, the proposal to us a month or two ago about the pool, the possible lease program which I think is a very attractive option for us, for all of our vehicles county wide. So just some of those issues -- and the millenium situation. We don't know what the cost is there but we've heard a million dollars thrown around as a possible price tag on that. I just don't want to see us take where we are right now and be unable to address some of these other problems. I'm not saying that Burkhardt Road is not a problem, it's not an issue, I just think that if we spend this much, three million dollars toward Burkhardt alone, we cannot address any of the other issues. We cannot address any of the other departments so I think a more reasonable figure for us, and I don't know, obviously, it's -- looking at some more financing options a more reasonable figure might be 1.5 million rather than three million coming from the General Fund.

Richard Mourdock: Are you suggesting with that then that we increase the amount we would borrow? Do I hear you saying you're not against the project but just the way it's financially structured?

Councilmember Sutton: I didn't say increase necessarily the amount that we borrow but that might be an option. But, like I say, just from the General Fund, I said that's a pretty hefty hit from our side in terms of all the things that we have to consider as well. And then as well, when we look at this project, Burkhardt Road, really, to actually if you even had it on the fast track according to discussion I've had with the Engineer's Office, we wouldn't let bids until maybe January of next year, so we do have some time to kind of play there that we don't necessarily have to have all the money right now today sitting there ready to go on this particular project. We could even look at even General Fund, possibly even some funds from next year. But to take it all this year, that much, that's a heavy hit. That's a very heavy hit.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I would like to connect with the fiscal concerns that Councilman Sutton has. I took what we have spent the first three months of this year. If you average it, it's \$242,491 a month. If you multiply that figure by nine, with the remaining nine months, if we spend at the clip we're going now, we're going to spend \$2,182,421, there's that possibility. And if you deduct that from \$4,906,433 you don't even end up with \$3,000,000, you end up with \$2,724,072. My only point is, we may not spend that much each month, but if we whack off three million bucks today, then we're going to cut it pretty lean for the rest of the year and I remember a discussion that Commissioner Jerrel brought in about patient and inmate costs. We have voted some of that, you can rest assured we're going to have another big hunk for that and I'm not comfortable operating as a Councilman, you know, third month in fourth month in, it looks like a lot of money and it is and we've worked hard, that also bothers me. I mean, we've been very conservative, all of

us, we've worked hard to get a balance here and I just, I know there's a problem there, a traffic problem and I realize that my sympathies, being someone who lives downtown aren't as strong because of where I live, but to whack off three million and leave us with that kind of pinched financial -- could be a very pinched financial situation and Councilman Sutton has pointed out some other things that I haven't mentioned, why would we want to do that to ourselves as a Council, when we've done such a good job? I feel like we shoot ourselves in the foot. Thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Hoy. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I tell you, I don't know where to start. In answer to the finance situation, I don't think we really have any way of getting around this project. I mean, it's a must situation. I mean, this is a mess out there and we're all responsible for it even though we don't want to do and we have to do what we can to correct it. But just basing, if we don't spend the money the way they've proposed, if we were to bond for this money, okay, Azteca was 1.9 million dollars over 22 years, and over 22 years that 1.9 is going to cost the county 4.1 million dollars. So based on that formula, if we use that same formula for six million you're talking about a 12.3 million dollar payout. So we're saving ourselves about six million dollars here. And while I was looking at the Azteca figure brought to point another thing I want to mention. Last year, as a Council, this may really seem off key, but last year as a Council, we committed to redoing the auditorium for 35 million dollars. Over the long term it's 74 million, but if you think about what you did there, you spent 74 million dollars to stimulate growth for the service industry, the restaurants, the shopping centers, and the hotels, and this is our strongest drawing card, this area. This is where all the new malls are at, it's where all the new restaurants are, the new hotels, so it's almost as if we'd have double standards if we spend 74 million for that when we're not willing to commit six million for this.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Mr. Raben. Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I sat on the City Council when the Eastland Mall started. We first had some questions about it, but anyway, they went to federal court and won the lawsuit and that put the traffic in Green River Road. Then when Eastland Place came in and wanted to develop over there, we had to do something with Green River Road because at that time there was nothing out there. It is development. I don't like to spend three million dollars on a street, but there's a problem. And you're talking about going to the developer, at the one time there was a traffic problem and I went to the developer and had them to pay for the traffic light that is between the two malls, not on Virginia and not on Vogel, but anyway Broadbent & Skinner gave me \$15,000 check, they came out to my restaurant and handed it to me, to pay for that traffic light there because the county paid -- Eastland Place was in the county, the county paid five thousand, the city put in five thousand, to do it, it cost \$25,000, but I don't think it is still the developer's responsibility to take care of the streets. But we are a shopping area and I realize that we need the money, but if we've

got that much of a problem out there, then we're going to have to correct the problem. And this is a shopping area for the whole tri-state, whether we like it or not, the traffic is there.

President Wortman: Okay, Mrs. Jerrel, do you got anything to say before we take a vote?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I was just going to ask, maybe rather than me, I think maybe the Auditor might be able to respond to projections and available money and some of the questions that have been raised.

Suzanne Crouch: Which are?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Alright, number one, there would be a balance if this appropriation was made of about 1.9 million and when we funded or came in for the request for patient/inmate, that 500,000 inflates what you've spent the first three or four months because we were anticipating the rest of the year. If you have looked at the budgets of '95, '96, and '97, you've actually funded \$900,000 plus dollars for this '97 budget. Given the typical appropriations, food and the normal things that we don't fully budget for because we don't know what they are, you're not going to exceed by any stretch of the imagination an additional 1.9 million dollars and you do have one advantage in terms of planning. The issue of the jail, that is very much in a review stage by the people that are most closely involved with it and I heard one of them say today, even if we began now, you're looking at at least three years before something is finalized and constructed and this money that you have now is the result of careful fiscal planning, but it's also the result of increased miscellaneous revenues. If you look at your statements, you'll see the miscellaneous revenues were much greater in 1996 and are projected to be greater in '97. And that's what has resulted in the money. As a Council, you cannot accumulate money. You are not permitted by the tax commissioners to accumulate money. The only funding that we have that we've been able to set aside was the funding that we received as what we have referred to as a windfall. The Windfall/COIT money was able to be set aside because Governor Bayh had held it for some two years or two and a half years, and when they gave it back to us the tax commissioners agreed that we could accumulate or save that money. You cannot accumulate money every year and then not have a bonified use for it or you won't have it. And so, therefore, your financial health is wonderful and it's an opportunity for us to do a project and there is seldom a chance like this and it may come again next year. You may have another chance next year, the same thing. But I would hope that you would support it. I think it would be good for the entire community and it certainly is a message that we're sending the rest of the state. We can pay for things as we go and we don't have to always borrow and we can still provide for transportation.

Councilmember Lloyd: Commissioner Jerrel?

Councilmember Sutton: Commissioner Jerrel, I agree with you --

President Wortman: Wait a minute, Mr. Lloyd first.

Councilmember Sutton: Oh, I didn't see him.

Councilmember Lloyd: I've got to talk. I would like to compliment the Commissioners on the information we received. It's very helpful, we've got a lot of information there to make our decision. I'm the Councilmember that serves on the Evansville Urban Transit board, so I've been able to get some of the information first hand and our board unanimously passed a resolution endorsing this project, which is moving up the timetable. I think we get a lot of advantages from going all the way from Lloyd Expressway down to Morgan to do planning for that whole area where we see the growth is already going to be there. We've got the large area rezoned at Morgan and Burkhardt. I guess one question I would have and I think maybe Ms. Zigenfus or someone could answer that, but I believe, what was the schedule for like starting the improvements on the Burkhardt/Lloyd intersection? Is that going to tie into all of this, too, or...?

Rose Zigenfus: Yes. Hi, I'm Rose Zigenfus with the Evansville Urban Transportation Study. We identified the Morgan Avenue/Burkhardt Road intersection improvement project for the use of CMAQ funds, which is Congestion Mitigation Air Quality money at the federal level, which is an issue that you have not discussed yet today. There is congestion, you are still non attainable, and we are working toward becoming attainable. I think it's important that Burkhardt Road be improved to accomodat the increase in traffic flow and reduce emissions and delay along that corridor. Ultimately, it will improve air quality and reduce emissions. The timetable can be set so that it coincides with the widening project. The money is available, the project was approved this week by INDOT and all we have to do is get the project designed and we can construct it. We're looking for about a million dollars just to do that intersection and that includes more than the south approach on Burkhardt Road. It also includes work on the Lloyd Expressway. So I think it's a worthwhile project. I'm glad that you brought up the fact that the policy board of the EUTS has endorsed this project with unanimous support. I just want to say that we are the body that is responsible for looking at the region and planning for transportation and traffic flow. We think it's important not just to the county, but for the entire southwest Indiana. I think it's going to facilitate additional economic development and I think also that we can only benefit from access to the land that used to be farmland, but is now going commercial. Any time you develop an area like we see out there between Morgan and Burkhardt, and Lloyd and I-164, when you put a six lane facility and an interstate and they cross, you're going to see commercial development. In all respect to Councilman Hoy, that is where it's happening. It's not going to happen in the downtown area or the inner city. You can try to get that developed as much as you like, but people want to go where there's transportation facilities. And unless Burkhardt Road is widened, all you're going to have is more congestion out there. The land is still going to develop and you're just going to be compounding the problem. I hope that answers your questions.

President Wortman: Okay, with the discussion in mind, unless somebody has got something that we don't repeat here, any more

discussion? Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: And with all due respect to you, Mrs. Zigenfus, I may not live to say I told you so to a lot of these arguments, but my kids and grandkids will, because when you build more roads, all you're going to create is more cruising, more traffic. And the worst polluting in this county, in any county, in this country comes from automobiles and trucks internal combustion engines. You're just going to have more people driving further distances, cruising, and we'll probably be dealing with the ozone problem just as much when this is put in. You know, Rose, that I was on EUTS and the beloved State of Indiana has planned an extension of the Lloyd for ten miles into Warrick County and they right now have ten traffic lights planned on that thing already. And the more traffic lights, the more gas you burn the longer you sit there. I won't buy the pollution argument. The final point, and I know I'm going to lose this vote but I want to make this point, I was just on vacation -- really on a retreat -- and I went into the city of Owensboro where they're extending into that low kind of farmland and where the water sits and I went into a Target store, I went into a Maxx store and another store, all of which were flooded during the recent floods. Mother Nature is not somebody you can fool with on that lowland and that's exactly what we're doing and I know it's not popular to come into the inner city, but as long as we keep financing all of this stuff with this kind of money and with TIEF zones and I voted for some of those, and with all that kind of stuff, you're just going to keep extending and paving and extending and stripping the trees and stripping the land, and the water will have the last word.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. One more quick one.

Councilmember Sutton: One very important question that we need to have answered: because this total package is not going to be funded by the General Fund, obviously we're using river boat money involved with this and we're financing part of this, how much is this going to cost us?

President Wortman: Do you want to address that, Mrs. Jerrel?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: The engineer is here and, of course, we'd have to bid the project, but the projected cost by the current engineering firm that is doing phase one is approximately six million dollars and the information that I gave you indicated to this three million we would take \$849,000 whatever that was available from the current CCD money. That should be 849 instead of 859. And the \$635,000 plus, that's the one third of the river boat '96 money, and the balance would be in the neighborhood of 1.5 million and the banks have been calling, they're very interested in doing business with us. I think they know the financial health of the county and it would be borrowed on a short term basis locally.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, since the issue was brought up on financing projects, I'm trying to get an idea of how much that 1.5 million is going to cost us at the end of the road when we do pay that off.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Well, I don't like to use banks' names and people because --

Councilmember Sutton: Well, we won't have to get into that but I just -- just tell me the dollar figure.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Well, we don't have it because we're going to negotiate with the one that gives us the best price. That's the answer.

President Wortman: Okay, that's going to end the discussion and I'm going to have a roll call vote now. So, --

Councilmember Sutton: I still didn't get the figure.

Councilmember Hoy: We don't have a motion yet.

Councilmember Lloyd: No, I made a motion.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: My answer to your question was we're going to negotiate for the best price we can get in interest from the local banks.

Councilmember Sutton: Do we have any estimates of what that might run us?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: No, but we'll have enough money, Royce, to pay it off in that length of time, at least the banks have assured me of that, the funding source that I described.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President, the county should get prime rate or better -- prime interest rate or better.

President Wortman: Okay, secretary would you call the vote?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: My vote is no, but it's in relation to the financing of it and not related to the worthiness of the project.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: My vote is no in relationship to every argument I've offered.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH	x	
COUNCILMEMBER SUTTON		x
COUNCILMEMBER BASSEMIER	x	
COUNCILMEMBER HOY		x
COUNCILMEMBER LLOYD	x	
COUNCILMEMBER RABEN	x	
COUNCILMEMBER WORTMAN	x	

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-4325	INFRASTRUCTURE	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00
TOTAL		3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00

President Wortman: It's five to two. Okay, we'll proceed --

Richard Mourdock: Thank you very much.

President Wortman: Thank you, Commissioners, Mrs. Zigengus, and the engineer.

E) AUDITORIUM

President Wortman: We'll move right on to the Auditorium. Mr. Hoy -- and we'll take the first two, Union Overtime and Extra Help because that requires five votes. Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I move line 1140-1850 Union Overtime at \$10,000; 1440-1990 Extra Help at \$7,500.

President Wortman: Do I have a second to that motion?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben? Now, is there any discussion on this? If not we'll have a roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?



Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH	x	
COUNCILMEMBER SUTTON		x*
COUNCILMEMBER BASSEMIER	x	
COUNCILMEMBER HOY	x	
COUNCILMEMBER LLOYD	x	
COUNCILMEMBER RABEN	x	
COUNCILMEMBER WORTMAN	x	

\*See discussion on page 28. Councilmember Sutton stated he wished to change this vote to yes.

AUDITORIUM		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1440-1850	UNION OVERTIME	10,000.00	10,000.00
1440-1990	EXTRA HELP	7,500.00	7,500.00
TOTAL		17,500.00	17,500.00

President Wortman: Now, Mr. Hoy, would you proceed from 2100 on down to 4250, please?

Councilmember Hoy: Line item 1440-2100 Fuel & Butane \$50; 1140-2600 Office Supplies \$1,500; 1440-2730 Sanitary Supplies \$3,000; 1440-3200 Utilities \$8,500; 1440-3520 Equipment Repair \$1,000; 1440-3790 Professional Services \$40,522; 1440-4100 Lighting & Sound \$4,000; 1440-4250 Miscellaneous Equipment \$500. I move approval.

President Wortman: Do I have a second to that effect?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded it. Now, the first figure will be \$17,500 and the next figure will be \$59,072, a total of course, naturally, \$76,572. Any discussion on this? Okay, call the roll call, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes, but I wouldn't have voted for the \$16,000,000 for the Auditorium to start with, but we do have a problem in the roads.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

\*Councilmember Sutton: I made a mistake. Actually, I need to change my vote from the previous one. I meant to vote yes rather than no, but no on this one.

Teri Lukeman: I will note that. Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH	x	
COUNCILMEMBER SUTTON		x
COUNCILMEMBER BASSEMIER	x	
COUNCILMEMBER HOY	x	
COUNCILMEMBER LLOYD	x	
COUNCILMEMBER RABEN	x	
COUNCILMEMBER WORTMAN	x	

AUDITORIUM	REQUESTED	APPROVED
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1440-2100	FUEL & BUTANE	50.00	50.00
1440-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,500.00	1,500.00
1440-2730	SANITARY SUPPLIES	3,000.00	3,000.00
1440-3200	UTILITIES	8,500.00	8,500.00
1440-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	1,000.00	1,000.00
1440-3790	PROFESSIONAL SVCS	40,522.00	40,522.00
1440-4100	LIGHTING & SOUND	4,000.00	4,000.00
1440-4250	MISC. EQUIPMENT	500.00	500.00
TOTAL		59,072.00	59,072.00

F) CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

President Wortman: We'll proceed to the Cumulative Bridge and, Mr. Lloyd, would you take that, please?

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, I make a motion account 2030-4382 Radio Avenue Bridge be approved for \$100,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith over there seconded it. Any discussion on this? If not, we'll have a roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH	x	
COUNCILMEMBER SUTTON	x	
COUNCILMEMBER BASSEMIER	x	
COUNCILMEMBER HOY	x	
COUNCILMEMBER LLOYD	x	
COUNCILMEMBER RABEN	x	
COUNCILMEMBER WORTMAN	x	

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-4382	RADIO AVE. BRIDGE	100,000.00	100,000.00
TOTAL		100,000.00	100,000.00

G) LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

President Wortman: We'll proceed to Local Roads & Streets and, Mr. Lloyd, would you take that, please?

Councilmember Lloyd: I would like to make a motion that account 2160-2230 Garage & Motor be approved for \$50,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a motion and a second from Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? If not, roll call, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH	x	
COUNCILMEMBER SUTTON	x	
COUNCILMEMBER BASSEMIER	x	
COUNCILMEMBER HOY	x	
COUNCILMEMBER LLOYD	x	
COUNCILMEMBER RABEN	x	
COUNCILMEMBER WORTMAN	x	

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2160-2230	GARAGE & MOTOR	50,000.00	50,000.00
TOTAL		50,000.00	50,000.00

TRANSFERS
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President Wortman: We'll turn to the Transfers and we'll take each one individual because on the Circuit Court we might have to have five votes, but we're going to take each individual anyway. So, Mr. Lloyd, would want to proceed with that, please?

A) AUDITOR

Councilmember Lloyd: The first transfer, Auditor, from 1020-2600 Office Supplies to 1020-3700 Dues & Subscriptions. I make a motion to approve \$88.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Sutton, and have a roll call, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH	x	
COUNCILMEMBER SUTTON	x	
COUNCILMEMBER BASSEMIER	x	
COUNCILMEMBER HOY	x	
COUNCILMEMBER LLOYD	x	
COUNCILMEMBER RABEN	x	
COUNCILMEMBER WORTMAN	x	

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1020-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	88.00	88.00
TO: 1020-3700	DUES/SUBSCRIPTIONS	88.00	88.00

**B) COUNTY CORONER**

President Wortman: Now we'll take the County Coroner. Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, I'd make a motion that we transfer from account 1070-2210 Gas, Oil & Lube to account 1070-2230 Garage & Motor for \$500.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy seconded it. Okay, any discussion? No discussion, the secretary please calls the roll -- excuse me, we've got one over here.

Councilmember Sutton: You're too quick! Dennis, again on this, we've got a balance in the account that you're wanting to transfer it to. You're wanting to transfer \$500 in there and we've got a balance right now of \$811 in that account. Does \$500 make that big of a difference there?

Dennis Buickel: When you have as small amount to work with in these two lines as I do, yes. In the original appropriation, if you look, I asked for -- let's see, if you look at the transfer,

I want to transfer \$500 from Gas, Oil & Lube over to Garage & Motor to help repair the transmission we had to get fixed in the Suburban. Okay, so that took 500 bucks out of the Gas, Oil & Lube account and I asked for the \$500 in Gas, Oil & Lube in the appropriation to replace the \$500 that I'm transferring. That made sense to me.

Councilmember Smith: I don't understand -- why would you use that money and then ask for money to be put back. Why not (inaudible -- microphone not turned on).

Dennis Buickel: Because we can't say that money is in our account until the appropriation is approved by State Board. That's my understanding.

Councilmember Smith: So you've already spent it. Is that what you're saying?

Dennis Buickel: We had to, we didn't have a vehicle with a transmission.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Buickel. Okay, does that answer your question, Mr. Sutton? Fine, thank you. If there's no other discussion, I'll have a roll call, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH	x	
COUNCILMEMBER SUTTON	x	
COUNCILMEMBER BASSEMIER	x	

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO
COUNCILMEMBER HOY	x	
COUNCILMEMBER LLOYD	x	
COUNCILMEMBER RABEN	x	
COUNCILMEMBER WORTMAN	x	

COUNTY CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1070-2210	GAS, OIL & LUBE	500.00	500.00
TO: 1070-2230	GARAGE & MOTOR	500.00	500.00

C) CIRCUIT COURT

President Wortman: Circuit Court, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: I would make a motion to transfer from account 1360-1610 Public Defender to 1360-1380 Pauper Compensation \$4,200.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a second from Mr. Raben. Any discussion on this? I'll have a roll call, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.



COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH	X	
COUNCILMEMBER SUTTON	X	
COUNCILMEMBER BASSEMIER	X	
COUNCILMEMBER HOY	X	
COUNCILMEMBER LLOYD	X	
COUNCILMEMBER RABEN	X	
COUNCILMEMBER WORTMAN	X	

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1360-1610	PUBLIC DEFENDER	4,200.00	4,200.00
TO: 1360-1380	PAUPER COMPENSATION	4,200.00	4,200.00

D) COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

President Wortman: Community Corrections. Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Make a transfer from account 1361-1200 Work Release Officer to 1361-1970 Temporary Replacement. The motion is for \$5,700.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith on the second, and we're going to change tapes here.

TAPE CHANGED AT 5:05 P.M.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH	x	
COUNCILMEMBER SUTTON	x	
COUNCILMEMBER BASSEMIER	x	
COUNCILMEMBER HOY	x	
COUNCILMEMBER LLOYD	x	
COUNCILMEMBER RABEN	x	
COUNCILMEMBER WORTMAN	x	

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1361-1200	WK RELEASE OFFICER	5,700.00	5,700.00
TO: 1361-1970	TEMP. REPLACEMENT	5,700.00	5,700.00

E) CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

President Wortman: Cumulative Bridge. Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, I'll make a motion for a transfer from account 2030-1850 Union Overtime to account 2030-1750 Clothing Allowance in the amount of \$3,500.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a motion and a second from Mr. Hoy. Okay, is there any discussion?

Councilmember Raben: I just have one question real quick. There wasn't a change in their contract or something, was there? There was?

Sandie Deig: Yes.

President Wortman: Do you wish to comment, Mrs. Deig?

Sandie Deig: Yes, there was a change. Prior to 1997, the operators and laborers made more per year in Cum Bridge than they did in the county garage account. And in the last negotiations, -- and they made less and the clothing allowance, so starting in 1997 they equaled all the salaries with the laborers and the operators, but they also approved to bring the clothing allowance up to what the other laborers and operators made.

Councilmember Raben: So we're probably going to be looking at an appropriation in for the overtime at some point.

Sandie Deig: Overtime?

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible - microphone not turned on) -- because they're probably still going to need that back. Correct?

Sandie Deig: Yes, I'm not going to say they're not, but there is a small amount of money that -- and I don't have my papers with me that will be allowed to be transferred out of the salary accounts beings the salaries were reduced.

President Wortman: Does that answer your question, Mr. Raben?

Sandie Deig: I want to say like maybe \$1,400, but don't hold me to that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Wortman: Would you proceed with the roll call vote, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH	x	
COUNCILMEMBER SUTTON	x	
COUNCILMEMBER BASSEMIER	x	
COUNCILMEMBER HOY	x	

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO
COUNCILMEMBER LLOYD	x	
COUNCILMEMBER RABEN	x	
COUNCILMEMBER WORTMAN	x	

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2030-1850	UNION OVERTIME	3,500.00	3,500.00
TO: 2030-1750	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	3,500.00	3,500.00

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Wortman: Now we'll have approval of the Salary Ordinance amendment. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, first is the County Assessor. I move that be set in as approved. Do I need to read in the salary?

Sandie Deig: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. I move that it be set in at \$2,777. Just a second, let me see what else --

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: I think what we'll do is let Mr. Raben take them all if it's agreeable with everybody.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll get it right here in a minute. It should be as follows: total sick days 148 hours at \$15.4262 per hour for a total of \$2,283.08; total prorated vacation and personal days 32 hours at \$15.4262 per hour in the amount of \$493.64, for a grand total of \$2,777. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: I've got a motion and a second from Mr. Bassemier. I'll have a roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH	x	
COUNCILMEMBER SUTTON	x	
COUNCILMEMBER BASSEMIER	x	
COUNCILMEMBER HOY	x	
COUNCILMEMBER LLOYD	x	
COUNCILMEMBER RABEN	x	
COUNCILMEMBER WORTMAN	x	

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

COUNTY ASSESSOR	1090-1120-1090	CHIEF DEPUTY	2,777.00
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'm going to take the rest of these at one time unless anyone objects.

President Wortman: Yeah, that's what I thought you were going to do.

Councilmember Raben: The Auditorium set in as approved; Circuit Court set in as approved; Community Corrections set in as approved; Cum Bridge set in as approved according to the union contract; also set in salaries for the following line items: 2030-1140 Operator \$27,031; line 2030-1150 Laborer set in at \$25,812; line 2030-1160 Laborer \$25,812; line 2030-1170 Laborer \$25,812; line 2030-1180 Laborer \$25,812; 2030-1190 Laborer \$25,812; 2030-1200 Laborer \$25,812. Those salaries were approved in the union contract by the County Commissioners. County Clerk, approval to pay four part-time employees at the rate of \$7.00 per hour for Bail Bond & File Clerks. Community Corrections as previously approved. Circuit Court Misdemeanor Offender as previously approved. And that's all I've got. No, wait a minute. We need to set in line 2760-1120 in the amount of \$21,145.

President Wortman: Okay, now that's it then. I'll entertain a motion for a second.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd seconded it. Any discussion on this? If not, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH	X	
COUNCILMEMBER SUTTON	X	
COUNCILMEMBER BASSEMIER	X	
COUNCILMEMBER HOY	X	
COUNCILMEMBER LLOYD	X	
COUNCILMEMBER RABEN	X	
COUNCILMEMBER WORTMAN	X	

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

AUDITORIUM	1440-1850-1440	UNION OVERTIME	10,000.00
AUDITORIUM	1440-1990-1440	EXTRA HELP	7,500.00
CIRCUIT COURT	1360-1380-1360	PAUPER COMP- ENSATION	4,200.00
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	1361-1970-1361	TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT	5,700.00
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE	2030-1750	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	3,500.00
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE	2030-1140	OPERATOR	27,031.00
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE	2030-1150	LABORER	25,812.00
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE	2030-1160	LABORER	25,812.00
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE	2030-1170	LABORER	25,812.00
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE	2030-1180	LABORER	25,812.00
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE	2030-1190	LABORER	25,812.00
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE	2030-1200	LABORER	25,812.00
COUNTY CLERK	1010-1620	BOND/FINE CLERK	4 @ \$7.00/HR
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	1361-1970	TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT	5,700.00
CIRCUIT COURT MISD. OFFENDER	2760-1120	GUARD	21,145.00

OLD BUSINESS

A) PRELIMINARY TAX ABATEMENT - BERNARDIN, LOCHMUELLER & ASSOCIATES

President Wortman: Okay, number 8 Old Business, the preliminary tax abatement Bernardin, Lochmueller & Associates. Would you come forward, please?

Mike Robling: Mike Robling, Department of Metropolitan Development. You have before you today a preliminary tax abatement resolution from Bernardin, Lochmueller & Associates for real estate tax abatement at 6200 Vogel Road. This firm began construction of this 17,000 square foot office building in October and it represents an investment of approximately one and a half million dollars. The company currently employes 65 full time, 3 part time employees, with an annual payroll of approximately 2.4 million dollars. Upon completion of the project they plan to create three to five new full time jobs and one to two part-time jobs with an annual increased payroll of \$170,000. The Department of Metropolitan Development recommends that this application not be approved for the following reasons. Number one: the project was started in October 1996 and this application was filed in February of 1997. The Council's tax abatement resolution calls for applications for tax abatement to

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be filed before a project is started. Secondly, the project is as you discussed earlier, located in one of the highest growth areas in the county. Third, it is located in the Burkhardt Road economic development TIFF area which is relying on increases in value from new development to pay off the existing TIFF bonds and bond anticipation notes for the first phase of the Burkhardt Road project.

President Wortman: Okay, is there any discussion before we call for a motion? Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I'll just say the fact that it's located in the TIFF area, I mean, I have a problem with that. I wish I could vote for it but we're needing that revenue to improve the infrastructure in that area, so...

President Wortman: Okay, Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I can't vote on this because one of the owners is my son-in-law. They were forced to move is the reason they moved, because SIGECO wanted that building. So they didn't leave downtown because they wanted to. They left because they didn't have the space and right now, where they were out there, that's completely being renovated, so they asked them to move and that's the reason that started. I just wanted to explain this all to you because they want to stay downtown.

President Wortman: We would get into a legal entanglement then, is that correct?

Councilmember Smith: Pardon?

President Wortman: Get into a legal problem is the Council approved that. Is that a possibility or not?

Mike Robling: It's not a possibility, there's still one other approval that would be required and that would be the County Redevelopment Commission would have to approve this also because it is in the TIFF district.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Robling, when people come in and want to make application for tax abatement, do we have like a checklist or something that they go through because, obviously, with all these defects where they fall short in qualifying for a tax abatement, it didn't appear that it really would have been of any worth for them to apply in the first place.

Mike Robling: They were advised when the first inquired about tax abatement some time in mid to late January that this would be the recommendation because the building was well under construction by the time that they actually applied.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess what I'm trying to -- did they know that these were our guidelines before they -- when made this application --

Mike Robling: They had been apprised of those, I'm pretty sure.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? Mr. Raben?



Councilmember Raben: None other than I've probably debated this in the back of my mind more than any abatement that's ever come before Council. I'm quite familiar with this firm and I have a great deal of respect for them. The key thing here is the TIF district and I wish like hell this firm were moving somewhere else in this county, so we could do everything we can for them. It's not very often that you really get to do something for a long time partner in a community and it's just unfortunate, the area they've selected.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: I guess that's kind of was my point so that maybe even before they applied maybe we could have helped direct them in maybe looking at some other options and that that really wouldn't have been an option for them in the TIF district.

Mike Robling: But by the time they first made contact this building was well under construction.

Councilmember Hoy: They really didn't apply then...

Mike Robling: Their application -- they signed their Statement of Benefits on February 6.

Councilmember Hoy: I know this. I don't have a conflict of interest because I don't have any relatives there. I know the firm well; I've worked with them and they're an excellent company and they do a good job. I share Mr. Raben's feelings and Mr. Lloyd's feelings. It's just the way --

Councilmember Bassemier: Curt, I feel the same way. I'm just sorry they're locating there. Anywhere else, I'd be more than happy --

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Chairman, I'm going to make a motion that we deny this one. Somebody has got to make that motion and --

President Wortman: Alright, you've got a motion that it be denied. Do I have a second to that effect?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd seconded it. Okay, any other discussion?

Councilmember Raben: I kind of feel like I'm burying my dog here, though. You don't really want to do it --

President Wortman: Okay, we'll have a roll call vote on this.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I can't vote on this.

Councilmember Lloyd: Does that abstain or...

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, it's --

President Wortman: It's a conflict of interest there.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

President Wortman: Wait a minute, make sure that's --

Councilmember Sutton: Oh, we're denying it. Okay, I agree with --

Mike Robling: It's a negative motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Two negatives make a positive.

Councilmember Bassemier: I think that's the first time in five years that was put up that way.

President Wortman: Just a minute, I think we'd better get back up here a little bit. We need a motion to approve and then it's voted down, that's the legal counsel.

Councilmember Hoy: Alright, I move we approve then.

President Wortman: Okay, thanks, Mr. Hoy. And the second --

Councilmember Lloyd: I'll second --

President Wortman: Yes, okay, that's fine. Thank you, gentlemen. And okay, now we'll start all over. Would you call it again to Mrs. Smith there to that effect?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I can't vote on this.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Now that I understand what I'm voting on, I guess, that will be no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: No.

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH	Abstain	Abstain
COUNCILMEMBER SUTTON		x
COUNCILMEMBER BASSEMIER		x
COUNCILMEMBER HOY		x
COUNCILMEMBER LLOYD		x
COUNCILMEMBER RABEN		x
COUNCILMEMBER WORTMAN		x

(Motion fails 6-0)

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**MAY 7, 1997**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 7th day of May, 1997 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:36 p.m. by Council President Curt Wortman.

Roll call was taken by Council Secretary Teri Lukeman.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH	x	
COUNCILMEMBER SUTTON	x	
COUNCILMEMBER BASSEMIER	x	
COUNCILMEMBER HOY*		x
COUNCILMEMBER LLOYD	x	
COUNCILMEMBER RABEN	x	
COUNCILMEMBER WORTMAN	x	

\*Councilmember Hoy arrived just after attendance was taken.

President Wortman: Now will all of you stand and pledge allegiance to the flag, please?

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**APRIL 2, 1997**

President Wortman: I will entertain a motion for the approval of the minutes from April 2, 1997. Do I hear a motion?

Councilmember Lloyd: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd and Jim. Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**APPROPRIATIONS**

President Wortman: Okay, we're going to start with the appropriations and we want to keep moving because we've got to be out of here at 5:00. The Area Plan, as always, comes in here so we want to keep going. The first on the agenda is number five, the appropriation ordinance, the Sheriff. Will your representative please step forward? Thank you.

A) SHERIFF

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion that we approve 1050-2220 Tires and Tubes for \$5,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier, and Mr. Hoy made the second. Do we have any discussion to that effect? We had a discussion last week. Is there any additional questions? I don't see any. Will you call the roll please, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-2220	TIRES & TUBES	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL		5,000.00	5,000.00

B) JAIL

President Wortman: Now we're going to take the Jail. Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: First off, Mr. President, I'd like to recognize the people in the front row there. They represent the Jail and I'm honored to have them here today. They do very good work over there and I'm going to make a motion to approve 1051-1530 Shift Differential for a total of \$53,800.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Is there any discussion on this?

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, I talked to Mr. Whobrey and I had not seen one of the contracts that they signed and he sent this to me. On, I guess if any of you have it, on page five this agreement was set up and it goes back to '94. Section Twelve, employees assigned to and who perform work on the night shift which shall be paid in differential of 3.5 for the hourly rate. Over on the last page, the Council will put this into effect January the first of '95, but it goes back. So I think this agreement was what the County Commissioners did at that time, and obviously, the Council agreed to it. So I think we have no alternative but to recognize it and to support it.

President Wortman: Does it say that the County Council was involved and approved it?

Councilmember Smith: Council will put it into effect January the first of '95 and obviously, they did in '95. You were here, I wasn't.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes we did. We did vote that.

President Wortman: It's always been the practice, since I've been on the Council a few years, that the money should be in place before anything is let or purchased. Was the money in place? This is the question I'm asking.

Councilmember Smith: You were here then.

President Wortman: Not that I know of. That's my answer.

Councilmember Bassemier: You know, as in the past, it's always been or most of the time it's been with the approval of the Council to fund the money after they sign the contract, so we've passed deals like this in the past. I'd like to add something to what I said last week. As the liaison officer to the Sheriff's Department, I highly recommend this. I really do. I worked over there thirty years ago, these guys, these people, they work second and third shift, holidays, I highly recommend this, so I'm asking all you Councilmembers to please support this.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Well, we've discussed Shift Differential before, this Council has, the Council has since I've been on it and I think at one point we were unanimous in agreeing on it. Some of the figures have been a little different than we expected, but I support it because I think it's the right thing to do. It's a fairness issue.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion?

Councilmember Raben: I guess before I get too many people thinking there's going to be more argument for the case here, I ought to tell you, I'm going to go ahead and go for it, and my better judgement tells me not to, but I'm going to go ahead and

go for it, hopefully, because this is the last ghost from the past that's going to come back to haunt us on bad contracts. We've got new people running the Commission and I don't think we're going to see bad deals made, but...Bettye, in answer to what you were mentioning earlier, if you look right above that where it states it will be effective January first, it also states negotiations through County Commissioners and County Council, and we were never part of that negotiation. And it also says through that contract, subject to County Council's approval. So, it's really not legally binding but I'm willing to go along with it to get a bias and get on to bigger and better things.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, Mr. Raben.

President Wortman: Okay, I will inform the Council this is on the vote for additional money and it has to have five votes to pass. Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: The question I have, that was the contract that was negotiated in 1994, who found out that this was not being paid and why has it come up now? How was this initiated?

President Wortman: I guess that's directed to Mr. Ellsworth.

Brad Ellsworth: I may defer that to Mr. Whobrey, I know he hates that when I do that but it was our impression that, from the Sheriff Department's point of view that the jailers working without a contract for a period of time, and on the copy that I have that says effective January 1, '95 through December 31 of '99, was approved sometime after that with the provision in there that they were going to go back and get the shift differential and it would be retroactive back to '95. We were not made aware of a contract signed in '95 or '94, had no copies. This copy, and I've got Correction Officer Odom's, we were never provided with an updated copy of that. So we were under the impression that they were working without a contract until the negotiations went on and it was sometime ratified after that.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? If there is no other discussion, I'm going to call for a roll call vote. Madam Secretary, would you call, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: No.

**(Motion carried 5-2. Councilmembers Lloyd and Wortman opposed.)**

President Wortman: So the motion passes. Okay, we'll go to the next one there, the Jail Expense.

Councilmember Bassemier: On 2780-1530 Shift Differential \$3,200 I'll make a motion to set it in at zero because that should be paid --

President Wortman: Wait a minute, Ed. No, we've got 1051-2200 Jail Expense \$5,000.

Councilmember Bassemier: Oh, I'm sorry, we didn't take it all. Okay, let me back up. 1051-2200 Jail Expense is for \$5,000. That's in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: I have a second from Mr. Sutton. Now, any discussion on that? No discussion? I'll have a roll call vote. Madam Secretary?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?



President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1530	SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL	53,800.00	53,800.00
1051-2200	JAIL EXPENSE	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL		58,800.00	58,800.00

President Wortman: Okay, the motion passes. The County Assessor.

Councilmember Bassemier: Did you want to take that Sheriff since you've got them up here? Sheriff Misdemeanor?

President Wortman: Yeah, we could. Let's just skip the County Assessor -- hold off on that.

#### D) SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING

President Wortman: Let's turn your page to the Sheriff Misdemeanor for Housing, Mr. Bassemier, and then they can be excused and go back to work.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, on 2780-1530 Shift Differential \$3,200, I have to set that in at zero. That should be paid with grant money.

President Wortman: Okay, is there a second to that motion?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith. Okay, any discussion on that? No discussion? Madam Secretary, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: We're voting on setting it in at zero?

President Wortman: That's the grant money, see.

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Councilmember Bassemier: Shouldn't we pay with grant money?

Councilmember Raben: Right --

Councilmember Bassemier: Instead of this coming out of the General Fund, we're going to open up a can of worms if we do.

Councilmember Raben: Yes, you need to vote yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm sorry, my fault. I'll tell you what, I apologize, I'm so excited about getting that other part passed! I really worked hard on that.

President Wortman: Let's start all over --

Councilmember Hoy: It was my turn last month, Councilman Bassemier, so it's yours this month.

President Wortman: Okay, call the roll call, start off again, let's start all over.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, let me start over. 2780-1530 Shift Differential, I'll set that in at zero.

President Wortman: And I got a second from Mr. Sutton. And no discussion, additional? Now then, we know what we're voting on. There was grant money of \$80,500 and so it's being set in at zero, and, Mrs. Smith, do you have any questions?

Brad Ellsworth: Are we allowed to discuss this after this discussion, since we're standing here?

President Wortman: See, you can't exceed that grant. That's what it amounts to. You can't take it out of the General Fund.

Councilmember Lloyd: They're wanting to make a comment.

Councilmember Raben: We've already got a motion.

President Wortman: Yeah, we've already got a motion. Everything is ready to go. Call the roll.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, point of order, and that is according to parliamentary procedure, once you have a motion on the floor, that is the time for discussion, so it's appropriate for them to offer discussion at this time even though a motion is on the floor and seconded --

President Wortman: Do you want to have any more discussion?

Brad Ellsworth: Well yeah, I'd like to make one comment if I may, thank you. The grant, the portion of the grant that the Sheriff's Department receives is \$80,500, and historically, the county has been so gracious to pick up the rest; however, if we put in zero, then we're going to have to go back and either tell two people that they are not making the same amount of money that the other thirty-eight correction officers are, find an alternate way to pay which is probably what you're going to suggest to me, or the third thing is we're going to have to lay off a jailer to fall into that amount. I just wanted to make

that comment to know what our options are going to be before you vote on this.

President Wortman: You have another option, it's the Commissary Fund.

Brad Ellsworth: That's what I was suggesting that you were going to suggest and --

President Wortman: That's right, that's right. I mean, that's an option. That's up to you.

Brad Ellsworth: That's up to the Sheriff.

President Wortman: The state gets two grants. One for the Circuit Court, and they live within their means and the Sheriff. They both get equal, \$80,500. And I can check with legal counsel, is that a possibility that the General Fund cannot fund exceeding the grant?

Jeff Ahlers: It is up to the Council to decide what they wish to do. There is nothing that says the Council has to fund any excess over that from the General Fund.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President? I asked our legal counsel last week about -- I want to make sure we're legal in not granting this. I think we are legal, but we asked you to research that last week because I don't want to violate county policy. I don't think we are, but that was our question to you. Did you get that for us?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah. I guess what I just told you was that it's up to this Council to decide whether or not it wants to fund this. There's nothing that says that they have to make an appropriation out of the General Fund for any excesses that the Sheriff may have gone over the grant. Now as far as with regard to some questions that I had asked Mr. Ellsworth, I didn't receive any additional information from the Sheriff's Department, but just with regard to how that fund operates, there's nothing that says that this Council has to fund it and it's completely your choice whether you decide to do it or not to do it.

Councilmember Hoy: That I understand, I just -- I don't want us to vote something and then find out that we're illegal, that's all.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, at the same time, I think along the same lines, the issue needs to be raised about if we're talking about staff or personnel and if one group is getting paid less than another group that grades equally with the other group, the unaffected group, are we getting into a job study compensation issue here by not funding this particular request today? Someone has a particular grade, X number of time on the job, then they are due a certain amount of compensation just by virtue of what our job study says. If we don't do that and you've got someone who is getting paid less than what they are legally required to get, what issues are we raising here?

Councilmember Raben: I'm confident that the Sheriff's Department

is probably going to do the right thing here anyway, but again, this thing is not Greek to the county. We've got a similar situation even with the United Way, where that's funded fifty/fifty. Those people are hired in with the understanding that you have employment as long as there is grant monies available. So we addressed that with you folks last week. Another question is, we had also asked for the Commissary account balances, did...

Brad Ellsworth: I think the Sheriff responded to Mr. Wortman with registered mail for that, and I think they're working on producing that. Did you get that correspondence yet?

President Wortman: No sir. Not yet. I'm assuming I would be getting that.

Brad Ellsworth: Probably very shortly. The letter was written, I saw it and it will be forthcoming very, very soon.

President Wortman: See, what happens if we don't get it, I check with the state, they do the auditing, they will process it to the state capitol, then in turn process it back and then we will have it in August. Probably, I guess, they get it one way or another, but it would be nice if he could present that, it would kind of help us on our budget process.

Brad Ellsworth: But are we in agreement that those documents were received within the letter of the law when they were mailed during those respective years? There's no question that they were received by the president of the County Council when they were due over the last two or three or however many years? Are we saying that you just don't have a copy or -- we presented that within the law in '94 and '95.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman? Ms. Jerrel is back there and she held her hand up, she could probably answer that question. I don't know whether you saw her or not.

President Wortman: Mrs. Jerrel, would you step forward, please?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Bettye Lou Jerrel, County Commissioner. Are you saying that the documents were mailed last year to the president, the Commissary report?

Brad Ellsworth: Right, I was informed that you all received the Commissary reports when they were due.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: The last report we received was in 1994. We didn't receive any in '95 or '96.

President Wortman: Yeah, my request was for --

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, we got one in '95 --

President Wortman: You're out of order.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I've never seen one for '95. We didn't get one last year for '96.

President Wortman: My letter stated '95 and '96, is what it did.

But I'm sure Mr. Hamner, you know...

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes, Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: The two years I was president of this Council, the Sheriff did present those two years, the Commissary report, and that was shared with this Council. Last year, I believe that's correct, it was not shared. I don't remember it.

Brad Ellsworth: My boss told me he provided it and he said he would do it by registered mail from now on so that the Council president would sign for it to prove that fact, I'll just relay that information.

President Wortman: Well, I'll give Mr. Hamner a call to kind of discuss.

Brad Ellsworth: Can I ask one more question on the discussion? Would this also involve then, next year, say you all appropriate a three percent raise for all county employees, does that mean that these two employees would not be included in that raise and that we would be expected to pick up the three percent raise out of Commissary or whatever fund we do? Is this for now and forever more that these people work for this, they're not included in raises or anything like that since they're under the grant?

President Wortman: Well, I think that -- do you want to answer that Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: Mr. Ellsworth, my understanding is that fund is not supposed to operate in the red and so whenever we start having budget hearings for the 1998 budget, we need to make sure that it's constructed so that we don't run in to this kind of problem again, because my understanding is that fund cannot be operated in the red so funds are going to have to come from somewhere.

Brad Ellsworth: And the grant was \$80,500 when we started, you all are funding -- what is the amount, \$121,000? Then do we look for that to be cut out, too?

President Wortman: Mrs, the Auditor?

Suzanne Crouch: We did a little research in the office, and I don't know if all the Councilmembers got it, I only brought one copy, but I did mail a copy to Sheriff Hamner, and that started in 1986, the grant, the \$80,500. You had enough money, cash balance, at the beginning of every year to fund over \$80,500. It looks like this is the first year where you could potentially be in trouble and not have enough money, so that account cannot run in the red by the end of the year and next year, unless you're going to have additional monies come in, which I don't think you will, you can only appropriate, or budget, \$80,500 in that account. Then, the others that you're talking about, the shift differential, etc., would have to be picked up or budgeted either in the General Fund or whatever, Commissary, whatever other source you all decide. But there was enough cash carryover at the beginning of every year that you were able to

budget more than the grant and this is the first year where it's kind of running out.

President Wortman: Would you want a copy of that, send you a copy of that?

Brad Ellsworth: If the Sheriff has got it, we can get it.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, since Mr. Bassemier is the liaison officer, he may (inaudible - microphone not on) at zero, but couldn't they come back if they run short rather than be in the red later on in the year?

President Wortman: I think that could be worked out and discussed then.

Councilmember Smith: If you've got \$80,500 and then you're running short to come back at that time because (inaudible - microphone not on).

President Wortman: The Auditor, do you want to comment?

Suzanne Crouch: The only thing is you couldn't come back for an appropriation within this fund, but perhaps in the General Fund or the Commissary or whatever.

President Wortman: Mr Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: As you can see, Brad, it's hard for me to put that in at zero, but I'm afraid we're going to open up a can of worms in the other departments.

Brad Ellsworth: That's up to this Council, you do what you gotta do.

Councilmember Bassemier: I apologize to these guys out here, but I'm so happy to see the other part pass.

Brad Ellsworth: We'll work it out one way or the other.

President Wortman: Okay, we've had our discussion and now then we're ready for a roll call vote. Madam Secretary, would you call the roll?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)**

SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2780-1530	SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL	3,200.00	-0-
TOTAL		3,200.00	-0-

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Brad and Tana.

### C) ASSESSOR

President Wortman: Next will be the County Assessor and that will be Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. I move that we approve 1090-1990 in the amount of \$4,000.

President Wortman: And I got a second from Mr. Hoy. Mr. Raben made the motion, so any discussion on this? I don't see any and so we'll have a roll call, please, Madam Secretary.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, it's unanimous.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1090-1990	EXTRA HELP	4,000.00	4,000.00
TOTAL		4,000.00	4,000.00

**D) PIGEON ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Now we go to Pigeon Township Assessor, Mrs. Smith, please.

Councilmember Smith: Last Wednesday I explained this and they do need those, it saves a lot of time, so I recommend a due pass.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith made a motion and do I hear a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd gave the second. Any discussion? Those are rental and I think he probably told you, too, Mrs. Smith, that if something happens he would turn them in when he's through with them if --

Councilmember Raben: I just have one thing to ask. We need to be careful on stuff like pagers, and I've run into this in my own business. While the lease agreement may sound cheap, I don't know what we do in the event that any of these are lost because they are considerably more than that when you have to purchase them. I mean, I don't know what he does or what he plans to do to make the people that carry these responsible, but --

Councilmember Smith: The men are out in the field working and they report back in to him so other than that they have to go to a pay phone somewhere.

Councilmember Raben: Right, two hundred dollars doesn't seem like a lot until they lose one and you have to replace it.

Councilmember Smith: That's for two of them.

Councilmember Raben: Right, but I mean that's --

Councilmember Sutton: I imagine they would be personally responsible for them if they lost them.

Councilmember Raben: Im curious if he's --

President Wortman: I'd say the Assessor would be because he's responsible, he's been doing the purchase -- okay, any other questions?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, yeah, some of those contracts carry an insurance policy with them. We don't use pagers anymore at our place because they're a waste of money for us but



we did, and ours were insured if somebody lost one. So, it's a very small amount to pay.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? If not, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. It's unanimous.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1150-3160	RADIOS/PAGERS	204.00	204.00
TOTAL		204.00	204.00

**E) CO-OP EXTENSION**

President Wortman: Co-Op Extension, and that will be Betty.

Councilmember Smith: The director is here. He wasn't here last week, he was out of town so he's here to answer any questions.

President Wortman: Yeah, the two young ladies came up. Do I have a motion to that effect first to get it on the floor?

Councilmember Smith: I'll make a motion for a due pass.

President Wortman: Okay, Betty, and do I have a second, anybody?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Lloyd. The two young ladies came up and explained it pretty well on that, travel was a little high, but otherwise, if there's no more discussion I'll call for a roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. That was unanimous. Thank you, Mr. Campbell.

Jim Campbell: That was on -- there were two appropriations.

President Wortman: Yes sir. Thank you.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)**

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1230-1990	EXTRA HELP	902.00	902.00
1230-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	4,000.00	4,000.00
TOTAL		4,902.00	4,902.00

**F) VETERANS SERVICE**

President Wortman: Veterans Service, and that will be Betty Knight, again.

Councilmember Smith: They increased the rent in the Old Courthouse and the office machine is for a printer for the computer that they gave them out of the Council office, so they have no control over the rent, and the printer is \$450, so that's what it's all about. Motion for a due pass.

President Wortman: That's in the form of a motion, do I have a

second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Lloyd, alright.

Councilmember Raben: Question, this pertains to the rent. I don't really see it fit that we pay more rent. I mean, you know, we're giving them monies for heating one year, air conditioning the next year, all type of capital improvements that they've done over there. I don't really see it fitting that they charge us more rent.

Councilmember Smith: I really don't either, Jim, but they increased it for every one of them over there and I think it's because of the utilities and I don't think we have any choice but to pay it or move out because they have a ninety-nine year contract over there.

Councilmember Raben: Again, I can see it for the private sector that's in there, but a county office...I'll certainly remember this the next time they come to us for some repair money.

Councilmember Smith: I think maybe we want to ask the Commissioners to check into it because I think they're going to increase all the rent.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, Mrs. Smith is right about why the rent has increased. I'm on the board of a couple of organizations that are in there that are not county organizations and the utilities, SIGECO has gone up 40% and in defense of the Old Courthouse, I think it would behoove us before we get too critical to look at the budget they operate under and it's a pretty tight budget. Also, I think the rent rates are much less than they are many other places. They may not be, but I would like to see us check that first before we get too critical because yes, we have voted air conditioning money for the third floor and yes, we voted money for the first floor, but I would remind Council that in doing so, we are improving the chances of renting that space. That building is not just a building, it is a community asset because of what it is and the funds we vote for central air conditioning not only make it more attractive but they keep the sills from rotting out and a few other things over there. It's not just like dealing with anything, it's a community treasure and I would like for us also to look at the square footage rent because I think it may come out to be a whole lot more reasonable than other places. Thank you.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, when I sat on the City Council we appropriated a lot of money for different things over there and I don't think there's anybody in this city that wants to see that Old Courthouse go down and we use a lot of federal money to upgrade it, that and Willard Library. So the increase for the utilities, that isn't a whole lot, but like I said, if there's a question then I think the County Commissioners need to check into it.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? If not, we'll have a roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion carried 6-1. Councilmember Raben opposed.)

VETERANS SERVICES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1270-3600	RENT	675.00	675.00
1270-3930	OTHER CONTRACTUAL	104.00	104.00
1270-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	450.00	450.00
TOTAL		1,229.00	1,229.00

G) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

President Wortman: Okay, turn your page to page two, County Commissioners. Mr. Lloyd, would you take that for me, please?

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, account 1300-2690 Demolition, I make a motion for \$15,000, 1300-3190 Solid Waste a motion for \$2,000, 1330-3841 Daylight Sewer Project \$1,050,000. I make a motion for all three of those.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion? If there's no discussion, I'll have a roll call vote.

Councilmember Sutton: I did have a question on the Demolition

and I think last week we had a couple of questions about the progress on the state law and the cost that we're incurring there and if there are any changes that might be taking place that allows us to move some of those properties along a lot swifter than what we have seen because they have been stalled, I guess, here for quite a while. We've got quite a surplus of properties here.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: That's probably two different issues because the demolition isn't -- it's what's been deemed unsafe and have to be torn down. But you asked the question about the properties and the law requires -- has to bring up to date examinations of the properties through the Recorder's Office and have the deeds updated, the abstracts and be able to move them along. And yes, I think you will see a sale, it will probably be advertised in August and take place in the fall and we have about a hundred and seventy-five pieces of property. Of that hundred and seventy-five, there could probably be maybe seventy-five of them ready and we're working to that. And that will be as soon as we can do it. These demolitions were properties that were a danger to leave standing and the city does the inspections because they are within the city boundaries and they deemed that they were coming down and they do it, and then they send us a bill. We do have additional bills because they have had to tear down other properties since this was filed.

Councilmember Sutton: Once those properties are demolished, Commissioner, are we still charged with the upkeep, mowing the grass and things like that, and we're charged for that as well?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Now, I know once upon a time we hit a little snag about a year and a half or two years ago in moving some of the properties and making them available for non-profit organizations and are we still pretty much at the same stance, is there any progress?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I think that's what I said a minute ago, we're really trying to move these so that they will be available for Commissioner's sales this fall. And, of course, I think that would be wonderful for anybody to take them that would upgrade them. The empty ground, I guess, we might get some offers from neighbors if they're cleaned up just to take them over.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President -- go ahead, Commissioner.

President Wortman: Mr. Mourdock, state your --

Richard Mourdock: I was just going to add to --

President Wortman: Your name and where --

Richard Mourdock: Richard Mourdock, with the County Commission.

President Wortman: Thank you.

Richard Mourdock: Your point raises a good one. There was a state law, and maybe that's the state law you referred to in

your very first question, but that seems to be getting ironed out not only with the way we in Vanderburgh County have handled properties, but the way it's being done by all the Commissions in the state basically because of some notice requirements. There was hesitation to convey title for fear that the process wasn't properly being followed and then the title, even though we sold it, could somehow revert back to us or actually to the original owner. So yeah, that has been worked through and I think we're a lot better off than we were. It's been kind of a painful thing waiting a year but we're just about there. Good question.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a comment. Yes, thank you. To Mr. Sutton, one of the problems in one of these pieces of property is very near to me, like next door. It's a twenty-five foot lot and there is nothing a charity can do with it. You can't build on it, it's not eligible to even be a parking lot, so I don't know how many are in that category, but I know of several that are and that's why some charities haven't picked up on them is because what would you do with it. They are really --

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Let me just read this to you because it's just a little update and Judge Dietsch ruled that the county must provide the same notification as any other tax sale purchaser, that's kind of what got us into this and we're waiting the decision as to whether the '97 properties will have to undergo two tax sales or if the county can just proceed with the notification procedure. We're waiting to hear that.

Councilmember Hoy: Meanwhile, we've got to mow them.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion?

Councilmember Lloyd: I know we had talked last week on this and it's just kind of a pay as you go (inaudible - microphone not on) but you really can't tell what this expense is going to be until you have properties that (inaudible).

Councilmember Raben: There's one thing I'd like to see us do as a county, though, if somehow during the slow months for the Garage, that our own garage could tear some of these properties down, haul away the rubble and whatnot, save us probably considerably.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: The city usually has a bid on this if I'm not mistaken.

Richard Mourdock: Yeah, that's right. And I think the principal reason for that is one of liability because the accident rates at these types of sites has historically been pretty high. Also, there's always the risk of some kind of asbestos or those types of materials and that's one reason why the liability sometimes is better out there on the distance rather than using our own folks, but again, it's a worthy suggestion and I'd like to find a way to better utilize some of the folks at the Garage during the slow season, at least the very maintenance of them. It's a good thought.

Councilmember Hoy: And I would support what Commissioner Mourdock said. Again, the lot next to me had two rotten trees.

The county did fell those trees, did it safely. There's also a cistern on that property which is subject to cave in, again, you're dealing with very old properties and some things under ground that we're not sure about what's there.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else? If not, I'll call for a roll call. Would you call the roll, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Unanimous.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-2690	DEMOLITION	15,000.00	15,000.00
1300-3190	SOLID WASTE DISP.	2,000.00	2,000.00
1300-3841	DAYLIGHT SEWER PROJECT	1,050,000.00	1,050,000.00
TOTAL		1,067,000.00	1,067,000.00

H) RIVER BOAT

President Wortman: Now, the next is the River Boat. Mr. Lloyd, would you take that, please?

Councilmember Lloyd: Under River Boat, account 1490-3110 \$635,255, account number 1490-3111 \$635,255, account 1490-3112 \$635,256. The first one is Economic Development, the second one is Welfare to Work, and the third one is Infrastructure/Drainage. I make a motion to approve all those.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Raben. Any discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I see Mrs. Jerrel is at the microphone and I think the Commissioners are aware of my questions, my question concerning 1490-3110 Economic Development, and 14 -- I have some questions about all three actually. But Economic Development and Infrastructure/Drainage, are those specifically for Burkhardt Road or are those for other projects or what? On the paperwork we received there was no indication.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I can answer a little bit of that and then Commissioner Mourdock can complete it. On the information regarding the Burkhardt, on the first page, we did indicate that we would use the infrastructure for Burkhardt Road, the Economic Development is the account that all of you really tried for six years to get so that we would be in a position of knowing what we had to spend when DMD and Vision 2000 or any other groups like the Chamber of Commerce are trying to lure businesses, that they would be able to have a reasonable idea of the offers rather than make an offer and there was no money in place, so this account was recommended by Council almost every year and it was recommended in the minutes and approved unanimously last August. So that will be for Economic Development efforts.

Councilmember Hoy: My point on that, okay, Infrastructure/Drainage is for Burkhardt?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, that was not on the original paperwork that we had and well, I'm not very supportive of that project but at least I know what it's for. And Economic Development, my feeling is this, Council may differ and probably will, but we've already isolated this money for Economic Development and I would prefer that we keep it isolated and then vote it out as we see the projects come along rather than just vote it over. I hope the Commissioners don't consider that a reflection upon you all, but I feel like it's an affirmation of the checks and balances between Commissioners and Council, which are why we were set up.

**Tape changed at 4:20 p.m.**

Councilmember Hoy: Since all three are on deck here, I'll go ahead and make my comments on Welfare to Work. Something I would like to see us do with some of the transportation money, and I'm wondering if this is possible, I think it is, I've got the document here, it looks like it is. It would seem to me that one wise move might be to confer with the city on transportation in terms of extending some bus lines, you know, I don't want to spend a whole lot of money on a feasibility study because I think we have enough of those probably sitting around, blow the dust off them and take another look at them. But transportation is a crucial issue and another crucial issue is, of course, is in the child care and may I assume that's a possibility or may I not assume that, Mr. Mourdock.



Richard Mourdock: First of all, I'm not sure I'm with you. Are you asking, are parts or will parts of the Welfare To Work money be used for transportation and child care? If that's the question, the answer is absolutely and emphatically, yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, I know that. My question about transportation is, in your estimation, I guess the first question is, in your estimation, might we be able to use some transportation money with the city to extend bus lines which might be -- is that permissible and would you consider it?

Richard Mourdock: Speaking as one member of the County Commission, would I consider that? Absolutely. I happen to bring up, and I couldn't agree with you more on the idea about the feasibility studies. I know there's a movement afoot right now to do another feasibility study. I know the city, or at least I understand the city is committing to do money toward that. At last Wednesday's Welfare to Work Council meeting, since there's a group of citizens who have very much driven this whole process, I brought that question to their attention. How would they feel if, in fact, funds from what we were looking at as transportation would be used in the feasibility study. They also somewhat agreed with our position, yours and mine, which is rather than study it let's start to really deal with it.

Councilmember Sutton: I think, Councilman Hoy, a little bit -- the Welfare to Work process has gone really well, very smoothly, but really as a component of the Welfare to Work plan and process, there isn't a piece at this time that would allocate dollars toward a public transportation extension out into whatever area, east side, north side, or whatever you might be looking at. There isn't anything in that plan at this time that allows for that. The way the funds will be distributed will be through some network, some source that will distribute those funds. If they choose or decide to allocate part of what they have toward transportation, they could do that. I don't think that will likely be the case. The funds will more than likely go toward specific, to benefit specific families and individuals who then, in turn, can use those monies for transportation.

Richard Mourdock: But if I may build on that for a moment, let's assume we're down the road and we find out that a large part of that money that we're spending through this account is being used for out in the county transportation, I think we would be very ill served if we didn't sit back, scratch our heads and say wait a minute, how can we get a better bang for our buck? Maybe, in fact, then putting that somehow in the extension of buses into the county might be the way to do it.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President? Two comments, and thank you, Mr. Sutton. I appreciate that because I know you've worked hard on this and I appreciate the hard work that's gone into it. I'm not opposed -- I wish these were in three different votes to be honest with you because I would vote yes on this one. Two things I would like to see instead of maybe waiting to see what happens is to sit down and look at the situation and see if maybe we could connect with city transportation. The second thing is, while I would not support a lot of money on a feasibility study, I have a notion that there are some local research firms who might assist us for a very small amount of

money. I don't want to mention a specific firm because we don't do commercials here, but I know of two who are excellent and they're much more reasonable than Dallas, Texas is and other places like that which we've experienced as community. So I don't want to go on record as being totally opposed to spending some money, but I just don't want to spend like 60,000 or something like that just to say that we have an expensive firm from 800 miles away do the study.

Richard Mourdock: And I don't mean to belabor the point, but I think the real gist of your question is, is the Commission aware that this is an issue, and I will tell you two times in the last five weeks we have had a citizen or several citizens come to a County Commission meeting talking about this very issue. In my twenty-eight months in the Commission, not that that's been a long period of time, but that's the only time that's happened. And I think a lot of that is because of the economic development. Certainly the example given Monday night was specifically that, that it's because of the economic development out in the county and this is starting to be more and more of a problem.

Councilmember Hoy: That answers my question, Mr. President. I'd just like to make sure it's on record and I appreciate your work on this, too.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, my question is, I think two-thirds of the request are very clear to us in terms of what they're -- Burkhardt Road, obviously, for the Infrastructure/Drainage segment; the Welfare to Work, that's pretty obvious there; but the Economic Development piece there, there really isn't a lot of clear definition of how the funds will be used, when they will be used and I guess before we begin to allocate the monies in that direction, I don't know if there are some plans that are already in motion that are about to take hold that these funds will be needed for, but before we begin to allocate those funds, if we don't really have anything before us right now as the other two, we already have something, if we don't have anything is it really necessary for us to begin to really appropriate those funds if the funds are not really needed at this time?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: There are two reasons, Mr. Sutton. One of them is yes, we are looking at some things right now, and Council would be very much involved when we get to the dollar and cents amount. But we don't have a feel, we want to be able to know what we're talking about. It was kind of like Council always found out that a large amount of money had been promised by a group and didn't have any input into the amount, and what we're trying to do is to have an amount and have some parameters to work within for whatever comes before us that is worthwhile, but we would never agree and appropriate money from this line item without informing all of Council first, but yes to your question. Yes, we are working but most of those issues are confidential issues. When you're bargaining with other people in other counties and other states -- but we would inform you. And yes, we are.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I would like to make a request

of Councilman Lloyd that made the motion and I'd like to request you consider, Mr. Lloyd, splitting the motion up into three parts and letting us vote on each section rather than voting on all three at the same time. I would appreciate that if you would consider that.

Richard Mourdock: While Mr. Lloyd is considering that, may I come back to Councilman Sutton's question because I think my answer may have some bearing on how you look at that and how each of you looks at it, not just as a group. The other reason I think it's very important that we go ahead and fund this line item at this point is because what this Council does and what our Commission does is send a message every time we meet about some subject. I think it's very, very important that for potential businesses that are looking to locate into this county that we can say to them as part of an incentive package, even though we may not have a specific dollar amount in mind at this time, and we don't, that we can say look, we have allocated money in the budget, we're serious about doing this. The Commissioners have this approved in their budget. Certainly, as Bettye Lou said, all of you would be informed as the time comes how the money will be used. But we have to, I think, really start sending the message because there's been, quite honestly, too many mixed signals from the county. And I'm not saying the County Council, I'm saying from the county which is both sides (Inaudible) we committed to real economic development. And I think this line item can help send that message.

Councilmember Sutton: I think when we put this line item in, Commissioner, we were very serious about economic development and have every intention of seeing whatever progress can be made to improve, whatever chances we have of attracting potential businesses here. But I think, a suggestion in terms of the process, we don't want to get our cart before the horse here. I think if we've got some things in the works, I think that's tremendous, I think that's good news. But at this time, we don't really have a request before us for a specific need and I think that's more of the point. Right now, we know specifically how much money can be allocated. The point is more so, do we need to allocate it right now and is it just at a period that we really have anything? And besides, the time that it takes for us to allocate funds, a month, it doesn't take much time to get that there, so any commitments that we might have out there to potential companies out there, you know what you've got. You know what you have to work with.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, that's, Mr. Sutton has made the point, we as a Council, we have already agreed that this one third be for economic development, period. All I want to do is to be able to see what it's for. I think that's fair to the Council. I don't think we send a mixed message because we've already sent three messages. One, that a third of the money would be for Economic Development; two, a third for Welfare to Work; and three, Infrastructure. We have voted that. We are on record as supporting that. I want to see the specifics on paper and I just think that's part of checks and balances in county government. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Maybe I'm confused. I don't really see where the difference is between the Economic Development request and the Welfare to Work request because right now with the

Welfare to Work all we have is several desires or ideas, but that \$600,000 is not being committed to any certain projects yet either, has it?

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Raben, that Welfare to Work is really moving swiftly along and they already have RFP's already out, ready to go. That process is very much in motion. That's not something that's conceptual, it's very much in motion right now.

Councilmember Hoy: Plus you have the blue notebook here that has the whole Welfare to Work plan in it which --

President Wortman: Okay, we have a motion on the floor and a second, and is there any more discussion?

Councilmember Lloyd: You know the Economic Development (inaudible - microphone not on) - when they were looking at alternate sites and you just don't know, and you have to try to keep it quiet and businesses don't want their names splashed around with this kind of stuff and to have this money in that account would just be -- it would be available for road improvements in a certain area if you need to do that or possibly other things, to get large companies to come in it would be an advantage to the county. There may be a number of businesses that have talked to the Commissioners, I don't know, but I don't think in a public meeting that should be brought out because some of them, you could scare them away.

President Wortman: You got anything to add, Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes sir. Mr. Lloyd, every project we've worked on, and notably Azteca, the Council was informed of every step along the way. We were brought along with that project and I'm going to sound critical here and I guess I'll just have to, when I write checks I always know what that check specifically is going for and I don't believe that just voting a blank check -- because once we do this, Council, once you vote this money today, you will not necessarily have to vote on it again. The Commissioners may bring it in, but if we turn this over to the Commissioners it could be like anything in your budget. Now if that's not what is going to happen, that would put a different light on it, but if this is, you know, is going to be like an item in your budget where the cash is there, then you don't have to come back and ask us to write a check.

Richard Mourdock: If I may respond --

Councilmember Sutton: And the Council has been divided on economic development related issues. American Cold Storage is a prime example of that. If a company like American Cold Storage comes to request monies in this line we no longer have the ability to control those funds. Those funds can be allocated out of that line item. We don't have a say in that. We retain that say if we don't put anything in that line item. It doesn't mean we would be against economic development-wise, it's just we no longer have the ability to talk about those.

President Wortman: Let's move on. Mr. Mourdock, you've got --

Richard Mourdock: Yeah, I'll just add one, perhaps, closing comment although I'm never sure. I'll give you my word, Councilman Hoy and Mr. Sutton, that before any specific monies...well, your, what I'll call your nightmare scenario of a moment ago, Phil, where we just start writing checks without this Council being aware of it to specific projects without you being aware of it, you have my word that won't happen. I intend to come back in here when we have a specific project when the time is right. Obviously, we can't negotiate at a microphone but as far as looking at the specific line item request, for what it's worth, and I hope something, you have my word we'll come back to you and --

Councilmember Hoy: I would like to make the request one more time, I didn't hear an answer yes or no from Mr. Lloyd. I would like to request that you rephrase your motion into three parts and that's up to you.

Councilmember Lloyd: I appreciate the concern (inaudible - microphone not on).

President Wortman: Alright. No other discussion? We're going to have a roll call vote. Would you proceed, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: The roll call vote is fine, but we want to know first, are we voting on it individually or are we voting on it as a whole?

President Wortman: As a whole, Mrs. Smith, all three.

Councilmember Smith: I think it should be broken up, so I'll vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Obviously, I'm very supportive of the Welfare to Work initiatives and what's been going on there and I like the work -- Commissioner Mourdock has done a superb job there and so many others. I don't want to see that stalled, I want to see that move forward and though I voted against the Burkhardt Road project, that's water under the bridge, that needs to proceed forward as well, but I really want to retain that Economic Development piece until we are ready to go on that. Against really my better judgement I'm going to go ahead and vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes, so it's five to two.

(Motion carried 5-2. Councilmembers Hoy and Smith opposed.)

RIVER BOAT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1490-3110	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	635,255.00	635,255.00
1490-3111	WELFARE TO WORK	635,255.00	635,255.00

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1490-3112	INFRASTRUCTURE/ DRAINAGE	635,256.00	635,256.00
TOTAL		1,905,766.00	1,905,766.00

TRANSFERS
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A) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

President Wortman: Alright, we'll move right on to the transfers and the first is the County Commissioners. On that, we'll take them individually. Mr. Lloyd, would you want to proceed with that, please?

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, on the County Commissioners transfer from account 1300-3610 Legal Services to 1300-3460 Consultant \$5,658.24, I would make a motion to approve that.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Raben. Okay, any discussion on that? If not, we'll have a roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1300-3610	LEGAL SERVICES	5,658.24	5,658.24
TO: 1300-3460	CONSULTANT	5,658.24	5,658.24

B) LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

President Wortman: We'll proceed with Local Roads & Streets.  
Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Transfer from accounts 2160-4827 Lynch Road Extension; 2160-4827 Lynch Road Extension to 2160-4927 Green River Road; 2160-4310 Road Equipment, the amount transferred would be \$38,062 and \$12,000. I will make a motion to approve those.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded. Any discussion? No discussion, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2160-4827	LYNCH ROAD EXT.	38,062.00	38,062.00
2160-4827	LYNCH ROAD EXT.	12,000.00	12,000.00
TO: 2160-4927	GREEN RIVER ROAD S.	38,062.00	38,062.00
2160-4310	ROAD EQUIPMENT	12,000.00	12,000.00

C) CLERK

President Wortman: Okay, we'll go to the Clerk. Mr. Lloyd, would you proceed with that please?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move that 1010-1630 in the amount of \$1,778 be moved to account 1010-1620 in the amount of \$1,778.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Smith: Question. We eliminated that position, I think it was in March, the line item 1010-1620. Are we opening that line item back up? That was eliminated at that time. We did away with a full-time employee and put the money in part-time accounts, so that 1620 has been eliminated.

David Bryne: Yes, David Byrne, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Courts. This is to complete the payout to Mr. Blesch who was a full-time employee and so technically yes, it was eliminated but he has not been removed for purposes of PERF and insurance. So this is to complete the buy out.

Councilmember Smith: Alright, thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mrs. Smith. Okay, any other discussion? No other discussion, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.



Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1010-1630	ASST. CHIEF DEPUTY/ ELECTIONS	1,778.00	1,778.00
TO: 1010-1620	BOND & FINE CLERK	1,778.00	1,778.00

REPEALS
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A) LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

President Wortman: Now we'll go to the Repeals. Mr. Lloyd, would you take the repeals, please?

Councilmember Lloyd: The repeal, account 2160-4827 Lynch Road Extension \$250,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Okay, any discussion on the repeal? Shouldn't be any. Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2160-4827	LYNCH ROAD EXT.	250,000.00	250,000.00
TOTAL		250,000.00	250,000.00

APPROVAL OF SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

President Wortman: Now we'll go to approval of the Salary Ordinance Amendment and, Mr. Raben, would you take that, please?

Councilmember Raben: I would be glad to. We'll take A through G. First, I would move that we set, under the Sheriff/Jail, that we set in as the appropriation was approved in the amount of \$53,800. Under B, Assessor, set in as appropriation was approved in the amount of \$4,000, approval to pay one additional part-time person at the rate of \$7/per hour. Then we go to C which is Co-op Extension, set in as approved at \$902. Sheriff Misdemeanor line 2780-1530 Shift Differential set in at zero. E, Clerk, set in transfer as approved. F, Community Corrections line 136.1-1140, we should delete listed at Comot IV and insert in place Union Agreement. In line 136.1-1150 delete Comot III and insert Union Agreement. That's V, I'm sorry. Let me go back to the prior one, the 136.1-1140, that should be delete Comot V and insert Union Agreement. Line 136.1-1180, delete Comot VI, insert Union Agreement. Line 136.1-1300, delete Pat V, insert Union Agreement. Supplemental Adult Probation: we have 260.0-1390, 260.0-1400, 260.0-1440, should also be deleted and set in as Union Agreement. Misdemeanor Offender: 276.0-1110, delete and insert in Union Agreement; 276.0-1120 delete, insert in Union Agreement. And last is County Highway, pay one part-time summer employee at the rate of \$7/per hour. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, we've got a motion and a second. Any discussion on those items? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: On those changes, additions, subtractions, is there a way we can get a copy of that maybe prior to the

meeting because it's kind of hard to follow all of that --

President Wortman: Mrs. Deig, can you --

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible - microphone not on) -- it's just a corrected salary ordinance (inaudible).

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Wortman: Any more discussion? No discussion, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes, but I feel like we should have a copy of that, too, because when you're reading it off we haven't got anything to go by and it kind of gives us something to look at, too. Thank you.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)**

#### **AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE**

JAIL	1051-1530	SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL	53,800.00
ASSESSOR	1090-1990	EXTRA HELP	4,000.00 1 @7.00/hr.
CO-OP EXTENSION	1230-1990	EXTRA HELP	902.00
SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR	2780-1530	SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL	-0-
CLERK	FROM:1010-1630 TO: 1010-1620	ASST CHIEF DEP/ELECTION BOND & FINE CLERK	1,778.00 1,778.00
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	136.1-1140	SECRETARY DELETE COMOT V INSERT UNION AGREEMENT	
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	136.1-1150	INTAKE CLERK DELETE COMOT III INSERT UNION AGREEMENT	
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	136.1-1180	ADMINISTRATIVE ASST DELETE COMOT VI INSERT UNION AGREEMENT	
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	136.1-1300	COUNSELOR DELETE PAT V INSERT UNION AGREEMENT	
SUPP. ADULT PROBATION	260.0-1390	AISP/DISP CASEWORKER DELETE COMOT V INSERT UNION AGREEMENT	
SUPP. ADULT PROBATION	260.0-1400	QUALIFIED MED. AIDE DELETE COMOT IV INSERT UNION AGREEMENT	
SUPP. ADULT PROBATION	260.0-1440	MEDICAL ASSISTANT DELETE COMOT IV INSERT UNION AGREEMENT	
MISD. OFFENDER	276.0-1110	COOK DELETE 0 INSERT UNION AGREEMENT	
MISD. OFFENDER	276.0-1120	GUARD DELETE 0 INSERT UNION AGREEMENT	
COUNTY HIGHWAY	2010-1990	EXTRA HELP PART-TIME SUMMER EMPLOYEE	1 @ 7.00/hr

Councilmember Raben: You would have been real worried had I voted no, wouldn't you.

Councilmember Hoy: Worried, but not surprised, Jim.

Sandie Deig: I know we (Inaudible - microphone not on).

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Mrs. Deig.

<b>OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS</b>
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**A) HOMESTEAD TAX CREDIT**

President Wortman: Any old business to come before the Council? If not, we'll proceed into the new business and A will be the Homestead Tax at eight percent. Would you take that, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I would be glad to. I would move that we approve.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and a second from Mr. Hoy, and Mr. Raben made the motion. So if no discussion on that, everybody understands it, so we'll have a roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**B) PRELIMINARY TAX ABATEMENT - REPLAS, INC.**

President Wortman: Now we'll go to the tax abatement, Replas. Would you step forward and state your name and where you're from.

Mike Robling: Mike Robling, Department of Metropolitan Development. You have before you today a preliminary tax

abatement resolution that would designate property located at 15000 Highway 41 North. This is a thirty acre parcel just north of PPG Industries. Replas is a local plastic resin extruder and compounder and is planning to consolidate its local manufacturing operations and corporate offices to this facility, to this Highway 41 location. In addition to consolidation, the company plans to expand its production capability to meet new customer demands. As the first phase of this project, they will construct a 100,000 square foot facility including manufacturing warehouse, laboratory and office space with a rail spur and needed roads. Phase two will include construction of a 10,000 square foot corporate office complex. They project that their investment in the real estate improvements will be approximately 7.7 million dollars. They also plan to acquire and install new equipment in this facility at a cost of 1.8 million dollars. They currently employ ninety-eight full-time and five part-time employees with an annual payroll of 3.2 million. They plan to hire forty-nine new full-time employees and five part-time upon completion of the project and an additional eighteen full-time and three part-time within five years. These additional sixty-seven employees will increase the payroll by a projected 2.5 million dollars. The Department of Metropolitan Development recommends approval of Replas' tax abatement designation. Kirk Wright and several other members of -- employees of Replas are here if you have any other questions.

President Wortman: We have a representative from the Chamber of Commerce and also the gentleman from Replas here if there's any questions that you want to ask him.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman? How many years is this for, Mike?

Mike Robling: As an industrial project it would be for ten years.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Who owns the property at this time? Do you all own the property or --

Kirk Wright: This is Kirk Wright with Replas. The property is owned by Curt Huber.

Councilmember Hoy: And I know your office is on North Main, that's correct, isn't it?

Kirk Wright: That is correct.

Councilmember Hoy: Main and Virginia.

Kirk Wright: Right, North Main and Virginia.

Councilmember Hoy: The current plant is...

Kirk Wright: Is at 9 North Kentucky Avenue, which is Kentucky and...

President Wortman: Any other questions you want to ask, anybody?

Councilmember Sutton: I was wondering if the others had some additional information. Those that came and joined us. We don't often get a lot of people come join us at the Council, they know if they had something they wanted to say, add to information we might have about this application?

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I know you had communicated to the Chamber (Inaudible - microphone not on) that, I guess you had a plant in Tennessee that you were looking at possibly moving down there. I just wondered if they had made any kind of an offer to you or (inaudible).

Kirk Wright: We currently have a manufacturing site in Tennessee. We hired an individual that is based in Tennessee that would be relocating to Evansville or to Tennessee, one of the two. The state has offered us 200 - \$250,000 to create about approximately fifty jobs down there.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I would just like to add that to me this is particularly pleasing to approve something like this. These folks have been partners in this community for a long time and we often jump too quick for total strangers that I find it particularly pleasing to me to be able to approve this today.

President Wortman: Yeah, well, I've been meeting with them especially that young Mr. Wright, there, and all of them, the Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Mourdock, there. They got this other offer in Tennessee but I told him, don't answer the telephone until we get to going! So that's what it amounts to, but they would be an asset to the community. I mean, they pay good high-paying jobs, they're up -- first class, they go first-class and I think that's what you're looking for and I think it would just be wrong to turn them down. So they've got, I think, hopefully everybody's blessing here.

Kirk Wright: If I could make a few comments real quick about the project. As some of you might know, Ray White and family started Complas and Replas in 1973, its created over 400 jobs since then. I believe Complas, which we no longer own, asked for some type of assistance back in maybe the early 80's and got approved on it. But besides that and being in the enterprise zone with inventories, Replas has never asked for a dime of help to create the 98 jobs. We were at 30 jobs in 1990, we've gone to 98 in just that seven year frame and I don't think we're going to stop at the sixty-seven, we project here. We want to firm -- tie our roots to Evansville. We will not be taking anything away from our current tax base because we will keep the one production facility that we do own of the two that we're vacating and change it into a distribution center and that's where we will get some of our additional growth in. We've always been good with our employees through production bonuses and profit sharing and we train our people very well, and we always promote from within our company, so through the ranks from production, employees can get all the way up to management positions.

President Wortman: Any other -- Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: In the document prepared by Metro Development the statement is made, and this statement is not your statement but it's a statement that bothers me, it says the land is presently under utilized and under developed with agricultural the only possible use. I may be the only Councilman that likes to eat but I am getting quite concerned about how much more farmland we're using up because agriculture is one of our major playing cards in the world market, particularly with Japan and we're locked in with them and I know that's the big picture. Is there not the possibility that you can obtain the land that you need, I know you're going to go ahead with this, but would that have been a possibility, obtain it within the city where there are some vacancies, some property that is just sitting there?

Kirk Wright: We have looked for probably a year and a half now for a piece of property to satisfy our needs. We have not found it. The farming that is done on there right now is probably two thirds of the land. Our use of the land in probably the five year frame is only going to be about a third of the land. We will probably allow the farmer to go ahead and farm the back half of the land which is currently being farmed fairly well. But we have searched and our only other attempt was the Phoenix Development, and with the problems that happened on that we had to steer to another site. We need a rail siting and that much acreage, and that's the only land that has been available.

President Wortman: Mr. Mourdock, do you want to say something? Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I was hoping to ease your mind just a little bit, Phil, but the federal government is still paying farmers not to grow, I mean, they're still subsidizing people to let fields sit idle, so...

Councilmember Hoy: I know, Mr. Raben. I have grandchildren that I worry about and I'm on the Soil & Water Conservation District, as Mr. Mourdock is, and I don't think we take seriously the fact that we have four major watersheds in this county and I won't make the whole speech again --

President Wortman: Excuse me a minute, we're going to have to change the tape.

**Tape changed at 5:04 p.m.**

Richard Mourdock: Well, this is twice in about five minutes Jim Raben said exactly what I was going to say, but I'll repeat it anyway. The first thing was, and I guess I say this as an elected person, I can honestly say when I've been running for office, no one has ever, ever stopped me to say, you know, we ought not do tax abatements. But I've heard many times what Jim's point was earlier, how come we help all these companies from outside the area, sometimes even from outside the country and we don't help our own local business? If we don't, again, send the proper signal here I think it sends a bad mark for this community. The other thing is, I think communities are not so much judged by how they treat the wealthiest people or the best people, but how they are treating the most needy people. You've



heard that, Phil. I think you even said that to me and this is one of those cases where, again, it's not one of the majors, it's not Bristol Myers, it's not Whirlpool. They're a fine company and they deserve the help. As Kirk said a moment ago, they've never come forward asking for a penny. Councilman Wortman has been very involved in working with not only Replas, but with the Chamber of Commerce, with myself and with some other entities involved with this. And I said a few moments ago at this microphone, you'd have my word that we would come back and report how we were going to use our money. One of the pledges that I've made to the other two Commission members is that we wouldn't just use economic development to help companies come in, but to help them locally. So again, I'm giving you my commitment that we're going to use some of this money for this specific cause. I think they are an outstanding company, they deserve to be helped and I would very much support their vote.

Councilmember Hoy: Are we going to run a bus line?

Richard Mourdock: Makes the point, doesn't it?

Councilmember Hoy: Because I'm looking at the wages are good, the benefits are good, it's a local company, and I will take a beating either way I vote. The constituents that I serve, if I vote yes I will get a lot of phone calls because my constituents are saying when are you going to draw the line on -- I think eventually the whole country is going to have to draw the line on tax abatement, I really believe that. So that's a bind for me. On the other hand, I think you're a fine company, but I did the math and some of the folks on the lower end will have a little difficulty maintaining a vehicle at the price of today's vehicles. These are the folks I deal with. So that skews my viewpoint, I think you all know that and --

Councilmember Sutton: I've been trying to get in here and I'm going to jump in right now. Councilman Hoy refuses to raise his hand. I raised my hand politely, I'm just jumping in now.

President Wortman: Yeah, we've got to move on here pretty quick.

Councilmember Sutton: And I'm going to be very brief. I don't have any sermons to preach and I think these are good paying jobs. When people ask about what this county is doing for its residents, they want to know what employment opportunities are available here. When you hear our young people going off to other communities, they say there aren't any opportunities here. When we try to put Welfare to Work programs together you hear people talking about are there going to be enough jobs available here. So as other communities are struggling with those type of things this is an opportunity for us to step up to the plate and create some positive things for the residents of this county and that's in the form of jobs.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith, do you want to comment right quick?

Councilmember Smith: I had a problem with tax abatement, but when I look over here, if you all remember the Christmas tree place out in Garvin Park, stood in front of the Council and said they would start everybody out at \$5 to \$5.50 an hour, but when

they put them to work it was \$3.13 - \$3.15 an hour. When I look over here at the 49 full-time jobs and 5 part-time jobs and starting out at \$9.65 to \$40 an hour, I'm going to apply for a job. So it looks better every --

Kirk Wright: I'd love to have the \$40 job, but unfortunately, that's the gentleman that's coming from Tennessee. To answer Mr. Hoy's question, the lowest paying full-time employee production line person, after he worked his overtime made approximately \$28,000 last year through our profit sharing bonus. I brought this gentleman down with me. He's a talker and if I don't let him talk, he's going to get me. This is Al Terry.

President Wortman: Would you step forward, state your name and...

Alfonsa Terry: My name is Alfonsa Terry and I've been with Replas for ten years now. From the start of Replas, itself, or Com Tech Plastics is where I'm employed, we have opened up the field where there's a lot of jobs there. When I first started we had like two individuals who ran the whole shift and now there's five per shift and the company is constantly growing. What we've really faced, what we're really being faced with now instead, we're running out of space, we're running out of room where we are right now and we're just so congested that we need more space. We need more room. Our business has grown so where I guess we have over ten or twelve bulkers running daily and really no place to store them, so we need room. Inside square footage, we're just rubbing shoulders. We have several fork trucks running through the warehouse and the accident risk is there, so we wanted to get away from that so we can spread our wings, so to speak and really enjoy ourselves and make it a nicer place and a better company. There's a lot of things we can do yet with the new facility. I see everybody is going, this guy, oh oh, here we go. But anyway, it's been a great place and it is a great place to work. The family, itself, real good people, they're good people. You can't beat the family themselves. Our hours are very flexible. I noticed from Mr. Hoy here said earlier, are we going to have a bus. No, but we will car pool. Trust me, we'll do that. We have flexible hours. If there is problems with an individual, I'll elect to pick him up to take him to work or make sure that he gets there because every job, to us, is important. All of our workers, they're important to all of us. So we do need this new facility, we need it bad.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you for your comments. Okay, I think one great one asset, it's going out into a good township out there in the promised land, Scott Township. Now, I'll entertain a motion from the floor.

Councilmember Lloyd: I move to approve the tax abatement proposal for Replas.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: That's fine and Mrs. Smith seconded it. If no other discussion, we've discussed everything, so call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes, and I'm applying for a job tomorrow.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, and we're changing the name of the township over there.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I'm going to vote yes only because you're local, I'm going to trust you to do the right thing. I'll put my trust in you. I don't like using, you know that, I don't like using farmland, I wish you were looking inside the city at all of those spaces that are just sitting empty and I wish the jobs were closer to my constituency who happen to live in the inner city. But yes, I will vote yes and I'm going to turn my phone machine on tonight and let it answer my calls.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I'm going to vote yes and I'd just like to (Inaudible - microphone not on).

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, and I apologize for your neighbor.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: And I definitely vote yes. Okay, it's unanimous. Thank you, appreciate your attendance.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)**

### **C) 1998 SALARIES FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES**

President Wortman: The next is the 1998 salary for the county employees, I'm going to read this here, it will be C. The 1998 budget forms will soon be sent to all officeholders and department heads. I would like to suggest that a 3% salary increase be included for all full-time county employees. Now I'd like to have a motion for a 3% salary increase for full-time employees for '98. Now understand, this motion does not in any way guarantee an increase at budget time, and if it passes, I'll have Sandie send a memo regarding the 3%. So I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Wortman: Who made the motion, Mr. Hoy? And who seconded, Jim Raben? Any discussion? If no discussion, all

those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0.)**

**D) JOB STUDY CONTRACT**

President Wortman: The job study, we're going to need a motion from there. May I have a motion to approve the job study contract for a period of one year? You have the contract in front of you and I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

President Wortman: We've got a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: And got a second. Any discussion? No discussion, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six?

Councilmember Sutton: Six.

President Wortman: And those opposed? Mr. Sutton. Okay, 6-1.

**(Motion carried 6-1.)**

**E) PERSONNEL AND BUDGET ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Wortman: During the past month we have experienced a number of problems with the pink slips regarding the hiring and releasing of county employees. I'm asking Sandie Deig to send a memo to all officeholders and department heads outlining the correct procedures. I also feel that the County Council should help to enforce the time accrual system. Now I'm not talking about time clocks, I'm referring to reporting the correct hours: overtime, sick, personal or vacation days all on payroll sheets submitted to the Auditor's office. Complying with this procedure should apply to all county offices. The majority of times there's a disagreement regarding correct hours and pay for employees leaving the county. It is an office that does not submit their time accrual (Inaudible). The procedure can no longer be an option. Does anyone have any suggestions? If you don't I'm going to check the situation more thoroughly during the next month.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, and it would be helpful if we had something to read, sir.

President Wortman: Alright.

Councilmember Sutton: Who is head of our personnel committee?

Councilmember Bassemier: We're meeting the 23rd.

President Wortman: They're meeting the 23rd of May. We'll be sending the notice. Now, I'm going to announce the budget hearings will be for August 12, 13 and 14 from 9 a.m. in the morning till 12 noon. The second week of hearings will be August 19, 20 and 21 from 12 noon to 4. The final budget hearing will be held September 10th at 12 noon sharp. Sandie will send the budget schedules to everyone around July 1st, 1997. Also within the next month she will be sending rationale sheets for the 1998 proposed budget to all offices. If there's no other business, I'm going to ask for an adjournment. I've got a second -- and all those -- wait, we've got one more --

Councilmember Sutton: I have one more thing. Yeah, at our last meeting, Mr. President, you made, I don't know if it was a suggestion or a motion or whatever, we didn't take any formal action by voting or anything. You indicated that at our Personnel and Finance meeting that we would no longer be voting on any of the appropriation requests that would come before us at the Personnel and Finance meeting. Am I correct?

President Wortman: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Now, do we need -- before we can take action along that particular line, I mean, that's a change of policy for this body. I mean, if we're going to make a change of policy is that something that we need to have formally written out before we can proceed forward with something like that?

President Wortman: Technically and legally, I think it's just more or less like a hearing. You know, we sit and listen like we do at budget process, nothing formal about it. The vote don't count. Sometimes, if you do vote on this, now this is my opinion again, and I'm just doing this from the standpoint of speaking from the chair here, that if you do vote yes and then something develops, then you change, then an officeholder can question you. Why did you do this? And you've got to have a reason, see. This way if you listen and discuss, and then you've got a week to go see them and visit them and find out all the details on it, then the Council would request you vote on it, that's something. But I just thought I'd initiate it and try it to see how it works.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, point understood, but I think that's really the purpose of our serving here is that prior to even that Personnel & Finance meeting, that whether you're the liaison or not, you need to make yourself acquainted and in contact with these officeholders before the meeting so that when you are -- when they do come before us you can ask the right questions, you can take the proper vote. So for us to change course like that, I don't know if we're stepping out of line with the policy for this particular body, that's a change. That's nothing that we've formally had anything written out to approve a change like that.

President Wortman: No, we just started years ago doing that, we thought it was a good idea amongst the Councilmembers and we just kept on doing it. But if you don't think it's a good thing we can take an opinion from all the other Councilmen, if they want to do something different...you know, I'm open for

suggestions.

Councilmember Sutton: What brings me to it, I know we've been trying to formalize or get some ideas of some governing rules, I guess, for this body and we found that there aren't very many that we have had out there to draw upon and I guess this would not be a good time to change the rules as we're trying to make the rules for the body.

President Wortman: But we just do that, like a lot of times, to keep moving along, we get to the discussion and we keep repeating ourselves, see, and I like to keep this thing moving because the officeholders have got a job to do and they've got to get back to work and sometimes it goes on and on. I just like shorten it, then if there is additional talk, you can go visit them. Mrs. Smith, do you have...?

Councilmember Smith: Yes, I think you appointed Councilman Bassemier and you and I to a committee to form some rules. We never have had a meeting. Mr. President, the --

(Inaudible several speaking at once.)

President Wortman: I'll tell you what, we'll just get to that this month sometime, I'll call you and we'll meet and we'll get back with you.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, at the risk of alienating you, sir, I agree with moving things along, but I recall when I was president, you and a couple of other people held me hostage on an adjournment motion for a long, long time and I'm glad to see you've changed your mind about that sort of thing.

President Wortman: Anything else? Okay, you're all excused.

Councilmember Sutton: Do we want to vote on that?

President Wortman: (Inaudible - microphone not on) -- and the opinion of the chair says we're adjourned.

Councilmember Hoy: You have to vote on adjournment.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I never voted on adjournment.

President Wortman: All those raise your right hand for adjournment. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Meeting adjourned.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.**

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Curt Wortman                      Vice President Phil Hoy

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Councilmember Russell Lloyd, Jr.      Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Ed Bassemier              Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**JUNE 4, 1997**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 4th day of June, 1997 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:39 p.m. by Council President Curt Wortman and officially opened by Eric Williams of the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department.

Roll call was taken by Council Secretary Teri Lukeman.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH		X
COUNCILMEMBER SUTTON	X	
COUNCILMEMBER BASSEMIER	X	
COUNCILMEMBER HOY	X	
COUNCILMEMBER LLOYD	X	
COUNCILMEMBER RABEN	X	
COUNCILMEMBER WORTMAN	X	

President Wortman: Now would we stand and pledge allegiance to the flag, please?

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b> <b>MAY 7, 1997</b></p>
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President Wortman: I'll entertain a motion for the approval of the minutes from May the 7th, 1997.

James Raben: So moved.

President Wortman: So moved by Mr. Raben. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy was the seconder. Any discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I just have a comment. On page -- this is not a correction because Mr. Lloyd's mike was not on, -- on page 26 when I asked for the vote to be divided between Economic Development, Welfare to Work and Infrastructure costs, because I wanted to vote for Welfare to Work and vote against the other two, Mr. Lloyd's denial was not heard because his mike wasn't on and I want to be sure I'm on record as being for Welfare to Work but having to vote against it because it was lumped with two other things that I was against. Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, any other additions or corrections to the minutes? If not, I'm going to call for a showing of hands. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, one absent.



(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Wortman: Okay, before we get into the appropriation ordinance, Mr. Hoy would like to comment, please.

Councilmember Hoy: There's something in the packet that you all received from the Soil & Water Conservation District from former Commissioner Don Hunter. It's a letter commending Soil & Water Conservation District from someone who made use of their services and I wanted to call your attention to that. Also, and I thought this would be in the packets, we have a letter of commendation from Senators Lugar and Coats for the new ordinance we have and also for the excellence of our educational program at the Soil & Water Conservation District. And then, Mr. President, one final word, if you did not see this, the city of Nashville, Davidson County, Soil & Water Conservation District visited us, our Soil & Water Conservation District, because we have the most outstanding district in the whole Midwest. And I just think every now and then we ought to speak of those positive things that are going on for we certainly do hear the negative, don't we? Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you for your comments, Mr. Hoy. Without any other business, we'll start with the appropriation ordinance.

<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>
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**A) AUDITOR**

President Wortman: First on the agenda is the County Auditor. Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, I would make a motion that the County Auditor account 1020-3401 Microfilming be approved for \$4,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Wortman: I got a second from Mr. Raben and Mr. Hoy. Is there any discussion?

Councilmember Lloyd: I talked to the Auditor's Office about this and what they're working on doing is taking 17 boxes of payroll records and converting those to a CD-ROM from 1994 and 1995, so they would free up office space for other records. They compile a large volume of records every year so I think this would be a good thing to approve.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Lloyd? How many of their PC's actually do have CD-ROM over there?

Councilmember Lloyd: In the Auditor's Office? That one I'd have to defer to the Auditor.

Suzanne Crouch: In payroll, in Bookkeeping, I believe we have --

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and I'll have to check on that -- but I believe the FASBE has CD-ROM and the payroll also has CD-ROM, but I'll verify that for you.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Mr. Sutton. Any other discussion? If not, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1020-3401	MICROFILMING	4,000.00	4,000.00
TOTAL		4,000.00	4,000.00

**B) TREASURER**

President Wortman: The next is the County Treasurer.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I make a motion that we approve item 1030-3610 Legal Services for \$7,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion? Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I'm ready this time. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-3610	LEGAL SERVICES	7,000.00	7,000.00
TOTAL		7,000.00	7,000.00

**C) SHERIFF**

President Wortman: Next on the agenda is the Sheriff and that was withdrawn. I'll entertain a motion to set that in at zero being it was advertised.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

Councilmember Raben: No, we need a motion. He can't make it.

Councilmember Lloyd: Oh, he can't?

Councilmember Raben: I move that we set in 1050-1130-0200 in the amount of zero.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion? If no discussion, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1130-0200	EXEC. SECRETARY	780.00	-0-
TOTAL		780.00	-0-

D) PROSECUTOR

President Wortman: Next on the agenda is the Prosecutor, Witness Fees.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, I spoke with the Prosecutor's Office concerning this and they did come to us last week and speak to this appropriation request related to the amount they're paying for court reporters and travel for witnesses and other court related expense related to expert testimony and this account was -- they're needing some additional funds, they received less than they received last year but they never know what their expenses are going to be so I move that line item 1080-3901 be set in at \$10,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Hoy. Any discussion?

Councilmember Raben: I just have one question. Do you know what your account balance is on your incentive monies?

President Wortman: Would you step forward please and give your name and --

Lauren Kincaid: Lauren Kincaid. Yes, it's in the region of \$700.

Councilmember Raben: Your incentive account?

Lauren Kincaid: The incentive account, yeah.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? If not, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-3901	WITNESS FEES	10,000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL		10,000.00	10,000.00

E) KNIGHT ASSESSOR

President Wortman: Next is Knight Township, Extra Help.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, I make a motion 1130-1990 for Extra Help for \$5,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, any discussion? No discussion, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

KNIGHT TOWNSHIP		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1130-1990	EXTRA HELP	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL		5,000.00	5,000.00

F) AREA PLAN COMMISSION

President Wortman: Area Plan Commission.

Councilmember Sutton: Again, on Area Plan, as they had spoken with us last week concerning the continuing legal expenses that we're incurring for a number of different suits that are out there, I move approval for line item 1240-3610 in the amount of \$35,000.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Bassemier. Any discussion on that? Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yeah, I guess I'd like to know some of the firms that you are using. What would be some of the outstanding balances on their bills?

Councilmember Sutton: Generally with Area Plan, and I'll let Barbara speak a little bit further to it, Ms. Cunningham speak to it, but with Area Plan, because of the nature of land use law and the complexities related to that, Area Plan has always had their own in-house or counsel to handle their legal matters rather than like the County Attorney or someone like that.

President Wortman: Okay, Mrs. Cunningham, would you state your name please?

Barbara Cunningham: I'm Barbara Cunningham, I'm with Area Plan Commission. My outstanding bills are with two law firms because I've had two counsels in recently. Do you need to know their names because I don't know if I know their whole names, because I hire the individual lawyer. Martha Posey is one and Tim Boren has been one and those are the two lawyers that I've been paying.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? If not, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

AREA PLAN COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1240-3610	LEGAL SERVICES	35,000.00	35,000.00
TOTAL		35,000.00	35,000.00

G) CIRCUIT COURT

President Wortman: Next on the agenda is Circuit Court. Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, I'll make a motion to approve 1360-2270 Juror Meals and for their lodging for \$4,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Sutton. Any discussion? No discussion, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-2270	JUROR MEAL/LODGING	4,000.00	4,000.00
TOTAL		4,000.00	4,000.00

H) CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

President Wortman: Next on the agenda is Cumulative Bridge. Mr. Lloyd, would you take that for me?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I'll go ahead and move that we grant line item 2030-3930 Contractual Services, Cumulative Bridge for \$240,000 and line item 2030-4347 County Line Road East Bridge \$6,198.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion? No discussion, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)



CUM BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-3930	OTHER CONTRACTUAL	240,000.00	240,000.00
2030-4347	COUNTY LINE RD E. BR	6,198.00	6,198.00
TOTAL		246,198.00	246,198.00

**D) MAPS**

President Wortman: Next is the Maps, Surveyor Department.

Councilmember Raben: I will move, just to get it on the floor, 2420-3370 and 2420-4220 \$6,000 each, in the amount of \$12,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Raben: Is there anyone here from that department?

President Wortman: Jim, I might remind you that this is not General Fund money, that's what they get off the sale of the maps, if that was maybe your question. I don't know.

Councilmember Hoy: There is someone here, sir.

President Wortman: Is there? Do you want to come forward, Mrs. Williams, please?

Councilmember Raben: I thought there was some money, and I probably should have looked into this before the meeting and I neglected to, but I thought there was some money put into place at budget time.

President Wortman: First would you state your name, please?

Louise Williams: Louise Williams, County Surveyor's Office.

Councilmember Raben: I was thinking that there was a request at budget time for some of this. Was that a little larger than a normal request?

Louise Williams: No, no it was not.

President Wortman: Any other questions? Okay, call the roll, please. Thank you, Mrs. Williams.

Councilmember Sutton: I do have a question. This is not going to be like a lease, it's just a straight out purchase on this copy machine? Okay, I guess the reason why I ask is well, you kind of -- the reason why I asked is because we've kind of dealt with this with some other offices in the past and the technology and how rapidly things turn over and you have a copy machine for three or four years and you can't even get parts for it anymore. I don't know if -- I know we're about at the point where we're about to make an appropriation but it would seem, you know, a

lease might be a very appropriate thing we might consider for maybe other offices as they might come forward for this type of request and this type of machinery because of how it just gets antiquated so quickly.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions? Call the roll.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

MAPS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2420-3370	COMPUTER	6,000.00	6,000.00
2420-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	6,000.00	6,000.00
TOTAL		12,000.00	12,000.00

J) CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

President Wortman: Convention & Visitors Bureau. Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I move that line item 3570-3793 Public Relations at \$17,500 be approved.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion? Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3570-3793	PUBLIC RELATIONS	17,500.00	17,500.00
TOTAL		17,500.00	17,500.00

### TRANSFERS

President Wortman: Now we'll enter into the transfers. Does any Councilman object to taking them all at one time or do you want to take them separately?

Councilmember Sutton: I've got one question on one of the transfers but I don't know if -- I've just got one question on one.

Actually, it's on the Auditor's transfer, Suzanne. Is that position, is that person no longer in that position? We're transferring from a personnel related type of account.

Suzanne Crouch: That's correct. That employee left and then they had accrued time that was bought out and we currently are going through interviewing, but its been vacant since the beginning of the year. We have a floater in that department and that individual is backup to those positions and has been filling in since the beginning of the year. But we're looking to hire in within the next couple of weeks.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, and I guess, Jane's also, on your transfer or on the Treasurer's Office, is that person no longer in that capacity, that Counter & Post Clerk?

President Wortman: She'll come forward and address that issue.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Jayne Berry-Bland, County Treasurer. If you got a copy of the request it states on there I have a lady that is on a medical leave of absence and has been for quite some

time and is going to be on a leave of absence for at least a number of months yet. So she has not had a paycheck probably in a month or two, and I also have another lady that's off because she had a baby, so actually I'm two people short in my office right now. It's pretty important. We're trying to get settlement done by June 27th.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess anytime I see we're transferring out of personnel related accounts, I just want to make sure that we're...

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions? Mr. Jeff Ahlers wants to speak.

Jeff Ahlers: Mr. President, the only thing I'd point out is that it appears that the Cumulative Bridge would only take four votes and it appears that most of the rest of those would take five, so if you're going to lump them you might consider someone making a motion to lump them on those lines so we don't run into a situation of four versus five votes.

President Wortman: Thank you. Any Councilmen object to taking them all at one time or do you want to break them down? Do I hear a comment? I don't hear no comment, I --

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of all transfers as submitted.

President Wortman: Okay, and do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy seconded it. Any discussion? Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Boy, if you've got any questions or comments, you better move fast! Don't wet your lips or it will be too late. Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: He was an auctioneer in a previous life, Royce.

Councilmember Sutton: That would be yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1020-1170	BOOKKEEPER INSURE/RETIREMENT	3,000.00	3,000.00
TO: 1020-1990	EXTRA HELP	3,000.00	3,000.00

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1030-1260	COUNTER & POST. CLK	2,000.00	2,000.00
TO: 1030-1990	EXTRA HELP	2,000.00	2,000.00

VANDERBURGH AUDITORIUM		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1440-1990	EXTRA HELP	5,000.00	5,000.00
TO: 1440-1970	TEMP REPLACEMENT	5,000.00	5,000.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2030-4381	BROADWAY AVE BR 271	300,000.00	300,000.00
TO: 2030-4339	MAASBERG RD BR	300,000.00	300,000.00

CIRCUIT COURT MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2760-1990	EXTRA HELP	1,000.00	1,000.00
TO: 2760-1850	UNION OVERTIME	1,000.00	1,000.00

LATE TRANSFERS
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HEALTH DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2130-1430	DEPUTY REGISTRAR	3,998.00	3,998.00
TO: 2130-1970	TEMP. REPLACEMENT	3,998.00	3,998.00

OLD BUSINESS
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A) REPLAS, INC - CONFIRMING RESOLUTION FOR TAX ABATEMENT  
SECOND READING

President Wortman: Next on the agenda is Old Business, Tax Abatement Confirming Resolution Replas, Inc. Mr. Robling?

Mike Robling: This project, to the best of my knowledge --

President Wortman: State your name and where you're from.

Mike Robling: Michael Robling, Department of Metropolitan Development. Replas tax abatement, you approved a preliminary resolution at the May meeting. To the best of my knowledge none of the plans for this project have changed, it still includes a 100,000 square foot manufacturing facility and phase two includes a 10,000 square foot corporate office complex with real estate investments -- or improvement in real estate investments of approximately 7.8 million dollars. The acquisition of new manufacturing equipment with an estimated investment of 1.8 million dollars. The company employs 98 full-time and 5 part-time employees and plans to hire 49 new full-time employees and 5 part-time employees upon completion of the project. This has been advertised as a public hearing on this tax abatement so you need to ask if there are any remonstrators.

President Wortman: Now this will be the second reading.

Mike Robling: Right.

President Wortman: Okay, I'll entertain a motion to this effect.

Councilmember Raben: I move approval.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben. Now do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion? Call the roll.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**NEW BUSINESS (Continued on Page 32)****A) KOESTER 41 PROPERTY, INC. - PRELIMINARY TAX ABATEMENT  
FIRST READING**

President Wortman: New business, preliminary tax abatement, Koester 41 property, Inc. First reading.

Mike Robling: Okay, Mike Robling, Department of Metropolitan Development. Koester 41 Property is proposing to build a 20,000 square foot office building to provide office space for the Koester Companies for their various divisions. The project also went through parking site improvements and landscaping. Their proposed investment in this project is \$2,000,000. They currently plan to create 12 new full-time jobs at this location upon completion of the project with an additional 28 new jobs within five years. They will also be retaining 168 employees at this location. The Department of Metropolitan Development recommends approval of the Koester 41 Property's application. There is a representative of the company here if you have any questions.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody -- I'll entertain a motion first.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Wortman: So moved by Mr. Raben and Mr. Lloyd seconded it. Now, any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Since this is a first reading, it comes back before us next month?

President Wortman: Yes. Any other discussion, or are you through, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I did want to -- if someone from the company is here, I would want to hear from them if, you know...

President Wortman: The company representative, would you want to come forward, state your name, and we know where you're from.

Bob Bower: Our growth over the last few years has been tremendous and particularly in our environmental division, the former Sub-Tech Company that we acquired three years ago. That business has tripled in size and we project some continued tremendous growth in that area. We are proposing to build a new building to house environmental scientists, engineers, project managers, estimators and support staff, and also to house growth in our coal division, our dredging division, our excavating division, all of the engineers, project managers, for those divisions. As Mike said, we project -- those are very conservative projections of the growth in jobs that we see, and they are high paying jobs. I think we estimated \$16 per hour average of the employees that will be added. We are splitting at the seams in our current facilities and we do have offices in other areas in the environmental division particularly. It is scattered throughout the United States, some of the projects we do. We have an office in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and we do have

some options as to where we add people to support this and obviously we'd like to do that here and that's one of the reasons we plan to add this facility.

President Wortman: Anybody want to ask --

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes sir, Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: On item six, you give the range on current employees and item eight, the range on projected employees is from \$6.50 an hour to \$24.00 an hour. Of these new employees, do you have any idea how many will be at the lower range and how many at the upper range?

Bob Bowers: The majority will be at the upper range, that's why the average, we calculated at 16. There will be some support staff -- we have very few employees at that \$6.50, even our support staff is closer to eight or ten and some of them even higher, and all of our environmental scientists, our engineers, project managers, are up at or above that average.

Councilmember Hoy: Who, who would be at that low range and what kind of employee?

Bob Bowers: Actually, probably only part-time summer help or janitorial.

Councilmember Hoy: You're pretty far out on Highway 41, there's no mass transit out there and --

Bob Bowers: That's correct.

Councilmember Hoy: That range, I would think it would be difficult to be able to own a car, an automobile to make it to work at that --

Bob Bowers: At 6 -- yes, and that is, again, more summertime, part-time help, even our, we may have a starting receptionist or secretary that starts at that or a little bit above that, but they're quickly raised above that. We have very, very few people at that range.

Councilmember Hoy: You don't have an exact number on that, though, do you?

Bob Bowers: No, but I'd say of our current employees in Evansville and Vanderburgh County, I'd say we probably have less than two or three and at least one of those is the part-time, summertime help. We are -- just an additional comment -- we are an ESOP, majority ESOP company so of our approximately 230 employee stockholders, they own 60% of the shares and about -- we've got the number in here -- there's 164 of those that are headquartered out of Vanderburgh County.

President Wortman: Okay, does that answer you, Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Lloyd: You currently have an office building out there, is that your headquarters?



Bob Bowers: Yes, we have offices and the shop building.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, and this would be expansion for additional technical staff.

Bob Bowers: It would be actually a separate free-standing building, much larger than the existing facility.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, are you going to continue to use that other building for --

Bob Bowers: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Were you done, Mr. Lloyd? Where do the Koester Companies do the majority of its work?

Bob Bowers: It depends on the division, but it's -- and I don't know the exact percentages -- a lot of it is around here. We are doing the site work on AK Steel and Toyota, both of those projects. Our excavating division has gone as far south in the last few years as Tennessee. The environmental division does work all over the country, but a lot of it is locally. The coal division is exclusively in southern Indiana, although at this time we're not mining anything in Vanderburgh County. But we have several coal employees that are based out of our main office that support the coal operations.

Councilmember Sutton: So you guys are stretched a pretty good regional distance here in terms of the scope of what you're covering.

Bob Bowers: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: I was going to ask in terms of the positions that you guys are hoping to take on if the abatement is approved, the majority of these positions are professional related skill positions.

Bob Bowers: Correct. Engineers, environmental scientists, geolo-gists, coal mining engineers, those kinds of...

Councilmember Sutton: How do you get these kind of positions? Where do you get these people?

Bob Bowers: A variety of sources. We, particularly in the environmental arena, we hire a lot of new college graduates and train them. We feel like we're a company that gives the young college graduates graduating and that have grown up in Evansville an opportunity to come back to Evansville and be employed. But we do also hire experienced people from other sources. We place ads, we use agencies, we get them from a variety of sources.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess something -- I guess I hear a lot of, especially, I like to talk with a lot of recent college graduates, particularly minority and African-American college graduates and I guess I hear a lot of things about the difficulty they have in securing positions here locally and I guess I'm wondering, in terms of the makeup of your workforce, since you do have a diversity of skilled professional blue-

collar, whatever, within the scope of your company, percentage wise, what would you say minorities makeup of your company. Now I'm not including women in there, just a ratio of minorities.

Bob Bowers: Well, I don't know the percentages off the top of my head, I mean, we do have some (inaudible) minorities, we do have several out in the field at different levels, but I wouldn't know the number off the top of my head. We certainly --

Councilmember Sutton: Even though you're the CFO, I guess that would not be something that you probably spend a lot of time with, but that really interests me when I look at demographics of this community and I look at the makeup of many of our workforces here. Perhaps maybe that might be something that maybe when you guys come back maybe next month you might be able to have for me. I'd be very interested in seeing what that breakdown of your workforce is.

Bob Bowers: I can tell you we spend a lot of time, we have several people that work hard trying to do everything they can to encourage minorities to apply and we certainly are an equal opportunity employer, but honestly, often, the position hirings that I'm involved in, we don't see very many minority applications. I don't know why that is. I would think there certainly should be plenty of minority candidates out there, but we don't see them very often. But certainly, we do have several.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else?

Councilmember Lloyd: When was the company founded?

Bob Bowers: About 30 years ago.

Councilmember Lloyd: I know it was founded by a local gentleman, Mr. Koester, and he's done a tremendous job with this company. It's been growing quite a bit, especially in the last few years, so I think this is an excellent opportunity for the Council to show our support for a local company.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Lloyd. I think that those are very good words there, local company, local employees own a share of it, and they're local people. I think that's very good. So, if there's no other discussion we're going to have a, for the first reading, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, and like I said, continent upon getting that information to me next time.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I'm hearing an awful lot -- when I said my constituency last time a lot of folks thought I was only talking about low income persons and I'm not, because I'm a Councilman-

At-Large and I'm talking about people all over this county of all levels -- and I have made a decision to draw a pretty heavy line in the sand in terms of tax abatement, particularly when it's in an area such as this. I think you're a great company, I know your company, but I, in good conscience, will have to vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion carried 5-1. Councilmember Hoy opposed.)**

<b>APPROVAL OF SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS</b>
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President Wortman: Now we'll go back up to number seven, which I did skip over and that will be the approval of the salary ordinance. That will be Mr. Raben. Would you proceed?

Councilmember Raben: First would be the Auditor's Office account 1020 which would be 1170 to 1990 in the amount of \$300, second is the --

Councilmember Lloyd: Three thousand, isn't it?

Councilmember Raben: What did I say, 300?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: Three thousand. Treasurer account 1030-1260 to 1990 set in at \$2,000. Knight Township 1130 set in as approved at \$5,000. Auditorium account 1440-1990 to 1970 set in at \$5,000. Circuit Court is a request to pay interns up to \$7 per hour. Misdemeanor Offender account 2760 and that's 1990 to 1850 set in at \$1,000. Co-op Extension request to pay summer 4-H staff the first year at \$6 an hour, second year at \$6.25 and the third year at \$6.50. Burdette 1450 request to pay Sheriff Deputies at the rate of \$20 per hour. Superintendent of County Buildings account 1310 set line number 1310-1110 in at \$28,701. This, I think most everybody understands what that is but this employee previously was employed with a city/county split department. This was a split department. The Commissioners request that the city time be carried toward the county. The employee was employed by the city on March 14, 1994 and was hired by the county on March 17, 1997. There was not a break in employment. This position will be a PAT V, Step II, as listed in the Vanderburgh County Salary Ordinance. The job committee recommended approval on the transfer of time on May 30 of this year.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier seconded it. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes. I got in there quick enough that time. I was wondering on Burdette Park, previously we were paying those deputies at a rate of \$13 an hour, what's changed to cause us to need to jack that up to \$20 per hour for those?

President Wortman: We'll call on the young lady from the Commissioners Office there to answer questions, Mr. Sutton. State your name, Lynn.

Lynn Ellis: Lynn Ellis, County Commission Office, Building Superintendent. The staff at Burdette Park has run into problems having the deputies show up with the rate of \$13 an hour because they're able to work for other private companies and even some other politically owned or government owned facilities at a higher rate. On many occasions they didn't have the deputies showing up. We had an incident out there Memorial Day weekend because we didn't have any deputies available to work and primarily that was because of the rate of pay.

Councilmember Sutton: Were they, had already committed themselves to show up or --

Lynn Ellis: No. It was Memorial Day weekend, so they were either off that weekend or they had made arrangements to work at a higher paid position, so they opted for the higher pay.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Sutton, I might be able to add to this. Their scale over there is \$25 an hour, so there's a lot of places out there that are paying \$25 an hour and so naturally, especially on holidays --

Councilmember Hoy: Can you speak up, Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: If they can work somewhere else for \$25, they're going to bypass this out there. So it's all economics.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question and I don't know whether, Ms. Ellis, you know the answer; maybe Mr. Bassemier does. I know that the Fraternal Order of Police has a minimum rate that they like for their officers to receive. Last time I heard, and this is why I wanted to ask you, Mr. Bassemier, it was at \$18. I'm assuming its gone up to \$20, is that correct?

Councilmember Bassemier: No, its gone up to \$25 now.

Councilmember Hoy: It's \$25?

Councilmember Bassemier: I kind of remember when I worked back there in 1969, they paid me \$4 an hour, so its kind of gone up a little bit.

Councilmember Sutton: When a loaf of bread was a nickel.

Councilmember Hoy: Anyway, my point is that, not only -- I'm trying to think of a genteel way to say this, but -- and I support this, but there's a great deal of pressure on officers to not work for less than the going rate. I mean, that's because their lives are on the line, they are uniformed, they are taking risks and I didn't know it was up to \$25. So I think if we don't do something with this, we'll have trouble having good security at the park.

Councilmember Bassemier: I do know that some of them are working a little bit less, because the guys, the officers out there on Burkhardt Road, you know, on weekends, they work out there and they worked out a deal with those merchants out there for \$20 an hour. So some of them are working a little bit less, but the going rate, the FOP going rate is \$25 an hour.

Councilmember Sutton: Then my point then would be, are we still not going at a competitive rate where we still might be in the situation where we've got gaps, even at the \$20. If someone has a choice to pick up something at \$25, we're still at the same juncture. I mean, --

Councilmember Raben: Could I mention something?

President Wortman: Yeah, Mr. Raben, would you...

Councilmember Raben: I'd like to withdraw that as part of my motion. There's one particular problem that is of great concern and that is one, these are county employees working for the county. So we might be responsible for paying time and a half. If we could, we need to table this and give it some more consideration. And secondly, at \$20 an hour, we're probably above what we could go --

President Wortman: Excuse me, Jim, we've got a tape to change.

**Tape changed at 4:20 p.m.**

President Wortman: Okay, we'll proceed, please.

Councilmember Raben: We're probably above what we would spend with an outside contractor, like Pinkerton or Clarke or someone like that, so there's money in their account right now. They'll just have to make do untill our next meeting, but we really ought to reconsider this anyway.

President Wortman: Alright, you're going to take your motion and eliminate the --

Councilmember Raben: Exclude Burdette Park.

President Wortman: -- Burdette Park, okay. The rest of them will be okay as you have listed. Okay, would --

Lynn Ellis: May I respond to that? We did get quotes on services like Pinkerton and they came in around \$18 an hour. Pinkerton does not have arrest capabilities. They would not have any authority to do anything out there and that's the main

concern. There was an incident out there Memorial Day weekend where we had to call five deputy cars. We had the canine unit from the police department out there. That was on Sunday, there was an incident on Saturday, then Sunday was a major incident. On Monday, a fight erupted and one of the deputies was hit over the head with a chair and there were two arrests made. Pinkerton or any company like that could not deal with that situation.

President Wortman: Okay, and also in comparison, as Mr. Sutton possibly thinks it's high which it is, you take a union electrician, plumber, sheet metal man, make it \$23 - \$24 an hour, that's really skilled, and you think of that. Of course, he takes risks, too, you know. And, of course, I know the Sheriff does. But, you know, it's county property and this is what I'm wondering, we had a deputy out there one time and the Vandalism just increased. So I don't know, I guess he just slept out there. I don't know what he did.

Councilmember Raben: This security is primarily weekends. This isn't probably through the day, is it, on weekdays? There is a part-time security officer there Sunday evening through Thursday and then the deputies are there Friday and Saturday because of the increased usage and the parties going on, on the weekend, and say they work on the weekends.

Councilmember Raben: You know, if we don't act on this today, we could possibly have an emergency meeting prior to our next Personnel & Finance meeting maybe --

President Wortman: Well, Jim, let me say this --

Councilmember Raben: The Auditor is also saying we could just make the motion read set it in at time and a half, but...

Suzanne Crouch: Because everybody's rate is different, and if it's over 40, you're going to have to pay them time and a half.

Councilmember Sutton: And out of a different department's budget, though...?

Suzanne Crouch: It's similar work and a member of the County Clerk's Office is here and members from the Auditor's Office also went to a seminar on human resources and on comp time and overtime, etcetera. How they -- probably the attorney can probably address this better -- but as they explained it to us, if a county employee is working similar work, even if it's out of another budget, it still has to be time and a half over 40. Because the employer is the county.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Ahlers, do you have a legal opinion on this? I am speaking out of ignorance, I do know that in the area of comp time there are different rules for law enforcement than there are for other employees. Could that be the case here, I don't know? I mean, you can give comp time to a law enforcement officer, I believe to anybody in public safety, but you cannot use comp time. Comp time is not a legal thing to do anyway except those two areas and you can call the Department of Labor, which is what I did because we had to check that ourselves. It's an interesting law. That's what the

legislation is about in Washington right now. That's what the debate is about, I should say, with President Clinton wanting to sign into law, a comp time law, which does not now exist.

Jeff Ahlers: Without getting into, and I don't know whether you want me to address the comp time, too, I mean, I think that's a little different right now, --

Councilmember Hoy: Not really, I'm just --

Jeff Ahlers: -- right now, I mean, I agree. I think that as a county employee you're probably going to be looking at paying time and half regardless of what budget it comes out of unless there is some way we would look into if you're going to enter into some sort of independent contractor agreement where they would be paid, you know, like a 1099 employee. Now whether or not that creates problems if they're using county squad cars and you run into problems like that, whether or not that's appropriate, you know, if somebody is an independent contractor they probably shouldn't be using our tools. So those are things that we can look into, but absent -- an independent contractor arrangement, I think you're looking at time and a half. I mean, we can look into it deeper if you want, but that's my gut reaction right now based upon what we're talking about.

Councilmember Hoy: Can you, my concern is if we do not act today even with a special meeting, we're concerned about money, I'm concerned about public safety, and secondarily, I don't have much enjoyment for lawsuits for some reason. If someone, that's not a slam at our legal counsel, I just like to live my life without them. I would like to see, I wonder if we can put some kind of stop gap measure in here so that the county can go ahead and hire some folks for the upcoming weekend or whenever you need folks? The other question I have before I lose the mike here, are these officers that are hired all county officers, are some city officers hired, off-duty?

Lynn Ellis: No sir. They are all deputies from the Sheriff's Department. The police department does not have jurisdiction in the county and so they would not have arrest powers there either. They would be much the same as Pinkerton.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, they can overlap some, because they do at the airport. Trust me.

Lynn Ellis: Okay, well I was told by the police department that they could not do that.

Councilmember Hoy: I know, but they do overlap some. But you've answered my concern and that's all I really wanted because there are part-time situations where you might have EPD or deputies or whoever, you know.

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to affix a little caveat to my motion, that the motion read, pay up to time and half of the regular salary. And that way, if we don't have to pay the time and half, if we can get by with \$20 an hour, if we find out later then we're covered.

Councilmember Sutton: Ms. Ellis, do you have a general idea, do

we have the same deputies who are generally working at Burdette Park or is it just kind of a whoever wants to do the work signs up for it, giving us a general idea of what we might get into cost-wise, whether we're less, more, whatever, on this?

Lynn Ellis: Well, one of the deputies that does work out there is responsible for scheduling other deputies to be there and without actually seeing the payroll, which is what I would have to do, it's my understanding that there are three or four that work routinely out there. And they have done it at the \$13 rate because of their affection to Burdette, but because that's what they wanted to be doing for \$13 an hour, but -- and they have indicated to me, I've spoken with all of them and they said we like Burdette and we want to work out, we enjoy working out here -- but a couple of those same officers have discontinued working out there because of the rate, because they've been approached by, as Mr. Bassemier said, companies paying \$25 and even \$30 an hour. And it's hard to turn that down and get paid \$13.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Jeff here just wants to -- just a minute let him speak.

Jeff Ahlers: One of the questions I had, and I don't know if this is a way to possibly resolve it and they may not have extra manpower and that's whether or not the Sheriff, you're talking about a time and a half situation, is there a possibility that within paying that, if there were people that didn't already have their 40 hours in, you wouldn't get into a time and a half situation. Now it may be that the Sheriff doesn't have where he can spare the manpower through the week to then cover on weekends out there without getting into time and a half, but if there was some way that through the summer months the manpower could be shifted where you didn't get into time and a half then you might save money that way.

Lynn Ellis: Okay, well right now, the individual that I was referring to schedules those deputies to work and this is not done under the Sheriff's supervision, this is just contracting with those deputies. In order to do something along those lines, the entire arrangement would need to be changed so that the county was acting through the Sheriff as opposed to through Burdette, and that would certainly make the time and a half appropriate in that situation. The Sheriff would then be responsible for supervising those employees while on Burdette premises as well as scheduling those employees to work. Currently, that is not under the Sheriff at all.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Now when we're talking about time and a half out there, I think we're going to open up a can of worms here because some of those guys over in the Sheriff's Department, if they're holding rank, some of them are making 18, 19 dollars an hour. Now if you have a lieutenant out there we'll have to pay him, we're talking about time and a half, what they're making over there on the Sheriff's Department. So if you're going to pay them time and a half, it's going to go up, some of it, \$25 to \$30 an hour if they're holding rank. I mean,



we can't set the price in that we want to pay somebody out there at Burdette Park \$13 an hour and pay time and a half. These guys at the Sheriff's Department, the way I'm looking at this, just say they're salaried but I know if they make time and a half it might average out \$18 or \$19 an hour, then you're going to pay them their salary on the Sheriff's Department at time and a half.

Councilmember Sutton: Jim, I think the original idea of going with maybe a special meeting on this might be very appropriate if so, because I think maybe Mr. Ahlers and Ms. Crouch might need to get together and if they could come up with some things that will give us an idea of where we stand maybe legally on what type of footing or ground on this from a personnel standpoint and before we act I think we maybe need to get an idea of which direction we may end up in if we go -- and then also getting within the color of blending this into the Sheriff's Department, I can just see budget time, the Sheriff's Department coming and asking for three new positions. So I want to stay away from that.

Councilmember Raben: Lynn, you've been the one that's spoken with these people, are they comfortable where they're at for the next two or three weeks? I mean, we're not going to run into a security problem in two or three -- I mean, they're still working right now at \$13, right?

Lynn Ellis: Right, there are a couple. As I said, there are one or two that have discontinued services out there because of the rate. I hope that we can get people out there. I think that would be fine as long as they know it's being worked on and they do know that because I've been communicating with them on an ongoing basis, but the problem -- the luxury that we have right now is that there is not a holiday weekend between now and your next meeting.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, do one thing, I'm going to remove Burdette Park from my motion, okay? Do one thing for me between now and the next week or so. Get with the city and see what they're doing with the stadium and Mesker Park...

Lynn Ellis: Okay, with the stadium, I can tell you that now, Ogden contracts with the police officers, the city does not. Ogden Entertainment pays those officers directly. The city of Evansville does not pay them nor does it get involved with that payment process.

Councilmember Sutton: For none of their facilities?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President -- I'm sorry.

President Wortman: Go ahead, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: For none of the city facilities like, you know, that they might have?

Councilmember Raben: What about Mesker Park?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, that's what I'm thinking or the zoo?

Lynn Ellis: Well, they don't normally have officers on duty at Mesker, but if they did then it would be treated like they do the River Fest and those officers receive time and a half.

Councilmember Raben: The Fall Festival, too, right?

Lynn Ellis: The Fall Festival, all of the activities out on the waterfront, they are paid time and a half for all of those activities.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I don't think Mr. Raben has a second and I'd be willing to second his motion...we're kind of -- I'd just as soon go ahead with the discussion, but legally, Mr. Ahlers, help me out here. It seems to me that if we don't pay time and a half we could have something of a major legal problem. Is that correct or incorrect? What I'm thinking is if we don't do something today, and I don't want to rush, but if we don't do something today then we may have to do some retroactive pay to be legal. Do you have an opinion on that, sir?

Jeff Ahlers: The only thing I would suggest is we've obviously been doing this for quite some time so if we've got a problem, it's something we're going to have to deal with. I personally, if we want to get into -- I mean, I think that we're approaching it the right way, that we need to figure out what needs to be done and do it, but I'm a little reluctant to comment on whether or not I perceive legal exposure as to what we're doing in a public meeting, if you want to address it in an executive session. Do you see what I'm saying?

Councilmember Hoy: We're not allowed to have executive sessions, sir. If there are four of us, we have to have a public meeting. The Commissioners can and we can't.

Jeff Ahlers: I understand that, but it would be the county, if you're suggesting there's exposure, you see what I'm saying? And I'm just reluctant to -- I mean, I don't know -- rather than without gathering all the facts and having all the information, just making off-the-hand remarks as to whether or not we've got a problem or not, I'm reluctant to do that at a meeting. I don't think that's in the county's best interest and if the Commissioners want to deal with that in an executive session it might be more appropriate. I would also suggest that however this Council wants to deal with this issue, and how we move forward from here, whether they want to do it in a committee, whether you guys want to have a special meeting, that I mean, I agree with what you're doing is the appropriate legal way to do it.

President Wortman: It might be that you want to meet with the three Commissioners and the County Attorney and then come back to the Council and get this lined out, give us some options. Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Wortman, Mr. Raben's motion does not have a second, I would like to second his motion.

President Wortman: You're seconding it now.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm seconding it now, sir, and as I understand it we're not including Burdette Park in this motion, is that correct, Mr. Raben?

President Wortman: If I understood it, that's right. Every item but H, which is Burdette Park. Burdette Park will be left out in your motion, right.

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Wortman: Okay, is there any other discussion to that effect? If not, we'll have to have a roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

#### **AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE**

AUDITOR	FROM: 1020-1170 TO: 1020-1990	BK.INSURE/RETIRE EXTRA HELP	3,000.00 3,000.00
TREASURER	FROM: 1030-1260 TO: 1030-1990	COUNTER & POST CLERK EXTRA HELP	2,000.00 2,000.00
KNIGHT TWP	1130-1990	EXTRA HELP	5,000.00
AUDITORIUM	FROM: 1440-1990 TO: 1440-1970	EXTRA HELP TEMP. REPLACEMENT	5,000.00 5,000.00
CIRCUIT COURT	1360-1990	EXTRA HELP	PAY INTERNS UP TO \$7.00/HR
CIRCUIT COURT MISD OFFENDER	FROM: 2760-1990 TO: 2760-1850	EXTRA HELP UNION OVERTIME	1,000.00 1,000.00
CO-OP EXTENSION	1230-1990	EXTRA HELP (SUMMER STAFF)	1ST YR \$6.00/HR 2ND YR \$6.25 HR 3RD YR \$6.50/HR
SUPT. COUNTY BUILDINGS	1310-1110	SUPERINTENDENT	28,701.00

(See page 33 for additional amendments to Salary Ordinance)

President Wortman: Okay, now is there any more motions on Burdette Park?

Councilmember Hoy: Are we then going to have a special meeting so that we can resolve this, Mr. President?

President Wortman: Possibly, that would be the best way to handle it, I think and the sooner, the better, I guess in kind of the security situation out there, right?

Lynn Ellis: Would you like me to see if the Commissioners would consider this in their executive session Monday and then maybe we can get something presented to them at that time?

President Wortman: Alright, just a minute --

Lynn Ellis: And Mr. Ahlers could attend that meeting.

President Wortman: That what I was going to -- Mr. Ahlers, do you want to address that?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, one of the things I was going to suggest is, what this Council and body does is obviously appropriates money. If there's already money in place, I don't know that this body needs to make a determination as to whether or not there needs to be time and a half or that type of thing. I mean, we're just appropriating -- you know, the money is in place for you to pay whatever needs to be paid for right now and so I'm not sure that particular issue necessarily needs to be addressed by this Council.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I think, Mr. Ahlers, you probably are correct. However, some of us have been sitting around these

desks and are in our fifth year and some longer, have had some things laid on our desks where we were held accountable even though we didn't make the decision. I think you're right. I think it should go back to the Commissioners, but when it comes before us, I would like, you know, to have...clarity like the water in the pool so you can see the bottom of the thing. Okay, how's that?

President Wortman: You got any comments, Suzanne? No, okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President? I just want to make it clear coming from my side that I'm in favor of them making \$20 and \$25 an hour. I'm not against that. I just want to make that clear because you earn your money sometimes, I guarantee you. I just want to make sure that we don't get us in a situation where we have to pay a lot of back pay that we're not aware of. But they deserve every penny they make, I'll tell you that.

Councilmember Hoy: I agree with Mr. Bassemier, and also I have nothing against private security firms except as Mrs. Ellis has pointed out, they don't have arrest powers and you need somebody there that has arrest powers. You also, these individuals are extremely well trained. They've all been to the academy in Plainfield, every officer in this city and county has been to Plainfield. Is that correct, Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: That is correct and that's mandatory that they go, that's in the first year they're on the department.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, and that's one of the best academies in the whole county, I believe, is it not?

Councilmember Bassemier: That is correct. So we're dealing with folks who are highly trained and I think that's what I want at our county park. Thank you.

President Wortman: So you'll have a meeting and then you'll get back with us?

Lynn Ellis: Yes sir.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. Now on Burdette Park then -- Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, there was one last thing I guess I did want to add on that, you don't necessarily need to make a comment, Lynn, I guess in looking at that, if we decide to go that route, obviously it will have some implications for future budgets in that particular line item and how much we may decide to allocate and I guess that's why I want to try to get a good idea there, but I also, from a policy standpoint, you know, of course, they've spent a lot of time this week looking at the county personnel policy and I don't know how this issue might be addressed in that policy or what we might put down going forward but there needs to be some clarification and I guess when we get a chance to get together we'll have more information to work with, but we need to communicate that across the board so that we don't face situations where we might be called into question.

President Wortman: Okay, I can recall, I will relay this to you, in the 1970's that when they got the substation out there on 41, several Councilmembers raised the issue of what's going to happen on the west side for security for the Sheriff. And there was at that time proposed a small subdivision at Burdette Park. Now whatever happened to that, I don't know. But that was out there and they've officers out there, see, vandalism and all this. So now then, maybe this here better be hashed out again, maybe that's a possibility, assign somebody out there. Be cheaper to do that, see. We don't know. I think these are the options we should know, because the substation was naturally on the north end out there, and of course, downtown now, they've got the west, so it's something to look into. And I think I'll mention that to the Commissioners on that and think about that. That might be the best way to go. Okay --

Councilmember Hoy: I wouldn't want to spend that much money, Mr. Wortman, --

President Wortman: On no, but out there, that was pretty reasonable out there on Burdette and that covered the west side for us, and Bob Lutz was a Councilman then --

Councilmember Hoy: I'm talking about the cost of the command post.

President Wortman: Oh yeah, yeah, no we didn't want no big post. No. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I've got another commitment I need to get to. May I be excused to leave the meeting early?

President Wortman: No. Okay, alright.

**(Councilmember Raben excused from meeting)**

President Wortman: Now I'll entertain a motion to set Burdette Park at zero.

Councilmember Hoy: If we do that, sir, I'm not clear, if we set it in at zero do we have to wait another month or could we vote to --

President Wortman: Unless we have a special meeting, I'd say. Depends on what the Commissioners...

Councilmember Hoy: But if we set a line item in at zero, we're not talking about an appropriation, though, I just want to make sure we're safe, you know, not setting it in at zero -- or setting it in at zero we're safe and don't have to wait another month, that's all.

Jeff Ahlers: I think you can do it either way. If you want to defer it, that's fine. If you want to set it in at zero, as we discussed before, there are no internal rules in this body that prevent a measure from being brought up again. There's no waiting time limit to do that, but if you prefer to defer it, there's no problem with that either.

Councilmember Hoy: Do we have a motion on the floor, sir?

President Wortman: No, not yet.

Councilmember Hoy: I make a motion we defer this to the special meeting.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy made the motion to defer.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: And Mr. Sutton seconded it. Any discussion for a deferral on Burdette Park in the salary ordinance? No discussion, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)**

#### **AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE (CON'T)**

BURDETTE	1450-1180	OTHER EMPLOYEES (SHERIFF DEPUTIES)	DEFERRED
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#### **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED**

#### **B) FILING DEADLINE FOR APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS AND OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS FOR JULY 2, 1997 MEETING**

President Wortman: We'll proceed down to 9B, Filing Deadline for appropriations, transfers, and other Council business for July 2, 1997 meeting. Mrs. Deig, would you comment on that, please?

Sandie Deig: Yes, I'd like to be directed to send a memo to the officeholders and department heads setting the deadline for June 12 for the July meeting instead of the 15th.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

President Wortman: I've got a motion. Got a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a second. Any discussion? If not, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

### **C) COIT RESOLUTION**

President Wortman: Nine C, COIT Resolution.

Jeff Ahlers: I've drafted up and I've presented -- it may be in the packets as well -- has everybody got that, the resolution? Evidently, there the state wanted to know whether the, the State Board of Accounts wants to know whether or not you want to approve or deny a distribution for the 1998 County Option Income Tax to the Solid Waste District. I have prepared a resolution that denies that just to send up to the state if you do not want to approve that. The way I read the statute, if you don't do anything, nothing is going to happen. There has to be a resolution to approve it, but the State Board of Accounts has said that they would like to have something in writing just to clarify their records as to what the Council is doing on a county by county basis. So that's being done --

President Wortman: Okay, I'll entertain a motion that -- somebody make a motion to the effect that the county attorney draft a letter to send to the state denying the income tax distribution.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Jeff Ahlers: This is what needs to be sent to the state, you just need to pass this. Somebody needs to make a motion to pass this resolution denying a distribution for 1998 to the Solid Waste District of COIT money.

Royce Sutton: Can you read that resolution?

President Wortman: Read that to him so that everybody understands.



Jeff Ahlers: The resolution, it's entitled:

**RESOLUTION DENYING COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX  
DISTRIBUTION TO SOLID WASTE DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION No. CO.R-05-97-008**

WHEREAS, the Vanderburgh County Solid Waste District may not receive a distribution of the County Option Income Tax under Indiana Code 6-3.5-6-1, et seq., unless the Vanderburgh County Council passes a Resolution approving such a distribution; and

WHEREAS, the Vanderburgh County Council finds that the 1998 County Option Income Tax Distribution to the Vanderburgh County Solid Waste District should be denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Vanderburgh County Council that the County Option Income Tax Distribution to the Vanderburgh County Solid Waste District for 1998 shall be, and hereby is, denied.

Councilmember Hoy: I vote we pass the resolution, sir.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a motion and a second. Any discussion? If not, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**D) JOINT CITY-COUNTY BUDGET HEARING**

President Wortman: Now we go to 9D, Joint City-County budget hearing, an information thing. August 5th, 5:00 in the chambers. If there is no other business to come before this body, motion for adjournment?

Councilmember Lloyd: Make a motion to adjourn.

President Wortman: That was Mr. Lloyd, motion for adjournment.

Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton seconded it. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five. Thank you.

Meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Curt Wortman                      Vice President Phil Hoy

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Councilmember Russell Lloyd, Jr.      Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Ed Bassemier              Councilmember Royce Sutton

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
JULY 2, 1997**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 2nd day of July, 1997 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:38 p.m. and officially opened by Chief Deputy Brad Ellsworth.

Roll call was taken by Charlene Timmons.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH	x	
COUNCILMEMBER SUTTON	x	
COUNCILMEMBER BASSEMIER	x	
COUNCILMEMBER HOY	x	
COUNCILMEMBER LLOYD	x	
COUNCILMEMBER RABEN	x	
COUNCILMEMBER WORTMAN	x	

President Wortman: Now would you please stand and pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES JUNE 4, 1997</b></p>
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President Wortman: Next item, number four, is approval of the minutes from June 4, 1997, and I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd seconded it. Any discussion on the minutes from the past...June 4. If not, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>APPROPRIATIONS</b></p>
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**A) CLERK**

President Wortman: Okay we'll get right into the Appropriation Ordinance and the first on the agenda is the Vanderburgh County Clerk. Mrs. Marsha Abell, would you come forward, please.

Marsha Abell: Yes, Mr. Wortman.

President Wortman: Okay, we have here \$10,000 and \$750. I'm the liaison and would you agree to, if there would be a motion to set it in at zero and take it out of your incentive fund? Would you go along with that, Mrs. Abell?

Marsha Abell: Yes, sir. I would.

President Wortman: Okay, I appreciate it. I'll entertain a motion from -- Mr. Lloyd, would you take that for me please?

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, account 1010-2600 Office Supplies request, set that in at zero.

President Wortman: Okay, do I have a second to that effect?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy. Any discussion on that? If not, a roll call please. This is a new secretary by the way, Charlene from the Auditor's Office.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Thank you, Mrs. Abell. And then under New Business you want to address the Council and I'll call you then under new business. Thank you very much.

Councilmember Lloyd: We still have the maintenance contract on here.

President Wortman: That was the \$10,500, all of it in one, or I was under that impression.

Councilmember Lloyd: No, I just made a motion for the \$10,000 only. Do you want to set that in at zero?

President Wortman: Yes. Let's do it again. Let's go over it again.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, I make a motion 1010-3540 Maintenance Contract, set that in at zero.

President Wortman: Okay, do I have a second? Mr. Hoy? Okay. We'll have a roll call on that \$750, please.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Go over that again, please.

President Wortman: Sir?

Councilmember Bassemier: I was reading something. Go over this again.

President Wortman: Yeah, we're going to set the \$10,000, we did before and passed, and the \$750 now in the Incentive Fund, set it in at zero now so she can take it out of her Incentive Fund.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	10,000.00	-0-
1010-3540	MAINT. CONTRACT	750.00	-0-
TOTAL		10,750.00	-0-

**B) SHERIFF**

President Wortman: Now then we'll get into the Sheriff's Department here and identify yourself and we'll proceed right along.

Tana Bailey: Tana Bailey.

Steve Woodall: Steve Woodall.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Bassemier, do you want to make a motion or --

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, I met with the members of the Sheriff's Department today and they've agreed to -- they're going to need more money in the future, but I'm going to make a motion to set in 1050-1300-1050 Overtime for \$75,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second to that effect.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded it. Now discussion. Any discussion on that?

Councilmember Sutton: Looking at that issue, being that we know they will come back, what's maybe the reason there, Councilman Bassemier, with going with \$75,000 rather than the \$150,000 they requested?

Councilmember Bassemier: My reason is that I think we need to see how we stand in another three months or four months. If we give it all to them now, they might not need that much. They agreed to go \$75,000 and there is \$16,000 in there right now so that will give them almost \$92,000, so they said they can work with that.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Wortman: Any other questions?

Councilmember Lloyd: And the other thing is, maybe there's a possibility that the management of the Sheriff's department, maybe they can look at ways to reduce the overtime.

President Wortman: Is there any other discussion? If not, I'll call for a roll call vote, please. Charlene?

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1300-1050	OVERTIME	150,000.00	75,000.00
TOTAL		150,000.00	75,000.00

C) SHERIFF/JAIL

President Wortman: The next is the Sheriff/Jail. Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, I'm going to make a motion also to set in, this is in the form of a motion, 1051-2260 Food also for \$75,000.

President Wortman: Okay, and do I have a second to that effect?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith. Okay, and any discussion on this now? This is on the food. Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: In some of the discussion we had on this, I guess it was my understanding or someone from the Sheriff's Department had communicated that the Commissary money can not be used to pay this line item. Is that right?

Steve Woodall: Yes, according to the state statute, that's correct.

Councilmember Lloyd: So it can be used for food for the jail?

Steve Woodall: No, it's a budgeted item.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: What was the amount on the motion?

Councilmember Bassemier: It was \$75,000.

Councilmember Raben: \$75,000, okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd like to, you know, since the Commissary was brought up, I just, I met with the Sheriff and some of their staff this afternoon and the Sheriff informed me, some of the things he's spending with his Commissary money is, he said he just spent \$8,000 for a security system over in the courts, which keeps him from coming to ask us for the security system. He also uses it out here at the substation to cut grass. He pays employees to do that. The county is getting ready to pay for 22 acres out there, they're going to build another kind of a track out there. They need that 22 acres out there. He uses it to pay some of the deputies for food on some of these trips. He does spend this money wisely. So I just wanted to point that out.

President Wortman: Okay, to add to it, I think things like this, if the Council knew and everybody else knew where some of this Commissary money was at, that would alleviate a lot of problems. You know what I mean? Just tell everybody and then they quit guessing where it's at, or what it's doing, or where it's going. See, if he could do that, just tell us, that, I think, would satisfy a lot of people in their minds. You know what I mean?

Steve Woodall: Well, it's my understanding that he has submitted the prior year Commissary reports and also, I'll take that a step further. There's 28.82 acres, training center, which is being purchased strictly through Commissary. The Sheriff just recently went out to bid for new 45 caliber weapons which will, basically, help the deputies and also help the community. He pays for training out of it, specialized training, and a lot of these items are items, to be quite frank, if he didn't use the Commissary to pay for them, we would be in front of the Council asking for them. So it not only benefits, obviously, the Sheriff's Department, but yourself and also the community.

President Wortman: Yeah, it would have to come out of the General Fund.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd also like to add to that, he bought a new truck, a \$20,000 truck to help pick up stolen items and whatever --

Steve Woodall: He purchased a vehicle that will be used to pick up evidence and stuff like that, and to be honest, if we didn't, we'd be calling the county garage, which to be honest, you'd be paying the overtime in the long run for them.

President Wortman: Some of these vehicles, like if we'd do it, he can always get a piggyback style, you know, at budget time --

Steve Woodall: That's what it was, it was through the state bid, yes, sir.

President Wortman: Okay, that's fine. Okay, any other --

Steve Woodall: It was actually \$18,000, too.

President Wortman: Well, that's fine, I appreciate that. Any other discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I think your point is well taken,



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Councilman Wortman, I think you guys are doing a lot of very positive things with the Commissary Fund money, but if just from time to time if some things are coming up, just let us know especially some of the larger things that you guys are taken on. This is the first time I'd heard about this track or whatever that you guys are going to be putting together. I mean, obviously, it would be some things that we would be very interested in, so those type of things that are coming up that you guys are financing, it would be good if you guys let us know.

Steve Woodall: He's taken the initiative and we're going to have a performance evaluation system which is costing several thousand dollars, and that's one of the other things that he's paying through and he's even offered that, if some of the other employees or the other agency heads would like to take a look at it when it's implemented, he's more than willing to let them do that. Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, I appreciate that.

Councilmember Bassemier: And all your weapons are paid out of the Commissary monies, too.

Steve Woodall: The last time we had any weapons upgrade was back under Sheriff Shepherd's tenure, I believe it was, about 12 years ago. And about \$60,000 to \$70,000 are going to be spent on new 45 caliber weapons.

President Wortman: Okay. Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, yeah, I was going to say, so we did receive the 1995 Commissary report, so tell the Sheriff that the Council appreciates getting that and we'll look forward to 1996.

Steve Woodall: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else? If nothing else, call the roll, please.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

SHERIFF/JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-2260	FOOD	180,000.00	75,000.00
TOTAL		180,000.00	75,000.00

President Wortman: Okay, thank you very much. Thank you for your time.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, before they get away, at our Personnel and Finance meeting he's made mention, and especially in relation to what Councilman Lloyd mentioned about this overtime issue, we had said back then that we wanted to work cooperatively together to try to address that and I don't know if some thought has been given in terms in how we might to do that. It's been, I guess, maybe a year and a half ago since that discussion last came up, but I don't really want it to fall by the wayside since, obviously, it's a very important issue, so I don't know if some Councilmembers or something...I guess, maybe their liaison or maybe one other Councilmember might be interested in working with the Sheriff's Department. They've, obviously, expressed a willingness to work with us on it, so this might be a prime opportunity to do that. I guess I was asking if there is someone --

Councilmember Bassemier: It's in the making right now, Mr. Sutton. I think we need to form a little committee and we're going to help the Sheriff out, but sometimes his hands are tied as far as the holidays. The Sheriff told me this afternoon personally, that he can only do so much. He says on the holidays or when there's wreck or something after hours, he says these guys got to work the wrecks, he says he's really tight with his overtime and he says he's just not giving away, he's says he's trying to cut it back, he says if you've got any suggestions, he says he'd be more than welcome to hear them, but right now he's doing the best he can.

President Wortman: They gave us a new book here, you probably got one, and they're going to meet with their individual down there, and go over everything on the budget process, too. So everybody will kind of understand that, so we'll be spending time down there with the gentlemen.

Steve Woodall: Come out and see us anytime you want to, also, out at the Command Post.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you.

#### **D) PIGEON ASSESSOR**

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President Wortman: Alright, we'll move right on to the next on the agenda, it's the Pigeon Township Assessor, Paul Hatfield and his replacement is coming forward.

Judy Stricker: Judy Stricker, Chief Deputy.

President Wortman: Okay, Ms. Betty Knight-Smith, that's yours there, do we want to entertain a motion?

Councilmember Smith: We talked about that, that was money that was appropriated for the room divider and the Building Authority hasn't been there yet, since we appropriated the money, but right now, by state law there's some things that have to get done, so he wants to transfer that into this line item so he can have enough money to pay help.

President Wortman: So, I'll entertain a motion from you then.

Councilmember Smith: So moved, Mr. Chair.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. And I'll have a second to that effect? Anybody going to have a second here?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Lloyd. Okay, any discussion on that? Don't have any, don't see any, so call the roll, please.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**PIGEON ASSESSOR**

**REQUESTED**

**APPROVED**

1150-1990	EXTRA HELP	3,218.00	3,218.00
1150-1900	FICA	420.00	420.00
TOTAL		3,638.00	3,638.00

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Judy. Appreciate your time.

#### E) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

President Wortman: County Commissioners next on the agenda, will the representative please step forward, please?

Tony Gruebel: Tony Gruebel, County Commission.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Tony Gruebel. Okay, County Commissioners, that's mine. I'll entertain a motion. Mr. Lloyd, would you take the lead on that, please, for a motion?

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, account 1300-3120 \$69,939; account 1300-3020 Southwest Mental Health \$17,620; account 1300-3190 Solid Waste \$3,495; account 1300-3760 Occu-Med \$10,000. I would make a motion to approve all those.

President Wortman: I may correct you on that, I thought they said to set it in at \$8,000. Am I correct?

Tony Gruebel: Right, I amended that last week to \$8,000.

President Wortman: Would you correct that, please?

Councilmember Lloyd: I'd like to change that to Occu-Med 3760, \$8,000.

President Wortman: And I'll entertain a second from somebody.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith. Okay, now discussion. Anybody want to question anything? Okay, if not call the roll, please.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes ma'am.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMISSIONERS APPROVED		REQUESTED	
1300-3120	POSTAGE/FREIGHT	69,939.00	69,939.00
1300-3020	SW MENTAL HEALTH	17,620.00	17,620.00
1300-3190	SOLID WASTE	3,495.00	3,495.00
1300-3760	OCCU-MED	10,000.00	8,000.00
TOTAL		101,054.00	99,054.00

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Tony. Appreciate your time.

F) LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

President Wortman: Next on the agenda is Local Roads & Streets. Mr. Lloyd, would you proceed with that, please, a motion?

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, Local Roads & Streets account 2160-4359 Mill Road Railroad, \$2,400; 2160-4926 Red Bank Road \$2,484. I'd make a motion to approve both those.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Wortman: You got a second from Mr. Raben. Any discussion? No discussion, call the roll, please.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2160-4359	MILL ROAD RR CROSSING	2,400.00	2,400.00
2160-4926	RED BANK ROAD	2,484.00	2,484.00
TOTAL		4,884.00	4,884.00

President Wortman: Okay, thank you.

<b>TRANSFERS</b>
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President Wortman: Okay, we'll go to the Transfers, and there's three of them. The Burdette is withdrawn, and if Council does not object, we'll take them all three unless somebody wants to take them separate. But I'll entertain a motion for all three of them.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben moved and Mrs. Smith seconded it. Alright, any discussion on those. Don't hear none, so call the roll, please.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1050-1130-0073	PATROLMAN	6,000.00	6,000.00
TO: 1050-1970	TEMP. REPLACEMENT	6,000.00	6,000.00

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1090-4210	OFFICE FURNITURE	500.00	500.00
1090-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	250.00	250.00
1090-3250	LAW BOOKS	200.00	200.00
TO: 1090-3371	COMP. HARDWARE	500.00	500.00
1090-3371	COMP. HARDWARE	250.00	250.00
1090-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	200.00	200.00

PIGEON ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1150-3550	REPAIR TO BLDG & GRND	2,265.00	2,265.00
TO: 1150-1990	EXTRA HELP	2,265.00	2,265.00

BURDETTE/CCD		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2031-1450-4110	LAND & IMPROVEMENTS	9,500.00	WITHDRAWN
TO: 2031-1450-3690	PARK PLANNING	9,500.00	WITHDRAWN

APPROVAL OF SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS
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President Wortman: Okay, that completes that. Now we'll go to approval of the Salary Ordinance. Mr. Raben, would you step forward, please?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, if you ask real nice. Could we have some discussion, though, for just a moment?

President Wortman: Yes sir.

Councilmember Raben: Have we, as a body, ever determined what we want to do on the Board of Review?

President Wortman: Anybody want to comment on that?

Councilmember Raben: I mean, the request is for \$70 an hour, which is twice what it currently is. I think, I mean, it would be my recommendation that we set it in at \$35 and deal with this with our '98 budget session.

President Wortman: Okay. Mrs. Musgrave, would you come on up here and address that issue, please? If I'm not mistaken, while she's coming up, the state got what, \$50? Am I right?

Sandie Deig: Fifty is a maximum.

President Wortman: Fifty is the maximum.

Councilmember Raben: Have we -- I mean, have we actually made a determination, this body, did we vote on this before?

President Wortman: We set it in at budget time.

Councilmember Raben: Right, but on the request for \$70. So we need to work that out, I guess before --

President Wortman: No, this is the first time around is my inclination. Does anybody --

Councilmember Raben: What my recommendation would be is that we leave it as it is and then when we deal with our '98 budgets, that we --

President Wortman: Mrs. Musgrave, state your name and where you're from and --

Cheryl Musgrave: Cheryl Musgrave, County Assessor. Let me just tell you why this is before you today. My board members, two citizen board members directed me to write this letter and they are most unhappy about the level of salary. The board voted to direct me to send this letter. I think you need to strongly consider their position. I don't know about any state maximum. At our county district meeting, Southwest district meeting last Friday, I had the opportunity to ask the rest of the Southwest what they're paying. We're the lowest at \$35 a day. It's \$40, \$50, \$60 a day at the top, so somebody else is paying \$60. And then Tippecanoe County announced that they break the law every which way, they pay \$10 an hour for meetings. So I think \$35 a day, so ask these people to come, spend eight hours, many times our meetings are eight hours long. They vote on millions of dollars of assessed valuation, they have to make some really tough decisions on exemptions. I think you really, strongly need to consider the situation today and then, you also need to take into your thought processes the fact that the law has changed and the Board of Review will be composed of four citizen members in about a year and a half. This body will get to appoint two of them and the Commissioners will get to appoint two, so there will be four citizens and me. All around the state presidents of the boards are panicking because we know that we won't be able to find qualified people, two of those people on this board have to be level two assessors for less than hundreds of dollars a day. I don't think that the citizen board members are out of line asking you to pay them \$70 a day because that's even less than \$10 an hour most of the time. It's less than the \$20 an hour, thereabouts, that I get paid to sit on the same board and make the same decisions, and the Auditor gets \$20 an hour, or thereabouts, and so does the Treasurer. You need to think about the responsibility that's vested in these two people and what you're getting for your



money, \$70 a day is peanuts.

President Wortman: Two questions, Mrs. Musgrave. Do they have other jobs, these people, that serve?

Cheryl Musgrave: Yes, they do.

President Wortman: They do? They're not retirees or nothing?

Cheryl Musgrave: Mr. Ritchie's employment situation is a little vague to me, but I believe he works for -- one of the City Councilmen who has property down there by Aztar, and, I'm sorry, the name won't come.

Councilmember Raben: Curt John?

Cheryl Musgrave: Curt John. And George Koch manages his own business with his family, Koch Originals, and it's very much a full-time job.

President Wortman: Okay, now then, do they spend eight hours, two hours, or six hours, or everyday hours, what is the maximum (inaudible - microphone not on).

Cheryl Musgrave: I'd have to check the records. The maximum has been eight hours a day, two days in a row. So they've had to take off two full days, but they've also had to prepare for those meetings and if any of you have ever seen our board books, they're phenomenal. They're about four inches thick, full of paperwork. They have to know a lot to make the decisions that they're making and they have to probably spend an hour or two getting prepared to come to a board meeting and sometimes I bore them to death by calling them up saying, now this issue is going to come before you, better think about this before you get here. So there's even more to it than just that. But I don't think we've had a meeting that was less from 1:00 to 4:30 for a long time.

President Wortman: If they spent two hours, would they get paid for a full day?

Cheryl Musgrave: Yeah, if you structure it this way, if you take Tippecanoe's path and pay them per hour, you could do that. It was that way when I was on the board. They paid us, when I was on the board, \$8 an hour. And then for some reason, this body changed it back to \$35 a day, so you've actually cut it from a high of around, what was it, 40 something a day?

President Wortman: Could they live with \$50 a day, would they be satisfied?

Cheryl Musgrave: I think that they would be happy with that.

President Wortman: It's up to the Council, there's six members here. You voice your opinion, whatever you think.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you. Okay, I move that 1050-1300, 1050, this is overtime for the Sheriff's Department be set in at \$75,000; 1050-1970 Temporary Replacement set in at \$6,000. I move that we set in the per diem for the Board of Review members

at the rate of \$50 per day. I move that we pay a second part-time deputy in the Knight Township Assessor's Office at the rate of \$7 per hour. 1150-1990 Extra Help for Pigeon Assessor be set in at \$5,483. Next is Burdette Park, and this is to increase the Sheriff's Deputies' rate at time and a half. These are for deputies that are working for Burdette Park. Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation account 2600 to pay interns at the rate up to \$7 an hour. And that's all we have, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: And do I hear a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith got a second. Anymore discussion? Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yeah, Mr. President, one of the citizen members of the board, George Koch, is one of my bosses at Koch Original, so, I mean, I do know that he does have to spend a considerable amount of time on Board of Review work, so I can see why they would make that type of request. But, I think the proper thing to do in my case would be to abstain on this vote.

President Wortman: And also, will you pick up the slack when he's up here?

Councilmember Lloyd: I'll try.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I, too, will abstain because the Food Bank is being reviewed by the board and I think that might be a conflict of interest.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: I don't want everybody to think I'm bribing them!

President Wortman: Now remember, we've got to have five votes on this now. Okay, I'll have a roll call, please, Charlene.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Abstain.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Abstain.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion carried 5-0 with Councilmembers Hoy and Lloyd abstaining.)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

SHERIFF	1050-1300	OVERTIME	\$75,000.00
SHERIFF	1050-1970	TEMP. REPLACEMENT	\$6,000.00
BOARD OF REVIEW	1091-1180	PAYROLL	\$50.00/DAY
KNIGHT TWP ASSESSOR	1130-1990	EXTRA HELP (2ND PT.TIME DEPUTY)	\$7.00/HR
PIGEON TWP ASSESSOR	1150-1990	EXTRA HELP	\$5,483.00
BURDETTE PARK	1450-1180	OTHER EMPLOYEES (SHERIFF DEPUTIES)	DEPUTIES TO RECEIVE TIME AND A HALF FOR HOURS WORKED OVER 40. RATE BASED ON PAY WHILE ON SHERIFF'S PAYROLL
CIRCUIT COURT SUPP. ADULT PROBATION	2600-1980	OTHER PAY (INTERNS)	\$7.00/HR

OLD BUSINESS

A) TAX ABATEMENT CONFIRMING RESOLUTION - KOESTER 41 PROPERTY

President Wortman: Okay, we'll move right on into old business, that's the tax abatement confirming resolution Koester Property out on 41 out in the Promised Land.

Mike Robling: Mike Robling, Department of Metropolitan Development. This is a public hearing on this confirming resolution. As far as I know, nothing about the project has changed and Mr. Bower is here, and I know you had asked him for some information at the last meeting.

President Wortman: This is a second reading, Mr. Robling.

Mike Robling: Right, this is the confirming resolution, right.

Bob Bower: Bob Bower from Koester Companies. There were a couple of questions asked at the last meeting. One was the number of a racial minority employees that Koester Companies had and that is 17 and those range from \$7.50 an hour to \$22.50 an hour, with an average of \$16. Another question was asked, the number of employees at the \$6.50 level, six dollars and fifty cents an hour level that we show in the application as the bottom end of the pay scale. There are no full-time employees at that rate. Those are only part-time summer student help.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. A question I've heard several members mention is when you go to an office building, which that says this is going to be, okay, this was originally set up with Mr. Robling there behind you for manufacturing. But you intend to really increase this. This is your honest intent, is that correct?

Bob Bower: To increase the numbers of employees? Yes, absolutely.

President Wortman: Yeah, okay. Anybody got any -- I'll entertain a motion to that to get it on the floor.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Jim Raben and Mr. Lloyd seconded it. Now, discussion. Anybody want to discuss that? If not --

Councilmember Sutton: Were those all full-time employees that you named?

Bob Bower: The minorities? Yes, they were.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Lloyd: What was the total employment, approximately, the total number?

Bob Bower: I don't have the exact number, it's --

Mike Robling: (Inaudible - comments not made from microphone.)

Bob Bower: I believe that was at this location, yeah, 164.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, so we've got a motion and a second and the discussion, now, I believe is over with. So we'll have our secretary --

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, because this is a public meeting you do need to ask if there's anyone --

President Wortman: Anybody in the audience want to address the issue, pro or con? Don't hear nothing. Alright, we'll proceed with a roll call vote, please.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I have to vote no on this because I don't feel that it's a distressed area and I think that the more we do this, it puts the load on the rest of the taxpayers in Vanderburgh County and I can't in all honesty vote for it. So I vote no.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion carried 4-3. Councilmembers Smith, Sutton and Hoy opposed.)**

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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President Wortman: Now, we'll go into new business then and Mrs. Abell, I think, wants to address the Council, so would you please come forward, please? Thank you.

Marsha Abell: Yes, I'm Marsha Abell, the County Clerk. I have three issues that I want to address with Council this afternoon, and some of them don't require any action at all, it's just mostly for your information, some things I think you need to know. I have hired four full-time college students that are working and this is being paid out of Incentive Fund, Mr. Wortman, who are working in our basement and also in our storage area at the Garvin Park Industrial Center to try to organize and clean up our storage area. Our storage in the basement is full, and when I say full, I mean it is sitting on the floor on top, boxes on top of boxes and I understand that -- I think Lynn has left, but that she even wrote a note to the Commissioners indicating that our storage area was beyond acceptability. We have moved some of that out and taken it over to the warehouse only temporarily because we're having to put it over there in area that we don't rent. We're only rent back to what they call the red line, they have rent marked off over there. That's full. The problem with the storage at Garvin Industrial Center over and above the fact that it's already full and there's no space to put anything else if we even could rent anything else over there. We pay \$55,000 a year to Willard Library, and I know that includes a lot of things and I'm sure a lot of people have Willard near and dear to their heart and I'm certainly not trying to ask you to cut them out of your budget, but the building over there is not fireproof which is required by the Public Records Commission, it has a wooden floor with a ceiling sprinkling system which is way above the top of the documents. Most of them would be destroyed long before the heat got up far enough to turn that thing on. It's not secure. There are other

people that store things over there and that have access to it. The only key that gets in the door is a key that fits into the door handle, one of those that you can easily jimmy open with a credit card. There's an elevator that comes up from the lower floor up to the second floor that gives access to anybody who can get on the elevator. There's no other (inaudible), which was another thing required. The third thing required is that it be humidity controlled. There's no heat, no air conditioning and there's no humidistat or any humidity control over there to properly store old documents. The final thing is that it's supposed to have access. I know that at one time Miss Smith didn't even have a key to it. There was no way she could even get over if she needed anything. We now have been able to wiggle a key out of them. You might be glad to know that. Yes?

Councilmember Smith: They asked for the key back and we would have to call somebody from Haubstadt to come and meet us to get in that building. That building is terrible.

Marsha Abell: It is.

Councilmember Smith: And I spoke to you all about this, and the basement, somebody is going to get hurt bad down there. And I asked every one of you when I was Clerk to go down there and look at it.

Marsha Abell: And I'm asking you that today.

Councilmember Smith: Because these shelves are going to fall and those girls are not able to lift those boxes which weigh about 150 pounds a piece, and she needs the help of hiring part-time people. We did it, we hired part-time people to clean it up to start with, which hadn't been touched in 20 years. But everyone of you ought to go over to see what we're paying \$55,000 for because even if you can get them over there, a lot of times the judges want a file and you have to go get it, which is also --

Marsha Abell: If you can find it.

Councilmember Smith: -- but you've got to get somebody to open the door for you. They asked for the key back because of their security, but then they came back and said, well, I could have a key if I wanted one. Well, there was quite a problem there and I think I brought that to everyone of your attention. And Marsha is 100% right, there is a problem. There's got to be a place to store that stuff because you can't get rid of it.

Marsha Abell: We've got, I'm just asking you if you can assign a committee. This is not a -- well, this is something we're going to have to deal with in the future, this is something -- and if Ms. Smith brought it to you before, it needed to be dealt with then and it's at emergency status right now. I mean, when I say that, I'm not kidding. I have stuff in my office tucked under people's desks because we have nowhere to put it.

President Wortman: Okay, now, what we're going to do, I'll make a suggestion. I'm going to put Mr. Sutton and Mr. Lloyd and myself on a committee and go over there and we're going to meet on that and then we're going to come back in case she has to have a change or any appropriation for the August meeting, we'll

have it in and we'll discuss that and see what remedies we can follow here. Is that agreeable with you two gentlemen?

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman? First of all, you need to go over there and look where that information is stored because some of that stuff has to be kept. And if you all would see it, you wouldn't put anything in it and --

Councilmember Bassemier: Marsha, do you have time, excuse me, Betty, do you have time after this meeting to go over there? I'd like to see it?

Marsha Abell: To go over to the warehouse at Garvin?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Marsha Abell: I can go there, I can take you to the basement. I'll do, I'll stay as late as we need to stay. It is absolutely, Ms. Smith is exactly right. And if you needed something, some of it, you know, you might as well throw away because you wouldn't know you had it anyway. It's just, because there's nowhere to put it anymore. We are literally crammed in there and we're either, you know, I'm talking to a company right now about optical imaging, which I know that you had looked into. We're looking into that, you know, as opposed to, I mean, you can just continue to build so many buildings and just continue to rent so much space, this paper, in April, the earth system in the computer program here in this building, which is the system that we operate out of, generated 272,000 sheets of paper. If we're doing that every month, I don't think there's any question, we have a serious problem as to where to put 272,000 sheets of paper that are coming out every month. It's not something that we can throw away. I mean, she's exactly right. These are required by law to be kept and you're going to have to make a decision and I hope that your committee will address whether you want to spend the money for optical imaging and put some of this stuff on disk and get rid of what they'll allow us to get rid of or find other spaces to lease, but when you start doing that, you're back to, is it fireproof, if it secure, is it humidity controlled. I mean, you have problems.

President Wortman: Yeah, if that sprinkler system goes off, you've got a problem.

Councilmember Raben: I think at one time there was someone microfiching that information. Is that...

Marsha Abell: Only a little bit. Willard does a little. They do like marriage license and stuff that people that are doing historical searches do, but that's about it.

Councilmember Smith: (Inaudible - microphone not turned on) It's a problem.

Councilmember Raben: Are we still not required by law to keep the actual documents?

Councilmember Smith: Some documents, yes.

Marsha Abell: And some not.

Councilmember Smith: Some have to be kept from now on.

Marsha Abell: Yeah, some of them we have to keep, but there's a lot of things that in the new Public Records Commission meeting that they've come out with that have said, if you can put it in to something like optical disk, you can destroy it as long as you have a back up. And we could easily back it up, I mean, that's just like making another copy of it. You back it up and they'll even store the back up copy in Indianapolis for us. So that would even be perfect, if we had a disaster here, it wouldn't be a disaster across the state and we could always get our information back from Indy.

Councilmember Smith: The man over at the Curtis Building offered to fix the basement of the Curtis Building which is close, that you --

Marsha Abell: That would be perfect, yeah.

Councilmember Smith: They would fix that for us to have for storage and if you all recall, Willard Library came up here and thought I was picking on them because I didn't want to put it over there. I didn't want to put it over there because of the conditions that it has.

Marsha Abell: It's not a place to store documents.

Councilmember Smith: She's 100% right, and it needs to be addressed now.

Councilmember Raben: I don't, I mean, I don't know if you're talking about -- two different things you're talking about, additional storage space and putting it on disks, so...

Marsha Abell: Well no, but I'm not. I'm either talking about storing it on one of two ways. You're either going to store it physically by finding a space for it, or you can store it electronically and you can get rid of some of the paper, but you're going to have to store one or the other.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well why don't we, I mean, can we just leave it like this that you find out what their proposal is on putting it on disk and if that's within reason, that takes care of our solution to our problem, right?

Marsha Abell: I'm in the process of doing that right now.

Councilmember Hoy: Question, and I think maybe it's not a question, it's a comment. Even if you put it on disk, that's going to take you a lot of time.

Marsha Abell: Well, that would have to be farmed out to another company because we don't have the staff to do that at all.

Councilmember Hoy: So, and I'm not against that, I just think that as a Council, we need to understand that --

Marsha Abell: Oh, it's expensive.

Councilmember Hoy: -- that there will be money involved in



doing that.

Marsha Abell: And certainly there will be.

Councilmember Hoy: -- and I don't want to be perceived as opposing that, but it's always easy for us to say, well, gee that would be easy to do, but it's not.

Marsha Abell: Well, that's why I think we need to look at the cost of that and the cost of brick and mortar and decide which one is where we need to be spending some money, but somewhere, we've got to do something.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I'm satisfied with your committee. I think you've got a good committee to move on with it.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President?

President Wortman: We'll just put the blame on Mr. Sutton and Mr. Lloyd to come up --

Councilmember Lloyd: I guess you want us to lift 150 pound boxes.

Councilmember Bassemier: Marsha, would you check to see if the Curtis Building still has space? Do we know that?

Marsha Abell: I doubt it. They're 78% leased right now and --

Councilmember Smith: This was the part in the basement that hadn't been used and Mr. Curtis, I talked to him, and we went over there.

Marsha Abell: Do you know how you went to it?

Councilmember Smith: Yeah, you went in the door, down the stairs.

Marsha Abell: You went down the stairs? And was it all along the left where there are no windows? Yeah, that's all --

Councilmember Smith: This is on the right.

Marsha Abell: On the right? Now I don't know about the right. The left has all been taken over by IBM.

Councilmember Smith: But to get it, for someone to come in and do it, I think the price I had at the time when I talked to you guys about it was \$485,000.

President Wortman: You know, we'd come close to building a building if we keep getting money like that.

Councilmember Smith: Well, I'm just telling you, it was \$485,000 they wanted to come in and put that all on --

Marsha Abell: On disk? I'm not surprised.

Councilmember Hoy: However, you know, that's why we need to

think about this carefully, and that is, once you start putting it on disk, then you don't have to worry about building a whole lot more building in the future.

Marsha Abell: That's exactly right and actually, you can put six file cabinets on one disk and that's --

President Wortman: Just a minute, the tape's run out. Excuse me.

**Tape changed at 4:18 p.m.**

President Wortman: Okay, proceed please.

Marsha Abell: Eric, what do you think? Will we be able to do it in-house with a new system, do you think? If we were to hire a company to get us up to today?

President Wortman: Yeah, do you want to come up there and talk to that?

Marsha Abell: Eric knows a lot about computers.

Eric Williams: Sergeant Williams with the Sheriff's Office. In answer to Marsha's question, it would all be dependent on the type of system they used, the technology they used, how user friendly it is, but I would say in today's computer world that would probably be very likely that you could maintain that on your own once they got us up to speed, got everything in there, and then we would keep it status quo from that point forward.

Councilmember Smith: Plus, you would also need a full-time person for the amount of work that goes on over in that Clerk's Office to do it after you got it finished because you all have no idea what it's like.

Marsha Abell: I didn't either.

Councilmember Hoy: But on the other hand, we're spending how much a year to store it? \$52,000?

President Wortman: \$55,000.

Councilmember Hoy: \$55,000, so you could use that money to budget for that. But you're still going to have to retrieve some paperwork, are you not? I mean, there's still, some of it still has to be on hard copy.

Councilmember Smith: Willard Library was charging fifteen cents a copy. By state law, we have to charge a dollar a copy, and I had a problem with them. I said you're talking about the Clerk's documents, that you need to charge a dollar for. And then when they come over here, well, I got them over there for \$.15, you're charging me a dollar. They made it look like you were trying to rip them off and it's the state law that you get a dollar for it.

Marsha Abell: Yeah, it is a problem. I did, one thing I did do to sort of help a little of it, I bought a fax machine, just a little cheap fax and stuck it over at the warehouse so that when there's somebody over there, which isn't very often, but

occasionally Willard will have somebody working over there. If we need something now maybe we can call them and they could fax it to us. We could do that at any off-site place if there was someone available to do that. And that's another thing I'm looking at, is there's a company in Indianapolis that spoke to the Clerk's Association that will store documents and they have a 24 hour person there, and it meets all the requirements. If someone came in and said they needed a copy of such of such, they would fax it to us within a matter of two to three hours, which is better access than we have driving over to the warehouse that you can't get into. And I'll look into the price of that and we'll see what options we have there.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, so that we have all the facts in line, can you, and I know Mrs. Smith has worked there a long time, can you give us some kind of idea of how much material we're going to have to keep on hard copy by law? It sounds to me like we're still going to need a storage space that's dry and safe for hard copy. Is that correct?

Marsha Abell: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, so we're not just looking at putting all of this on computers and I don't know how much is going to go on computers and how much isn't and how much -- those are, you know, we can't make an intelligent decision until we know, have some kind of estimate on that.

Marsha Abell: Basically, what the new rules say is things like water books can be put on -- there are things that you have, absolutely have to keep forever and ever and ever, that they're allowing those to be put on disk and destroyed because they see it as a better way to, first of all, keep them, because some people write them and they write them in ink that fades and so they're not permanent anyway. But things such as the files that you see the judges use, but those are only kept for a short period of time and then pitched. So those kind of papers, but I mean, that would be something we could keep in the basement. I mean, we do have a large area in the basement, but --

Councilmember Smith: The marriages have to be kept from now on, but those books are back from the early 1800's that are very fragile and if you can get them on the disk, then they wouldn't have to go through them, but we would still have to keep those books.

Marsha Abell: But those are things we could be -- could be kept just about anywhere because you can retrieve them off of a disk and so you wouldn't have to worry about going to find them somewhere. I mean, you could really get into very cheap storage if you're just talking about something to bind it up to keep forever and never have to get into it again because you can retrieve it from a disk.

President Wortman: Would we have to have a building that's got humidity control and heat and all that?

Marsha Abell: They require that. Uh-huh, they require that.

Councilmember Hoy: That's the only point, sir, that I'm trying to make, and I don't know the answer. I'm just raising the

question and that is, for us to know how much money we're in for, and I'm not opposed to the project at all, but we need to know where is this space going to be where you keep the stuff under humidity control, etc, and how much volume is there, and then how much space --

Marsha Abell: Well, that's why I was hoping that a committee would be appointed that could work with me, that we could come up with, here are the options available and then it'll be a decision you'll have to make.

President Wortman: Marsha, how large a building are you thinking in square footage? Are you talking...?

Marsha Abell: You mean to just store what we have right this minute?

Councilmember Hoy: Your garage isn't big enough.

Marsha Abell: This room isn't even big enough.

President Wortman: It wouldn't? Twice the size?

Marsha Abell: Well, if it was a little taller, twice the size might hold it. I mean, it's an insurmountable amount of paper.

Councilmember Raben: But again, if it's put on disk, we're not looking at more building.

President Wortman: Then we're probably talking maybe a seven or eight thousand square foot building possibly.

Marsha Abell: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Smith: I even thought to see -- and you know, every time I came over here you guys thought I was talking crazy, I think. But I thought well, maybe they could get space over in the Old Courthouse, just any place that was a lot safer than the...than where it is.

President Wortman: It's something to think about.

Councilmember Bassemier: The Green Convention Center is sounding better all along, isn't it?

President Wortman: Well, that's why we've got Mr. Sutton and Mr. Lloyd. They're going to solve this problem.

Councilmember Sutton: We'll look into, we won't necessarily solve it, but we'll present some options.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll buy dinner for Councilman --

President Wortman: I'll give you a call and we'll get together next week, hopefully --

Marsha Abell: Okay, and I'll continue to work on the projects that I'm doing to get some figures together for you.

Councilmember Sutton: Good.

President Wortman: Listen, I appreciate you addressing the Council.

Marsha Abell: I have two other little things I want to talk to you about. One of them is just something I wanted to brief you on, and I know this is near and dear to Eric's heart also, and that is the problem that the department heads are having in this building with our use of computer services, and I know that SCT has asked for three staff members for this next year. Actually, they've asked for three staff members to be added right now. I don't know if they need three people or thirty people, I don't work in their department, but I do want you to be aware that they are doing things that are not covered in their contract and right now, the meetings that we've had have come to a complete halt and I have asked at several of those meetings that we have a large joint meeting with all the Council and all the Commissioners so you could hear the total of the problems that are being presented because I don't think you are hearing them completely. And I will only tell you from my standpoint that if SCT were to decide tomorrow that they would only do what they're paid to do by contract, I would not be able to produce one more child support check because the printer that runs the child support program, and I'm sure Ms. Smith will tell you, is housed in SCT's office, it's run by SCT staff, the printer ribbons that it uses are paid out of SCT's budget, they buy them, put them in, they keep all the checks over there. They run all of those things, and in talking to Tony Bender at ISETS, which is a child support package out of Indianapolis that's in place in our office, his exact words were, that SCT had been invaluable to them in setting this system up here and he would think it would be an astronomical fee if not impossible for me to move that printer because it's hooked into the mainframe and I can't move the mainframe into my office. So we have a real problem, this is not a, gee, they want to add staff and so let's not help them out. We had a face card go bad in one of the PC's that runs that system last week, or week before last, and we were connected by phone modem to a company and could not break loose. SCT came over, took the bad face card out, took a face card out of their own supplies and put one in for us, otherwise, we would have been locked up all day. We would not have been able to do a thing. I think that you need to be aware that this is a problem. It's not something that a few people are talking about. We've brought it up in Data Board, and the only thing we ever hear out of any of it is, well, it's going to be in the budget for January. Well, I'm more concerned about who is going to run these child support checks from now till January if SCT were to decide, and they have not told me that they won't run my checks, but it's not in their contract. And if you were going to build Vanderburgh Auditorium and a contractor bids it and you go over there and make a change, he's not going to do it free. And we've made numerous changes to SCT's workload and we have done nothing to their contract.

President Wortman: Is this, do the County Commissioners have the final say on this?

Marsha Abell: As yet, no one has allowed SCT to speak to the County Commissioners on this issue. They've been on the agenda, they've asked to speak three or four times and they -- three times, Eric?

Eric Williams: (Inaudible - comments not made from microphone.)

Marsha Abell: They've not been allowed to speak to them about this.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, if it's appropriate, I'd like to make a motion that as a County Council, we overture the Commissioners for such a hearing as Mrs. Abell is suggesting. That is a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, the motion is --

Councilmember Hoy: The motion is that we overture the Commissioners to hold a meeting such as Mrs. Abell has suggested, a joint meeting, between the Commissioners and the Council to give a hearing to the problems that we've encountered in computer support, I guess is the best way to say it. It's a long motion, I know, but maybe we...

Marsha Abell: I think they deserve that and I think all of us department heads would appreciate it.

Councilmember Hoy: But we can't make, and I'll speak to it after we get a second --

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier, are you going to agree with that and second it?

Councilmember Bassemier: I agree.

President Wortman: Alright, any other discussion in reference to the motion and --

Marsha Abell: Ms. Smith, do you know anything about -- I mean, you know more about this ISETS project than I do, is there other stuff they do? I mean, I don't know what else they do.

Councilmember Smith: That's the program that the Feds came down and said that we had to do, and we were supposed to be on-line October of '95. There were 17 counties in the state of Indiana that went on and they screwed up the whole 17 counties.

Marsha Abell: And that's all that's on it right now, too.

Councilmember Smith: So the Clerk's Association voted that they would not, another county go on until they straightened, well, us and Tippecanoe, there were several of them, they really screwed it up. But, without the support that we had from the computers for writing the checks and everything, because if they paid today, they wrote the checks tonight and those checks was mailed out tomorrow, and we had one of the best child support systems in the state of Indiana. And I said the Feds should use ours as an example, but it would really create a problem if they decided not to write those checks because they do write all their checks. And, until they get that lined out, right now, we're sitting in limbo.

Marsha Abell: And we're really at the mercy of SCT on that ISETS

project, absolutely at their mercy.

President Wortman: Have you spoken --

Councilmember Smith: The Feds were supposed to pay 90% of the cost, the state was supposed to pay 10% of the cost, and the counties were supposed to do the work. That's the way it was set up. Well, instead of that, they were taking the Incentive Fund and keeping it to pay their expenses up there, that's the reason it dropped --

Marsha Abell: Way down.

Councilmember Smith: -- way down, and I told you all a long time ago that money was going to go away.

Marsha Abell: And it's going away.

President Wortman: Did you contact Mr. Mourdock to the effect of this, or --

Marsha Abell: We had a meeting with Mr. Mourdock to meet on this and he canceled.

President Wortman: Why would he cancel it? I mean, is there any particular reason?

Marsha Abell: I mean, he called 15 minutes before the meeting and said he was tied up and couldn't get there.

President Wortman: I see. Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I wonder if it would be worthwhile, I mean, we could try to put that on the agenda for the Personnel and Finance meeting at the end of July.

President Wortman: Does that sound within reason to the other Councilmembers?

Councilmember Lloyd: Maybe we need to talk to the Commissioners and see if they would be willing to speak to that.

President Wortman: Okay. Alright, we've got a motion and a second on that.

Councilmember Hoy: I would accept that meeting time as part of my motion if Mr. Bassemier, the seconder, will accept that.

President Wortman: Will you accept that, Mr. Bassemier, too? Okay, alright, is there any other discussion anybody wants to talk about? Okay, all those in favor of the motion, raise your right hands. One, two, three, four, five, six -- all seven then, I guess. Okay, so we'll have a...

Marsha Abell: Okay, and some of you want to hang around and go down to the basement?

President Wortman: Thank you, Mrs. Abell. Okay, and any other business to come before the Council? If not, I'll entertain a motion for adjournment. Oh, excuse me. Sandie?

Sandie Deig: I just want to ask about this meeting that was just approved. Will Council have to -- will the Auditor's Office have to advertise this meeting? We don't advertise the Personnel & Finance, will they have to advertise this meeting or are you going to be making decisions?

Councilmember Lloyd: I think it would be gathering information, wouldn't it?

Councilmember Hoy: What my motion -- was just for an information meeting and not for voting money --

President Wortman: No final.

Councilmember Hoy: Not for voting money.

President Wortman: Discussion --

Councilmember Hoy: -- discussion, yeah.

President Wortman: Yeah, does that make sense? Yeah, okay. Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I don't know if you've got the folder that we got from the IAC. Have all of you all received that? I think if we're going to go up there, we need to have Sandie to make the reservations. That's September the 30th through October the 2nd. It's, I think we need to get on that so that we'd be sure that we'd have places to stay. Also, when we have a salary administration meeting or whatever, I'd like to make the motion that all elected officers be notified of those meetings. I had some people tell me that a lot of their different offices, that they would like to have come but they don't know about them. Especially the special meetings that they have, like you're talking about the one in July. But it concerns all offices so we should notify each office that they get to come or that we're having it so they can come. But I was told that a lot of times when they have them, they don't know anything about them.

Councilmember Raben: Which meeting was that?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

Councilmember Smith: Any special meetings that we have.

President Wortman: Okay, alright, if there's no other business to come before the Council, I'll entertain a motion for adjournment.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: All in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you for your time.

**(Meeting adjourned 4:35 p.m.)**



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## VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
BUDGET HEARINGS  
AUGUST 12, 1997

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 12th day of August, 1997 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President Curt Wortman at 9:07 a.m.

The Council meeting was opened with President Curt Wortman presiding.

President Wortman: I'll call the meeting to order. Today will be a question and answer session, keep your cool, both sides. Next week we'll kind of get things in order to make our cuts, so when we speak, make sure everything is clear, raise your hand to speak, Councilmembers so they can take it on tape, and no repeat questions unless we can't hear them for some reason. We have got to move on so we can be out of here by 12:00. Anything else? We welcome you here. We have a job to do, a mission to accomplish. If we don't do it, the state will do it. So, we would like to work with you, and vice versa. Hopefully, with that in mind, I'll have a statement from the County Auditor, Ms. Suzanne Crouch, please. We will have a roll call first. Madam secretary.

Teri Lukeman called the roll.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Smith	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Lloyd	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
President Wortman	X	

President Wortman: Now then, we will stand and pledge allegiance to the flag of The United States, please.

President Wortman: Now then, we will have a statement from our County Auditor, Ms. Suzanne Crouch.

Suzanne Crouch: Thank you. Councilmembers, the General Fund has two sources of revenue, the Property Tax Levy and Miscellaneous Revenues. The General Fund Miscellaneous Revenues are up the first six months of 1997 and all economic indicators such as unemployment, GNP, collection of taxes, point to revenues remaining at this same level for 1998. The 1998 proposed General Fund budget of \$39,975,250.00 includes a \$1,500,000.00 Riverboat budget. Therefore, the operating budget requests of the General Fund are actually \$38,475,250.00. As Auditor, I would advise the County Council to cut at least \$2,000,000.00 from the \$38,475,250.00 General Fund operating requests. Those cuts will enable Council to adequately fund the budget, remain

under the statutory freeze and still protect the operating balance. Most importantly, the General Fund property tax rate should remain constant in 1998. For your reference, you have been given a breakdown of the General Fund requests by department and a breakdown of all funds by department and the percentage increase/decrease over the 1997 budget. If the Auditor's Office can be of further assistance in your endeavors, please don't hesitate to call me. Thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you, Ms. Crouch, I appreciate this. Does anybody have any questions, before we start, on this statement which she read? Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I would just, as Finance Chairman, I would like to ask that everybody work hard and do their part to see that these cuts are made, because, again, if we don't make these cuts, the state will and they may not be where we wanted them to be. The other, I wish our goal, as a Council, would be to cut more than \$2,000,000.00. Somewhere in the area of \$2,500,000.00, I think it would be kind of nice to see the tax rate go down slightly. I think the residents of this county, particularly when you look at rising gas prices and their electricity bills, I think it would be nice to give them a break on their property taxes, if possible. Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, if there are no further questions, we will get right on to it. Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, this year, Ms. Crouch, what is, we're looking at, according to your figures here, the possibility of \$38,475,000.00. What are we operating under this year?

Suzanne Crouch: Well, your budget this year was \$33,960,000.00.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I just wanted to second what Councilmember Raben indicated and this is the taxpayers money and I would like to see us cut at least \$2,000,000.00 and look for ways to cut taxes for Vanderburgh County taxpayers.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. We will move right on to the first on the agenda this morning is the County Treasurer. Would the County Treasurer please step forward, please? State your name.

**TREASURER**

Z Tuley: I'm Z Tuley, I'm here as a representative for Jayne Berry-Bland who could not be here. She called me last night and told me that her mother's rapidly failing health will keep her from being here, so, I'm not going to say I know everything, but I will certainly try to answer whatever questions you might have.

President Wortman: First, we will just start with the 100 accounts. If anybody has got any comments to make on the 100

accounts in the Treasurers Office? That is on page ten. Your salary includes the 3%, is that correct?

Z Tuley: I do believe that is true.

President Wortman: Yes, ma'am. Okay, we will turn to page 11, then. Insurance will be adjusted accordingly, and they have got Extra Help in there, and then we will go on to the Office Supplies, they jumped a little bit. The Other Supplies maintain the same. Then we go to the 3000, Travel/Mileage, they are not going to go very far...

Councilmember Sutton: Excuse me, Mr. President.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, I do have a question back on the 200 accounts. On the Office Supplies, you have a little bit of an increase there, you are looking at \$2,000.00 more than what was requested and granted last year.

Z Tuley: As Jayne reminded me about every October, we have run out of funds. About every October, she says Z, you can't order any more office supplies because we're out, you are just going to have to hold up until January 1. In addition this problem that has happened, the last three years that I have been there, we have also had an increase in the usage of paper. We have the State Board of Accounts in the room next to us and they have needs for copies of different things that they are working on. If they need a whole lot of copies, and I really don't know a number that they use as a cutoff, but they will go over to the Auditor's Office and use theirs, however, they don't always do that. If you have a dozen here and a dozen there, well before you know it, it does add up. We have had an increase with them having been in the office, on what they do use because not only did they used to go to the Auditor's Office, but, not only to use the paper but because their machine was better. Well, now we have a better machine, so we are a lot handier. I don't know if, it's really hard when they just need to make a dozen copies to say no, that you need to run over to the Auditor's Office and do that. Therefore, we don't, we try to just work with them.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else? In reference to your Training, 3310, \$500.00, would this be possibly on computer training or just regular training in the office of the people down there?

Z Tuley: This is computer classes that the Computer Services area recommended that we take, so that we don't end up bothering them with simple things that we could learn on our own. Of course the technical stuff would still come from them, but we have found the classes most interesting, I have attended a few and I like them.

President Wortman: Okay, I think the Councilmembers should be aware that we are in the process of a computer system in the Courts and throughout so there will be a lot of training

involved so keep that in mind when the departments come up here. The Legal Services is down, and the next is the Office Machines, that \$4,000.00, what would that be, would you break that down for me please?

Z Tuley: Jayne has it in mind that we can use a new personal computer, I agree with her wholeheartedly. What we have got going now is, she and I both have PC's, we also have PC's that are used for Fund Ledgers and stuff like that. We would like someone else to also have a PC, so they can take some of the load off of Jayne and I who are drafted, so to speak, to do the job because no one has a PC to use. They don't have the capability of doing the job that we need them to do because we are sitting at our own desk with our own PC's tied up. It would be most helpful if we could have another PC, we just really need that. We have found, we are trying to make a switch now where all the delinquent taxes will be put on computer so that we can keep up with them better, rather than having folder after folder and then you mis-shuffle them and not having stayed on top of something. We feel it would be most efficient.

President Wortman: Okay, for that line item, then we go back up to 1990, Extra Help. That would kind of compensate for that \$1,000.00 there, you wouldn't need much Extra Help if this would make you more effective and efficient, right?

Z Tuley: Well, I would hope so. That certainly is our goal, the Extra Help usually falls into lines, like this year we had somebody on Medical Leave. Had we not had that, we probably would not have even needed any Extra Help this year.

President Wortman: During the 1997 actual and take off from the request of 1998, it is about a \$15,000.00 increase, that is all. That doesn't sound too bad.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Chairman.

President Wortman: Yes, Mr Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Actually, that computer, it looks like they are just at 3% overall. That is not a bad increase, it looks like you have...

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President.

Councilmember Hoy: That's all. I think that they have not asked for an excessive amount here.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Ms. Tuley, on 3410, on the Printing, as of June, you spent only \$4,652.27. We appropriated you \$23,581.64, you still have as of June \$18,929.37 in that account and you are asking for \$27,000.00 for next year. Do you have some unforeseen bills, there?

Z Tuley: Well, one perceivable expense is that we probably will not use the cheaper printer that we have used twice before. When the bids come in, we try to go with whoever has the best

bid. We did this once, and it was pretty much a huge headache and a lot of problems. We gave them a second shot last year, they also came in at that lower bid, and I can't say that for that money difference that it is worth it. We went before the County Commissioners before, when the other company came in at a slightly higher bid and I think that we can justify the difference in those tax dollars with good service and accurate billing. Based on the two major bidders in the billing process, we are probably going to have to go back to the higher one again.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else have any questions? Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: So on that same account then, are you going to spend the bulk of that before the end of the year, in that Printing?

Z Tuley: I can honestly tell you that I don't know. I do know that we will have to have some more, what we call, Spare Bills printed. People lose them, they come in without them, and I do know that, as of right now, I probably have about 500 and the second tax season hasn't hit yet. So I'm going to have to order more printed up before the end of the year. How much that is, I really don't know. But I would be happy to find out, if you need that.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

President Wortman: Councilmember Sutton.

Councilmember Lloyd: You are not sitting on any bills, now? Do you have bills that haven't been paid yet, since June 30?

Z Tuley: I couldn't answer that either because I don't pay them. But I would be happy to find that out, too.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, Ms. Tuley, do you guys have any vacant positions in your office at this time?

Z Tuley: Any openings?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Z Tuley: Not at this time.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Wortman: Anybody else? Okay, well everybody is pretty well satisfied, you answered their questions and I appreciate your time and you did very good. Thank you.

Z Tuley: Thank you.

**PROSECUTOR**

President Wortman: Next on the agenda is the Prosecutor.

Stan Levco: Good morning.

President Wortman: Good morning. Would you state your name and where you are from?

Stan Levco: My name is Stan Levco and I'm from Evansville, Indiana.

President Wortman: Well, just relax, you've got a pretty good size agenda, so we'll try to see how everything goes.

Stan Levco: Can I make a brief statement?

President Wortman: Yes sir.

Stan Levco: The budget is essentially what we either received last year or spent last year with three exceptions. I have asked for an additional Full-time Attorney, an additional Part-time Attorney, and an additional Secretary. Essentially that is because since I became Prosecutor in 1991, we filed roughly 1,300 cases. Since then, it has been increasing every year. This past year, it was slightly over 2,000 and our staff has essentially remained the same over the last six years. Also, one major change that I imagine you noted in IV-D, which is collection of support for spouses, we have asked to essentially double our staff, which is somewhat of a change, and I'm not going to be speaking on that in detail, you can ask me but Dorothy Lindsey is head of the program, and is more knowledgeable about it and she will speak on that. Also, on matching funds, we have a number of grants, a lot of our employees in the office are paid by grants, and we subsidize some of that. We have asked the Council to subsidize that this year. In the past, we have, through a lot of...for the Incentive Program but, as most of you know, you have pretty much spent off for the Incentive money for us and, not only that, it has decreased pretty dramatically over couple of years. So now we are pretty much zeroed out in that, so we have asked the Council to take that over.

President Wortman: I want to comment, for two years this gentleman and this department down there have bent over backwards with the Incentive Fund and they are very active in giving us money and using the money to be spent in other places, and a lot of times it didn't come in front of the Council.

Stan Levco: We have bent over backwards, but I think you nudged us a little bit, to get us to bend.

President Wortman: I appreciate that, for two years. I don't forget things like that, you know what I mean? I think that is very good. We get on this, before we get too far, this extra person. I had spoken with the judges and they said that to move these trials along, and you see if I'm right and if I can explain myself, you get your cases prepared down there, if you had an extra person, that would help get you cases prepared and move them along through the courts faster, does that make sense, what I'm saying?



Stan Levco: That's generally it. In the past, I know we have asked, and we have just received funding, in me saying this, we haven't increased Prosecutors, but just in the past couple of months, we have increased on specifically for domestic violence. But I don't want to ask for a specific Prosecutor to prosecute one thing, we just need more Prosecutors generally because the case load is so overwhelming for both us and the Courts, and that is what would happen, I think we would just prosecute it more efficiently and more quickly if we had an extra Prosecutor.

President Wortman: I want to ask you and it may be off just a little bit, but this Check Deception, is that the law that you process anywhere from \$3.00 checks to \$3,000.00 checks?

Stan Levco: Well, it's not the law. I mean we can...what we're doing is we're collecting the checks but collecting them under the threat of prosecution. The most efficient part of the check program is that the merchants are actually having their checks collected as opposed to prosecuting people for the checks because if people agree to pay up front then we don't prosecute them. But, before I was Prosecutor we were not prosecuting checks under \$500.00.

President Wortman: Good. I had heard sometimes, somebody told me, and I don't know where I got it at, a \$3.00 check. Well, that wouldn't even be worth your time, almost.

Stan Levco: We generally...I'm trying to think if we have a minimum, I know we started out with a \$5.00 or \$10.00, and maybe we have increased it, but no, it is not worth your time. We could prosecute a check for \$1.00 if we wanted to.

President Wortman: Just think of all the man-hours and the time involved. Good.

Stan Levco: Do you know what the minimum? (Inaudible) I'm guessing it is around \$20.00, unless somebody has multiple checks, and then we might prosecute a few more.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Speaking from a bank's perspective, though it may not seem like it is a...something that you should pursue, it does incur a lot of costs. When someone overdraws their account you have got the man-hours, you have got the paperwork that goes into that once someone overdraws their account, so it is just like here, we can't make a request or appropriate or make a decision and not have the proper funds there without an illegal act being committed, the same thing with our own personal finances, if we go out and write checks and there aren't funds in the account. There are a lot of people who have gone into making that transaction take place, so, whether it's \$.50 or \$50,000.00, it is still a lot there. We obviously don't want to get petty, but still there is a lot of costs involved there.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: I don't agree with you on the \$3.00 check

because I sat in that office over there for eight years and if those are pursued, it stops a lot of people from writing checks when they will get out and write them when they think well they are not going to...\$10.00, well, they are not going to come after me anyway, so that stops a lot of traffic in that office and in his office. If they don't do but five of them, then the word gets out and they stop writing them.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else? If not, we'll start on the 100 accounts, page 36. Anybody got any question on the 100 accounts? You put your 3% raise in there?

Stan Levco: Yes.

President Wortman: You might notice that 125 and 126 line items, that is the Part-time Deputy and Paralegal Secretary. Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: I was just going to add...you did mention that, on the part-time and the full-time positions that you are requesting, that you aren't looking for those Prosecutors to work in any specific area, but just general...

Stan Levco: Just general prosecution. Felony, they probably wouldn't be in Misdemeanor Court.

Councilmember Sutton: The Paralegal Secretary would be in support of what positions, are you looking for?

Stan Levco: Just the same thing with the office staff, that just our case load has increased, just to help out in the office.

President Wortman: I have a technical question. All of the Paralegal Secretaries, are they all certified or qualified to fill this position in their salaries?

Stan Levco: They are qualified but I don't think that there is any certification.

President Wortman: I was just wondering, there is a difference between the types of work that they do. I didn't know. Okay, then Witness Fees, you have...

Stan Levco: I have asked for \$20,000.00, you gave us \$10,000.00 but we used roughly \$20,000.00, so we have come back and asked for additional every year. Last year, you didn't give us enough, and if you don't give us enough, I guess we'll come back again.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. Then of course you have...Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: (Inaudible, microphone not on)

President Wortman: Witness Fees, yes, set in at zero.

Councilmember Smith: Set in at zero?

(Inaudible, speakers talking away from microphone)

Councilmember Hoy: It's 3901 on page 39. (Inaudible)

Stan Levco: We have already spent about \$9,000.00 for the half-year, and we have asked for \$20,000.00.

President Wortman: Okay, any question on the 100 accounts? Your Extra Help, you increased that \$4,000.00. What would they be doing, Mr. Levco? How would apply that?

Stan Levco: Well, is that the copying...its' the copying.

President Wortman: Copying, okay. I was going to say the request for additional people and that is what I was wondering whether that was needed if those others were granted, that is what I...we could probably strike a deal, don't you reckon?

Stan Levco: If we got the Full-time, yes.

President Wortman: Okay, if there are no other questions on the 100's, let's go to the 200 accounts. Any questions there?

Stan Levco: Loren reminded me to tell you that you get...when we copy, we charge \$.25 a page, you get that. So it is profitable thing for the County anyway because you get the money.

President Wortman: That falls under Miscellaneous Revenue. Right, that's good. Keep it up. Now, we'll go to the 200 accounts, any questions there? Pretty well the same. We go to the 3000 accounts, Travel/Mileage is up a little bit, Law Books, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: On the Travel Mileage with the increase there, can you...we put it at \$3,500.00 last year, and to date you have spent right at \$2,386.58, well actually that is through June 30. Then you are requesting \$4,900.00. Is there something that has changed, or...

Stan Levco: Well, you budgeted us \$3,500.00 and that doesn't mean that is all we spend. What we have been doing is taking it out of the Incentive and stuff, so \$3,500.00 isn't enough, I don't believe.

Councilmember Sutton: How much have you been spending out of the Incentive on Travel?

Stan Levco: Well, I noticed in 1994 we spent \$4,800.00, so...I don't know how much...whatever the difference between you gave us and \$4,800.00 is what we took out that year.

Councilmember Raben: You didn't say anything about 1995 and 1996, though.

Stan Levco: No. Well that doesn't, I know those figures when it says it expanded \$1,000.00, that must be what you budgeted us because, I know we spent a whole lot more than that. Do you know...maybe that's what it is, we just never came back when you probably budgeted us for \$1,000.00 those years and we spent that and then on our own, spent a couple of thousand more. This figure of \$4,900.00 would not be high. As to what we actually

spend, the reality is, whatever you budget us for, if we have money in our Incentive Fund, we will probably spend it.

President Wortman: That's right. I'd like to remind the Council that there is a rationale pamphlet that might explain some of this, too, if you would look at that. Okay, does anybody else...

Stan Levco: I guess I could just say this, from what this show this year, it looks like we're spending at the rate of about \$4,500.00 a year, at least this year.

President Wortman: Have you been made aware of how much Incentive money you will receive for 1998?

Stan Levco: You know, in the IV-D, it keeps going down. We're in the neighborhood of about \$50,000.00, something like that, but it depends and they have got these formulas that the State...at least from past experience, the way it's going, it looks like it's in the neighborhood of \$50,000.00.

President Wortman: Thank You. Now, we move on to the 3000 accounts, Law Books. Does anybody have any questions on Law Books? If not we'll turn to page 39, and Printing, Equipment Repair, Dues and Subscriptions, it looks like you have dropped that \$3,700.00.

Stan Levco: Yeah, we haven't asked for any. We're just doing that ourselves.

President Wortman: Thank you. We'll move right along, Return of Fugitive, you...\$18,000.00. Are you figuring on getting some more people?

Stan Levco: Yeah. \$18,000.00 worth, yeah.

President Wortman: Then your Witness Fees, you upped that \$10,000.00.

Stan Levco: Well, it's not that we upped it, you cut it \$10,000.00. I mean that is about what we will be spending on Witness Fees.

President Wortman: That's fine, okay. Community Development for \$100.00, you're up a little bit. Does anybody have any questions for the Prosecutor's General Budget, here? Any questions? Well, so far you are doing pretty good. Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: One last question. On the Community Development line item, we have yet to expend anything there, why do we keep using that?

Stan Levco: That is a program with the Y, the Y-Cap Program, it's for disadvantaged kids where they give intensive treatment and I have been contributing some money from the Incentive Fund for the past couple of years and I didn't want to do it without the approval of the Council so I asked you to just put a line item there, so I could do that.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

***PROSECUTOR IV-D***

President Wortman: Okay, that would complete that. Now We'll go into the Prosecutor IV-D Program and would you explain that to the Councilmembers again so that they know how that works?

Stan Levco: Yeah, my explanation is Dorothy Lindsay, who is head of the program will explain it to you.

President Wortman: State both of your names, please and...

Dorothy Lindsay: My name is Dorothy Lindsey.

Nancy Long: I'm Nancy Long.

President Wortman: Thank You. Okay, we'll start with any opening statement you may want to make, or just start off with the 100 accounts?

Nancy Long: Well, obviously, you could see that there is a big request in the 100 accounts that is a change from last year's Budget.

President Wortman: Yeah, I see that. That is quite a bit. What are you going to do with all of those people?

Nancy Long: We are going to improve services.

President Wortman: How much out of that is reimbursable?

Nancy Long: Straight reimbursement, 66% is passed on directly to the State. The other one-third can be recouped through some of the obviously increased Incentive money, which is something we have been unable to concentrate on the cases that are most productive, so that would give us the opportunity to work on those cases, so that we can work to increase them overall, I was just talking to them this morning about the formula for the Incentive money, it's a six page formula, I found out, that is very complex, but it primarily is based on the kinds of cases that we work on.

President Wortman: All of these Paralegals, they would all be qualified as Paralegals, they wouldn't be like court typists or anything like that?

Nancy Long: No.

President Wortman: Okay, is it hard to get qualified people like that? Are there plenty available?

Dorothy Lindsey: Yes.

President Wortman: Okay, we'll start with the 100 accounts, does anybody have any questions on that, all the way down to line item 125, which starts that Paralegal request at \$20,522.00. That, I guess, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Can you give us an idea, based upon the information that we have available to us, how much are we actually collecting? As opposed to what is available out there, I know we are looking for some new positions, but trying to get an idea...some support.

Dorothy Lindsey: You mean from last year?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Dorothy Lindsey: Well, last year, with 11 ½ employees, you collected \$130,000.00, in Incentive. \$7,000,000.00.

Nancy Long: Total collections for last year was \$7,000,000.00. We anticipate that the increase in staff should increase that to, a conservative figure of \$11,000,000.00 up to about \$14,000,000.00 a year. There are some reasons that is really important that we do this, we, Ms. Lindsey in coming in, and evaluating it as the new director, went through a very methodical approach to looking at the office to find out why our collections are down as compared to similarly sized counties that have similar populations and similar case loads. She made these observations, and something that we who worked in the department, I've been the Deputy Prosecutor there for 18 years now, so she has made these observations in comparing us with similar counties and we are severely deficient in terms of our staff size, compared to Allen and St. Joe by about 2/3. Like they have 30, we have ten.

President Wortman: Okay, any more questions on the Paralegal Secretaries?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess in terms of, so, if we are to look at what is available for us to collect out there in terms of what we're actually collecting from the standpoint; can you give us an idea?

Nancy Long: If you are asking for a dollar figure of uncollected child-support, that is very difficult to ascertain. I would estimate that we are collecting less than half of the support that is due Vanderburgh County residents of the cases that we handle. We could do better with some more people, I mean it's that...we are at collecting \$7,000,000.00, we have one of the highest in the State, caseworker per collection rates, but it is still not what we need for the whole county. I think that there are some real reasons for the near future why it is going to be more important that we have increased collections, with Welfare reform, public assistance is no longer going to be an option for the persons who don't have their child support anymore. There is a limit as to the length of time that a person can stay on ADC and they are going to need this to survive. We are going to have more people, and I believe that it was a recommendation of the County Commissioners last year, in the Welfare-To-Work task force, that we at least double our enforcement staff size. I think they were recommending it in terms of using some of the Casino money even, but that was one of the big recommendations of that Commission was to help that we can have an impact on the residents of the county.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Correct me if I'm wrong, but based upon what you said that the State reimburses 66% and 34% is made up of Incentive fee and what not, that leaves us with a shortfall of about \$114,000.00, now is that paid out of the General Fund to make up the difference? Does the General Fund make up the difference?

Nancy Long: Yes, just as they would any other budgeted item.

Councilmember Raben: Right. They have exceeded the grant, and we run into this on some other ones, but they have exceeded, I shouldn't say the grant, but it is similar, they have exceeded by over \$100,000.00. The other important thing you need to remember, too, is as they have stated, as these wells continually dry up, these people are left on the...the make up of this difference every year is made up by the General Fund and, someday, should the well dry completely up, you are going to be faced with funding all of these salaries, all of this insurance, everything out of your General Fund.

Nancy Long: It is unlikely that the State is going to discontinue anything more that 66% of the straight reimbursement. Of course, the funds that are, the employees that are collecting money are reimbursing the County in other indirect costs, too, through recoupment of Welfare costs that are returned directly to the County budget, and through the Incentive money that goes, not only to our budget, but to the General Fund but to the Clerk's Office.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, but this account does not say Prosecutor IV-D/General Fund. It's Prosecutor IV-D, so, we need to remember that we have already exceeded, you are already paying part of this budget out of your General Fund, so lets remember that.

President Wortman: But, if you go from \$7,000,000.00 to \$11,000,000.00, that is going to offset, so you have got to look at the broad scope.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess that is the point that I am trying to make through my question is that if we are, have this many uncollected child support payments out there, we are going to more that make that up with what we are able to bring on and I think we can get a lot of moms and some dads, too, definitely applaud more aggressive efforts in this direction in being more aggressive in collecting these back support payments, its not really called for at all.

Nancy Long: We want to put the burden on the parents themselves as opposed to the County, to provide support for these people. I think it is a very cost efficient program that, rather than giving the straight Welfare benefits or increasing Township Aid or in other places, they are going to come to other parts of the County to get the services that we could get to have somebody pay for it.

President Wortman: That's right. I might add this, we are not

talking about just poor people, we are talking about all kinds of wages, and the type of people who have money and just don't pay, am I right?

Nancy Long: Yes.

President Wortman: They are out there and we have just got to get it. Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: The collections are up and the ISEP Program that the feds put into effect by working with the Clerk's and the Prosecutor's, they have collected a lot more money in child support than they have ever done before. It is a problem, but when they finish with the ISEP program that is supposed to be nationwide, that they could pull up from here, in California if some man was paying child support or whatever, not necessarily men, because there is women paying it, too. It is a program that the feds, at the time when they put it in, was going to pay 90% of the costs and the State paid ten and let the County do the work. I told you all before, that is the reason that the Incentive Fund is going down because they are paying it but they are taking it out of the Incentive Fund, but it is a project that is going forward, whenever they get it perfected, it will be a good thing because, to pull it up from New York, if some man is up there, it will help. By working with the Prosecutor's Office and the Clerk's Office, it is a hard job, and I agree that they need more help.

President Wortman: It has merit, I'm glad you explained that. Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: I would like to commend you on the handout, it is very informative. I guess one question I would have, adding all these positions, how do you prioritize now on collections, is it mainly dollar amount owed, or are there other criteria? You know the ones that are slipping through, now are those just smaller dollar amounts?

Dorothy Lindsey: No, they are not smaller dollar amounts.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

Nancy Long: I would say it is the squeaky wheel theory.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy, if you are done Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: then the other point I wanted to note, in this handout, you compare Allen County and St. Joseph County to Vanderburgh, where they are a lot larger in staff, although Allen County, population-wise, is quite a bit larger, I think St. Joseph is more comparable to Vanderburgh.

Nancy Long: Well, when we compared those, in making an apples to apples type comparison, that we didn't think that we should have 30 people like Allen County has, that is does, putting us at 21 would be a comparable increase based on caseworker to case file ratios. Right now we are at one to 3000, and the ABA standards



are one to 500 and the letter I believe Mrs. Lindsey passed out today shows what the State guidelines are per caseload, which I think is one to 500, and at one to 3000, we can't provide the services. The cases that Mrs. Smith mentioned where the parties are out of state, that is a whole area of cases that we have been unable to really touch recently because they are so time-intensive and so dollar-deficient that we are looking for ones that we can get the quick money, a lot of people here have ex-spouses that live out of state.

President Wortman: Excuse me, we are going to change tapes.

#### **Tape Change**

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm going to pick on something that you said because the perception often is that the folks that need to pay are low income. That's not the case there of all incomes but, what eventuates when people don't pay is that you produce clients for the 250 charities that we serve as a food bank and I had to say something because I've got to fulfill my roll as a bleeding heart on this Council. But in addition to just speaking of sheer money, we have to talk about the human factor here and the needs, you know, of parents, single parents. We also have got to stop the phony hype about welfare reform because this is where the rubber hits the road and that is, if we're going to do the kind of cuts we've done federally, we've been told that it's going to fall back on the local level and the money from the Riverboat will not be enough to fund this whole issue. It's a very complex issue, and so I think...that's my argument for this increase, thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I do have one problem, Dorothy, because I think if you list a paralegal secretary, they should have a degree, or they should have papers to show that they've got a degree because you can hire people...in the Clerks Office they've got girls over there that do the same job and they're not paralegal but, when you say paralegal then I think this Council should set up and say, well, if you've got that kind of degree we need to see the papers. I believe that you need more help, but I don't think they have to be paralegal because then you put them in a different category. So, if they don't have to show any certificate, then anybody can walk in and say I'm a paralegal.

Councilmember Hoy: Well a paralegal...there is a degree and an internship for someone who is the category paralegal and that's different than a secretary but there are requirements and standards there, am I not correct? I feel like the language may get confusing here because there is such a category as a paralegal and there is a degree, an official...university degree attached to that, plus an internship.

Dorothy Lindsey: Our most recent hires have had at least two years of college.

Councilmember Hoy: But, then when you're talking about a paralegal secretary, I think that's the question you're raising, Mrs. Smith. I'd like to keep those distinctions sharp, you know, because we are talking about two different things.

President Wortman: Do you want to comment on that?

Nancy Long: We can call them enforcement agents but the county isn't the one that gave them the paralegal title, the state calls them enforcement agents.

Dorothy Lindsey: That was for the job study.

Councilmember Smith: But, when you say paralegal with a degree the salary is more. That's the point that I'm making because you've got girls that do a lot of work that draw less salary but if you put a paralegal degree in it, then it's more money.

President Wortman: They are just wanting clarification and identification, I guess, is what it amounts to. So that can be straightened out.

Dorothy Lindsey: The similar counties have two levels of pay for these individuals that we're asking for and we asked for the lower of the two pay levels. Most of them, I think, would equate COMOT VI, which is even higher than what we have. So we asked for it at the lower level of what compares to these individuals on a state wide basis.

President Wortman: On the paralegal, there's two. One is a two year degree and the other one is a four year degree which is a bachelor's degree, am I right or am I wrong?

Dorothy Lindsey: We really haven't had a whole lot of hires, I mean, we haven't increased our size so it's real difficult to look at what kind of factors so they've either had extensive experience, college degrees, or experience in the field.

President Wortman: I was just thinking, we might--

Dorothy Lindsey: It would probably require at least a two year degree.

President Wortman: Or else four and we might--

Dorothy Lindsey: It's not four--

President Wortman: We might eliminate some attorneys then if they would do the job. Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: There are a lot of lawyers in this room, I wish one of them would get up and clarify this issue for me. My...I have a daughter who has a degree from Ball State University as a paralegal and coupled with that has an internship, which qualifies her to be a paralegal. She has all the paperwork and I think that's standardized, if it's not I'd like to know because we're muddying the water. We're talking about paralegal secretaries and paralegals and I reiterate and I want some clarity here. Those are two different things and we

don't need confusion when we are dealing with this issue.

Dorothy Lindsey: I would think that paralegal would relate more specifically to those positions in the Prosecutors Office that were at the investigator level.

Councilmember Hoy: Exactly.

Dorothy Lindsey: And those are the ones that would be the degreed paralegal persons. A paralegal secretary, you could call it a legal secretary.

Councilmember Hoy: And that's a four-year degree, that particular position is, and they are investigators and it's similar to the English system. They have two levels of law and I can't remember the one; Barristers, I believe, and solicitors and they've had that system for centuries.

President Wortman: Okay. Mr. Attorney, would you want to comment, Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I think we've kind of got it sorted out now. My understanding is that there...here locally, and I'm sure there's a lot of different programs elsewhere but here locally, I think the Ivy Tech has a two year paralegal program but then there's also the universities. I know the University of Evansville does, I don't know if they have one out at USI or not, offers a four year bachelor degree, paralegal degree. Now, the internships that Mr. Hoy is talking about may be a part of those programs and I do know that there is also an addition to that. I've run across some paralegals that have gone out, there's a place in Philadelphia that you get something extra in credentials and that, but I think locally you have the two and the four year degree paralegals, is what my experience is and then you also have the (inaudible). I think what you all were addressing as to whether we want to get into or not, is that there's people that have experience in certain areas and then get hired at places and they get a title as a paralegal but technically do not have a degree in paralegal studies.

Councilmember Hoy: But the slot here is Paralegal Secretary, isn't that what we're talking about in these ten slots?

Dorothy Lindsey: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: That's my point. I just think we are muddying the waters. We're looking at secretaries to assist and that's separate, correct?

Nancy Long: Correct.

Councilmember Hoy: And they have to have special training but I don't think there's a degree attached to that. Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any questions on the 100 accounts? If not, we'll go to the 2000 accounts, the Office Supplies and Other Supplies. They remain the same. And we go to the 3000 account Postage and Freight the same, Travel the same, Telephone the same, Printing, Equipment Repair and Lab Tests.

Does anybody got any questions on that on the IV-D program? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: It was actually back up on Extra Help, on 1990 so, given the possibility of some adjustments with additional positions, then that would drop the Extra Help, is that what we are assuming there?

Nancy Long: I'm sorry?

Councilmember Sutton: On line item 1990 you requested \$7,308 for Extra Help.

Nancy Long: That's my part time, that's the part time.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, so, I...assuming that you didn't get any positions you would need that Extra Help, but if you got some positions you wouldn't need that Extra Help there?

Nancy Long: The part time, no.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Wortman: In reference to the 3720 Lab Test, if they take them tests and it comes up positive, who pays for that?

Dorothy Lindsey: Often the (inaudible) father, who's found to be the father is ordered to pay and gets reimbursed. Mostly when we are ordered to pay it out of our budget it's a welfare case and, well on the welfare cases the State is paying those. We pay only for the, what you call the working poor cases where it'll be for somebody who doesn't qualify for welfare but doesn't have the money and we need to proceed...because it's a lot better to proceed with blood tests as your main form of evidence in the case than just somebody's word who was the father of the child.

President Wortman: Okay. Anybody got any other questions? Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I kind of...I mean, we can go on but I want to kind of keep it open and go back to that paralegal secretary. We do have a description from the job study, we do have a legal description for that and it's being looked up right now. So I would like to maybe come back to it later on, Mr. President, if that is okay?

President Wortman: That's fine.

Councilmember Bassemier: So we'll get it in record.

President Wortman: That's fine, I appreciate it, thank you. Okay, If we've got no other questions we'll turn the page then to 43 Prosecutor Fees - Check Recovery and I guess...Mr. Levco? Thank you, young lady.

**PROSECUTOR FEES - CHECK RECOVERY**

President Wortman: Director, Insurance, and Office Supplies. Basically everything is pretty well the same. Anybody got any

questions on page 43 on any of the line items? Don't see none.

**PROSECUTOR DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM**

President Wortman: We'll move right on to page 44, the Drug Law Enforcement Program. I've got matching grants, \$106,835. Do you want to explain that to the Councilmen, if anybody's got any questions on that? Mr. Brown there is coming up smiling, thank you.

Doug Brown: My name is Doug Brown with the Prosecutors Office. This is a matching grant, it's something that Mr. Levco alluded to when he first started speaking. In the past we've had incentive funds, forfeiture funds, and whatnot to pick up this matching grant. Our funds, we've used them as you've requested, they've pretty much dried up. Our match, this is for four employees: three attorneys and one secretary, \$106,835. Basically all we have left...last year our match was \$90,000, 2/3 of that came from forfeitures, 1/3 of that came from our infraction deferral. At this point in our forfeiture account we have about \$9,600 left and we have \$300 in our infraction deferral. This is a big issue to the community, the Drug Program. We are at a point where we just cannot pay for these employees and make our match anymore and that is our request in this matter.

President Wortman: Okay, does anybody got any questions?

**PROSECUTOR VICTIMS/WITNESS PROGRAM**

President Wortman: We'll turn to page 45, Witness Assistance Program, and that's another matching grant there.

Doug Brown: Yeah, like I said, again, another really important program, our match on that is approximately what we're asking for, \$9,842. The total match on that is \$31,443. We matched \$21,600 in kind via office space, product supplies, things of that nature. This is the program which helps people get through the system, essentially. IT also checks with victims and we make plea agreements to make sure they're in agreement with that. We're asking the county to pick up the \$9,842. Again, in the past this has come from our incentive fund.

**PROSECUTOR STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

President Wortman: Okay. We'll turn to page...next page is 46, Domestic Violence. That's another matching grant \$16,115.

Doug Brown: Same thing, that's our brand new program, we have a new Prosecutor in our office exclusively to handle Domestic Violence, again a hot topic, a big issue. This person is going to deal with not only misdemeanor but also felony cases, follow the cases all the way through. We felt like this would be a real efficient way to prosecute these cases. She'll have victim contact throughout the process. The total match is \$16,115. We are picking up \$9,000 of that with in-kind match, which is basically office space. We're asking the Council to pick up \$7,115.

President Wortman: Anybody got any questions for Mr. Brown? Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay. So, on this, if that new person was brought in...are they going to be working on other things besides this?

Doug Brown: I can't say they are going to be totally devoted to it but this is the primary function, if court needs to be covered one morning they would run down but this is their primary function above all else.

Councilmember Lloyd: Right, and this is the expenditures for that person related to Domestic Violence?

Doug Brown: Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions for Mr. Brown? If not, we'll turn to page 46. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Back to 43, what was the General Fund's portion of that?

Doug Brown: On the...that was \$7,115 is what we're asking for from the General Fund.

Unidentified: Inaudible-comments made away from the microphone.

Doug Brown: Would that be under Victims Assistance? I'm not going off pages. I'm sorry, if you can tell me what you're...we're asking for \$9,842 and that's for two...hires two full time employees.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any questions?

**PROSECUTOR ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

President Wortman: We'll turn to page 46, excuse me, turn over to page 47, that's Protective...Adult Protective Services.

Doug Brown: Again, an essential program, I think that even Mr. Wortman might even know a little about this. We have had one employee doing this for a number of years, it covers six counties. We now have some new grants, we're trying to get up to four employees if we can be creative in the way we use our funds. We have two full time working up there right now. The total match is \$31,450 we're giving...we're doing \$19,400 with in kind and we have a lot of office space up there and I think Mr. Wortman has been involved with contacting some other counties to see if they will chip in and help us with this match.

President Wortman: And that total is a percentage broken down...was around \$7,000 and the counties we are talking about are Gibson County, Posey County, Warrick County, Spencer County and Perry County, those outlined. They're capitalizing on us so we broke it down on cases and how many that they should pay a

percentage on and hopefully, we can come up with \$7,000. I'm going to call them and talk to them and if I don't, I guess I might have to go see them, now if I don't come back you know where I'm at.

Doug Brown: I'll come looking for you.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions for Mr. Brown? Thank you, Mr. Brown.

Doug Brown Thank you.

President Wortman: And I guess that completes the Prosecutors. So, thank you all, I appreciate your time. You got anything to say, Mr. Levco? Okay, thank you.

**PROSECUTOR PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION**

President Wortman: Excuse me a minute, we've got, while you're here let's go to Diversion...Prosecutor Pre-Trial Diversion. Maybe we ought to take that while you're here before you run off. That's page 166. Okay, we've got a Director and a Secretary and the Secretary is set in at zero, can you explain that, Mr. Levco?

Stan Levco: No. Don't we have a part time? I can explain it actually. In the past we had a full time person there. And the number of people who are using the program increased so then we put a part time person in there, full time and part time. And then last year I think it was, we got funding for two full time. At one time we had a surplus in this account I think in the neighborhood of \$60,000 or more, but our surplus is gone. That full time person is also gone, the second full time. I want to, and I guess it doesn't reflect it here, and if I have money and incentive funds and I want to hire somebody part time maybe 20 hours a week but I didn't ask for it. What I want to do is make sure this program is self sufficient. I mean, that shouldn't be the only criteria that I use, I don't want it to be operating in the red so that's why I only have one employee. Why I didn't ask you for part time, I don't know. I guess it's just out of the generosity of my heart. As long as...right now, I think we're down to less than \$20,000, what is it about \$10,000, do you know? Maybe, we're down to about \$10,000 and hopefully it's going to level off and once it gets to that point, I think I want to put someone else in there at about 20 hours a week, because I think we really do need more help. But I don't want to do it unless it's going to be self sufficient.

President Wortman: okay, does anybody have any more questions in the 100 accounts? That's where we got the Office Supplies at zero and we got (Inaudible - microphone not turned on) Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I'd like to go back to the Paralegal Secretaries. Sandie, I guess, gave you all a job description. Can we take a couple minutes and read it? From what I'm reading here, there's no degrees or any licence or anything that you need to be this, so that department could probably take a secretary after a while and move her up to this and we're

going to pay her as a Paralegal Secretary. So I think something needs to be done that, if we're going to go with these salaries, do we require some kind of degree? There is an Associate Degree, or a Bachelors Degree, you know, we need to do something if we're going to pay these salaries. So can we open the floor real quick and see what we--

President Wortman: Yeah, if you want to discuss it now as long as it doesn't take too long.

Councilmember Bassemier: Does anybody have any questions on the requirements because, I...Mr. Hoy brought up a good point. What I'm seeing here is no certificates, no degrees, just whatever they want to call a Paralegal Secretary. It does give a good job description, they've got to type, good grammar skills, whatever, but no degree. So, what should we do?

President Wortman: What's your reaction to that, Mr. Levco?

Stan Levco: My reaction is, I was under the impression the Job Study Commission looked at what our secretaries did and determined that they did the work that was equivalent of a Paralegal Secretary. So, I mean, I'm kind of with Mr. Hoy here. I've never thought of...it's never occurred to me really to ask someone in this position, do you have a degree from a school as a Paralegal Secretary? I just want to see if I feel like they can do the job and that's what the Council has called them.

President Wortman: Mr. Tim Deisher?

Tim Deisher: Yeah, Mr. Wortman. Mr. Bassemier, that would be the job description that was analyzed in rating the position a COMOT V that is presently in position.

Councilmember Bassemier: I know to get to this point it had to go through job study but, I'm kind of open, being a chairman of it. Since we're all here should we have a meeting and go back and say at least we should have some kind of degree here, or what's everybody...what would everybody like to do here?

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: If I May? I don't see these positions as Paralegal Secretaries, I mean, I see them as calling them enforcement officers. You know, if I'm going to put an ad in the paper or try to recruit or whatever, you're going to try to fill the positions, and you put Paralegal Secretaries and the actual duties that they're going to be performing relative to these positions is totally different than what I would think of from a Paralegal Secretary. So, I think that's where we need to start is defining what these positions will be called if we got a Paralegal Secretary. Yes, I think we need some work in that direction and defining that role properly but the positions that he's requesting aren't Paralegal Secretaries.

President Wortman: In other words, what you're saying, this could be misleading, these titles?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.



President Wortman: And I think that's bottom line that we're talking about. Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I think it's misleading, I think when you say a Paralegal Secretary, that is a special secretary and there is a degree at the University of Evansville, it's a four year degree. Now, if you list a Paralegal Secretary, I think you need a degree with it, but if you say a person has to do this kind of work that these things here, that goes on in the County Clerks Office all the time, I mean, the same work and I think Stan will agree with me. So, I'm not...I think they need more help but I don't think we need to list them as Paralegal Secretaries because if you go back into some of the other offices, those girls do the same thing and it doesn't start out with a \$20,000 salary.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton? You're the liaison. In the mean time, would you get with Mr. Levco and come back for next week and maybe have an answer and you two kind of work it? Does that make sense?

Councilmember Sutton: Sure.

President Wortman: Okay, I think the two have come to an agreement and then we'll review to change the title, or what have you, does that sound alright?

Councilmember Sutton: For next week we'll do that but, I guess we...we'll still need some assistance from our job study area, in terms of looking at those positions and where they stack up, because, obviously that has an affect upon the compensation.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Wortman: I think there's other...does Legal Aid have them too?

Dorothy Lindsey: Legal Aid's positions are four and six. So, they don't have five.

President Wortman: Yeah, I see. Okay.

Dorothy Lindsey: I think they're equivalent to the person who does this kind of work would be a six.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Bassemier why don't you go with Mr. Sutton down there, how does that sound? And it'll be three of them. That way work it out and if there's any questions we'll go back from there.

Councilmember Hoy: I think we need to be clear Mr. President and I'd ask this from Mr. Deisher, he's our consultant here. I did ask him. That is between now and next week I don't think any of us should expect the job study to be changed, that it's to go through processes, we just need clarity and I don't want to lose sight in all of this discussion of the need that's represented by this (inaudible) decided that just by the confusion over the title I think that's important that we don't do that. I'm supportive of this but, there's also a process connected with

job study and with job descriptions and all that, that will not be accomplished by next week. I don't think.

President Wortman: Okay, I think this needs clarification. Okay, anybody else got any questions here for Mr. Levco? If not, you're excused and thank you for your time.

Stan Levco: Thank you.

**COUNTY WELFARE**

President Wortman: The County Welfare page 145, Mr. John Schroder.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes sir, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Let's go back to this prior topic, Councilman Bassemier?

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier, can we have your attention, please? Mr. Raben wants to ask you a question.

Councilmember Raben: We've actually got some time. We actually don't approve this salary ordinance until our September meeting. So, I mean, basically all we're going to do next week is set in a line item and when we approve our salary ordinance in September we can affix a new title or whatever needs to be--

Councilmember Bassemier: Right, yeah that was my intention.

Councilmember Raben: So, we don't have to have this by next week?

Councilmember Bassemier: No, no, we just approve it. But, I would like to see personally, that if somebody is called a Paralegal Secretary I'd like to see maybe, at least an associate degree and even more, if they do, they should get paid more. I mean, you know, either with this or more money if we agree, whatever we agree on has got to justify that salary with a title.

President Wortman: The main thing for this purpose behind it is, that my thinking is, to do it and then come back, we'll say it don't have to be made but, let's report and stay on it otherwise it's forgotten.

Councilmember Raben: Either that or just zero all these out and then it's not a problem. That's the--

Councilmember Bassemier: I have no problem with the salaries.

Councilmember Raben: That's a conservative approach and you save yourself a lot of extra work. So, we'll just zero all these out.

Councilmember Sutton: Didn't we say we weren't making any decisions today, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Hoy: It's not conservative when you see what I see, Mr. Raben, You see people suffering and struggling and I will let my heart bleed real hard here because we have got to address an issue in our culture and it's up to us to address it here since it's been dumped on the local level and that is, welfare reform is a bad joke on people who suffer from it unless we institute some structure that will enable them to live a better life. I mean, as far as I'm concerned the last bias in our culture is hatred of the poor.

President Wortman: Okay. Page 145 the County Welfare, would you step forward please?

John Schroder: My name is John Schroder, and I'm the assistant director of the Vanderburgh County Office of Family and Children and which page was that again?

President Wortman: Page 145 and welcome. Anybody got any questions starting off, while you get situated there on page 145 and...got any questions for Mr. John Schroder? Mr Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: My question would be, I guess, it looks like we moved line items from At Risk Child Care to Healthy Families, I wondered if you wanted to explain that, or why there's a large dollar amount moved to Healthy Families?

John Schroder: The At Risk Child Care is now being...as a direct grant and it is being outsourced to a private vendor to handle the child care for these At Risk families and we were instructed in our budget this year to include the same amount in Healthy Families as we had in the At Risk Child Care. Quite frankly, I cannot give you an in-depth description of Healthy Families, I do know that it has something to do with working with both prenatal and newborn children and trying to get them a step up on good health and those kind of items. There have been a number of changes in the accounts that we are asking for this year and some of them are mainly name changes, some of them are accounts that have been separated out, they pay for the same thing but they've been separated because they have federal reimbursement and they've kept that separate this year but what they are trying to do is to show the accounts as they are expended. For instance, in the old budget we had Foster Care Assistance and that account was because that was a federally reimbursed program but, it does pay for wards in foster homes, wards in institutions, and wards in therapeutic foster homes but if they were eligible for this federal reimbursement, we paid for them out of a separate account. This year they want the payment for wards and institutions to be an institutional account, if they're allegeable for federal reimbursement, we within our office will be keeping sub accounts as to which ones these were to get the federal reimbursement back, that federal reimbursement, state reimbursement is figured in our revenue, our income at the end of the budget process. So, they're tring to keep all of these expenditures in line with what they're expended for, not with which programs, federal programs they match up with, those kind of things. That's why there have been a number of changes. The Healthy Children or Healthy Families Program is a new bracket for us at this point and time.

Councilmember Lloyd: Thank you.

President Wortman: Does anybody else got any questions from page 145?

John Schroder: I do have some information I could pass to you and it does, it kind of gives a bottom line to this. I did it last year for the Council and I just follow through with it and it has some idea of what the actual bottom line figure is and how it relates to the former years. If you want me to, I'll pass that out?

President Wortman: Yeah, please. Thank you.

John Schroder: What this really shows is a bottom line figure about what we're requesting and we are seeing...we have been very conservative in our approach to the welfare reform issue over the past few years because, we know that, not only that how interrelated the welfare reform is with the economy, the general and local economy, and we've been concerned that the welfare reform would not do what it had said that it would do. We have noticed improvements in the issues and you might note, that because we had been somewhat conservative with our working balance, that we've made an effort to cut that working balance to an appropriate level and in addition to that there have been some reductions in the welfare fund itself and actually we've asked for a 37% reduction in our tax rate on the Welfare Fund itself and a minor increase in the tax rate on the Family and Children Fund, which deals with abused and neglected children.

President Wortman: Does anybody have any questions on the review here that Mr. John Schroder passed out? Evidently everybody understands it.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't think that's the case but...

John Schroder: I understand.

President Wortman: Okay, We'll move right on to the next page then with that understanding. Page 146 Family and Children and that would zero in and go on over to the next page 147, that's where you kind of changed things around, is that correct?

John Schroder: I assume so. Yeah those match up with the accounts that we were requesting.

President Wortman: There's not a large increase but I think around \$400,000 on that. It's enough but, I mean, justified. Does anybody got any questions on any line item on page 147? Does anybody want to ask John?

John Schroder: That is a 3.84 % increase if you look at the...as far as the total dollar amount is concerned and in fact...a less than...almost to break even on the requested tax rate by looking at our working balance.

President Wortman: Okay. Alright and I guess that possibly takes care of you.

John Schroder: If there are any questions I would certainly appreciate addressing them today or if there are any questions that come up, if you would go ahead and give a call to my boss, the director is at a national meeting on food stamp accuracy rates and I...next Tuesday I have to conduct a...I chair a data processing meeting in Indianapolis. So, I probably would not be available next Tuesday.

President Wortman: Thank you, John, I appreciate that. Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, I'd like to congratulate ...well, just to express our appreciation for the cooperative spirit that the Department of Family and Children has had with the county as we've been trying to implement, or we're about to implement Welfare To Work. You guys have been extremely helpful in helping that process to go along and the committee that was initially formed and put together, you guys put a lot of leg work into that and now where we are now. We're about at the point where we are about to begin to accept vouchers for different services for those who qualify for the assistance that we're going to have, that we're going to be able to provide, through the use of the river- boat money that we've allocated for Welfare To Work and we think we'll do an awful lot of good for a lot of families out there who are just on the edge of making the mainstream out into the work world out there and they can use those for training, child care, miscellaneous type of expenses that are related into their transition into the workplace. So, I just wanted to express our appreciation for how you've been a great assistance in helping us to move forward from helping families move from Welfare To Work.

John Schroder: Thank you very much. I know that the attitude from our agency is, we really do want to see these people succeed and as much as I'd like too, strangely enough, Welfare hasn't cut our work load, it's actually increased the amount of time that we work with all of the clients that we have. We do see these as people not necessarily as numbers. We face these people every day and we really do want to see them succeed and anything that takes a step toward that, we want to try to help.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, within the next two months we should see, probably one of the first groups that come off of welfare here real soon. So, within the next couple of months we'll be able to see some of the things that we've put in place really getting...actually used with some of those families that are out there. Some already, have made the transition but, the greater numbers are going to take place in October.

President Wortman: We're seeing some results, is what you're saying and that's fine. Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I just have one question. Approximately how many cases are you dealing with now?

John Schroder: I'm sorry I don't...I have some information here I would have to dig through it, it depends on what program we're talking about.

Councilmember Lloyd: Right.

John Schroder: But, I do know...what people normally think of as Welfare, the AFDC, now they call it TANIF Transitional Assistance To Needy Families is down over 30%.

Councilmember Lloyd: From last year?

John Schroder: From two years ago.

President Wortman: Thank you, I appreciate your time. Okay, we'll move right on and the number one on the agenda next in line is the County Clerk, page one.

**Tape Change**

**COUNTY CLERK**

President Wortman: Okay, would you identify yourself?

David Byrne: Yes, sir. Good morning, I'm David Byrne with the County Clerk's office.

President Wortman: Thank you. We'll start off with the 100 accounts on page one and we'll proceed on down. Does anybody have any questions on the first page? I don't see any. We'll go on to the next page which is number two. No questions there? We'll turn the page to number three. Does anybody have any questions? If they don't have any questions there, we'll proceed to page number four. We'll see if we have any questions on page four.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, line 1990 Extra Help.

David Byrne: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Sutton: Can you talk about that a little bit?

David Byrne: Yes, that is to pay the part time bail bond clerks. We had to go to this situation so that we would be in compliance with the Federal Labor Standards Act, and also to meet other State and Federal mandates and guidelines. Previously, people from the office of the Clerk were working and they were not being compensated an overtime rate. These were full time employees.

Councilmember Sutton: How many people are we talking about here with this \$31,500?

David Byrne: Councilmember Sutton, it's more a matter of the total number of hours that are needed to meet that. It's my understanding that the Council appropriates the amount of money that will be paid per hour and then it's up to the officeholder to determine the number of people that are to carry out the duties of that particular position.

President Wortman: Ms. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: The line item, well it's 1620 --

David Byrne: Yes ma'am.

Councilmember Smith: That job was eliminated.

David Byrne: That's correct.

Councilmember Smith: So that needs to be taken out of there.

David Byrne: Well, we went before the job study and we've asked that the job study approve that position to be changed to a new title and new job duties as the assistant in the Child Support Division. If I may refer you to your folder of information we handed out, we've included the amount of child support fees that have been collected in the past. Our thinking is that with the additional person in Child Support...It was rather informative to learn that the IV-D Division in the Prosecutor's office has ten and one half employees for approximately 14,000 to 15,000 cases. As you well know, we only had four employees in our Child Support Division handling almost 29,000 cases. So what we'd like to do is have that position, as approved by the job study, to have the person focus on collecting the child support administrative fees. I have a 268 page report right here of just the ISETS fees that are owed since March of 1995. It totals over \$900,000. You know very well that your staff is too busy, as is ours, to try to really work on collecting this. So if we could collect just a third of this that would be over \$300,000, and that all goes into the General Fund.

Councilmember Smith: I have no problem with that, it's just this position, Bond and Fine, was eliminated so you probably want to change the title.

David Byrne: Yes ma'am. The job study did approve a change in the job title.

President Wortman: Okay, does anybody else have any questions?

Councilmember Smith: I just have a statement to make. That office over there is one of the busiest offices in this building. There isn't enough help, I told you all this for years but nobody would listen. I also told you that the Incentive Fund was going to go away. Nobody believed me. We go right back to where we were talking a while ago about paralegals. These girls over there, if you'll look at some of the positions there it doesn't come up to \$20,000, and they do the job that they do in the Courts and in the Prosecutor's office. So let's clarify the paralegal.

David Byrne: I would like to reiterate all of Councilmember Smith's remarks. This would not change the total number of full time employees, it would remain at 51. I've also included in the information packet the case load increase for the years 1990 to 1996. As Ms. Smith can attest to, it continues to grow every year. I believe it's over a 34% increase from 1990 to 1996. The numbers that we've been running this year have proceeded to look like it's going to be anywhere from a 2.5% to 3% increase on top of that.

Councilmember Hoy: What was that title change again?

David Byrne: It would be Assistant Supervisor for Child Support Division. The Child Support Division, of course, is very important because that's the money that goes to the children and the Clerks office serves as the administrative office for processing that. Of the approximately \$24,000,000 that goes through the Clerk's office \$18,000,000 of that goes through Child Support. So you can imagine how important that is to the operation of our office.

President Wortman: Okay, does anybody else have questions on page four? We will proceed and turn to page five then, does anybody have any questions there? Everything looks pretty well in line. Does anybody have any questions on the finalization before we go into the Election Office report? If not we'll proceed into that, and that is page 71.

#### **ELECTION OFFICE**

President Wortman: Okay, we'll start off there on page 71, the 100 accounts. Remember there's no election this year, next year there will be an election. As a matter of fact there will be four County Councilman Districts up here. So think of that when you vote for this appropriation. Okay, does anybody have any questions on page 71?

Councilmember Hoy: You mean those of us who are not up for election don't have to worry, is that it?

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, when I came to you and asked you for this position that position was supposed to be during the time over in the Election office during elections and other than that they relieve the load over in the Clerk's office. As soon as the books were finished they came to the Clerk's office and worked. Is this person doing that or are they spending all their time in the election office?

David Byrne: No ma'am.

Councilmember Smith: Well, that's what I've been told, that's the reason I'm asking the question.

David Byrne: No, our Election Supervisor spends a half day working Misdemeanor helping relieve the workload in there. As you know that case load is over 20,000 cases this year and continues to increase. So he's helping out wherever he can whether it's inputting with parking tickets or any other kind of administrative duties that the supervisor --

Councilmember Smith: That was the question I had to ask because I was told that he did not spend any time over there and that was the reason that I had asked for the position at the time. Sandy remembers that we went through that because the work load in the Clerk's office was so heavy they needed the extra help.

David Byrne: And they have used him in Misdemeanor Traffic, that's for sure.

President Wortman: Well then the question is answered, okay. Anything else? If not we'll go to page...excuse me, Mr. Lloyd?



Councilmember Lloyd: I just was wanting to know the amount in Contractual Services?

David Byrne: That was directed by Commissioner Bettye Lou Jerrel to us to place that in the Election Office budget, traditionally it's been in the Commissioner's budget. The Clerk and I memoed Commissioner Jerrel that we had no problems with that as long as the other Commissioners and the County Council approved of that. It should be noted, that amount is a guaranteed price if it's approved by you and signed by the Commissioners for three years. So it would not go up over the three year period. We also would advise that if we do not do this kind of lease agreement, and they're really doing it to our advantage because it benefits them in their stock price in their company, so they have a corporate motive to do it this way, there would be at least \$14,000 in just reprogramming the software for the 1998 general election. So it seems very reasonable. The previous price had been \$27,000, but that was for the three year contract previously. So given the amount of software reprogramming that would be needed, plus the fact that the Election Board had requested that we try to obtain the funds to have a third card reader, the amount of the contract without a third card reader would be \$3,000 less. But that's where it is. It's Business Records Corporation.

Councilmember Sutton: Could you back up just a half and state who the contract was with?

David Byrne: The contract was with Business Records Corporation.

President Wortman: Ms. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: This has always been paid for out of the Commissioners' budget. I understand that they did request that you put it in yours.

David Byrne: Commissioner Jerrel did, ma'am.

Councilmember Smith: But that has never been in the Election budget before. All of the equipment was paid for by the Commissioners.

President Wortman: Okay, does anybody have any questions then on page 71?

Councilmember Sutton: Why one budget over the other? I mean, is the contract amount going to be the same amount, or is it just that we are switching from one account to the other, what's the reasoning behind taking it from one to the other?

David Byrne: Councilmember Sutton, you'd really have to ask Commissioner Jerrel why she wanted it changed, we don't know. She didn't give us a reason.

Councilmember Raben: She just really wanted it where it belongs. You know this is an election item. It's just a better accountability for where it really goes.

Councilmember Hoy: Then we should see some reduction in the

Commissioners' budget, maybe not a lot, but some. I think they're losing an item here at \$34,000 and moving it over here. So we have to take a good look and be sure there is a reduction there. I don't mind the change. Did you not mention, Mr. Byrne, that there is an increase in the contract?

David Byrne: There is from \$27,000 to \$34,000.

Councilmember Hoy: So we are going to be looking at that increase in the contract --

David Byrne: But that would be \$34,000 for three years if we're locked into that.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay. I think Mr. Sutton, I'm not sure that was the question you were asking, but we're looking at a several thousand dollar increase and that's all.

David Byrne: Yes sir.

President Wortman: Okay, does anybody else have any questions for Mr. Byrne on page 72? I think that's about it. I appreciate it, it looked very well. I tell you, we are going to take a little short break here for seven minutes. Then we will come back and take the Sheriff. Thank you for your time Mr. Byrne.

#### **Tape Change**

#### ***SHERIFF***

President Wortman: Okay, Vanderburgh County Sheriff on page 15.

Ray Hamner: I'm Ray Hamner, Sheriff of Vanderburgh County.

President Wortman: Welcome Sheriff.

Ray Hamner: Thank you.

President Wortman: Page 15, we'll start off with the 100 accounts, there's quite a few pages there. So the first page, 15, does anybody have any questions there? There is a considerable jump in the salaries there, but they would be refigured back to 3%, is that correct Mr. Hamner?

Ray Hamner: They'll be figured back to the Council's request which was 3%, the other has been dropped.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. Are the Councilmembers aware of that? We'll continue if there are no questions on page 15, the salaries, and we'll go down to the next page, 16. We've got page 16, if there's no questions we'll go to page 17. You might notice on line item 113 a Corporal, he was making in 1997 \$32,635 and \$30,938 now. So that has to be an error I'm sure. There has to be a correction on that so I brought your attention to that.

Ray Hamner: What is the question?

President Wortman: There's a salary discrepancy there, 113 a Corporal, \$32,000 and then for 1998 it's \$30,000 so it has to be an error I'm sure.

Ray Hamner: They'd make more than \$30,000.

President Wortman: That's what I'm saying, it has to be an error, a discrepancy there. Line 36, 11300036 Corporal, page 17 in the middle of the page. It has to be a typographical error. I just thought I'd bring your attention to that. Okay, we'll move on down from 17 and continue to 18 --

Ray Hamner: Mr. Wortman, excuse me.

President Wortman: Sir?

Ray Hamner: That slot you're talking about, 36, it use to be a Corporal slot and they retired, I guess, and there's a Patrolman's salary in there now.

President Wortman: I see. Okay, it was just listed as Corporal that's the reason I noticed that.

Ray Hamner: Yeah, well somebody didn't change, I guess, at the time the person retired.

Councilmember Hoy: So that figure is correct?

Ray Hamner: Yes.

President Wortman: I think the total of sworn officers is 102, is that correct?

Ray Hamner: Three.

President Wortman: One hundred three?

Ray Hamner: With me.

President Wortman: We'll turn to page 19, is there any questions on that? If not we'll go on down to page 20? If not we'll go to page 21. Now if you'll notice from page 21, third from the bottom, Chief Deputy and got an Assistant Chief Deputy, they have two Chief Deputies. One is located here downtown and one is out at the Command Post. I wanted to call your attention to that. Okay, we'll go on to page 22. Are there any questions? If not we'll go over to page 23. If you notice there is an insertion of Process Servers. Is there any question on page 23? Line item 1210-1050 Payment Officer, everybody that is a College Incentive fund of \$38,000 if anybody would want to...Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Now I understand Process Servers, we've got six listed part time and then we've got the full time he's asking. Through job study, if the full time are hired four will be eliminated, is that correct Sheriff?

Ray Hamner: Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: The part time will be eliminated...but it's listed in here, I don't know if you all picked up on that because there's a total of ten Process Servers and the Sheriff is only asking for four full time and six will be eliminated if we approve that. Is that correct?

President Wortman: Plus the Reserve Account would be eliminated.

Ray Hamner: That's correct. The Reserve Account would be eliminated and we would hire four full time people.

President Wortman: Okay, and of course I'll make you aware of the line item 1300-1050 Overtime, \$250,000. Last year we gave them \$100,000, any questions you want to ask Mr. Hamner concerning that? Remember when they get comp time they have to have an officer fill in for his position. Then they have to pay that officer time and a half normally, am I correct Mr. Hamner?

Ray Hamner: Yes. Overtime is just a repayment to the officer of what we owe him. If you do it with the comp time it shifts the burden from the Council to me, and if you do it with pay it shifts it from me to the Council.

President Wortman: Any questions on page 23? Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I guess one question is that we've got the four full time Process Servers, but then we've also got the budget for the six part time?

Ray Hamner: Well, that was put in there that way on the Council Secretary's advice so that we don't lose them.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions? If not we'll go to page 24. Any question there? I'm going to start in with the 2210 the Gas and Oil and on down the line. There are moderate increases. We have Uniforms with a little reduction of \$5,000, Office Supplies and Copy Machine Supplies --

Councilmember Smith: Wasn't there a reduction in Gas and Oil there?

President Wortman: Yeah, Gas and Oil there's...the actual so far this year has got \$113,000 versus \$90,000 which is the request.

Councilmember Raben: No, I think that what that represents is a \$23,000 carry over from the prior year, would that not be?

President Wortman: I don't know if he encumbered that or not, did you Mr. Hamner?

Councilmember Raben: I think that's what that is, I think he spent --

Ray Hamner: We didn't encumber any Gas and Oil.

Councilmember Smith: But it's \$23,000 less than it was last year.

Ray Hamner: Are you talking 1996?

President Wortman: In 1997 --

Ray Hamner: I show in 1996 \$61,206.

President Wortman: Right, and in 1997 it was \$85,000. So for actual, right now, you've got it as \$113,000.

Ray Hamner: I show right now that we were budgeted in 1997 \$90,000.

Councilmember Smith: I'm looking at the actual that's \$23,000 less.

President Wortman: Right, see it's already \$113,000.

Councilmember Smith: So you spent more than you were budgeted and you had to come back.

Ray Hamner: We do that often.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, then why would this \$90,000 be put in for more money rather than make them come back?

President Wortman: I think adjust accordingly and that's a real possibility on some of the items. I think that's very possible.

Ray Hamner: We don't have any control over that, but going back to 1993 we spent \$102,000 back at that time. The gasoline price has fluctuated, we have no control over that and we have to pay what the going price is at that particular time. We have a contract, as does the County and the City, with Busler. That price is predicated on the going times, so whatever that is.

President Wortman: I think I met with Mr. Ellsworth and Mr. Williams and the question was asked by myself about four permanent Process Servers versus six part time and maybe adding four more part time, which they make about \$8,000 a piece.

Ray Hamner: About \$8800, something like that.

President Wortman: So that question was asked, it's just been thrown out as something to consider whether you want the four. Of course the job study meeting, if I recall, the question was that if four permanent full time Process Servers were hired, probably next year we might need two, three, four more. See, that's a possibility with all that's being served.

Ray Hamner: Could be. Well, I'm not going to say it could be. This particular task is mandated by the Constitution that we serve the papers of the Court. We have no control over how many papers come through the Clerk's office that we have to serve. That's based upon the number of lawsuits, the number of people that are subpoenaed, the whole ball of wax. The reason that we put in for four full time was to be more efficient with less cars. If we go four more part-time people, and I don't care either way, it doesn't make me any difference if the efficiency matter doesn't matter to you folks. But four more people requires two more cars, that's \$40,000 more. So --

President Wortman: It's as broad as it is long.

Ray Hamner: No, it's a little broader in some places.

President Wortman: I'm going to ask one question, a lot of these that are delivered are in the city?

Ray Hamner: Oh yes, most of them.

President Wortman: Okay, why can't the city help the county?

Ray Hamner: Because the Constitution says that the Sheriff shall serve these papers.

President Wortman: Voluntarily.

Ray Hamner: Huh? No, it's a law in the Constitution.

President Wortman: I know it, I understand that. But the city, they're all served, why can't they help us out?

Ray Hamner: The same reason that the Sheriff has to maintain the Jail which is in the city and 99% of the inmates are in there from the City Police. Now, you change that and I'll vote for you.

President Wortman: Well I've tried a lot of things you know --

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, there's really a simple historical answer to this and that is when the Constitution was set up we were primarily a rural state.

Ray Hamner: Exactly.

Councilmember Hoy: And now we're not, most people live in cities. While that change has transpired the Constitution has not. So, it is confusing but it's just reality, that's all.

Ray Hamner: The same thing that says I can't run but two times.

President Wortman: Well I agree with you, but I just thought...Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: On the Process Server, since we are talking about that, is that basically an eight to five?

Ray Hamner: No, the Process Servers that we have now are four hours. Where we run into the loss of time, the waste of money, is they come in and get their papers, they go out which is probably 15 to 30 minutes to whatever area they are going to. They go out and deliver a few papers and by that time their four hours are up and here they come back in. We're going out and coming back twice. If you figure that up you lose at least an hour, each person, everyday.

Councilmember Raben: How many days a week do these individuals work?

Ray Hamner: Five days a week.

Councilmember Raben: Well why don't you work them eight hours, three days a week where you are not in the middle of that shuffle?

Ray Hamner: Because we need them everyday.

Councilmember Raben: I understand that, but --

Councilmember Smith: Jim, that comes from the Courts and they have to deliver those papers when the Court Order says they do. So you can't work them three days a week.

Councilmember Raben: No, I understand that. But if you have six part time people and all six work four hour shifts, five days a week, why don't you work three of them eight hours a day Monday through Wednesday and then three of them Thursday through Saturday?

Ray Hamner: Because they have to use the same car, two people use the same car in the morning and the afternoon. Now if you want to get into buying more cars we can work out a lot of stuff.

Councilmember Raben: That's not what I'm saying --

Ray Hamner: I don't know what you are saying.

Councilmember Raben: I'm saying work half of them eight hours a day where one guy works his eight hour shift in one automobile.

Ray Hamner: Well, you would not be serving the papers that is needed for that particular day by what the Court says. We've got this system worked out, we just need your help to help fund it. It makes me no difference whether we've got eight of them doing it, ten of them doing it, but the most efficient way is to work them eight hours a day. I know you have to pay benefits, but you know, some things just have to be done.

Councilmember Lloyd: Do they get their Court papers more than one time a day?

Ray Hamner: Yes, morning and afternoon, yes. We've got two girls that do nothing but sit there and fold these, and mark them, and make sure that they are going to the right area. It's not a small operation.

Councilmember Lloyd: When they go to a house or whatever, they only have to deliver, they don't have to find a resident there?

Ray Hamner: It depends on what kind of service, whether it is personal service or whether it's just left at the address. On top of that, then we have to mail one to everybody on top of the one that's taken to the house.

Councilmember Lloyd: Certified mail.

Ray Hamner: No, no, not on certified. Some are certified, but most of them are just sent out in the mail. It's called a mailer and we have to mail it to the same person that we send it

to. It's sent to the last known address. The attorney comes in and files the papers and gives us some address, it may be right and may not be right, but those papers go out and some of them come back each day.

Councilmember Lloyd: And right now you've got, did you say two cars dedicated to that all of the time?

Ray Hamner: Three.

Councilmember Lloyd: Three, okay.

Ray Hamner: Plus we have reserves doing it in the evening and sometimes Deputies do it because they can't keep up.

Councilmember Hoy: I think also with the phasing out of the reserves which is what you plan to do, is that not correct?

Ray Hamner: Well, that is being mandated by COLEA which is the law enforcement accreditation --

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, because if you were to keep them, the reserves under the new rules would have to go to the academy, be fully trained, and all of that. That's not a realistic expectation, I don't think, of someone who's on reserve, is it?

Ray Hamner: No because most of them are business people that have other jobs. They can't spend three months --

Councilmember Hoy: Part of this is connected though on my point, and correct or incorrect, is also connected with the mandate that you're facing.

Ray Hamner: Exactly.

President Wortman: Mr. Hamner, also your sworn deputies, they have to deliver the divorces and protective orders themselves, don't they or am I wrong?

Ray Hamner: Some of them, yes. It depends on how the Court puts them out.

President Wortman: I see. Okay, does anybody else have any questions for Mr. Hamner?

Councilmember Raben: Just one last statement, and I don't know what you can do to prevent it, but in the particular case of these Process Servers they start out at \$18,000. If you look at what we did like when we went to the Clerk Typist in 1994. They looked appealing because they started at \$12,000, \$13,000, \$14,000, but today, four years later, we've got people making \$10,000 more than that through people leaving one office and possibly taking that position with more seniority, more years. I mean, I don't know what you can do to prevent that.

Ray Hamner: I don't either.

Councilmember Raben: The \$18,000 can suddenly, by next year, turn into \$28,000 a position.



Ray Hamner: I'm not following you there.

Councilmember Raben: Well, just depending on who may take that position. You know, if you bring in somebody from another department that has been with the county for 20 years you are going to pay them more than you paid the person that started at \$18,000, much like we did with the Clerk Typist.

Ray Hamner: You'd be hard pressed to find somebody with 20 years in the County to come and do a job paying \$18,000, I would think.

Councilmember Raben: That's exactly right. They wouldn't because you would be paying them more because of longevity and what not. But do you understand what I am saying, that these positions sound great --

Ray Hamner: I understand what you're saying, but I'm talking why would somebody making \$22,000 in another department of the County with 20 years seniority come to this department and make \$18,000?

Councilmember Raben: They wouldn't, they wouldn't. They would take whatever their step increase...I mean, again, to simplify it go back to page 22 and look at your Clerk/Typist.

Ray Hamner: I understand what you are saying.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, do you see what has happened? Maybe at one point you hired people that were at this starting pay and I think at the time, like in 1993, they were \$12,000 a piece. Here it is in 1997 and you already have people making \$25,000 a year.

Ray Hamner: I don't know of anybody who makes \$12,000 in the County.

Councilmember Raben: Again, that was in 1993, okay.

Ray Hamner: Four years ago either.

Councilmember Raben: I guess what I'm trying to say is that although you're requesting \$18,000 today, two years from now, depending on the person that's in that position, we could be paying them \$30,000 a year. Am I not correct on that?

Sandie Deig: On the same position?

Councilmember Raben: Right.

Sandie Deig: It depends on the amount of (INAUDIBLE - microphone off).

President Wortman: Sandie, turn your microphone on.

Councilmember Raben: I'm trying to make a point to the Council that \$18,000 may sound like a bargain today, but depending on the person that moves into that position, a year from now it's not such a bargain. So just keep that in mind.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Deisher, don't we have minimum and maximum ranges on positions for the pay for COMOTS and PATS, don't we have minimum and maximum ranges there so when a person goes into a position they know that this is the baseline figure and this is where you top out?

Tim Deisher: Yeah, to address Mr. Raben's concern there, this is a COMOT III position with a step one pay of \$18,093. The pay in the 1998 pay scale with the 3% increase after 25 years that would be \$23,154. So there would be that room for someone who's been with the County for 25 years. After five years it would be \$19,887.

Councilmember Sutton: And those ranges would apply to nearly every position that we have under the Job Study with a minimum and a maximum range. So therefore, depending on what your level of service is, you may make more than the person that's sitting next to you based on your level of service?

Tim Deisher: That's correct.

Councilmember Sutton: Even though the job title might be the same?

Tim Deisher: Yes.

Councilmember Smith: I understand what you are talking about, Jim, because I lost probably 25 to 30 people going to different departments because it paid a lot more money. The Court system pays \$5,000 more for a girl than I could pay in the Clerk's office. They, naturally, when there was an opening they would go because they made a lot more money. One of them came to the Council that made probably \$5,000 more than I could pay them over there. You don't blame anybody for going because they have to upgrade themselves and that is what you're talking about. But if they can upgrade themselves then you expect them to do that.

Councilmember Raben: Again, these figures are based on the lowest steps. And depending on the individual that moves into that spot that can change drastically.

Councilmember Smith: But if they got 20 years, that's the idea of the system if you can get a better job. I think we have this in every job we have.

Councilmember Hoy: In this particular situation the maximum that they could make if they switched over would be \$23,000. So you're not going to see somebody go in there at \$28,000 or \$30,000. Is that correct? I mean if someone decided that they wanted to be a Process Server, if they are at \$28,000 now and they shift over to be a Process Server they're not going to make \$28,000. They are going to make \$23,000.

Councilmember Raben: Which is \$5,000 more than --

Councilmember Hoy: Which is \$5,000 more than what you're putting in, but they're not..

President Wortman: Mrs. Deig do you want to comment on that?

Sandie Deig: Some of the increase in the Sheriff's budget for the Clerk/Typist and the different civilian employees, in 1992 when these jobs were first established they were set in at a COMOT III. A few years later the Sheriff's Department petitioned the Council to upgrade those positions, so that's why there's a larger jump in some of those. Not only have they had their longevity increases, they've also had an upgrade --

President Wortman: Step increases.

Sandie Deig: No, an upgrade.

President Wortman: Anything else anybody wants to comment on?

**Tape Change**

President Wortman: Okay we are on page 25. If you go down to line item 3370 Computer, we might want to explain that, Mr. Hamner, what that's all about, I guess.

Sheriff Hamner: Well basically, what we are asking for is to upgrade a computer to comply with the million dollar system that the Court is putting in. As I understand it the system will not be functional in the year 2000 without this upgrade. The computer, and I am not by any means knowledgeable in computers, but it is my understanding that the entire computer system for the county can not adapt to the year of 2000 without all of these major changes. Our computer system for the jail has never been right from the day that it was put in there, seven to eight years ago. It barely functions now to track our people within the system in our jail and what courts they are in.

President Wortman: So, you are just putting that in to blend in with the Courts systems too, possibly?

Sheriff Hamner: We are putting in so that we can function side by side with the Courts systems because all of the people that we have go to court. All of the people that we have interact with the County Clerk's office. So, all of these things have to be done in order for this computer for the criminal justice system to work.

President Wortman: Right. That might be part of the Commissioner's package, too. But, we have to justify...

Sheriff Hamner: Well, we put it into the Commissioner's salary, but they didn't tell us about the CCD Fund, so we put it in anyway.

President Wortman: That's fine.

Sheriff Hamner: So, we are just covering both bases.

President Wortman: That's fine.

Sheriff Hamner: We don't want to get lost in the shuffle.

President Wortman: That's right. We appreciate that.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes. Sheriff, on that college reimbursement, do you have any kind of contract, say like, if you have an officer and we pay for his education and he gets his degree and then next year he wants to go somewhere else and get a better job, do we set a time in any way that he has to work for us a period of time? After all, we have paid his tuition, do we have anything on a contract time deal that he is locked into us for so many years? What I am getting at is that I hate to pay for somebody's degree and then he moves on to somewhere else.

Sheriff Hamner: The only thing that we say is that he has to have his degree in an eight year period.

Councilmember Bassemier: But, do you all see what I am saying? A guy would get his degree and he sees that maybe he can go somewhere else for a better paying job and we are out say ten, twelve, fourteen thousand dollars for his degree and he moves on and thank you county.

Sheriff Hamner: Well, he has an investment in that as well. But, I mean, that is a possibility but it hasn't happened as of yet and so I don't know...

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I was under the understanding that some were seeking other jobs and that is why we were going to increase some of these salaries because we are paying what they are because they have college degrees and they are moving on elsewhere.

Sheriff Hamner: Well, we dropped that issue and we are just going to the three percent.

Councilmember Bassemier: Right, I understand. But, do you all see what I am saying? Even the service, you are locked in, if they are going to pay for your education, you are locked in for so many years and I think that we need to get something in writing. If we pay for anybody's college education, we are to have them for a few years, that is why we are paying for their education, to benefit the county. There is, and the Sheriff says there's not any, well in the future there could be somebody leaving the county after we pay their college education, to move on to a better job. It ought to be in writing that these guys are locked into the Sheriff and if they do leave they have to reimburse the county.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: I had a conversation with the Sheriff's department on this issue in particular related to the new people that come onto the department. From what I understand it takes nearly a year to get them trained and prepared before they actually go onto the street with all of the things that they need to know and all of the things that they need to do. What I had proposed was that we make some type of agreement with those new hires. After we've spent, the county has invested all of this time, money, materials, supplies, equipment and uniforms

and all of that, that they be committed to the county for a period of three years, at least. If we have spent a year training them, if they know that coming in, they are going to be with Vanderburgh County for at least three years, then the likelihood that we are going to retain those individuals. Then for the people that you are talking about, where we helped to pay for their degrees and all, there has to be a period of time where after they obtain that degree, that they stay with the county or reimburse the county for those expenses. For those new ones that come on, if they decide to leave for some other reason and they stay in law enforcement and they are within, and if they decide to stay in law enforcement then they would have to go someplace say with outside of maybe a 100 mile radius, outside of our immediate area in terms of other things. If they decide to go into another area and they decide to go into banking or something like that, if they change careers, different fields, I probably wouldn't have as much a problem with that because if their heart is not in law enforcement they probably don't need to be in it anyway. So, I do really think that we need to look at some, put some ties into a no-compete or some type of clause in there where they are required to put in a certain amount of service if we put in "x" amount of dollars for training.

President Wortman: You are talking about protecting our investments, is what you are talking about?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Wortman: Was there a hand over here? Anybody? No okay.

Sheriff Hamner: Are you talking about payment officer or college reimbursement?

Councilmember Sutton: He is talking about college reimbursement and I am talking about new ones coming on. But, since the topics kind of tie in together in terms of what he is talking about in retaining officers and those leaving because of higher pay or other things that might draw them away after we have already trained them.

Sheriff Hamner: I don't know that you could do it, but it doesn't matter to me if you do. It takes a year to train one of them and to get him off of probation. Those jobs don't come that easy to move on and it has to be a much better paying job.

Councilmember Bassemier: I know that we have lost a few from the Sheriff's department that went to the Police Department and we lost some that went to the State Police and I don't want to make it too complicated but...

Sheriff Hamner: We have also lost some that went to the Fire Department too.

Councilmember Bassemier: And some that went to the Fire Department, I don't blame them there. I'm sorry, both of them are very good departments.

President Wortman: Anything else, on page 20?

Councilmember Bassemier: Curt, I would still like to ask the attorney to check into that. If we are going to approve college reimbursement, I am going to have the attorney draw up something that if we pay reimbursement for anybody with a degree then they are going to pay us back with a certain number of years. Whatever this Council says and you know they are going to give us so many years of service before they move on because they are going to pay us back, that is only fair to the taxpayers.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, Ed, I think that we need to add that other issue that we talked about too, for those new guys coming on.

Councilmember Bassemier: This is coming under a different line item but the same as for educational purposes.

President Wortman: Okay, that is something to consider and think about.

Councilmember Hoy: I would like some clarification.

Councilmember Raben: That is a Commissioner's call anyway, that's the policy, the Council doesn't..

Councilmember Bassemier: There is a big difference, I know it is a Commissioner's call but there is a big difference as to whether ...

Councilmember Sutton: Well, there aren't any Commissioners calling for it so if we aren't making some directions in or along those lines, things will stay just as they are.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President.

Councilmember Bassemier: You know another point, I know that we are in a hurry, but we are always arguing that we should appropriate the money first then go to the Commissioners, now we are saying that we should go to the Commissioners first to come here but let's start here now.

President Wortman: Thank you for your comment. Okay, Mr. Hamner.

Anybody else got any comments from page 25.

Councilmember Hoy: Just a small clarification from Mr. Sutton and Mr. Bassemier. Mr. Sutton you are talking about the training in the first...

Councilmember Sutton: I am talking about new hires that we send to our extensive training at the academy and all that.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Bassemier, you are talking about later training or working on a college degree later on, correct?

Councilmember Bassemier: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: I was just a bit confused and my only comment

is that if you go through that academy...

Councilmember Bassemier: But it is in Plainfield.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm sorry...

Councilmember Bassemier: It's expensive.

Councilmember Hoy: I know that and I have had a son go through that and it is expensive but you also would need to be careful, is all that I am saying because someone can go through extensive training and maybe they are not fit. They are not bad people but they just don't fit. That's always going to be a built in problem I think with any kind of training. I mean, I went to graduate school where people went three to four years, some of it was subsidized and they got out and they did not become ordained ministers. They do a lot of other things and that will happen.

Sheriff Hamner: I am not a legal mind, but I think that we need to be real careful when we are talking about a mere \$5,000.00 here and to tie up something and to state that we have to maintain this person for three years and he can't leave. What if he is unfit and what if he is not suitable for our employment? I don't think that we need to get into the merit commissions business. I would, if you have some ordinance that is adopted by the Commissioners and the Merit Commission, because the...

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think that I was trying to make that point for those who are not interested in being in law enforcement and choose to leave, that is a different thing than someone who walks across the hall and joins the police force. I guess that is maybe the distinction that I am trying to make is that someone who is not fit for our department or chooses that this is something that they don't want to pursue, I think that's a different issue.

Sheriff Hamner: Well, first of all the training is paid for by the state not by the county, only the salary of the officer is paid by the county. It costs us nothing for an officer to go the law enforcement academy.

Councilmember Hoy: The salary.

Sheriff Hamner: The salary is it.

President Wortman: Okay. Any other questions? Let's go to page 26 then. The largest item on there is line item 4230 Vehicle and of course Vehicle Equipment for a total of \$300,000.00. So any comments on that, Mr. Hamner? Do you want to elaborate any on that Mr. Hamner?

Sheriff Hamner: Well, here again, this has been inserted into the alleged capital improvement account with the Commissioners and with the Council, so we didn't want to get caught crossways so we put it in both places.

President Wortman: Okay. Alright. Any questions for Mr.

Hamner? Any rain on the Sheriff's budget? If not, then...

Councilmember Sutton: On those motor vehicle, these are all just front line vehicles?

Sheriff Hamner: Yes, sir, marked vehicles. I don't know what the bid will be. I would say maybe ten, they are getting higher and higher each year. They started out back in '82 when we got those back then it was about \$10,000.00 or \$11,000.00 a car and now they are up over \$20,000.00 over \$20,000.00 now.

President Wortman: See, they get them piggybacked now.

Sheriff Hamner: It is on a state bid and we just don't have to bid locally and we get a much better bid.

President Wortman: I think that we've got a couple of other department interested in a car, I think that Weights and Measures and possibly the Coroner, I think, if I remember correctly.

Sheriff Hamner: Yes, it is quite a savings.

President Wortman: Okay. Any other questions on the Sheriff? Have you got one, Ed?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I've got one more. In the past we have taken motor vehicles out of the CCD money, or the new cars. Why are we, I think that ought to go into the CCD fund, don't' you think?

President Wortman: Well, that is subject to Commissioners approval, so I think that it is something to consider.

Sheriff Hamner: Well, it has not always been that way and up until two years ago, last year was the first year that it was bought out of the CCD funds. Mrs. Jerrel always wanted it over to the Commissioners and now this year she is a Commissioner, so she wants it over here. So, you guys, I guess are going to have to work that out. I am just following orders on how it works.

Councilmember Hoy: It makes a difference as to where you sit, doesn't it?

President Wortman: If we continue and if there is anything left over, it might be appropriate to process that this year if we have enough money.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I would like for us to maybe talk to the Commissioners because that CCD money is going to be there, I mean it is a locked in account and I think that if we are going to go in that direction, then we might want to elicit some kind of promise that they will use it because if they don't use it for these vehicles, I have a notion that they will find another use for it and that money is there and we need to continue to focus on the issue of the need for the cars where we've got the money.

President Wortman: I think that we will have to listen to the



Commissioners to see if it is designated for another area or cars, see I have no idea what the Commissioners have in mind.

Councilmember Hoy: That is what I am saying is that I would like for them to listen to us also. We are the people that have to spin all of those financial plates in there and keep them spinning and keep them spinning and so we ought to have input into their decision making process because they certainly do have a lot of input into ours.

***SHERIFF/JAIL***

President Wortman: Okay. Anybody else got any comments? That completes the Sheriff then if nobody else has any comments. Let's continue on the following page 27, the County Jail. Do we have any questions on the 100 accounts on page 27. If not, let's go to page 28, listed as Corrections Officer. Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: Yes, is the longevity or the money the other day that was voted down for these Correction Officers, what fund was that out of? I don't have my books with me. Is that correction is the total for '98, Ray?

Sheriff Hamner: I'm sorry.

Councilmember Smith: We were by contract supposed to give the Correction Officers this money. We didn't give it to them, it was voted down. Is that correction in the '98 budget?

Sheriff Hamner: It is in there for the --

Councilmember Smith: For '98.

Sheriff Hamner: For the contract, yeah.

President Wortman: Page 29, if you would go down to line item 1130-0337 Correction Officer and Clerk Typist. Any comment on that?

Sheriff Hamner: Yeah, what I am contemplating here, and I would have to go back in history and you were on the Council back in that particular time back in 1986. We have a grant that says we will house misdemeanants in our jail as opposed to sending them to the big house and they pay us \$80,500.00, there is a grant of \$161,000.00. Somewhere in your tenure back then that was given. Half of it was given to the Safehouse, so we get \$80,500.00 and they get \$80,500.00 and back when I took office we hired these correction officers with this money and a civilian clerk typist. This money does not increase year after year after year, it stays \$80,500.00. Through these years, up until 1993 the insurance, FICA and everything else was paid by the General Fund. In 1993, Mrs. Jerrel took it out of the grant, I mean out of the General Fund, and put it under the grant. Well, when that happened it filled up. We are out of money and can't afford these people without the General Funds's assistance. So, that is what we are asking to do, put two of these correction officers into the General Fund and the \$80,500.00 can fund one correction officer and the clerk typist or it doesn't matter how we mix or match this. The bottom line is that we can't afford

four people with only \$80,500.00 for the last 11 years. I mean it hasn't increased. I don't know what premise and maybe you remember, but I don't know what premise this grant was given to the Safehouse, I don't know why that was done.

President Wortman: I don't know either. In reference to the jail, I spoke to one judge and he emphasized that it is very possible that house arrest is going to be the thing of the future, which could alleviate the jail problems and process them out there and the ones that could be processed correctly. This overcrowding and what have you I think has created a problem with the Safehouse too, but the ones that can be trusted, this house arrest, they have so much new sophisticated equipment now that they can keep better contact and control over this. So, that evidently is a coming thing and will relieve the pressures all around. Is that your understanding, have you heard that?

Sheriff Hamner: I have heard a lot of things.

President Wortman: But, I mean it doesn't matter as long as you get your population down.

Sheriff Hamner: Well, it makes me a difference because, number one, there is an explosive situation at that jail. I have been to a federal court, a federal judge, the prosecutors, the judges here and I have been to the Commissioners and have expressed my plea to them. We are running 330, 320, 312 today with 70 people sleeping on the floor and to do without two correction officers is really kind of asinine because when this grant was given there was 100 less people on average in that jail than what there is now. So, to cut it back two people, doesn't make good sense.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I might say this on Ray's behalf here. We are really not talking about any extra General Fund monies here because the General Fund was making up the difference on the grant. Do you understand what I am saying? The grant was for \$80,000.00, the budget for that, which is on page 169 last year was \$121,000.00 so the General Fund made up the difference anyway. So, basically we are just moving those two employees out of that grant account, which we were paying for them anyway and putting them into a General Fund budget. So, again these aren't actually new people, it is just shuffle in what page they are on and it is no more, it is not new General Fund monies and we are paying it anyway.

Councilmember Hoy: In truth, these aren't new positions at all.

Sheriff Hamner: We are out of money and that's the point. We have been before Council and they refused to give us the money and there is a situation here that needs to be addressed and we are only talking forty some thousand and whatever it is.

President Wortman: Alright. Has anybody else got any questions on page 29?

Sheriff Hamner: Also, we generate probably close to \$250,000.00

a year or better, two hundred maybe from the Federal Marshall Service for housing, they pay us money for housing prisoners here. I don't know where that money goes but we don't see any of it.

President Wortman: Alright that is a good remark. Anything else? Let's go onto page 30 then. Anybody got any comments on page 30?

There was a comment the other day from Mr. Ellsworth on line item 2240 Medical and the pre-existing conditions. They are getting tired of paying it and they have challenged a lot of these requests; going into the hospital and medical attendance so I don't know, I thought that maybe that could be reduced considerably, hopefully from 180 down to considerably less if we can do that.

Sheriff Hamner: Well, I think that what Mr. Ellsworth was referring to is a court case that was recently decided that prior to we were having to pay for all ills and aches and pains of the inmates and whatever. There is a court case and it will be tried again, I'm sure before a higher court, that stated a pre-existing condition, that the county is not necessarily bound by that to pay. So, hopefully that will reduce, but here again this is something that we have no control of whatsoever as the food. When we talk about the food and the medical, these are things that are basically determined by the number and caliber of inmates in the jail, if we have people in there that are sick. We generate some of our own problems here, I say we, meaning the county, by allowing 70 inmates to sleep on the floor, because you don't have room in the jail or adequate space to put them. If you can imagine yourself in there 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, stepping over somebody. The heat and the tempers flaring up, we have had to pay for peoples reconstruction on their jaw because they got into a fight and broke their jaws in there. This is a situation that just one thing leads to another and I don't know what to do about it. If they want to put this all under the Commissioners budget or whatever because there is no way that I can control this. We just are a dumping ground for all law enforcement agencies in this county. It's a city of about 300 people daily that we have to deal with. We have to feed, medicate, take to court, visit. We have 4 visitations a week, that's a monumental job in itself. It is a security risk. It is dangerous and I don't know what else to say. I wish that somebody would come up there and take a look sometime.

President Wortman: I have been up there. Anybody else? Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: I have another question about the medical. I am real concerned that if somebody comes in that is diabetic, you are going to have to...

Sheriff Hamner: Absolutely.

Councilmember Hoy: I mean you are going to have a lawsuit if treatment doesn't get to that person, even if it is pre-existing. So, I think it would be erroneous of us to look at pre-existing conditions as having all of those being precluded

from us paying. We are going to have to pay some of those.

Sheriff Hamner: We do...

Councilmember Hoy: We should from a humanitarian standpoint It is real easy to cop an attitude about the people that you keep in that jail, but some of us may have a relative there some day. You never know.

Sheriff Hamner: Well, the other side of that coin is that not all of these people are convicted criminals. A big percentage of these people are waiting to go to court and are no more guilty at this point than you or I.

Councilmember Hoy: They have a whole lot less money than we do and that is why they are there because they can't afford what middle class and upper class people can afford. It is not your fault.

Sheriff Hamner: I am not typically a bleeding heart but at the same time these people are not convicted criminals yet, there are some.

President Wortman: Okay. Anybody else on page 30? Any other questions? Let's go to 169 Jail Misdemeanor then.

#### ***JAIL MISDEMEANOR HOUSING***

President Wortman: Anybody have any questions then on page 169, 1530-2780 Shift Differential, \$1,609.00. Any comments, Mr. Hamner?

Sheriff Hamner: My comments?

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Sheriff Hamner: No.

President Wortman: Any Councilmember?

Sheriff Hamner: I don't bargain for the Teamsters. This gentleman back here does and you would have to address him. I might add a few things here that Mr. Mourdock sent down a note saying that certain monies ought to be put into the budget for these people when their contracts, I guess the Commissioners have signed with the contracts for the jailers. We are merely following what the County Commissioners ask us to do, to insert this money into the budget. We did not bargain this money for them. We bargained for the deputies.

President Wortman: Anybody got any questions on page 69 and 70? Or just 69, excuse me.

Councilmember Lloyd: Where you eliminated those two positions, was that related to that grant?

Sheriff Hamner: Yes, that was ahead of time. It comes under this Misdemeanor Housing. We didn't eliminate, hopefully we reshuffled them into the General Fund.

President Wortman: Any more questions for Mr. Hamner? I think that you can be excused.

Sheriff Hamner: Thank you.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, on line item 3530 Contractual Services, that's where you are requesting \$10,000.00 can you tell me what that's on?

Sheriff Hamner: I can't, I'm--

Councilmember Sutton: Line item 3530, where you are requesting \$10,000.00 under contractual services.

President Wortman: That was Emergency Planning, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: I'm on page 170. Okay, I'm sorry, wrong budget.

Sheriff Hamner: I thought you already cut us, we're asking for \$42,000.

President Wortman: Thanks a lot, you were in there trying, I'll give you credit.

President Wortman: Alright, we'll go now to the County Assessor, page 48.

Cheryl Musgrave: Mr. Wortman, I'd like to just defer to the townships, can you take them first so we can go to lunch?

**ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Yes, ma'am. Let's take Armstrong Township first, these townships...would you come up and state your name please? Page 52.

Joyce Kron: I'm Joyce Kron and Chief Deputy for Armstrong Township.

President Wortman: Okay, page 52. We got any questions for Mrs. Kron on page 52, they've got an awful large budget as you've noticed. Very conservative evidently. So, then we turn to page 53 that's the final. So, total \$28,583. You know that's a combination of Trustee and Assessor? So, that has a bearing on it too. Any questions for Mrs. Kron? If not, thank you for your time.

Joyce Kron: Oh, no. Thank you.

**CENTER ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Center Township, the representative from Center Township. That's page 54.

Rebecca Galey: Rebecca Galey, Deputy Center Township.

President Wortman: Okay, We'll go to the 100 accounts. Is there any questions on that, the 100 accounts? If not, we'll turn to page 55, and do you see any accounts there that you want to question? If not, we'll go to the bottom of page 56 for Center Township. Nobody got any questions, well evidently it's a pretty good budget. Thank you very much, appreciate your time.

**GERMAN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Next on the agenda, German Township page 57. State your name please.

Deirdre Van Allen: Deirdre Van Allen, Chief Deputy, German Township.

President Wortman: Okay, the 100 accounts and the two and three accounts on page 57. Does anybody got any questions? There's another combination. No, this is strictly assessor, I'm sorry. You are about \$3,000.00 over and that is not so bad and page 58, nobody has any questions, you can be excused too. Thank you. Next, is Knight Township, page 59.

**KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

Al Folz: Al Folz, Knight Township Assessor.

President Wortman: Good. You've got a nice smile on your face.

Al Folz: Oh, yeah.

President Wortman: Have we got any questions for Mr. Folz on page 59? Any salary accounts, you have a little regular overtime there.

Al Folz: Well, I can explain that it has been taken off. I think that Mrs. Deig had called me and said that it was going to be in the Commissioners budget and we were with the understanding with the Auditor's that we should put in some overtime. Is that correct?

Suzanne Crouch: I wasn't involved in that conversation.

President Wortman: What would it be used for? That is the question I guess.

Sandie Deig: Well, I think that it is the overtime that any of the employees may work under that new personnel policy. But, it is the policy of the County Commissioners, they have the overtime line and it has to be approved by the County Commissioners and therefore, they have all of the funds in their budget.

President Wortman: So that recommendation possibly would be to zero that out and go there. Is that agreeable with you, Mr. Folz?

Al Folz: Yes.

President Wortman: Okay, yes thank you. So, insurance and extra

help you have \$15,000.00 here. Are you going to need that?

Al Folz: Yeah. I think that there is a misunderstanding on this Extra Help and I was just in front of the Council not to long ago and I will have to put in another appropriation on this. You see, for a long time we were able to pull extra help from the Reassessment Fund, so, therefore, it did not show up on our regular budget. I figured that as long as we can pull out of that it would save the County some money. But, now it has caught up with us and this is approximately what we have been spending otherwise. I did want to make that explanation on it. Well, we are still going to try to get our work done. We just sent out our Form 11's, which was assessed value which was \$20,500,000.00. Now that is not true tax value that is assessed value on what taxes is paid on. So you can see that we are kind of having an explosion in Knight Township. We did get the work finished with this and this is because of part-time help on that particular end plus, and that does not include the personal property that we are working on now and I guess that there is another 1500 new businesses.

President Wortman: There are a lot of rezonings going on out there.

Al Folz: Well, I think that it may come to this. We may have to annex Warrick county. I know that is not going to sound well, but we are running out of land in Knight Township.

President Wortman: That's alright.

Al Folz: We have four more hotels going up.

President Wortman: Right. Okay, that answers that. The next page is 60, have we got any comment on those line items in the two, three and four accounts. Anything unusual that the Councilmembers want to ask? Communication for \$4,000.00. Would you break that down for me?

Al Folz: Where are we at?

President Wortman: Line item 3141 Communications.

Al Folz: Oh, okay. I am going to bring my Chief Deputy up here on this one. Okay?

President Wortman: You don't have a communication problem here do you?

Al Folz: Well, that is what we are working out. Okay, on communications and that is the one right here.

President Wortman: State your name please.

Shirley Reeder: Shirley Reeder, Chief Deputy, Knight Township. Data Processing said that we should be on line with the web on our computers if we need to. The fee is supposed to be minimal for the year, so we were just guessing that if we were going to be on the world wide web next year, the whole county was supposed to be able to access to it. We wanted to be prepared

for it. That way all of the bills that go through the State House, we could be able to get them over the computer line instead of having them mailed to us. That type of situation, because there are always bills going through that affect the townships and we have to get copies of them mailed to us. That would give us access to the information quicker. But, without taking to the data room, I don't know for sure, they just said in January the whole county should be able to be on line if need be.

President Wortman: Do we expect the other townships to follow suit on that? So you have any idea? Have you talked with any of the other assessors?

Shirley Reeder: I haven't talked with them. I was just communicating what the data room, so I can't imagine that they wouldn't want to be. At least, some of them. I don't know about the smaller townships.

President Wortman: Do you really think it is necessary?

Shirley Reeder: Well, we wanted to be prepared for it. I don't know until I see it. I don't know the advantages of it. Again, if we don't use it then we'd graciously turn it back into you.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else.

Councilmember Hoy: Once you use it you will find that it is simply another tool in the work box that everybody is going to have. We have to have it at my place and there is no choice it is mandated. It is not that expensive. I think that you will use it and if you don't you can always turn it back in.

Shirley Reeder: Yes, that is why we put in just the \$400.00.

Councilmember Hoy: You have really only increased a little over 3% for your whole budget and I really appreciate that.

Shirley Reeder: You are right. It's not much. We do real well with our budget.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody got any questions for page 60 for Mr. Folz? Okay, page 61 for the Knight Township Assessor? Okay, then thank you.

Al Folz: Thank you, Councilmembers.

President Wortman: We appreciate it. Are we going to change tapes again?

#### **Tape Change**

#### **PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Okay, Perry Township will be tomorrow, I've been informed. I think that is right, Sandie. Perry Township will be tomorrow. Yeah, I called her.

#### **PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**



President Wortman: Now we'll go to the Pigeon Township Assessor, Page 64. We don't have any representative here, so evidently they don't...forgot it or else the budget...so anyway we'll talk to them. I'll give them a call.

***SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR***

President Wortman: We'll proceed now with Scott. He's not here neither.

Sandie Deig: He's back in school.

President Wortman: He's back in school. Okay, well.

Councilmember Lloyd: Do we get reimbursed?

President Wortman: Well, that's the promised land out there.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President?

***UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR***

President Wortman: Okay, then Union Township. They're not here now and we'll--

Councilmember Lloyd: I was going to say on Scott he did tell me that he was going to be out of town for this.

President Wortman: Okay, that's fine. Thank you, Mr. Lloyd.

***COUNTY ASSESSOR***

President Wortman: Okay, now we'll take the County Assessor, Mrs. Musgrave, would you step forward please and give your name?

Cheryl Musgrave: Cheryl Musgrave, County Assessor.

President Wortman: Excuse me one minute. Union is not represented here, too, so Sandie would you get hold of them and have their representative up here tomorrow whenever they can? Union and well, Scott we'll have to talk to them and Pigeon.

Sandie Deig: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: Pigeon only went up two percent according to my little calculator here, so it's not an exorbitant amount.

Councilmember Raben: I don't think Union needs to make the trip either. I mean, their entire budget is up \$100. Union never, you know, they're so small they usually don't have someone. Usually their liaison kind of handles their situation.

President Wortman: Okay, we'll proceed here with Ms. Musgrave.

Cheryl Musgrave: They need a fax machine. Yeah, theirs is dead. Would you buy them a new fax machine, please.

Councilmember Lloyd: Union?

Cheryl Musgrave: Yes, I can't do business with them. They don't have a fax machine now.

President Wortman: Page 48, the County Assessor. Okay, anybody have any problems with the 100 accounts on page 48? If not, we'll turn to page 49. There are some new line items there. Mrs. Musgrave, would you want to comment on those?

Cheryl Musgrave: What line items are they, Mr. Wortman?

President Wortman: First one, I think, would be the line item 3371 Computer Hardware and 3372 Computer Software.

Cheryl Musgrave: I sought an appropriation in the middle of this year for hardware and software and I would like for those to be part of my budget from now on because our work is computer based. I'm asking for \$3,200 for ProVal licenses so that all of our staff members can access the assessing database and approximately \$3,300 for a replacement computer. That's just if something goes wrong with one of our computers I will have money to fix it or move on with that. That happens all the time. I need funds to take care of those situations. In the Software, the data processing group has recommended that we get Windows 95 and so I budgeted for that and then \$500 for other software updates. As you all know, software needs to be updated occasionally and that is what that is for.

President Wortman: Okay, I would like to back up to 3310 Training. There is a significant increase here. Would you explain the training, what it is going to consist about?

Cheryl Musgrave: I'm not sure how familiar the Council is with the changes that the Legislature has made and probably will make to assessing and how we assess our property. All the assessors around the state are fully expecting to have to go to market value or market value plus an income approach plus something else. We aren't trained for those approaches right now. The IAAO, which is the International Association of Assessing Officials, offers courses around the country to train in those subjects. I had IAAO come earlier this year, I'm not sure how many of you were aware of that, and set up a class, their initial class. We had 23 people attending. I think that there were three County Assessors, four or five Township Assessors and a bunch of assessing staff at this class. We all learned a great deal. The \$20,000 would be to fund the next two classes in that series plus a couple of other additional one day classes and hold them here. If we had to go take that training where it is normally offered, it's offered in places like Frankfort in Kentucky, in Chicago and Connecticut and Nevada...well, forget about this. They also hold them in Hawaii and I think I'll just put in my travel request to go to Hawaii. I'll be honest, I hate leaving town. I just despise it. I want these classes held here. I want our people to attend them here. I don't want them traveling and spending all that money on hotels and per diem and I also want to have a regional effect. Having three County Assessors here and having township officials from three counties, two or three counties, here made a difference for our whole area here. You heard Mr. Folz talk about having to annex Warrick County. I sure would like to. They have whole sub-

divisions that go unassessed for year after year and they don't pay no taxes and yet everyone here does. I would kind of like to see our region get better at assessing, so what I am talking about is training our officials to meet the new legislative requirements that are coming down the line. Training that we are going to have to have one way or another. You either do it here or you send them somewhere else. It's a lot more efficient and a lot more effective to do it here.

President Wortman: Okay, does that explain it to everybody? Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: I don't have a problem with that, but these other county officials in Warrick and other counties, do you think they would help pay on some of this?

Cheryl Musgrave: Oh, yes and they did. They paid three hundred and some dollars a piece to attend our last one and I quietus that money right back into the account. So, yes. Oh, no, I don't use Vanderburgh's money to pay for their training. They pay for their own, but--

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I knew that. I just wanted it on record because you did bring it up.

Cheryl Musgrave: Okay.

President Wortman: Thank you, Ed. Okay, anybody else got any questions for Mrs. Musgrave? Okay, we'll go to the next page down at the bottom there, page 50. Is there anything there that you want to ask any questions on?

Councilmember Smith: Do we--

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: On office furniture. I haven't seen this on any of the rest of them. Is there anything special there that you want, Cheryl?

Cheryl Musgrave: We have some chairs in my office that...not my chair, but the chair that the people sit in, I think they're about ready to fall apart so I need to replace two of those. You fall sort of in the chair and they think they'll be on the floor.

Councilmember Smith: Don't the County Commissioners have a budget for furniture?

President Wortman: Sometimes we go buy at one time.

Councilmember Smith: Are they putting it back in each department now or--

Councilmember Raben: It's in each department.

Councilmember Smith: Are they putting it back in each department instead of back in the Commissioners?

President Wortman: Yeah, just like we buy a bunch--

Councilmember Smith: They're switching back and forth, you know.

President Wortman: --at one time, see, so it's suitable from one company or some bid it out. I think that's one thing that we have done.

Cheryl Musgrave: We also need to replace one of the desks in order to go up rather than horizontally.

Councilmember Smith: It's not a lot of money, but that is just the first one I'd seen listed as furniture.

**BOARD OF REVIEW**

President Wortman: If there is nothing else, we'll go to the Board of Review.

Councilmember Smith: On the payroll didn't we the other day, didn't we raise that--

Cheryl Musgrave: To \$50.

Councilmember Smith: Per day?

President Wortman: Fifty, yes.

Councilmember Smith: Alright, is that included in this?

Cheryl Musgrave: Actually, I think, \$70 a meeting is included in this. I would still like you to consider that. Even if you don't go to the \$70 when I drew up this budget I hadn't approached the Commissioners. I'm asking them to appoint four citizens rather than two to the Board of Review. One of the changes that was made in that House Bill 1783 that is already law is that the composition of the Board is going to change from three elected officials and two citizens to four citizens and one elected official. This doesn't take place in '98, but it takes place in '99. I would like us to use 1998 as a transition period and have four citizens and three elected officials serving on the Board so that they can learn from one another and so that we don't have a loss of continuity. So I might have to pay four people per diem. I would like you to keep that in mind when you are reviewing that. Even at \$50 an hour...a day.

President Wortman: Okay, do we got any other questions for Mrs. Musgrave? Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: On that Board of Review, have you talked to the Commissioners about that so that would be appointments made in January?

Cheryl Musgrave: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, well there being no other questions we thank you for your time. We appreciate it.

Cheryl Musgrave: Thank you.

President Wortman: Councilmembers, go home, take a good night's rest and come back tomorrow morning at 9:00. Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Go home? You mean go back to work?

President Wortman: There is working people here!

Suzanne Crouch: That is home!

President Wortman: Okay, well, thanks for everybody's input and there was good questions asked today and I hope we have the same thing tomorrow. We'll recess the meeting, not adjourn. We'll recess the meeting until tomorrow morning at 9:00. Thank you.

The meeting was recessed at 12:09 p.m.

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
BUDGET HEARINGS  
AUGUST 13, 1997**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 13th day of August, 1997 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President Curt Wortman at 9:08 a.m.

The Council meeting was reconvened with President Curt Wortman presiding.

President Wortman: Welcome, everybody. We are going to reconvene after our recess yesterday. Today is the 13th, Wednesday, and we will continue with the second phase of the budget process, so let's start with a roll call, please.

Teri Lukeman called the roll.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Smith	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Lloyd	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
President Wortman	X	

**PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Okay, now first on the agenda is Weights & Measures, but she is going to yield to the Pigeon Township Assessor. The Deputy, would you please step forward and we will take you first because you have a lot of work to do. Okay, turn to page 64. Okay, does anybody have any questions in reference to the first page on page 64 for the Pigeon Township Assessor? Would you state your name, please?

Judy Stricker: Judy Stricker, Chief Deputy.

President Wortman: Thank you very much.

Councilmember Raben: Could I raise a question?

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Raben: Last year we granted a new position and this year you have come back and asked for a pretty substantial amount of Extra Help. Is that necessary?

Judy Stricker: Yes, we still have the two Real Estate Deputies that we have, the first one, she does the entering in the computer, and the second one that we asked for, that you gave us, she is more or less to help her enter the stuff in the computer plus help the Transfer lady that does the deeds. We need the part-time to do the field work. We have quite a bit of building permits every month, and yes, we still do need that.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you.

President Wortman: Any other questions on page one? If not we will turn to page 65. Judy, in reference to line item 3610, Legal Services, would you describe that please?

Judy Stricker: Well, from what I understand is the Township Assessors do not have legal counsel if...now I want to get this clear, if there was a problem, we do not, the Township Assessors themselves do not have legal counsel and so we need this money for Legal Services.

President Wortman: I see.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

President Wortman: Yes, Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: Don't we have a staff for the County that the County pays for? Why wouldn't they be accessible to these people?

President Wortman: Yeah, the County Attorney.

Councilmember Smith: The County Attorney, we have a County Attorney that is supposed to represent Vanderburgh County. They are on the County payroll.

Judy Stricker: Can I answer this? If there is a problem with one of the other County offices, then the townships cannot use that same attorney.

President Wortman: Okay, so if you have one going against the other.

Judy Stricker: Right. For instance, if there is a problem with the County Assessor, then the Township Assessor has no other recourse but to hire their own attorney.

President Wortman: Okay, I see what you are saying. I think that we would have to be careful so we don't get a lot of legal fees involved. Judy, I think we need to be careful here so we don't get a lot of legal fees and kind of work this thing out. That is the best thing, sit down and work it out and get a middle person in here, I think, to get back and forth and make sure. That is the way to handle that. Mr. Raben, I see your hand.

Councilmember Raben: Well, actually, what I can think of, the only other budget that has Legal Services in their budget is the Treasurer's Office, and that is for delinquent collections and what not. But, in the event of the situation you have described, what would usually happen is the County Attorney would turn over the case to another attorney. He would just defer the case, so I hate to start something like this, we are kind of opening a can of worms. We never, I can remember, when Jim Angermier was the Assessor, and he cried every year for his own attorney and we didn't allow that, so...I think that we better stay away from this one.

President Wortman: Wee, let's cross that bridge when we get there, I guess.

Judy Stricker: From what I understand, there is a township attorney, but it is just for the trustee, it is not for the assessor; it is just for the trustee.

President Wortman: Okay. Well, our attorney is not here yet, but I will consult him and we will discuss it. Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: I agree, I think that if the situation does arise where something like that occurs where we have two County offices pitted against one another, than we would have to take the appropriate steps, now who is to say who will be represented by who, that is another thing. But, we have got a process in place where we take care of our legal fees and just to assign that to individual offices at this time might be a little bit...maybe not in order with what we have done before. If a case does arise, hopefully we can mediate those differences and not have to get to a point where any costly attorneys get involved.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else on page 65 we want to ask Judy? Of course there is one item there on page 66, which is zero, so if there are no other questions, why we thank you for participating and you may be excused.

Judy Stricker: Thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you.

#### **WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

President Wortman: Next is Weights & Measures, Mrs. Townsend, please turn to page 91. Okay, page 91, anybody have any question on the 100 accounts? Don't hear any, don't see any hands. Let's go to the 200 accounts, does anybody have any questions there?

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Yes, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: I just have an information question. Why would you have two Office Supplies, or you have Office Supplies and Other Supplies? What would be the difference there?

Loretta Townsend: Yeah, for Office Supplies is pretty much what it says. It is for pens, our copy machine paper, our, just the normal type of thing. Other Supplies, we have things that don't really mean equipment, we have to use stopwatches, we have to but batteries. We use part of this to make buys with. Just things that don't fall into that, and we have quite a few of those that are really other supplies.

Councilmember Lloyd: Right. So that is equipment related, and not...

Loretta Townsend: Yeah, pretty much so, except for when we go out and we have to buy propane and things like that, we will go out and get a half-filled tank. Of course, we are going to have to get that half-filled somewhere and we are going to have to send somebody out to a given place and have them to have it filled and see if they are paying for the whole...are flat rating it or if it so much a pound, like legally it is supposed to be. That type of thing is what we do, we also have...on this school milk thing that we had gotten into, well we are sort of still in it. Whatever...we have to have an accurate measurement and weight and the only way we can get that is to go out and buy



some, bring it back in, and then go through that process of getting the actual, so, a lot of times, other than equipment related stuff, it is going to be something like that.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman.

President Wortman: Yes, Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: I think Councilmember Lloyd, you will find that in several budgets.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

President Wortman: Does anybody else have any questions on the 2000 accounts? We will go to the next page, page 92. I would call your attention to line item 3600, Rent. I doubt if there is an office holder that has got that low of rent, maybe we ought to make her the leasing agent, and set an example.

Councilmember Smith: Hers is the only one that went down, I think, this year, from \$6,000.00 to \$5,228.00.

President Wortman: Okay, does anybody have any question on page 92, if not, turn to the next page, to 93. We have got a line item 4230 at the top of the page, Motor Vehicles. She has a car over there that won't run, it never has run too good when it did run, so she has a request in for a new car, a four-door, am I right, Mrs. Townsend?

Loretta Townsend: Yes, the reason for the four-door is because we will be carrying weight kits, and you really can't expect somebody to keep having to pick up these weight kits that weigh 35 to 40 pound, at least, where there is 30 pounds of weights in it, all the time, in and out.

President Wortman: You have a question, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: How many new vehicles do you have now?

Loretta Young: New vehicles?

Councilmember Raben: Well, within the last two or three years.

Loretta Young: Nothing in the last two or three years, either. If you are talking about that 100 (inaudible), that is not a vehicle, that is the last thing that we got. We had a GMC truck, which now, I'm not too good on years, but it is like an '89, we have this Chevy Dooley, which is, I think, a '92, I believe, a '91 or a '92. We haven't really gotten any vehicles, the vehicles that we have always gotten, other than those, have always been hand-me-downs from somebody, and they are not going to give you anything that they really haven't worn out themselves. I have three people plus myself and many times, not just rarely, but many times we cannot split up. We have no way of getting there. It has been more than once, I'll say you go here, you go here, you go there, and they will stand there and look at me and say hey, the car isn't running.

The car is at the County Highway Garage, or something. We have no means of getting there. We have to double up when a lot of times we wouldn't have to, we shouldn't have to.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I was thinking the Dooley we bought in '94.

Loretta Townsend: Was it '94, okay.

Councilmember Raben: But I was thinking we used CCD monies last year or two years ago for another...

Loretta Townsend: It came through the Commissioners, somehow.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: As I recall, Mr. Raben, that was CCD funds, and the justification for the prover...

Loretta Townsend: Now that, is that what he is talking about, the prover?

Councilmember Hoy: Are you talking about the prover, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: Well, I'm thinking in terms of the vehicle. I think it was that Dooley, that dual-wheel vehicle. I recall the prover, too, and I think we got that through CCD as well.

Councilmember Hoy: We did get the prover through CCD because of testing the gas at the airport and it was a safety issue.

President Wortman: Okay, I might cite, that this a joint City-County, 55% County and 45% City, so if a vehicle would be approved, it would be \$5,500.00 on a \$10,000.00 price tag.

Loretta Townsend: And if you piggy-back it, like what you were talking about, Curt, I have no idea about cars, but I am sure by doing that...we don't want any big, fancy thing, we just want one we can wear out, you know. I mean that we actually have the privilege of starting and wearing it out.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else have any questions for Mrs. Townsend? If not, thank you. I appreciate your opinion.

**PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Next on the agenda is Perry Township Assessor, page 62. Would you state your name, please?

Nancy Locke: Nancy Locke, Chief Deputy.

President Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman.

President Wortman: Yes, Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: Glen called me, and I think you talked to her, too, she is in Indianapolis at a government meeting, and that is the reason that she can't be here; she wanted everybody to know, as the office holder, why she wasn't here.

Nancy Locke: Thank you.

President Wortman: Yeah, I think that anytime that there is a chance, the officer should be here, but, in this situation, that's fine. Okay, we'll start off on page 62, the 100 accounts. Anybody have any questions to ask? If not, we'll proceed to the 2000 accounts, and that is...I don't see anything there, does anybody have any questions? If not, we'll proceed to the 3000 accounts, so far it is a realistic budget.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: About 3141, Communications for \$240.00. What is that for?

Nancy Locke: The Internet.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you. I thought it was, but I...

Nancy Locke: We can access State Tax bulletins, find out information on assessing, that sort of thing. We have it right now, and we're just putting the line item in.

President Wortman: Okay, does anybody else have any questions on the 3000 accounts?

Councilmember Raben: Well, explain the Computer.

Nancy Locke: The Computer, we are going to need a new computer. We are now, the County Assessor is going to start downloading disclosure forms, and we need more memory. So we are going to have to...and also because of the fact that we are going to be doing more inputting, with reassessment coming up shortly.

Councilmember Smith: I think Glen said she needs it for searching.

Nancy Locke: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: But, could you be a little more specific? Go ahead, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: If you want to stay on the subject of computers, go ahead and raise your question.

Councilmember Hoy: I was just curious as to what specifically you're looking for with \$4,100.00.

Nancy Locke: A new surge protector, a pro-val activator, we only have three pro-val activators, we need one more; she is looking for a Pentium 166 computer and accessories to replace the 486 computer that we have for more memory space.

President Wortman: Okay, Mrs. Smith, did you raise your hand? Does anybody else have any questions? Jim?

Councilmember Raben: Outside Office Machines was my next question.

Nancy Locke: Office Machines, our present copier that we have now, we have had since 1990. We have had numerous service calls within the last six months, they are out here all the time because the quality is not up to par, and it is a wire harness, if this goes out, they are not going to be able to get a part for it, it's obsolete.

Councilmember Raben: Can I go back to the Computers, for just a moment? I'm trying to recall what the conversation was, but I thought that what the portion you are talking about, but I thought last week, did we not appropriate money for the County Assessor (inaudible, microphone not on). Last week, did we not appropriate some money to the County Assessor for purchasing some memory for some of the outlying townships?

Sandie Deig: Yeah, the Council appropriated \$1,000.00 and I think Mrs. Musgrave said she would cover all of the updates, but I don't know, that is what she said.

Councilmember Raben: I'll get with Glen. When will Glen get back?

Nancy Locke: She will be back in the office tomorrow.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thanks.

President Wortman: Okay, do I have any other questions? I think that is...

Nancy Locke: The other thing I needed to bring up after we turned in the budget request, the landlord came to us, and he wants an increase from \$399.75 a month to, let me find this letter, \$410.00 a month. So that would be a yearly expense of \$4,920.00.

President Wortman: Okay, did you tell him that might be hard to come by?

Nancy Locke: Well, we told him he missed out, the budget was due in before he turned that in, but we told him we would ask.

President Wortman: Okay, well that's fine, then.

Councilmember Raben: Ask him if he can transfer it from somewhere.

Nancy Locke: Oh, Okay.

President Wortman: Okay. Well, listen, thanks very much. I appreciate it.

Nancy Locke: Thank you.

**LEGAL AID**

President Wortman: Next on the agenda is Legal Aid, page 125.

Sue Hartig: Good morning, I'm Sue Hartig, I'm the Director at Legal Aid.

President Wortman: We'll start off with the 100 accounts on page 125. Does anybody have any questions? If not, we'll move on to the 2000 accounts. Are there any questions there? Then we'll continue to the 3000 accounts, page 126.

Councilmember Smith: Why would Legal Aid have to advertise in the yellow pages of the telephone book?

Sue Hartig: We are a City-County agency, we are a law office, and our clients have to know where to find us.

Councilmember Smith: But wouldn't...

Sue Hartig: We don't have any money for television or radio advertising, or billboards, direct mail, anything like that.

Councilmember Smith: Wouldn't that be under Government Offices, isn't it in the telephone book under that? Wouldn't that be the proper place for it to be?

Sue Hartig: We are listed under City or County, not both. I tried for years to get a listing under both, because, frankly, our clients are not sophisticated enough to know that if we are not under City, to also look under County. They are going to look under Attorneys, and they are going to look under L. We have to do that to provide the service we need to our clients. That is just a bold listing, it is not an ad, it's not a quarter of a page. It's a single listing that has our three names under it, so if we are your attorney, you know where to find us.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: I was just going to add to that, to what you said, Ms. Hartig, that is something that social service agencies have to do. That is a bill that we have to pay at the Food Bank, and the reason is so, as you said, clients can find you. It is kind of a special category and, I can tell you this, the phone company doesn't cut us...because we are a non-profit does not cut us any break at all on anything. I mean, I pay business rate and I know that just down the line, we pay a lot of money for that.

Sue Hartig: We hate to. It goes up every year and we keep it as small as we can.

Councilmember Hoy: I talked to Mrs. Hartig and she avoided that second directory, and I appreciate that, the blue one, because it would be just a duplication. That is an expense that she

didn't incur and I appreciate that.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I was going to ask her to move to 3540, Sue, you have got a big difference in your Maintenance Contract. Is there an actual difference in that contract, or is that...?

Sue Hartig: Yes, we base that on the actual figures. As equipment gets older, the Maintenance Contracts get higher. We have got three typewriters, a network of six computers, a paper shredder, dictating equipment networked among the six of us, a copier that is at least four years old.

Councilmember Raben: What about Malpractice Insurance? Is that a guess, or is that accurate?

Sue Hartig: That is a guess, we just get the bill here in August, so I have to submit the budget to you before I even know what this year's premium is going to be.

Councilmember Raben: On Dues and Subscriptions, Continuing Education, why such a jump on those two?

Sue Hartig: Those are line items that we cut back severely and did without the last two or three years to get our expansion completed. The board wants us to start building those back up again, so we can take the necessary journal, each attorney has to have a certain number of continuing education hours every year, so that we can, perhaps, go to the annual conference. We have not attended the Legal Aid's annual conference since 1987.

President Wortman: Anything else, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No, other than I am still a little...

President Wortman: Let me ask you this, Mr. Raben, I would like to have Council Attorney elaborate on Malpractice Insurance, Dues and Subscriptions, and Continuing Education, I have some question marks there. Would you mind doing that, Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, Mrs. Hartig, were you aware, and I happened to note in the budget hearing minuted last year, that the Council Attorney, Mr. Harrison, had advised during your portion of the budget hearings that the State Board of Accounts does not allow the County to pay those items? Were you aware of that?

Sue Hall: Which items? We don't pay membership dues, we pay membership dues from the United Way side.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, what I'm saying is that the Dues and Subscriptions and the Continuing Education is not permissible from, the State Board of Accounts is saying, and, as you probably noticed, Prosecutor Levco, he had a zero item in there in his budget. With the Prosecutor, there actually are certain items that can be paid, but with respect to all other attorneys and judges and such, the State Board of Accounts, and I can furnish you with the memorandum, says that is not permissible.

I'm not addressing whether or not it should or shouldn't be, I know what we have got to do, it is not my issue to vote on these things, but to legally just point out that we are not permitted by the State Board of Accounts to fund those requests.

Sue Hall: I knew that was true of Membership Dues, I didn't realize that was with Continuing Education, though.

Jeff Ahlers: It even has to do with Disciplinary Commission fees that we have to pay.

Sue Hall: Right, I understand about the Disciplinary fee, yeah. That is only \$85.00 a person.

Jeff Ahlers: So we would not, according to the State Board of Accounts, be able to fund that. My understanding is that, I don't know, has Richard Mourdock left the room? He was around here. Isn't there something pending before the Commissioners on this issue, as well?

President Wortman: Mr. Mourdock, would you come forward, please?

Sue Hall: One of these memberships, for example, is to the National Legal Aid and Defender Association, and if we don't belong to that, we can't get on Malpractice Insurance. So some of that is truly necessary for the operation of the office. I can bring back next week exactly what was paid out of those accounts.

Jeff Ahlers: I'm not questioning that. I'm just saying the State Board of Accounts, whether they are right or wrong, they are saying that it can't be paid out of the budget. Unfortunately, that may mean that attorneys, you know, if you have to pay it, or if there is another source of you can get it, or if you have to pay it yourself. I'm just saying, the State Board of Accounts is saying that it is not permissible for us to fund that for whatever their reasons are.

Sue Hall: Some of it must be permissible because we haven't gotten any claims back this year. I'll find out for you next week exactly what we pay out of those accounts. I know, a couple of years ago we got something back from the Auditor's Office and we had to pay it out of a United Way account, rather than a County account. I'll find out for next week.

Jeff Ahlers: I think when you'll see when you go through the budgets, I haven't gone through all of them, but a lot of the attorneys, that are either County Attorneys or Judges and that, nobody is particularly happy about that, but it is just a cost that you have to pick up. The other thing I didn't know was on Malpractice Insurance, I happened to talk to the County Attorney, and as I understand it, the County may have an Errors and Omissions Policy, and I don't know who would know whether or not that covers, whether we may be getting duplicate coverage or not.

Sue Hall: It doesn't. I have checked into that year after year. The only provider of Malpractice Insurance for the kind of practice we have is Lloyd's of London, through the National

Legal Aid and Defender Association.

Jeff Ahlers: The only thing that I have to ask Mr. Mourdock is that is there something pending before the Commissioners, or was there something discussed on this issue?

President Wortman: Mrs. Hartig, excuse me, they are going to have a little conversation, here.

Jeff Ahlers: On the payment of county employed attorneys, whether or not the County can pay the Disciplinary Fees, the Continuing Legal Education, and what not. Has that been an issue that you have discussed? I was thinking that the County Attorney had indicated...

Richard Mourdock: Richard Mourdock with the County Commission. Yes, that issue came up last year and we did some research with it, I know that some state statutes were specifically checked out. Quite honestly, Jeff, I don't recall what the outcome of that was. It was an issue that came up before, regarding the memberships, professional fees, and such.

Jeff Ahlers: I had been given a draft of a proposed ordinance by the County Attorney, but, having not followed that issue, I didn't know whether you passed it or whether it has just been discussed, or he had been asked to draft something, I didn't know where that was.

Richard Mourdock: I don't think it has been passed, it was put in draft form and it was discussed, and that has been back as far as probably March or April when that discussion first took place.

Jeff Ahlers: Then whenever that is taken care of, I guess that will definitively, aside from what the fact that what the State Board of Accounts does definitively deals with this issue of what attorneys on County payroll can and cannot be paid out of the County Fund.

Richard Mourdock: Exactly, right.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Mourdock.

Jeff Ahlers: I'll be happy, if you want to get with me, I can share with you what I have got...

Sue Hartig: I have got a copy of the memo.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: I just had a question for Mrs. Hartig. Did, have you ever had a malpractice suit against Legal Aid that you know of?

Sue Hartig: No, we have not.

President Wortman: Does anybody else have any questions on page



126? If not we'll turn to page 127, Office Machines, then we have the total. Anybody got any questions for Mrs. Hartig? Okay, now I think we'll go to United Way/Legal Aid, page 180, please.

**LEGAL AID-UNITED WAY**

Sue Hartig: Just a reminder, this is the request we have made to United Way, United Way will not tell us what our funding level is until November or December. At that time, we will come back and do whatever repeals or appropriations are necessary to make this budget reflect exactly what United Way has given us.

President Wortman: It looks like you left it pretty well in line with last year, is that correct?

Sue Hartig: Yes, they have indicated that it will be flat funding for this year.

President Wortman: Does anybody have any questions on the 100 accounts, 200 accounts, or 300 accounts? Okay, if not, do you have anything else to say, Mrs. Hartig?

Sue Hartig: No. Thank you. We have tried to keep the budget in line with last year since we now have completed our expansion.

President Wortman: Thank you very much, I appreciate it.

President Wortman: Next on the agenda, the County Commission, page 84.

Richard Mourdock: Good morning, please give me just one second here.

President Wortman: We are going to change the tape now, just one moment.

**Tape Change**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

President Wortman: Okay Mr. Mourdock proceed please.

Commissioner Mourdock: Alright, thank you Curt.

President Wortman: State your name please.

Commissioner Mourdock: Richard Mourdock, President of the County Commission. You certainly didn't need to change the tape if you feared that I would be long-winded this morning because, I won't be. County government always offers new experiences, this is my new experience for the year. So, bare with me. What we've presented to you as a Commissioner's budget we think is a very fair and reasonable package. It is, we believe some leadership by example because we have kept things to the bare bone. In describing what we did in our budget, I think I'd first like to refer to what I've put up here. For those of you who have had occasion to be in the Commission hearing room this may look very familiar. What this represents is a summation, if you will, of

the very first meeting of the 1997 Vanderburgh County Commission. At that point, in fact prior to that meeting, I had asked Commissioner Tuley and Jerrel to list and be ready to discuss what their priority issues would be for the coming year. Each of us did that, we brought those issues to the table. We spent a week talking about which ones we thought really needed to be moved forward on the next...expedient basis and we came up with this. The three items that...or the items under each Commissioner. Commissioner Jerrel wanted to focus on East Side Planning, especially the Financial Side, and Traffic Alternatives. My issues were to discuss the Ozone Ordinance and get an Ozone Officer in place and also to deal with the Welfare to Work issue and to get that wrapped up since that had been started in the previous year. Commissioner Tuley thought the issues that he would like to deal with and wanted to move forward would be to determine whether or not Burdette Park should be a full year facility or how the County could better utilize that. The issues listed below that under the word "all" were the other issues that we saw that weren't necessarily something that could be catagorized from one Commissioner to another but, something that we needed to work on as a team. Those were the Personnel Policy Handbook update which you may know, has been completed. A better Economic Plan, Drainage Plans with a schedule of maintenance, Purchasing Policy Manual, the coordination of budget issues and also an Infrastructure Development Plan, what geographic areas and how we need to finance those. As you look over that list, I hope you'll quickly recognize that a number of those things have actually come before this group before as we've asked for some budget allocations during this previous year, or during the year 1997. What we've presented in our current budget is reflecting the continuing effort as we've targeted these items and yet, we've done it in a very financially responsible fashion. Our 1000 accounts we have actually decreased dramatically from the last years figure, a '97 figure of \$422,000. We've cut to \$309,000. We've done that largely through the elimination of four positions of County Attorneys. We still have one. Some might argue, one attorney is still too many, forgive me Jeff but, you've got to be protected out there. Our 2000 accounts for Supplies represents an increase of 13 and ½ percent. Our 3000 accounts is a .82% increase over the actual 1997 budget and our 4000 accounts remain the same, they are totally unchanged. The overall budget that we've presented to you as a package represents a less than one percent increase from last year. We have been able to maintain basically, a straight line budget, only a one percent increase because we've been sticking to this plan. Specific areas that, in this year have caused us to come back to you, obviously the Daylight Sewer, there's been a Patient Care issue that was a million dollar issue, the Daylight Sewer was a million, 2.3 I believe. But, with funding that we're continuing to carry into Burdette, I'm sorry Burkhardt Road at the three million dollars that we had asked to carry forward from this year, we're still, our overall budget, as I said, is less than a 9/10 of one percent increase. That's a somewhat scattered presentation.

President Wortman: That's fine, I appreciate that, you hit the highlights. Now I think...if they wish? We take page by page and let the review and ask questions and you have the answers and

we'll start off of course, naturally page 84 the first and that would be the 1000 accounts there Payroll and I'll ask a question. Does anybody got any questions to address Mr. Mourdock? Okay, Mr Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Did you want to briefly summarize the thinking on the County Attorneys, how that's restructured?

Commissioner Mourdock: Sure, What we have done Mr. Lloyd, is basically restructure, very simply the position that was out there, well the three of them, three line items were totally eliminated and those functions were all assigned to County Attorney Joe Harrison. We recognize there May be some times when we need some contractual services that would be legal. But, at least this year those have been minimal and we think the elimination of those three position each of about \$45,000 a year has been a wise move.

Councilmember Lloyd: And then you would just, if you had additional work, you would just use that same line item to pay for another attorney?

Commissioner Mourdock: Sure, we could. Yeah.

Councilmember Lloyd: Thank you.

President Wortman: I might call your attention to line item 1180 Board of Review. You put that in the County Assessor's budget, did you Mr. Mourdock?

Commissioner Mourdock: That's correct.

President Wortman: Okay, everybody be aware of that used to be(inaudible) on that. Okay, no other question on page 84, lets turn to page 85 then and we'll go to the 2000 accounts. Anybody got any questions on those? If not, we'll turn to the...go to the 3000 accounts. Is anybody...still on page 85.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, line item 3041 Soil Conservation Educator \$17,000. Are you viewing that as a contract rather than a position in the salary?

Commissioner Mourdock: Yes, that is a contracting (inaudible)

Councilmember Hoy: Are you expecting any grant money from Soil and Water Conservation District on that or not?

Commissioner Mourdock: That's a good question, we don't know. We've...certainly Purdue has been in the active and wanted to cut some of their budget items, we expect that's going to continue as their doing that. We see this carrying through budget year '98 beyond that is a good question and we don't the answer.

Councilmember Hoy: Because, as you know, you and I are on that

same board. That position has produced excellent work and we'd like to see it formalized and the state has given us a line item, as you know, on that.

Commissioner Mourdock: Right and I'm sure every member of this board is well aware, I think you got the letters, that those of us on the Commission got regarding what the perceived activities were out there and again, most of those monies that were being referred to was really beyond your control, beyond our control, was what Purdue was talking about.

Councilmember Hoy: Right, thank you.

President Wortman: Mr. Mourdock, on that particular line item 3041, is that...was that a three year contract, do you remember on this educator?

Commissioner Mourdock: With that particular employee, I believe that was year to year, I don't know.

President Wortman: And is this the last year, or do you know?

Councilmember Hoy: May I speak to that?

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: Originally, the matching money from the state of Indiana was a grant, that is no longer true. The state of Indiana has put \$8,500 into a line item and that will be a continuing line item with the state of Indiana. There is not a determination point. When we begin this we were looking at some end point to the grant, we no longer have to do that. I won't take a lot of time with this because, we've got a lot to do but, if the Council wishes to see? We can give you some very fine statistics on what this person has done, we have letters of commendation in our file from Senator Lugor, Senator Coats and a number of other prestigious people who have looked at this program. I sound like a commercial here but, our Soil and Conservation District is considered to be the best in the Mid-West, if not, one of the best in the whole country. We have, Davidson County, Tennessee for example, where Nashville is the county seat, has visited us to look at the excellent work that is being done here. So, I hope the Council understands, we're looking at a position here that is certainly not a frill, very essential to our land use development, to the education that needs to take place in terms of the environment and good use of our natural resources and we are very proud of this and you can tell I'm an advocate of making it a full line item job. But, there is no end point on this anymore, it's not a grant anymore. It is a line item. The state of Indiana has also recognized this as a fine program. So, I hope the Council will consider all of those things as you look at this in the future.

President Wortman: Okay, does anybody else have any questions on the 2000.

Councilmember Hoy: Councilman Raben wants to know if I've been writing letters at night? I have not. Except to some friend in Ft. Wayne.

President Wortman: Okay. 2000 accounts does anybody got any questions there?

Councilmember Sutton: Are you on page 86 yet?

Councilmember Hoy: Did you say 3000?

President Wortman: 2000, now we'll go into the 3000 accounts.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question.

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't know that we can change this now but, I have advocated this for a number of years, I think ever since I was elected. Line 3100 Animal Control. I believe that we make the major decisions in that wage there and I sure would like to see this Council next year consider raising it, that man has been working for us for 30 years and I believe that's the line item Mr. President, where we have more percentage of the vote than the city does. For Mr. Angle, is who it's for. But, I'm not sure, Mrs. Deig is that the case?

Commissioner Mourdock: Yeah, I believe the County only takes 25% of that.

Councilmember Hoy: Is it 25?

Commissioner Mourdock: Yeah.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay. Then I was misinformed. Maybe we should work on the city, it just is an incredibly low salary.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any question on the 3000 accounts? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Line item 3050 Patient Inmate Care. Annually this line item is extremely high we don't really have any control on that but, looking at what we have spent over the last few years, this has been a large item for us. But, in terms of what we're looking at, do we need to go at that level? I guess I'm thinking about our freeze here and what we're working around. We know we're going to have a high expense but, I guess I'm thinking about some ways in which we could, maybe alter that line and bring it down a little bit.

Commissioner Mourdock: I understand your concern and if you look across the page and see the fluctuation that has occurred in that account over the past several years, it's one of the more difficult ones to budget for. We've gone from \$521,000 to \$1,200,000. Our million dollar figure is somewhat of the mean of what we've seen the last few years. So, is it possible to alter that and be ready to change later on? Sure, that's a possibility. We just tried to pick a number that we thought was representative of the past few years.

Councilmember Sutton: And the same would apply to line 3120 Postage and Freight? We jumped up pretty significant last year. We budgeted \$200,000 and spent \$202,000 and we're requesting

\$280,000. Now, given the rate that we're going this year, if things stay the same according to what we are looking at, at the clip that we are going we will easily surpass that figure that \$280,000 figure for even this year. But, since that's kind of another one of those that kind of fluctuates back and forth. There might be some area where we might be able to have some leverage in moving that back and forth, or move it back just a little bit.

Commissioner Mourdock: Yeah, as a percentage, obviously that one doesn't fluctuate as much as some other accounts because of two things, number one, the mailings that the County does are pretty well automatic set by statute, the second point is, that the postage rate have been fairly uniform. The new number allows for the fact that we just hear that there would be the postal increase, what exactly that will mean at the county level as opposed to the normal price of a first class stamp, I'm not sure. But, I know that rate is going up also.

President Wortman: Okay, I might call your attention to line item 3100 Animal Control and that's 75% city and 25% county on that. Okay, call your attention to line item 3210 Emergency Management. That was set in at \$76,654 it was more or less agreed that \$5,000 additional would be added for a generator which is going to be...I talked to the city about it and they're kind of going to wonder whether we buy it or else get an agreement with, maybe Caterpillar have one on hand, how much they use and all this stuff. (Inaudible) And if it did the figure would be \$81,654. Does anybody else have any questions on page 86 on the 3000 accounts? Don't see none. We'll turn the next page to 87 and it's still the 3000 accounts, do we have any questions there as we go down through here?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, line item 3330 Willard Library. We've had discussions about this in the past as well and in terms of the storage situation and the inadequacies there, in terms of what the county offers for storage right now. Are there some options that are being reviewed to look at how we may improve our storage situation? Obviously there's some records we have to keep, we cannot throw away and where we are right now just is not going to be adequate to fit the bill for our storage needs.

Commissioner Mourdock: Right now we've not undertaken any examination of options, you're right and certainly Bette Knight can address this issue more clearly than I. But, the question has not only been what we keep and where we keep it. But, even a more immediate is how it is accessible and when is it accessible? At the present time we have not reviewed any other options, we'd be open to looking at that.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: The...one evening Marsha was here and asked the councilmen to go with her. I think Ed went and I don't know who else, Councilman Lloyd, Councilman Raben. It's quite a problem over at Garvin Park Industrial Mall. It's dirty, it's cold and I think you may as well put in any garage as put in over there and there was supposed to have somebody accessible and I think David will explain that to you too because, it is a

problem over there and I think we are paying too much for what we are getting. Because, we could rent a building any place for what we've got there.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President I'd like to add to that, I think in our discussion we were talking about some records can be put on computer. Some records, Mrs. Smith you know this better than I do. But, some you have to keep a hard copy of that but, you could put them on computer which would make them easily accessible. I think you could do them both. But, we're also looking at, I think we need to remind ourselves. If we put some of this on computer, whatever we are allowed too, there is expense involved in doing that and council I feel I need to be aware of it, all of us need to be aware of the costs there. I'm for it. It's just that we're looking...you know, that stuff doesn't get inputted I think is the word they use, I love what the computer folks have done to the English language, it's a travesty but, I'll fight that battle someplace else I guess. But, anyway that stuff doesn't get entered free. So, it's important I think, that we review this with an eye to doing it because, I think it needs to be done and look at a different, perhaps a different storage space because, I know you have to have temperature control and all this, Mr. Byrne is sitting back there and perhaps would like to comment on this Mr. President.

Commissioner Mourdock: Sure, I don't mind at all.

David Byrne: David Byrne from the County Clerks Office. This is something that is being explored personally by the clerk right now, she is in the process of meeting with different, I guess you would call them vendors? Soliciting prices and what their services would offer, what would be included. We were advised by John Newman, who is the director of information management for...Office Estate Courts. That we are the only large county in the state of Indiana that didn't start microfilming in the Clerks Office 20 to 25 years ago. So, we're looking at several options including microfilming as well as the storage issues. The other thing we want to make quite clear to the council and everyone else is, we don't have a problem with the county providing a grant as far Willard Library is concerned, it's a wonderful cultural asset to the community and this area for historical and genealogical purposes. However, we need...we feel that it should be addressed, that it's not totally going as far repository of our records and the conditions are truly deplorable. We did spend approximately \$12,000 this summer from the incentive to hire summer interns and on supplies and getting things boxed and organized and we have been working very closely with Mr. Newman and this State Supreme Court Office of Administration. So, I welcome any questions that any of you might have but, it is undergoing right now as we speak.

President Wortman: Yeah, you and I discussed that.

David Byrne: We did that.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions addressed to Mr. Byrnes?

Councilmember Sutton: Well good. I'd like to see us just to continue progress on that project and as Commissioner Mourdock has expressed great interest in that the Commissioners are supportive of the project and I don't want it to fall by the wayside.

President Wortman: Thank you Mr. Sutton. Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I agree that, I have supported Willard Library ever since I've been on the City Council and it's an asset to Vanderburgh County/City of Evansville but, the part at Garvin Park Industrial Mall is not the proper place for our records to be.

President Wortman: Thank you. Okay. Anybody else got any questions now for Mr. Mourdock on page 87 in the 3000 accounts? I might ask the line item at the bottom of the page there, 3490 Y.M.C.A. \$25,000 has that been very successful, do you know Mr. Mourdock, on exercising?

Commissioner Mourdock: For the county employees? That's a very good question, one I asked recently. I do not have an answer back yet, as far as how utilization we're getting out of that. Obviously that's a contract amount that's shown there the \$25,000 and it's one that we need to look at for the future years.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any questions on that page? If not--

Councilmember Sutton: 3460 Consultants. Last year we allocated \$16,000 again you are requesting \$16,000. The usage on that, what will that line item be used for?

Commissioner Mourdock: Why will it be used for?

Councilmember Sutton: What will it...can you explain that?

Commissioner Mourdock: Sure, What that is, that's a contract price with David Griffith and Associates and what Griffith does is basically review all the changes in the state law where there are grants available, where there are funds available and also reviews what we are doing at the county end to make sure we are getting the funds from the state of Indiana that we deserve to get and that is one, of all the line items on here, I think I can make this argument but, especially with that one, that is more of an investment, than it is a cost because that will pay for itself many times over in grants that we get.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. Anybody else got any questions on page 87? If not, we'll go to page 88 and stay in the 3000 accounts again. Does anybody got any questions on that page? Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, sir. Just curious, line item 3532, I am going to issue a request for a larger print for those of us with tri-focals. The garage remediation, where are we on that, I mean, I know it's got to be in there but, it's been in there a bunch of years are we nearing the end of that sir?



Commissioner Mourdock: Yeah, I think we're very near the end of that, certainly the tanks have been removed, the remediation has been done and we're basically keeping those funds in there to do the evaluations of the stockpiles of soil to make sure the anaerobic bacteria are doing their thing. Fortunately anaerobic bacteria don't depend on budget items and don't clean this up. A mind of their own.

President Wortman: Okay, Any...Mr Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: 3530 Contractual Services requested \$5,000, talk about that a little.

Commissioner Mourdock: That one is quite simply the consulting engineer that we're using, Mr. Schmitts, who's been helping us with several different items. Everything is...reviewing some things out on the Burkhardt Road design, to helping specifically with the drainage problems we've had around the buildings at Burdett Park and also working with Milton Hayden out at the garage to make sure we're doing what we can do right out there.

Councilmember Sutton: Well doesn't our county engineer handle those responsibilities?

Commissioner Mourdock: Yes and quite honestly this is going to sound like a slap at the County Engineering Department, I do not mean it that way at all. But, there's only one way you get 40 years of experience and that's to do it 40 years and Jerry is a recourse that has again, this is an investment more than it is a cost item. He's found ways for us to do things less expensively and also provided excellent advice out on the Burkhardt situation which will save us several hundreds of thousands of dollars. Specifically with the drainage along the side of the road there.

Councilmember Sutton: Well I guess I would assume that, then the County Engineer is not up to snuff to do the job I guess? That would be the assumption. I don't know if I'm aware of any projects where they have fallen short. But, if we have us a whole department and we're paying salaries in that department it would seem likely that we would utilize their services on county projects, before we would use a consultant.

Commissioner Mourdock: Yeah, I guess my counter to that is, a few years ago I screwed up my knee and my doctor called in a specialist and you know, I have faith in my doctor but, I was sure glad that specialist was around because, he knew that specific area far better than the general practice of the doctor that I normally went too. The engineering, as you're certainly aware, is a very, very technical thing and with expertise that Mr. Schmitts brings again, we see this as a good investment.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, with the millions of dollars of drainage, road, and bridge projects in the County annually and the county engineers, the person who basically coordinates those projects, I guess it just seems like a waste to go outside, if someone is...has that experience. We've already got that in house.

Commissioner Mourdock: Well, he does coordinate and that's the word you just used. He does coordinate, the county engineer. A lot of those different engineering project but, the County Engineering Office as a total, does not have the number of years experience of this one individual. And again, how do you...I just think we are less than prudent with everything we do in the county, if occasionally we don't get a fresh look, there's always a different way to do something based on someone else's experience and that's why we justify this and feel that it is justified.

President Wortman: I might add to it that the County Engineering has their hands full doing what they're doing.

Commissioner Mourdock: They do indeed.

President Wortman: Anybody else? Okay. I might call your attention on page 88 down there line item 3750 Purchasing Department. That's listed at \$65,999 I think it should be \$69,248 on that.

Commissioner Mourdock: Again, that's a joint case.

President Wortman: That's a joint case. Yes, sir. Anybody got any question on page 88?

Councilmember Sutton: One more question.

President Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: On line item 3535 VOICES for I-69 again, we're looking at putting in \$20,000 dollar share into that. What's the total share budget for that project, do you have any idea on how other jurisdictions are included in trying to move this project forward?

Commissioner Mourdock: You're asking, what is the total budget for the VOICES of I-69 Organization?

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

Commissioner Mourdock: I don't know the answer to that question but, I do know that all of the counties along...immediately within the right away if you will, for I-169 are now part of this group at the same funding levels and also several counties who are not immediately on the right of way but, beside it are helping to fund this program.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben...Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: This may not be a pertinent question Mr. Mourdock but, it's a good place to ask it since Mr. Sutton asked I-69. I'm curious as to how come recent studies you know, economic studies have only included the highway between here and Bloomington, rather between here and Indianapolis? Because, my judgement is, that if that's all we are going to get initially then, I may as well take 41 and 70. I've driven on 31 and I don't like traffic lights there anymore than I do anyplace else. I felt and I'll be honest. When I went to one of those hearings

I felt like I was doing my magic show again with the three shell game because, we were told that it was between here and Indianapolis and then it was between here and Bloomington. That's not your responsibility, I'm just curious if VOICES has any stand on that?

Commissioner Mourdock: VOICES has come out for the Bloomington route and I think, primarily because that's the route that they saw as having the greatest cost to benefit ratio. Obviously that is what the U.S. Department of Transportation is looking at right now, it's what INDOT's also supporting as part of the overall package.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

Councilmember Hoy: (inaudible-microphone was turned off) You know our hassle time, it looks like...I feel like we're getting a half loaf again and that's what I feel and I think that's unfortunate. I won't vote against it but, I have a lot of questions even about the jobs they're going to produce, You know? Two jobs a year in some small community pumping gas is not really exciting to me.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Go ahead with Mrs. Smith.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: The engineering work has been done from Bloomington to Indianapolis because, (inaudible) all the engineering work. So, I don't think it's going to stop in Bloomington. It's going to go...VOICES is probably from here to Bloomington. But, all the engineering work has been done from that point.

Councilmember Hoy: I know that.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

Commissioner Mourdock: VOICES actually extends clear to Ft. Wayne because, the existing I-69 corridor from Indianapolis north-east, the folks up there realize there would be benefit to extend I-69 all the way down into Texas. So, there are other counties that are enjoying it.

Councilmember Smith: I thought his question was, is, why it's not from Bloomington to Indianapolis? I knew that the engineering work has been done.

Councilmember Hoy: I know the engineering work has been done Mrs. Smith. But, when I went to the meeting at Central High School you know, we were told that was between here and Indianapolis and the meeting was not about that it was only about from here to Bloomington. I'm concerned that you know, that we're going to do all this planning and not have that highway really materialize like we would like for it too and that is a concern of mine.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, I'd like to ask your help on one thing Richard. Yesterday I had a brief meeting with and I see Sheriff Hamner is back here but, two key people in the Sheriff's Department, Eric Williams and Brad Ellsworth and they had discussed a problem they're having and this pertains to the Rent line item, okay? The Building Authority really does nothing within the jail as far as maintenance and repairs and you know, taken in mind that, and I don't know that I blame them I mean, that's kind of a unique environment and I don't know that I want to go up there and do a lot of repairs. But, taking all that in mind, we need to work out a pro-rated rent for that jail you know, obviously that's probably the most square footage the county has, in that one facility. If we're not getting any maintenance out of the Building Authority, their rent ought to be adjusted accordingly. Is there anything you can do to look into that?

Commissioner Mourdock: That's the first I've heard of that issue. It certainly seems like a very logical approach.

Councilmember Raben: Sheriff Hamner is here, I don't know if he cares to speak on that subject or not but...

Commissioner Mourdock: I have no idea if at the time that this building was built and the original agreement was put together if there was any provision or any discount for the square footage in that part of the building for maintenance side or not and I know if Ray knows.

Sheriff Hamner: I don't care to speak.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Wortman: Okay.

Commissioner Mourdock: It's a very good question. I haven't heard that one before.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions on page 88? If not, we'll turn to page 89. Anybody got any questions on page 89? I'll direct your attention to line item 3860 Contractual Computer. That is the computer assembly for the courts, is that right Mr. Mourdock?

Commissioner Mourdock: That is correct. And, the balance of the package which is \$700,000 dollars is what we're proposed for CCD.

President Wortman: And that would be coupled with line item 3870, which is about a million and a half in round figures?

Commissioner Mourdock: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question sir.

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: I know that you all added two staff people to (inaudible) and is this the line 3870?

Commissioner Mourdock: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: Is that their line item?

Commissioner Mourdock: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: And are we looking at three people then next year?

Commissioner Mourdock: Yes, that includes three people.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions on page 89? And of course page 90 is the Burkhardt Infrastructure.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question about that sir.

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: That's in at zero and I'm not here to debate that issue. But, I'm curious as to how much you all may be thinking about putting into that because, that would be an item we would put in after the first of the year, just as we did this year.

Commissioner Mourdock: And, I mentioned a moment ago about the \$700,000 from CCD to the courts system. The other \$900,000 that we're looking at from CCD is also what we're thinking for Burkhardt. Those two being 3.9 million dollars, that's the area that we--

Councilmember Hoy: Into Burkhardt?

Commissioner Mourdock: Right. That's our thought. We are going to be in that range.

Councilmember Hoy: Will that...are you going to...I guess that's in the city isn't it? Are you going to spend any money on that intersection?

Commissioner Mourdock: That's in the city.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, and I know. I will make my comment that I wish you all would hear because, I see the development. It's just going rampant out there. When we're arguing as a community for good highways, I think the state looks down here and they look at how we butchered the Lloyd at both ends and they've got to wonder whether we really...we complain about traffic lights and at each end and we have not addressed the traffic issues and I know that's not just a county issue sir. But, somewhere you know, it seems to me it's a question that may be too late to raise. But, if I were sitting up in Indianapolis, I'd look down here and say those folks must have stocks in the traffic light companies, they must love them because we get 41 and then we complain and then we get the Lloyd and then mess it up and that's

going to continue. The other point that I want to make is, the more traffic lights the worse the ozone problem gets because, automobiles and trucks are sitting there burning gas, burning gas, and polluting, and polluting and nothing is moving. I guess we're too far into. But, you will hear from me.

Commissioner Mourdock: Well I don't know that...you know, history starts right now as far as what we do in the future again, I'll go back to our East Side Planning and Alternatives. What we have done with Burkhardt Road is to basically to find a way to fast track that project and even beyond the engineering work that's been done to get that going, the Commission has voted, about six weeks ago to endorse a plan as far as access onto Burkhardt. So, that we can minimize stop lights, so that we don't have a bunch of people coming from the westside of Burkhardt trying to make left hand turns, it's restricted to right hand only. We are trying to have that planned to keep it moving forward.

Councilmember Hoy: Well you know my interest in Brown Fields and you've supplied me with some good information. But, I...and I'm still looking at a lot of empty retail around here. I did some traveling this summer to a state where they have decided to control some of that you know, for the common good and I think that's a point we may have reached and I know of your concern about the environment, you and I share that. But, thank you for listening.

President Wortman: Okay anybody else got any questions? If, not that completes...from the Commissioners standpoint and we'll turn to page 81, the Drainage Board, while Mr. Mourdock is here and that's page 81.

#### **DRAINAGE BOARD**

President Wortman: Anybody got any questions on the Drainage Board? Don't see any. Alright we'll continue to the Riverboat page 130.

#### **RIVERBOAT**

Commissioner Mourdock: Going back to the Drainage Board if there's any volunteers here who would like to serve on the Drainage Board we'll make room for you.

President Wortman: Okay. Anybody got any questions on the three line items there on page 130? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: The Department of Family and Children was here yesterday, you weren't, Mr. Mourdock you weren't on the docket for it yesterday. I recognized the Family and Children area in terms of the efforts that they have put forward to the Welfare to Work program, that we put in place, the dollars last year and for those of you who may not be aware, Commissioner Mourdock has been very instrumental...we'll he's got the little thing on the board there, I don't know if the people know what... the writing is a little difficult to read from here, maybe my eyes are getting a little old. But, Commissioner Mourdock has been very involved in that and has put in a great

deal of time and has done an outstanding job in moving that process forward and I think we will see that Vanderburgh County will set a standard and a model for Welfare to Work throughout this state in terms of how it can be done and what resources can be used and how people can come together in this community to make an effective project go together for the good of...for some clients here in the community that might be traditionally overlooked. So, I just wanted to commend you for the fine work that you have done there and I think what we are allocating here, we don't know what we're going to get this year. But, in terms of the number of requests but, I would imagine once word gets out, that money will fly out of the door pretty quickly.

Commissioner Mourdock: First, thank you for your kind words. As of August 22 you will all be getting a notice that August 22 will be the ribbon cutting and actual formal opening of that process. So, the program that we've set up is truly a leader and one of the things we've done with the flexibility of that is, with all the restructuring with Indianapolis and what they're doing statewide is, some of the money for Dependent Children can be refunneled back through that group and allow us to even better use our funds for job training and other types of things.

President Wortman: Okay, nobody got any questions? Mr. Mourdock, we'll turn to page 94, Superintendent of County Buildings and while you're getting ready we're going to change the tape again.

#### **Tape Change**

#### ***SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS***

President Wortman: Okay, you've got your sidekick here.

Richard Mourdock: I've got my sidekick here, Lynn Ellis.

President Wortman: Would you give your name, please.

Lynn Ellis: Lynn Ellis, Superintendent of County Buildings.

President Wortman: Okay, you're grinning and smiling. You must be a happy person. Would you continue then and explain everything please?

Lynn Ellis: Well, you'll see a reduction in the salary lines due to the fact that I don't have the longevity that the predecessor did, so there is a reduction in the salary. There is also a reduction in the overall budget due to the lack of CCD Funds requested. Hopefully, most of our building renovations and monies that were appropriated last year for that have been taken care of. So there is a total decrease in that budget.

President Wortman: Anybody got any questions on the 100 accounts that she went through? Anybody got any questions on the 200 accounts...2000 accounts? Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: You've got uniforms in one area and clothing allowance in the other. What's the difference?

Lynn Ellis: One is the rental of the uniforms and one is the

cleaning of them.

President Wortman: Okay. Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: That's for one person?

Lynn Ellis: Yes.

President Wortman: That is Bennie.

Lynn Ellis: Bennie, right.

President Wortman: He's a hard worker.

Lynn Ellis: Yes, sir, he is.

President Wortman: He is always working.

Councilmember Smith: One of the hardest worker in this whole building. The man is overworked. He needs help.

Lynn Ellis: He does the work of three or four men.

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mrs. Smith. Okay, anything else in the 3000 accounts? If not, we'll turn to page 95 and that's the total, so as you can see it is down. If there are no other questions, you can be excused.

Councilmember Bassemier: I've got a question.

President Wortman: Yes sir, Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Are we through with the Commissioners?

President Wortman: Well, I was going to ask Mr. Mourdock if he was going to take the Highway, the Bridge and Local Roads and Streets. I didn't know if you were going to handle that or not?

Richard Mourdock: No, I think someone is here...Tim is here from the Engineering Department.

#### **CCD FUND**

President Wortman: Yeah, they're here. Okay, that's fine. Yeah, we've got to do the CCD Fund and that is page...just a minute, I've got to find it.

Councilmember Bassemier: It's 143.

President Wortman: Okay, 143. Thank you, Ed. Page 143, can you turn to that page, please. If you'll start at page 143 have you noticed all the line items there are zero. If you turn down to 144 you have two items there, the Court's computer system \$700,000 and the Burkhardt Road \$900,000. Is there any question on those two items?



Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm going to talk about the Burkhardt Road, okay, the \$900,000. I think that's a good project, okay? I voted \$3 million a few months ago, but it looks like all our CCD money is going for Burkhardt Road and the Court's computer systems. I would just kind of like to remind everybody a couple of years ago we started another very good project out at Burdette Park and that was the multipurpose building. I think the last two years we appropriated \$250,000 each year for that building out there and I think we got \$100,000 from the Riverboat and we all agreed on that and I would kind of like to see...I'd like to kind of see that we might continue that fund. I worked real hard with Mr. Tuley on that and I believe that we need to get something out there all year long. We've got workers out there all year long, so did you want to address that?

Richard Mourdock: Yeah, I would like to break that down into two parts, if I may.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Richard Mourdock: First of all, the CCD specifically. The thing that strikes me that we are doing here that we have not done in previous years, at least in the two years that I've been on the Commission, was we didn't necessarily have a budget for CCD money. What we are proposing here is clearly a budget with planned expenditures. We're not using this and maybe we should be criticized for this, I don't know, it's everyone's choice, I guess, but we are not using this as a rainy day fund for some last minute capital project that comes in the door. We know that we need to do something with Burkhardt Road and we appreciate the Council's past support for that and we also know that we must do something with the county's court system. The millennia problem that we have in their computer over there is going to really grab us and bite us and be very, very harmful to us if we don't deal with it, so that's how we saw dealing with it was to actually budget CCD money with those two projects in mind. The second part is Burdette Park. Again, I'll make reference to what we have on this Board. We have Burdette Park as a priority with exactly the phrase that you used about having it be a year round facility. We are moving in that direction. Recently we expended some money to learn more about the park, to see how the public is using it, to see what the public wants there and to see most importantly what the public sees...how the public sees that park as a priority within all of county spending. That's very important. You know, 88% of the people in our recent poll listed some other priority other than Burdette Park as the first priority. Interestingly, the first priority that they wanted to see money spent, the largest group of people wanted to see it for highways. The second largest group wanted to see it for drainage. I personally feel a little bit like I am caught between a rock and a hard place because I know there are things that need to be done at the park and I certainly see that as something we want to look forward to in budget years ahead and that's why we are gathering information

to know how we can best make that expenditure.

Councilmember Sutton: That being the case--

President Wortman: Were you done, Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No, not really. The money has been appropriated out there already, \$600,000. I'm of the understanding now that if we don't do something with that it will go back and we'll lose it out there. Is that correct?

Richard Mourdock: That's not my understanding, but I could be wrong. I'm not a budget expert by any means. Perhaps Suzanne could answer that.

Councilmember Bassemier: I think we need to check on that. I heard that we probably would use it if we don't...every year we've got to do it because it goes back if we don't. Those numbers, I can't...well, I'm going to check some of your numbers out on the 80% just for that.

Richard Mourdock: Sure.

Councilmember Bassemier: Because I think we all agreed on the multipurpose building and I just hate to see that go by the wayside. We appropriated \$3,000,000 for Burkhardt Road and I have no problem with taking \$250,000 out of that \$900,000 and giving it to Burdette Park. I know we need it on the court system, that's a must. I know that. I was just hoping that...when I start a project I like to complete it. We started that out for Burdette Park and I just hate to see it dropped. I mean, we're at \$600,000. We're pretty close. I worked hard with Mr. Tuley out there on it. You all thought it was a wonderful idea and I think we ought to continue with it.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: In discussing this whole Burdette Park issue and CCD Funds, you know, as we see the CCD Funds now we've got them in two buckets so the priorities are set for the CCD Funds. I think in past years there have been some priorities that have been set and the Council has approved those priorities by approving the CCD Fund budget giving ourselves some flexibility there for incidentals. We don't have that this year. You make reference, Commissioner Mourdock, to a study that was conducted. How much did we pay for that study that was done for the county to determine the needs for Burdette Park?

Richard Mourdock: Nine thousand dollars, I believe.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, we spent \$9,000 on that study and you indicated some of the results on that study in terms of what was coming out and from what I can gather from that study indicates that, you know, 72% of Vanderburgh County residents support a \$2 million expenditure on a multipurpose facility and only 8% would oppose such an expenditure. Then when we look at the priorities in that survey that they indicated the priorities that the greatest percentage of county tax dollars should be allocated number one, to improve streets, that would be plural,

at 24%. Number two would be to improve drainage at 18% and then at number three, improvements at Burdette Park at 18%. I guess in looking--

Richard Mourdock: I believe that last number is actually 13% because there were four items that were at 13%.

Councilmember Sutton: Do you want me to show this to you, it says 18%?

Richard Mourdock: Sure. My recollection is that it is 13.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I'm just going on what the study says.

Richard Mourdock: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Anyway, just based upon...excuse me, 12%.

Richard Mourdock: It rounds to 13.

Councilmember Sutton: Right. Okay, maybe looking at those parti-cular numbers there I am trying to get an idea why we would spend \$9,000 on a study and spend the last couple of years putting money into a fund to fund this multipurpose facility and get money from the Riverboat of \$100,000 and then decide to go in a different direction. You know, if we are going to go in this direction we need to set it as one of our priorities by putting it in our budget here. I'm not saying that Burkhardt Road is not important. You know, I think we've spoken to that at great length here with this body, but at the same time we have other things as well that we also think are very important and to make it a full multiuse facility I think it has to be a priority that we get multipurpose facility out there.

President Wortman: Ms. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: Yes, I wasn't here when that money was appropriated, but I think Burdette Park we've got national recognition from it and if this Council appropriated money for that building and you've got seven people sitting here casting a vote, and I don't know how the vote...I wasn't here, then I don't think that three people have a right to change that because that is where you appropriated the money to go. I'm sorry, but I don't think that you all have a right to take that money away and spend it somewhere else without coming back to the Council and explaining it to you. I don't know where your priorities are, but I know that if you sit here and appropriate that money it is supposed to be there and if it is changed it is supposed to come back to this Council to change it.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I don't want to drag this issue out for the rest of the entire morning, but back to Burdette, you know, I have a great deal of respect for that park and to say anything negative about it would be kind of shooting myself in the foot. As for now we do have a multipurpose building. We've just appro-priated or approved thirty some odd million dollars

for the auditorium. The only real drawback to a multipurpose building at Burdette Park is it is really not centrally located. People on the north side, if you live in Darmstadt, it's a 25 minute hike to Burdette. You know, if you are talking about taking a kid to an event, picking the child back up, you know, it's a lot of work to get your child there. I think a multipurpose building at some point would probably be worthwhile outside of the auditorium, but I think it would be to everybody's advantage if it were centrally located and not really stuck out on the far southwest corner.

Councilmember Smith: I think if you would have done the study for the City of Evansville/Vanderburgh County the majority of people would have voted against spending \$33 million on the auditorium.

Councilmember Raben: I agree.

Councilmember Sutton: You're talking about a different type of facility. What we are going to offer at the auditorium has nothing to do with what we're...you can't roller skate in the auditorium. We're talking about a different type of facility and if you are talking about centrally located my goodness, what are we going to do? Pick up the whole Burdette Park and centrally locate it? It is where it is. I mean, Burkhardt Road is not centrally located. The 4-H Center is not centrally located. We're talking about a facility that actually, though it is on the west side of the county, it does service the entire county and surrounding counties as well in terms of its use. We're comparing apples to oranges here. That facility, in terms of its use, right now we've got the aquatic center and that really is the drawing card for Burdette Park. We're trying to look for ways in which we can get some additional revenue out at that facility coming in and right now especially with things...with year round school. That's going to cut into our dollars whether we recognize it or not in terms of what we can get from that aquatic center. What other ways can we get some additional funding for that facility out there? We're going to have to have some additional draws out there. When school starts and winter closes it the only thing we've got out there that is a drawing card are the cottages, we've got the putt-putt and nobody or not too many people are going to be holding golf clubs when it is cold. We've got some fishing, but other than that we don't have too many other draws out there, so we really need to keep on track because I think all of us supported it last year or whatever. There were some new additions to the Council, but I am just requesting that we just stay on track with where we were before.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, I have comments on that, too. I am very supportive of the facility at Burdette. I would add to that that in my travels I've ran into many number of people who recognize the BMX track as being one of the finest in the midwest. The BMX meet at Burdette Park draws, let's see...the highest drawing card for motel rooms is the Frog Follies as I recall and BMX is right up there with it along with the Freedom Festival and some other things. These are important things for

our community. These add to the quality of life. They also add bucks in the till, a lot of dollars. I agree with Mr. Bassemier, Mr. Sutton and Mrs. Smith, we've made commitments to this park and we made them in good faith and I think we need to follow through. I would add to that that my suspicion that as frugal as we have been as a Council, and we have been very frugal. We were so frugal we gave you guys a lot of money for Burkhardt and I know I am going to lose that vote, Mr. Mourdock. I already know that ahead of time and that money is going to be spent there. There will be money for Burkhardt and I can avoid the traffic there and I will just do that personally. That's a long way out. The other concern I have about this budget is that I understand this CCD that money is also there as a contingency fund for public safety issues. If we spend it all in two places and we get an enormous public safety issue coming up, we may want to go back to this well and draw some water, you know, to fund that. My final remark is this about surveys. It used to be before we did some wonderful crazy deregulation of the broadcasting industry, I'm very familiar with that, that every time you do a survey...the broadcasting industry did a survey and I don't care where they did it roads, streets and highways are always, always the number one. You almost don't have to survey that. It will just come up. I do not extrapolate from that however that, you know, should mean that Burkhardt Road should just get all the bucks we've got. In my informal survey of constituents all I hear from my people day after day, business people, I'm not talking about people in the 4th Ward where I live, I am talking people all over have just said, Phil, stick to your guns on Burkhardt Road. We think it's a money pit. I don't know if you took an explicit survey on Burkhardt that you would come out with that high, you know, of a rating. Like I say, I know I am going to lose that battle, but I think that is something for us, as a Council, to consider and Commissioners. I can tell you that there are a lot of folks out there that are going to be really ticked off if we don't take care of this wonderful park. We have an award posted out there from AIC. When did we get it? In 1996.

Richard Mourdock: Last year. I was there when the award was given.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, excellence, and I wish to keep that excellence continuing.

Councilmember Raben: I'm not disagreeing. I'm saying keep the beautiful park as it is. Leave the park as it is. Let's don't change a thing there, but if we want to discuss a multipurpose facility, if you want to spend some more money on a survey you might ask the public where they would like it to be located because, again, if you're talking about something to be used during the winter in bad weather that is not the greatest road to travel in snow and ice. If you're talking about skating at night, you know, if I am going to take my ten year old son out there and I live on the east side of town or the northwest side of town, you know, it is just not the easiest place to get to. You know, if everybody is gung ho on studies, study that. Ask them where they would like a multipurpose center to be and I promise you it would probably be somewhere closer to the middle of town.

Councilmember Sutton: That's in the study. That question is in the study, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: It is?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, when requested what activity they would like to see most during the winter months they indicated roller skating.

Richard Mourdock: The percentage on that was 13%. That was the largest one requested item at 13% and none of the others were greater than 1%.

Councilmember Raben: Are the questions on there how they were asked? I mean, can you read the question and how they were asked in that study?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, the group that did this is, you know, one of the top local area...one of the top firms that provide product research--

Richard Mourdock: PAR, Product Acceptance Research.

Councilmember Sutton: They're top notch. The question was, if I can find it here:

"What activities would you like to see available at Burdette Park in the winter?"

Roller skating, 13%; ice skating, 13%; and then there were some other things that were rated out, ice skating, volleyball, basketball, dancing, banquets and some other things lower on.

Councilmember Raben: The first sentence is what activities would you like to see at Burdette Park at night. That's what I am saying. I agree a roller skating rink may be what we need, but let's determine on where we need it.

Councilmember Sutton: There is an additional question:

"What could be done to encourage you to visit Burdette Park more often?"

Six percent which was tied for the highest number of responses along that category was relocate it closer, it is too far away. Mostly the respondents were those who were on the east side. Lower prices if I had a better job with more income. Both of those at 6% and those who responded with that were mostly females between the ages of 25 and 44.

Councilmember Raben: Six or 60?

Councilmember Sutton: Six, which tells you that there were a variety of different responses and those two 6% responses were the two highest ranking responses there.

President Wortman: I think first we don't want to lose sight of how much money on a budget out there about \$1.2 million and we only take in \$500,000 to \$600,000. I think we've got to keep

that in mind, too. That's very important.

Richard Mourdock: May I--

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, we've got to put our thinking caps, but you might remember who said this Curt. A couple of years ago you said if we can take one kid off the streets and put him out somewhere where he would stay out of trouble, off drugs or whatever, every dollar that is spent out there is well worth it. You know who I'm talking about that said that.

President Wortman: Yeah, me.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm looking at him!

Councilmember Raben: I'll tell you, it's remarkable--

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, I was just going to say there has been a lot of questions about this study and it would be nice for all the councilmembers to get a copy of that.

Richard Mourdock: Sure.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: The things out at the park, Joyce and Steve, you know they've handled the situation very well out there, but, I mean, the things that they are doing at the park as it is are wonderful things. I mean, it's a beautiful facility. The Day Camp, I mean, you never hear anything but praise out of it. The Discovery Camp and Day Camp, I mean, you know, it's just got a great overwhelming great perception with the public, but you know, again, I just would probably argue all day long if we are going to commit ourselves to millions of dollars where should we do that?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, if you think about options to the county that is the only true recreational facility that we own as the county. The city owns the majority of the recreational facilities here locally. When it comes to usage percentage-wise across the county for all the people that was surveyed, Wesselman's Park had the highest amount of usage among those that were questioned at 34%. Burdette Park was second at 30%. Under Burdette Park was Garvin's Park at 24% and then on down the number of other parks that are around the area. Holiday World, mind you, is on this list and they were at 3%, so that gives you some type of idea of the amount of usage that people around the county or the awareness that people have of the facility. It's up there high.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Two comments. We're sitting here talking

about commitments and I want to go back to a point that has been made several times, but I want to make it again and that is in previous years this Council including a number of us who are presently on this Council have already made a commitment to this structure. This is not a new commitment. We made a commitment. We said to Burdette Park, we've said to ourselves, we said to the people in the county we are going to respond and we're going to build this building, so that is not a new commitment it is a previous commitment that I do not want to see us drop. Second point, proximity or distance or whatever you want to call it. I'm in the food business and I shop a lot of places because these places are good to us and I drive all over town. I live downtown. The west side shopping area on the Lloyd where we have more traffic lights than we should have is closer to my house downtown than the north side is. Much closer, I've clocked it. Just trust me. I didn't take a survey, just put my little trip meter on and clocked it. Not only that, I can get there quicker. I can get to Burdette Park, you know, just get on whatever we are calling Riverside these days and swing around to that little road by the sand and gravel company, Ohio Street, and hit the Becker Parkway. You know, I'm there. It is not that far. It is handy for a lot of us and I would remind you that we represent the whole county and if you look at population centers it's not all that far and people will drive anyway. My gracious. We've argued that. See we're arguing both sides of this thing. We say, well, Burkhardt Road is way out there, but people will drive. Of course they will. They'll also drive to Burdette Park. It's fairly simple.

President Wortman: Okay, yeah. We've got to end this thing here.

Councilmember Smith: My statement is, and I wasn't sitting on this Council at the time, but if you made the commitment, you voted for it, then that's the way it should be. If you were going to do a study, Mr. Raben, you should of done it before you appropriated the money. The point is, when you appropriate that money it should go where you say it's going and if they can't do it they bring it back to the Council to reappropriate it not just use it. That's the statement that I have to make.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Mourdock, I just want to say to the Commissioners I know you did a lot of work on this and it's a very good idea what you are wanting to do with this, but I am just wanting to say that we feel that we had other commitments before this project and we were a little bit ahead of this project, so I think we need to complete it and that's my own personal thing.

President Wortman: Okay, final speech by Mr. Mourdock and then we are going to take a recess.

Richard Mourdock: This will be a short speech. Would you build a house without knowing what the plan is? Several comments were made, very good comments, about we started this a couple of years ago and we started funding it. One of the first meetings that I had this spring after assuming this position was with Joyce and Steve. Their question to me was, Commissioner Mourdock, what do you want the park to be? My answer was, I'm



not in the park business. I don't know what the park should be. What do you think it should be? Well, we don't know really either. We know we've got people who want year round roller skating, we've got this, we've got that. I said, how do you know that? Well, that's what we hear. I'm sorry, you have to have a plan. That's why this is right there. It's part of a plan. I suggested to them, and I knew there was a risk to that and the risk is what we're experiencing this moment. The risk was do we want to ask the public who we all work for what they think we should do with their money? Now that's kind of a novel concept, but we asked that question. Eighty-eight percent said the first priority of county spending should not be Burdette Park. However, and I am going to sound like I am shooting myself in the foot to Mr. Raben's point, I was shocked to learn in that study that if you divide this county into four quadrants the usage of Burdette Park is virtually identical. The same number of people use it from the northeast as the southwest. None of us expected that. We now have real information upon which to develop a real plan. I have already committed to Commissioner Tuley, and you'll notice that is under his name, that this fall we will hold at least one and probably several public hearings, dedicate Commission hearings, to what the public wants to do with Burdette Park. I am not against Burdette Park in any way shape or form. In fact, my support for Burdette Park is stronger. Stronger as a result of this survey. It truly is. The question is simply if you're going to do a plan, do you want to build half a road? I think we can defer building 100% of a building at Burdette Park for another year until we know how that building really should be used, but do we want to build have of Burkhardt Road and be subject to the criticism that we're all going to deserve if that situation happens? You know, I understand the sense, and Betty Knight said it very well. You know, we committed to something. I stood here last year and supported the CCD plan which put money in there not knowing what the public really thought of the park. I think we need a plan. That's what the poll presented, but it's only part of the plan and we need to keep moving on the basis of what that gave us. I'm dedicated to doing that, but I am saying for budget year '98 our plan, which you have also already supported, now you're going to...forgive me. If you reallocate these funds part of the plan that you supported before you are now going to say, well, no we're not going to do. Well, which one are you not going to do? Are we not going to keep up with Burdette where we don't have a plan or are we not going to keep up with Burkhardt Road where we do have a plan.

Councilmember Sutton: I think--

President Wortman: We've had enough discussion, I think.

Councilmember Sutton: Commissioner, I think I'm going to respond to that. Seventy-two percent of the residents--

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton, you're out of order.

Councilmember Sutton: --of that facility.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton, you are out of order.

Councilmember Sutton: You're going to allow him to conclude with those remarks--

President Wortman: There was ample time for discussion. I think we've repeated everything, and it's nothing against you, but I think we've had ample time. He's excused and we're going to have a seven minute recess. That's it.

The meeting was recessed at 10:45.

#### **Tape Change**

President Wortman: We have to be out of here by 12:00, so let's keep it going. Next, is the Surveyor, page 31. Anybody from the Surveyor here? I don't see any. We will go on from the Surveyor down to the Auditorium. Mrs. Deig is going to call them and remind them and they just arrived.

#### **CO-OP EXTENSION**

President Wortman: Let's go on and take Co-op Extension Service. These two young ladies are representing Co-op Extension. Mr. McCampbell is in the hospital, so they are going to represent him. So, page 75. Does anybody have any questions on the 100 accounts on page 75? I don't see any. Alright, page 76, 2000 accounts. If we don't have any questions there we will go to the 3000 accounts. We will go on down to...Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Line item 3130 Travel and Mileage. Last year we budgeted \$3,000 and I guess in terms of what we are looking at you are requesting \$8,000 and I am trying to get an idea of the usage there.

Susan Plasmeier: Well, If you look back in the past our mileage was, well, I've got it, from 1990 on it was in the range of \$9,000 and \$7,000. You drastically cut us to \$3,000. We are trying to get it back in line to where it has been in the past.

President Wortman: I would like for both of you to state your names, please.

Susan Plasmeier: Susan Plasmeier.

Linda Thomas: Linda Thomas.

President Wortman: Alright, thank you. Anybody else have any questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: I have one.

President Wortman: Yes, Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Line item 3530, is that necessary? Could you elaborate on that, please? Line 3530 Contractual Services, the \$19,634.

Susan Plasmeier: What that is, that is representing our four extension educators that are combined paid, Purdue paid and

county paid. That is the county portion. I guess about three years ago, as I understand, that was brought to the County Council and it was asked that we pay a third that year, increase a third the next year and then the last third would be in effect this year to bring that up to line so that we can continue to maintain an extension educator staff of four individuals and that would be the county portion to do that is \$19,634.

Councilmember Sutton: I was under the impression with those educators that we were only to pay a third for each of those years and in fact that is why we've got in those previous years an amount of \$5,067 representing a third of the total cost of those educators rather than the county picking up the full share of those educators.

Susan Plasmeier: That is not the full share. That would probably be about one-third of the cost, total salary cost for those four educators.

Councilmember Sutton: Are there more educators now than what there were when we began to fund these positions? So how many does that include? How many educators are you talking about?

Susan Plasmeier: Four.

President Wortman: Any more questions, Mr. Sutton? Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: What portion of that does Purdue pick up approximately?

Susan Plasmeier: Well, employee compensation, I don't have that totaled for 1997, and that is just salary, as I understand, not including benefits, even the Purdue portion of benefits which that ...Purdue in benefits alone per year is \$34,000 to \$35,000 their portion of that. Salary-wise for three positions it is about \$14,500 as an average and then the fourth position is around \$35,000 that Purdue pays.

Councilmember Lloyd: Are they considered employees of Purdue?

Susan Plasmeier: Yes. Purdue salaried staff.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions? Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: The rent. In 1996 we paid \$14,908 and now it is \$44,723. That is \$3,727 a month. That is a whole lot of rent and when we compare that to what Weights and Measures has over at the Executive at five thousand two hundred some dollars a year, there is a whole lot of difference.

(Inaudible comments)

Councilmember Smith: For that whole big building out there. I think, I don't know what kind of facility they have, but it is an awful lot of rent.

Councilmember Lloyd: Two hundred percent.

President Wortman: Right. Anybody have any other questions on

the 3000 account? If not, then we will go to the--

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: You have an insertion for Janitorial Service 3570 that has not been there in the past of \$3,900.

Susan Plasmeier: With the move we don't have any. We are doing the janitorial service ourselves and so we would like to be able to pay someone to do that so that we are not taking office time to do that.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Yes, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: The County Engineer uses the same outfit that we use. We use the Job's Club from the Mental Health Center and I assure you that you will not pay \$3,900. He is very happy and we are very happy with that arrangement. You might want to check that.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions on the 4000 accounts?

Councilmember Sutton: You have a monthly newsletter that you put out and publish. Myself, along with the other Councilmembers, I guess in looking into preparation for the budget we received a number of pieces of correspondence that either utilize or somehow or another support Co-op Extension and have had some very positive and good things to say about what is happening and the job that is done. Myself, and I know that several other Councilmen have the same feeling that really we have not made any budget decisions at this point in time on any particular budget and I don't know what was sent to the membership, but the implication is that we have already made budget decisions to cut Co-op Extension's budget and that has not taken place and is not so. I've gotten at least 30 letters at my house and I don't know what the tally is at some of the other homes around the Council Chamber here, but that is exorbitant and that is really uncalled for since we have not made any budget decisions. I really think that you guys need to go into that and use that newsletter or whatever vehicle that you need to use to get the word out to your membership and to retract whatever was said that gives the impression that this Council has taken action on your budget.

Councilmember Hoy: If I may add to that. I feel the same way and when I get a letter that says, "Dear Mr. Politician", you know how bad you are and all this kind of thing. I didn't cut anything. It is really bad PR and I would appreciate your conveying that to the membership.

Councilmember Smith: I got letters from Kentucky from people supporting and I think that a lot of them had maybe been mailed from your office. I resent that because I haven't made a decision or haven't even gone over your budget.

Councilmember Raben: How often do you meet as a group, the Board?

Susan Plasmeier: The Board that governs our organization? They meet about five times a year.

Councilmember Raben: Is it possible before next week that we get minutes from maybe the last two meetings?

Susan Plasmeier: I don't see a problem with that.

Councilmember Raben: Before we make a determination as to what we are going to do with your budget, I would like to see those minutes. If we can get them prior to that, then great. We will discuss your budget on Wednesday. If we could get them on Tuesday that would be great.

Susan Plasmeier: We will see that you get them.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President, I just have one more question. The allocation that Purdue University pays to you, has that decreased from last year?

Susan Plasmeier: That goes up every year. What Purdue says is that Vanderburgh County is a three educator county. Three educators should service all of the needs of the people of Vanderburgh County. We are a four educator county. What they say then is that we have to put in a total of \$51,500 then additional \$43,000 for each additional educator position that we maintain beyond the three.

Councilmember Lloyd: So they did decrease it? The amount they fund?

Susan Plasmeier: The amount they fund? I can't really...I'm not sure. I don't particularly deal with the numbers.

Councilmember Lloyd: How long have we had four educators at the Extension Service?

Susan Plasmeier: Three years, probably.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, thank you.

Susan Plasmeier: I might add that we knew that the money was going to be an issue, so we voluntarily downsized ourselves to four educators when we had somebody that left through a move transfer so that we wouldn't have to come and ask for \$43,000 more.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: I was just going to ask rather than them make a special trip down here, if possible maybe you could pick them up on your way home tonight or in the morning. You could just bring them into the meeting.

President Wortman: Okay. I want to remind Councilmen that when you do talk raise your hand so that the secretary can identify

it and get it on the minutes on the tape.

Councilmember Sutton: One other quick thing. Do you know how many square feet that you have in your office?

Linda Thomas: It was just a few more square feet than what we had here, but I don't know.

Councilmember Sutton: If you could bring that for us or get that to us if you some have numbers in that direction.

President Wortman: Any other questions? Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes. Sandie was out of the room on other business, but I would like to go back to that 3530 and she has a comment that she would like to make because she did talk with somebody from Purdue about this.

President Wortman: Mrs. Deig, do you want to comment?

Sandie Deig: Well, the only comment that I had was that the Commissioners did ask me earlier this year to check on Mr. McCampbell's request and I was told by him and by Purdue staff that this wasn't a necessity. This is something that he feels we need. The more that Purdue cuts back, the more money Vanderburgh County has to put into the General Fund. This extra \$13,397 is just a wish person, it is my understanding.

President Wortman: Any other comments? If not--

Susan Plasmeier: We have to maintain four educators in the county. We have to give X amount of money to Purdue contractual services to maintain the four positions. This is not something that is wishy-washy or a wish.

Sandie Deig: Well, what I think we are talking about is the more Purdue cuts back, the more Vanderburgh County has to pick up the funds.

Susan Plasmeier: Correct.

Sandie Deig: If I understand the Commissioners correctly, the reason that they asked me to check it out was if it was necessary.

Susan Plasmeier: To maintain a four staff...four educator positions?

Sandie Deig: Yes, I was led to believe that it was not.

Susan Plasmeier: We like to think it is.

President Wortman: Anything else? Okay, then thank you for your time.

#### **AUDITORIUM**

President Wortman: The next item that we are going to take is...Mr. Mourdock has to leave, so the Auditorium. He is going to address that for us, please.

Richard Mourdock: This one is going to be very, very brief. Effective January 5, 1998 the Auditorium doors will close for the renovation and for that reason there is very little funding shown on the line items. The last day that anyone is doing much there on behalf of the county per se would be the end of the month. We are expecting between January 5th and the end of the month a lot of personal property belonging to the county will be packed up, moved out and put into storage or whatever. Then the cost beyond that will be shifted over to the building contractor. The building contractor will be responsible for everything including heating, cooling and all of those things.

President Wortman: Anybody have any other questions for Mr. Mourdock in reference to the Auditorium?

Councilmember Smith: What about the employees?

Commissioner Mourdock: Well, after January 5th there may be...well, after January 5th we will lose most of them. However, from January 5th to the 30th there may be a couple of them moving or packing or that kind of stuff.

Councilmember Sutton: The employees that we have there now, Commissioner, what will take place with them? What will be their status with the county?

Richard Mourdock: Well, they are, of course, members of the bargaining unit over there for the most part. They will be put on layoff for the duration of that project. The thing that then changes and is yet under...is as yet unresolved, part of the bonding issue that set this whole project in motion the Auditorium was actually sold to the Building Authority. The Building Authority will assume the managerial responsibilities of the facility henceforth.

Councilmember Sutton: So those that are not a part of the bargaining unit, like the manager, that position, what happens to that person who fills that?

Richard Mourdock: Okay, in that position right now is Randy Giles. What we are going to do with that position, again, remains somewhat undetermined because we have had discussions and they are ongoing. Talking long-range now. Once the building reopens, how are we going to market the facility, who is going to manage the theatrical side of it versus the convention side versus the Gold Room side? It will be a much more complex management operation. We are still working through those issues.

Councilmember Hoy: That contract ends at the end of this year, does it not? Or when does it with the current contract?

Richard Mourdock: The Teamster agreement?

Councilmember Hoy: No, the other. The management contract.

Richard Mourdock: Oh, yes, that is set to end in April of 1998.

President Wortman: Anybody else have any questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Mourdock, when you lay those employees off at the Auditorium, would you please take into consideration that there are other jobs, like the County Highway or Burdette Park? If there are any vacancies would you consider to give them jobs?

Richard Mourdock: Certainly there is always a need for employees and we are not scratching names or scratching lines through anyone's name when they leave there and see how that fits as part of an orderly business process to put people to work.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay. What I am trying to say is that they should be at the top of the list. I hate to see them, of course, this is a necessity to lay them off, but I would like to see them get employment with the county somewhere until the Auditorium goes back or whatever we do with it, okay?

Richard Mourdock: Okay, your comments are well taken. For what it is worth, the bid package for all of the construction is set to go out on October 15. Or the bids will be in, I'm sorry, October 14 and 15.

President Wortman: Okay, does anybody else have any questions for the Auditorium? Okay, if not, thank you.

#### ***SURVEYOR***

President Wortman: I would like to recognize the Surveyor, if he would come forward, please. Page 31.

Bob Brenner: Bob Brenner, County Surveyor.

President Wortman: Has anybody got any questions on the 1000 accounts? If not, we will move on down to the 2000 accounts and if not, we will move to the 3000 accounts. Anybody got any questions?

#### ***SURVEYOR PERPETUATION FUND***

President Wortman: If not, then we will move right on to the Map Fund. Excuse me, I've skipped one. The Surveyor's Perpetuation Fund, Page 167. Okay, page 167. Does anybody have any questions there?

Bob Brenner: The funds from this come from a \$1 a deed for every recorded deed, so there are no General Funds involved.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. Anybody got any questions?

#### ***MAP FUND***

President Wortman: Okay, then we'll go to the Map Fund.

Bob Brenner: Once again this is not a General Fund account. This is from sales, plane metrics, etc.

President Wortman: Thank you. Does anybody have any questions? No questions, then we will go, let's see...that's all for you.



Bob Brenner: Thank you, that was really tough.

President Wortman: Thank you and you are excused.

**BURDETTE PARK**

President Wortman: Next it looks like Burdette Park, page 120.

Joyce Moers: Hi, I am Joyce Moers and this is Steve Craig. We also have two other members here in case you would like to ask some questions. They are members of our Advisory Board. Marion Deig and Jerry Schmits. This year our Advisory Board has become very, very active. They have been meeting twice a week for the last several months at the park discussing issues and bringing those issues to the County Commissioners for their review and approval. They have been doing an excellent job and they are here if you have any questions for them.

President Wortman: Okay, let's start off with the 1000 accounts on page 120. Does anybody have any questions on the salary accounts? Alright, we will go to and direct your attention to line item 1450 Security for \$40,000. Would you elaborate on that, please?

Joyce Moers: Yes, right now our security is being paid out of our Other Employees account. We, years ago, had a line item account for security only. Recently this Board, this body, passed that the deputies could get time and a half, or their regular salary as it is being paid on the Sheriff's Department, when they work out there which has increased the cost of security tremendously. We would like to have a line item in there specifically for security as we have had in the past.

President Wortman: Okay. Does anybody have any questions on page 120? Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, the other employee account, you have got it roughly the same as 1997 actual, so would that be decreased because of the Sheriff moving out of that.

Joyce Moers: Actually, the amount that we receive is not enough. We help fund part of that from the cash account where we operate our own concessions, float stand, gift shop. The monies that come in from that help supply or help pay for the employees that are paid from those accounts. The \$335,000 that we are funded is not enough and we will probably be back requesting more money. We have got an increase in their wages this year. There is going to be an issue as to whether our shortened season is going to cover and the fact that we are right now paying for the increase in the Sheriff's salaries this year from this fund. So we may be back to ask for more money and this amount is not enough to begin with.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any other questions on page 120? If not, turn to page 121. We don't have any questions there so we will go to the 2000 accounts, same page 121.

Joyce Moers: I do have an issue that I would like to bring up. The Advisory Board set some priorities for the park and one of

them being a main priority that they determined was that the chemicals that they used for the pool. Right now we are using gas chlorine which we have safety standards set and we have been very fortunate that we have proper handling and use of that. However, it is a very dangerous thing to have and insurance in the past has requested that we switch from the gas to tablets. Putting in the system to do that and to have the tablets is much...is a much higher cost than the gas. The gas is much cheaper to operate with, but it's not as safe. The safety factor is a real issue. Really, no one can give us an exact dollar amount that it will probably be about \$30,000. The request that you received shows \$20,000 and we do think that it is necessary to switch over to that system. If we do, we may be back to ask for additional money next year. I just think that it is fair to let you know that.

President Wortman: Anybody have any questions for Joyce on the 2000 accounts?

Joyce Moers: If you have any questions, Steve has been working with this and if you have any questions about that system or changing over to it he would be glad to answer them for you.

President Wortman: If we don't have any questions, we will go on to the same page 122 for the 3000 accounts. Okay, then we will turn the page.

Councilmember Bassemier: I have a question.

President Wortman: Yes, Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: On page 123, I am just looking at some numbers here, 3440 Advertising, I remember that we used to every year come by or come to Council and ask for about \$75,000 and we would cut you to \$50,000 or whatever. All of a sudden this year, Advertising, you are only asking for \$10,000. What is the...I am a little familiar with water parks. Why is that figure so low?

Joyce Moers: The Commissioners put in that request and reduced it before you got it. It was their request that we receive \$10,000. I do agree and think that advertising is very important. I don't know if that is something that they will allow us to address at a later date. I am not sure if they reduced that to try to help cut that budget before you guys got them or if that is what they want us to stay at. It may be something that we approach you about next year.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: What figure were you asking for when you presented it to the Commissioners?

Joyce Moers: We asked for the same thing that we had asked for last year, \$50,000, which is what we received.

Councilmember Bassemier: I didn't know that I was putting somebody on the spot here. I just saw the numbers and I know, well, okay. Another question while I have floor. I don't want

to bring up, well, it was brought up a while ago. I just want to ask you a question. I served on the Board out there at Burdette Park as their liaison officer one year and I remember that on that CCD money we have to bring it up every year or we will lose that money. Will you help me refresh my memory on that. Is that correct?

Joyce Moers: Yes, that is correct.

Councilmember Bassemier: So I guess that next week we need to remember that. We have to put that \$500,000, am I right on that, Joyce?

Joyce Moers: Yes. We have \$500,000 in there right now for the multipurpose facility. That will be lost at the end of the year if it is not rebudgeted. It needs to be continually rebudgeted each year in order to hold that money.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, I remember that from last year, so however we do that.

Councilmember Sutton: So, Ed, you are referring to the money that has already been allocated.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, because if we don't, then we will lose that and we will be back to square one. We need to make sure that we get that \$500,000 appropriated for next year or we will lose it. Thank you, Joyce.

Councilmember Hoy: I am asking a question. It seems to me that the money was in the CCD budget, is that correct?

Joyce Moers: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: That is where it would appear.

Joyce Moers: Yes, that is where it would appear.

President Wortman: Okay, have you got any more questions?

Joyce Moers: There is one more issue that I would like for you to be aware of. We have, and I was unaware actually when we submitted the budget that we were not going to have CCD funds for the things that we have had in the past, so I submitted the budget as we have in the past with capital improvements, which included capital improvements for the park. In that CCD request were roofs, to have some roofs put on some of the buildings out there that are in bad shape. Number 18 is already leaking inside the building and needs to be done. We have been working with Lynn at the Commissioners Office and she may have funds this year out of the CCD money to help us get those done. If not, I did not include that in the General requests because I didn't realize that I needed to do that. So, if there are no funds in their budget for that we will have to be coming back for that because the roofs are in very bad, I mean, really bad shape. The ceilings are going to be ruined and in the office building the paint on that is peeling and it's going to have to be done as well.

Councilmember Raben: Joyce, do you have any estimates on that roof?

Joyce Moers: Yes. We have combined all of the roofs that need to be repaired which are the Bishea, Shelter 18, 12, 17 and the office building and the total for those were \$20,000 to have those done. The painting of the office building was \$5,000.

Councilmember Raben: If they are bad enough you might just come to us this year with an appropriation so that we can get them repaired this winter.

Joyce Moers: We are going to do that.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, \$25,000 wouldn't--

Councilmember Sutton: I would probably be best if we did get those done this year.

Joyce Moers: They are really in poor shape, so something is going to have to be done.

President Wortman: Anybody else have any questions for Joyce? Okay, that's all. Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: I do have one more question. You say that you do have someone here from your Advisory Board?

Joyce Moers: This is Jerry Schmits and Marion Deig. There is one more thing that I did forget to mention and that is the surge at the pump house at the pool. It has been requested by the Health Department several years to be replaced. That was also a request that we may have to address at another time and if you want Steve to elaborate on that he can, but that is a Health Department request and will have to be done eventually. It is \$6,000 to have that done. Our gas tank also is a priority. That needs to be looked into and it is an underground tank right now which everybody is aware that has to be replaced with a different tank and we are going to have to put that into another area. The cost estimate to do that is \$10,000 and was also a request that we had in there to remove that tank where it is and to put it at another location with containment tanks and things. So, those are--

Councilmember Sutton: The study that we referenced earlier, was the Advisory Board involved with the development or with some of the input or some of the questions for the study that was conducted?

Jerry Schmits: Briefly, we were involved. Not a lot on the questions. We haven't seen it. I've heard about it and I've heard most of the information.

Councilmember Sutton: You guys haven't seen it?

Jerry Schmits: We have asked for it and expect to have it at our next meeting.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, that is what I was trying to get an

idea of. Obviously, if you guys are helping to shape the direction and we have a piece of information that is drawn from all over the county, I guess it would be very helpful in helping you to set some kind of policy and direction that we might set for the park. That would be very helpful. I have read through it and it is very informative and has a lot to say and is very comprehensive at the same time.

Jerry Schmits: From what I have heard, that information probably surprises even us and we have been involved with it. Yes, we are excited to see it and see what we can work with it.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody got any questions? If not, thank you.

#### **COUNTY HIGHWAY**

President Wortman: We have to continue on with the County Highway, on page 131. The County Highway is set by the state anyway, so they can send that down and cut later on so we will leave it as it is.

#### **Tape Change**

#### **CUMULATIVE BRIDGE**

President Wortman: State your name please, and where you are from.

Tim Spurling: Tim Spurling. I'm from the County Engineer's Office.

President Wortman: Do you want to address the Cumulative Bridge fund too, or not?

Tim Spurling: Sure.

President Wortman: Go ahead, proceed. And that's page 138.

Tim Spurling: More or less, I believe you all have gotten a copy of John's memo explaining --

President Wortman: We possibly do in the rationale book, but go ahead because we go by the budget book here first. If any Councilmen want to ask you a question on 138 on line items on the salary accounts...does anybody have any questions on the salaries? Okay, if not, we'll turn to page 139 and start in the 2000 accounts. Does anybody have any questions there? If not we'll go down to 140, the 3000 accounts and 4000 accounts. Does anybody have any questions? I don't see any. Turn to the next page, 141. They list all the bridges. Then we go down to page 142 and we've got some more there. So, does anybody have any questions on the Cumulative Bridge account? I don't see any hands, so we'll move right on to the Local Roads and Streets, page 157.

#### **LOCAL ROADS AND STREETS**

President Wortman: Page 157, the 2000 accounts, does anybody have any questions there? Ms. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Why would the 2220 double from last year, or from 1997 to 1998?

President Wortman: That's Tires and Tubes.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, I see over here in 1996 they appropriated, but it doubled. So, if they have to come back and ask for more money, why shouldn't we put more money in it to start with rather than having them keep coming back which we did here? But I see over here because last year we only appropriated \$4,716 and --

President Wortman: On Tires and Tubes?

Councilmember Smith: Yeah.

President Wortman: I'm thinking that possibly some of that could have went when the Highway got low, it came out of there.

Councilmember Smith: Oh, okay.

President Wortman: The Garage and Motor too, it would be the same thing. Then, of course, Bituminous Materials the same thing and Sand and Gravel on that, see all those four line items. Do you have any questions on that? If not, we'll go right on to the 3000 accounts. Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: We had discussions about ways in which we could get better usage out of our vehicles because the fleet - the tendency had been to keep the fleet longer than its useful life. I'm wondering what plans we have begun to put in place? I know we've talked about it the last couple of years, and we've done a couple things in leasing vehicles rather than purchasing them outright. What's the thought in how we may continue to keep this in place so that we can turn our fleet over on a regular basis rather than keeping it for such a long time?

Tim Spurling: Okay, are you talking about the Garage's trucks --

Councilmember Sutton: Actually, I guess I'm really talking about all the vehicles.

Tim Spurling: The only ones that our office deals with are just automobiles that we use for inspection purposes and surveying purposes. I would have to defer to someone at the County Garage as far as the trucks and the Gradalls and those types of vehicles.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, the vehicles that you guys have, what kind of age are we talking about on these vehicles?

Tim Spurling: We just bought two new Cavaliers this year. The year before that we had one new Cavalier, and the year before that we got one new Cavalier. We also have, I believe, a 1990 Chevy that is getting toward the end of its useful life. We also have, I believe, it's a 1989 that was in auto accident and it's tied up in what the insurance company is paying for that. We're going to try to replace that this year.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: I've got one question.

President Wortman: Yes sir, Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: On 4326, Burkhardt Road?

Tim Spurling: Okay?

Councilmember Bassemier: Like I said, again, good project. I'm all for it, but I see another \$500,000 for it. Going back to the other one, I'm only asking \$250,000 for Burdette Park, so...

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, any other questions? Go ahead Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: If anybody has accumulated all those Burkhardt figures, I think we need to look at, you know, the total figure rather than just one of them out here and one of them out there. Again, I know I'm a minority on that, but I think for all of us that would be something good to look at.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions? Okay, well that takes care of the Local Roads and Streets. I think that you can be excused. Thank you.

Tim Spurling: Okay, thanks.

#### **CONVENTION AND VISITORS COMMISSION**

President Wortman: Page 173, Convention and Visitors Commission.

David Dunn: Mr. President, my name is David Dunn. I'm the President of the Convention and Visitors Bureau. With me is Dolly Kite who is the interim Executive Director.

President Wortman: Welcome, thank you. Page 173, we'll start in. Does everybody have the page to the salary accounts? You'll notice they have a Receptionist in there on line item 1160-3570. Mr. Dunn, would you want to comment on that please?

David Dunn: The operation has grown since we've moved to the Pagoda and created a visitors center. So the need to add a staff member is quite appropriate.

President Wortman: Does anybody else have any questions for Mr. Dunn on page 173? Mr. Hoy? I mean, Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I know your Executive Director has taken other employment. What, briefly, would be the process to select a replacement?

David Dunn: We're going through that process now. We've got roughly 50 applicants that have submitted resumes. We've received applications from coast to coast and with varying degrees of creditability. We hope to have the process completed within 60 days, completing the interview and selecting a new

Director.

Councilmember Lloyd: Is that something the Board is doing, interviewing?

David Dunn: Yes, we have a personnel committee that is reviewing all the applicants. They will then pair down to two or three finalist. Then, our full board will entertain those three.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: What are you advertising that salary at?

David Dunn: We're not advertising a particular salary at this point. We're doing a competitive survey throughout the state of Indiana just to insure that we are competitive with Bureaus of our size.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I mean we're going to need something. We'll need to set this Director's salary in at something. Obviously, it's probably not going to be as high as Pete's was because he was with the Bureau for many years.

David Dunn: Actually, our initial findings are showing that we are in the bottom 25 percentile of all the Bureaus within the state of Indiana. So, there's a very good chance that salary may have to remain the same, or even consider being increased.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

President Wortman: Yes, ma'am?

Councilmember Smith: I would hope that we find somebody in the city of Evansville to take that job rather than go out of state. They did that one time, they brought someone in from Texas or somewhere that didn't know a thing about Evansville. I'm sure Mr. Dunn will look at that very well. If we are going to have to raise the salary, probably if they would have raised his salary he probably wouldn't have went looking for another job and he did a great job at it. So, I'd hate to hire some new person and give them more than we gave the guy that was here. He worked really hard at his job and he wouldn't have went to the bank looking for another job if it paid him more money.

President Wortman: He might re-apply. Increase the salary and he might re-apply.

Councilmember Hoy: Are you all wanting to leave that in? That's my assumption, that you want to leave that in at \$46,725.

David Dunn: Correct.

Councilmember Hoy: I would echo what they've said. We advertised for an Assistant Director at the Food Bank and every applicant from every other Food Bank in a secondary position is being paid \$8,000 more a year than I get paid. Evansville has a real bad habit, we kid ourselves by saying it's cheaper to live here. It is, but not as cheap, that much cheaper, as people think. I am the liaison to this board and I know they



are doing a real thorough job of screening and looking. They've got a good committee. I want to make sure you are comfortable with leaving it at \$46,725 at this point?

David Dunn: At this point we are.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, does anybody have any questions for Mr. Dunn? Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I just want to advise everybody, that 3570, that Receptionist, that was approved by all twelve members of the Job Study, okay? That's for \$17,333. I just wanted everybody to know that.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. Alright, we'll go to page 174. Does anybody have any questions there for Mr. Dunn? Turn the page to 175, see if you have any questions for Mr. Dunn.

Councilmember Raben: The only question I have particularly, since next year our biggest drawing card is going through renovations, it seems to me like this budget should be going down instead of up.

David Dunn: For what reason?

Councilmember Raben: Well, because the Auditorium is going to be shut down for renovations.

Dolly Kite: I can address that. We've been able to shift a lot of the conventions to other properties, a lot of our hotels. To be quite honest, that facility needs to be renovated because it can't adequately support the convention needs. We've been able to host them in all of our local hotels versus the Convention Center that we have just based on needs, the acoustics of both the meeting space and the auditorium.

Councilmember Hoy: I would add to that, you have to look at the whole picture. There are many major events that do not use a convention center which will continue right along. I mean, there are large events and you still have to work on those. Plus, and help me out here, but I think that on conventions using the Convention Center you're working three years ahead. So, a lot of the advertising and all of that ties in with promoting this...actually it's going to be a new building. I mean we're talking about a renovation, but it's going to be two thirds larger than what we had. You know, it's a large, large project to say the least.

David Dunn: Approximately five years ago, once we could see that the Green Convention Center was going to be closing, we altered our marketing efforts and began shifting who we were trying to capture from the large full scale conventions to the smaller groups. We've done that successfully and we've been able to maintain a certain element of business that our local hotels, as well as the space that is available at the Convention Center, currently can accommodate. So, our budget never has decreased since the Green Center closed. That was the facility that we used mostly for larger, full scale conventions.

Councilmember Raben: Again, when you say it never has decreased

- I mean I guess I'm not in charge of this center, I don't know if it maybe has something to do with the management or what, but it just seems like when you loose your biggest convention facility that some of these items would be less.

David Dunn: Actually, we lost our biggest convention center when the Green Center closed. And again, we --

Councilmember Raben: Now you lost your second largest. Again, it seems like this budget should be going the other direction.

Dolly Kite: But we are marketing, right now I'm working on conventions for the year 2000. We've been talking with County Commissioners because they need to set the rates and choose the name now so that we can develop our marketing materials to sell that facility now.

David Dunn: I have a thing too that I would like to remind you of. We are charged with promoting tourism as well as convention business. With the onset of riverboat gaming, that has allowed us a new venue to promote. We are working very hard to attract people into the general area of Vanderburgh County, not just conventioners.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I notice on the account advertising you're asking for an increase of \$50,000. What different items, or what additions are you planning for that?

David Dunn: Primarily, we are looking to just increase our overall promotions for Vanderburgh County. We have \$150,000 of that already committed to our 1998 campaign. We've got \$50,000 that we have uncommitted and the primary use of that will be towards promoting the convention center. We are waiting for the name to be identified. Then promotional materials will be created and we will begin promoting that facility.

Councilmember Lloyd: Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, does anybody else have any questions? Page 175, the last page, the 3000 and 4000 accounts?

#### ***TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT***

President Wortman: If not, we'll go to page 176 and Pagoda Project. Does anybody have any question on that line item?

Councilmember Sutton: How much traffic have we seen through the Pagoda? Do you have some numbers that you might be able to share with us? It's a very attractive building.

Dolly Kite: In the 11 month period since the center opened we've had 36,143 visitors to the center.

President Wortman: Thank you. Does anybody else have any questions? Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I have a comment about that. I sit on this

board, they know I have some differences about the rent and I'm not here to go over that. The positive side, we had an event, what the first of August on a Sunday? You would just be amazed at, I was amazed, at how many people came through. We had some bands playing, there was no charge for that event as long as the place stayed open. Hundreds and hundreds of people came through and we're just hearing good comments. I know we spend a lot of money on that, but it makes me very proud of what our city looks like. The other comment I would make, I'm looking at Mr. Dunn when I say this because I've known Mr. Dunn and his family a long time. I know there are some big increases, but I sit in on those meetings and if there's any mood in that meeting, David, I would say that it is a conservative mood. That board is dominated by fiscally conservative people. We've just cut loose an explosion of activity here. You mentioned the riverboat, that's part of it, and there are many other parts to it. The Reitz Home, that project is a project that is excellent. I mean, the Carriage House is completed. We are able to do some things in our community that we could not do before without that increase in hotel/motel. I like the fact that you guys have focused on completing a project and doing it first rate. Then you don't have to go back and do it again. You can go ahead and promote the place rather than scrape for money for windows or whatever. I call these projects, this sounds like the opposite of Phil Hoy who is always advocating for the poor and I still will, but it's nice to have what I call the icing on the cake projects. We can afford these and I think we are doing an excellent job doing it. I want to commend you on it.

David Dunn: Thank you.

President Wortman: Does anybody else have any questions? Okay, well I thank you and I appreciate you time, both of you.

#### **BOND ISSUE**

President Wortman: Next is the bond debt payment, page 182. Azteca, \$217,000. Does anybody have any questions on that? If not, we'll continue on to the County Auditor who is present.

#### **COUNTY AUDITOR**

President Wortman: Page six. Would you state your name please, and where you are from?

Suzanne Crouch: Suzanne Crouch, Vanderburgh County Auditor. I'm from the north side, out in your neck of the woods. Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen. There is a change in our 1000 accounts. I believe it is on page seven. At the top of the page, line item 1260-1020, we will set in at zero. We are going to eliminate a position in our office. We have been operating the office with one or two less employees since last October in three different departments, trying to gauge what our workload is, and if in fact we can operate efficiently and effectively with less employees. We've done quite a bit of cost training. We met, the supervisors from the four departments and I, met earlier this week and then again yesterday and we decided that we felt that we could efficiently and effectively continue to operate the office with one less employee.

Councilmember Sutton: Is that position presently vacant?

Suzanne Crouch: It is presently vacant. It has been vacant since the beginning of June.

President Wortman: Does anybody have any questions on - yes, Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I just was going to state, we've had departments in here requesting up to ten employees, so it's refreshing to see one that's requesting less.

President Wortman: Okay, do we have any other questions to ask Mrs. Crouch on page seven? If not, we'll move to page eight. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Suzanne, Plat Books and Computer Equipment, is it possible that we can use reassessment monies for that?

Suzanne Crouch: I don't believe there was a Reassessment budget turned in, it would have to be an appropriation this year out of Reassessment money, or next year. The Plat Books would probably be appropriate out of - It would be appropriate out of reassessment money because the upkeeping and maintenance of plat books is allowed. Reassessment money is allowed to be spent for that purpose. The computers, some of the computer requests that we have in would probably qualify, but some of it wouldn't. They aren't all for reassessment and property tax related positions.

Councilmember Raben: This really doesn't pertain to your budget, but since I have you up there, some of the other assessor's offices that have requested computer hardware and equipment is it not safe to say that we could possible use Reassessment monies on those?

Suzanne Crouch: I don't know what their specifically requesting. If it's tied in with reassessment then it would probably be appropriate, but I know that you as a Council probably want to guard against getting into that money too terribly much. So that would be a decision you'd have to make.

President Wortman: Does anybody else have any questions for Mrs. Crouch? Yes sir?

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President, I am the liaison for this office and I was down there meeting with Mrs. Crouch. On that computer, her Chief Deputy has to leave his office and use another computer because he doesn't have enough memory on his. So I think we need to look at that carefully, but it looks like a valid request. Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Excuse me. In looking at the elimination of that position, your percentage increase is probably going to be what, about 3%, 3.5%?

Suzanne Crouch: I haven't refigured it.

Councilmember Hoy: I factored it in. I think, you know, it's

close which is excellent. We like seeing that.

Suzanne Crouch: Well, I appreciate the job you have to do.

President Wortman: Okay, does anybody else have any questions? If not, we'll turn to page nine, the 3000 and 4000 accounts. Does anybody have any questions for Mrs. Crouch? Okay, if not we thank you.

Suzanne Crouch: Thank you.

President Wortman: The meeting will be recessed until tomorrow at 9:00 a.m., August 14, 1997. We'll start off with the Voters Registration. Thank you.

**MEETING RECESSED 12:07 PM**

**Vanderburgh County Council  
Budget Hearings  
August 14, 1997**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 14th day of August, 1997 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President Curt Wortman at 9:10 a.m.

The Council meeting was reconvened with President Curt Wortman presiding.

President Wortman: We will reconvene the recess from August 13, yesterday at 12:15. We will start up today, August 14th, a little after 9:00 a.m. We will have a roll call, please.

Teri Lukeman called the roll.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Smith	X	
Councilmember Sutton		X
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Lloyd	X	

Councilmember Raben	X	
President Wortman	X	

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton is going to be late, he informed the Secretary. Would you all stand and pledge allegiance to the flag?

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

President Wortman: We welcome everybody this morning, this is our last day for this week, and next week we will start Tuesday at 12:00 and we will naturally recess until then after the meeting. We will start off today with the first item on the agenda, Voters Registration, page 73.

#### **VOTERS REGISTRATION**

President Wortman: Good morning, please state your name and who you represent.

Susan Kirk: Susan Kirk, Board Member, Voters Registration Office.

Jon Hill: Jon Hill, Board Member, Voters Registration Office.

President Wortman: Thank you. Okay, we will turn to page 73 and get into the salaries, the 1000 accounts. Does any Councilmember have any questions? Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: Susie, is yours and Jon's salary more than three percent?

Susan Kirk: Yes it is. I took the Officeholder's salary and the Chief Deputy's salary and divided it in half. That is how I arrived at that figure.

President Wortman: I think it is kind of an upgrade, there. They have been lagging behind on that. Okay, does anybody else have any questions for the Deputies, Extra Help?

Susan Kirk: We have to have Extra Help next year because there is an election, we didn't have it this year.

President Wortman: That is fine. Okay, we will continue through the 2000 accounts, that's Office Supplies and Other Supplies, any questions? They remain the same. No questions, we will move on to the following page, page 74. You have Printing, that is the same. Office Furniture is zero, so does anybody have any questions on that? If we don't, then everybody is satisfied. Thank you.

Susan Kirk: Good, then I assume that it will pass as I submitted it.

President Wortman: I would say that it is up to the Council. Thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: I would hasten to add, Mr. President, I don't

think anybody ought to make any assumptions at this point.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you Mr. Hoy. Next is the Recorder, would you please step forward? Page 13.

**RECORDER**

Betty Hermann: Well, that is a lucky number. Okay, if I may, since I have had no one coming down to my office, Mr. Chairman, may I say a few things first?

President Wortman: Yes ma'am.

Betty Hermann: My name is Betty Hermann for the record, Vanderburgh County Recorder. We have a fiscally self-supporting, self-sustaining office. You are going to be real proud of me. I'm asking for nothing, zero. We have zeroed out the 200 accounts, I'm not asking for any new employees, we have upgraded and computerized the office, and we are in the process of re-binding books and looking for a new computer system. I have heard of many, many computer systems that many of the offices are looking for, we are all having a problem because of the modem. We must all look for ways that we in our own offices can pay for these. The Recorder's Office, I would like to go on record as saying, at the end of this year, we will have enough money in our budget to pay for our own new computer system. You can clap now.

President Wortman: Thank you very much, I hope all the Officeholders here are listening.

Betty Hermann: At no cost to this county, we are making money for this county, and paying for all of our supplies, machinery contracts, plus giving funds to the Surveyor's Office. We gave them \$7,000.00 last year, which helps in their budget. Our largest month ever in the Recorder's Office was in May, we took in \$50,702.50 and this is just on recordings, nothing out of the county, just from people coming in and recording, only to surpass it in June with a total of over \$52,000.00. We will take in well over \$500,000.00 to \$600,000.00, as we did last year. We are still working with the same amount of people. At the end of July, we have already taken in \$317,413.50, still working with eight Deputies. My budget for this year, after I have narrowed everything down, is \$329,130.00. My goal, as with all of the other Recorders throughout the 92 counties, was to pay for everything, we have accomplished it. We are very proud, we are making money for all of our counties. As soon as all of the people, now listen carefully, renting space from the county should start paying for their copies, as they all should be doing, and the rent agreements are all updated, which they are in the process of doing, we will be making a lot more money for this county. Please use our money wisely, thank you. Any questions?

President Wortman: Does anybody have any comments or questions for Mrs. Hermann?

Betty Hermann: I have to back something up, we did ask for \$50.00 extra for Dues and Subscriptions that cannot be paid out

of the Recorder's Perpetuation, that is the only thing that we raised on our budget.

President Wortman: You are setting a good example for all of the Officeholders, here. Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: I don't know how we could question that. Betty, you do a good job.

Betty Hermann: Thank you, Betty.

President Wortman: Any other Councilmembers have any comments? Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Does anybody have an applause sign?

Betty Hermann: I said applause a while ago and some did.

President Wortman: Thank you very much, we appreciate it. You are doing a good job.

### **CORONER**

President Wortman: Next on the agenda, the County Coroner, page 33. Mr. Buickel.

Dennis Buickel: Mr. Wortman. Good morning.

President Wortman: How are you this morning?

Dennis Buickel: Well, I have a unique proposal. The money that Betty reasonably could have asked for...since she didn't ask for it, you could give it to us, it would work for me.

President Wortman: Okay, we will start off with the first page, page 33. Does anybody want to comment, or does a Councilmember have any questions in reference to line item 1140, and then you have got 1190, how that coincides, do you want to comment on that, Mr. Buickel?

Dennis Buickel: Well, the line item 1190 was asking for a new full-time employee. I'll read kind of verbatim from the explanation that I gave the Council. Our case load has risen to the point that our histology work can only be done on a part-time basis. What we have now is we have a Certified Histotech, which, histology, for the Council's perusal is the preparation of tissue blocks and microscope slides for microscopic evaluation examination. Essentially our case load has risen to the point that, like at the present time it is done on a part-time basis, we pay this Histologist or Histotech \$1.00 per block and \$1.00 per slide. Well, over the last four and a half years, we have been playing catch-up and we have only cut in or made the blocks and slides on those cases that have been absolutely critical and vital to have the blocks and slides made. In a forensic autopsy, microscopic examination, it isn't a luxury, it's a necessity. For a complete, comprehensive autopsy, it is a necessity for the Pathologist to be able to evaluate and examine things microscopically. Our case load, having risen to the point that it has, our part-time person, our part-time contracts that we use doesn't have the time to spend that she needs to. The problem is compounded by the fact that if we were to contract this, the blocks and slides, out, to two of the three hospitals in town, the one hospital wouldn't even talk to



us. The other two hospitals in town, Deaconess and Welborn, Deaconess gave us a price of \$5.00 per block and \$5.00 per slide. Welborn gave us a price of \$10.00 per block and \$10.00 per slide. If we, not if, but when we have to send the work out to be done, Vanderburgh County will be looking at spending an average of \$32,500.00 a year just for block and slide work, just for Histology work. Deaconess, you can double that amount...or Welborn you could double it to approximately \$65,000.00 going to a private facility here in town. Both Deaconess and Welborn have said they don't do this for five or six months because they don't have the manpower in their own laboratories to handle our increased caseload. That is the reason for the new full-time employee. We were looking at a rate of approximately \$10.00 per hour for the full-time employee, and realistically we are not looking at \$20,800.00 because of the perks and the insurance and things like that, so add what, 44%, 45% to that? The point is, the salary plus the benefits is going to total about \$28,000.00, which is still cheaper than if we have to send the work out to have it done.

President Wortman: Okay. Of course, the institutions that submitted that price, that is probably why they submitted it high, because they didn't want it.

Dennis Buickel: Well, that is kind of a...\$5.00 a block and slide, that is kind of the bottom line figure anyway. I might add, that with a full-time Histotech, Dr. John Heidingsfelder performs the majority of our autopsies in our facility. When another county sends in the human remains from a person to our county for examination, for autopsy, when Dr. Heidingsfelder says that he needs micro work done, the Histologist that we use goes ahead and makes the blocks and makes the slides for his examination, she charges Vanderburgh County \$1.00 for that block and \$1.00 for that slide. We in turn charge Dr. Heidingsfelder \$2.00 per block and \$2.00 per slide. By doing it in that fashion, just on a part-time basis, through Histology alone, I've got the figures...we brought in, we have either already deposited into the General Fund or billed approximately \$6,000.00. We are doing work for the other counties, but we spend \$1.00 to the Histologist for her work, we in turn bill Dr. Heidingsfelder \$2.00.

President Wortman: Are we getting the money, the funds, from outlying areas for using your facilities over there, the county's facilities? Are we getting what we should get to keep our heads above water, if I may use that expression?

Dennis Buickel: Well, when the facility was first built, I think what I have been fighting for the last four and a half years is that when the facility was built, perhaps the County Council and the County Commissioners either got the wrong impression or they didn't understand things... I think perhaps the facility was viewed as a money making venture, and it really isn't, it never will be. When the facility was first opened up and went into operation, it is my understanding, I haven't been able to find anything in writing, but it is my understanding that the counties that would agree to use the facility were given either one or two uses of that facility free, and after those one or two courtesy uses, they were charged \$50.00 per case. We have

increased that to \$75.00 per case. The county will ship the remains in, the autopsy is performed, Dr. Heidingsfelder had a private contract with the other counties for the autopsy fee, our county turns around and bills the using counties a fee of \$75.00 per autopsy, I believe it is \$20.00 per X-ray, and then we charge a \$50.00 fee for copying services, if they want copies of autopsy reports, things like that, plus the Histologist, use of the Histologist, we charge Dr. Heidingsfelder back for the use of that individual. So, to answer your question, we are getting money back. As an example, in 1992, the first year the Vanderburgh County Coroner's facility, the first full year it was in use, the Coroner's Office brought in \$6,765.00 in revenue. In 1997, to date, we have either already quietused the money into the General Fund or have billed other counties and/or Dr. Heidingsfelder \$16,046.50. Now that \$16,000.00 and change is more than the entire appropriation in our Lab Supplies account, our Sanitary Supplies account, Chemicals account, and Solid Waste account. For 1997, we were appropriated \$10,797.21, we have already billed \$5,000.00 more than what those four accounts contain. We are not in the red, we are making, if you want to call it, making money, we're in the black from other counties using our facility.

President Wortman: Do any councilmembers have any question while we are on this subject? Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I have addressed this over the last several years, but have we ever negotiated...there needs to be a fee that is charged to Dr. Heidingsfelder for the autopsy he performs while...he in turn is using our facility for other counties.

Dennis Buickel: That is true, he is.

Councilmember Raben: He is paying us a fee?

Dennis Buickel: No, he is not paying us a fee, he uses our facility with other counties...

Councilmember Raben: There should be another charge assessed to him for using our facility for other counties. I mean, I still think that is a pretty unique set-up to collect the fee that he collects and basically he uses our services for nothing.

Dennis Buickel: Well, and I would respectfully have to disagree, and here is my reasoning. Whether the examination is performed by John...that would be like a hospital charging a surgeon for the privilege of using that surgical suite, and it doesn't happen. John Heidingsfelder, Mark LaVon, and James Jacoby, the three primary Forensic Pathologists that we utilize, or we utilize their services, not only do they perform their procedures in our facility, well, John Heidingsfelder in particular, does, actually performs more autopsies on the road, so to speak, in the other 19 counties that use our facility, he performs more autopsies for those 19 counties on the road than he does from the cases that they have sent in to our facility.

Councilmember Raben: Again, where would he do it, where would he

do the ones that he can't do on the road, had it not been for our facility? Where is he going to go if we say no, you can't use our facility? I mean, he has no other choice. And again, I don't think that it is necessarily the case with hospitals, either. I think there is a charge assessed when the doctor goes in and uses Deaconesses' Cardiology operating room, there is a charge assessed for him to use that room. I mean he is collecting his fee, they are collecting theirs, but they assess a fee to him for using their state of the art room.

Councilmember Hoy: They assess the fee to the patient, is generally what they do. I think, one of the problems, Mr. Raben, in this situation is, and I understand your point, the problem is finding Forensic Pathologists who can do this work, and he can easily refuse us. I mean, he can live without us. We are in a bind because you just can't find these people everywhere and he could just say well I'm not going to pay a fee, good luck on finding somebody, and we would have a hard time...I think his fee, Mr. Buickel, is his fee not lower than a lot of Pathologists, or am I incorrect on that?

Dennis Buickel: No, you are absolutely correct on that. John Heidingsfelder's fee for a forensic autopsy is lower than not only the national average for Forensic Pathologists, it is also lower than the state average for Forensic Pathologists. In Allen county, and these figures were...I obtained these about three months ago, but Allen County pays \$625.00 for a forensic autopsy, plus \$95.00 to the autopsy assistant, plus a minimum of \$100.00 for toxicology testing, they have a three to four week turnaround time. I need to add also, not all of their autopsies are performed by a Forensic Pathologist. In Marion County, they paid, four months ago, approximately \$700.00 for each forensic autopsy, which is being increased to \$840.00 for each forensic autopsy. Lake County pays 400.00 a day to their Pathologist, whether he does one or does ten. He is considered a county employee, he is paid \$146,000.00 per year, plus his county employee benefits. I have a note here, Lake County Pathologist is not a Forensic Pathologist, either. Lafayette, which is Tippecanoe County, pays \$800.00 per case, that is just for the base autopsy itself, plus a \$200.00 transportation fee to another facility that will allow the autopsy to be performed. Delaware County, they pay anywhere between \$800.00 and \$850.00 for the autopsy itself, so John Heidingsfelder's fee for each autopsy is less than not only the state average but the national average.

Councilmember Raben: What is that fee now?

Dennis Buickel: \$685.00 per case.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Of the other counties, was Lafayette the only one that was not doing the autopsies in their own facility?

Dennis Buickel: You mean in their own county facility?

Councilmember Raben: Right.

Dennis Buickel: Lake County does not have their own autopsy

facility or morgue. Marion County utilizes Indiana University Medical Center. Lake County does not have their own morgue facility, nor does Lafayette, nor does Delaware.

Councilmember Raben: See, that is what...Dennis, you have to remember, too, that is what makes a massive difference. You can afford to pay \$100.00 more if you are not operating your own facility. They don't have a \$400,000.00 operating budget. Do you understand what I'm saying? They would have to do 4,000, how would that work, they would have to do 4,000 autopsies a year before it cost them more than it costs us, where the cost was equal. But, I don't know, I just think he has got a sweet deal and I think that through negotiations we need to revisit that and I would like to collect a percentage of what he does for other counties.

Dennis Buickel: You would like to what?

Councilmember Raben: Collect a percentage of his fee for what he does for other counties.

Dennis Buickel: I think if...the morgue has been known generically as a regional morgue facility. That wasn't the term that I put on it. In 1992, there were...our facility was used by other counties a total of 48 times. In '93, it was used 59 times. In '94, 81 times, in '95, 118 times, in '96, 133, and in '97 120 times, that is year to date. The other counties are using our facility more and more. The reason that they, in many cases, the reason they send the bodies in for the examination to be performed in our facility is because, yes, it is convenient for Dr. Heidingsfelder, or Dr. LaVon, or Dr. Jacoby. I don't think we can overlook the fact we are still taking in, in seven months we have taken in \$5,000.00 more than we were appropriated and for the four primary line item accounts that are involved with increased morgue usage, Solid Waste Disposal, Sanitary, things like that. Now, Dr. LaVon has said right up front, he will not go on the road as Dr. Heidingsfelder will. James Jacoby does go on the road, he would rather drive three and a half hours to use our facility, he is up in Bedford, Indiana, than he would to go somewhere out to some funeral home in Timbuku. Our facility is a good facility, it is a better facility than any county around us has. When we go to the point...John Heidingsfelder, and James Jacoby, and Mark LaVon don't have to say ship the body to Evansville or we won't perform the examination. John Heidingsfelder, to this day still, does more cases on the road than he does in our facility. When we go to the point that we make it financially unfeasible for him to tell these counties send them to Evansville, then he'll just...number one, he takes more cases on the road, number two, cross out the \$16,000.00 that we have already brought into the General Fund in Vanderburgh County, or have already billed other counties to get that money in.

Councilmember Raben: I don't mean to beat this thing to death, but there are still other costs associated. For instance, Morgue Equipment, 2730, which, I think, that is that body lift...I mean there is equipment costs that, and normal wear and tear, I mean you know, there are a lot of things that aren't necessarily associated with that \$16,000.00. Yeah, that sounds

like a lot, but as we buy new X-ray equipment and replace saws and everything else associated with the morgue, that is a pretty small drop in the bucket. Again, I don't want to argue this point any more today, but I just think that it is something as a county that we need to visit with Dr. Heidingsfelder because I think that he has a unique set-up, and I don't think that it is right to assess that on the Vanderburgh County taxpayers. I think that is his business and not theirs. That is all I care to say, I'll let it be at that.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes, Mr. Buickel. The histology, I'm still a little...I wanted to ask some questions on that. Does every autopsy have a histology?

Dennis Buickel: The, do you mean Vanderburgh County or out of county cases, or both?

Councilmember Lloyd: Both.

Dennis Buickel: There is a different answer, for the out of county cases, every autopsy does not have histology work involved, in Vanderburgh County, there is histology work involved on every autopsy.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay. Do you know approximately the number of cases, you indicated that has increased, so like '95 versus '96 for histology, roughly?

Dennis Buickel: You mean how much money we have spent?

Councilmember Lloyd: How many you have done.

Dennis Buickel: Autopsies?

Councilmember Lloyd: Histology.

Dennis Buickel: I don't have those figures here.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, well you have got...this year you used a part-time person for histologies, right?

Dennis Buickel: Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: Did you have to contract some of those out?

Dennis Buickel: No. We have a backlog. We haven't used either one of the hospitals, yet.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, so a backlog, does that mean you have stored some of them and you just work them as you go?

Dennis Buickel: Correct.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, they are in the fridge?

Dennis Buickel: They are called formal and fixed. They are not my refrigerators, no.

President Wortman: Are you done, Mr. Lloyd? Anybody else have any questions?

Councilmember Hoy: I just have a couple of comments. We go through this all the time, I have at least two points to make. Councilmember Sutton is not here to hear this sermon, he always calls me on my three-point sermons. Part of our expense for this facility relates to the fact we are the capital city of this region, there is no other city of our size. We are not set in an area like Indianapolis, or Gary, or even Fort Wayne, or South Bend, every area is different. Those outlying counties are going to depend on us a lot more for many, many things. You might consider that a negative thing economically. But, if you will look at the parking lots at the shopping centers, you will see the reverse. My food bank serves 33 counties, and I can drive you through the countryside and show you all the boarded up places, the stores, because they are coming here. If you will read your newspaper and watch television, you will see that the three major Evansville hospitals practically own the medical tri-state. They have had their big equipment on semi-trucks for 25 years, taking the trucks out and collecting the bucks. There is a lot of inflow, here, and that is my first point. I think we have to face that on many things that we do, and this is one of them. The second thing is, as a clergyman, I want to see this facility run in the best possible way. I deal with grief, I have dealt with grief for almost 40 years. I deal with families who go to this facility because they have a loved one who had died under perhaps extenuating circumstances, if that is the proper word. When you are in grief, you want the best work possible. I don't know how you can put a dollar figure on that, but I don't think that the addition of this position is an exorbitant amount of money. To address Mr. Raben's question, and Jim, your question may be legitimate, I am of the opinion that there is probably no way to do that without losing a good Forensic Pathologist and I appreciate the fact that the Coroner uses the phrase Forensic Pathologist because I have just been in too many situations, as a minister, where you simply want the best when someone is in grief, and those are my two points, thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Mr. Hoy. Anybody else? Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: If I recall, it was very hard to get a doctor for the Health Department, and Sam is sitting back there and we've got Dr. Heidingsfelder, and it's not easy to get a doctor to give up his practice to do those things, so I really don't think that they charge the doctors to use the emergency rooms at the hospital, they charge it off to the patients and to the insurance companies. So, I don't really think that we can charge him to use that facility because we are lucky to have a doctor with the Health Department and with the Coroner's Office.

Dennis Buickel: Mrs. Smith, if I could add to that, the forensic pathologist that we use, we could go to a non-forensic pathologist, and I'm not going to say that we can't because we can. If...I think we have to do what is fair for Vanderburgh County, for Vanderburgh County taxpayers. I have an obligation to see that the most thorough, most comprehensive investigation

of a death that falls under our jurisdiction...my responsibility and obligation is to see that comprehensive investigation is provided, and before Council gets involved in doing something that will drive away a forensic pathologist that is recognized as being excellent, I would urge this Council to go to the Prosecutor's Office, and go to the Indiana State Police, go to the Evansville Police Department, go to the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department and see what a tremendous difference having a forensic pathologist has actually made in their criminal cases that they successfully prosecute. We can go to a non-forensic pathologist and, hey, we can step back 15 years. That is what will happen. In a criminal case in court, there is reasonably and logically more weight given to a person that says I am a board certified forensic pathologist and have been certified since, whatever year, and I am here to testify on trauma in this death versus a clinical pathologist that looks at microscope slides all day long in a hospital. I think what we need to do is deal with some common sense, logic, and reasoning.

President Wortman: Okay. Thank you, Council. Thank you for your comments, we will move on from page 33 and we'll get involved in the 2000 accounts. Does anybody have any comments on the...page 34, does anybody have any comments?

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: I want to go back to the line for the employees, we passed that in just a minute. Dennis, you have got four part-time...you're eliminating the fifth part-time?

Dennis Buickel: The fifth part-time has already been eliminated for this year.

Councilmember Smith: Okay. Will you have to have all that part-time if we give you a new person? Line item 1070 is the new person that you were talking about. We got on the other thing and I didn't get to this, but with the four part-time that you have got in your budget, would you need all of those if we give you a full-time person?

Dennis Buickel: The full-time person is listed as, to answer your question in a single word, yes. The reason is that the 1190, the new full-time employee that I requested is listed for bonding purposes, all the valuables that we get in the facility from time to time is listed as a Deputy Coroner/Histotech. That person's full-time obligation is, or the job description would be, the histology work, the blocks and the slides.

Councilmember Smith: Thank you.

Dennis Buickel: Yes, ma'am.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Mrs. Smith. We will move on to page 34, the 2000 accounts. Does anybody have any questions, there? Garage and Motors on down to Chemicals? Okay, they must be pretty well satisfied. Let's go to the 3000 accounts, then, on page 34, the bottom of the page. Anybody have any questions

on those, from Telephone to Training? Yes, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: On 3310, Training, we have got...you want to increase that 100%, I was just wondering what justification...

Dennis Buickel: There is a board called the Indiana State Coroners Training Board that was formed under a state statute, I believe, back in 1993. The obligation, the job of the State Coroners Training Board is to set minimum training, ongoing continuing education and training standards for Deputy Coroners throughout the entire state. I sit on that board and within the next 16 to 18 months, there will be a minimum number of hours that every Deputy Coroner in the state of Indiana has to receive, as far as continuing education and training credits, the type of training that we're...the training board is looking at imposing, as far as being mandatory...well, to give you an example, my explanation has said we're getting ready to spend approximately \$1,300.00, well, this was about a four and a half day school and the cost of this, this counts registration, mileage, per diem, and lodging. About \$1,148.77, that is just for four and a half days for one person, so the point that I make is that it is very expensive training, the registration fees at the schools or the conferences that are recognized being anything, their registration fees are quite high. The training board, to a certain degree, we had the State Coroners Training Conference up in Merrillville, and we were able to get the proposal shoved through that the Training Board would pick up all of the expense of that training. But the Training Board won't do that, they will not do that on each and every training request that is presented to them.

President Wortman: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Buickel, I think that you were elected to some office, weren't you?

Dennis Buickel: The Governor appointed myself and three other coroners to the State Training Board, yes.

President Wortman: That's what it was, yeah. Okay, does anybody else have any questions? If not, we'll move right on to page 35, Computer Hardware to Morgue Equipment, 3000 and 4000 accounts. Does anybody have any questions? Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Dennis, on the Motor Vehicles, what would be the bare minimum if you went to just a mini-van or something outside of the four-wheel drive?

Dennis Buickel: If the Council and the Commissioners could find us a vehicle that would reliably start, so that we are not put in the position of having a body loaded in the back of the station wagon and go to start it and find out it won't start and save everybody that embarrassment. If this Council and Commissioners can find me a mini-van with under 80,000 or 90,000 miles, so we can make these pick-ups reasonably, I'll withdraw that request altogether, I don't even ask for a brand new vehicle, just a vehicle that will reliably start that has a heater in the wintertime, and air conditioning doesn't hurt in the summertime, we can take and outfit the back of it, as far as a transport vehicle. So, the bare minimum, if you want to look



at a new van, a stripped-down van, 15,000, 16,000, 17,000, I don't know.

President Wortman: Excuse me, we are going to change tapes, Mr. Buickel.

**Tape Change**

President Wortman: Mr. Buickel, did you ever check into a lease? If that would be cheaper or not, I'm just asking a question?

Dennis Buickel: No, I have not. I'll be glad to.

President Wortman: If you don't mind, that might, you never know, it might surprise you, it might not. I was just making a suggestion.

Councilmember Raben: What kind of miles do you put on a vehicle in a year?

Dennis Buickel: The suburban is, what? It's actually about three years old now. We have 38,000 miles on it. So, between 12,000.

Councilmember Raben: So, it's a low enough mileage that you could look at a lease. Do we do, body transport for the other counties?

Dennis Buickel: No.

Councilmember Raben: No, okay.

Dennis Buickel: That, bringing one thing up. If I can go back just very, very briefly? You know, I would like nothing more than to be able to, from a Vanderburgh Officeholder point of view. I would like nothing more than to be able to, lets say that Jon Doe was injured in some other county and he's sent to Evansville to one of our local hospitals and Jon Doe expires or dies and we invoke jurisdiction, I would like nothing more than to go back and try to charge that county where the person was injured or that persons home county. We touched on this about three years ago, this council and I did and I simply can't do it by law. I'd like to see legislation passed that would legally empower our county to do that. But, when you have only five or six urban countyies out of ninety-two, that leaves eighty-six or eighty-seven rural counties. Who's going to win that fight up at the state house? The rural county's will. It isn't feasible. I wish we could but, we can't.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any questions for Mr. Buickel? Well, we thank you. We had a lot of explanation. We appreciate your coming before us here today. So, we'll move right on and the next on the agenda. It'll be the Levee Authority. Kelly? Page 177.

**LEVEE AUTHORITY**

Kelly Lawrence: My name is Kelly Lawrence, I'm the Superintendent of the Levee Authority.

President Wortman: Anybody got any question on page 177 for the 1000 accounts? Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I just wanted to make a comment, it looks like the total increase for this budget is only less than one percent, which I think is pretty good.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any comments for Kelly? If not, we'll go to the 2000 accounts. From Garage and Motor down to Other Materials. Anybody got any questions there? Don't see none, we'll turn the page then on down to 178. From Bond Insurance a 3000 account to Engineering. Does anybody got any questions there? Don't see none. So, 4000 accounts, do we have any questions there? Then we'll turn the page to 179, got any questions there? If not, evidently everybody's satisfied.

Kelly Lawrence: Thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you for your participation. Next on the agenda is Veterans Administration, page 82.

#### **VETERANS ADMINISTRATION**

President Wortman: Nobody's here from the Veterans. So, we'll go on and the Area Plan page 78.

#### **AREA PLAN**

President Wortman: Mrs. Cunningham? Please.

Barbara Cunningham: Good morning, I just wanted to state that we are a City/County agency and we're 15% funded by the city. So, 15% of our budget is paid for by the city and we are an income producing agency that returned 86, or \$85,566 to the General Fund last year.

President Wortman: Would you state your name?

Barbara Cunningham: Barbara Cunningham, thank you.

President Wortman: From Area Plan. Okay, we'll start then on with page 78 on the Salaries, does anybody got any questions on that? Okay, Insurance, okay. Next page, we'll turn it over to page 79 and we'll go 2000 accounts, that's Gas and Oil down to Drafting Paper. Does anybody got any questions there? A very quiet council here this morning. But, we'll go right on to the 3000 accounts from Traveling Mileage down to Legal Services. Anybody got any questions there? Okay, if not, we'll go to page 80. Anybody got any questions on the continuous of the 3000 accounts and the 4000 accounts? Don't see any hands so, everybody's satisfied pretty well.

Barbara Cunningham: I was all prepared. Thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you very much.

#### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

President Wortman: Health Department. Would they come forward

please? Page 148.

Sam Elder: My name is Sam Elder, I'm the Director of the Vanderburgh County Health Department.

President Wortman: We'll start off on page 148 and we got the 1000 accounts and the Salaries. Does anybody got any questions they want to ask Mr. Elder? Any Councilmen? If not, turn your page to 149. We've got the same thing, Salaries. Any questions? No questions, we'll go to page 150. The same thing Salaries? If not, we'll turn the page to 151 and we'll pick up, still on the page 151 the 2000 accounts. From Gas and Oil down to Lavatory, any questions? No questions? We'll go to page 152, the 3000 accounts the Bonding Insurance down to Professional Services. Is there any question on any of those line items? Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, back on page 150 the Ozone Officer. I know this is a new position, I just wondered, did you have some information on that, or do you have a candidate in mind?

Sam Elder: I'll be real honest with you, I had expected Commissioner Mourdock to be here to speak on that. But, I can speak on it. The County Commissioners requested us to put this position in the budget and the Board of Health. The Health Officer and myself support this. But, I can answer any questions. Mr. Mourdock made the job description and the County Salary Commission established the pay for it, or approved the pay for it.

Councilmember Lloyd: Do you have input into looking at the qualifications?

Sam Elder: Yes, we will.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

Sam Elder: He's going to be a Health Department employee.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions for Mr. Elder? Alright page 152. If there's no questions there, we'll turn the page to 153 and the 3000 and the 4000 accounts. Have we got any questions there? Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: An overall question. You guys are still about as crowded as you always have been down there?

Sam Elder: We're going to use a shoe horn to put him in, if you approve it?

Councilmember Hoy: I've got one with advertising on it, Sam, you can have. I got it at a convention. But, seriously, do you all have any plans for moving to another facility? I have a couple problems with you being in this building and that is, first is being so crowded and the second one has to do with accessibility in terms of you know, people walking in a little bit more off the street, rather than walking into a Civic Center that carries a pretty heavy load of intimidation with it, you know? Because, you're dealing with some extremely delicate issues, that's my

question.

Sam Elder: Well, you know, I know just what you're saying. We've got 3,700 children that are on our Wic program, a supplementary food program and we shovel as many of them into the clinics and housing projects as we can. We've got a clinic at Fulton. We've got one at Sweetser. We've got one in several other places. We've moved away from the Civic Center with these high traffic things because, some of the mothers will drive around and around, if they can't find a parking place they don't attend. The way that program...that's a Department Agriculture program, it's a Women Infants and Children Supplementary Food Program. The way that program...the way we've paid for that is, not how many we see but how many vouchers that we issue. We issue about a million and a half dollars worth of food vouchers and the only way that the children can receive these is if they fail to thrive you know? They have to attend our clinic or go to another physician and not be able to afford the high protein food that they need to thrive. We don't give them...these vouchers are good for specific foods. Milk, cheese, and certain cereals. Only about a 1/3 of the cereals can be purchased with these. But, I agree with you. The parking is a big problem and we realize this. If you remember several years ago, you know, this was brought up and the council appropriated money to start the move and we just couldn't find anything that we could afford. My personal opinion is just like the Animal Shelter. We lived with a mess for thirty years at the Animal Shelter, we got barbequed about once a year. Ninety percent of it was the fault of the facility. We presented to the City Council every year for proposal for a new Animal Shelter. Several times they offered to, maybe remodel the old shelter. But, that wouldn't suffice. We didn't like where we were before in a year or two and the new Animal Shelter did wonders for it. I invite any of you. You pay part of the bill, to look at it anytime. You don't have to tell us in advance. Just walk in. It's a credit. I don't know of any city and I've looked at probably 35 or 40 that has anything that compares to it. I don't think we'll ever better ourselves by moving unless a new facility is built and with all of the things that the Council, both Councils. City and County are building new now, I don't think it's a very good time for us to get into that. I think one of the problems that Health Departments have. I think we'd fare much better if we, we're considered a Public Safety program and I submit to you that there's not any department, I include Police, Fire, the whole gammit, that is more important to the welfare to the citizens in this community than the Health Departments and I don't take credit for it locally. It's the whole national program. You come down and look at our Death certificates and see the difference.

Councilmember Hoy: But, what I'm asking you to consider, you and your board, is to consider putting together a proposal for us. We are doing very well as a County financially and I know the other Councilmen will think I'm beating this to death and, I will. But, we're on the verge of spending another three to four million on Burkhardt Road and you know, for commercial development, which Bert and I think somebody else ought to pick up and this is why I voted against that. Because, what you do is such a vital service you know, it has a far greater impact than I think anybody realizes and that's what I would like to ask

your Board to do is to begin to look ahead and make...and lay some plans out and go to the Commissioners and whoever else you need to go to and I think you'll find some support for that.

Sam Elder: I don't think that we have to urge them. I think that if the Board members just see your sentiment expressed in the paper, in all probability they'll come up with another plan. We've done a study on it. We paid a number of thousand dollars for a study and they told us what we needed. But, if it's within the limits of the County Councils budget? That wouldn't be any problem.

Councilmember Hoy: We'll I think planning ahead would be the wise thing to do at this point. So, we know where we...and the lay out the plans to reach that. I don't know how...I haven't checked with any other Councilmembers. But, this is something I've felt ever since I have been sitting here. So, I would encourage you and your board to do that.

Sam Elder: Actually, the ideal place for a Health Department building is in this D.M.D. Development Project, in back. You know, it's centrally located. It'll have to be centrally. There's more than just a children's clinic. There's a question about the ventilation in the Health Department, with our Tuberculosis Clinic we barely skim by the minimum requirements at the present time. There is money put in the...in the County Health Fund that is still there for redoing that entire ventilation program and the board voted to just make improvements on it, so it would pass the existing regulations, not the anticipated regulations but, the existing. The reason that they did this, they felt that there was a good possibility at that time that we might obtain a different facility. I don't think that there's any question, if you go to Public Health people the T.B. clinic doesn't belong in a facility like this, where the air is always circulated.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions? Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I want to add to what Councilman Hoy was saying. But, I guess you know, there is a division of what really would have to leave this facility and you know, if this board is going to look into something like this you know, please don't look at space for the part of the operation that can remain in here. I mean, If you do something like that you know, just remember that. I mean, I don't think you're really interested in the whole Health Department moving out, are you?

Councilmember Hoy: Me?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm interested in Sam and his board making that proposal, that's not my proposal to make and if they feel you know, it would be better to be in one location, it would function better, than I'd be in favor of moving it on out. If they don't feel that way, I'd go with their lead, rather than with my judgement. Because, I run a food warehouse, not a health facility.

Sam Elders: Well you know, I'm the administrator and the medical portions of it is done by Doctor Heidingsfelder and the board. Doctor Heidingsfelder is here, if you wanted to question him about it, I'm sure he would be glad to step forward.

Councilmember Raben: I've got a question for him but, I was going to wait until after your budget. So, if anybody needs him right now--

Councilmember Hoy: Jims buying lunch, Doctor Heidingsfelder.

President Wortman: Did you...was you requesting Mr. Heidingsfelder?

Councilmember Raben: No, lets complete this budget.

President Wortman: Okay, alright. Is there any more questions for Mr. Elders? Mr Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Sam, on page 152, 3510 other operating. You've got quite a decrease there. I just wondered if you wanted to explain that? It's from \$100,000 to \$50,000.

Sam Elders: What was that other operating? (Inaudible- comments made in audience away from microphone.) That was done by the--

Councilmember Lloyd: 3510, other operating page 152.

Sam Elders: Does everybody understand the Health Fund? The County Health Fund? That it doesn't revert? I think Mrs. Crouch could answer that for you. But, they've taken the operating money out. We didn't have any input in taking the operating out and I don't have a copy of what they took out.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

President Wortman: Mrs. Crouch would you address that issue? please.

Suzanne Crouch: Mr. Elder, I believe that you were consulted on--  
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Sam Elders: Oh, yes, I was consulted. But, I never received an...actually any figures that told me. The County Health Fund doesn't revert. The surplus in it, stays there. The County Tax Adjustment Board adjusts it. But, they were taking it out before it was adjusted. It adjusted the tax rate.

Suzanne Crouch: The Health Fund, is a separate fund and their operating balance is looked at by, not only the county but, by the State Board of Tax Commissioners and in...such as the general fund and all the other funds. They have been operating with a fairly comfortable operating balance over the last few years. What the Health Department has experienced, if you go back over the last, what is it Sam, four or five years? Their tax rate has bounced up and down and so, the...by being able to reduce a little in their budget, that will still provide them with a very healthy operating balance, the same as they had last year and still keep there tax rate stable.

Sam Elders: If they lower the..as they say a penny generates a hundred thousand dollars and if took two out it reduces the levee. We don't benefit from having that balance unless we have an emergency. I think all of you know that this is the only time that we can obtain any money from the County Council. If we're short and had an emergency. If we didn't have an operating balance we would have to borrow it.

President Wortman: Okay, does anybody else got any questions for Mr. Elder? If not, I think that completes your mission Mr. Elder. Thank you very much. Appreciate it. Mr. Raben? Mr. Heidingsfelder would you come forward please, for some questions, I guess from Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Just a couple questions.

President Wortman: He's going to state his name.

John Heidingsfelter: John Heidingsfelder, Health Officer and Forensics Pathologist.

President Wortman: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay this...we're kind of going back to a prior budget. Could you tell me exactly what you pay or what you charge the surrounding county's for autopsy's? What is the fee?

John Heidingsfelter: The same fee that I charge Vanderburgh County. Which is I believe \$685.00.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that's to all surrounding counties?

John Heidingsfelter: That's correct.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. That's a pretty good deal for them, isn't it? I mean not too, I would think...I would have thought that our fee would have been a little less considering we're supplying the facility,

John Heidingsfelter: I believe that the Coroners are charged, the other county Coroners, are charged by Vanderburgh County Coroner for the use of the Morgue facility. Whenever they bring a case to Vanderburgh County, they are charged a usage fee for the facility.

Councilmember Raben: We discussed that. That was a small fee. Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions? Thank you for coming up.

John Heidingsfelter: Yeah, I need to point out to answer your question. I also go to other places to do autopsies. My standard fee is \$685.00. When I do go to other counties to do autopsies I also charge for my travel time there and back and my expenses related to travel. So, that is something that Vanderburgh doesn't ever pay.

Councilmember Raben: I was just concerned with what the charge

was for other counties, when autopsies are performed in our facility?

John Heidingsfelter: The same as the...what I charge Vanderburgh County. Which was negotiated by a previous coroner, when I first got here eight years ago.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you, appreciate it. We're going to take a short five minute break and then we're coming back to Circuit Court.

**Tape Change**

***CIRCUIT COURT***

President Wortman: Okay, Judge Young, let's proceed to page 96. We'll enter into the comments on the Salary Accounts on page 96.

Richard Young: Is that the 136 Account?

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Richard Young: Okay, I've got different pages.

President Wortman: Yeah, 136's and we start off with 1110.

Richard Young: Okay, right.

President Wortman: On down to the page at 1270. If there are no questions, we'll continue on over to page 97. We start at the top with 1350 down to 1900 FICA. Now you will notice, I'll direct your attention to line item 1650 and 1660, two extra people there. Has anybody got any problems with that? Any comments?

Richard Young: We requested two probation officers for next year's budget and Allan Henson would like to talk on that just briefly. Allan is the Chief Probation Officer.

President Wortman: Okay, state your name Mr. Henson.

Allan Henson: My name is Allan Henson. We have requested, as the Judge said, two additional probation officers out of the four, I believe, that the department could really utilize. Our last hire date for probation officers was January of 1991. Since then our caseload has increased enough to at least accommodate one new probation officer with a caseload of approximately 250 people which I may add is more than the state average of caseloads per officer. Since '91 you have added additional police officers and sheriff's deputies by this Council. We've hired more prosecutors, we've hired more public defenders. We've brought on additional magistrates to all handle the caseload involving the Circuit and Superior Courts and the adult felony field. All those people are used to hire...or to arrest and to process and prosecute offenders and the bottom end of the line is the Probation Department who actually handles all those cases and without additional



personnel, we are being swamped. As you may not have read my explanation, just to supervise the offender caseload we have, just to see everybody as we are supposed to see per month, would take 1,035 hours. That's not doing any additional duties by probation officers. With the current staff I have I can only designate 960 hours to seeing probationers doing supervision work to protect the public and make sure they are doing what they're doing, so we can't even meet our contact standards. We can't see anybody...or everybody each and every month to do our job as we should with the staff that we have. We could use four officers. We are requesting two officers.

President Wortman: All right, line item 1660 really is a probation officer instead of a part-time bailiff. Is that correct?

Richard Young: Yes.

President Wortman: Yes, okay. I'll direct the Councilmembers' attention to that, please. You might scratch that out. Okay, do we have any questions on page 97? Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: Judge, on the Grand Jury and Petit Jury you don't have anything in that line item. Is there something else you're...some place else you are taking those out? Because we have to pay those.

Richard Young: What...?

Councilmember Smith: At the top of the page, 1360 and 1370. We have nothing in those line items for '98.

President Wortman: They moved if I recall, Judge. We discussed that. To the next page wasn't it? I think you can turn to page 99, 3902 and 3903.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, I hadn't gone back over there. I just saw those two line items and I do know they have to have Grand Jury and the Petit Jury pool.

Richard Young: Right. We've got \$2,000 for Grand Jurors and \$30,000 for Petit.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, I didn't get back over there. I just saw those two.

Richard Young: As of July 1st the jury fees went up. The juror pay went up from \$17.50 a day to \$40 a day, so that's going to be an additional expense we have.

President Wortman: Okay.

Richard Young: I will tell you that currently there is no large cases, capital or death penalty cases, on the docket, so hopefully we won't have any of those next year to try to keep those costs down.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody have any questions any more on 97? If not, we'll move right on to page 98, the 1000 account on

down to Extra Help. Everything is pretty well the same. Let's go on to the 2000 accounts. The bottom of page 98. No law books involved, so we'll turn the page to 99. We'll start out there will the Law Library Books at 3260 down to the 4000 account 4250. Anybody got any questions there? Councilmembers? Okay, that would complete the Circuit Court there.

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

President Wortman: We might as well start in to the Community Corrections if that's possible on Page 100.

Richard Young: I will tell you on the Community Corrections account, as I have said in the past several years, I think Vanderburgh County pays its full fair share for Community Corrections and if we need to increase we will be asking the State of Indiana to provide and the federal government to provide those increases, so you find, other than salary increases and increases pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement, this budget has not changed.

President Wortman: Okay, we'll turn to page 101. Any questions on the Work Release--

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: Line item 1361, that figure is wrong. It is supposed to be \$18,969 according to Mr. Whobrey and the rest. I've gone through those line items and I think there is two that...three that needs to be corrected. The line items are wrong.

President Wortman: Okay, we'll take that on the salaries later on and probably correct that. We'll check that line item 1140-1361, I'll make a note of that.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, and then on over in 1300-1361 they've got \$27,827 and it should be \$29,563.

President Wortman: What line item was that, Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Uh, 1300-1360. Maybe it's a step increase, I don't know because Mr. Whobrey might can answer to that. It should be \$29,563 instead of \$27,827.

Richard Young: Mr. Whobrey is always looking out for his members, I'll tell you that.

Councilmember Smith: That's on page 101.

President Wortman: Page 101, 1300--

President Wortman: It's 1300-1361 Counselor. The request in the budget book is \$27,827 and should be \$29,563.

Councilmember Bassemier: Betty, what was the other two?

Councilmember Smith: The first one was 1150-1361 Intake Clerk and they've got it \$18,619 and should be \$18,969.

President Wortman: Okay, any others on page 101? If not, we'll move to page 102. Anybody got any questions there? The 1000 accounts. If not, we'll go down to the bottom of the page, the 2000 accounts. We got any questions there? If not, turn to page 103. Top of the page would be Food down to Work Release Supplies. Does anybody have any questions there?

Councilmember Hoy: Question about the food. You've expended \$51,000 and your actual is \$187,000. What's the...? In six months you spent \$51,000.

Karen Angermeier: (Inaudible comments not made from microphone.)

President Wortman: Karen, would you step forward, please. State your name, please.

Karen Angermeier: Karen Angermeier. All the billings had not been submitted at the time this was printed up.

President Wortman: Right, okay.

Richard Young: You anticipate we'll be at our budget by the end of the year? Okay.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, on that 3310 we agreed at \$8,500, Judge? That training.

Richard Young: Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: Instead of \$10,000 it could be \$8,500 and that is pretty well in line with what it was, you know, in '97 up to this point if you go with the June study. If there is something special that comes up or something like that he said he would let us know if he just needs a little extra in the future, but he can live with \$8,500 for training right now.

Richard Young: That's correct.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Mr. Bassemier. Alright, turn to page 104 there. Just the capital outlays and the total, so if we've got no questions on that...anybody have any questions?

Councilmember Hoy: I have a couple. What's your current population at the Safe House?

Richard Young: We have a waiting list. I would say it is--

Harris Howerton: Well, the current population at any given day is right at about 180 people in-house and we're about two weeks out on the waiting list. Ten to 12 people.

Councilmember Hoy: Do you have any anticipated income from the fees and all that at this point?

Karen Angermeier: We're pretty much the same as last year.

Councilmember Hoy: How much is that?

President Wortman: Maybe you better come forward, Mrs. Angermeier, to get it on tape. That's the reason we're questioning.

Karen Angermeier: It really depends which fee you are speaking of.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, just the fees in general.

Karen Angermeier: The people who are staying in-house the residential fees should be right around \$250,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay.

Karen Angermeier: Electronic house arrest fees probably right around \$111,000 and AISP/DISP figures I don't remember those right off-hand, but I will get those.

Richard Young: We can provide those to you.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: How many did you say was on the waiting list?

Richard Young: Probably 12 to 15 people.

Councilmember Lloyd: I mean, does that cause any problems that they can't be put in the Safe House?

Richard Young: It's not the ideal situation, but it's really the only thing we can do at this time. Some people we put on electronic house arrest while they are waiting if we feel that is necessary. Due to the current maximum number of people we can have out there it's necessary to have a waiting list.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you. Okay, questions on Circuit Court? Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: No.

***CIRCUIT COURT MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER***

President Wortman: If not, we'll turn to page 168. Circuit Court Misdemeanor Offender.

Richard Young: Again, you'll find no increase from last year except in the area of our Malpractice Insurance for the doctor. It would be 3680. Oh, okay, I'm sorry. I was in the wrong account. There is no increase in this account at all.

President Wortman: Okay, does anybody have any questions on page 168 on any of the line items from the 1000 down to the 2000?

Don't see any.

**CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION**

President Wortman: We'll turn to page 160, Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation.

Richard Young: There we go. That's the account I just referred to. No increase. As a matter of fact, we do have some decrease. You'll see the zero out in the Administrative Specialist figure. An increase, as I said, in Malpractice Insurance from \$3,000 to \$4,200. I've talked with Ms. Crouch about some further reductions and we have those. We're working on those and hopefully we'll have those by next week or shortly thereafter.

President Wortman: Does anybody got any questions then on page 160? If not, we'll turn to page 161, 1000 accounts and 2000 accounts. Anybody got any questions there? Nobody has any questions there, let's go to 3000 accounts and then move on to page 162. Got any questions on the 4000 accounts? Don't see none. Pretty realistic. Thank you, Judge. I think you can go now.

Richard Young: Thank you very much.

President Wortman: Appreciate it and the people with you.

**VETERANS ADMINISTRATION**

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman.

President Wortman: Yes, ma'am.

Councilmember Smith: The veterans officer is here.

President Wortman: Oh, okay.

Councilmember Smith: He did not get a notice of the meeting, so he didn't know until someone called him.

President Wortman: I think they all got notices mailed to them, but I don't know. Maybe they didn't get them or something.

Mark Acker: We didn't receive it. We apologize for not being here.

President Wortman: Yeah, that's okay. If you've got a lot to do you come forward right quick and we'll get you out of the way.

Mark Acker: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Turn to page 82.

Mark Acker: I'm Mark Acker, County Service Officer, Vanderburgh County.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mark.

Mark Acker: We had a couple of items that when we submitted our budget unfortunately we weren't aware that two of our line items had to be increased due to rental increases by the Old Courthouse of approximately a nine percent increase and our cleaning services jumped by 13%%. The numbers on cleaning services went from \$15 every Friday cleaning to \$17. I mean, it wasn't tremendous in dollars and cents, but the rent jumped nine percent on us and we had already submitted our budgets and then we had to ask for reconsideration. Also, on our Extra Help our secretary will be coming on her anniversary date with a weeks vacation, I believe, is the contract now and if she takes a full week we still have paperwork we have to get out to meet the veterans' needs in a timely manner, so I do need that line budget item. I think it was for \$500. Other than that, our budget is within the purview of what you have outlined in salaries and that type of thing.

President Wortman: Alright. Councilmembers, do you have any questions on the 1000 accounts on Salaries down to 1990 for Extra Help? How about line item 2600 Office Supplies? Got any questions there?

Councilmember Lloyd: Question.

President Wortman: Yes, sir, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: Did you say line number 3930 Other Contractual, that is strictly the cleaning?

Mark Acker: No, the Other Contractual is based on our typewriter, our copy machine. Is that not it? It is cleaning only? Cleaning only, I apologize. That is cleaning only.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, who do you use?

Mark Acker: We use Southwestern Job's Club.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay. I mean, this sounds like we ought to recommend this firm to the Co-op Extension Service.

Mark Acker: Yeah, \$17 a cleaning is pretty reasonable.

Councilmember Hoy: This is the firm I recommended the other day. We use them. You know, it sounds like an ad, but it's a good way to use a community resource. I hope you're satisfied.

Mark Acker: Oh, yeah, they do an excellent job.

Councilmember Lloyd: Maybe we can even get a discount if they are cleaning a couple of offices instead of just one.

Councilmember Smith: Well, outside of the cleaning how about the rent?

Councilmember Lloyd: Well--

Councilmember Smith: He pays \$8,584. That's a lot different than \$44,000.

President Wortman: That's right. Okay, any other questions for Mark Acker? Okay, well listen, I think we'll turn the page on the 4000 account and there is nothing there it's zero, so we thank you.

Mark Acker: Thank you.

President Wortman: Appreciate it.

***DRUG AND ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE***

President Wortman: Next on the agenda is Drug and Alcohol Deferral, 114.

Bill Campbell: Good morning. Bill Campbell with Drug and Alcohol Deferral.

President Wortman: Welcome.

Bill Campbell: I think other than the salaries, the three percent, I think you'll only find one increase of \$200 in printing. Other than that, I think the budget exactly replicates last year's budget.

President Wortman: Does anybody have any questions on the 1000 account?

Councilmember Raben: I have just one.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Bill, on 3770 Treatment Costs, it looks like the two prior years you fell significantly under \$8,000 and this year you're going to come way short of that, too. Can we take that down?

Bill Campbell: If you need to. I wouldn't oppose that. If I needed it I would have to come back.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Bill Campbell: Those are rather difficult to predict on that account, what I am going to be using out of it.

Councilmember Raben: Treatment Cost, which is 3770, I was asking if that could be taken down.

Bill Campbell: Those are services that we do provide and contract for in-house in terms of treatment. It's difficult to predict. If I run short, if you took that down, if I run short I would come back and I would hope you would respect that if I did.

Councilmember Raben: Sure. Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: No, I didn't hear what he was asking.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. Alright, anybody got any questions on page 115, then on the 3000 and 4000 accounts? None. I thank you for your time.

Bill Campbell: Thank you.

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

***SUPERIOR COURT***

President Wortman: Next on the agenda is Superior Court, page 105. Welcome, Judge.

Terry Dietsch: Thank you.

President Wortman: State your name, please.

Terry Dietsch: Terry Dietsch, Superior Court.

President Wortman: Thank you. We'll start right in unless you want to make some comments prior to that.

Terry Dietsch: Not on the salary accounts. They are all three percent with the exception of, I think, six people who probably get step increases and we have asked for one additional person in the Misdemeanor Division.

President Wortman: We'll start on page 105 and then, of course, we start with Judges down to the Court Reporter. Then we'll go to page 106 and I'll call your attention to 1301-1370 Court Reporter. A new person. Do you want to elaborate on that judge?

Terry Dietsch: Yes, that is for Misdemeanor. We're running over 20,000 cases a year in the Misdemeanor Division. The personnel that take all the minutes are hard pressed to keep up with that job. We send people from our other divisions up there from time-to-time. The truth of the matter is and in order to get those things timely, we simply need another reporter up there. We have budgeted this in the amount of \$31,000 because our policy generally in the Superior Court is to promote from within for people that have the capabilities of moving up and probably those who would be interested in that position would be at least a step three. That's why we have budgeted that amount of money. If, in fact, we can find someone capable and none of our current employees were interested and we could fill that position for less money, obviously, we would do so.

President Wortman: Anybody got any questions for the Judge? Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes, Judge, so that would be the twelfth court reporter, is that right?

Terry Dietsch: Whatever.

Councilmember Lloyd: I mean, I am just counting them on these pages here.



Terry Dietsch: I think that is right, yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: So some judges need more than one court reporter?

Terry Dietsch: Well, the problem is that we have two high volume divisions, Misdemeanor Court and Small Claims Court. We have a number of people that have to go into the courtroom to perform those court reporter functions. The business is such that the same person can't go in everyday and get the minutes done. You have to have time to do that. That's why we have multiple people in the high division courtrooms.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, Mr. President, you and I met with the Judge and we both feel that he's really got a realistic figure and he is very conservative and he does need that extra help awful bad, so we need to give that to him.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Bassemier. Anybody else have any questions on page 106? If not, we'll turn the page to 107 and a continuation of the salaries. Any questions? If not, we'll continue on page 108, salaries again. Any questions from the Councilmen? No questions. We'll turn to page 109. Salaries again. Anybody got any questions? Am I going too fast for the Councilmen? Maybe not. If not, we'll go to page 110, Petit Jurors on down to Garage and Motors. Does anybody have any questions there?

Terry Dietsch: I would like to amplify on something that Judge Young said, if I may?

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Terry Dietsch: You know, normally in the past we have had an agreement of sorts that in those accounts that if you wanted to cut to get down to your budget limit that was fine with us as long as there was an understanding that those things had to be paid and we would have to come back. However, since the Legislature passed that increase in Juror Pay, let me give you an example. A typical 12 person jury that in the past would have cost us \$210 will now cost us \$480 and if you are talking about a six person jury you can just cut that in half which means our expenses are going to go up probably two and a half times. Ms. Crouch will tell you that there is in place additional legislation that calls for an increase in fees in certain areas that are to be used to defray this additional cost of juror pay, but when you start in July at zero, obviously you don't have that money in place. Hopefully, there will come a time when we will have money to defer a part of this expense and how that is handled by the Auditor I'm not quite certain of. My point is that we know, obviously, that our expenses are going to go up, so I would exhort the Council if possible not to cut those Juror accounts this year because, obviously, we are going

to fall way short and that just means we're going to be running back.

President Wortman: Any questions for Judge Dietsch on that? Very well said. So we're on page 110, so let's turn to page 111 and the 2000 accounts. Juror Meals to Other Supplies. Any questions there? If not, we'll move into the 3000 account from Bonds and Insurance to Continued Education. Is there any question in there on the 3000?

Terry Dietsch: May I supply something here on the 3000 accounts?

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Terry Dietsch: Mr. Bassemier was good enough to come down and go over our budget with us and Mr. Wortman, in fact, accompanied him. We sought their assistance. Under Title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act that pertained to state and local governmental functions we are required among other things to make certain that people who are impaired in various ways, including the hearing impaired, are afforded the same quality hearing as anyone else. That includes auxiliary services such as interpreters when necessary. Over the past eight months, nine months, in the juvenile division and in the regular court division we have seen an increase of those services. We ask, and I believe Mr. Bassemier and Mr. Wortman suggested, that we have a new account, a separate account, line item 3790 for those services and the compelling reason as far as I am concerned is this, over the next few years I would like for the court to be able to track how much we are really expending for those kinds of services. If we leave that in our regular accounts to pay that we don't get a good handle on that.

President Wortman: That's a very good idea there from Judge Dietsch. I think you'll all agree there because this is something that they've got to have the other people with this. Anybody got any questions on that? Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: I hired a deaf girl that works over in the County Clerk's Office now and they have...when they brought her down for me to interview there was an interpreter with her. There is a lot more of that than anybody thinks of.

Terry Dietsch: Well, it's increasing certainly and unfortunately there is really only one agency to which we can turn and they tell us what their services are going to cost and we really don't have any choice.

President Wortman: Yeah, I think that is very good. I really do. I think that helps all the way around and I compliment you on it for suggesting that. Any Councilmen have any questions?

Robert Lensing: May I make one more--

President Wortman: Mr. Lensing, state your name, please.

Robert Lensing: I'm Judge Lensing, Superior Court. Betty, the girl that you talked about is working in my office now and I've asked people in court if they would allow one of my staff people

to interpret and the people that I have had there said they do not. They want to have a professional interpreter for whatever reason. What do they charge? Forty dollars an hour?

Rosemary Norbury: Forty-two fifty.

Robert Lensing: Forty-two fifty.

Terry Dietsch: Well, the reason they want a professional interpreter, one that is certified, is because they want to make certain that the interpretation is correct.

Robert Lensing: Right.

President Wortman: It should be.

Councilmember Smith: Back before, I don't know how much they charge now, but it was like \$65 an hour.

Terry Dietsch: I think our current contract is forty something.

Councilmember Smith: By contract, but I am saying if you just hire somebody for a special thing.

Councilmember Hoy: Judge, is that contract with Resource Agency?

Terry Dietsch: Yeah.

Councilmember Hoy: They're very good.

Terry Dietsch: Yeah.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. Alright, we'll continue on to page 112. Is there any other comments or questions on the 3000 account? Well, we'll go to the 4000 accounts. Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Well, 3932.

Terry Dietsch: Thirty what, please?

Councilmember Raben: It's 3932 CASA.

Terry Dietsch: Oh, that's CASA.

Councilmember Raben: What's the increase there?

Terry Dietsch: Judge Lensing is here. He would like to address that and one other account that he has, so why don't you ask him that alright? Go ahead.

Robert Lensing: The question was what, please? What was the increase? I think it was a standard increase for both Youth Services and CASA, so both of those had the same request for increase. I think last year CASA did not get one. There was also a reduction in funding, so CASA had a United Way grant of about \$5,000 or \$5,500 that didn't come through this year. If you look right below that we do get \$9,500 from the state as a state grant, so that was a difference in funds there. If you go down a little farther to 3941 Guardian Ad-Litem account down

there. That's an account that I would like to have you keep. If not at \$20,000 at least more than the \$9,000 we got last year because they passed a new law. The new law says I have to appoint a guardian ad-litem in every CHINS case for every neglected child. I have not been doing that. I have been asking the parents and I have attorneys serve at different times which is not the same thing, but sooner or later that is going to be a substantial problem. We might be able to use CASA to do some of that, too, but I kind of doubt it. Does that answer your question, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I believe so, thank you.

Councilmember Lloyd: I just had a question.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: On the CASA, did you say United Way reduced their funding on that?

Robert Lensing: They lost funding. I think it was from United Way this year, if I'm not mistaken. I guess I should of had somebody here to address that.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, I just wondered what the reason was.

Robert Lensing: I don't know.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Judge Lensing. Judge Dietsch, any questions any more on page 112? We go into the 4000 accounts. From three to four.

Councilmember Bassemier: I've got one.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: This is for Judge Lensing.

Robert Lensing: Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: Sir, I know you need this vehicle real bad. Would you tell the Councilmembers--

Robert Lensing: Okay, that's in the 4000 account?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Robert Lensing: Well, I'll tell you what the situation was. We have a 1987 Ford that we are still using for transportation. It has 140,000 miles on it, 140,932 as of last week. Our newest vehicle that the county bought was a '93 Chevrolet. It's got 117,000 miles on it. The State Department of Corrections bought us a Suburban in 1995. The Suburban cost about \$38,000 or \$39,000. It was a GMC Suburban. It's used for like nine passengers when we take big groups. It's got 35,752 miles on it. There are times that I have to use two vehicle regularly and occasionally three vehicles for transportation, so we'll be

taking the one child the Maryhurst in Louisville, Kentucky. We might be taking three or four children to boy's school or girl's school in Indianapolis or Logansport and we might have another vehicle that has to go either to Vincennes for the detention or up to someplace like South Bend. So what I need is I am going to keep these other vehicles in operation, as I talked to Mr. Wortman about and Mr. Bassemier, but I need another vehicle in order to answer that need. We would buy it locally, but we're in that state grant where we can buy a state police package which is a much stronger, heavy duty, double welded vehicle and that is what we wish to do. The figure that I gave was \$23,000. As of '97 the bids could be...we could buy one for \$19,106. If we would have to buy it under the '98 bid it's probably going to be \$21,000 then and we have a package to put on it like a rust proofing, we have to put a cage in there, so it would be not more than \$23,000 and hopefully a little bit less. Incidentally, by the same token while I am on that issue, on the Garage and Motors which is another one of these accounts in here, we got \$1,000 last year and we have a \$650 bill for repairing the motor now that we're not going to be able to pay until next year, so I probably need if not \$3,000 I would probably need at least \$2,000 because of the age of two of the vehicles that we have.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I was going to ask you if there were some other budgets where some cars were requested. These vehicles are primarily all highway miles. Would this older car be a good dependable car for someone like Weights and Measures where it is local in town?

Robert Lensing: We have one we can give them. We have a 1981 car that we can give to Weights and Measures that's got 212,000 miles.

Councilmember Raben: No, I'm talking about the '87 that your--

Robert Lensing: Yeah, that possibly could be done, but see we have three transportation officers...yeah, we could possibly do that. That would be a possibility. Incidentally, another thing that came to mind yesterday, on the '87 Ford that is being repaired the tires are shot. So what I asked Mr. Mason to do is check the '93 Chevrolet that has bad tires because the '87 is the one we use in town a lot for transporting neglected children to visit with families, you know, and so I asked him if we could use those tires and I haven't gotten hold of anybody that could do that as a state contract.

Councilmember Raben: You'll have a Suburban, that newer Chevrolet and then this car would make three.

Robert Lensing: That would be fine.

Councilmember Raben: So would that other car, would that be a good safe--

Robert Lensing: Yeah. I think it would be safe for in town driving. I don't think I would want to take it out of town.

Councilmember Smith: Not with 200,000 miles on it.

Robert Lensing: Well, it's 140,942.

Councilmember Raben: It's 140,000, but you're taking it out of town probably still yet occasionally?

Robert Lensing: Well, we're taking it out of town, but there are times when we are going some place, like if a probation officer is going to drive there are times they'll drive their own car because they are not actually...sure, it depends on where you are going. If we're going to Vincennes we can get home. That car right now is in the shop having an oil seal put in and some other things.

Councilmember Raben: But it is a good safe dependable car?

Robert Lensing: I think it's a safe and dependable car.

Councilmember Raben: That would save us some money there if we transfer that to that department.

Councilmember Hoy: We might could arrange a donation of tires for you.

Robert Lensing: Well, I think that Raben has the tire contract with the state anyway, so anytime we buy one they give us those tires for a little of nothing.

Councilmember Raben: It's actually Goodyear who has the state contract.

Robert Lensing: Is it Goodyear that has the state contract? Oh, okay.

President Wortman: Maybe those tires are cheap tires, Jim!

Councilmember Raben: They are cheap that's why they--

Robert Lensing: They're Eagles. They're not cheap tires. Any other questions.

President Wortman: Any questions for Judge Lensing?

Councilmember Raben: Those are the same ones I put on your wife's car, Curt!

President Wortman: They're always picking on me, Judge.

Robert Lensing: Anything else? Thank you, Mr. Bassemier.

President Wortman: Anything else for Judge Lensing? If not, we'll come back up for Judge Dietsch. We're on the last page, 112. Got any questions? Judge Dietsch, would you like to comment on anything?

Terry Dietsch: Let me find 112.

President Wortman: Okay, just take your time.

Robert Lensing: Here is 112.

Terry Dietsch: No, except one thing, 4220 Office Machines. I think I've explained before how we do this and we may of had some good example of why we do it this way. It's the difference between coming in and asking for ten cars and coming in and asking for something less. What we do, instead of waiting for all of our courtroom machines to go kerplunk at the same time, we replace them intermittently, so that we don't have to come to you and say guess what we had five recorders that are on the blink and we need \$15,000 to replace those recorders, so we replace them periodically.

***SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL MISDEMEANOR PROBATION***

President Wortman: Any questions for Judge Dietsch? I think if not, we'll turn to the next on his list is Superior Court Supplement Misdemeanor Probation, page 164. Page 164, we go into the Probation Officers' salary. Anybody got any questions there? If not, we'll turn to page 165. Got any questions there, any Councilman? If not, why, Judge Dietsch, I thank you.

Terry Dietsch: I noticed maybe this question would be directed to Sandie. Some numbers were switched right? In some of these things?

Sandie Deig: You mean in the 100 accounts?

Terry Dietsch: Yeah, right and we're not going to end up with a zero anywhere are we?

President Wortman: Sandie, would you turn your microphone on.

Sandie Deig: The 100 accounts were switched, some of them, to the 200 account so they will appear in those and I will meet with Rosemary afterwards.

Terry Dietsch: Fine. Any other questions?

President Wortman: Comments or any questions to ask Judge Dietsch? We thank you for coming up. Appreciate it.

Terry Dietsch: Thank you.

President Wortman: Next, the Evansville Airport will be here at 11:00. Let's go ahead and take the 911 Emergency. We'll switch tapes here first.

***911 EMERGENCY FUND***

President Wortman: Go ahead. Sandie is going to check on Mr. Working. Suzanne, do you want to elaborate on the 911, page 172.

Suzanne Crouch: The 911 Fund is the monies that are collected from the .35 cent surcharge on peoples phone bills and that money is set up in that fund. It is used to pay phone lines and last year it was used to help to pay some of the Central Dispatch.

President Wortman: Any questions for Ms. Crouch concerning Central Dispatch and 911?

Councilmember Smith: Suzanne, do you have any idea how much they get back on the telephone bills on that? Does that come, all of that come back into the County General Fund from the telephone company?

Suzanne Crouch: No, it comes into this fund and that is by law. I believe that it is around \$450,000.00 a year that we receipt in.

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION**

President Wortman: Okay. We have two more left.

Suzanne Crouch: There is an LEPC budget.

President Wortman: Page 170.

Suzanne Crouch: That is grant money for the Local Emergency Planning Commission and by law it has to be set up and the money has to go into it's own fund and a budget has to be set by County Council. But, that is a self-sustaining fund.

President Wortman: Any questions on Ms. Crouch concerning this appropriation? Next, page 171.

**LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY**

Suzanne Crouch: That is the same situation. Local Drug Free Community is grant money and it is self-sustaining and it is required to be budgeted by Council.

President Wortman: Any questions for Ms. Crouch concerning this? Okay, so we have two left, Evansville Vanderburgh Airport and the County Council. We will take the Airport now. Mr. Working. Page 154.

**EVANSVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT**

Bob Working: Good morning. Did you say it was 154?

President Wortman: Yes, sir. Welcome Mr. Working.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes, Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: While he is searching for that page everybody has a breakdown on their desks of the salaries. In the book, in the ordinance book it just shows one lump sum but we broke it down into salaries on that handout sheet.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Raben: Bob, are these salaries all based at 3%?

Bob Working: No, sir. I believe that it is about a 3% that we



had through contract with the Teamsters. It was already in place. The Safety Officers, Safety Department and the Administrative Staff primarily are requesting a zero percent raise but have PERF paid in its place. It is actually a request from the Safety Officers and I went ahead and included it for the Administrative Staff because then you would end up with 47 payroll people with 41 of them having the PERF paid and only six that didn't and I did it for simplicity sake. If I could interject, some small increases in the Safety Department have a zero percent increase and that would be based on a longevity program that they have of \$500.00 for every three years of service.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions?

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President, I just noticed that there was . . . looks like a large increase for Marketing Director, what was that for?

Bob Working: That basically is our, it is based on merit. Bob Whitehouse came into the Airport about 2 ½ years ago. At that time the salary was above forty thousand and we reduced it and we are just now getting it back up to where it was. Bob has been doing an excellent job for us.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, I think that they promised that to Mr. Whitehouse if he produced, where they started him out if I understand Mr. Working, they said that we are going to start you out at a lower level and if things work out and then they were going to give him that increase and that was a commitment that they made at the time that they hired him.

Bob Working: Well, certainly it was. We had it budgeted and we knew that Bob didn't have the education that his predecessor had in marketing and what have you and so it was adjusted downward because of that. But, Bob has come in and really done a fine job for us.

President Wortman: He got a raise last year too, didn't he?

Bob Working: Yes, sir he did. Again, I guess that I would just say though that it's even at forty, its below what it was three years ago.

President Wortman: Okay, has anybody got any questions? Okay, page 154 the 1000 accounts, salaries. Page 154, the 2000 accounts from Garage and Motors down to Other Materials, do we have any Councilmen that have any questions on that? If not, then we will turn to page 155. The 3000 account and 4000 account from Bond and Insurance down to Miscellaneous Equipment.

Councilmember Raben: Why is Contractual Services up?

Bob Working: Excuse me?

Councilmember Raben: Contractual Services/3530 has gone up \$35,000.00.

Bob Working: Basically, at the request of the Board and wanting to allocate more money for services that we were receiving from

the Engineers, I believe it is, the Cordino Group. We started and Airport Advisory Team and I believe that it is from that end. But, let me check with my justifications. We are talking about Contractual Services.

Bob Working: Items from \$98,020.00 for Contractual Repairs to the Airfield, \$50,000.00 for Consulting Services, I believe that is what it falls into, the primary increase is from that. Also, we have had an increase in our annual audit over the past couple of years when we went to George Olive and for those two reasons the \$35,000.00 increase was necessary.

President Wortman: Mr. Working, you have advertising out there so which line item would that be inserted in?

Bob Working: I'm not sure where you are, sir. Are you talking about your print out?

President Wortman: I don't see advertising and I was wondering if it should be in some line item there?

Bob Working: In our ordinance it is accounts 215 and how it has been broken down and put into your, you know, your book. I will have to try and figure that out real quick.

Councilmember Hoy: According to this handout that we have 215 is under Communications and it is promotional expenses, \$110,000.00.

Councilmember Lloyd: I am looking at the ordinance, page 2, ordinance number 153.

Bob Working: Yes, we increased that \$10,000.00, a 10% increase and that is based on the experience that we are having and I guess what I am trying to do is find page 154, your booklet, where that would have been allocated.

Councilmember Lloyd: In ours it is page 155, I believe that it is 3140/Telephone. The numbers tie together.

Bob Working: Yes, you are correct. It shows under yours as Telephone/3140 account.

President Wortman: Well, that's included in that.

Bob Working: Yes, sir.

President Wortman: I see.

Bob Working: That is exactly where the \$10,000.00 increase.

President Wortman: How much is the advertising?

Bob Working: It is \$110,000.00.

President Wortman: Oh, \$110,000.00. Okay. Does anybody else have any other questions for Mr. Working?

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Yes, Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Evidently, we have a little time and we are running ahead of schedule and of course, Mr. Working meets with this Board only once a year but, I meet with him all of the time. Could you tell us, the rest of the Councilmembers, what is going on out at the Airport? It's very exciting and very active.

Bob Working: Well, there I a lot of things going on at the Airport as you probably read in the paper, today or yesterday. We anticipate receiving funding from the State of Indiana for a \$1,500,000.00 from the Build Indiana Fund and a \$1,000,000.00 that we are also hoping to receive next week from the Federal Government along with the \$1,000,000.00 out of our Cumulative Building Fund to develop a Foreign Trade Zone and put that in place. We were very fortunate this past year that the State of Indiana did create legislation to create an Airport Development Zone that would again benefit the Airport and also benefit Vanderburgh County in its' economic development ventures. The Airport traffic wise is up about 7% year to date. We broke 22,000 passenger boardings in July and we haven't done that in a long time. Last twelve months we are boarding about 229 thousand to 230 thousand passengers on an annual basis and that is good news. We have seen from a year and a half ago losing all jet service to ComAir providing three flights a day now with the Canada Air regional jet. We believe that based on discussions with ComAir will see a fourth jet in the first or second quarter of next year. We know that Atlantic Southeast Airlines is buying a regional jet. We have certainly had a lot of discussion with them. We are very hopeful that the very first part of next year to maybe see one of those aircraft in this market. Same thing holds true with American Eagle. They are buying the CR-J and they are also going to purchase a 50 passenger regional jet that is being manufactured by Brazilia and we are one of Chicago's longest markets for American Eagle as far as distance and they are doing extremely well. Their last four months, they have had boardings in the 75% load factor range which is just phenomenal for anyone, any carrier. So, we feel that we may not be an inaugural but we certainly believe that we will be one of the first markets to get that regional jet to Chicago. It is an evolution process and we are seeing regional carriers are very profitable at this point in time and they have seen the phenomenal success that ComAir has had with the regional jet and everybody else has started to yell me too. My crystal ball, which sometimes isn't very clear, but my crystal ball says that by the year 2005 we will probably have more jet air craft operating out of Evansville than we have turbo prop. It is just because that is the way the industry is moving. To continue to have five major airlines, feeders in this market, to eight hubs and 50 flights a day for a community of this size is excellent. I will put our service up against anybody. I got a report the other day from Tallahassee that does twice as many passengers that we do and they have half of the airlines. So, we offer a good level of competition and people are very pleased and we continue to be challenged by Louisville. They are supposed to be starting a rather extensive marketing program celebrating their 50th anniversary. We are now starting to see some competition from VANS, Interstate

Shuttle trying to get into the market. But, our airlines have been very good in working with us. We have a competitive fare and I believe that we offer a better product. Consequently, our market is growing while Louisville is declining at this point in time. They have had a negative growth for this year and we are up. I also have to throw every time that I get to gig Louisville just a little bit. They, just had Value Jet is being acquired by Air Tran and they are going to change the name to Air Tran and they have announced that they are going to pull out of the Louisville market. So, they are going to put their jets into a more stronger markets as they said it so. I think that we are very well positioned. I think obviously with the economic development going on in the region, traffic is going to just continue to grow at the Airport and the service is going to continue to grow and everybody is real happy.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you Mr. Working. That's very good, he said all of this off the top of his head. He didn't know I was going to ask him for this presentation but a very good job. We got some other good news, too. Mr. Working you said that the Sheriff's Command Post is paid off.

Bob Working: Oh, yes and that is in your budget item. We set that up on a 15 year revenue bond usually the Sheriff's lease as backing that up. That debt is, was at a seven percent interest rate and we certainly felt that the money was better utilized and we went ahead and paid that debt off and so we have done that with the Cumulative Building Fund and that reduced the budget by \$116,400.00 per year. So, I am pleased that we were able to do that. I am hopeful that we will be able to lease the Former National Weather Service to the Sheriff and let that utilization continue on that building. But, since I touched on the National Weather Service I guess that I should give you a brief updated report on that. Little to my knowledge, but about two or three weeks ago the National Weather Service hasn't officially closed in Evansville. It surprised me because the building has been empty for eighteen months and they quit paying rent in March so I thought that they were closed. But, apparently they are not and they are not going to be until September 12 and we can submit comments to the National Weather Service on their closure. The Chamber of Commerce has reactivation their Doppler Radar Committee and efforts are going forward with that. Steve Rudolph and I did a little program on WGBF that will be aired on Sunday, August 24. But, I think that Evansville and this community, if we respond in a positive manner, have a real opportunity to present to the National Weather Service that 18 months ago they made an election to close this facility because they felt in their minds and opinions that they could provide a better service out of Paducah, Kentucky. I think that we have had 18 months of history to show that their evaluation was appropriate in that they said we would lose lower level radar information and low level warning and that it would be replaced by satellite, weather spotters and others and that has not occurred. So, I think that we have a real opportunity to come back to the National Weather Service and you tried real hard and did a real good job in trying but it wasn't good enough and we need to get a National Weather Service back into Evansville. As you all well know we have had at least three really severe weather

events in that 18 month period with no warning. We had the Alcoa storm that turned over five railroad cars and picked up a one ton dumpster and through into an electrical substation with no warning. Less than a week later we had an 84 year old woman killed in Reed, Kentucky and a roof blown off of an elementary school with no warning and then as we all know on June 17, we had a tornado that came through the North Park area and undetected and unwarned. So, I think that we have a real opportunity to say you tried, we have the history to show that it didn't work and we now need to get it re-instituted. I certainly would ask everyone here today that if they could to write a letter to the guys name is Mr. Tom Beavers at the National Weather Service and tell him that you are opposed.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Bob, you brought up a very good point on the payoff of the debt on the substation but I didn't hear you mention anything about the reduction in your rent cost is going to be.

Bob Working: The reduction in the rent cost.

Councilmember Raben: Yes, the rent cost to the Sheriff's Department. Is there, should we see some type of reduction in the future now in the rent?

Bob Working: No, sir. I wouldn't anticipate that. The Airport took that almost \$1,000,000.00 out of the Cumulative Building Fund that was collecting interest but not at a seven percent rate and utilized that to pay that off. We are doing that honestly to try and keep our revenues up so that we remain with a positive cash flow as we operate or work on an operational basis. I will say that the proposal that I have given the Sheriff on the National Weather Service Station, we were receiving about \$40,000.00 a year from the Weather Service on that building. We are sitting there and we are kind of regrouping everything together looking at an extension of the lease of the main building with the Weather Service included but our rent would only go up at \$10,000.00 a year so I would turn around and say that they net gain to the Airport on both facilities as they were a couple of years ago is a negative \$30,000.00. The Sheriff will get to use both buildings for \$30,000.00 less than what we were getting for the two separately. But, we get him for five more years too. The lease would be extended.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Working.

Bob Working: Yes, Sir.

Councilmember Sutton: What funding sources do you draw upon for the operation of the Airport? Can you tell?

Bob Working: From the County, just an overall, overall it is

just basically it just from the tenants of the Airport for the operating budget. I want to clarify that. We do receive four cents from the property tax rate from the Cumulative Building Fund that generates about \$500,000.00 a year I believe. But all other funds have been collected from tenants from the Airport or the Airports operation total. One of the grand assurances that we make to the FAA is that monies that are generated at the Airport stay on the Airport and then the FAA and the Federal Government also are trying to adopt a firm policy that allows airports to charge the tenants of the airports sufficient rates and charges so that they can operate without tax subsidy. I don't know if that answers exactly how you would like to have it but it. It's primarily revenue sources about a third of it comes from the airlines, a third from the operation of our parking lot and the other third from various tenants, car rentals, the (inaudible) lease, the sheriff, Bristol Meyers, two FBO's.

Councilmember Sutton: Is there a, in what you submitted, is there anything that shows the amount of revenue generated from sources outside of what we generally think of as maybe our General Fund budget here. Is there something here that shows what those amounts would be?

Bob Working: I don't think that I have the ad with it but we do the ad as required by law and it shows an eighteen month period of what are anticipated revenue is and how much money we have on hand and our anticipated revenue is from all sources. Then our budget, I don't believe that was included and I apologize for that, in not getting that here. But, I am not real sure that is what you are asking me about. But, I would try to say that we at this point at time, do not require any tax subsidy to operate the Airport. We have about \$400,000.00 of cash on hand in the General Fund and our anticipated revenues and the cash on hand will meet the budget without creating a deficit.

Councilmember Raben: This might answer part of what Royce is asking but the Cum Air Fund tax rate is about \$500,000.00 a year.

Bob Working: That money isn't used to operate the Airport. We primarily use that money, I call it seed money, it provides the five percent local share for federal grants and it is also used for capital projects such as the Sheriff's Command Post.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't know about the other Councilmen but I guess that I am a little unsure about how the funding mechanism is set up for the Airport and what sources you draw on to really meet your budgetary requirements.

Bob Working: From our capital standpoint, we do utilize the Cumulative Building Fund for capital projects. From an operational standpoint, we utilize the revenues from the tenants of the airport and the cash that we have on hand where we have built up a surplus in the past years or what have you, we utilize that to if need be and then we try very much to live within our means. If we are generating \$3,000,000.00 worth of revenue then we try to keep our spending at \$3,000,000.00. We try to do that. We have the ability to, again as I alluded to

earlier, through the federal government to, they are trying to give us that ability to go to the airlines and if we are \$100,000.00 short that they should come up with a \$100,000.00. We should be able to the best of our abilities operating in a self sufficient manner.

Councilmember Sutton: So, we don't receive any federal monies through the FAA?

Bob Working: Oh, yes, that is when I was alluding to federal grants and seed money but anytime that you fly currently, I believe, I think it is or maybe it has changed on me. I believe that it is still a ten percent ticket tax that is charged only the cost of your air travel. So, if you have a \$400.00 round trip ticket then you have taken \$40.00 of that given to the federal government and that is deposited into an aviation trust fund. That aviation trust fund then goes to operate a portion of the FAA but, a portion of it is also set aside entitlement or enplanement monies to come back to airports within the United States. For this year, that entitlement equates to or the total to be spent on airports is somewhere around 1.4 billion dollars. A portion of that we get through the entitlements based on the number of passengers that we board out of Evansville. For this year, I believe that amount is somewhere around \$900,00.00, between \$900,000.00 and \$1,000,000.00.

It is not a great deal because if you go back, I feel like we get, we being the Airport, or Evansville gets about twenty cents on the dollar back with what we pay into the aviation trust fund, but you can thank the federal government for that because way back when they started the trust fund about 80% of it or 90% of it was to be spent at airports and on navigation needs to improve infrastructure and Congress in their efforts to balance the budget are now using a great portion of that money to pay about 86% of the operation of the FAA which before had always been a general tax expense. But, I hope that in a real round about way I have answered your questions. We get about \$900,000.00 a year through that tax. Now, if we have a project going on that has a great priority from a safety or capacity standpoint we also have the ability to compete with every other airport in the nation for discretionary monies. We hope that we may be able to get a little or some discretionary money this year to reimburse us for monies we have expended through the Cumulative Building Fund for the acquisition of property for our runway extension. We have been doing that with money out of the Cumulative Building Fund instead of waiting on grant money to offer the residents of the area that we are going to acquire to work on their time frame instead of us waiting to get a grant and sitting there going you have to move you have to move. I am very pleased that we have been able to do that. I think that we have been able to make a much easier process with land acquisition.

President Wortman: You know, Mr. Working the question that I have had a lot of people ask is about the long runway extension. You don't have any large planes coming in here, you are more or less a hub. Can you elaborate on that?

Bob Working: Yes sir. First I can would say is that it is not the long runway that we are extending, it's the middle one if

you want to just look at size. It is a 5,000 foot runway that we are going to extend 1200 feet. We have to knock some off of the southend so that we end up with about a 6,000 foot runway. A lot of the aircraft that operate out of Evansville today are the smaller regional turbo props and you may be surprised. Their runway requirements many times can exceed that of the larger aircraft because their wing span is not as wide, they don't create the lift, their engines are not as powerful and consequently they end up being weight restricted. On a good hot day with no wind a 19 passenger aircraft flying to St. Louis may only be able to put 14 people on board. If they're stuck or required to operate off of 5,000 foot runway where they could go ahead and sell all 19 seats if they are on the 8,000 foot runway. So, the extension it gives still doesn't mitigate it and it still, a jet stream would probably still end up being weight restricted on a calm day with a 6,000 foot runway but they are able to sell more seats and they are able to be more profitable and as an airline looks at operating here or any airport, they look at the opportunity at how often they will be able to get in and get out. If you are an airport and you have only one runway, if I can keep my tongue from getting tied, then where there is a failure on that runway you are out of business. So, they will put that in their equation as they look at . . . do we want to fly out of this airport or not. What or how reliable is it? What is it's weather like? A I was amazed at St. Louis. They get a lot of traffic and an awful lot of weather and they are in a very poor location for weather. I don't know if I would want a hub out of there but TWA certainly is and has been for many years. But, all those factors go into play as an airline looks at whether they are going to come into a market or not and us being able to say that we have an opportunity that if this runway is down we can still get you in and out on this runway. That is where the value comes in.

President Wortman: Well, thank you for your information. Anybody else got any other questions for Mr. Working, and if not then thank you for coming up. Thank you Mr. Bassemier. Now, we will continue on with the County Council and the last on our agenda and on page 28.

#### **COUNTY COUNCIL**

President Wortman: Okay. Any question with the salaries? Any question on page 128 at all ? Mrs. Deig would you want to elaborate on line item 1971/Accrued payment ?

Sandie Deig: Yes. I don't know if most of the councilmen are aware but when we have any employee that retires or is released from their office or department. That officeholder must leave that position open until they are paid off, be it sick days, personal, whatever accumulated time that they have coming. I think that we just went through one in the courts that was like several months that they had to do without a court reporter. I think Betty that you had gone through that. Anyway this money under the new personnel policy will be in our budget. When an employee leaves Vandeburgh County, they will turn their time into our office, I will go over it with Mr. Fluty in the Auditor's office so that we correspond on the amount of time and money that is coming, then it will be written out of this



account. I might say that we are starting next year with \$ 15,000.00, I think that the Council must be prepared to put many more dollars into that account. We have one employee that is getting ready to leave Vanderburgh County employment right now and it will be \$ 8,000.00 for one employee.

President Wortman: Okay. Does anybody have any questions for Mrs. Deig in reference to that. Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I don't have any questions for her but I realize that it is a problem when they quit and when they quit and they have 30 days coming or whatever because they can accumulate up to 60 days and there are many people that retire and your older people don't take off of work so they accumulate quite a few days and it does create a problem for any officeholder if you are without an employee for that long. Probably this \$ 15,000.00 won't be enough but I have to agree that this is a better way to do it. But, wasn't this basically done through the Commissioners office before. Didn't they pay some out of there?

Sandie Deig: No, not for people leaving Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Smith: I know that I had a person that retired and they got six weeks vacation and went to the Commissioners and got two more weeks vacation and they redone it out of my payroll. Which I don't think was within the law but they did it and I let it go at that. But, I am say these are the things that create a problem for an officeholder.

President Wortman: That is where there is a line item, so that we don't jeopardize a position down there.

Councilmember Smith. She had already gotten six weeks vacation and the Commissioners granted her another two weeks and redone the payroll.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Smtih: You can check that on the record, too.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Speaking of that, I know that the Commissioners at the meetings they talk about the new employees that come to the County and employees that are separated from the County and since we don't really get that information on a regular basis unless we attend a Commissioners meeting, I don't know, I guess that they have been more the body of government that have handled the employee situation, should they be something that would be more suited for their budget, rather than our budget?

Sandie Deig: Well, I don't really think that is how the Commissioners felt and Ms. Crouch, you can correct me if I am wrong. I think they felt that the Council should have control over the spending for salaries since they are in charge of the salaries.

Councilmember Sutton: If there are employees that are separated from County, will we have something that comes before us that will have to approve or something like that. If we have some discussions about a particular amount that an employee may be due, is that something that we will be dealing with then?

Sandie Deig: I think that any policy that you want to set within this body would be up to you as procedures. What I had in mind, I didn't really think that this would happen until the first of January. Every Friday I check pink slips and make sure that they are hired at the right salary, or released or whatever. I give a copy of those and the originals to County Commissioners to approve or deny or whatever on a Monday meeting. However, what my plans were and I hadn't discussed it with anybody and I wanted to discuss it with Mr. Wortman, especially, that when we get a request I send a copy, after I go over it with the Auditor's office, send and make the Council aware of what we are buying out, we are going to have to keep track of what is going out to the various departments.

Councilmember Sutton: Will we need to take some kind of official action though if we are going ...

Sandie Deig: I don't really know. It was my thought that it would come to me and I would check it with the Auditor's office and because they also have a copy of their accrued time and from there it would be paid. What I could do is run copies of anything that is paid out each month and give it to the, give a copy to the Councilmembers.

Suzanne Crouch: There is probably going to be, as Mrs. Deig indicated, that \$15,000.00 isn't going to be enough, so you are going to have to make other appropriations. So you will probably have a pretty good handle on what is happening, I am sure.

Councilmember Smith: I guess that I feel if those pink slips go to the Commissioners, it should be the Commissioner responsibility. I don't feel that the Council or the Administrative Assistants has that authority to sign that payroll and it should go to the Commissioners office. If they are going to put a line item then the Commissioners get the pink slip then they are the ones that okay it then that money should come out of the Commissioners budget and then from that point go to Suzanne, where she is the one that writes the checks.

President Wortman: Well, I think the idea was to get the thing on and then the Department Heads will have to sign off on it too. But, with the Council having authority to appropriate the money.

Councilmember Smith: The money is there but it would still, if the Council has the authority then why do the Commissioners get the pink slips?

President Wortman: They process them so that . . .

Councilmember Smith: They process them then they are the ones that have the okay on it.

President Wortman: Just a minute and we are going to change tapes.

**Tape Change**

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Byrne, would you step forward. You raised your hand and we've got to move on here because...

David Byrne: David Byrne, County Clerk's Office. In March we had a series of meetings addressing the personnel handbook and when this was originally proposed, it was proposed to be a line item in the Commissioners budget, so I'm sort of surprised, after sitting in several hours of meetings and then listening to this proposal that is here. So, I mean, that is a valid question because it was supposed to be in the Commissioner's budget originally because the Commission that proposed it suggested that it be under the Commissioners --

Councilmember Sutton: When was the meeting?

David Byrne: We had a series of personnel committee meetings that department heads and officeholders had attended to review the handbook and the personnel policies of Vanderburgh County. It went on every Friday in March.

Councilmember Lloyd: A number of us attended the meetings --

President Wortman: Mrs. Deig, would you respond to that?

Sandie Deig: I think some of the officeholders and department heads felt like it should go into the Commissioners, but the Commissioners, it's my understanding, felt that this Council controls all salaries and budgets. That's the function of this body and that's why it was placed in the County Council's budget. It wasn't something we asked for.

President Wortman: Anybody else got --

Councilmember Smith: I just feel like it should be there because I don't feel like that's the Council's responsibility. We are the legislative body, we are not the administrative body.

President Wortman: Okay, has anybody else got any questions on the County Council? If not, we'll turn the page to 129. Have we got any questions there?

Councilmember Sutton: We've got an increase in Travel, line item 3130.

President Wortman: Travel & Mileage?

Councilmember Sutton: Any thoughts on that, Sandie, that you can share with us?

President Wortman: Mrs. Deig, would you want to...

Sandie Deig: We were at \$4,000 and we haven't spent it the last couple of years, there hasn't been as much travel. I seem to

see a more active County Council this year, but that's up to you to cut it back to its original -- what was it? What did I have?

President Wortman: Fifteen hundred.

Sandie Deig: Okay, I mean, it's fine to cut it back to \$1,500. It doesn't make me any difference, but --

Councilmember Sutton: I wasn't implying that we cut it back, I was just trying to get an idea --

Sandie Deig: I don't have a problem with it, though. I just can see a more active County Council.

President Wortman: Yeah, and if we want to cut it to meet the freeze, that's all right. Anybody else got anything for the Council or any questions? Okay, that completes today, so we'll --

Chuck Whobrey: I do want to say something.

President Wortman: Alright, would you step forward please, and give us your name.

Chuck Whobrey: I'm Chuck Whobrey, President of the Teamsters Local 215. This wasn't what I wanted to talk about, but just for your information, the School Corporation, on the very problem you're talking about in terms of when a person leaves and the additional retirement pay is what they call it, just for budgetary purposes, they have employees who anticipate retiring in the next calendar year submit their intent. It is not binding on them, they are not forced to retire if they submit their intent, but for budgeting purposes they have them submit it by, I think it's July 1 of each year. That's just, you know, if they then change their mind and decide not to retire, they don't have to. But they're able to then put in their budget -- they have a handle on what the costs would be. I just throw that out for your information. What I wanted to address you on was Tuesday I gave each Councilmember a worksheet concerning PERF and what we are asking you do for our members, and if you want to do it for the entire county, that's fine with us, but I'm really here representing members of Teamsters Local 215, is instead of giving a 3% wage increase, is that you pay the employee share of PERF, which is 3%. I've worked out a worksheet for you and I've based it on an average wage of \$11 per hour. That might be high, that might be low. But using that example, if you would do that you would save the county \$94 per employee, and the employee would wind up with an additional take home pay of, over the course of a year, of anywhere from \$150 to \$200 depending on whether they were married or single. So it's a situation where we get the most bang for the buck. Effectively, our members see the part they're now paying for PERF, which they're paying with after-tax dollars, go to their take home pay. The county savings is in a lower FICA tax. Because the gross pay does not go up, your FICA tax does not go up. I worked out -- I've heard in the past whenever we've proposed this, oh well, the second or third year it would be an additional cost. I've worked out a ten-year chart for you to show you that over a ten-year period, there's a continued

savings. If you would do this for all county employees, then based on, and I don't know how many you've got, if there's 750 and that were the average wage, then there would be an approximate savings to the county of \$70,000. So it's a way that the employees wind up with more take home pay and the county winds up with a lower cost. Whatever I can do to save this county money, I always like to do and I just wanted to bring that to your attention. The other thing that I wanted to touch on is yesterday, when Commissioner Mourdock was up here and talking about the Auditorium he mentioned that some employees would be laid off on January 5th, and I called Mr. Utley yesterday because that caught my ear and I didn't really know how that was going to be handled in terms of with those employees. Mr. Utley, with the Building Authority, said that they had not made any arrangements for when the Auditorium opened back up, if they would be taking those employees and there's not really been any discussion. We're obviously very concerned if we've got some people that could possibly be laid off come January 5th, and I'd ask you to give some thought this weekend before you finalize your budget to somehow keeping those people working, whether it be at the Highway garage or some place. I believe one of the employees over there recently left and I don't know -- I really don't know if the county has filed that full-time position, so we might be down to four. I don't know if you've filled that vacancy or not. But I just would ask that Council to do whatever it can to make sure that we don't have four or five people laid off right after the first of the year. I just wanted to call that to your attention.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chair?

President Wortman: Yes ma'am.

Councilmember Smith: Chuck, yesterday I was talking to Jim Raben. You said, after ten years that PERF would make it -- would cost --

Councilmember Raben: No, I said exactly what he said, that I had always understood before that after the second or third year, and I stated that's the first time I had ever seen a ten year schedule.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, because you and I were talking about it and you had said, well, after ten years we'd be paying a lot more.

Councilmember Raben: No I, prior, I had always found that after the first two or three years, but then I said that's the first time I've ever seen a ten-year schedule on it. You've never supplied that before, but the other question I had is what do you do -- do you not give raises?

Chuck Whobrey: That chart I worked out, it assumes a 3% raise each year. The first year you do it, you don't give a raise in terms of on the hourly rate on the gross. You just simply start paying the employee's PERF come January 1. So what they'll see is the amount of money that's now coming out of their check

going to PERF would be on their take home pay, on their net income. So you would actually wind up keeping their hourly rate or weekly rate or whatever you have set up the same as 1997 for everybody except the people out at the airport because we did it last year at the airport, trying to save them money. But that's how you do it, is in terms of hourly rate, it's from '97 to 1998, it doesn't change in that case.

President Wortman: Anybody with any questions? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: So, if the county were to decide they wanted to go with say a 2% increase, that was the mind set maybe in some point down the road, or a 4% increase, where does that leave the employee?

Chuck Whobrey: Well, the PERF, what you would do is from 1998 on, you would be paying the employee's share of PERF, and that's just under -- when this came about, in most of our contracts we just cite the Indiana Code where the state legislature allowed that payment, because up until about 1987 counties and cities that had PERF, the employees were required to pay 3% of their salary in. In 1987, the legislature made it permissible for the employers to pay the employees share of PERF. So, I just worked out a schedule assuming a 3% increase. You could work it out making any number of assumptions, but I just charted it out for ten years. But what would happen is, what does get greater every year is, if your gross goes up, the amount of money you pay into PERF goes up correspondingly. So,...

Councilmember Raben: Chuck, have you -- it sounds like a workable program, the only problem being with it is the Commissioners would really have to act on it first.

Chuck Whobrey: Maybe they would. All I'm saying is I've been here before and the Commissioners have acted and you've said, oh, we didn't talk to the Council. I gave Commissioner Mourdock the same worksheet that I gave you and I don't know, but I just ask you folks, if you can, to get your heads together. I've given Commissioners Mourdock the same paperwork. But if they'd make that as their recommendation, --

Councilmember Raben: So, I mean, they haven't gave their blessing one way or the other, but --

Chuck Whobrey: I have not any discussions with him other than whenever he was here yesterday I handed him that same worksheet that I handed you.

Councilmember Raben: Because this is a personnel policy change, I mean, it's a change in personnel, so I mean, that really would come through them, but -- and then what would you do in the other case? What do you do with the existing contracts that state a 3% pay increase?

Chuck Whobrey: What you do is you sign an addendum that modifies that section that currently says the employee should pay their portion of PERF and you modify that section of the contract.

President Wortman: Okay, and then we're liable to have the other

people up here paying for their PERF, too, that works in the building.

Councilmember Raben: He's asking that we pay the Teamsters for sure but --

Chuck Whobrey: I'm saying there's a savings there to the county to be had that, at the same time you're saving the county money, you're putting more take home pay in every employee's paycheck.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, we talked about that and I've talked to several people, and I think the majority of the people would appreciate that because it does give them more money to bring home and I think if we take a look at it and maybe get with the Commissioners, it might be an ideal solution.

President Wortman: Okay, well, I think we can take it under consideration and look at it if that's agreeable with the Councilmen, and --

Councilmember Smith: Because if we can save the county money and then satisfy everybody else, and I bet you if you took a poll with the employees in this building that are not Teamsters, that 90% of them would go along with it if they understood it.

President Wortman: Okay, alright.

Councilmember Bassemier: It's okay with me.

President Wortman: Okay, well, I think that's about it then. So we're going to recess the meeting until August the 19th at 12:00. That's next Tuesday and we'll go from 12:00 to 4:00 and we will proceed with out budget cuts, and so every Councilman get his pencil sharpened. The meeting is adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

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The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 19th day of August, 1997 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. This meeting was officially opened by President Curt Wortman at 12:10 p.m.

The Council meeting was reconvened with President Wortman presiding.

President Wortman: Okay. It looks like everybody is kind of settling down a little bit. I know the time, so we have to keep moving. I'd like to reconvene the County Council Budget Hearings. We are in the process of making reductions, so I want everybody to be calm and cool. I think the Council has reached its goals. When we do a roll call vote, we are going to do this by a show of hands; so if you would please raise your hands high when I call for a vote, the secretary can record it for the minutes. Speak loud into your microphone so this can be recorded. With this in mind, we are going to start, as we mentioned, we are going to start with page 48, the County Assessor, and go down through the Assessors, then we will turn to number ten, which will be the Treasurer, so we will start off with the County Assessor, page 48.

Councilmember Lloyd: You need to take attendance.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Are you going to take a roll call?

President Wortman: Yes, just a minute. Mr. Raben will announce the proceedings and such as the recommendations and the motions and then I will call for a second, then discussion. Madame secretary, would you please call the roll?

Teri Lukeman called the roll.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Smith	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Lloyd	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
President Wortman	X	

President Wortman: Would you please stand and pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States?

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Chairman, before we start on the first department, I'd like to make a motion that all salaries be read



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and adopted with a 3% increase for employees during the September 10, 1997 final budget hearing. FICA, PERF, and Insurance will be adjusted accordingly at that time, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy seconds it. Okay, is there any discussion on that recommendation from the Finance Chairman and Mr. Hoy? If not, let's have...Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: I know we were presented with another option during the course of these hearings of how we may look at funding pay increases using the PERF. I think we need to continue to study that, maybe just given the short nature of the time, we weren't able to fully get the scope of what savings might come to the county, but I think it is something that we should continue to work on.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. All those in favor...Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: Jim, have you looked over this document for the PERF, if we paid the PERF for every employee in Vanderburgh County, would it be that much of a savings, that Chuck Whobrey passed out? I think we need to all take a look at that because I think it would be to their advantage, and it would also be to the county's advantage, before we vote on a straight 3%, then I think we need to study this proposal that they handed to us. Did you look that over?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, but, as much as anything, today, tomorrow, and Thursday I did not want to go through and make salary adjustments because we have to do that on the tenth anyway, so I mean, again, that is something we can address September 10, but, this just sets all of the salary items away for the next few hearings, for this week.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, I gave that information to Mr. Deisher, who is our consultant, and we have just had a little conversation and he feels, and I agree with him, that it is something we may want to discuss but not in the next three days, but to take a good look at it. There are some pluses but there are also some minuses and I think he has got some good comments to make on it, but not now.

President Wortman: Very good, thank you. Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, I would also like to look into that PERF, what Mr. Whobrey presented, look at it and make sure it is brought up at the September 10 meeting, okay.

President Wortman: Okay, that is fine. Thank you. We have a motion on the floor and a second, and discussion. No other discussion, I'll call for a raise of hands. All those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. It's unanimous.

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**COUNTY ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Okay, we'll proceed with Mr. Raben and he will start on page ten, the County Treasurer...excuse me page 48, the Assessor, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Raben: Page 48, if you would move down to item:

1990	Extra Help	7,000.00
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That is all on the 100 accounts, I make that in the form of a motion. All other items be...yes, the rest of the items would be dealt with on September 10, so I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Second, from Mr. Lloyd. We are going to take the 1000 accounts, as he said, down to 1990, and then we will proceed on through two, three, and four. So, I have a motion and a second, any more discussion? If not, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. It's unanimous.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

councilmember Raben: Next, in the 200 accounts:

2600	Office Supplies	3,000.00
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All other items as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Okay, do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, is there any discussion? No discussion, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, it's unanimous again.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Now we move to the 300 accounts line:

3310	Training	1,000.00
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There is a caveat to that, I'm going to suggest that the Assessor's Office come back to us in October for an appropriation for Training out of the Reassessment Budget. So that would be set in at \$1,000.

3371	Computer Hardware	-0-
3372	Computer Software	-0-

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Again, those two items, I move that the Assessor's Office come back to us in October for an appropriation through the Reassessment Budget. All other items as listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion? Now, let's see, Jim, to get this straight, line item 3310, Training, you would set that in at \$1,000 and \$19,000 would be set in at Reassessment?

Councilmember Raben: Correct.

President Wortman: Correct; everybody understand that? I have a motion, a second, and discussion. No other discussion, all those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. It's unanimous.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Proceed to the 4000 accounts, please.

Councilmember Raben: The 4000 accounts as listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy, I've got a second. Any discussion? No discussion, all those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: That concludes the County Assessor.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: It would be helpful, and I know we could do this individually, but if someone could add up those reductions in each section and give them to us as we go. That will give us a sense as to where we are.

Councilmember Smith: \$32,140.

Councilmember Hoy: No, I just wanted to know the savings.

Sandie Deig: \$32,140, that is the savings.

Councilmember Hoy: \$32,140, thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, that is a good point.

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Councilmember Raben: Page 51, is that not, yes, Board of Review.  
In the line items:

2600	Office Supplies	500.00
3310	Training	800.00
3370	Computer	-0-
3371	Computer Hardware	-0-

All other items as listed. Again, this is another one that should be paid through an appropriation in October through Reassessment. And I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Okay, do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy seconds it. Any discussion on taking this complete Board of Review budget? If not, I'll call for a vote, all those in favor, raise your right hand, please. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, unanimous.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Mr. Raben, please proceed.

Councilmember Hoy: What is the total reduction?

Councilmember Raben: \$3,500.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

**ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Now, page 52, Armstrong Assessor. We will skip down to 100, 200, and 300 accounts, I move that this budget, with the exception of the salaries, FICA, and PERF, be adopted as submitted.

President Wortman: Okay, do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Who made the second? Mr. Hoy, thank you. Any discussion on this? If not, I'll call for a vote. All those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**CENTER TOWNSHIP**

President Wortman: Okay, we will proceed to Center Township.

Councilmember Raben: Page 54, Center Township. We will move down to:

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1990	Extra Help	6,500.00
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I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Do I have a second? Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? If not, all those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Okay, we will go to the next page, page 54, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: The 200 accounts as listed. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: I have a second from Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion? If not, all those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Proceed, Mr. Raben.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben:

3130	Travel/Mileage	2,000.00
3310	Training	1,000.00

Skip on down to the 400 accounts, there is nothing. All others as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion?

Councilmember Smith: Did you say 3130 was what?

Councilmember Raben: I'm sorry, it's \$2,000. We have a motion on the floor.

President Wortman: We have a motion on the floor and a second. Any discussion? All those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. That completes Center Township. We will proceed to German Township...and the total, excuse me. (Inaudible) Thank you, Mr. Hoy.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Do you want to mention that, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: \$4,500.

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President Wortman: \$4,500, does everybody have that?

GERMAN TOWNSHIP

Councilmember Raben: Page 57, German Township as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: I have a second from Mr. Hoy. Any discussion on this? No discussion, all those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. We will proceed right on down to Knight Township.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

KNIGHT TOWNSHIP

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 59, we will move down to:

1300	Regular Overtime	-0-
1990	Extra Help	12,000.00

I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd. Do I have any discussion? No discussion, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Next, the 200 accounts....

Councilmember Hoy: What was the total on that?

Councilmember Raben: We're not finished, yet. Line:

2710	Color Film	1,200.00
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I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion? If not, all those...

Councilmember Sutton: Could you repeat that, I'm sorry?

Councilmember Raben: 2710, Color Film, \$1,200.

President Wortman: Any other discussion? If not, I'll call for

a vote. All those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two three, four, five, six, seven.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Next is the 300 accounts, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: I move down to:

3310	Training	-0-
3370	Computer	-0-
3700	Dues & Subscriptions	600.00

I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion? Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible, microphone not on)

Councilmember Raben: Right, again, that is similar to the other departments that will come back in October to be paid out of Re-assessment.

President Wortman: Okay, any more discussion? If not, I'll call for a vote. Raise your right hand in favor. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Yes, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Deisher gave me a correction on Center Township. Instead of \$4,500, he says it is \$4,000 that we trimmed, is that correct?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, there is \$1,000 in Extra Help.

Councilmember Hoy: We need to check on that.

Councilmember Raben: \$1,500 in Travel/Mileage and \$1,000 in Training, so...

Councilmember Hoy: What was 3130?

Councilmember Raben: Let's see, okay, so there is...it is \$4,000, he is correct. No, I'm...

President Wortman: \$2,000, I believe.

Councilmember Raben: Right. \$2,000 in Training was \$1,000, so

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that is \$3,000 and couple that with another \$1,000. The figure is \$4,000.

Councilmember Smith: (Inaudible, microphone not on)

Councilmember Raben: There were no cuts made.

(Inaudible)

President Wortman: I haven't gotten there, I'm getting ready.

Councilmember Raben: We still have the 400 accounts. Mr. Chairman, have we...

President Wortman: Do we have Knight, now? Mr. Hoy has asked the question.

Councilmember Raben: Do we have a motion on the floor right now?

President Wortman: No. We have passed Knight, we voted on Knight...

Councilmember Raben: That's right, we were stopped before we could get to the 400 accounts.

President Wortman: Now, you have the cut for Knight...

Councilmember Raben: 4220 as listed. I make that in the form of a motion, let's get that in, then I'll give the cuts.

President Wortman: Okay, we have a motion. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion? Now the figure on that will be what, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: \$12,900.

President Wortman: \$12,900, that is the cut. Okay, I have a motion and a second. Any more discussion? If not, everybody raise your right hand in favor. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Proceed to Perry Assessor...Pigeon Assessor, I'm sorry.

(Inaudible)

**PERRY ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, let's move back to page 62, Perry Assessor. There is nothing in the 100 accounts, nothing in the 200 accounts, no cuts until we get to:



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3600	Rent	4,920.00
4220	Office Machines	4,500.00

All other items as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: I have a second from Mr. Sutton. Any discussion? The cut there will be, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: \$3,977.

President Wortman: Okay, any more discussion? All those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**PIGEON ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Now, we move to page 64, Pigeon Assessor. Turn to page 65, line item:

3610	Legal Services	-0-
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All other items as listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman.

President Wortman: Yes, ma'am.

Councilmember Smith: I was talking to Paul, there is a House Bill that was passed and signed by the Governor 5/1/97, the House Bill number is 1468. It is by state law that they have to have a legal fund in their budget. Paul is here to explain that and I did see the House Bill, Indiana code 36-2-5-5.

Paul Hatfield: Just a brief explanation so that you are aware of this.

President Wortman: Would you state your name, please?

Paul Hatfield: My name is Paul Hatfield, I'm the Pigeon Township Assessor. I'm going to read this to you, this is in section one of the Indiana code 36-2-5-5. It was amended with the enactment of House Act 1468 and was signed by the Governor on May 1, 1997. It is effective July 1, 1997. Before the Thursday after the first Monday in August of each year, each county officer and Township Assessor shall prepare an itemized estimate of the amount of money required for his office for the next calendar year. Each budget estimate under this section must include: compensation of the officer, expense of employing deputies, expense of office supplies itemized by quantity, and probable

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cost of each kind of supplies, and this is the line that was added, the expense of litigation for the office. Five was other expenses for the office specifically itemized that are payable out of the county treasury. Now, item B of this amendment reads if all or part of the expenses of county offices may be paid out of the county treasury, but only under an order of the county executive to that effect, the expenses of the office shall be included in the officer's budget estimate and may not be included in the county executive budget estimate. Now, my point here is, as the fiscal body of this county, I want this line item in here, which it is there, and I have set it in at \$2,500. Now, you can cut it to zero if you like, but in the event that there is litigation, the county will have to stand the expenses, unless it is in my line item. I would have to come back for that. In truthfulness, it should not be cut out. There is no pre-disposition on my part to sue anybody. But there is the possibility. If so, that line item should be in there.

President Wortman: Let me ask you this, does this give us an option to use the County Attorney?

Paul Hatfield: It doesn't say so. It just says litigation.

President Wortman: Okay. Would you want to comment on that, Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: I'd like to have a copy of it. Do you have an extra copy?

Paul Hatfield: No, I will get one for you.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I can get one, if you would like...

Councilmember Hoy: We have a couple of copy machines in the building, I believe.

Paul Hatfield: If you want to stop by my office, I can run you a copy before you leave here.

President Wortman: Does anybody else have anything to add to the discussion? Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: My question is this, Mr. Ahlers, the same as was asked. That is, if this is the case where we have to put a line item in, by law, then my suggestion is, having checked that first, is that reopen on those accounts? If we have to do that for Mr. Hatfield, we have to do it for everybody, all of the Assessors. We could reopen just that line and enter a token amount, so that is in the books, and should a lawsuit occur, it would seem to me, then that person could come back and we could vote the amount....because there is no way you can estimate.

Paul Hatfield: Mr. Hoy, that is why I put it in at \$2,500. That was a token.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I'm looking at a lesser token because \$2,500, as I know and you know, is not going to buy a whole lot of defense....

Paul Hatfield: You could put it in at \$1.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm looking at a legalistic matter, here. I mean, if we must do this, then we must put it in all of the Assessor's budgets, and if we start putting \$2,500 in all of those, then we are looking at a hunk of money, that is what I want researched.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben, you had your hand up.

Councilmember Raben: Yes, I don't have a problem with that. The only problem being is that there is not a Legal Services line item in the other Assessor's offices. So, I'm going to move that this be set in...we have a motion on the floor, don't we? Let's leave it, if everybody is willing, at zero, and we can insert those other line items and appropriate a token amount in September in all of these. Is that fair with everybody?

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Smith: Or if you set it in at \$100, it would leave it open for everybody. If they don't use it, it goes back to the County General Fund, anyway.

Paul Hatfield: In this budget, it is open now. It is just set in at zero.

President Wortman: Right. The line item is still there.

Paul Hatfield: That is what I want the record to show.

President Wortman: I appreciate that. Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: What I'm saying is, if legally, and I think Mr. Raben is correct, we can do this later, but legally, then if we have to open a line item for Mr. Hatfield, we must open it for everyone. In order to get back into those budgets today, we would have to have a motion to reopen, which takes two-thirds and we just need to follow procedure and that is all I'm asking.

Paul Hatfield: Phil, that is just the opposite. You opened a line item for me, it is there...

Councilmember Hoy: I know, but...

Paul Hatfield: You have to open it for someone else.

Councilmember Hoy: That is correct. That is what I'm saying, you better go back and open that for everybody...

Councilmember Raben: Can we leave the motion as it is and Thursday...

Councilmember Hoy: And address it Thursday, yes.

Councilmember Raben: We can insert line items in the other budgets because we don't have that in the other budgets. So, if

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everybody will go along with it, leave the motion as it was read and we will deal with it Thursday.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, just so we are completely on record, Mr. President. I want to ask Mr. Ahlers, does that give you enough time to get us an answer back on how we have to do this?

Jeff Ahlers: Sure, that shouldn't be a problem. I'll let you know if it is.

President Wortman: Fine, thank you. We have a motion and a second. Do we have discussion. (Inaudible, microphone not on)

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President, I'd like to second that, I don't think there was a second on that.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Lloyd seconds it then, so then, do we have any more discussion? No other discussion, all those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Okay that completes Pigeon, we will go to Scott Township Assessor, page 67.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Page 67, please move down to line item 1900, Extra Help, oh, let's see, that is the same. The 2000 accounts:

2600	Office Supplies	2,000.00
2700	Other Supplies	1,000.00
3130	Travel/Mileage	1,000.00

The 400 items set in as listed, and all other items set in as listed. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: I have a second from Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? What is the cut, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: \$600.

President Wortman: \$600, mark that down. No other discussion, all those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Okay, Union township.

Councilmember Raben: Page 69, I move that this budget be

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accepted as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: I have a second from Mr. Sutton. Okay, any discussion on that? If not, I'll call for a vote, all those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Now we proceed to...

Councilmember Smith: Before we leave there, could you tell me what the cut was for Pigeon? Was it just that \$2,500?

Councilmember Raben: Just that \$2,500. That is correct.

***TREASURER***

Councilmember Raben: Now we go to page ten, Treasurer's Office. I'll get back on track here. Okay, let's move down to the 200 accounts:

2600	Office Supplies	6,000.00
3410	Printing	25,000.00
4220	Office Machines	3,000.00

All other items as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Do I have a second? Mr. Sutton will second. Any discussion? The cut is what, \$4,000?

Councilmember Raben: Correct.

President Wortman: \$4,000. Any more discussion? If not, all those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, unanimous.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, even without all of the cuts, she was only \$387 over the three percent in her whole budget, that is good before you make any cuts.

President Wortman: Fine.

Councilmember Raben: A real good budget.

***PROSECUTOR***

President Wortman: Okay, we will proceed to the Prosecutor, page 36.

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Councilmember Raben: Move to page 37 at the top line:

1190-1080	Deputy	36,641.00
1250-1080	Part-time Deputy	-0-
1260-1080	Paralegal Secretary	-0-
1990	Extra Help	8,000.00

I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Sutton. Any discussion? No discussion, all those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you, please proceed.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we will skip down to the 300 accounts:

3130	Travel/Mileage	4,000.00
3250	Law Books	10,000.00
3900	Return of Fugitive	15,000.00
3901	Witness Fees	15,000.00

All other items as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mrs. Smith. The cut, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: The cut should total \$64,704.

President Wortman: Okay, any more discussion? If not, all those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. It's unanimous.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**PROSECUTOR IV-D**

President Wortman: We will proceed to Prosecutor IV-D, page 40.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 40. Go down to:

1250-1081	Paralegal Secretary	20,522.00
1260-1081	Paralegal Secretary	20,522.00

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1270-1081	Paralegal Secretary	-0-
1280-1081	Paralegal Secretary	-0-
1290-1081	Paralegal Secretary	-0-
1300-1081	Paralegal Secretary	-0-
1310-1081	Paralegal Secretary	-0-
1320-1081	Paralegal Secretary	-0-
1330-1081	Paralegal Secretary	-0-
1340-1081	Paralegal Secretary	-0-
1990	Extra Help	3,000.00

I make that in the form of a motion. All others as listed.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Raben: 1990, Extra Help be set in at \$3,000. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton seconds it. Any discussion?

Councilmember Smith: Does Mr. Levco have any comments he would like to make? No, okay.

Councilmember Hoy: I have one, Mr. President.

President Wortman: Yes, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: We had a long discussion, Jim...Mr. Raben, correct me. We are putting in two lines for Paralegal Secretaries, I would vote for that but I would really, unless somebody else in this room knows differently, I don't know that there is a description of that except in our job description, and there is no certification process. The third thing, I think it is the third point, is that we are really dealing with some kind of enforcement here, rather than secretarial work, so I would like...is that correct?

Councilmember Raben: Could that be set as Legal Secretary? Would that...

Sandie Deig: According to the job description, it is secretary's work, excuse me. I have placed job descriptions for the University of Evansville, IVY-Tech, and Southern Indiana on everyone's desk. It probably would be something that maybe the Council or the Personnel Chairman or the President were going to meet with Mr. Levco to discuss it at a later time. According to the existing job description, it is not an investigator.

Councilmember Hoy: Right. My point is that it is the case and I would like to see this go through Job Study and redefined, including a different description, a different title, and maybe even some kind of certification. I know that is not our purpose

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today, but I want to get that on the record and present the idea.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Raben: I would move that we address that before the September 10th meeting, and we can finalize what that description will be at that time.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: Last week, that job title was called Enforcement Agent by the Prosecutor's Office.

Councilmember Hoy: But it is not the job that was described.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else have any...Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President. Jim, that 1990, that Extra Help, did you say zero?

Councilmember Raben: No sir, I said \$3,000.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else?

Councilmember Bassemier: Can I say something else? I was kind of hoping that since we made those other cuts we could maybe leave that in as listed. Is that a possibility, is that okay with you?

Councilmember Raben: Not really, because we are granting two new employees and we are only cutting that item \$4,300.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: We are giving them quite a bit there.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? We have a motion and a second on the floor. Any more discussion? No more discussion. All in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: We will proceed to the Prosecutor Pre-Trial Diversion 166.

Councilmember Raben: We're not completed with this budget yet. We still need to go through the 2000 and 3000 accounts.

Stan Levco: Could I ask a question for my clarification? Wouldn't you have to amend your FICA and PERF and Insurance also.

Councilmember Raben: Right. The 2000 and 3000 accounts, as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.



Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: I have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**PROSECUTOR FEES-CHECK RECOVERY**

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Chairman, do you wish to go on through all of these other accounts before we move on to page 166? Would you like to go to page 43 and...

President Wortman: Yes, I'd like to get these done while we have the Prosecutor here.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 43. I move that these items be set in as listed.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: I have a motion and a second from Mr. Sutton. Any discussion? If not, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**PROSECUTOR-DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 44. This is a kind of a new one to me, actually. This is a gift, somewhat, from the Prosecutor's Office. This account number is:

3994	Matching Grants	70,835.00
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I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: \$70,000...what is the figure?

Councilmember Raben: \$70,835.

President Wortman: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton. Is there any more discussion on that? It should be set in at \$70,835. Correct, okay. No more discussion, all those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: That would be a reduction by \$36,000 on that.

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***PROSECUTOR-VICTIMS/WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, let's turn to page 45, line item 3994 as listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith with the second. Any discussion? If not, I'll call for a vote. All those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Okay, proceed.

***PROSECUTOR-STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE***

Councilmember Raben: Page 46, line 3994 as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? If not, all those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

***PROSECUTOR-ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES***

Councilmember Raben: Page 47, line 3994 as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: I have a second from Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion? No discussion, all those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

***PROSECUTOR PRETRIAL DIVERSION***

Councilmember Raben: Now we go to page 166. This is Prosecutor PreTrial Diversion, and I move that this be accepted as listed.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion on this? If not, all those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Now turn to page...that's everything, correct, on yours?

Stan Levco: I think it is, yes.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you.

Stan Levco: Thank you.

President Wortman: Just one minute, we are going to change tapes.

Tape Change

**COUNTY WELFARE**

President Wortman: Okay, we'll go to the County Welfare.

Councilmember Smith: I think the gentleman said he'd be out of town at a meeting in Indianapolis today and he wouldn't be here. And, if there were any questions last week, he wanted us to answer them then.

President Wortman: Very good, you've got a good memory, Mrs. Smith. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 145 as listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: I've got a second from Mr. Sutton, any discussion on that? All in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**FAMILY AND CHILDREN**

Councilmember Raben: Page 146 Family and Children, as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: I've got a second from Mr. Lloyd. Okay any discussion? If not, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**COUNTY CLERK**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now turn to page one, County Clerks Office. (Inaudible-several comments made away from the microphone)

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: County Clerks Office, page one. Turn to page two, there's nothing. Page three, there's nothing. The first cuts will be on page four. I am going to...lets see, move down to 1990 Extra Help.

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Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, I have a question on line item 1620.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Smith: In February the County Clerk came and asked us to eliminate that line item and I think her campaign promise was, she was going to cut the staff by attrition and yet, she's come back now and asked us to put that back in, plus the part time account money down here. So, I feel that, since that was a handicapped man, that they cut that job out, that it should stay cut out and I'll make the motion that we eliminate line item 1620-1010.

President Wortman: Wait a minute, we've got a motion from Mr. Raben so far. Let's take this on 1990 and...

Councilmember Raben: I don't know if I actually got to read the cut for 1990, but it was \$15,000 and that's what I make in the form of a motion:

1990	Extra Help	15,000.00
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President Wortman: Alright, 1990 and you're going to make... and cover the 1990 line item only, Jim, right?

Councilmember Raben: Correct.

President Wortman: Now then, I got a second on that, got a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Second, alright. Now discussion, Mrs. Smith, would you proceed please?

Councilmember Smith: I make the motion--

President Wortman: No, we've got a motion on the floor, sorry, just a discussion.

Councilmember Hoy: Point of order, Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Smith may make...may suggest an amendment, which Mr. Raben would have to accept and Mr. Lloyd would have to accept before it's part of the motion.

Councilmember Smith: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: She can do that, but you can't make a new motion.

President Wortman: But, I wanted to hear your discussion, Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: My discussion was, that she came in February and eliminated that position, made it into part time, transferred the money into a part time account and now...she made the campaign commitment that she was going to cut the staff by attrition and yet, she's come back now and asked for this

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position to be put back. I don't feel that we should put it back, since we took it out and eliminated a handicapped man's job.

President Wortman: Okay Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Marsha, do you want to say anything on that?

Marsha Abell: Oh, I'm going to, but go right ahead.

Councilmember Bassemier: No, I'm going to give you the floor, that's what--

President Wortman: Anybody else got any discussion before the County Clerk addresses the Council? Okay, would you state your name please?

Marsha Abell: My name is Marsha Abell, I'm the County Clerk.

President Wortman: Proceed.

Marsha Abell: When I took office in January the handicapped gentleman was working as a full time bondsman. He was offered the option of rotating to cover weekends and at nights and he did not want to do that. The reason that we eliminated him is because the previous County Clerk was working full time people from our office fifty-six hours a week and paying them only \$7 an hour, which is against federal labor standards. They were entitled to \$13 an hour and quite frankly there are still some of them who are still entitled to that \$13 an hour if they decide to make a claim against the county for that amount of money. There are several people who are working sixteen hours overtime every week, working on Saturday and Sunday. To make sure that we got rid of that problem, which is why we went to part time people, we have tried very diligently to keep this in line, you can do with it as you please but, I will tell you this. The week before last, I worked twenty-four hours on Saturday myself and I worked twenty-four hours on Wednesday myself. This last weekend I worked all day Saturday, all day Sunday, came in Monday morning at 5:00 a.m. Sheriff Hamner's people can verify that I was there. I am not doing that anymore. If you want to eliminate these bail bondsmen or, reduce us this \$15,000, that's your option. But, let me tell you that we've spent \$11,231 so far on them and Indiana code 35-33-8-3.1 says you have to provide (inaudible) with all, for these people to bond themselves out of jail. Now, I'm not going to work it and if you're not willing to pay overtime fees for my staff to work it and you want to cut out the salaries for part time people to work it, it sounds like to me, there won't be anybody down there working it.

President Wortman: Mrs. Abell, let me ask you a question. I don't know, I guess, I ought to say it. Could you turn the bonding over to a private company, is that an answer? That's the question I'm asking.

Marsha Abell: There are private companies that do bonding but you would have to take that up with the judge, it was an order

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of the judge that it was turned into the cash bonds now.

President Wortman: They would have to approve that? That's what you are saying then?

Marsha Abell: You would have to talk to Judge Bowers about that.

President Wortman: Alright, okay, are there any questions? Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I would like to respond to that because, those people, the Circuit Court judge came over and asked if anybody in the Clerks Office would like to work part time and they were paid \$7 an hour. They did not work for the Clerks Office in those overtime hours but, they did it to pick up the extra money and worked Saturdays and Sundays and at night when they were asked to. They did that by choice, not by what the Clerk asked them to do. But, that was hired through the Users Fee at \$7 an hour and there wasn't any cost of that for overtime money to the county.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes sir, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: I've dealt with the Department of Labor and I realize that they may have volunteered. But then, I don't dispute that at all, Mrs. Smith. But, in my conversation with the Department of Labor with regards, the Tri-State Food Bank and dealing with similar issues, all of my employees are required to be paid time and a half, because that is Tri-State Food Bank policy. The county policy is the same. So, I don't think...I mean, I appreciate people doing that, but I don't think we can stand on good legal ground and stay there. I'm not a lawyer, but Mr. Ahlers is, and you might want to pitch the ball to him.

Marsha Abell: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes ma'am.

Marsha Abell: I have an opinion from a law firm in Indianapolis on this I'd be more than happy to share with you. It is not optional. They cannot waive their option to overtime pay. More than forty hours a week for a part one entity, they have to be paid overtime pay, no option to it, it's not open for discussion.

President Wortman: Mr. Ahlers, would you kind of address that issue maybe, possibly?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I think...this is a similar issue that we addressed with the Sheriff's Deputies on the Burdette Park issue, isn't it? We're basically talking about the identical same issue. You know, if they're being employed by the county, now this is obviously off the cuff, not knowing the facts in detail but, I mean, I think they probably need to be paid time and a half, or it needs to be budgeted that way anyway. Unless, of course, someone else is contracting through a 1099 as an

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independent contractor somehow, is one of the few ways that I know to get around that. Again, I'll be happy to look at that, you know, look at the facts in more detail if this Council would like. But, I mean, I think we're just revisiting the issue that we already dealt with a few weeks ago.

President Wortman: Any more discussion? Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: None other than the county's position today is that we pay time and a half. So, the motion was set in at \$15,000 and it's still a motion, the motion has been seconded, I call for the question.

Councilmember Bassemier: That's the 1990?

President Wortman: 1990 we're in reference to, we had discussion on 1990, we set it in at \$15,000. That's the motion on the floor, is there any more discussion? If not, Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: If that is for Extra Help for Bond and Fine, that's not -- \$15,000, it's not going to be enough money.

Marsha Abell: That's exactly right, it's not. What do I do when I run out?

Councilmember Smith: I mean, there's no way it can be enough money.

Marsha Abell: So, this isn't an annual budget, this is actually a six-month budget?

Councilmember Raben: Well, all we ask and, most of the cuts that we propose here this week are in hopes that you do your very best to live within that, but we also are aware that sometimes it's not enough and that's why we have monthly meetings. So, I leave it at that. Call for the question.

President Wortman: Any more discussion? If not, Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Marsha, are you going to make the man a Bond and Fine person, if you're putting it back in there, 1620?

Marsha Abell: No, that's actually the person that's going to go in Child Support and attempt to collect the dues...the fees that have...those \$20 fees that haven't been paid.

Councilmember Smith: But, I still say \$15,000 is not enough for part time.

Marsha Abell: It certainly isn't, we've already spent over almost \$12,000.

President Wortman: Okay, we've had our discussion and I'm going to call for a vote. All those in favor raise your right hand.

(Motion carried 4-3, Councilmembers Smith, Sutton, and Bassemier opposed)

President Wortman: Okay, let's move right on, Mr. Raben.

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Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes sir.

Councilmember Hoy: I'd like to address Mrs. Abell's question. One of the problems that I see that we have on Council is that we simply have to reduce \$2,000,000 out of this budget and we'll have some other people who will have to come back and I know you're going to have to come back. I'll go on record today as saying when you come back, of course, I will vote for the money. It's just one of those financial realities we have to deal with as a Council and we do the best we can with that and go ahead.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, on that...go back up to 1620-1010, did we cross that out? I mean...

President Wortman: No.

Councilmember Raben: No. There will be a correction that will be inserted in September and I'll give you that figure now, but it's \$18,093, but--

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, I just wanted to make sure I heard that's going to stay in. Okay thanks.

Councilmember Sutton: Just maybe, I don't want to maybe beat it to death, but I guess we voted on the one thing, I guess, it still kind of maybe, what the question, I'm maybe a little bit confused. If the intention was to eliminate that position earlier this year, what maybe changed the thought process there to maybe see that there is a need for that position?

David Byrne: Mr. Sutton, it was a matter that--

President Wortman: Would you state your name?

Davis Byrne: David Byrne from the County Clerks Office. It's a matter that, that line item had existed. It was eliminated in February. However, when I spoke with the Executive Assistant to the Council, Ms. Deig, she suggested that we use that line item to request the position in Child Support. This is a fifth position, we only have four people. You've just approved two more people for the Child Support Division in the Prosecutors Office. They have a case load of approximately 14 to 15,000 people. The Child Support division in the Clerks Office, we have a case load of 28 to 29,000. Currently, we have only four people. As you might recall, we also have \$900,000 of child support fees that have remained uncollected since March of 1995, this new person would devote their time to collecting that amount as best they can, trying to approach higher figures. Even if we collected one-third of that, which would be a considerable improvement, in that last year only \$55,000 had been collected for that and that this year through the first six months, there has only been \$20,000 collected. So, the position would more than pay for itself and, of course, as you all are well aware, that amount all goes to the General Fund of the county.



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Councilmember Sutton: So, Mrs. Deig, would that line number change then, I'm assuming?

President Wortman: Address that, Mrs. Deig.

Sandie Deig: Thank you. I'd like to speak to the record, I did not recommend that the Clerks Office hire another person, okay? What I said was when they were going to hire another person, instead of, I mean, ask for another employee, that they could use that line item instead of adding one to the bottom, but I never suggested a new employee.

David Byrne: No, no one said that you suggested that we add another employee, you suggested that we use that line item since it had previously existed.

Councilmember Smith: Thank you.

President Wortman: Clarity on that.

Councilmember Sutton: So, my question is basically, what we see here Bond and Fine Clerk is not going to be a Bond and Fine Clerk. When we come back, it'll be (Inaudible-several commenting at the same time)

Sandie Deig: But, I didn't say that, I don't have the authority, only the Council can rename that.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I mean, acting as we are now, since we didn't cross out that particular position, that would be the natural progression or natural step.

Councilmember Raben: In September we'll have to read in the corrected job title, okay, and the corrected amount of money.

President Wortman: Okay--

Councilmember Hoy: A question or comment. As I understand, I want to make sure I understand this because, what we did, we put this position back in, in a different way. I think we'll all understand that at present we funded for half for the part time Bond and Fine. Is that correct, Mr. Byrne?

David Byrne: Less than half.

Councilmember Hoy: And then, I just will stick by my statement, obviously, we're going to have to put some more money in this later and I think Council needs to know because, when the judge requires it, it's required.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: And I don't want anybody to forget that because it will come back.

President Wortman: Thank you, alright. Okay, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Office Supplies be set in at:

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2600	Office Supplies	30,000.00
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Councilmember Raben: Turn to page 5 Maintenance Contract be set in at:

3540	Maintenance Contract	10,000.00
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Councilmember Raben: All other items as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd seconded it. Anymore discussion? What would that cut be, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: \$38,096.

President Wortman: \$38,096. Any other discussion on the County Clerk? Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: The Maintenance Contract is not enough money, she's going to have to come back because, I know \$10,000 is not enough money. So, I don't understand when you've got a contract on something and you know what you've got to pay, why should a department head take the time and the procedure of coming back and asking for more money? Give her the \$12,000 to start with if that's what the contract says.

Councilmember Raben: What exactly--

Councilmember Smith: But, what do you want them to do, keep running over here and coming back every month asking for more money? I really have a problem when they cut it out, when they know that she doesn't have any choice but to pay it and those machines over there do break down. So, she needs that Maintenance Contract.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: This might be an oversight. I'd like to leave that in at \$12,000 also, and I want to go back since I've got the floor on that 1990 on the Extra Help. Mrs. Abell, we know that's not going to be enough so, and I promise you, when you come back for the Extra Help, I'll vote in your favor again. Okay?

President Wortman: Okay, anymore discussion on three thousand accounts? And Mr. Lloyd seconded it. No more discussion? Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, Mrs. Smith's point is well taken. When you're dealing with flexible budgets or ones we don't know about, I'm willing to be flexible there and have been but, this is a solid contract and I'd just soon not have the Clerk come back you know, have to come back for the \$2,000. I would ask the motion maker if they would accept an amendment to that motion to raise that back up to \$12,000?

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Councilmember Raben: Could I raise a question? What is the actual contract amount?

Davis Byrne: Shortly after Ms. Abell took office, we inventoried the contracts that were currently in effect and to the best of our knowledge we were able to eliminate contracts that were not...we didn't have the equipment anymore, they've been transferred to other offices or declared surplus. So, we rounded numbers and this is close to the whole dollars we could come up with for the entire year. Part of the increase of the \$2,000 is to pay for increased copy charges because they have the counters that keep track and as you might have already heard, we have over 250,000 copies approximately each month. These are things we have to run because they are required by statute and we're running copies for the courts as well as the Clerks Office and for other support staff in the courts building. So, this is our best projection that we could possibly come up with, we'd like to be able to lower it and work with you all to, you know, have a good budget but this is truly a figure that we have gone through studied research and inventory.

President Wortman: Mr. Byrne?

David Byrne: Yes sir.

President Wortman: In reference to several items there, possibly you might have a carry over from your Incentive Fund this year and you may get a small amount of next year's Incentive Funds and that could offset that, am I not right or what?

David Byrne: That is a possibility but, we're not...we've been advised by the state and federal officials that we shouldn't count on any Incentive Funds for 1998. We may have a very small balance by the time that we encumber the money of what's left in the Incentive Fund. But it would not be enough necessarily to cover all these items that have been--

President Wortman: Just in reference to two. I think when I spoke with you last time, if I remember, we talked roughly \$20,000 to \$25,000.

David Byrne: Well, we went through and after meeting with you, which was two weeks ago yesterday, or was a week ago yesterday, and we did go through and try to project what we would have left and we are now closer to \$12,000 to \$15,000, sir. That is a direct result of your inquiring and our meeting.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Raben: In an effort to keep peace in the family and hopefully, this won't happen for the next two days very often, I'm going to go ahead and amend my motion this time for \$12,000 if the seconder is willing?

President Wortman: Mr. Raben is going to amend his motion to \$12,000, how about the second?

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Councilmember Lloyd: I agree with that.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd, you agree with that. Alright, does everybody agree on that then? Any other discussion on this now?

Councilmember Raben: The amendment should read:

3540	Maintenance Contract	12,000.00
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Councilmember Raben: All other items as listed and that's that.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben made a motion. Now, I want a second to that effect. Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: He got a second. Now, any more discussion on this? If not, all those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Okay.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: That would make that cut \$36,096. And if anybody sees \$2,000 somewhere that I don't, that we can pick that back up, be sure to--

(Inaudible-several commenting at the same time)

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Raben, we're not trying to make anybody mad, we know you're just trying to do your job and we appreciate that.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I picked up a little bit from the Prosecutor.

David Byrne: You're the first person we call, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you very much.

**ELECTION OFFICE**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next we're going to go to the Election Office Page 71, and skip down to page 72 line:

3610	Legal Services	2,500.00
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Councilmember Raben: All other lines as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd, you seconded it. Any discussion on this?

David Byrne: Mr. Wortman, I would like to comment.

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

David Byrne: Since I know that you all are trying to, you know, be careful about how we spend the taxpayer's dollars. I'd like you to know that, with this \$2300 decrease, had we not had to add the Business Records Corporation Contract from the Commissioners budget, we would have a 17.83 decrease in this year's budget. With that contract in there, it's still a 6% decrease as for the...what we've requested.

President Wortman: Thank you for your information. We've got a motion and a second. Any more discussion? If not, I'll call for a vote. All those in favor raise your right hand.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Chairman, can, we...before we get into the Sheriffs Department, is it okay with everybody if we take a quick recess?

President Wortman: We'll take a seven minute break maximum.

Tape Change

***SHERIFF***

Councilmember Raben: Turn to page 15, Sheriff's Department, the budget starts on page 15. Turn to page 21. I know my opening motion included salaries, but we do set in part time today, 1130-0199, Part-time Clerk would be set in at \$8,274 --

President Wortman: What page are we on, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: We're on page 21, Part-time Clerk, second from the bottom:

1130-0199	Part-Time Clerk	8,274.00
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Skip down to page 22:

1130-0201	Process Server	8,936.00
1130-0202	Process Server	8,936.00
1130-0203	Process Server	8,936.00
1130-0204	Process Server	8,936.00

Councilmember Lloyd: There's four of them?

Councilmember Raben: Those four. Right, there's a two dollar error on those four lines. Move down to:

1130-0213	Process Server	8,936.00
1130-0214	Process Server	8,936.00

Turn to page 23:

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1130-0223	Process Server	8,936.00
1130-0224	Process Server	8,936.00
1130-0225	Process Server	8,936.00
1130-0226	Process Server	8,936.00

And that being for four more part-time employees. Those are part-time Process Servers.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, I think you missed a two dollar up on 221.

Councilmember Raben: That Custodian? That's a full-time position that --

Councilmember Smith: I know, but it's -- there was a change in there of two dollars.

Councilmember Raben: Right, but we actually will deal with the full-time employees in September. I did that intentionally. Skip down to:

1300-1050	Overtime	175,000.00
1530-1050	Shift Differential	65,000.00

All other items as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second to that?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd seconded it. Now discussion. Any discussion for the Sheriff?

Councilmember Lloyd: Just the one hundred accounts, right?

Councilmember Raben: Correct.

President Wortman: Any discussion? If not, I'll call for a vote. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Unanimous. Proceed, Mr. Raben.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next would be item:

2210	Gas & Oil	75,000.00
2220	Tires & Tubes	10,000.00

Skip down to:

2600	Office Supplies	9,000.00
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Turn to page 25, item:

2760	Court Security	2,000.00
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And I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second? Got a second from Mr. Sutton. Any discussion?

Councilmember Smith: Yeah, here we go again on Gas & Oil. They're going to have to be right back. That's not enough money because they've already spent -- no, they actually spent in '97...

Councilmember Raben: Could I, before you say that? That was a carryover of like \$23,000. I went through this budget at length with Eric Williams and Brad Ellsworth and we pulled expenses from last year and this figure, they agreed, was ample for Gas & Oil. So that was a carryover. That's what makes that look high.

Councilmember Smith: Alright, thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? If not, I'll call for a vote. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Proceed, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, three thousand accounts. Move down to:

3520	Equipment Repair	15,000.00
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Let's take that and all others as listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

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President Wortman: Thank you. Mr. Raben, proceed.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, the four thousand accounts, let me make the motion and then I will give an explanation to this, okay? Item:

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4230	Motor Vehicles	0.00
4290	Vehicle Equipment	0.00

All others as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second to that effect?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Now discussion.

Councilmember Raben: If I could give an explanation for that. It would be my intent that the Sheriff's Department would come back to us in October and we would fund out of the General Fund this year two Process Server cars and three patrol cars and \$15,000 in equipment for three patrol cars. That would be a total of \$120,000. That is my intent in this motion if everybody is agreeable.

President Wortman: Any discussion or questions on Mr. Raben? Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Is that agreeable with the Sheriff?

Ray Hamner: My name is Ray Hamner, Sheriff of Vanderburgh County. Just a quick question there or two, are you alluding to us buying the cars this year?

Councilmember Raben: You can order them this year, you don't have to take delivery on them until next year, but --

Ray Hamner: But, you see, it doesn't work that way because we don't even know who the bidder is going to be next year. These go out to bid and then the bid comes in at the end of the year in December before we even know what the bid specs are or who is the bidder in the state of Indiana, so it's really --

Councilmember Raben: So you need to file your appropriation in January, I mean, it doesn't matter to us. And I, being the good- hearted individual that I am --

Ray Hamner: I could tell that right off.

Councilmember Raben: -- strike a deal with you for this year, but you can file your appropriation in January. It doesn't matter, but...

Ray Hamner: You're alluding to this year out of this year's money, is that correct?

Councilmember Raben: No, it doesn't have to be, that was a suggestion. I mean, you can file your appropriation in January, February, March...October, November...just whenever you want. You know the ordering process better than I do. I thought you would simply order your cars now and probably get delivery on them sooner than you would if you did it in January. But that's up to you. You can file your appropriation whenever you want.



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Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Raben, my understanding is that we were going to use this year's money for these cars and should you come in October and ask for that, you can order them and get them, could you not?

Ray Hamner: I can't order them until probably -- I would assume it's normally bid in December because these are state bid package cars. They go out to bid throughout the whole state and we won't even know who the vendor will be until probably late December or early January.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we're not telling you when you have to take delivery on them and it would be okay to order them --

Ray Hamner: I think there has to be some reasoning to this madness, from a term of "you can't order something unless you have the money in place" is what I am saying. What I need to know, do I need to put in for it this year, if that's your --

Councilmember Raben: That's what we're asking.

Ray Hamner: Well, wait a minute, just a minute if you will. In order to encumber this money I have to write a P. O. I don't have any idea who to write the P. O. to because these cars are not bid yet.

Councilmember Raben: Or we can appropriate in January.

Ray Hamner: I don't care how you do it but you need to tell me how you want it done.

President Wortman: Mr. Hamner, Mrs. Crouch, would you address that issue, please?

Suzanne Crouch: I was just going to say that the reason they probably -- it doesn't make any sense, perhaps, to you is because of the cut, since you need the money next year...cutting it out of your budget this year?

Ray Hamner: I'm sorry, I don't --

Suzanne Crouch: Do you understand why they are cutting it out of your budget this year, because they have to make so many cuts to stay -- keep the property tax rate down?

Ray Hamner: I know that every year. I understand all that.

Suzanne Crouch: Right, and so I think what Mr. Raben is saying is that you can either appropriate the money this year or you can appropriate it as an additional appropriation after the first of the year when you have your P. O. or you have your contract information available.

President Wortman: Well, let's say this --

Councilmember Raben: Well, we can work that out. I mean, that's --

President Wortman: Well, if he doesn't spend the money this year

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it rolls over in the General Fund, then he in January will have to come back and we'll appropriate new money. Does that make sense, Mr. Hamner?

Ray Hamner: I understand it. I'm not sure other people do, but what I'm getting at is, if they're talking about rolling this money over, and we write a P. O., we need to know who to write the P. O. to encumber the money. But Mr. Raben is talking about spending it this year. What my original statement was, I can't spend that money this year for cars because there are no cars that have been ordered, and they're not making them anymore. If you're going to put three cars or five cars or whatever it is in the budget for next year, that's all that needs to be said.

Councilmember Raben: I know the Auditor would like to make a statement here, but I don't know where the lack of communication is, but it was left to me that two of your top people, two of your spokesmen had conveyed to me that it would be urgent that they get two Processor's cars this year to have them in place for these individuals next year. So, I mean, that's something you need to work out in your department --

Ray Hamner: No, you need to work it out with the Council, Mr. Raben. You're always trying to pass the buck to somebody else. Now the fact of the matter is, tell me how you want it done and I will do it. But don't sit here and play this game year after year after year.

Councilmember Raben: I want you to make an appropriation in October. If you don't use it all, --

Ray Hamner: I'm not going to use it this year. I done told you I can't spend it this year.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, then we'll reappropriate it in January.

Ray Hamner: That's fine.

Councilmember Lloyd: The reason the Council is doing this is because there is sufficient money in the General Fund to buy the cars this year.

Ray Hamner: But I can't buy a car this year.

Councilmember Lloyd: I understand. So when you get who you issue the P. O. to, come back for an appropriation.

Ray Hamner: Next year?

Councilmember Raben: Call for the question.

President Wortman: Okay, there was a hand risen over here, if I'm not mistaken? No? Okay, we've got a motion on the floor and a second. If no other discussion, we'll call for the vote. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

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**JAIL**

President Wortman: Okay, proceed, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Next, turn to page 27, the Jail, page 28, 29, let's make these two official.

1130-0337	CORRECTION OFFICER	22,977.00
1130-0338	CLERK/TYPIST	21,836.00

All other 1,000 accounts as previously discussed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith has got a second. Alright, we'll have discussion now.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, how far are we going down on the 1130 account?

Councilmember Raben: The rest of them are as -- the only two -- I just wanted to set in those two that are new to this budget.

Councilmember Smith: But on the Shift Differential I want to make a motion, so that's the reason. I wanted to make a motion either ahead of you or behind you so I know when to make it.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well, I had already made a motion and it's been seconded. If you want, we can go ahead and vote on this and then you can open the floor back up or you --

Councilmember Smith: I can ask you to amend your motion.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Smith: On the 1530-1051 Shift Differential, --

President Wortman: Hang on, Mrs. Smith, we have to ask the man that made the motion first if he'll amend his motion.

Councilmember Raben: Well, can I hear --

Councilmember Smith: He's got to know what I'm going to ask him before he can --

Councilmember Raben: I need to hear her pitch!

Councilmember Smith: He doesn't know what to amend it to until I tell him.

President Wortman: Because we've got a discussion now, let's go to discussion and see what happens.

Councilmember Raben: If she's asking me to make an amendment I

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would like to hear what she has to say.

President Wortman: Okay, go ahead, it's discussion, go ahead.

Councilmember Smith: Our Commissioners had a contract, and on that change I would like to ask you to amend your motion, or make a motion, whichever way you want it to add \$8,500 in there for back pay that we voted down the other day because they had that contract, and those men are still sitting out there. So I want to either, you amend it or I make, to add to that \$23,000 add \$8,500 to it.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, before we proceed, I think we have someone coming to the mike. Do you have a word of explanation for us here?

Tana Bailey: Yes, that \$8,500 is not Shift Differential, it's longevity.

Councilmember Smith: The longevity. Okay, that's where I want to put it.

President Wortman: Alright. Wait a minute, I thought we were going to address the salaries later on about that.

Councilmember Raben: Right, let's just go with the numbers we've got.

President Wortman: Okay, we've got a motion and a second and, like I said was first mentioned prior to the meeting, we're going to address the issue of salaries September 10th, if I'm correct. In the meantime, we can have a discussion in between there, I guess, or what have you. So, if there's no other discussion --

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, yes, I have a point of discussion. Just so we have clarity, I think that the point Mrs. Smith was making is one that, should we reopen that, would be reopened at a regular meeting this year. So, if I'm incorrect, somebody speak up, but I think that's --

Councilmember Raben: I think you're correct. That would be something we're going to deal with this year.

Councilmember Sutton: On that issue, if we're talking about longevity, that would be added to each Correction Officer that would be affected by that, am I correct?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else? If not, I'm going to call for a vote. All those in favor of the motion, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Mr. Raben, proceed.

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Councilmember Raben: Okay, 2000 accounts:

2200	Jail Expense	65,000.00
2240	Medical	120,000.00

All other items as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd seconded it. Any discussion? No discussion, I'm going to call for a vote. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 3000 accounts, as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a second from Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion? If no discussion, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

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Councilmember Raben: And that total cut for the Jail's request would be \$70,000.

Councilmember Hoy: What was the cut for the Sheriff's Department?

Councilmember Raben: That should read \$563,291. I may give you a corrected figure to that tomorrow. There's some questions that I'm unsure of, but put \$563,000 for now, okay?

President Wortman: Okay, everybody understand Mr. Raben's --

Councilmember Raben: That was on the Sheriff's Department, if you wanted that cut.

President Wortman: Okay, we'll proceed then to --

Councilmember Sutton: Can I have that again on that total for the Sheriff's cut?

Councilmember Raben: Again, I may give you a corrected figure tomorrow, but for right now, if you just want to ballpark it, \$563,000.

**SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, on page 169, this is the Sheriff

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Misdemeanor Housing, with all others listed with the proper corrections on salaries and benefits, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd seconded it. Any discussion on Misdemeanor Housing? Mr. Hamner?

Ray Hamner: In this particular one there is no Shift Differential for...yes there is. I'm sorry. Sixteen...is that for two people?

President Wortman: The Shift Differential is \$1,609.

Councilmember Raben: That would be for those two.

Ray Hamner: Just two people?

President Wortman: The other two people, if I'm correct, got transferred to the Jail.

Ray Hamner: Right.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, Jim, on page 25, on that Computer 3370, what did you put that in at?

Councilmember Raben: I left it at the way it was submitted. I believe that figure is \$150,000, I believe.

Councilmember Bassemier: \$150,000? Okay.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Bassemier. Okay, does anybody else have any questions for Mr. Hamner, any more discussion?

Councilmember Raben: I made a motion, was there a second?

President Wortman: We've got a second. Alright, we'll call for a vote if no discussion. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Okay, we've completed for today and we'll recess until tomorrow at 12:00. That would be August the 20th and we'll see everybody then. Thank you, have a good day.

Meeting recessed at 1:50 P.M.

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The Vanderburgh County Council second session met this 20th day of August, 1997 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. This meeting was reconvened by President Curt Wortman at 12:10 p.m.

President Wortman: We'll start off...I might add this, before we get...is anybody in the audience representing the Park Board? They were scheduled here, but they're having a meeting over in the Commission Chambers. So, anybody in the audience, why, would want to leave and go over there. I thought I would announce that. Now then, would we have a roll call please?

Teri Lukeman called the roll.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Smith	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Lloyd	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
President Wortman	X	

President Wortman: Would we all stand and give the National Anthem, please?

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

President Wortman: I've got to correct myself, I said National Anthem and sometimes I get a little excited, so you'll have to excuse me.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, we've got the pitch, we're ready to sing it.

President Wortman: But you've got to take a Dutchman for what he is so you know what he does. So anyway, thank you and you've got my apology.

**WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

President Wortman: We'll start right into the meeting and first on the agenda is page 91 and that's Weights and Measures. Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben, would you get started?

Councilmember Raben: Yes sir, I'm ready to go if you'll quit talking. Before I get started though, I want to set the record straight on one thing. This isn't really bashing time, but I felt it's deserving. Yesterday we took some pretty heavy criticism as to the option we took for funding the Sheriff cars and it was put to us as if we appropriated monies this year, it didn't matter because cars couldn't be ordered until next year. The outfit that has the contract who we purchased our most recent cars from is Ford Incorporated of Bloomington and the individual who is over the state contract is Sam Roberts, who we deal with locally. He informed me this morning we can order 98's after November 1st of this year. So with that and also, I guess, I did check the pricing and what we thought would fund five will probably fund six cars. Last year we thought we were funding ten, but instead funded fourteen. So that's where we're at.

President Wortman: Thank you Mr. Raben. We'll proceed then.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 91. We'll start at the top. Again, the Salary Accounts will be...salary, benefits, and insurance will be taken care of September the 10th. There's no correction at this time on those. We'll move down to the 2000 accounts:



2210	Gas and Oil	2,000.00
2600	Office Supplies	600.00
2700	Other Supplies	1200.00

Councilmember Raben: All others as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion? No discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand.

(Motion carries 7-0)

President Wortman: We'll proceed to the next one.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 3000 accounts, move down to Vehicle Repair:

3580	Vehicle Repair	1,000.00
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Councilmember Raben: Lets go on into the 4000 accounts. Everything there as listed as well as the other 3000 accounts and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd got the second. Any discussion? Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: Jim, on that Vehicle Repair...first, Loretta, how many cars have you got?

Loretta Townsend: We have one car that we want to ditch and we have two trucks.

Councilmember Smith: Two trucks?

Loretta Townsend: Yeah.

Councilmember Smith: That was the only question on the Vehicle Repair.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Is \$1,000 going to be enough to get you through the year, or not?

Loretta Townsend: No.

Councilmember Raben: We've had this conversation and she said she's willing to come back if she has to.

Loretta Townsend: I think I didn't say I'd...what choice will I have? I mean, what choice do I have? I mean, it doesn't...I'll

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admit this female doesn't know a heck of a lot more, except what happens at...on the gas gauge, but, I've got enough sense to know, we have two trucks. One of them is a '94 and I think the other one is an '89. They are big trucks because they have to be big trucks to haul our equipment. If something happens to these, it's not like fixing a little bitty Chevelle or something like that. We've got to have them to stay on the road. So, I was hoping for then, at least, as much as we used this year, or what we have in our account that got cut. We don't pad this stuff. I'm going to start so that I'm going to have enough to operate on. I'm going to warn you right now, I don't pad any of this. Then when we're cut, we're hurting. So, I figure if I pad it like some of the rest of them do and then you start cutting on our budget, then we might be able to make it.

Councilmember Raben: What have you expended this year?

Loretta Townsend: On what? I'm sorry.

Councilmember Raben: How much have you expended this year on Vehicle Repairs?

Loretta Townsend: On Vehicle Repairs we have...we've got one problem, that's with the County Highway Garage. So far, we have spent right at \$600 that we know of. You see, we keep telling them bill us, bill us. A lot of our stuff is done out there and for some reason they won't give us a bill until like November or something. We know pretty well what we've spent, but that's the bill that I have now, this \$580 something. I don't know where...I mean, maybe they got enough money, I don't know.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes sir, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: I guess a suggestion I could make, since you haven't reached your budget for '97. If you can get hold of the garage to be sure and get you that before the end of the year.

Loretta Townsend: We have tried, Russell. We have called, I have called, we've talked to everyone out there and they're going to do it and they have never sent it to us. We don't know what to do other than go out there and just take them physically away from them. I mean, that's...we don't know what to do. I mean, I don't know why they're not doing this. Betty and I both have called out there.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes sir, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: I've been your...I'm not your liaison this year but I have been and I would say to this Council that if I've ever gone over a budget that is right to the point and not padded, it is Weights and Measures. In order to get under our limit, I mean, I'll go ahead and vote to get this through it, where we got \$1,000 but I'll go on record today as saying when you come back, you know, you will get the money when you need

it. But I do wish...that would help all of us if they would bill sooner, you know?

Loretta Townsend: Oh, we wish they would, too.

Councilmember Hoy: I know you would.

Loretta Townsend: We really do, we have no idea. That is the only line item we have, we have no idea about except what we've had to take out into the private sector because they can't do.

Councilmember Hoy: Because you're going to spend the \$1,800?

Loretta Townsend: I would think we're going to come awful close. I hope we don't because that means our vehicles are down. I would hope not.

Councilmember Hoy: Well I tend to a fleet of six and I know what you're up against because I have a much higher budget than this, I can tell you, and I've got...I've still got vehicles in warranty but when you change oil and when you get them serviced on a warranty, you still pay for that service. It's not free, the warranty is there, but the service is not free.

Loretta Townsend: That new car is going to take...eliminate the problem a lot. I mean, as far as repairs. A lot of it's been on this car that was a hand-me-down and we'll be able to eliminate that, I mean, hopefully. But we never know about these trucks. These trucks are big trucks, they haul a lot of equipment. It's not like getting, like I said, a small car fixed. It's going to cost more when something happens and we've got to have those trucks. We've got to get to where we're supposed to go. They can't bring this stuff to us.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

President Wortman: Yes ma'am.

Councilmember Smith: I will go on record, too. I happen to know that she's probably one of the most conservative department heads that probably the county's got. If you run out of money you come back and you have my vote there and I think you'll have the majority of it, because I think they all know that. So, we'll go ahead with \$1,000, but she's going to have to come back and when she does we'll have to do it.

President Wortman: Yeah, I think that's very true. I think her record speaks for itself. If you look at some of the line items there where she's really conservative, for instance, the Rent \$5,000 and that pretty well demonstrates her...the way she operates. So, she's pretty good and of course a small budget like this, you can't cut much out of it because she's got it down to the nitty-gritty. So, with that in mind, I've got a motion and a second, and if there's no other discussion, I'll call for a vote. All those in favor raise your right hand.

(Motion carries 7-0)

President Wortman: Thank you very much, Loretta. I appreciate

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it.

Loretta Townsend: That's because I'm a Dutchman too, Curt.

President Wortman: Jim, would you repeat the cuts then for the Weight and Measures, the total, so we can keep track of that?

Councilmember Raben: I have to go back to that, I'm sorry (inaudible - microphone not turned on) on that, was set in, the 4000 accounts were set in.

Councilmember Lloyd: We haven't done the 4000.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, correct, correct. I need to go back. I'm sorry.

(Inaudible-several commenting at the same time)

Councilmember Raben: I move that we reopen.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll second that we reopen. We need a two-thirds here to reopen.

President Wortman: All those in favor to reopen, would you raise your right hand?

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Okay, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Loretta. What we're doing, we're going back to item 4230 which is that new vehicle, Motor Vehicles. The request is for \$10,000, we're zeroing that out and we're allowing you to come in, in October and file an appropriation so you can buy it yet this year. That is my motion.

4230	Motor Vehicles	-0-
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President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? Any more discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: Just a short comment. I believe we're going to...we'll be able to put you in, I hope, for a newer vehicle, perhaps a new one. Maybe a minivan rather than a four door, something that, you know, will carry your equipment around.

Loretta Townsend: The only thing that we look for in a four door is, for the trunk. Because of our weight kits and this type of thing, we prefer that it not be sitting out in the open. We want it pretty well--

Councilmember Hoy: I was thinking of a cargo, a minivan cargo van, which would give you even more access. But, you do...do whatever you need to do, but I think the feeling of this Council is for you to not have to deal with a hand-me-down at this

point.

Loretta Townsend: We don't want a hand-me-down anymore. We can't afford a hand-me-down anymore.

President Wortman: She's had enough of them. Jim, do you want to repeat the cuts and make sure the total here so that--

Councilmember Raben: The motion has already been seconded. We just need to vote.

President Wortman: Okay, we're ready for a vote. Alright, all those in favor raise your right hand.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Smith: But you are telling her to come in November to get one of those--

Councilmember Raben: In October.

Councilmember Smith: In October, okay, to come in and apply for the money for a new car that we can buy in November.

Loretta Townsend: Okay, will that be like, piggybacked on to what Curt was talking about? Okay, it won't be local?

Councilmember Raben: That's up to you, I mean--

President Wortman: I think we've got seven on and lined up, Loretta.

Councilmember Hoy: I think she's asking, Mr. President, about where the purchase is made and she can still purchase via the state, can she not, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: She could, or she could strike her best deal here locally.

Councilmember Hoy: Whatever options are there.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, that's up to you. We're giving you the money. You purchase the vehicle--

Loretta Townsend: Well, the reason I say that, Jim and Curt, if possible, for the money to stay in Vanderburgh County, I would prefer it. I mean, that's just, you know, if it comes out of Vanderburgh, it ought to stay in Vanderburgh, if that's possible, or if it's not, well, we'll go where we have to go to get the best deal that we need, you know, but that's why I asked.

President Wortman: Okay, well, that's fine. Any other thing? Okay, we'll move right on, thanks, Loretta.

Loretta Townsend: But you did do my 300 accounts, right? All of them stay, my 300 line items?

Councilmember Raben: Correct.

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Loretta Townsend: Okay.

President Wortman: Got everything complete. Thank you.

**LEGAL AID**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Perry Assessor page 62. (inaudible-comments made away from the microphone) Oh, that's correct, we did that yesterday. Lets go to page 125. Good morning.

Sue Ann Hartig: Good morning.

Councilmember Raben: Lets skip down to the 3000 accounts, go to line item:

3450	Yellow Pages	500.00
3700	Dues and Subscriptions	-0-
3730	Continuing Education	-0-

Councilmember Raben: All others as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Lloyd. Now discussion. Any discussion? No discussions? Don't see any. All those in favor raise your right hand.

Sue Ann Hartig: May I make a quick comment?

President Wortman: Yes ma'am, state your name, please.

Sue Ann Hartig: Sue Ann Hartig, the Director at Legal Aid. With no money in Dues and Subscriptions, we cannot be a member of our national organization, therefore, we do not qualify for the malpractice insurance through them. We need some funds in Continuing Education and Dues and Subscriptions.

Jeff Ahlers: I don't know what the question is, I can just tell you what the...I think everybody's got a copy of Mr. Harrison's memorandum from last year. I've checked, I don't know of any change in policy from what Mr. Harrison attached from the State Board of Accounts, or that there's any changes from his memorandum. I think on the malpractice insurance, there's no problem with that, that's being--

Sue Ann Hartig: No, but there is a problem. We can't buy malpractice insurance from this vendor unless the entity, Legal Aid Society of Evansville Inc., is a member of the National Legal Aid and Defender Association, which is a national organization.

Jeff Ahlers: Is it appropriate, and I don't know, Mr. Raben, maybe you can answer that if they need to do that, I know that the appropriation was for \$4,000 and in the past that insurance

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had always been something less than \$3,000. Can, if that's part of essentially to get the malpractice premium, can that be paid out of that line item, if there's money left, or no? Do you see my point?

Councilmember Raben: Out of the Insurance item?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, yeah, you've got \$4,000 in the Insurance item and I believe based upon a memorandum that Ms. Hartig furnished to us--

Sue Ann Hartig: Right, I think that could be reduced.

Jeff Ahlers: The premium is generally \$2,700 or something like that. If they have left over, would that be considered to be part of that and, I don't know, maybe the Auditor can tell me whether it could be spent out of that or do we have to address this issue?

Councilmember Raben: She could transfer out of that account.

Sue Ann Hartig: I mean, if possible, I'd rather see it there now than spend my time and your's coming back to meetings to do a transfer. So, are you indicating to me that I can't do any training for my attorneys or my secretaries, any computer training, any grammar classes and that we have to pay our Continuing Legal Education out of our pocket? The Prosecutors Office does not do that and the Judges do not do that.

Councilmember Hoy: I'd like to make a statement.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: To make sure we have a clarification on the malpractice coverage now, you know, make sure we got our signals about how we're going to handle that, are we clear? That's my question. You were asking the Auditor, you know, if we could pay that out of that account.

Suzanne Crouch: Really it should be paid out of Dues and Subscriptions.

Councilmember Hoy: So we need to leave some money there then.

Councilmember Raben: So we can set in...we could actually take back Malpractice, the \$3,500 and set in \$500. That's what...is that what we're saying here?

Sue Ann Hartig: I think the dues are more than \$500. They're probably \$600 or \$700.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well let me...let's see, we've not voted, if I can, I'd like to amend my motion to read:

3680	Malpractice Insurance	3500.00
3700	Dues & Subscriptions	600.00

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President Wortman: Okay, are we clear on that now? Mr. Raben says line item 3680 Malpractice Insurance be set in at \$3,500 (inaudible) was four-thousand. And, then line item 3700 Dues and Subscriptions from \$1,500 to \$600. Now is everybody clear on that pretty good, does that make sense? Okay.

Councilmember Lloyd: I resecond that.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd will resecond that. Now, is there any discussion on that?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: Ms. Hartig was asking about Continuing Education which presently in the motion is in at zero.

Sue Ann Hartig: Right. We have three attorneys that are required to take a total of 36 hours of continuing legal education in three years to maintain their good standing, to be able to do the job that you've hired us to do. Generally we try to go to seminars in Evansville, which frankly, are boring. They're video replays. We don't even have the funds to get to Indianapolis where you can go in person to some of these seminars and interact with the attendees. Many of the local seminars don't apply to poverty law, that's why the board had indicated several years ago that they would like someone to be able to go to the annual conference where you can pick up more than enough continuing education hours for the year. But, I mean, this is not something we take lightly. We don't waste it. We belong to a couple of organizations that send us magazines and handouts that we use and read so we understand what other states are doing and can represent our clients properly. We're not talking about disciplinary fees. We're not talking about state, local, or national bar dues. We're talking about other things.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: You're talking about when they have to go Indianapolis to this school, other than that they cannot practice law. Is that the--

Sue Ann Hartig: If you don't have 36 hours of continuing education in a two year period.

Councilmember Smith: I think all the lawyers have to do that because I've gotten...when I was Clerk, I'd get letters from the State Board up there that they could not file any cases in the courts.

Sue Ann Hartig: You're suspended if you don't do it.

Councilmember Smith: They're suspended until they get that time in. So, I don't know how much the cost is, but I do know that each lawyer has to go and Jeff might could tell us there.



Jeff Ahlers: I'm sorry, what was your question?

Councilmember Smith: The question is, when you have to go to...for your continuing education as an attorney, go to Indianapolis and you have to go to school for so long or something. But, if you don't do that they will not let you practice law. So, how much is--

Jeff Ahlers: There's a three year period, yeah.

Councilmember Smith: You've got to do it in three years.

Jeff Ahlers: You don't have to go to Indy. I think that's what Ms. Hartig said.

Councilmember Smith: I think most of them have to go to Indianapolis, don't they?

Jeff Ahlers: No, we do the video replays locally, I think that's what she was--

Sue Ann Hartig: Most people would like to because the video replays are very boring. To watch a video tape for--

Councilmember Smith: Oh, okay. But you can do it here?

Sue Ann Hartig: Yeah, and we usually do.

Councilmember Smith: But, there is a cost to it. So, what is the cost? That's what we're asking.

Jeff Ahlers: Usually for doing a video replay and I don't know, some of the lawyers out there might have a different...it's usually between \$100 and may be \$140. Does that sound about right as to what the replays are?

Sue Ann Hartig: Yes, per person.

Councilmember Smith: Per person?

Sue Ann Hartig: Then we need two of those per person and three people. So that's the minimum we need just to go to the local one.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I was looking at the Prosecutor's budget and they do not have that line item, Continuing Education.

Councilmember Hoy: He uses incentive funds, the Prosecutor does.

Sue Ann Hartig: Right, and a lot of it's in their Travel, too. I didn't realize that. Some people pay registrations and other things out of travel.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, we have someone else at the mike maybe that would help, if we hear what this person has to say.

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Pat Woodring: My name is Pat Woodring and I have spoken to several of you regarding this. I'm also on the board and I'm an attorney here in town at Fine and Hatfield. What Susie says is true, she can come to...the Bar Association puts on seminars, so the attorneys cannot...do not have to travel to Indy all the time. But the problem is with Legal Aid, we really don't have a committee here that deals with poverty law and that's what they do. So, they really need to go to outside sources like Indy to get the experience and as Mrs. Smith said, if they don't have the hours they are suspended and you don't have attorneys to do the work. So really, I think it's something that is not a luxury at all, it's really...it's a mandatory thing that they have to do and we feel this is something...if you need to get it somewhere else maybe you should, but I don't know where else you could cut. But this is something that they really, really need.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, could I raise a question to our Council? Is this not similar to what we've ran into with the courts, as far as reduction in some of these items?

Jeff Ahlers: I looked in the courts, they don't have a Continuing Education line item. Now, I don't know if the judges get theirs when they go to the judge's conference or how they get their credits. There's a lot a different ways to get them. But when Mrs. Woodring called me, I looked at their budget and the Prosecutor's and I couldn't find that line item in there. So I don't know what they do to satisfy it, other than may be the judge's conference, when they go to those maybe they get credits for it. So, that may be how they satisfy it, or whether they pay for that on their own, I'm not sure.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: I haven't researched this, but it could be, I mean, the judges...the majority of the judge's salary comes from the state, not from our budget. It could be that line item comes from the state, I don't know. I mean, they get some...they get money out of the state budget, the judges do. I mean, our budget will only show \$5,000 per judge and that's the county's contribution and I can tell you they don't work for \$5,000 a year.

Sue Ann Hartig: I spoke with Magistrate Tornatta this morning and he said he is reimbursed when he goes to a \$10 one hour mini seminar, which the bar locally also offers. He is reimbursed. I don't know if it comes out of Travel, I don't know that he knows what account it comes from.

President Wortman: Well, I think to the Councilmen, you know, we've got an obligation to, you know, everybody's got to cut their budget to a certain extent and do what we have to do. So, Mr. Raben?

Sue Ann Hartig: Well, I don't want to sound like Loretta, but there's not much in here to cut.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question to ask Ms. Hartig. On that item Continuing Education, what is the absolute minimum as so far as you can ascertain at this point?

Sue Ann Hartig: If it's \$140 for a local seminar and three attorneys go to two a year, if my math is correct, that's \$840.

Councilmember Hoy: Then you have your travel. If you go to Indianapolis, it's \$840?

Sue Ann Hartig: Right, We have a small amount in Travel.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'm going to amend my motion so we can get this thing moving.

Councilmember Smith: Then if it's over a three year period, she's already spent \$979 for this year. So, if they only have to go within a three-year period, then those people have already gone to school.

Sue Ann Hartig: Well, again, there are other things in that account. Today, we have magazines in the waiting room for our clients to read. We have, you know...I sent the secretaries to grammar school. We've gone to several computer training classes at Inacom, which is where the county set up the training. So, this isn't the only thing that's being paid out of those accounts.

Councilmember Raben: I thought that was Dues and Subscriptions.

Jeff Ahlers: Just to make sure on that Dues and Subscriptions. What you're doing there, that's what Legal Aid pays as a whole, right? You've got the memorandum, so as long as...and I think you understand as long as it's paid, it's okay on behalf of this Legal Aid, as long as it's not an individual membership.

Sue Ann Hartig: Right, right.

Jeff Ahlers: The State Board says it's fine. That's not my rule, or the Councilmen's rule. I'm just relaying what the State Board of Accounts says.

Sue Ann Hartig: We followed that.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben, do you want to amend your motion or do you want to continue as is?

Councilmember Raben: Sue, so let me make sure I understand you. So, basically we're not looking at that big hit, that \$840 this year then, in reality, since we've already done that, correct?

Sue Ann Hartig: That's for next year. That's what we'll need next year.

Councilmember Raben: But I thought it was every three years?

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Sue Ann Hartig: It's 36 hours in three years.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Sue Ann Hartig: Which is 12 hours in one year.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'm going to amend my motion for:

3730	Continuing Education	1,000.00
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President Wortman: Okay, do I have a second to the amended motion?

(Inaudible-comments made away from the microphone)

Councilmember Lloyd: Do I have to do it?

President Wortman: That's right, Mr. Lloyd did it, excuse me. Yeah you seconded it.

Councilmember Lloyd: I'll second the amendment.

President Wortman: Okay, any more discussion on this? The only thing is, I can't understand, you had \$2,500 in there, when you over did it then. What was the reason for that?

Sue Ann Hartig: Well, again, I gave you a memo last week showing you what we spend. I mean, we'll have no secretarial training, no subscriptions to publications, there are plenty of things we'll cut. This is bottom line, what's required for us to practice law, nothing extra.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't want us to go on so long here, but I run a charity, I run a nonprofit and we're required to do training and I can tell you, I spend more than \$2,500 a year and I'm required to do it and we don't do fancy trips. It's just the way it is. I mean, everything we do to stay accredited is that way and I don't know, obviously you're not going to get \$2,500, but you know, you've got to be as sharp as anybody, any lawyer in town, to do what you do and maybe even sharper in some areas because I don't know of many lawyers that do the poverty law.

Sue Ann Hartig: Right, it has its own specialty. Just as an example, if the computer department says, everybody's going to switch to Windows '95, I won't have the money, you know, I'll be coming back to you to get training money to send them to Inacom, who is your vendor, to get that training.

President Wortman: Another thing is, I've noticed, if we go back up to the Yellow Pages. To me, all that's required for Legal Aid is a telephone number. But, you all got your names listed down through there. I don't understand that.

Sue Ann Hartig: I'll be glad to explain. Legal services has

three or four attorneys and we have three attorneys and you have no idea how many phone calls per day we get that belong at that other office. They'll say their attorney is the woman. Well we have two women and LSO has one. So you spend five or ten minutes with the person on the phone trying to figure out who has the file, us or an entirely different office and we decided several years ago, it's just been a great help to simply have our names listed there so people know where we are. But, obviously, we won't do that with \$500.

President Wortman: Okay, we've had discussion. We've got a motion and a second. So all those in favor raise your right hand.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Sue Ann Hartig: Thank you. I have six board members here, can I real quickly introduce them?

President Wortman: Yeah, introduce them.

Sue Ann Hartig: Cindy Spear Duncan, Maury Rising--

President Wortman: Would you stand up so we can identify you? Because that person said a while ago, we just didn't know who the name was.

Sue Ann Hartig: Richard Steibers, Rev. Bobby Tiner, Tim Sanders, and Pat Woodring.

President Wortman: Thank you very much for coming down, thank you.

Sue Ann Hartig: Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay.

**LEGAL AID / UNITED WAY**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, turn to page 180. All items as submitted with the appropriate corrections in salaries and benefits and I make that in the form of a motion

President Wortman: Do I have second to that effect? Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy, okay. Any discussion on this? If not, all those in favor raise your right hand.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Tape Change

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben, proceed.

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Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 84, County Commissioners. Currently, no corrections on that one. Let's go to page 85 and move down to 2690 Demolition Fund set in at \$10,000. Move down to 3040 to be set in \$7,640; 3041 set in at zero. Let's skip down to 3120 Postage and Freight to be set in at \$250,000.

Councilmember Smith: Two fifty?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, \$250,000. Nothing on page 87. There is a correction on 3750 at the bottom of page 88, 3750 Purchasing Department should read \$69,248. Page 89, this is one that you'll all appreciate 3890 Central Dispatch to be set in at \$519,379.

2690	Demolition Fund	10,000.00
3040	Soil and Water	7,640.00
3041	Soil Cons. Educator	*see below -0-
3120	Postage & Freight	250,000.00
3750	Purchasing Dept.	69,248.00
3890	Central Dispatch	519,379.00

Councilmember Raben: All other items as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second to that effect?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd seconded it. Any discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, sir.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, on line item 3041 the Soil Conservation Educator was in at \$17,000 and I would like to see that restored. I'm on that board and this is not to be confused with other educational efforts, but we are getting more than our money's worth out of this person. I've got the record here of how many persons have been served this year so far, 13,456 persons through July. The cost breakdown is 74 cents per person. This does not focus just on public schools. It's focused on community education, adult education and so on. I sure would hate to see that position cut. I think it's very necessary and it's a place where we are getting more for our dollar than we get a lot of other places. That is set in at a contract at this point and the State of Indiana has entered \$8,500 dollars towards that as a state line item. It is not a grant anymore, so I would ask Mr. Raben if he might consider restoring that in his motion.

Councilmember Raben: I'm not familiar with what you're--

Councilmember Hoy: On 3041--

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Councilmember Raben: What you're referring to when you say it is no longer a grant, it's a state line item.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, originally when we funded this, the state granted Soil and Water Conservation District an \$8,500 a year grant and the program has gone so well that the state has decided to put it in as a state line item. I don't have the letters here, but we have letters from Senator Lugar, Senator Coats and people, you know, of that stature who feel that what we are doing here is excellent. I realize, you know, I sit in the meetings and I am assigned there, but our Soil and Water Conservation District is number one in the midwest. I mean, people look to what we are doing here as a model and she is part of that. This educator is part of what we've been able to accomplish. I would plead for that to be restored. There are \$8,500 more, you know, available via the state right now and that is going to be a continuing item with the state.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Hoy, if you could assist us maybe in getting some general idea in terms of the funding sources for this particular position. Are they requesting now according to what you said that it would be 100% funded by Vanderburgh County, in the past there was a joint funding formula. What is the funding source that we are talking about on this position?

Councilmember Hoy: What we asked for, and I have the letter that our Chairman sent to Mr. Mourdock, as President of the Commissioners, and we asked for this to be made a county position with \$8,500 from the state being used for benefits so that the person would be earning \$17,000 plus benefits which Soil and Water Conservation District would use that \$8,500 for. When it came back to us, and I did check this out with Mr. Mourdock, it came back that they wished to leave it at \$17,000 as a contract rather than as a position. Of course, we need to process any position anyway through, you know, our Job Study. So as a board we say, well, let's go with that, but our goal is to get this position formalized. We would on a continuing basis from the State of Indiana have at least \$8,500 a year to contribute towards this wage package. Prior to 1988 that \$8,500 was a short-term grant. Now, the state has seen the value of this and is willing to fund it, you know, \$8,500, so we would be looking at presently at a contract at \$17,000, but our hope would be to convert that into, you know, a full position and use the state money, you know, to go with the county money in order to provide the benefits. You know, it has to go through Job Study to get a job description and all that.

President Wortman: Councilmen, I would request that Mr. Mourdock address this here before we have too much more. Is that possible? Maybe shed a little more light on it.

Richard Mourdock: Yeah, Richard Mourdock, with the County Commission. I know you have a lot to go through and I'm not going to be lengthy here, but I find myself solidly on the fence on this issue. I understand what Councilman Hoy is saying and

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yet I understand this Council's position on trying to resolve your budget. As a compromise what I might suggest is that with the state putting the \$8,500 out if we reduce the \$17,000 instead of as stated in our proposal split the difference with what Councilman Raben just said. If we go ahead and do \$8,500 and use the state's \$8,500 at least that way we could still contract the position. It wouldn't necessarily meet all the goals of Soil and Water and that person wouldn't have the benefits and such available, but at least the person would be there doing the services that Councilman Hoy is speaking of.

President Wortman: Is there documentation from the state on this?

Richard Mourdock: On the \$8,500?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Richard Mourdock: I believe I have seen it, Curt. I see so many papers I'm not certain, but I believe so.

President Wortman: I haven't seen any, but I didn't know if there was.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes. Mr. Mourdock and I are both on this board and it is not possible with all the assignments we have to make all the meetings, but yes, it is documented.

President Wortman: In other words, the state--

Councilmember Hoy: It is a line item in the state budget for 1998.

President Wortman: I haven't seen it and that is why I asked the question.

Councilmember Raben: Let's don't talk this one to death then. If that's okay with everybody, I'm going to set this one...I'm going to amend my motion and set this in at \$8,500 if my seconder is agreeable?

3041	Soil Cons. Educator	*changed	8,500.00
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Councilmember Lloyd: I have a couple of questions. If this is a grant, I mean, does this person renew this grant every year?

Councilmember Hoy: I'm going to say this once again. Through this year, it's a grant.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: Beginning in 1998 it is a state budgeted line item. No longer a grant.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: There is a difference. This is not a time limited grant any more. They like this program this much. I don't know if we can get any more money out of them. It's kind



of hard to get, but you're looking at a program, and Mr. Mourdock, I don't want to put you on the spot too much, but you and I are on that board. This is a program that has, I mean, it has received unsolicited support and accommodations from national figures. We've got a piece of excellence here in Soil and Water Conservation District and one of the reasons that I ran for this office was to make this county a better place because a part of our quality of life is to be a place of excellence. We have a number of places of excellence and this is one of them. It is...the money will continue, Mr. Lloyd. There is not a time limit.

President Wortman: Alright, you're amending your motion, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, I have. Our seconder has not.

President Wortman: Second, Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I'll go ahead and amend my second.

President Wortman: Okay, is there any more discussion on this? Line item 3041 be set at \$8,500.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Why is it \$17,000. You know, why couldn't it be less? You know, what's the justification for that particular figure?

Councilmember Hoy: This is a figure that the Soil and Water Conservation District came up with. We were able to attract someone to that position. That person has moved on and we attracted a second person. Mr. Sutton, I cannot tell you why it is so low because we are talking about a person who has degrees as an educator, you know. I mean, this is not somebody that we picked up off the street by any means. She has both of them. In fact, the first person that we had a Bachelors and a Masters in education.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess that's maybe my question, how you find someone with those credentials to do the amount of work that we're talking about?

Councilmember Hoy: You're talking to a man who went to graduate school until he was 25 and there are a lot of us who...my salary has been in the paper somebody asked, you know, I make less than most of the middle people in this county as a clergyman. It's because we believe in what we do. That's the only answer I can give. We've had two people here who are just incredible. Our video, for example, from that first educator has been used literally around the world. I mean, this is quality stuff. That's just the kind of commitment we have out of these people. I don't think it's going to hold. I mean, if I were looking for someone as well equipped as educationally and with skills and energy as the two people that we've had, I'd hire them, you know, if I was in a position to. That's the only answer I can

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give you.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman.

President Wortman: Okay, Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, if that man has been drawing \$8,500...I mean \$25,500--

Councilmember Hoy: They haven't.

Councilmember Smith: Well, the \$8,500 plus the \$17,000 and that's what he got last year.

Councilmember Hoy: No, the county match...I'm sorry, I wasn't clear on that. The draw has been \$17,000 period and--

Councilmember Smith: Not in...okay.

Councilmember Hoy: Not \$17,000 plus \$8,500. That was a match and what happened, Mrs. Smith, and thank you for bringing that up because that's an excellent question. The \$8,500 from Soil and Water Conservation District, as I understand it, was quietused back into the General Fund.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, because I was looking at \$17,000 all the way through from '96 and if you are going to cut him back \$8,500, he is not going to stay there.

President Wortman: Okay, Mrs. Crouch, do you want to comment?

Suzanne Crouch: Just one change. On line item 3210, that number needs to be raised on Emergency Management to \$81,654. You did approve that \$5,000 increase at the joint department, but it needs to be adjusted here in your book.

President Wortman: Now, I talked to the city, Mrs. Blenner, Leslie Blenner, and Mr. McDonald, the Mayor, and I asked the question about why couldn't Caterpillar or somebody have a generator on stand-by when there was an emergency instead of buying this \$10,000 item. They were going to check into it and that's why it was kind of on hold. They've haven't got no answer yet, so that's the reason for that. We've got a motion on the floor, we've got a second and if there is no discussion--

Councilmember Hoy: Excuse me, sir. Do we have that in at \$85,654, or not?

Councilmember Raben: No, it's in at \$76,654.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, then we should pray that the New Madrid fault holds then. I have problems, to be honest with you, I mean, we entrust this department with our safety in terms of disaster. I think they ought to have the generator. I think they ought to have it close at hand because when a disaster hits you don't have time to make phone calls all around town and find a generator. We deal in disasters. Again, as a mandate from my national charity I have to have two cellular phones at Tri-State Food Bank in case phone lines are down. I mean, that's just an

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expense we have to go and the reason is when a disaster hits like the floods this year you're so busy meeting human need you don't have time to look for a generator. You don't have time to go pick up a cellular phone. You've got to get busy right away.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Two questions. The first question relates to the Soil and Conservation Educator. I don't know if the seconder accepted that amendment to the motion.

Councilmember Raben: He did.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, alright. The other question line item 3210 Emergency Management if that is included in on the motion we acted at the City/County Budget Hearings in favor of that, so in order for us to reverse what we've already acted upon, it would automatically set that line item at \$81,654.

Councilmember Raben: Can I just raise one thing?

President Wortman: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: What Councilman Wortman was saying is that he had asked the Controller's Office and the Mayor's Office to check into I took as like a lease on the generator, right? Through Whayne Supply or somebody. I guess if they find out that it's not feasible to do a lease and they need to do a purchase we're talking about \$10,000. We could do this in an appropriation, you know, to fulfill our--

Councilmember Sutton: My question is I've already voted for \$5,000 on this in another meeting that affects this budget and unless someone is going to reverse my vote with a whip of the pen, I'm not sure that procedurally that can be done.

Councilmember Hoy: I think Mr. Sutton has a legal point, Mr. President. That was a legally called meeting and we all did vote on it. All seven of us approved that \$5,000.

Councilmember Raben: What if we put it in and then if they go to a lease they can simply...I mean, it doesn't go anywhere, so we really don't have anything to lose by just setting the whole figure in. What is that corrected figure?

President Wortman: Mr. Ahlers is going to comment on the legality.

Jeff Ahlers: I'm not sure. I sat through that meeting and I'm not sure that there were any official votes taken on that. I mean, I thought we just went through and there was just discussion. I know there was a couple of items that there were specific votes on reducing or increasing items, but I'm not sure that there was anything binding coming out of that or neither one of these items would be before City Council or County Council. That's what you are here for today is to approve it. You may have had a consensus, but my impression was, unless somebody can tell me different, at that meeting I don't recall

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there ever being an official vote taken. I thought it was to just try and reach a consensus between the two bodies and then City Council and County Council were going to go back and decide based upon that consensus. Is that right or did I miss something?

Councilmember Hoy: Do we have minutes from that meeting?

Suzanne Crouch: They don't provide us with those.

Councilmember Hoy: They don't provide those?

Councilmember Raben: Let's do this. Let's simplify it. I'm going to move that we set it in at that \$81,654 and if they work out a different situation on it--

President Wortman: Do you amend your motion, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: My amendment reads line 3210 Emergency Management should read \$81,654 and I put that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd, did you second?

Councilmember Lloyd: That \$76,654 is that a joint venture with the city? So that is what they submitted for City Council approval? I guess I still--

(Inaudible comments made without mike on)

Councilmember Lloyd: Right. I just wondered once again if the Mayor and City Controller are looking into other options and the \$5,000, I would have thought that could come back as an additional appropriation. I'm not going to amend my second.

President Wortman: Okay, he is not going to amend, so we'll continue and have a vote on it then. Any other discussion?

Councilmember Raben: I do need to remind everybody--

President Wortman: Mr. Raben, are you going to withdraw your amendment?

Councilmember Raben: No, Mr. Chairman, but the original motion included pretty much this whole budget, so my amendment included that one line so for the ones who may not vote for it would be voting against the entire budget and I just wanted to make that clear to everybody. Can I withdraw this line?

Councilmember Smith: Wasn't your amendment to add the \$5,000 on?

Councilmember Raben: But the seconder does not wish to make that amendment.

Councilmember Smith: I will second it.

Councilmember Hoy: Point of order. The original motion...the amendment must be accepted by the person who seconded or it can't be included, unfortunately.

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President Wortman: But Mr. Raben, you will withdraw and then the second, if Mr. Lloyd goes along with it on the one item and then we start on the one item.

Councilmember Raben: Correct me if I'm wrong, but that basically puts this line back at \$76,654.

President Wortman: That's right. Okay, Mr. Lloyd, do you agree with that? Any more discussion on this now? Alright, we'll call for a vote.

Councilmember Hoy: The only other piece of discussion, Mr. President, is I think we should be aware that we don't have really a definitive answer on whether or not we voted with the city that night. I don't remember. We don't have minutes, so we might find ourselves in a...I just think we need to be mindful of that. I don't think it's the end of the world.

Councilmember Raben: I think everybody here is probably willing to go along with it regardless of what we do. Okay, I'm going to call for a vote. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five. Opposed? Two, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Sutton.

(Motion carried 5-2. Councilmembers Smith and Sutton opposed.)

President Wortman: Okay, do you want to make a motion to have that added in or just let it go as it is?

Suzanne Crouch: That is it.

Councilmember Hoy: It's done.

Councilmember Raben: It's in. It's done right now.

President Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: For clarity, the \$5,000, as of that vote, it is not in.

President Wortman: That's right. Okay. I think leave it open as suggested as a possibility.

President Wortman: Okay, continue Mr. Raben.

**DRAINAGE BOARD**

Councilmember Raben: Turn to page 81. No wait, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Lloyd: Page 89.

Councilmember Raben: You guys have really got me going here. Now wait, 81 is Drainage Board.

Councilmember Lloyd: No, 89. Did we do the 4000's?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, we voted the whole budget in.

Councilmember Lloyd: Oh, okay.

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Councilmember Raben: Page 89, Drainage Board as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second for the Drainage Board?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Hoy. Any discussion on the Drainage Board. If not, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

***RIVERBOAT***

President Wortman: Continue, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Page 130, Riverboat as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: I've got a second from...who seconded? Mr. Hoy, okay. Any discussion on the Riverboat?

Councilmember Raben: You don't know what kind of odds they're getting on this money, do you?

President Wortman: No.

Councilmember Hoy: Everything is odd about that, Jim.

President Wortman: Okay, no discussion on that? All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

***COMMISSIONERS/CCD FUND***

President Wortman: Okay, next Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Page 31.

Councilmember Sutton: Excuse me. Are you getting ready to go to the Surveyor?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: We did not cover the CCD under the Commissioners.

Councilmember Lloyd: Page 143.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we can do that.

Councilmember Sutton: It's not listed on a list there, but

that's one of theirs.

Councilmember Raben: What page is that again?

Councilmember Lloyd: Page 143.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 143. Wake me up if I fall asleep at the wheel here. Okay, Commissioners CCD Fund as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: It's not 143.

Suzanne Crouch: Page 143.

Councilmember Lloyd: I would like to second the motion.

President Wortman: Okay, we're getting with it. CCD Fund, County Commissioners. Mr. Raben made a motion to that effect and I have a second...who seconded it? Mr. Lloyd. Alright, is there any discussion on this?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: We did get a letter from our Commissioners indicating that they would roll back in the \$500,000 that is presently in there for Burdette Park multipurpose facility that is in the CCD Fund. They're going to roll that back in and reappropriate that in January making that still in effect. However, we still do not...the conversation that I raised last Wednesday under gavel about the \$250,000 commitment that we had made over the last two years for that project is not included in this particular budget. I think we've had, you know, pretty exhaustive conversation about the need for the computer system and we've talked about Burkhardt Road. I know with Burkhardt Road there still are...granted, we cannot allocate funds unless we...or we cannot award a contract unless we have the funds actually in place and I know in terms of where that project stands there isn't a final cost figure that has been given on Burkhardt Road, so, yes, we've already put some money in place, but the final figures still are not in. If we were to move \$250,000 out of that particular project and put it towards the Burkhardt Road project it still would not necessarily have a detrimental effect upon seeing that keeping the Burkhardt Road project moving and put that \$250,000 towards the multipurpose building that we started out there. We talked about, of course, the survey and the results and how positive they were in terms of the merits of a multipurpose building. I think it is something that we really need to consider when we think about the adequacy of that facility. As we think about a facility that is going to be able to generate income for us and as year round school is very much a strong likelihood here in Vanderburgh County, we're going to have fewer months where we can generate funds to that particular facility. A multipurpose facility, if constructed properly and put together the right way, I think that it provides another revenue stream for that facility out there. And then as well, you know, as we talk about year round school that facility could be used as an

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alternative that parents could use for their children during the year round school process. I think many parents will be scurrying around trying to find ample things to entertain their children or educate their children in the times when they will be off. There aren't alternatives out there. Our day camp has been successful. A lot of accolades have been given to our day camp and I think what we could do out of a multipurpose facility using our day camp in cooperation with the year round school would be a very viable way to continue to generate revenue streams for that facility. In conclusion, I would like to see us make an effort toward continuing our commitment that we made two years ago on this particular facility. As far as I know we have only changed one Commissioner since we made that commitment and, you know, it's not saying that other things aren't a priority, but it is just saying that what we have there is a really good project in a multipurpose facility and this will continue our effort towards that and not funding it will stall our progress toward that project.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton, do you have any figures that you could prove that the multipurpose building would be a financial gain to the county?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think if someone could likewise show me figures that can prove to me that Wal-Mart would pay more than \$7 an hour on Burkhardt Road. I think no one can come up with exact figures on any particular thing on what a project will give you, but I think what you can show is that if it is designed properly we can make it a revenue generator for the county. Right now we don't have that. I'm not saying just build a building just to build a building, but well planned I think it can be a real asset to the county and we have a facility now that we only generate income, basically, three months out of the year.

President Wortman: I think Mr. Tuley commented that they was, and Mr. Mourdock can maybe back me up on this, his comment was it was just more or less put in there. Does that sound right, Mr. Mourdock, on his comment about the money put in there?

Richard Mourdock: Commissioner Tuley said in the meeting the other night, and I don't know if you are referring to something beyond the scope of that meeting, but he said certainly that it was his recollection and his intent at the time to say that the funding for Burdette Park was to be there for Burdette Park, but it wasn't necessarily committed to one building or anything else. It was for the betterment of the park. You know, I know Royce is very sincere in his belief. I appreciate that and ironically I don't think there is as much difference on us in this issue as there simply is in the procedure. As you've commented, each member of the Council received the letter that the Commissioners signed last week saying we would reappropriate and come before you to ask to reappropriate the \$500,000 for Burdette. We believe in Burdette. We want to do good things at Burdette, but I will go back to what I said at the last meeting here. If we were going to a bank to start a business, the first thing the banker would say is show us your plan. That's what we are trying to put together. That's what the poll was about was to have a plan upon which we can build. That's why we are



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willing to come back and say we would ask for that reappropriation because we want to continue that planning process.

Councilmember Sutton: I think we all agree that if we are talking a plan, the Burkhardt Road plan has been stalled for a number of different reasons. Maybe that we hadn't totally anticipated and all of the funding that will be required for that project is not required, you know, right now because of some things that will inevitably stretch that project out for a variety of different reasons.

Richard Mourdock: Well, we may disagree on that one. Has that project gone step-by-step as it should? Arguably, it hasn't. Is there a plan? Yes, there is a plan. Is the plan stalled? No, there are, again, procedural things. You can't do things until you have right-of-way. When a landowner says they don't want to sell you their right-of-way and you have to argue, that takes time, but it's hard to predict.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Yes, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: We're going to move our chairs because the names sound too much alike. Hoy and Lloyd, that's not too far apart. There is no money in here, Mr. Mourdock, should we have a public safety issue which is what CCD is earmarked for also besides construction. That I would like to see and I would like to comment on Burdette and Burkhardt. I would like to see another \$250,000 in for Burdette and to make some progress with this because I won't speak for the rest of the Councilmembers, but my understanding was that we were voting this money for a multipurpose building as we set aside the \$500,000. The other point that I want to make is, on my part there was no misunderstanding the other day about what was happening, because if you all had not agreed to reappropriate this \$500,000 it would have been lost. Is that not correct? I mean, the money that was set aside, the \$500,000, if the Commissioners do not reappropriate that, then it could go away.

Richard Mourdock: I'm not a budget expert, Phil. I'm not going to...I've heard that said and I've heard that said both ways and, quite honestly, I don't know the legality of it.

Councilmember Hoy: Isn't that the case?

Suzanne Crouch: Whatever is not expended rolls back to that particular fund at the end of the year and then has to be reappropriated.

Councilmember Hoy: Has to be reappropriated.

Richard Mourdock: Although, let me add one thing. It is my understanding that the money that Aztar had put in would still be there.

Suzanne Crouch: It still is there, correct.

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Councilmember Hoy: My point is, if we did not have this promise to reappropriate we could of lost the full half million if the Commissioners didn't reappropriate. Is that not correct?

Suzanne Crouch: Sure.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm just looking for a yes or no.

Richard Mourdock: Okay, and that is what we tried to correct.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, I appreciate that, but I would like to see some other money. The other point that I want...I will beat this drum and you all know that and that is, you know, I think we should be listening to the larger community. Mr. Sutton has pointed out, you know, the level of pay that exists in retail and I am looking at vacant buildings all over this city and hearing people, business people, that said to me why is the county focusing on one road? The survey that I read, and I read the whole thing, says people want roads and streets. It does not say we necessarily want Burkhardt Road. I'm not talking about 4th Ward constituents. Everybody thinks that is the only group I speak for and that's not the case. I go to a lot of places and I am hearing a lot of people say why in the world is the focus only there with all of that county money? Why in the world are we not asking, you know, those businesses to contribute? You can see...I don't want to pick on any of the companies, but it is very easy for these major, major corporations to leave property behind at the drop of a hat. You know, it's like me dropping \$10 on a mistaken purchase. I just think we are going to see more and more of this and you don't have to be a genius to look around and see that there are vacant properties all over town just sitting there. The other thing is that many of these firms build and they don't use local construction firms. They bring in folks from outside. We talked about using Vanderburgh County dollars and we have no control over this and I am just not real anxious to give them a lot of money to be honest with you.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President.

Councilmember Hoy: I would like to see us--

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Hoy: May we make a motion to that effect because I still have the floor. That's procedure, sir. I would like to make a motion that we amend this budget and reduce Burkhardt Road by \$250,000 and put Burdette Park in for \$250,000. Is that legal?

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, no because Mr. Raben already made a motion as it stands.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, well, I'll suggest an amendment to Mr. Raben then.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, let me point out something. The call on where the monies go is handled by the Commissioners, so we cannot appropriate money into an account out of CCD Fund that

they haven't requested. Is that not correct?

Councilmember Hoy: Then will you accept an amendment to reduce the Burkhardt Road by \$250,000? Because if we can't do that then our vote doesn't mean a thing. If we can't change this, then it's a formality and I don't think it is.

Councilmember Smith: If we can't change it, what are we sitting here for? I mean, I don't understand that and you asked the question did he have any assurance that it would make any money. There is not anybody on this Council that can have that assurance.

President Wortman: Well, that's true. We've got projects that we've got to move on with and we can't piecemeal things, this is my version. There are so many people in crowded areas you get your priorities first and I guess that's one of them. At least that's what the Commissioners say and a lot of people. Anyway, we've got a motion on the floor and a second. Mr. Ahlers did you want to address this?

Jeff Ahlers: I was just going to address their question with regard to CCD money. My understanding is that the Council can cut, but cannot add. Only the Commissioners can come forward and put an item in and make a request. As Council you have the power to cut, but not the power to put an item in with regard to CCD money.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I would like to ask Mr. Mourdock a question. Mr. Mourdock, you said you were for Burdette Park, but it's very important that we get on with Burkhardt Road for safety reasons and others. Okay, you're willing to give us back \$500,000 and what we discussed last year, it's going to take for a multipurpose about \$2.5 million, so if we don't say cut this \$250,000 and recommend you to come back and we would like for you to use \$250,000 for Burdette Park, we can't build anything with \$500,000 right now. Is there any commitments that the Commissioners, in the near future, that I would appreciate you on the \$500,000 even though we voted on it last year, but is there any commitment that you can give us on the \$250,000 in the future? Because we might as well give you back that \$500,000 if it is going to sit there.

Richard Mourdock: The commitment, and now you're asking me to speak for two other people and understand that I can't do that, but the commitment that I can give you for one is that, and especially because of the polling data that we just did, I think it is obvious that there are a lot of preconceived notions that Burdette Park was not being used equally by people all across the county and that poll shows that data to be incorrect. In fact, people use it pretty well equally no matter where they live in the county. That was a surprise. It was a shock to me through that poll to learn that there are 45% of the people in the county who in the past 12 months have utilized Burdette Park. I would have guessed ten to fifteen percent. Now as someone who is elected like you to serve the public, I can't overlook those numbers. It has certainly reinvigorated the commitment that I feel we need to make to Burdette Park to do

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active, creative, important things. Does that necessarily mean a building? Perhaps it does, but let's have that full plan in place to see. I think Councilman Sutton's comments regarding going to the full-time school year, that's a plus and a minus for the park. Certainly it cut down our revenues this year because the summer was so short when there was warm weather. Does that, in fact, though if it's a minus on that side mean there may be greater opportunity to do something during the year? That's something, again, speaking for one, I am committed to look at.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I tell you what, just not as a Councilman, but if I saw that survey and somebody said roads and streets are more important I would say yes they are if it is being done all through the county, but that survey said roads and streets, not just Burkhardt Road. Mr. Hoy brought that up and I don't want to--

Richard Mourdock: But let's look at that in the full picture, too. We're also spending more through the County Highway Department next year than we have ever done before. It's not that we're putting every penny that goes into Roads and Streets strictly into Burkhardt Road. I think most people when they saw that question, especially those who lived in the county, read it, do I want my road paved? The answer was probably yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: I was just wanting some kind of commitment. Maybe just from you personally. How do you feel about the multipurpose building in the near future? Are you in favor of that or are we just going to keep that \$500,000 in this one account and then every year we'll have to reappropriate and \$500,000 is going to do nothing for us.

Richard Mourdock: I think it is worthy of consideration. Am I going to stand here and say absolutely positively yes we should build a building without knowing how the building is going to be used? No, I can't say that, Ed. Am I willing to say let's see if there is a practical way that we would get more usage out of the park by having such a building and then we would know how that building would be utilized? Yeah, I go back to what I said. If this were a business plan, and I know government will never be (inaudible) business, but if this were a business plan and we went to a bank to borrow the money, the first thing the banker is going to say is, show me your plan and how is this thing going to generate revenues and how is it going to pay? At this point in the equation we do not have.

Councilmember Bassemier: I think...I still have the floor.

President Wortman: Excuse me, we're going to change the tape.

Commissioner Mourdock: I didn't know that I had spoken that long.

Tape Change

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, if we are talking about a plan,

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I think that we built Burkhardt Road before we put those other, the merchants before they built out there. I think if we have a plan, Burkhardt Road would have already been there and then we would put the businesses up. I know that it doesn't work that way.

Richard Mourdock: Well, let's deal with that, though. That is a good point and Councilman Hoy alluded to that, too. The one thing that has changed in the last several years, is, in May of this year it was documented very well. We had a Commission meeting by which the Commission signed off on a plan that said how the road development would occur, where those roads are going to be and for all of the new roads, who would pay for them and it ain't the county, it is the developers. The county's investment is for those roads that are already assumed by the county and Burkhardt was assumed by the county, I am going to guess, about the turn of the century, last century.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Given that, I know that Mr. Bassemier, last week, indicated that on, I was looking through the minutes here, he would like to see the funds continue and he was talking about the \$250,000 and he had worked real hard with Mr. Tuley on that and I guess that he is coordinating the Burdette Park efforts.

Richard Mourdock: I think that he meant the other Mr. Tuley. Mark.

Commissioner Sutton: He believes that we need to get something out there all year long. I think that two things that we do, set a precedent when we do make that significant of an investment on one particular traffic wave, though the plan may indicate that we may not, we intend to have developers pick up the cost down the road but if the right development comes through, the right employer comes through, I am more than sure that the county or other individual look, or they will look at the county or other government entities to pony up for those dollars to help them fix roads, drainage or whatever it is to get that development in. So, what the plan may be today may not be the same depending on what that development might be. Further, I think as we look at it, Councilman Hoy did make the point that he asked for that to be reduced on that particular line and we have the ability to do that though, if that amendment is accepted. I think, I have talked to great lengths and given all the additional comments that I can possibly give, but in conclusion, what I would like to say is when you look at what the discussion has been or the comments of the Councilmen here and look at the results of what the survey has shown, the support of the advisory board, the usage of the facility, look at the plan that we have developed some three years ago, all of them point in one direction and that is support for that multi-purpose building.

President Wortman: Anybody else?

Councilmember Bassemier: I wasn't through yet. I was interrupted. I had the floor before but it was taken away from

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me.

President Wortman: I'm sorry. Continue Mr. Bassemier, I thought that you were through, Ed.

Councilmember Bassemier: That's okay. Mr. Mourdock, if we do not give you or vote it down, the motion has been made to give you \$900,000 for Burkhardt Road. Just say that this is voted down and we come back to say that we will only give you \$650,000 for you to go back to the Commissioners and ask for you to put that \$250,000 at Burdette Park, will this (inaudible) the planning? What will this do to Burdette Park? What will you do? I don't want to stop Burkhardt Road. What will happen if we take \$250,000 out of the \$900,000, which, of course, would then be \$650,000.

Richard Mourdock: I guess two things. First thing that I see is that it will hamper the pace with which we are trying to move out there. The second thing is that it will cause us to be even more creative to get things done. Let's not lose sight of this. We could have done a lot of this, Burkhardt is what I am speaking of, we could have done this in the normal fashion with some bonding and those kinds of things, instead of this route. If we had done this, the cost of this project, of Burkhardt, would have more than doubled because of the interest. That is even on a fairly moderate term type of bonding agreement. The reason that we took this tack was to try to save county money. If you rip \$250,000 out of that request I suspect that is one issue that we might want to look at again and see if somehow we need to do some bonding for part of that, I hope that we don't go that route. Is that a possibility? Yes, it is. Are there other ways that we can try to find funds out there? I am sure that we will try to find them if that happens.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I know a few months ago you came and you asked for \$3,000,000 and we said okay. If I remember correctly, you said that the \$3,000,000 was going to be, we would like to get it out of the General Fund, and you was going to take out some kind of municipal bonds for the rest of it. Now, you are wanting to take more out of here.

Richard Mourdock: That is what we would do if we reacted to the alternative that you described.

Councilmember Bassemier: That is kind of the way that it was presented to us, please give us the \$3,000,000 and we said okay. Now, all of a sudden, we have got \$900,000, and I think that you are taking another \$100,000 out of, what is it Roads and Streets for Burkhardt Road, there is another account in here that you are taking out of for Burkhardt Road, is that correct?

Richard Mourdock: Yes. I am trying to think. . .

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, the Riverboat will stay in there but there is another \$100,000 that you are taking out of this budget. I think it is Roads and Streets but I haven't looked it up. There is another \$100,000 and I saw that somewhere, correct me if I am wrong. I guess, I don't want to beat a dead horse, but I know we started this project last . . .

Councilmember Hoy: The horse isn't dead.

Councilmember Bassemier: Pardon?

Councilmember Hoy: The horse is not dead.

Richard Mourdock: Councilmember Bassemier, I know that we agree in principal here that we want to do the right thing for the park and we also want to see development for safety reasons and all of those other reasons out at Burkhardt. You are asking, how can we all, and it is a fair question, how can we all have our cake and eat it, too?

Councilmember Bassemier: Right.

Richard Mourdock: I don't have that answer. What we feel, we, the Commission speaking for that body now, what we strongly feel is that we are willing to come back and ask for that reappropriation in January. I will be here the first meeting in January if you want to put that on the agenda right now, I will be here to do that.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I guess that I just want to make it clear to you that if I vote against this, please don't be mad at me. I don't want anybody to think that I am against anything out on the east side because I live out on the east side. But, we made a commitment, or I did and the rest of us, in fact it was three Commissioners were in favor for the multipurpose building and there was seven on council that were in favor for multipurpose. I spent many hours with Mark Tuley out there trying to get a multipurpose building. You have to remember now that our swimming seasons are going to be shorter now and if we get a good program out there with the ice skating, teen centers, and whatever, I know that money, that park can make some money. I have the same feasibility study done on another park on the east side that said this stuff will go and I have studies on that, so all I am saying is that if I vote against the whole \$900,000 I am just trying to make or satisfy a commitment that I made last year. Okay?

Richard Mourdock: I understand and I think in my note to you that I put in and I realize that a lot of us are between a rock and a hard place because we both want to go forward and there has been commitments made both ways, and I guess that since you gave me a hypothetical situation, there is one other hypothetical situation. What if, in fact, you stripped some large number out put it back into Burdette and then the County Commissioners doesn't allocate any kind of expenditure towards that or any action or contract toward that, I mean that is the other possibility.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, one more thing and I know that I shouldn't talk so much because you have to take a lot of minutes and the more you talk the more minutes you have to take, but, would you read the memo you gave to all of the Councilmembers about the commitment for Burdette Park and get it in the record? On the \$500,000. Would you read that and put it on record, please? It is signed by all three Commissioners.

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Richard Mourdock: I would be more than happy to do that. This letter is dated August 18, 1997 which was at our Monday meeting to the Vanderburgh County Councilmembers.

"Dear Councilmembers:

The 1997 Burdette appropriation in the amount of \$500,000 will roll back into the CCD Fund at the end of the year if it is not spent. We are committed to reappropriating \$500,000 in the Burdette line item in January.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Mourdock, President  
Bettye Lou Jerrel, Vice President  
Pat Tuley, Member"

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, sir. I have no more questions.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier, are you done?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm through.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy. Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Hoy: I think I was first, but that is okay. I just want some time.

Councilmember Lloyd: I don't see any other Commissioners in here right now but I know that the Commissioners are responsible for quite a bit of other things besides Burdette Park and Burkhardt Road project really ties into the overall county east side traffic plan and that was endorsed by the Evansville Urban Transportation Committee which I am the Council liaison. Those Burkhardt Road improvements would tie into the Lynch Road extension which is ongoing right now and also the improvements are Cross Pointe, which the developers are paying for. As a point of history, the County Commissioners were criticized for the money they spent on the overpass at USI but I don't think that anyone here would disagree that it's not a good project. I am comfortable with the Commissioners plan on traffic and I am for the way they have this budget set up and I am glad that they came back and rehonored their commitment for \$500,000 for CCD for Burdette Park. I am comfortable with what they have here.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: A couple of points. First of all, the question came up about Roads and Streets and if you look at page 158 the Commissioners have asked for \$500,000, not \$100,000 for Burkhardt Road and they have also asked for \$500,000 for Cross. So, we are going to be footing some of that bill. The question that I have, a comment and then a question. I appreciate what Mr. Lloyd said about USI and I think that I am beating a dead horse but I am going to beat it again and that is this: we spend \$6,000,000 to put in a decent intersection for a university and then we zone on the east side and we have zoned the Lloyd into



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being something other than an expressway. We gleaned a food show in Owensboro a couple of weeks ago and we came back during rush hour, and between Epworth and Green River and that rush hour traffic there were three accidents, one I know of with injuries because I saw the ambulance there and my point is that it doesn't do us much good to spend \$6,000,000 on one intersection on one end and go to the other end and just let it run rampant. We have a lawsuit pending where someone was killed out there, it's a nightmare now and I don't think that we can stop the nightmare but I don't think that anybody is paying attention to what we are doing. We are absolutely butchering our highways time and time again. I go to other cities and you take an exit and then you shop, you take an exit and then you eat, you take an exit and then you get gas. What is wrong with us? I mean it's just cock-eyed thinking in my estimation. I have one question of the Commissioners because we have worked hard as a Council and have been extremely frugal and brought a lot of money into this year and then you all came and asked us for \$3,000,000 for Burkhardt and you've asked for another hunk, I think that we are getting close to \$4,000,000. Is it in your plan to come back in January, because we are going to bring a lot of money over, are you going to ask us for another \$3,000,000 - \$4,000,000?

President Wortman: Okay. Anybody else?

Councilmember Hoy: For Burkhardt.

Richard Mourdock: Was that a rhetorical question?

Councilmember Hoy: No, it is a real question.

Richard Mourdock: I have no, there is no plan anywhere spoken of, written of, or anything else that I am aware of, Councilman Hoy, beyond those that you have in front of you on paper. We don't have any hidden agenda out there. I brought my board in last week so that you could see what those items were and the priorities that I expect will carry from that board over to next year just as your monies will carry forward. There will be issues certainly of drainage, there will be continuing highway issues. Do any of them come up in magnitude of scope to equal something like Burkhardt Road? I can't imagine that being the case.

Councilmember Hoy: My question is, are we going. . .

Richard Mourdock: Are we going to come back for \$3,000,000 or \$4,000,000 for Burkhardt?

Councilmember Hoy: For Burkhardt, that is the question.

Richard Mourdock: Yeah, no. By the way, the \$500,000 that you referred to at Cross Pointe that is also on county right-of-way and does not conflict with my earlier statement.

Councilmember Hoy: No, I know that. But I want to make the point that we are putting money into Cross Pointe. It is not a zero.

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President Wortman: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: I think that I am the only one here that hasn't beat this thing to death. I am going to make a couple of statements here and one is, I don't know how practical it is as a Council when we have something moving a lot at the pace of Burkhardt is that we set aside monies that could be used for this project that are going to set until we get \$2,500,000 built up into that fund. Secondly, Councilman Hoy may have said it best for me when he was out in that area, there were three traffic accidents in a short span, so as a Council, and this pertains to how you vote, I guess you have to value -- is public safety more important or future recreation. Thirdly, if I can remember what my third point was, is, I don't remember now that I have waited so long.

Councilmember Hoy: I just don't want it to go on record that I agree with that commentary on my comments about public safety. I think that once you do this you are still going to have problems on the Lloyd. You are not going to correct the Lloyd.

Councilmember Raben: I have one last point and I don't think that it is fair for us, as a Council, to blame maybe the zoning issues or whatnot out there. We have three Commissioners with a combined years of service of six years. That monster certainly, out on that end of town, was created much, much longer ago than that and since we know that it is such a nightmare, that even compels me more to do exactly what we are doing. I am going to leave it at that and I think that we have...

Councilmember Sutton: Just one more last thing. Just note that by reducing that you don't necessarily delay that project. What Commissioner Mourdock has indicated is that with some of the right-of-way issues and property issues there are still some things that still need to be resolved with their project. Yes, they have a plan laid out, a well developed plan for that but they are not in control of all aspects of that because we don't own all of the property. So, therefore, until some of those things are resolved, by reducing it doesn't necessarily mean that we take away from the viability nor the direction of this plan.

Councilmember Bassemier: We talked about public safety. I am not against public safety, I don't think that if we take \$250,000 and put it at Burdette Park. We found \$3,000,000 last year in the middle of the season and I am sure we can find \$250,000 next year in the middle of the season or half way through. So, I am not really worried about that. Burkhardt Road is going to get done and it is going to get done on time and I just know that we'll do it without that \$250,000.

Councilmember Smith: Well, I wasn't here last year or the year before when you appropriated this \$500,000 for Burdette and the other day I asked the question and Mr. Mourdock was standing there and I don't think that this Council or what one elected body did, but we started Burkhardt and there is a lot of money appropriated out there and it is a problem but I feel that when

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they signed this letter and gave it to us they're committed to setting that money aside and like Councilman Bassemier said there is going to be some money and if we decide, and hopefully when they do build the building there will be some money found to finish it up. So, this letter, when they signed it and gave it to us they have made a commitment that they are going to go with that at Burdette Park. Let's finish that project and concentrate on Burdette next year.

President Wortman: Okay, we have a motion and a second and we have had a pretty good discussion and everybody has had ample time. All of those in favor of the motion, raise your right hand. One, two, three and four.

Councilmember Hoy: Are you even going to let us vote?

Councilmember Sutton: Do I even get a chance to raise my hand?

President Wortman: Opposed? One, two, three. Mr. Hoy, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Bassemier.

(Motion carried 4-3. Councilmembers Hoy, Sutton & Bassemier opposed.)

Councilmember Raben: I am going to move on. I know that Commissioner Mourdock has, do you want to stay for the Surveyor, or Superintendent of County Buildings, rather?

Commissioner Mourdock: Superintendent of County Buildings and Burdette.

***SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS***

Councilmember Raben: So, we are going to jump around here for just a moment. Turn to page 94, first item 7550, no, let's see, this entire budget, I move to be approved with the proper salary and FICA and insurance adjustments.

Councilmember Hoy: I second.

President Wortman: Okay, I've got a second from Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Motion passes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

***BURDETTE PARK***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, go to page 120, Burdette Park. There are no corrections for 120, no corrections for 121, 122, 123, 124 everything looks good and I move that we accept this budget as submitted.

Councilmember Lloyd: I second.

President Wortman: Okay, we have a second. Any questions? Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: I know that they met with the

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Commissioners before they submitted their budget and I did a little looking around at different costs and things and I am trying to get an idea on line item 3440, where we have reduced advertising down to \$10,000. How are we going to generate any type of traffic and interest in this facility with such a nominal amount for advertising? We started out with a request of \$75,000 say three or four years ago and they are down to \$50,000 and then they cut it all the way down to \$10,000. You can barely buy brochures, a lot of brochures for that much and you surely can't do any T.V. time and I know that all of us in here have seen the Burdette Park commercials and heard them on the radio and all. Just looking at advertising costs, I just don't see how it's possible unless there is another plan in the works that maybe I am not aware of that will find a way to get the word about our park that is utilized by everybody in this county or all four quadrants of this county. How am I going to get the word out?

Councilmember Raben: Could I?

President Wortman: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Could I? I was just going to try and answer that question and I know that this was a concern of several members last week and I spoke at length with one of the Commissioners, Mrs. Jerrel, and she insinuated to me that her intent behind this is to and I may be letting the cat out of the bag, is to go to the Convention and Visitor's Bureau and ask them to pay for advertising material and handouts and whatnot and try to get a small grant to fund some of the things that they should fund for Burdette Park. So, you know that may not happen and we may have to reappropriate monies in here next year but that was her intent when she prepared this budget.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think that would be an excellent plan if we went into that direction but we don't have their approval or authorization yet. If they, and if what I am hearing are intentions then I don't know if contact has been made in that direction but I just, yes, we can go back and make appropriations at a later time but I think that is a deep cut and I know when you talk about advertising, especially with our peak time being a summer for this facility, they really need to have those dollars in place in early spring to effectively do what they do.

Councilmember Hoy: I would feel much more comfortable if Mrs. Jerrel had done two things, if she had asked the commissioners to overture the Convention and Visitors Bureau, part of which is paid by the city, we don't control that and secondly, as the liaison to the Convention and Visitors Board it would be nice to have communication to that effect. I mean, it is one thing to say that but to my knowledge there has been, there is nobody here from Convention and Visitors Bureau, but oh hi, Dolly. Have you been overtured in that fashion.

Dolly Kight: Not that I am aware of.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you very much, I didn't think that you had.

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President Wortman: Okay, does anybody else have any questions?

Councilmember Lloyd: She may consider that an overture.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Mourdock. If I may just have one comment to that and it is a very legitimate question. The poll that gets quoted a lot we think is very important in this particular issue of the advertising. Again, one of the numbers that shocked me was that 99% of the people in this county are aware of Burdette Park and the facilities at Burdette Park and that raises the question that if 99% of them are aware of it how much additional awareness do you need to buy. We looked at that money, not as saying that we don't need to advertise at all, but it is simply saying that this Council has to deal with a certain size pie out there and how can we best use our dollars. The other point of it is even with the large expenditures of the past year and even with the fact that 99% of the people in county are aware of the park and what's out there. It is still the third highest used park and the other two don't do the advertising. So that raised the question, you know. We had that question going in and that was kind of our thought.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Mourdock.

Councilmember Bassemier: I have a question for Joyce.

President Wortman: State your name please.

Joyce Moers: Joyce Moers.

Councilmember Bassemier: Joyce, on the survey, Mr. Mourdock said that 99% of people in Vanderburgh County know about Burdette Park. How much business comes from the surrounding tri-state area, from Illinois, Kentucky and the other surrounding? I know they even go as far as Vincennes and that some of them don't know about it. How many come in from out of town?

Joyce Moers: I don't have an exact number, but there is a great percentage. This year we have been trying to get some figures and done some polling in the parking lot, writing down license plate numbers and we have been having the cashiers writing down zip codes. We have started a survey that people fill out that include the zip code. If I had to guess, I would say that when I do the parking lots probably at least 25% of those cars or maybe even higher, maybe even closer to 50% are not Vanderburgh County. License plates, you know that means that they could be Indiana but not Vanderburgh County. We have a large percentage.

Councilmember Bassemier: Even if most people know about Burdette Park do you think the commercials, sliding down the slides, water slides and all of this, do you think that encourages people and gives them the fever and they say hey let's go out there and it looks like a lot of fun, does that help? I don't mean to put you on the spot and I know that you have to answer to. . . I am just asking the question.

Joyce Moers: In my opinion, what you are asking me for, I know that there has been some discussion about advertising and the

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weather is bad, you are not going to get the people no matter what your advertising is. If the weather is good, you are competing with everybody else that is in the same type of situation. When the weather is good and you have outdoor recreation or recreation for kids, everybody is competing for those people. If you don't advertise then you're not going to get the people on the good days and that is my opinion. You need to get the word out there and remind people that you are out there. When you get up in the morning a lot of time parents don't have decisions made but if they hear Burdette Park then they are going to say that is a good place to go today. You may plan, you may have one day a week that you spend time and take your kids somewhere. If you never hear Burdette Park but you hear of somewhere else then you are not going to automatically think of that but if you hear Burdette Park, it's going to put Burdette Park in your mind and you are going to have a tendency to go out and visit. I do think that advertising is important, that is my opinion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, one more question. We are going to talk about an expert here, Bill Harrelson. I am going to put your thinking cap on. The County has spent thousands and thousands of dollars on a feasibility study at Burdette Park and he laid a budget out for you all. I know that we are going back probably five years and Bill is probably, if you aren't familiar with Mr. Harrelson, he is out of Texas, he's, about most of your major water parks, they ask him for the feasibility study and his opinion and there is a little figure in there on advertisement.

What figure did he put in there on advertisement when you read the feasibility study? Do you remember?

Joyce Moers: I know that it was much greater than what we have right now put in. I know that it was somewhere right around a \$100,000. I know that we had at one time been requesting \$75,000 and we were pushing to get the \$75,000 and he did not feel that was even adequate, and if you have a facility you need to promote it and he was very strong in advertising. Off the top of my head I don't remember the exact number I do know that he was pretty adamant about advertising and he feels like that was the way to get people there.

Councilmember Bassemier: Now I am going back to my expertise in it and of course I was supposed to put my own roads out on Burdette Park but I was going to put a water park out at Burkhardt and Morgan Avenue. Bill Harrelson did my feasibility study on his advertising budget and it was going to be \$125,000 and that was eight to ten years ago. So, I really don't think that \$10,000 is enough.

Councilmember Sutton: That goes back to my earlier question that I don't think was answered and the question was, the \$10,000, what are you guys going to buy in advertising?

Joyce Moers: Not much. We will have to concentrate very hard on specific months. June and July and I think that t.v. is very important and t.v. is one of your, probably one of the most important advertising tools that you have because it is visible. The newspapers have been very good to us this year and we have

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changed a lot of our advertising. We have completely changed what we do and we are somewhere everyday this year with the radios, t.v., newspapers and we have made very good use of the funds that we have and I think, I was very pleased. We did some remotes and had people at the part doing promotions. Everyday we were somewhere that our name was mentioned and I think that it was very noticeable that it worked. Unfortunately, we had very bad weather in June. August has not been good and it has been kind of hard to tell, if we would have had three good months what would have actually happened. But in July, I think that you can tell that it worked. I think that it has shown that it worked. We will probably, we are going to have to just sit down and see what we can get with \$10,000, it's not going to be a lot. I am sure that I am not going to be able to afford a company who has been very good for us and worked very hard and done a great job on our advertising. They really deserve the credit. They actually did it, I worked with them and told them what I wanted and they brought it back to me and I said that this is great and this is exactly what we need. I am not going to be able to afford a company to do that so we will have to be doing that ourselves. That is one way that we can save some money.

Councilmember Sutton: As a suggestion to kind of maybe wrap this up, I am going to make a motion that we put that in at \$50,000, but let me finish, what I am going to suggest is that they continue, that they continue efforts with the Convention and Visitor's Bureau and if we are successful in getting those funds then they quietus those funds back to the General Fund because as it stands right now, if they don't get the Visitor's and Convention money, and we don't have any control over that, then they are stuck at the \$10,000 mark and we have a quandary there to deal with.

Councilmember Raben: Well, Royce there is a motion on the floor.

President Wortman: We have a motion and second on the floor and we are having discussion.

Councilmember Sutton: That is what I am asking, I am asking that we make an amendment to the motion, I am asking an amendment to his motion to set that in at \$50,000 on the advertising line item of 3440.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben, you reject?

Councilmember Raben: I am sorry but I am not going to amend my motion.

President Wortman: That clears that up. Okay, I am going to call for a vote. All those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two three. Opposed, one, two, three, four.

(Motion fails 3-4. (Councilmembers Smith, Sutton, Bassemier & Hoy opposed.)

Richard Mourdock: One quick word and this is not about the line item but it is to make a point. Joyce, when you sat here a

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moment ago you said that you were doing parking lot surveys and you were having your cashiers register or note who came in and other surveys. Why did you do that?

Joyce Moers: Because we have talked about doing surveys, the Advisory Board and the Commissioners.

Richard Mourdock: Thank you.

Joyce Moers: We have been meeting with Mr. Mourdock on several occasions in order to get the survey questions developed, we met several times in order to do. When we did get, when we were meeting with those questions, these are some of the things that came up, to find out who actually does use the park and Mr. Mourdock was very supportive of us and I do commend him for that. He has been very supportive of us and he has come out and met with us and went through the park and saw some of our needs and I think that shows that he is a caring Commissioner and that he is interested and he has always been very supportive of us and I would like to have that on record. The Advisory Board as well has suggested that we do these things to find interest and support and where people actually coming from and not just the Westside and that was one of the points to find out that it is not just Westside.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I think that I would like to make a motion that we re-open the Burdette budget since we don't have a motion and you need a second and you need 2/3 to do it.

President Wortman: Who made the second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Hoy: This is to re-open.

President Wortman: Remember that it takes 2/3 votes.

Jeff Ahlers: They need six votes.

President Wortman: Six votes.

Councilmember Sutton: They don't have a budget right now.

President Wortman: That is affecting the whole budget now.

Councilmember Raben: It takes five to re-open.

President Wortman: Two-thirds, okay, five. We have a motion on the floor from Mr. Hoy, Mr. Sutton to re-open Burdette's budget. Any more discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand.

(Motion carried 6-1. Councilmember Wortman opposed)

Councilmember Bassemier: What are we going to do Curt, close the park down?

Councilmember Hoy: Let's see if we can get the Soil and Water Conservation to rent someplace else.



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President Wortman: Now, I will entertain a regular motion to the budget?

Councilmember Smith: I have a question.

President Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Smith: I don't understand. When they put the budget together, in 1994 they had a little over \$68,000 and in 1995 \$58,000, over \$51,000 and in 1997 it is \$51,000 and cut it down to \$10,000. How do they come up with figures like that? The budget is set in every time for over \$50,000 and then to cut it down to \$10,000 and anybody knows that you can't buy much advertising for \$10,000 and everybody knows that you can't go back with the people saying well you read the newspaper and those little kids see that waterslide on T.V., they see those things and yes they want to go, that is when you get your crowds going.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President. Mr. President? I would like to make a motion on the Burdette budget that we include all of Mr. Raben's motion except line item

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Jeff Ahlers: To increase the budget it will take six votes to pass, it will take a 3/4 majority to increase the budget. So, you know that you will need six votes to increase it.

Councilmember Lloyd: So, may I make a suggestion.

Jeff Ahlers: It takes 2/3 to open and it will take a 3/4 majority to increase the budget over and above what was requested.

Councilmember Lloyd: Or, they could cut \$40,000 somewhere else in the budget.

Councilmember Raben: We would have to make a \$40,000 cut somewhere else in this budget. It can not increase the figure in the book.

Councilmember Hoy: You can exceed the figure if you get a 3/4 vote and we may have another dead budget here. I will chip in on the pizza for supper.

President Wortman: Okay. Anybody else?

Councilmember Raben: So, what is the pleasure here?

Councilmember Hoy: I don't see any other place, I made the motion to include \$40,000 more. I don't see any other place to cut \$40,000 from this budget, myself.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, there could be a place or two.

Councilmember Hoy: I will be open if you will make specific suggestions.

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Joyce Moers: I would like to be real honest there is no place in this budget to cut.

Councilmember Sutton: I am talking about the budget, when we say the budget, we are talking about the whole thing.

Joyce Moers: Excuse me.

Councilmember Sutton: Not necessarily this budget. I think there are some areas where we can make up the difference, some other areas for example, Patient Inmate Care is an area.

Councilmember Raben: No. It pertains to this budget, Royce.

Councilmember Sutton: You are talking about this specific budget?

Councilmember Raben: You can not increase what this budget was advertised at.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: It would have to come out of Burdette Park.

Councilmember Sutton: But again, if we are talking about the bottom line figure that we are trying to get to the \$2,000,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Point of order. I understand from our legal counsel that if we have 3/4 of a vote we can increase it but Mr. Raben may be saying that we don't have 3/4 of a vote. That is a whole different issue and legally we can't increase this specific budget if 3/4 of us vote for us.

Jeff Ahlers: It will also take 3/4 for that particular item. What I would recommend is that if you want to expedite things, I forgot whose motion is on the floor, what you could do I suppose is pass everything in the budget but that item and then wrestle over that item unless you want to wrestle over the whole thing. But it will take six votes to increase that line item or if you are going to increase the entire budget then it will take six votes to pass the entire budget.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, I will amend my motion then, because I know what is going down here and we have to get Burdette's budget and you can make a note that I compromised on this if you wish, that we vote, I change my motion to approve the Burdette budget as read by Mr. Raben excluding item 3440 which shall be voted on separately. That is my motion and I need a second, I need whoever seconded it to...

Councilmember Sutton: I accept the amendment to your motion.

President Wortman: Okay, any discussion? If not then I will call for a vote. All in favor raise your right hand. Opposed?

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Hoy: I make a motion for

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Councilmember Bassemier: I'm sorry, how much?

President Wortman: The motion is from Mr. Hoy for one item 3440 for \$40,000 we have a motion, do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: I have a second.

President Wortman: Okay, we have a second, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: I would be willing if the Commissioners are willing to request other funds from the Convention and Visitors Bureau, I don't know if we will get them, but I would be willing to take that message to take that message there if it is backed by the Commissioners.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, at the same time that I had mentioned earlier in my proposal, I would suggest that, and a significant amount be requested from Convention and Visitors Bureau that what ever we put here reduces it back down to say right around that \$10,000 figure that was initially requested. So, if the suggestion or proposal has been advanced and seconded at \$40,000 then they would reduce that by \$30,000 back into the General Fund if they are successful in getting those funds from the Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

President Wortman: Okay, any more discussion? If not, then I am going to call for a roll call vote. Mrs. Secretary, would you call for a roll call vote?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: No. Motion fails.

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(Motion fails 4-3. Councilmembers Lloyd, Raben & Wortman opposed)

Councilmember Bassemier: At the present time, Joyce, you don't have any advertising. But we will work on that.

Joyce Moers: Okay. So at the present time it is at zero.

Councilmember Bassemier: Right now it didn't pass so it is set in at zero. We will have to find you some money in there somewhere. That is what I said there is no funds in that advertising at the present time. I have a question, Mr. President. Joyce, I am going to put you on the spot here. How long have you been at Burdette Park?

Joyce Moers: Twenty-one years in October.

Councilmember Bassemier: From your expertise, you have been out there every summer and you watch people come and go. How do you feel about that multi-purpose building out there? What would it do for that park?

Joyce Moers: Well, for one it would give us, it would make the park a multi-purpose park. We could do something for that building and it would be used, it could virtually be used almost 24 hours around the clock. There are a lot of things that could be done. Basketball, volleyball and a lot of indoor sports that could be done. There are a lot of people that work second and third shifts that don't have places to go. There are kids that have no where to practice. Roller skating, you can have the floor be used for multiple things, not just roller skating, it could for roller skating, and then it could be a gymnasium, so that it is always being used. It think that the problem is that some people do is they build something and make it for one use only. This would not be, in my opinion, it should not be built for that. The day camp should be housed in that during the time that it is in operation which would make it more efficient and we would probably be able to serve more kids than we do right now and everyone would be in one location and it would be a safer location for these kids to be and we could do more things with them. You could use it for larger rental facilities which we do not now have that are indoor that would be year round. Our largest facility is open air and can really only be used in the summer which some people don't want to use an open air they want something that is enclosed. There is just a lot of things that could, teen dances and there are not enough things for kids to do.

Councilmember Raben: Joyce, I hate to cut you short but we are going to run out of time. As it is right now, your budget has no advertising, okay? We need to get going. I'm going to propose a motion that on

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That's really all we can do here because it's never going to work. It takes six votes to increase this bottom line. Let's put it back in at \$10,000 and give the Commissioners a chance to work something through the Convention and Visitor's Bureau and

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if it doesn't work, we make additional appropriations for Burdette Park through the year, we will make additional here.

Councilmember Sutton: For the sake of time I recommend we move on to the next budget. I think we have already voted on this budget and we have taken two votes on the advertising. Let's move on.

Councilmember Raben: The only thing is that she walks away with no advertising budget.

Councilmember Sutton: I am well aware of that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that is fine.

Councilmember Hoy: Did you make yours in the form of a motion?

Councilmember Raben: Well, yes, I made a motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: I would like to second Jim Raben's motion.

President Wortman: The tape needs to be changed, just a minute, gentlemen.

Tape Change

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben, do you want to make a motion? As soon as we get through here we are going to have a recess, so let's get something going here.

Councilmember Raben: The motion read that 3440 be set in at \$10,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Second, Mr. Lloyd. Anymore discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, we've already voted on that particular amount for that line item and it's been voted down. How can we come back and reduce it--

President Wortman: The amount.

Councilmember Sutton: That \$10,000, that was the original motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Point of order, while I wish I could agree with Councilman Smith and Councilman Sutton, but the reason we can have it back on the floor is because we voted to reopen this whole issue and so it is legal. I have a question and it is going to put somebody on the spot, but Ms. Kight is here and I would like to ask you to come to the microphone because I have a couple of questions about your budgeting that I think is really essential to be answered here before we move on.

Dolli Kight: Dolli Kight, Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau.

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Councilmember Hoy: Thank you. Thanks for coming up. My first question is are there any other entities such as Wesselman's Park, Mesker Park other attractions, any other attractions such as things that are consistent with what Burdette Park is in this area that ask you to do their advertising at this point?

Dolli Kight: We have a matching grants program that we have assisted in brochures and things of those nature.

Councilmember Hoy: For...?

Dolli Kight: For the museum and the zoo that I am aware of. I'm not sure about Wesselman's Woods.

Councilmember Hoy: So this is a possibility? You're not committing, it is just a possibility.

Dolli Kight: It's a possibility. It would have to go before our Board.

Councilmember Hoy: We're not breaking a precedent?

Dolli Kight: Not...what I understand the matching grants has always been used for brochures.

Councilmember Hoy: Brochures?

Dolli Kight: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: You don't do television?

Dolli Kight: We have not that I am aware of.

Councilmember Hoy: Or radio?

Dolli Kight: That I can recall, but to be honest with you I haven't been involved in that aspect of the Bureau.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, to your knowledge that is the case.

Dolli Kight: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: I think we need clarity here and that is it is my understanding of our budget at Convention & Visitors Bureau is that we have not funded anything other than brochures.

Dolli Kight: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: I think Council needs to know that, so that if we go to them and ask them, then, you know, everybody else can come and ask also.

Dolli Kight: That's correct.

Councilmember Hoy: That may not be a possibility. I would suggest that whatever we vote here I will go on record as saying that I know we need to move on and I don't want to vote for this little amount of money, but we could also...I'm not finishing my sentences because I am upset. I would go with the \$10,000, but

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I promise you that I will bring it back to the floor of this Council after the first of the year when we see how much money we've got in the bank. I don't think it is fair for us to say that the Convention & Visitors Bureau is going to pony up \$60,000 because I don't think they are going to be able to. Thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Hoy.

Dolli Kight: Thank you.

President Wortman: Alright, we've got a motion and second on the floor. No more discussion. All those in favor raise your right hand for \$10,000. One, two, three. Opposed? Four.

(Motion fails 3-4. Councilmembers Smith, Sutton, Bassemier and Hoy opposed)

President Wortman: Mr. Ahlers, does that mean that line item they can't transfer into it next year or not?

Jeff Ahlers: As I understand it there would be no line item if it is not voted in. Whether or not there could be a transfer I can check on that.

Suzanne Crouch: It's just set in at zero.

Councilmember Lloyd: It's just set in at zero.

President Wortman: Okay.

Jeff Ahlers: Does that mean it's just zero then? It's not deleted? Is that what you have done?

Councilmember Hoy: We have a number of line items all across this budget that are still line items that are set in at zero and then they can be reopened. That's entirely legal.

President Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Chairman, can we take a break?

President Wortman: Yeah, that's what I am going to do. We're going to take a ten minute break.

Tape Change

***SURVEYOR***

Councilmember Raben: Okay page 31, skip on down to the 2000 accounts

2210	Gas & Oil	1,000.00
2230	Garage & Motor	750.00

All other items as submitted and I make that in form of a motion.

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Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: He's got a second from Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion? No discussion. All those in favor raise your right hand.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

***SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION***

Councilmember Raben: Turn to page 167, that is the perpetual fund. I move that this budget be accepted as submitted.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a second from Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion on this? If not I'll call for the vote, raise of hands.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

***SURVEYOR MAPS***

Councilmember Raben: Page 159, Map Fund as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a second, any discussion? If not, all those in favor raise your right hand.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Bob Brenner: I'm not gone yet. One thing I would really like to encourage, you're looking for \$50,000 for Burdette. We have an old time plan laying here. The city implemented taking the PERF, instead of giving a 3% raise put it on PERF. You'll make about \$80,000, the county employees will make \$240,000. Nobody loses but the Federal Government, and they've got lots.

President Wortman: Thank you.

Councilmember Smith: Thank you Bob, that's what I've been pushing for too.

Bob Brenner: That's right, I forgot, you were there when they passed it in city. Everybody wins.

President Wortman: Thank you. Mr. Raben?

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Councilmember Raben: Page 116, the Auditorium. There is not much left of it, so I move that it be accepted as submitted.

President Wortman: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.



President Wortman: Second, any discussion? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, on the Auditorium budget it is true we don't have much there remaining in this budget, as we know that facility will be closing. I guess one thing as I think about this project, I know the Commissioners have been doing a lot of planning on this project, but we're going to have a larger facility that requires a great deal more and maybe some of us won't be affected by that on Council. Some of us may not be here, who knows what may take place, what the constituents may say? There will come a time within the next couple of years where we're going to have a huge budget in the Vanderburgh Auditorium. It's going to really take some planning and I would trust that they keep us abreast and involved with that because it's pretty easy to go down here and vote zeros but when we start getting some numbers in front of those zeros it's going to make a real big difference on this. It's going to be a huge budget.

President Wortman: I think that's right and I think the Commissioners have some plans in place possibly coming up.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes sir.

Councilmember Hoy: I would echo that and I think that this is a point, Mr. President, where as a Council, we wouldn't do this today, but perhaps via you or someone we should overture the Commissioners so that there's joint planning on it. The second point is there has been some discussion by our legislators, on the state level, to increase the hotel/motel tax by 1%. Should that be done that could be designated, and they would like to designate that, for the upkeep of this new building which I think makes a lot of sense. I know that even, what are we at now 5%, the hotel/motel would be 6%. One more percent would take care of maintenance which is one of the lax. I mention that because I want to get it out in the public and get people considering it.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, we're going to require more employees, tons of equipment will need to be bought, supplies. It's just going to be a lot.

Councilmember Raben: I'll tell you it's pleasing to me to hear both of you make those comments. I was one of the few that voted against the expenditure on the renovation. That was part of my pitch was, you know, the cost of the facility is one thing, but then operational cost is the other. I brought in some comparisons and probably the only comparison that I could find within the state was the Grand Wayne Center. I no longer have that information, but it was a facility that was probably half the size of what our is going to be and their operational costs were like \$1.8 million or \$1.5 million in just operational costs for a facility, much more than we're talking about. So you're exactly right, it's going to put an extreme burden on the General Fund if that operational budget ends up in the General Fund. Hopefully it will end up in the Building Authority's budget somewhere and we won't have to fund it. Okay, I'm going

to turn to page 75, Co-op Extension.

President Wortman: Excuse me, we haven't voted on this yet.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, we haven't?

President Wortman: No, we have a motion and a second. No more discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Hoy: Excuse me a minute Mr. President, do we have an update on where we are on cuts? I think there was a tabulation done at half-time there when we were out.

President Wortman: Mrs. Deig is out, so -

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Lloyd has them I believe.

Councilmember Lloyd: I have a total of reductions, \$565,551.

Councilmember Hoy: Yesterday, Mr. Lloyd has that total, too.

Councilmember Lloyd: The total from yesterday was \$911,927.

COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 75, Co-op Extension. Move down to

1990	Extra Help	6,000.00
2600	Office Supplies	4,500.00
3120	Postage/Freight	9,000.00
3130	Travel/Mileage	7,000.00
3310	Training	200.00
3520	Equipment Repair	6,000.00
3530	Contractual Service	5,667.00
3570	Janitorial Service	900.00
3600	Rent	35,997.00

With an explanation to that (Rent) and that is that Councilman Wortman did a little survey in the area of some surrounding properties. He found that most of the properties available in that area are just under \$8.50 a square foot. Based on 4,235 square feet at \$8.50 per square foot that's how he arrived at the \$35,997 figure. And I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a motion and a second. Any discussion? Ms. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: You know I don't know if you all have

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looked up there, but by the time you count the \$4,000 for the utilities, the janitorial service at \$3,900, of course you cut that to \$900, and then you take \$44,723, we're talking about the total of \$52,623. The Veteran's Administration is over in the Courthouse and their total budget for utilities and everything is \$9,495. I think what's wrong with moving that over in the Old Courthouse? We're talking about a lot of money for rent, utilities, and janitorial fees. There's space over there, that's right downtown, the center of everything. I think we need to take a look at that because we're talking about, if you divide that by 12 months look what it's costing you a month just for the utilities, the janitorial service, and everything. When I go back and look at what it was in this building, it was \$14,908. And we jump from that point to \$44,000?

Susan Plassmeier: But that's not considering the rental space over there. That had to come out of somebody's budget because that was not coming out of our budget.

Councilmember Smith: What?

Susan Plassmeier: The actual square footage, the dollar amount.

Councilmember Smith: You mean over here when they moved from here? No, it came out of the Commissioner's budget because they're the ones that pay all the rent. I'm just saying it's still a county facility. I'm certainly not against the project because I enjoy 4-H and whatever but I'm just saying there's a cost there that could be operated right here within the Old Courthouse. This space is given up here now, I think the Prosecutor has the Child Support Division over there in the same area. I think we need to take a look at this.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question on the rent change, I'm not against it. Can we rent this space for \$35,997 instead of the \$44,000? I mean -

President Wortman: There's a space in Mr. Sherbrooke's shopping center, a space available, but he didn't get to bid on it.

Councilmember Hoy: So they would have to move to get this lower rent?

President Wortman: Yeah, right across the --

Councilmember Raben: Or they'll have to renegotiate.

Councilmember Hoy: All I'm asking, is that in the realm of possibility?

President Wortman: You've got to keep in mind they moved from up in the Civic Center last year out there illegally almost. They didn't have no money, no...and then they did see. So I think we've got to keep that in mind too, see?

Councilmember Hoy: No, I understand that, I just wanted to make sure we could negotiate that. That's all, I'm not opposed to it.

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Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: For the same amount of space what would they pay at the Courthouse, for the same amount of space?

President Wortman: I have no idea at the Courthouse, it would be a lot cheaper though.

Suzanne Crouch: John, what is it that the Engineering Department pays for rent? I know most tenants it's \$5 per square foot for rent, but I believe you pay about half that price. So it's \$2.50 for the Engineer's.

Councilmember Bassemier: That's pretty cheap.

Councilmember Smith: There's space over there. We have funded a lot of things, the city has funded a lot of money out of the Community Development Funds for the Old Courthouse. I, number one, support the Old Courthouse because I was there almost ten years. I cannot see paying this kind of rent somewhere else when right downtown, and this is what I'm saying, we have to fund it. When you're saying \$2.50 a square foot, even if you went \$5 a square foot, because they'll give you the space you need over there.

Susan Plassmeier: I don't know what kind of a legal issue would arise because the Commissioners did sign a ten year lease out there at Darmstadt for a space, as I understand.

President Wortman: Of course we've got to be careful there of the Commissioners signing a lease like that. You know the next bunch might sign it for 50 years. They should never do that, but if it is we furnish the money. To me they have to renegotiate, you know what I mean? We get locked and that's bad for the taxpayer, we can't do that.

Councilmember Hoy: We're not going to shoot the messenger, okay.

Councilmember Smith: No, I'm not fussing at you honey, I'm just saying when I take a look at this budget, and I'm conservative, and I see this and know that Courthouse is over there. John is over there, the Veteran's Administration is over there and it's a nice place. I just hate to see this kind of money spent of the taxpayers' money.

Councilmember Lloyd: Co-op Extension could use that money for much more beneficial things.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion for anybody?

Councilmember Hoy: We're also at the Courthouse, you know, we put money in the air conditioning there. That's one thing, I would like to see that whole building air conditioned because it will make it more attractive to tenants, fill it, and make the preservation of it a lot easier to maintain. I don't know whether that's good space for you all or not, I can't judge that.

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Susan Plassmeier: We do know that being out at Darmstadt, from what we've seen, the clientele, the number of people that come into our office, has greatly increased versus when it was downtown. We don't have a figure total.

Councilmember Smith: She's saying that the Commissioners signed a contract with this company out there. If they signed that contract are we bound to pay them \$44,723 or can we go to the figure you said of \$33,997? See there we are again not knowing about a contract.

Councilmember Raben: Well, maybe they'll negotiate, or they may get evicted so--

Councilmember Smith: But I think we need to take a look--

President Wortman: I checked with the state man here a while back and he said the Council controls the money, that was his point. Now what the legal grounds were I don't know, see?

Councilmember Sutton: Or Phil's favorite word, S-U-E.

Councilmember Hoy: No that's a girl named Sue.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion on this?

Councilmember Bassemier: Well I just want to make it clear that when I vote against this I'm not voting against the whole budget here, I'm voting against the rent. I mean if we can get it across the street, you know we've spent a lot of money over there ourselves, we put central air in there one year. I mean, this is silly to pay double the rent, and that's a central location. So when I vote this down I'm just letting everybody know it's just for the rent.

Councilmember Raben: But the motion is to cut that rent back.

Councilmember Bassemier: I know to \$35,000, but we're still over budget.

Councilmember Raben: That's a step towards the right direction anyway.

Councilmember Smith: I don't know how much space that the Veteran's have, but they're paying \$8,584 over there. When you're talking about 8,000 some odd dollars to \$44,000 there's a lot of difference in money and that's the taxpayers' money.

President Wortman: Exactly, that's my point. Yeah, a lot of people can't believe \$44,000, it's just an unrealistic figure. Especially in Darmstadt.

Susan Plassmeier: Darmstadt is a nice community. I think when that was arrived at they were looking at what the square footage was that was being paid for, the office space that we were in downtown here in this building, and it was actually less than what was being paid down here.

Councilmember Raben: No, we're not --

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Susan Plassmeier: Well, the figure I have show that our old space was around \$13.50 and the new is \$12.33 when you're figuring in all the utilities and all of that in that per square foot.

Councilmember Smith: But what you had down here you paid \$14,908 for. So there's not the same amount of money.

Susan Plassmeier: Right, you paid that amount, correct. But you're saying that didn't come out of your budget. The Commissioners paid our square footage and that's where we are at odds.

President Wortman: Now there are some office buildings that charge for the usable space, even the Federal Government will pay for usable space. A description of usable space is no bathrooms, no hallways, no furnace rooms, no entries. Usable space is where desks are, that is usable space. You've got the whole area covered, am I right? This \$44,235, yeah, I think, so you've got over 4,000 square feet?

Susan Plassmeier: That doesn't include the bathrooms.

President Wortman: Are you sure?

Susan Plassmeier: I'm pretty sure on that.

President Wortman: Okay, okay.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

President Wortman: Ms. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Over where Loretta is, and I don't know how many of you have been over there, I think you have, but there's a lot of space over there. They have a lot of space and the rent is \$5,228. That includes utilities and parking.

Councilmember Raben: Plus we're still paying rent for that space up there, the county is anyway. Basically, if you want to really look at it, it's a \$44,000 better deal up here regardless because we're still funding that portion of the space up here. You understand what I'm saying? We're paying for this space up here regardless, so it's a \$44,000 savings if we were still here.

President Wortman: We've got a motion and a second on the floor.

Councilmember Smith: He didn't finish.

President Wortman: You said \$35,997 for the rent? Okay, just to make that clear. Anybody else got anything to say?

Councilmember Smith: He's got another area down there.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I was going to go to that next, but I'll go ahead and include this in my motion

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4220	Office Machines	2,000.00
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President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Lloyd are you okay with that? Okay, is there anymore discussion on this? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: This relates to a question I asked last week, what, in terms of progress you guys made on communicating that message through the newsletter about--

Susan Plassmeier: I put that in my newsletter today.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you very much.

President Wortman: Alright, anything else? If not, I'm going to call for a vote. All those in favor raise your right hand.

(Motion approved 5-2, Councilmembers Smith and Bassemier opposed)

Councilmember Smith: Because of the rent.

Councilmember Bassemier: That's the only problem. I think we can do a lot better, and I think we better start looking.

President Wortman: That's a very good point. Thank you, I appreciate your interest. Okay, Mr. Raben do you want to continue on then?

**COUNTY HIGHWAY**

Councilmember Raben: Yes, we can move to page 131. Betty, excuse me, I could have separated that where you could voted on the rest, but I didn't think about that. That's my fault.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. Raben and Mr. President, you know we can't negotiate that on the floor here ourselves, but could we send some kind of message to the Commissioners and to the County Extension that...I think it's what we need to do.

President Wortman: Good point, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, this is County Highway. There's nothing we can do with this until the state makes it's -

President Wortman: Yeah, that's a five cent gasoline tax.

Councilmember Raben: They've already signed off on it?

President Wortman: Yeah a five cent gasoline tax.

Councilmember Raben: So we approve it as it is and then make any adjustments.

President Wortman: Yeah, I don't think anybody should go to Henderson to buy cheaper gas. Stay here because that helps our roads, see?

Councilmember Sutton: Is that a motion?

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Councilmember Raben: You need a motion on that?

Councilmember Sutton: No, I mean the gas or the budget?

Councilmember Hoy: You know there is a station on this side of the river that's in Kentucky. I thought that was clever.

Councilmember Sutton: I was going to second, but I don't know which one to second. I'll second on your motion, Mr. Raben.

President Wortman: I'll keep still. Who seconded it?

Councilmember Sutton: I seconded it.

President Wortman: Any other discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Mr. Raben?

***CUMULATIVE BRIDGE***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Cum Bridge, page 138. Approve that as submitted.

Councilmember Sutton: Is that a motion?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a motion and a second. Any discussion about building bridges? If not, let's all raise your right hand in favor.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

***LOCAL ROADS AND STREETS***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, turn to page 157, Local Roads and Streets. I move that we accept it as submitted.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a motion and second. Any discussion? No discussion, all those in favor raise your right hand.

(Motion carried 6-1, Councilmember Hoy opposed)

Tape Change

***CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU***

Councilmember Raben: Convention & Visitors Bureau, page 173. I move that it be accepted as submitted.

Councilmember Smith: Don't we have to vote on 157?



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Councilmember Raben: We did. You voted for it. We had six to one?

Councilmember Lloyd: Were you opposed?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: They question more than seven votes, Betty.

Councilmember Lloyd: It was six to one on Local --

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Hoy had the dissenting vote.

Councilmember Raben: Page 173 through 176 as submitted -- 173, 174 and 175, I move that this be accepted as submitted.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion? No discussion. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

***TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT***

Councilmember Raben: Page 176, this is a capital fund and I move that it be accepted as submitted.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? No discussion, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

***BOND ISSUE***

Councilmember Raben: Page 182, Bond Debt, I move that it be accepted as submitted.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a motion and a second. Any discussion on the Bond Issue? If not, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you.

***AUDITOR***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and last but not least is our fine Auditor. Page 6, everything is okay, page 7, we need to move to the top

1260-1020	Posting Clerk	-0-
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Move down to line item 2600 Office Supplies...no wait, that's

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the same. I'm sorry

2830	Plat Books	-0-
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Skip down to the 3000 accounts,

3371	Computer Hardware	-0-
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Those two are with the idea that we'll pay those through Reassessment with a later appropriation. Turn to page 9, everything is the same there. So I move that with those corrections all other items as listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mrs. Smith. Any discussion?

Councilmember Lloyd: I was just going to commend the Auditor for running a tight ship and being efficient enough to reorganize the work in that office to eliminate a position. I think that sets a great example. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: I'll echo those -- basically, I was going to say the same thing, that it's refreshing to see someone actually --

President Wortman: Don't brag on her too much, she'll want a raise.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, just to mention a couple of items. I do want to thank you all for voting for the contract for Soil & Water Conservation District and former Commissioner Hunter came in, and as of today, the Soil & Water Conservation District of Vanderburgh County was voted number one in this state. That's brand new news and it just adds to our pride in that office. I have a second question.

Councilmember Raben: I don't want to cut you off, but we haven't voted on this last issue.

Councilmember Hoy: We haven't voted on the Auditor?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Councilmember Hoy: Oh, I thought we had voted. I'll hold. I thought we had already voted. Mr. President, we haven't voted on the Auditor yet, and then after that I'd like to make another comment.

President Wortman: Alright, we've got a motion and a second on the floor, any more discussion on the Auditor? No more discussion on her? All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question, sir? I've been reading in the newspaper that the Airport may want to lease some more space

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to the Sheriff's Department and I'm not taking a stand, yes or no on that, but does that not have to be processed through the Commissioners and us before that happens because we just had a big rent discussion here about County Extension and I don't want us to get into another -- Mr. Bassemier, you're assigned to them, do you have any comments on that?

Councilmember Bassemier: I don't know. He might could use his Commissary money for that. It might be a possibility. He's talked with me about it. He didn't say too much, but he's told me to keep in that back of my mind they'd like to have it, so I'm sure he's going to take the proper steps to inform everybody.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't mind the media, they're sitting here and that's their job is to get information and publish it, but I do like to know when things are coming down the road here as a Councilman. I have some notion that we might be looking at some expenditure, maybe not, maybe he'll pay for it out of the Commissary.

President Wortman: Okay, before we recess, tomorrow we're going to have a little lunch here, come a little early, quarter after eleven, eleven. Our Council Attorney is going to buy and furnish everything. It's the opinion of the chair that that's an automatic venture.

Councilmember Hoy: I like my filet well done, please!

President Wortman: You know, he does that, Jim, on your good graces, so anyway, come early so we can enjoy ourselves and then we'll get right in. So we'll recess until tomorrow, August 21st at 12:00.

Meeting adjourned at 3:04 P.M.

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The Vanderburgh County Council third session met this 21st day of August, 1997 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. This meeting was officially reconvened by President Curt Wortman at 12:15 p.m.

President Wortman: The Vanderburgh County Council is now in session this August the 21st and we'll reconvene. It's past 12:00, so we've got a lot to do, so we'll have a roll call vote. Madame secretary, would you please call the vote?

Teri Lukeman called the roll.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Smith	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Lloyd	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
President Wortman	X	

President Wortman: Okay, we'll stand and pledge allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

President Wortman: Okay, we'll start off, like we said the prior two days that salaries will not be discussed until September the 10th and then there will be action taken and of course it's subject to contracts negotiated by the County Commissioners, so we'll proceed, Mr. Finance Chairman Mr. Raben, would you proceed?

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

President Wortman: Yes, ma'am.

Councilmember Smith: Before we start on today's schedule, Knight Township, he met me in the hall a while ago and can we go back...we left \$1000 Training Fund in everybody's but Knight Townships and that was taken out yesterday, they did that...if

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you look on page 60, he had asked for \$3,000 in training and we gave everybody a \$1000 and eliminated his altogether. I know that was probably an oversight on everybody's part.

President Wortman: If I'm not mistaken, the Training came out of Reassessment.

Councilmember Smith: But in all the other townships, we gave them \$1,000 is what I'm saying, in the Training. If you'll go back to the rest of them, Jim, and look.

Councilmember Raben: I agree with you.

Councilmember Smith: I think that was just an oversight and I think before we go into this day's, I told him I'd ask about it.

Councilmember Raben: Well, what I was going say Betty, the main reason why I moved that to reassessment...because he had the largest request. His was \$3,000 and everybody else...most all the other ones were \$1,000.

Councilmember Smith: Did you want to make his \$1,000 like the rest of them? Because he had asked for \$3,000, you're right.

Councilmember Raben: Again, I had asked that they pay for that out of Reassessment and come back for an appropriation in October, so I hate to give him \$1,000 now and he's still going to have to come back for an appropriation to get two more. You know what I'm saying?

Councilmember Bassemier: We're going to give it all to him.

Councilmember Raben: May as well just let him make an appropriation for \$3,000, since he's going to have to make--

Councilmember Smith: For all of it? Okay. But I told him I would ask about it.

Councilmember Raben: Right.

Councilmember Smith: Thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mrs. Smith. Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, turn to page 73.

Councilmember Sutton: Excuse me, Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes, sir Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: One other item, before we get going could we give...could we have a tally through yesterday?

President Wortman: As to where we are? Yes. Okay, Mrs. Deig, would you bring us up to date for the past two days on the cuts to reach our \$2,000,000? In the meantime, you've got a memorandum, if you've noticed the paper on your desk about the airport? They will be unable to attend, any representative today, but that's a formality unless someone has some

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objections.

Sandie Deig: \$1,555,014 and that does include a few adjustments that we made. I think what was actually read was just \$1,529,000.

President Wortman: Does everybody got that?

Councilmember Sutton: One more time.

Sandie Deig: \$1,555,014, that did have some salary adjustments. The \$2 on the different salary line items, but the actual cut out of the other ones was \$1,529...

Teri Lukeman: \$1,529,599.

President Wortman: Okay, does everybody have that down?

***VOTERS REGISTRATION***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, turn to page 73 Voters Registration 2000 and 3000 and 4000 accounts as listed, all others as previously discussed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, any discussion? No discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Okay, proceed Mr. Raben.

***COUNTY RECORDER***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 13, County Recorder and the 2000, 3000, and 4000 accounts as listed. All other items as previously discussed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion? No discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Thank you. Proceed.

***COUNTY CORONER***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, turn to page 33 County Coroner. Move down to

1190-1070	Deputy Coroner/Histotech	-0-
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Councilmember Raben: I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: I got a second from Mr. Lloyd. Any Discussion? Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, I'd like to have the Coroner come to the mike if he would like to discuss that line item again, 1190-1070?

Councilmember Raben: Dennis, this is the line on the new request for the new employee. Basically, you're behind and you had discussed the possibility of contracting out, having some Histotech work done at one of the local hospitals. My question to you would be, if you were to contract that out and managed to get yourself caught up, would the part time position serve the needs of the day to day operation?

Dennis Buickel: You said the part time position. What part time position?

Councilmember Raben: The part time Histotech. The current employee now that does that.

Dennis Buickel: Okay, right now we don't have an Assistant Deputy that is part time that does Histology. The...if you're referring to line item 1070-1170, it has Assistant Deputy/Histotech. We took...the Council should have gotten the one form that we got from the Auditors Office to redefine and list the job classifications. That Histotech under the 1170 line item shouldn't even be there because it's not a Histotech.

President Wortman: Excuse me, Mr. Buickel. Would you state your name for records please?

Dennis Buickel: Dennis Buickel.

President Wortman: Thank you. I appreciate it.

Councilmember Hoy: You merged...you had a Deputy there, a half time Deputy?

Dennis Buickel: Okay, a half time, part time Deputy, yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Right. What you did was...you want to make that into a full time Deputy position as of this budget?

Dennis Buickel: The budget for 1998?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah.

Dennis Buickel: Are you referring to, you know, last month there was action taken transferring monies from one line item, the account, Employees Wages?

Councilmember Hoy: No, this was earlier when...I was under the impression that you had in one line item there, and I may be

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incorrect, Mr. Buickel, that's why I want to get clarification. That you had another part time person in your office, besides the previous lines 1160-1070, 1170-1070, 1180-1070 and then you had one more, I thought. Okay, the 1070-1190 the employees listed as Deputy Coroner/Histotech?

Dennis Buickel: Okay, the reason that the person is listed as Deputy Coroner is, they need to have the legal authority to, you know, if we're busy with multiple bodies or whatever, actually it's for bonding purposes.

Councilmember Hoy: But, it's not that, I'm not being very clear, I guess. Actually what you had here in this line was a part time person that you want to increase to full time with benefits?

Dennis Buickel: No.

Councilmember Hoy: No, that's not--

Dennis Buickel: No, this request for a new employee is specifically that it's a new employee. We're currently--

Councilmember Hoy: A full time employee?

Dennis Buickel: A full time employee. We're currently utilizing a certified Histotech to do our tissue blocks on my preparation of microscope slides and we're paying that person on a piece basis.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, will we...that's the question, will we continue to use that Histotech, should you get this full time position?

Dennis Buickel: If they turn in an application and if that's the one that's going to be the one we pick, yes.

Councilmember Hoy: You're still going to need that person, though?

Dennis Buickel: Okay, if we bring...if Council approves a full time employee for the Coroners Office as a Deputy Coroner/Histotech, that Deputy Coroner/Histotech or Histology Technician will be performing all the block and all the slide work for the office and we won't be contracting anything else out to anybody.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, that's what I wanted, because you actually have some contract funds that we will no longer be spending, should we fund this.

Dennis Buickel: That's correct.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now you're stating that's contract work, I, Dennis, and again, I may be perfectly wrong, but I thought the way you described it last week that this person was a part time employee doing this work. It's actually a contractual employee?



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Dennis Buickel: We are...the Histotech that we're using at the present time. There again, for purposes of being around the equipment, working in the county facility, they are a...this person is an unpaid Deputy Coroner. Okay, unpaid. They are being paid per block and per slide for the work that they do as a subcontractor or private contractor.

Councilmember Raben: And who is paying that?

Dennis Buickel: Vanderburgh County is.

Councilmember Raben: What line is that paid out of?

Dennis Buickel: That's being taken out of the Diagnostic Studies.

Councilmember Hoy: Do you have an approximate cost on that? I think that'll help us out.

Dennis Buickel: I don't, not with me.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, let me ask you this. Is it safe to say that if we funded this full time employee that you wouldn't need Diagnostic Study monies then?

Dennis Buickel: Well, there are essentially two things that come out of Diagnostic Studies. The laboratory work and the toxicology work. We send our specimens up to a laboratory up in Indianapolis. That money would still be needed, but if you look back at what we spent out of Diagnostic Studies this year. There has been a tremendous increase in the monies expended. So, what I'm saying is that, if Council allows this new full time Histotech, the monies that are currently coming out of Diagnostic Studies won't be expended to this, she or he will be an employee of the county and all of our Histology work, all of our block work, all of our slide work, will be their job. So, she won't be paid additionally for that, no.

Councilmember Hoy: So, you will show a savings in 3640 Diagnostic Studies?

Dennis Buickel: Oh, there would be a definite decline. Not only would it be a definite decline in what we're having to spend now for the block and slide work, we'll still be taking in money from the other...not from the other counties, but from Dr. Heidingsfelder. Because, she's the one that will be doing his work on his other county cases.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'm through with the questions.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I just had a question. I'm the Health Department liaison and the number (inaudible) investigated by the Coroner of the county are pretty constant, wouldn't you say

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that? They haven't increased dramatically.

Dennis Buickel: Well, it...actually it has increased and if you'll bear with me for just a moment. If you look at...oh, if you want to be somewhat dramatic, call it the big picture. Don't look at one individual month or even a six month period, but lets look at it over a four or eight or ten year period. Over the last four years we've averaged, averaged now, 478 contacts per year. Now, out of those 478 cases, in some of those cases we invoke full jurisdiction. Sometimes we order an autopsy, sometimes we don't, but we invoke full jurisdiction. In the remainder of those cases, either through review of past medical records, investigation at the scene, talking to physicians that have treated the person in the past, we're able to forgo that jurisdictional invocation and either the health officer can or a physician can sign. Now, that's '93, '94, '95, and '96. The four years before that there was an average of 376 contacts per year. So, we've increased on the average 100 cases per year.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, well I know, because I have access to the Health Department statistics. In '96 they're showing 235 deaths reported (inaudible) is that the correct coroner issues of the court?

Dennis Buickel: What the statistics that are reported in the paper, number one they're not always accurate, I'm not saying that the media is ever wrong.

Unidentified: (inaudible-microphone was turned off)

Dennis Buickel: Okay, the cases as reported to the paper by the Health Department are those cases in which the Coroners Office has invoked full jurisdiction.

Councilmember Raben: How many of those cases Dennis, would there be...that we actually performed autopsies?

Dennis Buickel: Bear with me again, they are here somewhere. Well for example, out of...this as of 7/31 of this year. We have been involved in 374 deaths in Vanderburgh County. We ordered to date as of 7/31, 94 autopsies. In 1996 we were involved in 342 deaths, we ordered as of 7/31 of '96 we had ordered 100 autopsies. Going back to '95 as of the end of July, 330 deaths, we had autopsied 91 of those. In '94, 353 deaths, we had autopsied 109. In '93, 362 deaths, autopsied 87. In 1992, 293 deaths, 81 autopsies.

Councilmember Raben: That'll probably get it. So it's pretty consistent over the last six years, but I had a question on--

Councilmember Hoy: Well actually no, it's...when you go from 82 to 100, that's a one fifth, Jim, difference. That's from high to low, but--

Councilmember Raben: I know, but '96 was more than '97, and '95 was about the same as '94.

Councilmember Smith: '97, we've only gone eight months in that '97.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I think that's the same statistics on all of them.

Dennis Buickel: Yeah, these are statistics yearly.

Councilmember Raben: These are all through July.

Dennis Buickel: Up to and including July the 31st of that year.

Councilmember Smith: Well, that's seven months.

Dennis Buickel: Seven months out of the year.

Councilmember Raben: Well that's the same term through '94 too, right?

Dennis Buickel: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: So see Betty, that's still through July of '94, is what he's saying.

Councilmember Hoy: But, it could change I mean, it's going to bounce up and down. You may or may not have more.

Dennis Buickel: If you look at it over the past decade, then shall we say, the slowest year that the Coroners Office had was all the way back in 1989. That's through July the 31st. In 1989 through July the 31st of that year, that office came in contact with 224 deaths, of that they autopsied 56.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Dennis Buickel: Well in 1989 the monthly average was 32 deaths (inaudible) death calls. In 1997 we're averaging--

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes, sir, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: I think that there's another factor here. I don't know how to say this, I don't want to be critical of previous work in your office, but I have been to the Coroners Office and I can tell you as a Council that Mr. Buickel has a lot of five gallon buckets full of human tissue. He has an incredible backlog that he inherited, and I'm trying to say this carefully, because I respect his predecessor, but he inherited a lot of buckets of tissue that were not dealt with. That adds to his load. Second thing is, Mr. Buickel, you can respond to this. In addition to when you conduct an autopsy, when your office is involved in some way, you're still spending a lot of staff time. Is that correct?

Dennis Buickel: Well, that's correct. When we receive the initial notification, by statute we have look at it. We have to look at the death and circumstances surrounding the death.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, my point is and tell me, you know, you're the Coroner and I'm not and which is probably a good

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idea. But it would seem to me when you have an autopsy you sometimes may not be spending any more than you spend with another case, because when you get to the point of having to have an autopsy, then that's a contract with the forensic pathologist. I don't know if I'm making myself clear or not? But my point is whether or not you have to go ahead with an autopsy once you have a case, you may spend as many hours on a case that does not have autopsies as you would on one with. It doesn't mean you just blink your eye and it's done.

Dennis Buickel: Sometimes that's true and sometimes it isn't. But to me, the bottom line is that the vast majority of time we spend on any case is on investigation, of that total time the autopsy is realistically less than one forth of the time we put into it.

Councilmember Hoy: That's my point. Thank you.

Dennis Buickel: Normally...if there is a such thing as routine autopsies it's going to take between two and four hours. There's absolutely no way that one of our investigations is completed in two to four hours, it just doesn't happen.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't want to drag a lot of stuff on the floor for Council, but we maintain good contact and this a field I'm familiar with, not with being a Coroner, but being a Clergyman and I know in some cases your office has spent an incredible amount of time to make sure you know, that we have absolute clarity in cases of certain deaths and I don't want to mention those specifically, but it takes a long time to clear up some matters. I value that and particularly in one case when it was determined finally it was not a suicide and I think Council needs...I just want the Council to appreciate the fact that the time spent is uneven and sometimes very painstaking in terms of investigation and so on.

President Wortman: Mr. Buickel, Mr. Bassemier would like to address you please.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Buickel, what was that number, that Diagnostic Studies, what number would that \$22,000 be if we grant you that new employee, that Histotech? A ballpark figure, what would that cut it down to? I know you said there were two funds that come out of there.

Dennis Buickel: You're asking me something that is you know--

Councilmember Bassemier: I know it's probably guess work.

Dennis Buickel: \$14,000 to \$15,000.

Councilmember Bassemier: That number would drop from \$22,000 to \$15,000?

Dennis Buickel: It could be \$1,000 off or \$2,000 off either way.

Councilmember Bassemier: That kind of gives me an idea.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I was just going to ask, I wrote these numbers down as Dennis was talking and Russell was just talking. Dennis, if your numbers are 478 and his Health Department numbers are 243, is the difference in that...your number is total cases and would his just be Vanderburgh County out of the Health Department?

Dennis Buickel: The number that, for example, gosh I don't want to have to dig through here again, but whatever number I gave as of July 31st of this year, what did I say?

Councilmember Lloyd: You said 374.

Councilmember Raben: No, I'm sorry, last year's total cases were 478 and his Health Department report said 235. What would be the difference?

Dennis Buickel: The reason for the difference is that in many, many cases and many, many situations we're notified of the person's death. So we go and we may spend 30 minutes before we determine that there's no reason for our office to invoke jurisdiction, but that's still a contact. That's still time that we have spent working with, whether it be talking to nurses, physicians, what have you. It may be a situation where we work on something for a day, two days, three days, whatever, but ultimately you know, it's determined by someone in our office, a member of the staff that it isn't a case that our office need be or should be involved with. So, we would...essentially, we refuse to invoke jurisdiction. Those are the deaths that don't appear in the paper. The only deaths that appear in the paper as "Coroner cases" are those deaths that we've ultimately certified the cause of death and the manner of death and issued a Coroner's inquest form.

President Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: I'd like to make a comment.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, on a...when you make a contact, do you have to do Histotech work or histology work?

Dennis Buickel: I'm sorry?

Councilmember Lloyd: Do you have histology work just on autopsies?

Dennis Buickel: No, on cases that have been autopsied correct.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Just a couple of questions. Dennis, how wide of an area do we basically service here? How many surrounding counties utilize our facility here in Vanderburgh County?

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Dennis Buickel: We get back to this bug-a-boo of the regional morgue concept. Right now there are either 18 or 19 different counties other than Vanderburgh that use our facility.

Councilmember Sutton: With those counties that we service, what types of service are we providing? Are we only talking about autopsy work here, lab work, what are we talking about here?

Dennis Buickel: We provide, for \$75 per body that is sent to us from another county, we provide the facility in which the autopsy is performed.

Councilmember Sutton: Does that cover our cost? That \$75?

Dennis Buickel: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Including personnel and you know.

Dennis Buickel: If you look at it, the full time people that's there in the day time, we're there anyway. The part time on call Deputy...because the facility is Vanderburgh County's other than some other county. When there's an autopsy from another county, when they ship the body in, someone from our staff is there like I said, because it is Vanderburgh's building, not their building. But they are paid a salary per year. So, yeah, it'll be unfair to say, is that covering our...the cost of our salaries, because what is the cost? We're paid whether we're there or not. Any histology work, any block work, you know, tissue blocks and any microscope slides, the same person that we contract with to make the blocks, make the slides. If, for example, Dr. Heidingsfelder, Lavon, or Jacoby whoever, whomever says they need blocks and slides on a particular case, the same person that does our work does the work for them, but what she does, she charges us \$1 per block and \$1 per slide, then we turn around and bill Dr. Heidingsfelder or Lavon or Jacoby \$2 per block and \$2 per slide.

Councilmember Sutton: Now, I guess another question I had, I know the cause quite often determines whether there is going to be an autopsy performed. Any other determining factors that will give justification for an autopsy being performed? I mean, obviously, if someone is murdered or something like that, you're going to or if there's a questionable death. But are there any things that may be other reasons that might precipitate the reason we might decide to perform an autopsy?

Dennis Buickel: Well, for example, the newest standard put out by the National Centers for Health Statistics and Centers for Disease Control down in Atlanta, they advocate that...and stress that there should be no death that is...the cause of death being attributed to SID, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. They say there should be no rulings of SIDS unless, number one, there's an autopsy, full toxicology test, and a full microscopic evaluation performed also. Along with the scene investigation, obviously all homicides will be autopsied, that's just the way it's going to be. When we have a young individual and, you know, young is kind of a subjective term, young is compared to what? But if we have a 40 or 45 or 50-year person without any significant past medical history and we can't...you know, the different

physicians we talked to, they say hey, I don't know have the faintest idea why this person died, we're going to order an autopsy. If there's, a...in some deaths where...lets say a person collapses on a job site and they're transported to one of our medical facilities, one of the three hospitals and they die, we order an autopsy for workman's compensation reasons and for OSHA considerations as well. There are more things than just cause of death that influence our autopsy rate.

Councilmember Sutton: If a person dies in a car accident, what would that death be ruled as, an accident, or is that...how do you classify it?

Dennis Buickel: There again, it would depend on the circumstances. What the scene investigation, what statement is taken from witnesses and the people involved with the accident, what it points out. Motor vehicle fatalities can be ruled as accidents, they can be ruled as suicides, they can be ruled as homicides, and in fact, in some of the cases where there's a motor vehicle collision, motor vehicle accident. There have been some of them that have been ruled natural disease deaths, because we've shown beyond a reasonable doubt, if you will, that the person was dead at the time of the collision. Massive stroke, evidence of an acute heart attack and there were no lethal or fatal penetrating or blunt force injuries on the body.

Councilmember Sutton: So, pretty much when we talk about homicide, we stay within what the Indiana code would generally classify as a homicide, or do we have for Coroners purposes, a different classification or determination of what we call a homicide? That might be separate from say, what the Police Department might determine as a homicide?

Dennis Buickel: The definition of homicide in the state of Indiana, If we go back to a law enforcement agency or if we talk to the Prosecutors Office, they're going to tell you that their definition of a homicide included in that overall definition, there has to be some indication of intent on the part of the suspect, if you will. For our purposes, a homicide is simply one person...with that person's death being either being caused by the actions of another or lack of actions of another. An example, take...this is strictly hypothetical, but take a small infant who isn't fed, you know, they're neglected and they die. Now, granted that dehydration may be considered a natural cause, but the classification on manner will probably be ruled a homicide. The lack of actions of whoever was the care giver of that child, that the lack of action to see that the child was clothed and was feed, I started to say watered, but nourished, would be directly tied to that infant's death. It's going to be ruled a homicide. Or, an elderly person where their immediate dependents neglect and ignore that elderly person, that more than likely will be ruled a homicide as well.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't have any more questions.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Are you through, Mr. Sutton?

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Councilmember Sutton: Yes, I'm through.

Councilmember Hoy: I would like to make a suggestion to Mr. Raben, who made the motion, to see if he would accept this as an amendment? We can't do all of it now, but I'm looking at 3640 line, in 1997 we budgeted \$11,000 and in six months we had to spend \$13,115. Which means that, if we continue at the rate we are going and who knows if we will, but I suspect we will and you're going to be looking at an excess of \$26,000 spent at Diagnostic Studies. I realize you can shove these figures all over the place, but if Mr. Buickel is willing for us to put Diagnostic Studies back down to even '97's level, knowing that you may have to come back, at \$11,000 and taking a chance on it. We pick up from Diagnostic Studies request \$11,000, we also pick up some money from what we are actually spending and then the third fact would be, if Mr. Buickel has to contract for block and slide work, I guess that's what you call it isn't it? With the hospitals that price tag is going to be very high. With all of those trade offs, I'd like to see the position restored here and then we reduce Diagnostic and also know that we're not going to incur a large contract bill from the hospitals, who have only guaranteed you several months price as I recall.

Dennis Buickel: The hospital said that the maximum time frame that they would consider doing our work was five to six months.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, then, you know, we would reduce that line on your Diagnostic Studies, because you'll have a person on site to do that. So the amendment to your current motion, knowing that we haven't reached that section of the budget yet, would be to restore line item 1190-1070 Deputy Coroner/Histotech at \$20,800 and of course that's plus benefits.

Councilmember Raben: Could I--

President Wortman: Okay, we've got a motion on the floor and a second and now Mr. Hoy comes up with an amendment to your motion. Do you accept or reject?

Councilmember Raben: I would like to offer another suggestion if possible. What you're looking at, you're looking at roughly about \$30,000 to \$31,000 on this position starting out, with benefits. I would think it would probably be acceptable if you just took the Diagnostic Studies, the request is for \$22,000, if we grant \$24,000 that would probably put him about on track if allowing this person to continue working on a contractual basis, you know what I'm saying? Rather than cut that back to \$15,000, you save \$7,000 on that line, but you spend \$31,000 on the other.

Councilmember Hoy: I was suggesting we cut that back to \$11,000, because he's already spent \$13,115 in six months, so if you double that you've got \$26,230, that's going to be expended under Diagnostic Studies. So it's--

Councilmember Raben: I had \$15,000, that must have been somebody--

Councilmember Hoy: That was the earlier suggestion, you're



correct, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, yeah.

Councilmember Hoy: I cut that in half and I know it's probably a risky cut. He may have to come back and ask for more Diagnostic Studies. This is an area where we're not totally sure, but I think Mr. Buickel, you indicated that line 3640 could be a lot less if you had the staff person.

Dennis Buickel: Well, of course it could.

Councilmember Sutton: Well if, as Jim suggested, if that person is working on a contractual basis, don't we accomplish both requests there?

Councilmember Hoy: Well, if I were Mr. Buickel, I'll tell you what I would do, because he's within the law. Mr. Buickel is more of a gentleman today than I'm going to be.

Councilmember Raben: Could I--

Councilmember Hoy: I still have the floor. And simply this--

President Wortman: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Hoy: I'm still speaking! You know that if he has to contract this out then we may be looking at bills for \$30,000 plus what we've got in this budget and he's only got a 6 months guarantee from the hospitals to do that work. So, I think going with the position is better, I think, administratively. Personally I'd rather deal with a staff member in a case like this, because this person not only can do this lab work, but this person will be a Deputy Coroner which means, that legally when they're dealing with personal belongings and all the kinds of legal things that they deal with on a daily basis and this person can handle that as well. I think administratively it's a better deal, I think in the long run, financially it's a better deal for the county.

President Wortman: Okay, let's change the tape, excuse me.

(Tape change)

President Wortman: Okay, we're on tape again. Mr. Raben...Mr. Lloyd, would you like to speak first?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yeah, I just had a couple more questions. In Vanderburgh County, the population has been constant for quite a while, ten years or so. The autopsies, I have the statistics for Vanderburgh County, now, how many autopsies are we doing other than the county's? (Inaudible, microphone not on)

Dennis Buickel: We're not doing, I don't know how to phrase this, the Vanderburgh County Coroner's office is not doing any autopsies outside of Vanderburgh County. Under our Indiana State law, it makes absolutely no difference where a person is born, it makes no difference where they are injured, it is

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strictly where they die. I can tell you that we have had over the last...it goes back over the last six, seven, eight years, there is a constant, ongoing increase. Some years it is slight, some years it is a big jump. In those cases wherein a person is injured in another county, they're transported by helicopter or ambulance to one of our local hospitals, and they die. The autopsy rate in those instances versus a person that lives here in Vanderburgh County, they are injured here, or they are just found dead here in Vanderburgh County, but we have a local resource to fall back on. Our local law enforcement agencies, our local hospitals, local physicians. The autopsy rate for those people that, like I said, they are injured here, they live here, is dramatically less than those cases where a person is injured elsewhere, they aren't from Evansville, or from Vanderburgh County. They are shipped in and they die here.

Councilmember Lloyd: Yeah, right. I'm sorry. I should have clarified that, non-resident living outside of the county.

Dennis Buickel: I don't have the figures in front of me, all I can say is that the autopsy rate on what you have termed out of county deaths is dramatically higher than those local because we don't have that pick up a telephone, we don't have that immediate access to know whether or not we have a good scene investigation, good documentation, by paramedics, EMT's, ambulance people. We don't have ready access to the physicians, to the nurse that took care of the patient. More often than not, when we have one of those so-called out of county deaths, we have nothing except a name and three or four pages of medical records from one of the hospitals.

Councilmember Lloyd: These are the ones where we charge \$75?

Dennis Buickel: No. Those are Vanderburgh County cases. If a person dies in Vanderburgh County, it's a Vanderburgh County case, whether it's a Coroner case or not, it's a Vanderburgh County death.

Councilmember Lloyd: I have one other question. The histology work has to be done on a non-resident autopsy?

Dennis Buickel: I'm sorry.

Councilmember Lloyd: Do you have to do histology work on other non-residents?

Dennis Buickel: The...whether or not they are a resident of, you mean Vanderburgh County, it doesn't make any difference. If we have had to invoke jurisdiction in a death that occurred in Vanderburgh County, we have to do histology work. Going one step further, it's been four years ago, it was Mr. Harrison was still the Council Attorney, when the question was asked can we go back and bill these counties or bill the person's relatives and family. There was an Attorney General ruling that said we can't do that.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: This is kind of along the same lines as

Russell's questions, I understand the numbers inside the county, but what percentage of those would you say are just autopsies performed that are brought in to this county to use our facility?

I mean, if we're doing 235 autopsies per year, how many of those are just cases where the body is brought into Vanderburgh County for the autopsy to be performed in our facility?

Dennis Buickel: I don't know if I understand your question. Let me try to answer it this way, the number that I gave you, however many it was per year, that doesn't...that's not...that doesn't include those cases where, let's say, hypothetically a person dies in Henderson County. The Coroner in Henderson County says I want Dr. Heidingsfelder to perform the autopsy in Vanderburgh County...that doesn't include a situation like that, at all.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so that...those 478 cases doesn't include anything like that?

Dennis Buickel: No, those are strictly cases where people who have passed away in Vanderburgh County, where our office has been contacted where either, we know this is a Coroner's case, or we think it is, or we don't have the foggiest idea.

Councilmember Raben: All right, thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, one more...we've got to get going here.

Councilmember Lloyd: All of the buckets in there that have been mentioned before...

Dennis Buickel: All of the what?

Councilmember Lloyd: How long are all of these going to last?

Dennis Buickel: I'm sorry.

Councilmember Hoy: The buckets that were mentioned.

(Inaudible, microphone not on)

Dennis Buickel: The...some of the buckets contain tissue that has already been, when I say tissue, biopsy specimens, I'm trying to think of a tactful way to put that. They contain biopsy specimens, some of which have already been cut in and blocks and slides have been made. Some of them have been...had the biopsy, the small biopsies taken for the paraffine blocks without any microscopes, microscopic evaluation to even be performed. The part of Dr. Heidingsfelder's original agreement with Vanderburgh County, when he was brought into Vanderburgh County, was that the tissue would remain for a minimum of five years. I believe that was the contractual agreement that he had. Mr. Lloyd, did that answer your question?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'm not going to accept the motion, so the motion still stands and I think we are ready for the

question.

President Wortman: All right, then, the motion will cover the 1000 accounts, is that correct Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: The motion is to set

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That is my motion.

President Wortman: Okay, no other discussion? All those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five. Opposed, One, two. Mr. Hoy and Betty Knight, okay.

(Motion approved 5-2, Councilmembers Hoy and Smith opposed)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now we will go to the 2000...

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I just reserve the right next year if Mr. Buickel comes in with some high slide bills, I do want the right to say I told you so.

President Wortman: Okay. Mr. Raben, proceed.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next is

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2410	Body Transport	2,500.00
2600	Office Supplies	2,000.00
2700	Other Supplies	1,600.00
2710	Color Film	3,800.00
2730	Sanitary Supplies	1,000.00
2740	Chemicals	1,000.00
3160	Radio/Pagers	1,400.00
3190	Solid Waste Disposal	2,500.00
3310	Training	2,000.00
3520	Equipment Repair	2,000.00
3530	Contractual Services	1,500.00
3640	Diagnostic Services	22,000.00
3650	Autopsies	85,000.00

4230	Motor Vehicles	-0-
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What I would like to ask you to do, Dennis, is come back in October, like we have done with all of the other departments, and file an appropriation. 4271, Morgue Equipment as listed,

all other items as listed and previously discussed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd made the second. Any discussion? Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: How much do we pay per autopsy?

Dennis Buickel: \$685.

Councilmember Sutton: To Dr. Heidingsfelder?

Dennis Buickel: Or Dr. Lavon or Dr. Jacoby.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, generally who does the majority of those?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Buickel, once more for the record, will you tell the Council how much other places pay because it is lower, I believe, than any kind of national or state average.

Dennis Buickel: The...okay, we pay John Heidingsfelder, Mark Lavon, or James Jacoby, regardless of who does the autopsy, \$685. If Dr. Jacoby goes to any other county, he charges them for his time and for his mileage. Dr. Lavon will not travel to other counties, so it is \$685. He is with the Western Kentucky Regional Medical Examiner's Office. Dr. Heidingsfelder travels on the road, I don't know what his, as far as dollar amount, what his contractual agreement is with other counties. I know that he charges them time and mileage. To answer your question, yes we are getting the autopsies cheaper than the surrounding counties.

Councilmember Sutton: Do we have an annual contract that we renew with these three individuals to set that amount in, how do we...

Dennis Buickel: With Dr. Heidingsfelder, not with Dr. Lavon or Dr. Jacoby.

Councilmember Hoy: They could charge more.

Councilmember Sutton: Or less.

Councilmember Hoy: They could charge more since they are not under contract.

Dennis Buickel: I'm sorry.

Councilmember Hoy: The other two could charge you more since they are not under contract.

Dennis Buickel: Well, they could but the agreement that they have with Dr. Heidingsfelder, they provide coverage for him when he is unable to provide coverage. So they charge us the same

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amount that we would be charged if he performed the examination.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: So again, percentage-wise, a breakdown among the three that do perform. Could you give us a ball-park figure?

Dennis Buickel: Dr. Heidingsfelder performs a majority of them.

Councilmember Sutton: So, we are talking about maybe 90%?

Dennis Buickel: I don't know what it is.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions before we have a vote? No other questions, all those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**LEVEE AUTHORITY**

President Wortman: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Turn to page 177, Levee Authority. All items as submitted, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion on the Levee Authority. It's a combination of City/County. If there are no questions, I'll call for a vote. All in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you. Proceed, Mr. Raben.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**VETERANS ADMINISTRATION**

Councilmember Raben: Page 82, Veterans Administration. All items as submitted with the appropriate adjustments as previously discussed. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: I have a second from Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: That Extra Help, is to fill in during vacations, is that correct? The Extra Help line, 1990.

Councilmember Raben: It is set in at \$500.

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Councilmember Sutton: I know that they have come here in the past and asked for a request for....

Councilmember Raben: I think that is what she said, that they run into problems during vacation time.

Councilmember Smith: During vacations. They only have one secretary over there.

President Wortman: Any other discussion?

Councilmember Raben: Page 78, Area Plan.

President Wortman: Wait a minute, we have to have a vote. Okay, all those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Okay, now you can go.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**AREA PLAN**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 78, Area Plan. Turn to page 79, look at

2810	Drafting Paper	2,000.00
3610	Legal Services	50,000.00

All others as listed and previously discussed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: I have a second from Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion? No discussion, all those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you, proceed.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Councilmember Raben: The Health Department, page 148. All items as submitted, with the appropriate salary and benefit adjustments as previously discussed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: I have a second from Mrs. Smith, thank you. Okay, any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me...this may answer your question.

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I need to actually amend that motion because to set in the new employees today on this budget.

President Wortman: Okay, you are going to amend your motion.

Councilmember Raben: Councilmember Sutton had an question to address. We need to turn to page 150

1550-2130	Ozone Officer	35,000.00
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Councilmember Smith: That is what we've got.

Councilmember Raben: I believe that is it for the new employees.

Councilmember Smith: Jim, how come you are amending that? Mine has \$35,000.

Councilmember Raben: Hold on just a second.

President Wortman: Yeah, that is listed in the book.

Councilmember Smith: The Ozone Officer?

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible, microphone not on)...but he has got to get it on the record now.

Councilmember Smith: But that has got \$35,000 on it.

Councilmember Bassemier: He is just putting it on the record.

(Inaudible, microphone not on)

President Wortman: I tell you what, while we're waiting on this, let's a five minute break and then come back because we have the courts to continue with.

Councilmember Sutton: Did we finish that out? Okay.

Councilmember Raben: No, we're taking a recess.

Tape Changed

President Wortman: We're going to...recess is over with. We are going to continue with the Health Department. Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Page 150

1470-2130	Secretary/Bookkeeper	18,093.00
1550-2130	Ozone Officer	30,173.00

All other items as previously discussed. All other items as listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.



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President Wortman: Second from Mr. Lloyd.

Teri Lukeman: There is already a motion on the floor (Inaudible, microphone not on)

President Wortman: Okay, excuse me. I have been corrected. There was a motion and amendment and Mrs. Smith seconds it, so we have to go from there.

Councilmember Lloyd: Does she need to agree to that?

Councilmember Raben: Right. Did you accept my amendment earlier? Yes, okay. So she needs to...

President Wortman: Okay, to the salary adjustment. Does everybody understand that? Is there any other questions on this? If not, all those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six. Six, okay. Continue, Mr. Raben.

(Motion approved 6-0, Councilmember Hoy abstained)

Councilmember Raben: Okay...

Councilmember Smith: Jim, are we going to take all new employees today? That is a new employee down there. The Ozone Officer, and I thought we were going to take employees...

President Wortman: No, excuse me. What we did, if you remember the Sheriff's Department took those four full-time, we have to list just that.

Councilmember Smith: Are we going to take them all as we go along? I thought we had been missing some of them.

Councilmember Raben: No, I think we...I may have missed one, but I'm not sure, but I thought I'd been catching them as we went along.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Before we leave that...just on a related matter, I did have a question that maybe someone from the Health

Department could answer for me. Sam, if you...there you are.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton has a question for you, Mr. Elder. State your name and where you're from, please.

Sam Elder: Sam Elder from the County Health Department.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Elder, on the Health Officer, is that considered more of a contractual employee, or a full-time employee, or how does that work?

Sam Elder: I'll tell you, his office, and this is the State Attorney General, the way that he interpreted it to me, he interprets it as a statutory office, it is just like an elected official. He is appointed by the board and approved by the

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County Commissioners. He is a regular employee with all of the fringes.

Councilmember Sutton: So the County Commissioners actually control that particular position or the state makes that...

Sam Elder: No, the state law is real specific. It says that the board appoints the Health Officer, the Health Board. The appointment must be approved by the County Commissioners, they have to sign off on it. If they would not sign off on the appointment, then we couldn't employ him.

Councilmember Sutton: Then I guess I'm under the impression that the state sets up the parameters for the requirements...

Sam Elder: That is correct.

Councilmember Sutton: ...and duties of that position.

Sam Elder: He has to have an unlimited license to practice medicine in Indiana.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess since we don't have that information before us, now, I guess I raise the question because I know he also does work for the Coroner as well. I just wonder how that works out with being in the Health Department and doing the work for the Coroner and how that works out statutorily.

Sam Elder: I'll tell you, you are kind of getting over into the legal department, and at the time that this was set up the way it is now as a part-time Health Officer, and I might add I think there are only three full-time Health Officers in the entire state. All of them are part-time. They have, for the most part, the salaries are not high enough to employ a full-time physician. This is what everyone says. It was set up that way and it was approved by the legal counsel for the County Commissioners at the time it was done.

Councilmember Sutton: So that \$56,147, that is considered part-time for that position?

Sam Elder: It is \$56,000 something, I don't know, I can look. But it is, for a part-time position, it is in the Job Description as part-time.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Wortman: Are you done Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Wortman: Okay, Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: Royce, back several years ago when we...I was on the City Council, it is very hard to get a doctor to take the time anyway. We are lucky to have a man who works as many hours as this one does because before we had a doctor that would basically just come to the board meetings, Sam, they didn't do any extra work. So the \$56,000, that is not a whole lot of

money when you are talking about a doctor.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't think I'm really questioning the amount of the money for someone with those qualifications. Obviously, the salary is a little bit more than for someone who maybe works at a Berry Plastics or something, a local manufacturing firm, we understand that...the amount of time that they put into their education. I guess the question more or less relates to contractually, how that is arranged in working at two different departments, I don't think we have that particular situation with any other employee with the county, where they do work in two different departments.

Councilmember Smith: We never did have a doctor that did that before. That was an agreement when they hired him, that he would take on that responsibility, but that is part of his part-time money, I presume.

Councilmember Raben: That is a good question. Does he receive insurance and benefits?

Sam Elder: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: He does.

Sam Elder: He receives all fringes. Now, he is the only employee that I have at the Health Department I don't have to certify that he worked 40 hours, or 20 hours, if it is a half-time employee.

President Wortman: Okay...

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I...we are talking about Dr. Heidingsfelder, is that correct? Well, I know he gets benefits, but all seven of us around this table are part-time and we have the same benefits, too. We don't all take them, but we are part-time employees with health insurance and everything else is offered to us, I find that strange myself. Mine is not paid by the county, but since the county is willing to pay mine, I don't know why it shouldn't be willing to pay his.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, but none of us work for any county department, at least not that I am aware of, unless something has changed. I know we are probably comparing apples to oranges, but I was just wondering how that worked statutorily in terms of how that situation is worked out with two salaries in two different departments.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm not against questions being asked about a specific employee, although we haven't done this with anybody else, I hope, as a county, all of us appreciate the fact that we have one of the country's best Forensic Pathologists and we have an excellent man in the Health Department. Yeah, that is more money than I make in all of my jobs, a whole lot more, but I'm not a medical doctor.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you Mr. Elder for appearing here.

Sam Elder: You know, I know that all of you understand that I

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didn't interpret that. That is the way I was told it was to be done.

President Wortman: That's good. Thank you. Now we will continue, Mr. Raben, with Circuit Court.

***CIRCUIT COURT***

Councilmember Raben: Yes, we have already voted on this. Page 96.

Richard Young: Good afternoon, Richard Young, Circuit Court Judge.

Councilmember Raben: If you will skip down to page 97, line

1650-1360	Probation Officer	28,183.00
1660-1360	Part-time Bailiff	-0-

That is it for the 1000 accounts and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion? No discussion, all those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 2000 accounts as submitted, 3000 accounts as submitted, 4000 accounts as submitted. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy seconds it. Any discussion? No discussion, all those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: We will proceed, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Judge you have never seen us in this kind of mood, have you?

Richard Young: This is great. Keep going.

Councilmember Raben: If you see any cuts that I left out, be sure and stop me, okay.

Richard Young: I'll try to do that.

***CIRCUIT COURT MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 168. All 1000 accounts as

previously discussed, 2000 accounts as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? No discussion, all those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

### **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Councilmember Raben: Turn to page 100, this is Community Corrections. You will need to go to page 102, in the middle of the page

1850	Union Overtime	30,000.00
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Richard Young: 1850, is that \$30,000?

Councilmember Raben: \$30,000. Is that more than you needed or is that...okay. 2000 accounts

2260	Food	150,000.00
2750	Work Release Supplies	12,000.00
3310	Training	8,500.00

4000 accounts as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: I have a second from Mr. Sutton. Any questions, any discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: Community Corrections, I asked you last week if you had an estimate on your other income...

Richard Young: We have all of that, we have the documents right here.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, good. Thank you. After the vote, I would like to ask the judge another question that is unrelated, but if the judge doesn't mind answering it.

Richard Young: Sure, I'd be happy to answer anything.

President Wortman: Okay, any more discussion? If not, I'm calling for a vote. All those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

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Councilmember Hoy: Judge, I know this is not related to your budgets, but we have had a long discussion about a certain county employee, Dr. Heidingsfelder. Would you mind sharing with the Council how much value he is to the court system, because you said and I...I got the impression that you wouldn't mind saying that publicly.

Richard Young: No. I have no trouble talking about Dr. Heidingsfelder publicly. I don't want to stick my nose where it shouldn't belong, I wouldn't want to do that.

Councilmember Smith: Nobody is going to question you.

Richard Young: I have seen a lot of forensic pathologists come through the court system and testify, and he is far and away the best. I think he has made a...because of the painstaking detail he goes into and the hours that he spends on some of these autopsies and investigations, and the way he conducts himself in the court room, I think he has made a difference in some cases, I really do. As to whether or not someone is found guilty or not...of a homicide, so I have been very impressed with the way he conducts himself in the courtroom and the devotion he puts toward his work. So, whatever that is worth.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you and...

Richard Young: I think we're lucky. In a community like ours, our size, I think we are very lucky to have someone like Dr. Heidingsfelder.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you. Let the record show I'm the guy that asked you to put your nose into this. Thank you very much.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben.

***CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION***

Councilmember Raben: All items as submitted with the appropriate corrections as previously adopted. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion? No discussion, all those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

***DRUG AND ALCOHOL DEFERRAL***

Councilmember Raben: Page 110.

Richard Young: I think that is it for me, isn't it?

Councilmember Raben: This is Drug & Alcohol.

Richard Young: Okay. Thank you very much.

Councilmember Sutton: Judge, before you get away, since this will obviously be your last time that you appear before us, it has been a pleasure working with you. I know you will miss this time of the year.

Richard Young: It seems to come around quicker every year.

Councilmember Sutton: Best wishes to you and all things that may happen to you in what you are going to do.

Richard Young: Thank you. It has been a joy working with all of you.

President Wortman: Judge, you will miss us too, won't you?

Richard Young: I will, absolutely.

President Wortman: Thank you.

Richard Young: Thank you all very much.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: On page 114, all the 1000 accounts adjusted as previously discussed, 2000 accounts as submitted. You need to turn to page 115,

3630	Equipment Lease & Rental	1,500.00
3770	Treatment Costs	6,000.00

All other items as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion? No discussion, all those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you. We are going to change the tape.

Tape Change

***SUPERIOR COURT***

Councilmember Raben: Are we ready?

President Wortman: Mr. Raben, proceed.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Wortman: Welcome, Judge.

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Terry Dietsch: Should I state my name as usual?

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Terry Dietsch: Terry Dietsch, Judge of Vanderburgh Superior Court. Mr. Hoy, since you asked Judge Young about Dr. Heidingsfelder I hope you're not going to ask me my thoughts on buckets of tissue!

President Wortman: Okay, yeah.

Councilmember Hoy: No, I was going to ask you about autopsies!

Terry Dietsch: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 106, line 1301-1370 Court Reporter be set in at \$31,011. Turn to page 110, line 1990 Extra Help be set in at \$1,000.

1301-1370	Court Reporter	31,011.00
1990	Extra Help	1,000.00

All other 1000 accounts as previously discussed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion? If not, I'll call for a vote. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you. Proceed.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, the 2000 accounts at the bottom of page 110, 2230 be set in at 1,000. Page 111, 2600 should be set in at \$15,000; 2700 should be set in at \$3,500. Now for the 3000 accounts, 3250 should be set in at \$9,500; 3520 that one is as listed, I'm sorry. Move all the way down to page 112, 3932 should read \$29,700; 3941 \$10,000; 3980 \$7,500. All other items as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

2230	Garage & Motor	1,000.00
2600	Office Supplies	15,000.00
2700	Other Supplies	3,500.00
3250	Law Books	9,500.00
3932	CASA	29,700.00
3941	Guardian Ad-Litem	10,000.00
3980	Trans Child & Misc	7,500.00

President Wortman: Do I have a second?



Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd seconded it. Any discussion? If not, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Proceed, Mr. Raben.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 4000 accounts, line 4230 should be set in at zero.

4230	Motor vehicles	-0-
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Councilmember Raben: Judge, what I would like for you to do is come back to us in October with an appropriation to be funded this year out of General Fund monies.

Terry Dietsch: Alright.

Councilmember Raben: We're allowing everybody a moped this year.

Terry Dietsch: I'll have Judge Lensing ask for streamers and bells on the moped! How's that?

Councilmember Raben: No baskets. If you want a basket on the front of it you have to pay that out of your pocket!

Councilmember Hoy: Raben is donating the tires!

Councilmember Raben: I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Okay, do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd seconded it. Any discussion on that? No discussion. All in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

***SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION***

Councilmember Raben: Now turn to page 164 and 165. All items as submitted with the appropriate corrections as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion? No discussion. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you.

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Councilmember Raben: Page 154.

Terry Dietsch: I think that's it, isn't it?

Councilmember Raben: That's it for you.

President Wortman: That's it, thank you, Judge. Appreciate it.

Councilmember Raben: Page 154, all 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts as submitted. All 1000 accounts as previously discussed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: I've got a second from Mr. Sutton. Any discussion? No discussion. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Okay, Mr. Raben.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**911 EMERGENCY SERVICE**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 172. This is the 911 Emergency Service. All items as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second to that effect?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd seconded it. Any discussion? No discussion. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Okay.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION**

Councilmember Raben: Page 128.

President Wortman: Jim, excuse me. We've got the Local Emergency Planning Commission, page 170, and Local Drug Free Community, page 171. If we could take those two prior to the County Council.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 170. All items as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second to that effect?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy. Alright any discussion on that? If not,--

Councilmember Hoy: No, I have a question.

President Wortman: Excuse me, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't have the page yet.

Councilmember Raben: It's 170.

Councilmember Hoy: No, no questions.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? No discussion. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Proceed.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY**

Councilmember Raben: Page 171, all items as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: A second from Mrs. Smith. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: What office do those funds go through, this Local Drug Free Community? Is that a combination between the Prosecutor and the Sheriff's Department or who do those funds go through?

President Wortman: Do you want to address that Ms. Crouch?

Suzanne Crouch: It's grant money. It is deposited in our office and then there is a committee, and I would have to get that information for you, Mr. Sutton, that actually governs the grant money and allocates it. That law enforcement is monies that goes or it has been budgeted for the Sheriff's Department and for what particular item I'm not sure, but I could try to find that out.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I am curious also about the source of the funds. Ms. Crouch, is that federal or state or what?

Suzanne Crouch: I believe that is state money.

Councilmember Hoy: State money?

Suzanne Crouch: Yes, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm curious, the Prevention, what is involved there?

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Suzanne Crouch: What I can do is -- this is not new. It's just new in that the state has now required it by State Board of Accounts, through one of their bulletins, is requiring it to be set in as a budgeted item and the County Council to actually budget it. It has been in existence for several years and it has been grant money that has come in and that has been dispersed. What I can do is get the past claims and show you how it has been spent in the past and have that for your Personnel and Finance meeting.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess I was really interested in that because that line item 2990 in that particular budget, Discretionary - Office Expense, you know, what office is getting the discretion to use that expense?

Suzanne Crouch: I think it's the group or this particular organization, but I'll find out for you.

Councilmember Hoy: My curiosity comes from that also and from Treatment. They must have some other sources because \$15,000, you know, is not a great deal of money for treatment.

Suzanne Crouch: Why don't I prepare a history of that grant and then what it has been spent on in the past and try to get some additional information for you for your Personnel and Finance meeting.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Also, that committee that you spoke of, you could--

Suzanne Crouch: Who all is on it?

Councilmember Sutton: --forward the list of names that are on that committee and how often they actually do meet.

Suzanne Crouch: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, turn to page 128, please.

Councilmember Lloyd: Did we vote on that?

President Wortman: No, we didn't vote on it yet.

Councilmember Raben: Did we not vote?

President Wortman: No, no. We made the motion and let's see, Mr. Sutton seconded it if I can recall. Okay, any more discussion? Because he asked the question. Okay, all in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Okay, Mr. Raben.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

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Councilmember Raben: Now turn to page 128. All 1000 accounts as previously discussed and 2000 accounts as submitted. The 3000

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accounts, line 3130 should be set in at \$1,500; 3610 should be set in at \$4,000.

3130	Travel/Mileage	1,500.00
3610	Legal Services	4,000.00

All other items as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton seconded. Any discussion? Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: I talked with Ms. Jerrel on this 1970 the Accrued Payments. Since that was discussed and it was discussed that it should go into the Commissioners and I agree that they are the administrative and I talked with Ms. Jerrel and also Suzanne and that can be transferred over to the Commissioners' Office and they are supposed to take care of that some way, so that will not be in the Council's budget. I don't know how you do it, but that's what she said that they would do.

Suzanne Crouch: I can't speak for Ms. Jerrel, but the request that was made of me, Mrs. Smith, and correct me if I am wrong, is does that have to go in the County Council's budget? My response was that is up to County Council and the Commissioners.

Councilmember Smith: Well, we're not the administrative we are the executive...I mean the legislative body and I don't think that should be left up to...that should be put in the hands of an elected official.

Councilmember Hoy: I would like some light shed on what that is about because my information is that it should be in this budget, but I am open to hearing--

Councilmember Smith: The way it was explained to me if someone quit and they had three weeks coming they could go ahead and pay them and then the officeholder could hire someone else in that place. That's what that was for. But, I still say it should go into the County Commissioners' budget. It can be transferred over there because when I talked to Bettye the other day and she said that she would get with Suzanne and there was a way to do it.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm sure there is. I feel that since our executive handles so much of the personnel matters that this is the appropriate place for this.

Councilmember Smith: But that's not her job. She is not the personnel manager of Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Hoy: There is no personnel manager of Vanderburgh County.

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Councilmember Smith: Well, then the personnel matters then go to the County Commissioners. That's where it has to go.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I feel--

Councilmember Smith: I know I can't out vote you because I'm just a minority member sitting over here, but I'm saying that is where it's supposed to be.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, this has nothing to do with party politics, it has to do with, in my opinion, functionality and I know that everybody I know of who makes any kind of move in personnel or retires or whatever from county government has a great dependence upon our office, you know, for going through that process and I think it functions well. I'm looking at it from a functional standpoint, so I don't see any reason to move it. Is there a motion on the floor to approve this yet? Yeah, there is a motion.

President Wortman: We're in the discussion.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, so upon approval of this, presently it will stay in this budget. Thank you.

President Wortman: Any other discussion? Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: I know Sandie is...no politics here. I know Sandie is doing a good job with it so why are we trying to fix something that is not broken? I mean, I think she is doing a wonderful job.

Councilmember Smith: Supposedly they are so overworked they need part-time help and they need this and that, but it's supposed to be in the County Commissioners' budget. That's why it was okayed to start with at the Personnel meeting.

Councilmember Sutton: Is that handled--

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: --right now when the payout is made or when we are making payouts how is that handled, Sandie?

President Wortman: Mrs. Deig, do you want to address that?

Sandie Deig: Yes, I will. It is my understanding, we are just about to have one now and I've been talking with the officeholders, they will turn in the 99A and a copy of their printout showing how much time they have accrued that we'll pay back, you know, pay to the employee who is leaving. I turn those papers over to the Auditor's Office. They check it out with their records that are in the computer on accrued time and from that point the check is cut. There is no decision made in the Council office regarding this. None, okay? It's a good check and balance. For instance, an employee that is getting ready to leave tomorrow, they first turned in...the officeholder turned in a set amount that this person was going to be paid. They checked it with the employee and they didn't agree. They came back yesterday with a corrected figure. The way I

understand it from the Auditor's Office, this person will be placed on the Council payroll for one pay period. Then the next pay period when their name returns on there, that's the way they do it, then I will just delete that name because that person is no longer an employee. For us it's a matter of just writing how much this person has coming and that's verified by the Auditor's Office. That's all there is to it.

Councilmember Sutton: So procedurally there really is no change just a matter of assuring that the amount of dollars are there to cover--

Sandie Deig: That's correct.

Councilmember Sutton: --any changes that might come up during the course of a year?

Sandie Deig: That's correct, Councilman Sutton. Instead of an officeholder having to leave a slot open for a month or three months or whatever, that person would be paid off immediately therefore allowing the officeholder to hire a new employee to take the place of the one leaving.

Councilmember Smith: Doesn't that payment have to be approved by the Commissioners?

Suzanne Crouch: As it is set up, my understanding is, the Commissioners approve the pink slip that would actually show their last day of employment and then their time would be figured with that date in mind.

President Wortman: I guess what we are saying here we've got really a check and balance. Would you say that would be correct probably? A check and balance within the Council's budget?

Councilmember Hoy: Plus it works well. I mean, functionally it seems to me, you know--

Councilmember Smith: Are we setting up a personnel office?

President Wortman: No.

Councilmember Hoy: No, we have systematically not set up a personnel office, Mrs. Smith, but personnel matters, many of them, at this level are handled by our Executive Assistant and handled with dispatch and I think that is all that I am interested in seeing happen. I like what Mr. Wortman said about checks and balances. It's working well, so let it continue to work well.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: I was just going to say that prior to doing something like this, you know, we were always...they always had to come before us to get an appropriation for a buyout or something like that and now, you know, we're simply going to have money in a line item where, you know, that particular office doesn't have to come to us for an appropriation. In a sense, it always has kind of gone through the Council because

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we've appropriated monies for a buyout.

Councilmember Smith: But they always had to go to the County Commissioners before. You're changing the whole system.

Councilmember Hoy: They still do the pink slip.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, they still have to get the pink slip signed.

Councilmember Smith: I know I can't out vote you, but it isn't right and you know it isn't right.

Councilmember Hoy: No, I don't know that. I resent you telling me what I know and don't know, Councilman Smith. You have a right to disagree, but please, please don't tell me what I know and don't know because you don't know that.

Councilmember Smith: We are not the administrative department of Vanderburgh County.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: I was just going to say it's a different type of system. We can see how it works.

President Wortman: Like Mr. Sutton said, it's worked so far, you know, or Mr. Bassemier, I believe it was. Okay, any other discussion before I call for a vote? If not, we'll call for a vote. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six. Opposed? Councilmember Smith opposed.

(Motion carried 6-1, Councilmember Smith opposed)

President Wortman: Okay, now then I will call for a total and see where our cuts are now from the two young ladies here.

Sandie Deig: Can you hold on a minute?

President Wortman: Yeah, okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Sutton: Maybe while we are waiting on that particular total, I made a little note in my book back last week when we were talking and though the Commissioners are not here I did ask a question about what the status was going to be of the employees at the Auditorium. At that time he indicated, Commissioner Mourdock indicated, that the union employees would be on layoff. Now since that question and response I guess something different has taken place. I know there has been some employees notified that they would be terminated rather than laid off. We talked about this as something that could potentially happen, but I don't think we are really in a posture right now of terminating employees due to the situation with the Auditorium. I strongly think that, you know, this is something that is occurring. It's progressive for the county in building



this facility and by terminating employees I don't really view that as very progressive and I think some steps should be taken to at least place those employees in some positions somewhere here in the county and not have those positions or those individuals terminated from the county because I would say the likelihood that they would get back on with the county would be pretty slim after the renovations would be completed. Like I said, I just wanted to at least get that on the record because what we were told here last week is not the case today as we sit here. They have been terminated...or they will be terminated effective the first of the year.

President Wortman: I would say that depends on the progress of the Auditorium. You never know it might be delayed, but I say that could possibly...I guess, it's the Commissioners call, I guess, on that. It would be up to us to refinance their employment or something like that. It's the Commissioners call.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, the County Garage, you know, obviously there are some positions or there might be some possibilities there, but like I said, a layoff and a termination are different.

Chuck Whobrey: My I address you?

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, as I mentioned with Mr. Mourdock, I hope that he definitely takes into consideration that if these guys do...if there is an opening somewhere in the system that surely to God these guys could be placed in that position. I would like to see that. I really would.

President Wortman: Thank you.

Councilmember Smith: Some of those men have been over there quite some time and I saw a letter that Chuck just showed us and he wants to speak in regards to that and that wasn't what we were told the other day.

Councilmember Sutton: The other thing, too, is when you say termination that means you are totally cut off from county employment which means when the Auditorium really reopens they would have to reapply to get on really with the county. So, you know, you're talking about losing your longevity and a number of other things along with that whereas layoff is a little bit different or repositioning, whichever the case may be. Termination, I don't think when we voted the Auditorium budget I don't think any of us had anticipated or implied that we wanted to eliminate positions of individuals here in the county. We've added several positions here in the last few days, but I don't think we've eliminated anybody.

President Wortman: I think like out at the Highway that is funded by the gasoline tax, see, so you have to be careful there. Now I think Burdette Park might be something different, see, then the classification and all this would enter. Just talking now. I'm not saying they would have to be placed in a certain job, you know, for their qualifications, too, possibly.

Councilmember Sutton: I know here we can't guarantee anyone anything in terms of employment, but I think, you know, we have

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been actively involved obviously in the financing package for the auditorium and have been involved in the planning to a certain extent and I just don't think that termination is the right way to go on this. It's just not fair to those employees at all.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Would it be appropriate in your opinion, it is in mine, I agree with Councilman Sutton and Councilwoman Smith and Bassemier...Councilman Bassemier. Councilmembers, how's that? At least we express our concern to the Commissioners that...he's quite right, termination is kind of a final thing rather than being laid off and I hate to see that happen, and also by attrition we might have some positions open that they could fit into.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Hoy. Do you want to speak to that shortly here?

Chuck Whobrey: I'm Chuck Whobrey, President of Teamsters Local 215. I appreciate your comments, Councilman Sutton. For your information, under our contract...you know, they have been notified that they are going to be terminated. We are going to respond to this letter. This letter is dated August 19th. We received it in our office yesterday. We're going to respond. In fact, they can't terminate them. They might be able to lay them off, but they can't terminate them. I think that this wasn't the right step to take, number one. What I'm asking, and I would ask this body to do, is so we don't have people right after the first of the year, five individuals with families be laid off come January 5th, I would ask this body to, whether they are temporary positions or whether we can somehow through the Building Authority, if we are going to work with them and they are going to manage it in the future, that there be some effort made to keep these people employed. I know one of the individuals over there, and I might be off a year or two, but has in the neighborhood of 18 years of service with the county. Another one that comes to mind is in the neighborhood of 12 to 13 years. These people have worked hard over there and what I am asking is that they be placed somewhere come January 5th. Whether it be at Burdette Park or whether it be with the Highway Department, but that they be placed somewhere so that they still have income. Then if we need to somehow get with the Building Authority, if they're going to be the one to operate it, or whoever, and work them into that system or make them employees of the Building Authority, we're open to anything reasonable. I don't want to see a situation where we've got five people that right after the first of the year lose their jobs. That's what I would ask and I think it is an appropriate time for Council that you could somehow deal with this situation in these budget hearings. That's my concern. I think that Commissioner Mourdock signed this letter as President of the Board of Commissioners and I think his letter is wrong in saying they are terminated and if he thinks they are going to be terminated we'll certainly contest that and have no doubt that we'll be able to keep them in, worst case, layoff status with recall for

rights for three years. Whether or not we get just a technicality change from termination to layoff, that might be important in the long run, but for that 18 month period I don't think these folks...I think this county government owes enough to these people who have worked over there and worked hard for this county to find them some employment during that period of time. Whether or not that is at the Highway Garage or wherever, we are open to suggestions. That's all I would ask for your consideration.

President Wortman: I'd say that sounds reasonable, but there has to be an opening, see. We can't create a job out there.

Chuck Whobrey: I know what you can do and you know what you can do in terms of budget. I'm not saying put five additional permanent positions out at the Highway Garage. I have no idea whatsoever because I'm just not that familiar with that group of people out at the Highway Garage in terms of how many people might be retiring during the course of 1998 or later this year for that matter. I just, I don't have a feel for that. What I am saying is, you know, you're familiar with county government. You see people be unemployed from one department one day and then magically land in another department the next week. Now I've seen that happen a number of times. I'm not critical of that because I don't want anybody to be without a paycheck. I'm asking you folks to work the same sort of magic because, Curt, I know you can do it.

President Wortman: Thank you for your confidence.

Councilmember Hoy: In fact, it happened just this week. That magic happened.

Councilmember Smith: I wonder, Chuck, maybe you or somebody could probably answer this. In the meantime, we've got five more months or four more months that if there is an opening why couldn't those people move into that and use part-time to fill in if they have any kind of function over there? They could move into there if there is an opening between now and then. I think that's...instead of saying we've got to have five jobs January the 5th according to that letter, why couldn't we gradually move those out or ask them to do that? That would be a feasible thing to do.

President Wortman: That's the Commissioners' call.

Councilmember Smith: I know, but there are a lot of things we could recommend.

President Wortman: Oh, yeah. We can recommend suggestions and all that.

Councilmember Smith: Sometimes like he said we change things sitting right here, so, you know, it can be changed.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I just thought maybe as a suggestion could we just have maybe a memo or something, a letter typed to the Commissioners from the County Council that

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our recommendation since we do fund these salaries that we would like these men placed... this is a start, Chuck, this is a start, that the be placed in any openings in the system.

Councilmember Smith: That's what I was asking.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I would like to get it in writing and agreeing and maybe voting on it right now. Somebody make a motion--

Councilmember Hoy: Make a motion and I'll second it.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll make a motion that we draft a letter to the Commissioners stating that all employees that are going to be laid off, I'm not using terminated, that's a bad word. I don't think it was meant to be that way.

Chuck Whobrey: That's what it said.

Councilmember Bassemier: I know that's what it said, but any employee that is laid off the County Council members recommend that these people be placed somewhere in the system.

President Wortman: The only thing is you're making a motion, Mr. Bassemier--

Councilmember Bassemier: I know, we're getting legal advise here.

President Wortman: It's the Commissioners' call, see.

Councilmember Smith: It's a recommendation.

Councilmember Hoy: Point of order--

Councilmember Bassemier: It's not a demand. It's just our recommendation. It's not a demand. Maybe this time they'll listen to me. They didn't listen to me yesterday.

Councilmember Hoy: Point of order, you've got a motion and I will seconded it provided that Mr. Bassemier is considering this as an overture to the Commissioners. It's us speaking to the Commissioners and in that spirit I will second it.

Councilmember Bassemier: There is nothing wrong with that.

President Wortman: What about individuals sending letters or something?

Councilmember Hoy: You have a motion on the floor and a second.

Councilmember Bassemier: I think it's stronger if we get the majority on the County Council to recommend to the Commissioners that we hire anybody that is laid off over at the Auditorium and be put in the system is a lot stronger if one of us or whatever. We're going to vote. The body is going to vote. We control the purse strings. I want to vote. I want to take a vote and

that's my motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, well, he hasn't called for discussion.

Councilmember Bassemier: However you want to work it. I can't just sit down and draft up a letter right now, but it could be done.

President Wortman: You're wanting to make a recommendation.

Councilmember Bassemier: A recommendation.

President Wortman: Alright.

Councilmember Bassemier: In the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy, you would second it.

Councilmember Sutton: Are we in discussion?

President Wortman: We're discussing. Mr. Lloyd

Councilmember Lloyd: I guess the Commissioners do set the policies, so we're just asking the Commissioners to consider placing these employees.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, if an opening comes up out at the Highway place him out there. I know there is an older guy out there. I think a couple of them are getting ready to retire out there and if there are two openings out there place these...if they're medically fit to go out there. I'm sure they are, they're working over at the Auditorium. They should get those positions.

I've been in the union for 30 years. I know how the system works and I really hate to see anybody laid off.

Councilmember Sutton: In relation to that memo--

Councilmember Lloyd: Could we ask the Commissioners that question?

Councilmember Bassemier: Pardon?

Councilmember Lloyd: Could we ask the Commissioners to come here and address that question?

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, we can with the letter, then they can show up anywhere they want to.

Councilmember Sutton: I think--

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm not sure they're talking to me now.

Councilmember Sutton: I think we all probably feel at this point in time based on the health...the fiscal health of the county, you know, we're not really looking at eliminating positions. Obviously, if we were in poor shape then it might would be a

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different situation, but that's not the case at this time. I think with the memo or the recommendation for the memo, I would like to see the memo provide lines for each of us to sign off on that letter. I know that I am in support of it and I would like to sign off on that as well and I don't know how many...I don't see that there appears to be any opposition, but I think it sends a strong message that, you know, unified we express that we would like to see some alternatives presented to those employees who have received the termination letters.

President Wortman: Okay, just a minute.

Councilmember Lloyd: I guess another question would be (inaudible).

Councilmember Smith: You have to.

Chuck Whobrey: I think you're talking about two different letters. You're not talking about this letter? You're talking about the letter you're going to send?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, right.

Jeff Ahlers: What you could do is, I don't know if you need a motion. Somebody can draft a letter and whoever wants to sign, sign it if you want to.

Councilmember Raben: Again, we're not talking about creating more positions. We want the opportunity for them to go in a vacant spot.

Chuck Whobrey: I want to be clear about what I want. I'm not sure what you are going to do, but I want to be clear what I want. I don't want to see people laid off come January 5th. I'm not asking that there be five permanent positions anywhere, but I am asking that these people retain employment and I think if you give consideration...that's what I'm asking. Now, Councilman Bassemier might know of a couple of people apparently going to retire and under our contract, the people under the auditorium are under the same contract as those at the Highway Garage in a different department, they have bidding rights and we certainly will be telling those people that if a vacancy comes up out there to bid on those vacancies, but if there aren't five vacancies between now and January 5, 1998 I'm asking that this Council take whatever steps are necessary to see that these people aren't laid off right after Christmas.

Councilmember Smith: The motion is on the floor.

Councilmember Sutton: Does this have anything to do with the Building Authority taking over that?

Chuck Whobrey: I don't know. As I mentioned last Thursday I spoke with Mr. Utley because last Wednesday was the first time I had heard that they were going to be, at that time laid off was the term used. Mr. Utley hasn't had any firm...anything firm worked out with the county and the only assurance he had given me at that time is, well they could certainly submit an application. Well, I'm sorry, when you've got 18 years of

service I think you need a little bit more than you can submit an application. That's my point. We've got certainly five months to deal with this and I am just asking this body if it's necessary to create a few line items at the Highway Garage or whatever, there has got to be enough wiggle room somewhere.

Councilmember Hoy: To add to that, and we do have a motion on the floor, what Mr. Whobrey has said, that has been done for a number of people. It was done last week for an employee. It's been done when somebody needed two more years to be vested, you know, in PERF. This is, it seems to me, something in which you could consider extending to these gentlemen who have worked this long. I don't think that is too much to ask. All we're going to do, Mr. President, is make a recommendation or overture to the Commissioners. They will make the call, but I think we have a right to speak to them. They speak to us and that's good conversation.

President Wortman: The only thing I've got a problem with is it's not on the agenda or anything. It's not listed and all this. I've got a problem with that myself with this motion and second and what have you. I don't know whether this Chair should recognize a motion in this order.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think this discussion came up as a result of we're at the end of our budget process and we've already considered the Auditorium and voted on that budget. My question was that when I voted on it, and I don't know about the others, but when I voted I wasn't voting with the understanding that these positions would be terminated, but I voted with the respect that there will be changes respective to the physical structure of the building, but the employees wouldn't be terminated from county employment and I think that's what kind of really drew us into the discussion. This would be the time, the proper time, to bring up the discussion as swiftly as things are moving.

Councilmember Raben: Could I, just for clarification, basically the motion is just that the Council draft up a letter in support of this issue to the Commissioners. Let's just go ahead and take a vote on it. If there is anybody that doesn't wish to sign that letter, I mean, you can express your opinion at that point, so let's vote on it.

Councilmember Sutton: Who would draft the letter?

President Wortman: The only thing here is, it's not advertised or anything. Legal counsel?

Councilmember Raben: It doesn't matter. We don't even have to have a motion to do it. I mean, we can make a request that the letter be drawn up. We don't have to actually vote, but it doesn't hurt anything to vote here today on this issue.

President Wortman: It don't mean nothing.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, it does.

Councilmember Raben: It does mean something, but there is

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nothing illegal about it.

Councilmember Hoy: If I were the person being laid off, Mr. Wortman, it would mean a lot to me.

President Wortman: From that standpoint, yeah. I keep saying that this is the Commissioners' call and when they make the decision then they come to us for money. That's my point. I'll explain myself. I'm not against the people being laid off. If there is an opening at the Highway, say a truck driver, are one of those four or five over there qualified to be a truck driver or are we going to force them into that job?

Councilmember Smith: Don't they have so many days to qualify for the job? Thirty days or something?

Chuck Whobrey: Yes, they do.

President Wortman: Another thing that comes up now, and we all know this, does the political atmosphere warrant hiring out at a certain place?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I would like to call for the question, call for the vote and just take a vote.

President Wortman: What if I don't call for a vote?

Councilmember Smith: Then you're out of order.

President Wortman: Technically, I don't have to accept it. The Chairman does not have to accept it. The Chairman sets the policy.

Councilmember Hoy: In that case we'll just bring it up at the next Council meeting then and vote on it then. We can do that then.

Chuck Whobrey: If I can, again, say something. Curt, I have no idea what your comments about the political atmosphere have to do with anything unless these layoffs or terminations are somehow politically motivated and I certainly think that wouldn't be the case. You're not suggesting that these terminations are politically motivated are you?

President Wortman: Chuck, what I am saying--

Chuck Whobrey: You're the one who raised the issue of political atmosphere.

President Wortman: That's exactly right, but when there are jobs in say Center Township which is a Republican officeholder, a Republican normally gets the job. Am I right or am I wrong?

Chuck Whobrey: I don't know about that.

President Wortman: A Democrat officeholder is the same way.

Chuck Whobrey: I represent...your counsel is cringing because he knows you're really saying some things that are not wise to say.



All I'm suggesting and all I am here doing is representing five members of Teamsters Local 215 that are employees of Vanderburgh County who I can honestly say I have no idea if these five people are Democrats or Republicans. What I am asking you to do, and you've certainly made your feelings clear as well as some of the other Council, just as they've been in support of something happening, it is very obvious you don't want these people to be placed anywhere else. That's made clear. All we are asking is that they not be laid off. I don't think that is too much to ask and given the statement about the county's fiscal health I think there is some room to find places for them. If you were near bankruptcy I would understand those problems.

Tape Change

President Wortman: Mr. Raben, are you about ready for the total so we can relay it to the Councilmembers?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, but --

Councilmember Sutton: We have a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Well, let me -- just a moment.

Chuck Whobrey: It's just a recommendation.

Councilmember Raben: Let me ask Curt --

Councilmember Bassemier: I think our president doesn't fully -- or maybe I didn't make my motion clear enough.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, can I offer a suggestion here? Call for the vote. If you want to express your displeasure in this, then you simply don't sign the letter, but I think it would be appropriate to go ahead and call for the vote. It's the opinion of the majority here that the letter be drafted so, again, if to express your displeasure you simply don't sign the document.

President Wortman: Who would you have draft the letter?

Councilmember Bassemier: I was just going to ask Sandie to draft it. It's no bid deal, we'll just get it -- if you're for it, you sign it. If you're not, you don't sign it.

Councilmember Raben: So it's just a simple motion that --

Councilmember Bassemier: I could just probably right now ask her if she would, and she'll do it. Write everybody's name, whether you sign or not. I just want to make it in the public record.

Councilmember Raben: So the motion is only to allow our executive assistant to draft a proposal for support by the County Council to this issue to the Commissioners, and Councilman Sutton asked that it require seven signatures or lines for seven signatures and whoever doesn't sign it, they have that right to either sign it or not sign it. So I think it's a reasonable request. So I think you ought to go ahead and

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call for the question.

President Wortman: Okay, we've had discussion now, so I'm going to call for a vote. Motion by Mr. Bassemier and seconded by Mr. Hoy, all those in favor raise your right hand.

Councilmember Lloyd: I'd like to abstain.

President Wortman: Okay. And all those opposed?

(Motion carried 5-1. Councilmember Wortman opposed, Councilmember Lloyd abstained)

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, let me give you the cuts to date. The actual 2,000, 3000, and 4000 accounts, the cuts, and this, you know, there may be an error but this should be very accurate: \$1,732,764. There is an additional \$341,000 that is the adjustment made to the Sheriff's Department back to 3%. So the cuts should total \$2,073,764. So we're just over the mark that we targeted for which is about where we want to be. Before we leave I'd like to thank everybody. We went down a few rocky roads, but for the biggest part of it I think everything went smooth and I appreciate everyone's cooperation. Although we cut \$2,000,000 from the budget, you can't really say we cut \$2,000,000 because a lot of the cuts that we made we're able to appropriate yet this year for a lot of capital expenditures and that's because of all of you, everybody. Because of sound fiscal management, we were able to spend some money this year that we've not been able to do in the past. So, while we made cuts, in reality, they're not actual cuts. So everything went well and I'm particularly pleased and appreciate everyone's cooperation.

President Wortman: Alright. Mrs. Crouch, is this falling in the realm of what you recommended to start with?

Suzanne Crouch: The \$2,000,000 cuts will enable you to have a healthy operating balance, remain under the freeze, and I believe you'll probably have -- those cuts will go a little higher after your September 10th meeting, won't they?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, there are some FICA and PERF adjustments that will have to be made. So there will be some additional money as part of this --

President Wortman: Okay, do the Councilmen want to comment on that? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, speaking on behalf of the minority party, I think that the budget process, we did hit a few snags here and there and some areas where we had sharp disagreement, but on the whole I think that the budget process is satisfactory to the county officeholders and to this particular body. I think the budget process will amply enable us to meet the needs of the county and I'd just like to commend Mr. Raben for the effort that he put into this particular budget and I think it's very reflective of what's needed. And the key thing is that

next year we won't see a lot of these departments coming back to see us and asking for appropriation requests and I think that's something we've been trying to work toward for quite a long time. So I just want to commend you.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm going to say this real quick. I told Jim out in the hallway, even though we disagreed on a couple of things, that was his job to do what he did. He did a fantastic job and it was rough for him, I know it, and I hope there are no hard feelings on my part from Jim because he did a wonderful job -- Suzanne, everybody that's with this budget, Sandie, fantastic.

President Wortman: Mr. Ahlers has got a comment to make.

Jeff Ahlers: I just have one quick thing where I was asked to comment today on Paul Hatfield, the Pigeon Township Assessor, had brought to our attention a new statute in his line item. I think we set that in at zero, didn't we? Or has that got to be done yet?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible)

Jeff Ahlers: It was set in at zero on that line item and that's fine. I just wanted to make a record and in checking into that, that what that statute says is that they are to make an estimate of expenses incurred through litigation to be distinguished from legal expenses. He said that he had no litigation expenses nor did he anticipate any. That matter was set in at zero so the line item remains, but it's set in at zero. For the other township assessors, they didn't put anything in their estimate, so they won't have line items. What that essentially means, though, is no counsel can be hired by the township assessors without coming back and getting money appropriated into that line item and I explained that to Mr. Hatfield that because there is nothing in there, that there would have to be an appropriation. Otherwise, as we just talked about a couple of weeks ago, those contracts would be void and there could be no hiring of counsel without first coming before this Council.

President Wortman: Okay. Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I think Paul understood that, but he said that according to the law that there had to be a line item there and it probably should be put in every one of the rest of them's budget, too, even though it's zeroed out, because there needs to be a line item for that. So I think that's what Paul -- you know, I think that's what he understood.

Jeff Ahlers: Right, I talked to Paul and he understands and we're both in agreement now. I mean, he did what he was supposed to do. The statute just says that they shall estimate. It doesn't say that we shall appropriate. So he did his job but since he didn't anticipate any cost in that, we set that in at zero. However, since the other assessors didn't put a line item in, we can't do that for them. Next year, or whatever, if they want to ask for a line item, they can.

Councilmember Smith: Jim, I think you did a good job.

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Councilmember Raben: Thank you, but, I know Councilman Hoy is wanting to say something, since I gave my little spiel a minute ago, I've felt bad ever since and I always would tend to compliment ourselves but there's three ladies here that worked probably as hard or harder than any of us and I forgot to make them part of that. So, Teri and Sandie and Suzanne, thank you very much.

President Wortman: Okay, I want to thank Mr. Hoy, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Raben, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Sutton and Mr. Bassemier took off, and Sandie Deig for input, the attorney, the secretary, Teri Lukeman, and of course our famous Auditor, too. So regardless of what it was it, constructive criticism, if that's what it was, that's fine. I think we all did a good job, especially you. So I think that's one thing.

Councilmember Lloyd: Hopefully we can move a little bit higher on our total and keep the tax rate the same for the taxpayers and maybe lower the tax rate.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Wortman, since I tend to represent and may be one of the most independent stances on this Council, while I've had my disagreements with some of the things and Mr. Raben and I and some others have had disagreements, I hope you all understand that my view of government is that it's out of the friction of friendly minds that you can come to the truth. I'm just not a go along, get along guy. And I consider it my job to raise questions and to disagree. That does not mean that I hold personal animosities. I, frankly, think our process has gone real well.

President Wortman: Okay, anything final to say? We've all got to ride the goat sooner or later. Thank you. I'm going to ask for a motion to adjourn the meeting we'll reopen September the 10th, so make sure you're here. So I've got to hear a motion for adjournment.

Councilmember Raben: Recess.

President Wortman: No recess, adjournment. It's been advertised for September -- am I right, Mrs --

Jeff Ahlers: That's correct.

Suzanne Crouch: They're two separate meetings.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to adjourn.

President Wortman: Okay, we've got a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hoy seconded it. All those in favor raise your right hand, got to have a majority. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

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President Curt Wortman                      Vice President Phil Hoy

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Councilmember Russell Lloyd, Jr.      Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Ed Bassemier              Councilmember Royce Sutton

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 3, 1997**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 3rd day of September, 1997 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order by County Council President Curt Wortman and officially opened by Brad Ellsworth of the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department.

Roll call was taken by Teri Lukeman.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH	x	
COUNCILMEMBER SUTTON	x	
COUNCILMEMBER BASSEMIER	x	
COUNCILMEMBER HOY	x	
COUNCILMEMBER LLOYD	x	
COUNCILMEMBER RABEN	x	
COUNCILMEMBER WORTMAN	x	

President Wortman: Welcome everybody in the audience and Councilmembers. We've got to keep moving, so keep your questions and answers to the point and on the subject, if you would, please. Now would we stand, please, and pledge allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
AUGUST 6, 1997**

President Wortman: I will entertain a motion for the approval of the minutes from the August 6 meeting, 1997.

Councilmember Smith: So moved, Mr. Chair.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith first.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd seconded. Any discussion on the minutes? If not, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Unanimous.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**APPROPRIATIONS**

**A) SHERIFF**

President Wortman: Okay, we'll get right on in to the Appropriation Ordinance, and the first on the agenda will be the Sheriff. Would you please step forward and represent the

Sheriff? Mr. Bassemier, you are assigned there, so...

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, Mr. President, while he's walking up I'm going to make a motion to approve 1050-2220 Tires & Tubes for the amount of \$5,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion? No discussion. Call the roll please, for a roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-2220	TIRES & TUBES	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL		5,000.00	5,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

## B) SHERIFF/JAIL

President Wortman: The next item will be the Sheriff/Jail. Being you are at the podium, would you state your name, both of you, for the record?

Tana Bailey: Tana Bailey.

Brad Ellsworth: Brad Ellsworth.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, Mr. President. I want to make a motion to approve 1051-1130-0300 as listed all the way through

to <sup>1</sup>\*1051-1130-0336 for the total amount of \$8,053.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton seconded it. Okay, any discussion on this? Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I helped draft this letter that the Councilmembers have in front of them. It's a letter to the Commissioners. One of the problems we ran into with this is we're looking at a retroactive contract, so this is the 1997 County Council and we're supposed to vote on funding going back to January 1, 1995. We've had these arguments last month, we had it back in April, and this letter urges the County Commissioners to not enter into county contracts with retroactive provisions which is a prudent way to do. We keep the budgets separate each year and I just think -- I hope all Councilmembers would want to sign this letter to the Commissioners. Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got anything to say on this before we have a roll call vote? If not, would you please call the roll?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: No.

**SHERIFF/JAIL**

**REQUESTED**

**APPROVED**

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<sup>1</sup>This motion corrected at the Council Meeting held September 10, 1997 to include 1051-1980.



1051-1130-0300	CORRECT. OFFICER	449.00	449.00
1051-1130-0302	CORRECT. OFFICER	271.00	271.00
1051-1130-0303	CORRECT. OFFICER	283.00	283.00
1051-1130-0304	CORRECT. OFFICER	525.00	525.00
1051-1130-0305	CORRECT. OFFICER	203.00	203.00
1051-1130-0306	CORRECT. OFFICER	413.00	413.00
1051-1130-0308	CORRECT. OFFICER	341.00	341.00
1051-1130-0309	CORRECT. OFFICER	183.00	183.00
1051-1130-0310	CORRECT. OFFICER	255.00	255.00
1051-1130-0311	CORRECT. OFFICER	367.00	367.00
1051-1130-0313	CORRECT. OFFICER	111.00	111.00
1051-1130-0314	CORRECT. OFFICER	149.00	149.00
1051-1130-0315	CORRECT. OFFICER	18.00	18.00
1051-1130-0316	CORRECT. OFFICER	350.00	350.00
1051-1130-0317	CORRECT. OFFICER	288.00	288.00
1051-1130-0318	CORRECT. OFFICER	259.00	259.00
1051-1130-0319	CORRECT. OFFICER	284.00	284.00
1051-1130-0320	CORRECT. OFFICER	210.00	210.00
1051-1130-0321	CORRECT. OFFICER	185.00	185.00
1051-1130-0322	CORRECT. OFFICER	210.00	210.00
1051-1130-0323	CORRECT. OFFICER	198.00	198.00
1051-1130-0324	CORRECT. OFFICER	49.00	49.00
1051-1130-0325	CORRECT. OFFICER	209.00	209.00
1051-1130-0326	CORRECT. OFFICER	209.00	209.00
1051-1130-0327	CORRECT. OFFICER	73.00	73.00
1051-1130-0328	CORRECT. OFFICER	209.00	209.00
1051-1130-0329	CORRECT. OFFICER	18.00	18.00
1051-1130-0331	CORRECT. OFFICER	253.00	253.00
1051-1130-0332	CORRECT. OFFICER	204.00	204.00
1051-1130-0333	CORRECT. OFFICER	271.00	271.00
1051-1130-0334	CORRECT. OFFICER	26.00	26.00
1051-1130-0335	CORRECT. OFFICER	105.00	105.00

1051-1130-0336	CORRECT. OFFICER	105.00	105.00
1051-1980	OTHER PAY	770.00	770.00
TOTAL		8,053.00	8,053.00

(Motion carried 5-2. Councilmembers Raben & Wortman opposed.)

President Wortman: Okay, motion passes 5 to 2, so we'll move right on to the County Coroner. Thank you, Mr. Ellsworth.

### C) CORONER

President Wortman: Mr. Buickel? State your name, please.

Dennis Buickel: Dennis Buickel.

President Wortman: We know you well, but just for the tape, thank you. Okay, anybody want to make a motion for the County Coroner?

Councilmember Smith: Motion for approval.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and a second. Okay, any discussion?

Councilmember Raben: I do. Dennis, on either of these would it be possible to drop those down a little bit, assuming that a lot of the bills that you get for December won't be payable until January anyway?

Dennis Buickel: Sure, that doesn't pose a problem for me and realistically what we've done in the past, if we see we need more money, I'll be back. But if it helps the Council, as far as I'm concerned, cut it by one third if it helps you guys and ladies.

Councilmember Raben: If we went to like ten and maybe twenty-five?

Dennis Buickel: Sure.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. I would ask that the maker of the motion amend the motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: What were the numbers, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: Ten thousand and twenty-five thousand.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith made the motion.

Councilmember Smith: I will amend my motion to read \$10,000 for line item 1070-3640 and 1070-3650 to \$25,000, making a total of \$35,000.

President Wortman: Would the person who seconded that --

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, I'll agree to that.

President Wortman: Okay, any more discussion on this? If not, have a roll call, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, and Dennis, if you do have a need to come back I'm sure that, at least on this part, I would look favorably on you coming back and making sure we keep the cost in line, but at the same time, if you do have to come back we want to make sure your needs are taken care of there.

Dennis Buickel: Okay, thank you.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1070-3640	DIAGNOSTIC STUDIES	15,000.00	10,000.00
1070-3650	AUTOPSIES	35,000.00	25,000.00
TOTAL		50,000.00	35,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Mr. Buickel.

#### **D) KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion we approve 1130-1990 Extra Help for \$5,000.

President Wortman: Any second on that?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy seconded it. Any discussion?

Councilmember Raben: Is there anyone here from that office?

President Wortman: Anybody from Knight Township? I might add that Knight Township, with this \$5,000 will bring them up to \$17,000 this year for Extra Help. So whether you want to go that extra five, if you want to question them on it, I mean, I'm just throwing this out. I just thought I would bring that to your attention. That's a lot of money. Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: If there is no one here from that office maybe we ought to just set it in at zero.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, speaking for Mr. Folz, he said he does need this, he says his parcels and everything are up and growing, and he indicated to me that he needs the \$5,000. I'm open for suggestions if you want to cut it a little bit, but I think zero -- I don't think that's fair since he's...

President Wortman: I might refer you to, also, to the transfer he's got in for Extra Help, too, see, so taking all that in consideration, but that's up to you Councilmembers to come up with a reasonable figure.

Councilmember Bassemier: Why don't we defer that? Is that okay with --

President Wortman: Do you withdraw your motion?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, I do.

President Wortman: Do you withdraw the second, Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, we need to set it in at zero is what we need to do and if we're going to defer.

Councilmember Bassemier: That's okay. I didn't want to get into an argument since -- that would be fine.

Councilmember Hoy: Are you changing yours to set it in at zero, Mr. Bassemier? Are you changing your motion to set it in at zero?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll set it in at zero and I will get back in touch with Mr. Folz and ask him to please appear next month, okay?

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, Mr. President, I'll second it.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Mr. Hoy. Mr. Bassemier, would you state a motion, a new motion, to set it in at zero and then I'll need a second to that effect.

Councilmember Bassemier: I make a motion that 1130-1990 Extra Help be set in at zero.

President Wortman: And I have a second from Mr. Hoy. Thank you, any more discussion on this? Okay, you get back with Mr. Folz and come see what's going on there, whether they're working hard or not. Okay?

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, sir.

President Wortman: Thank you. Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, thank you.

KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1130-1990	EXTRA HELP	5,000.00	-0-
TOTAL		5,000.00	-0-

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

E) PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Wortman: Okay, next is Pigeon Township Assessor, Mr. Hatfield is going to come forward, please. We spoke about that going into the Reassessment account. Would you state your name, Mr. Hatfield.

Paul Hatfield: Paul Hatfield, Pigeon Township Assessor.

President Wortman: Alright, do I have a motion to this effect?

Councilmember Raben: Well, --

President Wortman: Go ahead, do you want to talk about that?

Councilmember Raben: Last week we had discussed putting this in Reassessment, is that still the intention of this Council?

President Wortman: Does that agree with you, Mr. Hatfield?

Paul Hatfield: That's fine, where do you want to take it out of?

President Wortman: The new Reassessment.

Councilmember Bassemier: He needs it right away, don't you, Mr. Hatfield?

Paul Hatfield: I sure do.

President Wortman: You do?

Paul Hatfield: Yeah, I thought I explained it to you guys last week.

Councilmember Smith: I don't think we discussed that taking it out of the Reassessment last week when he was here --

Paul Hatfield: No, let me refresh your memory. The discussion was that yes, you would approve it, but it was my understanding that when Reassessment budgets, individual office budgets --

Councilmember Raben: We would reduce yours by --

Paul Hatfield: You would reduce mine by six, and my comment was that's fine, I'll just steal it somewhere else.

Councilmember Raben: That's --

Councilmember Hoy: That sounds verbatim to me.

President Wortman: You're exactly right because I remember that and I discussed it with you. My fault. We're going to let him have it and then he would let it go out of the Reassessment later on -- that's right --

Councilmember Raben: I move approval of 1150-3370, 1150-3372 in the amount of \$6,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and a second. Any discussion? Have a roll call vote, please. Thank you, Mr. Hatfield.

Paul Hatfield: You're welcome.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes. The Sheriff is here, Mr. Hatfield.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1150-3370	COMPUTER	3,500.00	3,500.00
1150-3372	SOFTWARE	2,500.00	2,500.00
TOTAL		6,000.00	6,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

#### F) SCOTT TOWNSHIP

President Wortman: Okay, Scott Township Assessor. Is that Mr. Lloyd, or is anybody from Scott Township here?

Sandie Deig: He's at school -- he teaches school.

President Wortman: He teaches school, he's not here, okay.

Councilmember Lloyd: On Scott Township I'd like to make a motion that 1160-1990, approval of \$5,100.

President Wortman: Okay, got a second on that?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll tell you what, since he's not here, I think we ought to set it in at zero. That's what I just did.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, you know when these officeholders or department heads apply for assistance I have a problem when they don't show up because they know it's on the agenda. So I have to agree with Councilman Bassemier. If they ask for it, they should be here to speak for it or give us some kind of explanation.

President Wortman: Okay, any more discussion on this?

Councilmember Raben: Who was the maker of the motion?

Councilmember Lloyd: Me.

Councilmember Raben: Was there a second at all?

President Wortman: No, not a second yet. No, I've got a motion from Mr. Lloyd, wasn't it? I haven't got a second yet. Does anybody want to second it? If no second, it dies for a lack of a second. So then I'll entertain another motion to that effect.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, I'll make a motion that 1990 be set in at zero.

President Wortman: Okay, do I have a second to that?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second over here on the right side. Okay, any discussion? If not, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1160-1990	EXTRA HELP	5,100.00	-0-
TOTAL		5,100.00	-0-

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

G) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

President Wortman: Next is the County Commissioners. Mr. Greubel, would you state your name and where you're from?

Tony Greubel: Tony Greubel, Administrative Assistant to the County Commission.

President Wortman: Okay. Mr. Lloyd, would you take that, please?

Councilmember Lloyd: I would like to make a motion from account 1300-2690, 1300-3050 for a total amount of \$412,000 be approved.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second over here on the right. Any discussion on that? If not, call the roll, please.



Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS  
APPROVED

REQUESTED

1300-2690	DEMOLITION	12,000.00	12,000.00
1300-3050	PATIENT/INMATE	400,000.00	400,000.00
TOTAL		412,000.00	412,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

H) CIRCUIT COURT

President Wortman: Next on the agenda is Circuit Court, Grand Jurors, Petit Jurors. Anybody here from the -- yes, Judge Young.

Councilmember Raben: I'll go ahead and make a motion 1360-1360 in the amount of \$2,000, 1360-1370 in the amount of \$10,000 for a total of \$12,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion? No discussion, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-1360	GRAND JURORS	2,000.00	2,000.00
1360-1370	PETIT JURORS	10,000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL		12,000.00	12,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Thank you, Judge.

D) SUPERIOR COURT

President Wortman: Next on the agenda will be the Superior Court.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, 1370-1830 Pauper Expenses \$10,000, I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion? If no discussion, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Thank you, Judge.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-1830	PAUPER EXPENSES	10,000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL		10,000.00	10,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Thank you, Judge.

J) AUDITORIUM

President Wortman: Okay, next on the agenda is the Auditorium.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I make a motion that line item -- I lost my place here -- 1440-1850 for \$3,500 for Union Overtime be approved.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion? No discussion, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**AUDITORIUM**

		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1440-1850	UNION OVERTIME	3,500.00	3,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		3,500.00	3,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

<b>TRANSFERS</b>
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President Wortman: Next will be the transfers and, Councilmembers, I ask do you want to take them all at once? There will be an adjustment on a couple of them, or do you want to take them individually? Do I hear a suggestion?

Councilmember Bassemier: What are the changes?

President Wortman: Okay, I'll mention them to you. Down at the County Assessor, down at the bottom of page three, that should be Real Estate Appraiser/Hearing Officer instead of that R-e-a-s-s-e Reassessment, then we go over to the top of page four and the Office Clerk, that was scheduled for January the first, 1998. So I would like to see that money, \$2,320 moved up into the Extra Help account which would be \$3,520 on that. That would take care of the adjustments on the transfers. Now has anybody else got any comments --

Councilmember Sutton: I'm sorry, would you repeat that last one again?

President Wortman: That was page four, Extra Help is \$1,200, but the Office Clerk, it will be assigned January 1998, January the first, and that was in our Job Study meeting because we can't go along with that. So to give her money in that Extra Help account we'll move that up, that \$2,320, to make a total of \$3,520 into the Extra Help account and zero out the Office Clerk. Okay, anybody else got any questions? How do you want to take them? Do you want to take them all at once, then? The motion? I'll entertain a motion for all of them?

Councilmember Raben: Did you mention another correction there, as well?

President Wortman: Bottom of page three, 1090-1150-1090 should read Real Estate Appraiser/Hearing Officer, \$600.00. That will stay the same, but the title is different. Okay, I'll entertain a motion to the transfers, please.

Councilmember Smith: I move that.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Raben. Any discussion? Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1030-3610	LEGAL SERVICES	2,000.00	2,000.00
1030-3310	TRAINING	500.00	500.00
TO: 1030-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	2,500.00	2,500.00

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1050-1130-0073	PATROLMAN	1,000.00	1,000.00
TO: 1050-1750	CLOTHING ALLOW.	1,000.00	1,000.00

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1050-1970	TEMP. REPLACEMENT	6,000.00	6,000.00
TO: 1050-1130-0079	PATROLMAN	6,000.00	6,000.00

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1070-3660	FORENSIC DENTISTRY	400.00	400.00
TO: 1070-3160	RADIO/PAGER	7.25	7.25
1070-3190	SOLID WASTE	392.75	392.75

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
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FROM: 1090-1120-1090	CHIEF DEPUTY	1,200.00	1,200.00
1090-1150-1090	REAL ESTATE APR/HEARING OFFICER	600.00	600.00
1090-1160-1090	BUSINESS/PP DEPUTY	1,720.00	1,720.00
TO: 1090-1990	EXTRA HELP	1,200.00	3,520.00
1090-1180-1090	OFFICE CLERK	2,320.00	-0-

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1090-1160-1090	BUSINESS/PP DEPUTY	280.00	280.00
TO: 1090-1990	EXTRA HELP	280.00	280.00

CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1110-3380	PHOTO & BLUE PRINT	2,000.00	2,000.00
1110-3410	PRINTING	1,500.00	1,500.00
1110-2610	COPY MACH. SUPPLY	2,000.00	2,000.00
TO: 1110-3370	COMPUTER	5,500.00	5,500.00

KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1130-1160-1130	DEPUTY ASSESSOR	400.00	400.00
TO: 1130-1990	EXTRA HELP	400.00	400.00

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1300-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	3,606.00	3,606.00
1300-3490	YMCA	4,000.00	4,000.00
1300-3532	GARAGE REMED.	5,000.00	5,000.00
TO: 1300-2610	COPY MACH. SUPPLY	1,000.00	1,000.00
1300-3130	TRAVEL	2,000.00	2,000.00
1300-3530	CONTRACT. SERVICES	7,000.00	7,000.00
1300-3620	COPY MACHINE LEASE	2,606.00	2,606.00

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1310-1110-1310	SUPERINTENDENT	810.00	810.00
TO: 1310-3510	OTHER OPERATING	810.00	810.00

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1370-3700	DUES/SUBSCRIPTIONS	2,000.00	2,000.00
1370-3700	DUES/SUBSCRIPTIONS	2,000.00	2,000.00

FROM: 1370-3700	DUES/SUBSCRIPTIONS	2,000.00	2,000.00
TO: 1370-1610	JUDGE PRO TEM	2,000.00	2,000.00
1370-3730	CONT. LEGAL EDUC.	2,000.00	2,000.00

AUDITORIUM		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1440-2300	UNIFORMS	750.00	750.00
1440-2730	SANITARY SUPPLIES	1,000.00	1,000.00
1440-3700	DUES/SUBSCRIPTIONS	2,000.00	2,000.00
TO: 1440-1850	UNION OVERTIME	3,750.00	3,750.00

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1480-1920	INSURANCE	2,048.00	2,048.00
TO: 1480-1900	FICA	1,148.00	1,148.00
1480-1910	PERF	900.00	900.00

FAMILY & CHILDREN		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2042-32120	CARE OF WARDS IN INSTITUTIONS	450,000.00	450,000.00
TO: 2042-32020	FOSTER CARE ASSIST.	75,000.00	75,000.00
2042-32030	ADOPTION ASSIST.	225,000.00	225,000.00
2042-32300	FAMILY SERVICES	150,000.00	150,000.00

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2600-1420-2600	NURSE	21,961.00	21,961.00
TO: 2600-1980	OTHER PAY	20,400.00	20,400.00
2600-1900	FICA	1,561.00	1,561.00

LATE TRANSFER REQUESTS
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HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2010-3630	LEASE & RENTAL	10,000.00	10,000.00
2010-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	7,000.00	7,000.00
2010-2210	GAS & OIL	13,000.00	13,000.00
TO: 2010-2230	GARAGE & MOTOR	30,000.00	30,000.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2030-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	13,022.00	13,022.00
TO: 2030-4230	MOTOR VEHICLES	13,022.00	13,022.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE**

President Wortman: Thanks, everybody. We're going to go into item seven, that's approval of the salary ordinance. I'm assuming that's Mr. Raben. Would you proceed, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, first would be the Sheriff, as approved. Knight Township Assessor should be set in at zero. Scott Township Assessor, zero. Auditorium, set in as approved. Sheriff set in as approved. County Assessor set in as approved. Superintendent of County Buildings set in as approved. Superior Court set in as approved. Circuit Court set in as approved. I make that in the form of a motion.\*<sup>2</sup>

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any more discussion? If not, let's just go ahead and call a roll call vote on that, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Wortman, before you carry on, I neglected to make one last motion and this is for the Clerk's Office and it's to correct line 1360. It should be set in at \$18,953.

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<sup>2</sup>See discussion after vote for additional amendment to Clerk's Office on line 1360.



President Wortman: Okay, that would be a separate motion, now.

Councilmember Raben: This doesn't involve additional monies, this is just an error in that line item.

President Wortman: Okay, now do I have a second to that motion?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith. Okay, any discussion? Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
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**A) AMERIQUAL FOODS**

President Wortman: Okay, now we'll go into old business, tax abatement, compliance with the Statements of Benefit Forms. Mr. Robling?

Mike Robling: Yeah, before we start on the four people that we invited, we got an amended form from Ameriqua Foods. Brenda is passing it out. You had approved this one at the last meeting and they got to checking their records and discovered that part of what they reported as being -- part of their Scott Township return was actually in storage in Pigeon Township, so their manufacturing investment number went down from \$3,004,257 to \$2,214,257, which lowered their percent invested. But their job creation stayed the same.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Robling, was that investment then made in --

Mike Robling: This was, I believe, equipment that they transferred here from a facility that they acquired out of town and it's just warehoused right now.

Councilmember Hoy: Because they've opened a new facility out at Garvin Park.

Mike Robling: Right. Some of it -- we originally thought that's what the problem was, but this equipment is currently stored at the Moutoux Warehouse on Second Street rather than at either of the plants. So I guess we would need for you to approve this one as revised. Although the letter attached is dated August 13, we got it today and it explained what the change was.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody got any questions for Mike Robling? If not, why we'll call one at a time up here if the Councilmen might have some questions to ask them. So, --

Mike Robling: Okay, can you take action on this revised Ameriqua?

President Wortman: You want to take action on that first?

Mike Robling: Right.

President Wortman: Okay, I'll entertain a motion to that effect. Can I have a motion from the Councilmembers?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll make that motion.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion? Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

<sup>3</sup>\*Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

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<sup>3</sup>After vote was taken, Councilmember Hoy wished to rescind his vote in the affirmative and elected to abstain from voting on this issue.

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Robling. You might want to stick around in case there's any questions, if you don't mind.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I'd like to abstain instead of voting yes on that because they are a major donor to the Food Bank, and I think I have a conflict of interest.

President Wortman: Which company is that, Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Ameriqua.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm sorry, I should have said it earlier.

(Motion carried 6-0. Councilmember Hoy abstaining.)

## **B) AZTECA**

President Wortman: Let's start off with Ameriqua. Is there a representative from Ameriqua here in the audience -- or Azteca, you want to start off with Azteca. Is there anybody here from Azteca? Come forward, please. Thank you for coming up. Appreciate it. Would you state your name, please?

Frank Herrera: Frank Herrera, I represent Azteca Milling Company.

President Wortman: We just want to ask some questions. I think the Councilmembers had some questions to ask, so just relax and everything will be fine. Councilmembers, now is the time to address the gentleman from Azteca. So who wants to raise your hand and start off? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you, Mr. President. I think I was probably the one that began to maybe ask some questions here, so maybe it might be appropriate that I maybe kind of get the ball rolling on the questions. I'd like to welcome you to the Council and I did have a few questions that I did want to ask you in relation to the tax abatement and primarily, the questions that I wanted to ask are related to areas of projection and in terms of where we are right now in our application for tax abatement. Looking at the employment side and some questions that I had asked the last time in terms of on our projections, we've fallen short in terms of Azteca on our employment side as opposed to what we are -- what we had -- where we are right now. We had projected 175 and --

Frank Herrera: That's correct.

Councilmember Sutton: -- and we're at 110, so falling short on that particular area. Could you give us maybe some idea what things might be occurring that may have -- what we may have projected, what may have been as opposed to what they are right now?

Frank Herrera: Certainly. If you recall, some of you were here, at least I recognize some of you from about three years ago, when we first came to Evansville we indicated that we were looking to invest around \$30,000,000 in a facility here and creating approximately 175 positions. We started this thing, at least we started site preparation in December of '94 and we actually started construction some time in the early part of 1995. Our initial projections of \$30,000,000 were far short. Our first phase was a little bit over \$30,000,000. We completed that in April of '96 and then we entered phase two and we just completed that in April of this year. We're still looking to go into phase three, which would be our final phase. Our original investment that we had projected at \$30,000,000 has now gone up to something like \$55,000,000 which is what we will anticipate investing in this community in our facility at what we presently estimate. Now, what we were -- our 175 employees will be projected when we are at full capacity, when everything was completed and when all the installations were done. Since we're not there yet, you know, we've been short. We had a necessity to start production because of the requirements of some of our area clients and we did that as soon as we possibly could. So we went ahead and started with what we were able to. We started with a minimum that we were in effect having to get into production in order to start meeting the demands of our customers and this is what we did. We anticipate that phase three would start sometime around the first part of next year and hopefully be completed by the fall of '98. At that time, we anticipate that we would have approximately 175 employees on our payroll.

Councilmember Sutton: So fall of '98 is when we're talking about reaching that 175 projected employment number?

Frank Herrera: Yes. Now there are other factors that have also contributed to this thing which I might want to apprise you of. Right now, we're operating at 50% capacity. We've been having some difficulties with some of the environmental issues which I'm sure you have been probably aware of. We have not been able to produce at what we are capable of doing. And as such, since we can't increase our production, it's also affected our ability to add more people. So we are trying to work with these problems to try to get our capacity up to what it should be. We're currently having to supply a lot of the customers in this area from our plants in Texas and you know that we are having to basically subsidize the freight because we're not able to produce at that level in which we can't at our present facility.

Councilmember Sutton: In that, you aren't at that point right now and you have come upon -- there are times that a business will run upon some things maybe they hadn't anticipated just as you guys have run upon that, and I guess here, with today, like I said, more than anything we wanted to get an idea of reasons why maybe we might be falling short in some areas, and if there are some things that might be contributing to that. But I guess I really want to still continue to encourage you to put your

efforts on as much of a fast track as possible because we'll get these reports every year and I guess we had anticipated that, and when the abatement was unanimously voted here on the Council that we would already be at the point where we would be at the 175 and not at 110. So next year, I guess when you come back before, we may have more questions if we fall short, but like I say, we want to strongly encourage you to move forward because we think tax abatement is a good tool for this county and it's been something that's been very helpful for us and we want to continue to use it as a tool. So I don't have any other questions or comments unless someone else has some questions.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions? Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes. Mr. Herrera, good to see you again. These are the questions that people are asking me. You have 110 employees, how many of those are local people?

Frank Herrera: Well, do you mean local from like Evansville?

Councilmember Hoy: Uh-huh. From the area here.

Frank Herrera: Well from what --

Councilmember Hoy: When we discussed this with you at first, and I did go back and read the minutes and I don't have them memorized, but we understood that some management folks would be coming from the company and we understood that, but the --

Frank Herrera: I think we only transferred -- at that time we said we would transfer around five individuals and I think that's what we did. We just transferred those five and they're permanent residents of this area.

Councilmember Hoy: But you've hired 105 people from the area?

Frank Herrera: We actually have about between 115 and 120, but you know, people quit and they're being interviewed or positions are being filled. The approved positions at this time are ranging between 115 and 120. When we prepare the reports they want to know exactly how many people are currently on the payroll and we always have vacancies is what I'm saying. As a result of that, sometimes a report can fluctuate between 107 and 110, 112.

Councilmember Hoy: You're saying then that you actually have between 115 and 120 job openings there?

Frank Herrera: Approved positions, yes sir, total.

Councilmember Hoy: This question goes back to environmental concerns. When we -- I was president of the Council as you may remember and we worked hard on this together, and I didn't tell you this but I called folks I know in the cities where you have plants and their environmental report was excellent and I don't know how different your process is here from there, but, and I know you're focusing on addressing this, but if there was not a problem there, can not those answers be transferred here or are we dealing with an entirely different situation?

Frank Herrera: Mr. Hoy, the rules or the regulations in Indiana

-- let me preface by saying that I'm not an engineer so I'm not that familiar with the technical aspects of the requirements, but I do know that the regulations in Indiana are much more strict than they are in Texas. Part of our investment was in the form of a water treatment plant which we don't have in our other plants. This water treatment facility ran about \$3,000,000. We didn't know exactly what the requirements or how this thing was going to process. What we did is we hired experts, we turned over the whole operation to them. They told us it's going to cost so much to build this and so much to operate and we basically contracted it so that they could take care of this arrangement for it because we went -- our purpose was to eliminate from the water that we use, all of the solids -- all of the food solids from the water. In our facilities in Texas we don't do this. What we do is we have about 250 acres per plant and we have those in grass. We irrigate with the water, the grass fields, but we don't extract any of the food particles like we do here. So the -- you know, your question as to why, well, we did do things differently, but we thought we were doing them much, much more efficient, much better and that it would really not cause the problems that -- we're as surprised as anybody could be because we felt that the environmental problems that are surfacing at the moment would not be an issue here. I think that if we had the same form of structure and organization of our Texas plants, we wouldn't have been having the same thing or maybe we would have. I don't know. It's just that I'm at a loss to explain this as to why we're having that when we went to a lot of efforts, a lot of money spent to try to make sure that we wouldn't have the situations that we're presently having. That has impacted directly because we started noticing this thing after we were in about six months of production. So as a result, we have not been able to really produce at what we're capable and what we're able to because we've been trying to solve the problems since September of last year.

Councilmember Hoy: Our problem, and you know even at the time, I'm not a great fan of abatement or anything else, but I went with it because it looked like it was one of the better situations and it may still be, I haven't given up on this and I know you haven't either. But in addition to abatement, we also did a tax incentive financing, a TIF zone, and the state helped out some and we used some of the funds that we had from our tax windfall, so we did put more behind your effort than we have some others. And then we, in turn, have to answer to the residents of the county who are asking -- you know, the questions I've asked you are the questions that have come to me over the phone, via letter, and a few other ways. I'm very concerned about the environmental situation and seeing that addressed and then I have two other questions. That was not information I got, all I got was that in Texas, they didn't deal with the smell and some other things, okay. And they don't, but they have -- you're using more acreage there and they have different laws.

Frank Herrera: One of the things that might be is that you've got a community that's very close to the plant and where your prevailing winds are blowing, too. According to the people that we had hired, they had some concerns with the proximity of some of the people that were living that close and that they would get some odors whenever the winds were blowing in their

direction. We didn't think that it would be of the magnitude that they are to be very honest with you.

Councilmember Hoy: Moving to another topic, on the form here, you're at 96% on your real estate investment understandably. But on the manufacturing equipment, you're only at 64%. When you responded to Mr. Sutton a while ago that you're projecting this now for the fall of '98, may we assume that manufacturing equipment will also be at the top level or near by that time?

Frank Herrera: Well, --

Councilmember Hoy: Your new manufacturing equipment is at 64% and your employment is at 63 or 64%, so those -- it appears anyway on paper that those go hand in hand.

Frank Herrera: Well, there's two things as I mentioned. One is that we still need to finish our investment phase and we still have to add all of what we call the storage facilities, and that storage capacity that, to allow us to operate at 100% will be in the vicinity of about \$15,000,000. The construction of that normally takes about ten months, so we're ready to start, weather permitting, in the first part of the year. If we can get the permits and everything that are required, then we should be completed by the fall. That would allow us to increase our employment levels, but the second thing that's going to also, that would have an impact on this is that if we can eliminate the problem that we are currently having because that, see our capacity right now, to stay at our numbers, if our capacity is 100 pounds per day, we're only able to do, the most we can really afford to do without causing more problems than what we're causing right now is to go to about 50. So we're not -- at 50, we're not able to supply the customers in this area or the eastern markets in which -- you know, the purpose of coming over here was to supply the eastern markets. We're still having to supply them from our other plants.

Councilmember Hoy: So solving --

Frank Herrera: So solving this will also allow us to try to more aggressively pursue customers in this area and try to convert the ones that we're currently supplying from our Texas plants to this plant.

(Tape change)

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. Proceed.

Councilmember Hoy: But you've answered that question because simply I was tying in with Mr. Sutton's question about employment vis-à-vis expenditures on equipment, so those do go hand in hand.

Frank Herrera: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: My next question has to do, you made a promise that you would buy white corn here and I'm hearing more answers from the farmers. They don't all fit. Area you able to purchase the white corn in this area? That was one of the inducements to us in bringing the plant in because that would benefit, of course, the area as well.

Frank Herrera: As far as I know, all we're buying, we're buying something like...oh, 95% white corn in this area and yellow corn, we're also buying it in this area. It's to our benefit to buy it here because of the freight involved.

Councilmember Hoy: Let me be more specific because this is what some of the farmers think and I may have incorrect information. The only way to find out is to ask because some of them are very positive, they say the corn is selling but that you're obtaining it through Archer Daniels Midland, which has a facility on First Avenue. They have part of the old Iglehart Plant, and perhaps that's why some of them are not feeling it directly, it's coming through that --

Frank Herrera: Oh, okay. Well, --

Councilmember Hoy: And I don't know, that's why I'm asking the question.

Frank Herrera: One of the things that we're doing is, one of the things that we've delayed which is in the third phase of our construction, is what we call the storage facilities, the silos. We don't have any silos on hand, we only have something like a three day capacity. So we're contracting buying the corn from those companies that are able to store it on their facilities until we need it. And when we need it we pull it out, so it may be that that's what you're hearing. You know, that we're not actually going out and contracting with the farmer individually, but we're buying from elevators -- at least that's what we call them, elevators -- in the area that have the capabilities of storing the amount of corn that we're buying in their own facilities.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I was on the Council when you decided to locate here and I just want to say, I thank you for coming here and I still feel, I know you're trying to solve these small problems and you've only been in business, what, a little over three years, and it's just too, too soon and I just want to say thanks again for locating in Evansville.

Frank Herrera: Thank you very much, Mr. Bassemier. We've actually been in production about, I guess, close to maybe sixteen - seventeen months. We actually started producing in April of last year. We took about fifteen - sixteen months in our first construction phase, but I do appreciate your comment. I do want to say that we came here with the full intent of being a good neighbor, to be in here for the long haul, being here as long as you'll allow us to. We're not here for the short term. We've experienced some difficulties that have kept us from being at the level at which we had anticipated that we would be. It's costing us money but we're trying to solve these things. We certainly appreciate all of the effort that the Council did on our behalf, we still appreciate the efforts that the Council is



doing on our behalf and we want to continue to be a good neighbor. I know that we've got some situations right now that we're looking at solving and I'm sure that we can. It's just a matter of which is the best solution to pursue and we're allowing our consultants, the experts to say that this is the thing that's going to solve it and then for them to tell us how much it's going to cost because we expect a substantial investment in trying to correct those things.

President Wortman: You're in a good area out there, Scott Township where I'm at.

Councilmember Bassemier: I was going to tell you, if there's anything the Council can do for you or whatever, feel free to call us and like the president said, he's the Darmstadt man and he's glad you're a neighbor. He's told me that.

Councilmember Hoy: We're directing all the phone calls to him.

Frank Herrera: Well, we're going to be at a meeting tomorrow evening so maybe you can be there and give us a little support.

President Wortman: Yeah, we welcome and really appreciate your attendance up here and, Mr. Sutton, do you have something --

Councilmember Sutton: There was one more issue, and I apologize, I had meant to mention it earlier. A question that I had received relates more to the hiring side and perhaps maybe you can clarify some things for me more so than maybe what I've been hearing or things along the lines of the hiring. I represent an area that's predominately low and moderate income and then also the predominate area in my particular district is minority as well. One of the reasons that I voted for in favor of your locating here is because of checks that I had did on your other plants and how aggressive you guys were in recruiting minorities and all in your plant. Could you tell me a little bit about how you guys are progressing percentage-wise here in your workforce up to this particular point and your success, not the management persons that you brought in, but the ones from here more locally, the workforce, can you tell me a little bit about your numbers there?

Frank Herrera: I'm not exactly sure what, if you're asking what percent are minorities and what percent or not.

Councilmember Sutton: That's my question.

Frank Herrera: I don't know, because we don't keep those sorts of statistics. I know that from a management philosophy and policy, our policy is that we don't discriminate for any factors or whatever. We've tried to hire the best person that we can from the people that actually go and submit applications to us, whether that person is Hispanic, Black, White, Red, whatever. That's what we do. That's been an issue that has never really come up, a question that hasn't come up. I know that in our Plainview facility it appears, from when I walk through the plant, that we have more blacks in our Plainview facility than we have here and I don't know why. I don't know if, and I don't think that Plainview has a larger percentage of the population that's black versus Evansville. To answer you, I don't know why that is, I don't know if the people are just not applying or

they don't go over there or what.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think a suggestion is, as Councilman Bassemier was indicating, I think the Council can be a resource in helping in that direction. I've made some suggestions to some others that have come before and I've asked them identical questions, ways in which if you're having some difficulties in the area that you can make some improvements and I'd like to at least extend that offer to you if that's an area, like I say, that's a concern that I had heard and just wanted to share that with you. There are some things that can be done in that regard.

Frank Herrera: Our human resource manager, Mr. Mark Jennings, is here. I'm sure that you might give him a call or address any concerns or help or whatever to him. I'm sure Mark will be very receptive and I'm sure that he'll be more than glad to sit down and see what can be done. But as I said, it's something that we are not either going out and doing or shying away from. We're looking at the people that come in and submit an application and based on their qualifications is what we're hiring on. So, if they're not going, we're probably are not looking at them. But maybe you might talk to Mark and see if we might encourage more applications from minorities.

President Wortman: Ms. Smith, do you --

Councilmember Smith: I wasn't here when you got your tax abatement, but by spending \$55,000,000, and has been in business seventeen months and I go back several years on the Council. I was Public Works Chairman for nine years there, so this, it seems like with hiring, you said you came with five people, you've hired 105 within this area, so I think that man has done pretty good. And just from the amount of the money that he's spent in Vanderburgh county in seventeen months and hired 105 people, that's a lot better average than some of the rest of them we've done.

Frank Herrera: Thank you. We haven't yet spent the fifty-five. When we finish we will have spent fifty-five. Right now, we're at about forty. We're still going into phase three.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, before we get too many glowing and gushing compliments, I just want to encourage you that we will continue to monitor progress and we want to continue to see you do well. If the numbers fall back we'll definitely have more questions and perhaps maybe that there might some other things, but as I said, I just want to encourage you to keep progressing forward.

Frank Herrera: Just one more comment, and this is just, you did approve it for tax abatement, but I understand we still haven't received any tax abatement, so it will probably be until next year before we get our first. This is what my accounting staff is telling me, that we've been paying our tax bill at 100% as it becomes due. So hopefully, next year we'll be able to see that, too.

Councilmember Hoy: Actually, what we did, Mr. Herrera, on the TIF zone, you pay that tax, but that pays for the land. That's what you put on top of the land. That's what a TIF zone is all

about and then we gave you tax abatements. Well, what you've invested, according to what you've reported here is a little over \$31,000,000.

Frank Herrera: That was phase one.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, but it's not fifty-five, and the other question, I would like to pursue Mr. Sutton's question. It would seem to me, I would like for your personnel man to let us know how many minorities you do have. It would seem that would not be a difficult thing to find out of 110 people. So that would --

Frank Herrera: I don't know. Do you know the demographics of this area in terms of, for example, what --

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, and Mr. Sutton knows them better than I do.

Frank Herrera: I don't know what the demographics are.

Councilmember Sutton: 7.3% for the city and about 9.1% for the county, overall.

Frank Herrera: The minorities?

Councilmember Sutton: That would be primarily blacks. If you took minorities overall for the county, it would be right about 9.8% for the county, 10%.

Frank Herrera: Mark, do we have 10% minorities?

Mark Jennings: I'd have to total it up, but --

President Wortman: Mr. Herrera, would you have him come forward, please and state his name?

Frank Herrera: Mark Jennings is our human resources manager.

President Wortman: We just want it for our record, get it on the tape, see, that's the main thing.

Frank Herrera: He would have better information than I would on this thing.

President Wortman: Would you state your name, please?

Mark Jennings: Mark Jennings.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. Mr. Jennings, do you want to address Mr. Sutton's question, please? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: You confused me there for a second --

Councilmember Lloyd: -- the minorities that we have, if we knew that.

Mark Jennings: At the present time I think we're probably operating in the neighborhood of four to five percent black, probably about -- and you have to bear in mind these are ballpark figures -- approximately the same Hispanic and probably

ten to twelve percent female.

(Inaudible and unidentified speaker)

Mark Jennings: Approximately ten to twelve, but I'd be much more comfortable looking them up for you, but that's what comes to mind.

Councilmember Hoy: That's really the question I was asking, Mr. Jennings, if you would get that information for us rather than just trying to put it together on the spot.

Mark Jennings: Yeah, absolutely.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: When the environmental problem is solved, when do you anticipate the final phase of the improvements being made? Just a rough, ballpark estimate will be fine.

Frank Herrera: Well, I was going to take advantage of this trip over to try to talk to the people that we contracted this thing through, so they could more or less give us a solution. We have been looking at it and trying to see what we could do to solve it and I have not had an opportunity to talk to them. I'm hoping that as soon as this thing is solved, and I'm hoping that it can be sooner rather than later because it behooves us, too, to solve that thing, that we would try to then initiate the process, getting the permits, getting the approvals and everything else that goes to it that we can start -- I'm hoping that we could start some time in the spring because that's when the winter months are over and that's when basically we can start construction.

Councilmember Lloyd: It sounds like you are pretty close to (inaudible - microphone not turned on)

Frank Herrera: I'm hoping and I'm pushing for those things. But we have been working, I will admit that we've been trying since fall of last year to try to solve this and so far, here we are in September and we're still having difficulties with it. So I hope you don't hold my feet to the fire if they can't come up with a reasonable solution to this thing because they're the experts and we're relying on them to tell us what we need to do in order for us to eliminate this.

Councilmember Lloyd: (Inaudible - microphone not turned on).

Frank Herrera: That's right. So, like I said, our first phase was thirty-one, thirty-two million, our second phase which we completed this year was about nine million, so we're at about forty and we still need phase three which we estimate at today's prices to be around fifteen. Hopefully, it won't be any more than that, but you never can tell.

President Wortman: Okay, we appreciate you coming forward and thank you and we'll see you tomorrow evening at Scott School.

Frank Herrera: Thank you very much.

President Wortman: Thanks a lot. Okay, next let's have Mr.

Spurling come forward, please, if he would and then -- we've got to keep moving if we're going to get out of here at 5:00, so we've got three more to go. So we'll keep going. May I have your name, Mr. Spurling?

Bill Spurling: Bill Spurling.

President Wortman: Councilmembers, do you want to ask Mr. Spurling -- Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: We didn't vote on Azteca.

Councilmember Sutton: We voted on the others last week, didn't we? Last month?

Councilmember Raben: We're going to take them one at a time, correct? So we really need a motion --

President Wortman: You want to vote on them?

Councilmember Raben: Isn't that what we're here for?

President Wortman: I thought we were just going to monitor and hear questions and answers. It was my impression, but I don't know why we want to vote.

Mike Robling: No, at last month's meeting, you voted to find them in substantial compliance, especially the ones that involved manufacturing equipment, those forms have to be filed with the State Board of Tax Commissioners before they actually calculate the abatement.

President Wortman: So we will need a vote, is that what you're saying? A motion from the floor?

Mike Robling: Right.

President Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Smith: What are we voting on? We asked the man questions, he answered us, so what are we voting on?

Mike Robling: Depending on whether or not you feel that the business is in substantial compliance with their Statement of Benefits, substantial is whatever you --

President Wortman: Has this been advertised, Mr. Robling, that we can vote on it?

Mike Robling: It doesn't have to be advertised.

President Wortman: It doesn't have to be advertised.

Councilmember Bassemier: I make the motion that we approve it and that they are meeting their requirements.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier makes the motion and do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, any more discussion on that to refer to Azteca, Mr. Herrera? If not, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six. Opposed? Mr. Hoy opposed. Okay.

(Motion carried 6-1. Councilmember Hoy opposed.)

**C) WARREN W. SPURLING**

President Wortman: Now, Mr. Spurling, we'll get to you. Any questions for Mr. Spurling, who represents the Spurling Investments on Green River Road?

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Spurling, maybe some similar questions that we asked of the last company that was up before us related to where we are on what we had projected and what we have actually, what we have done. We had projected initially we would go with -- we'd have eighteen on the employment side and we find ourselves with a big goose egg, we have zero on the employment. Can you talk to us a little bit about maybe that in particular or some other things related to this particular situation?

Bill Spurling: Certainly, I think there must be some misunderstanding or maybe an error in the completion of the form. Actually in May of 1992 when I came before most of you, we had three full-time employees and two part-time employees for a total of five. We promised at that time, if we got tax abatement that we would increase our full-time by seven and our part-time by six, which would give us a total of eighteen employees. Actually, today we have twelve full-time and ten part-time, which is twenty-two, which is actually more than what we had estimated at that time. The apartment complex, most of you are very familiar with it and it was, I think, the basis of this tax abatement was primarily the investment and real estate for senior housing not a basis for jobs because that type of activity doesn't create a lot of jobs. But it has really created a very successful residential environment for 450 of our senior citizens and we're really proud of it. Our estimate at the time of the investment was \$7,250,000 and we have just -- well, actually it's \$8,099,000 and some change invested at this time, so it ran us quite a bit more than what we had estimated it to be, the cost would be to begin with but we're right on target with our employees.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, Mr. Spurling, if there's an error on the employment actual side, the forms that were completed, I guess, came through Mr. Robling's office. Mr. Robling, is there something that you might define and clarify on that?

Mike Robling: He originally applied for the entire apartment complex in 1992. He built part of it before his designation expired and had to reapply for a B designation for the balance of the project. His original Statement of Benefits, which was to build twenty-seven buildings showed that he currently had four full-time and two-part time employees, he would retain those employees and create three new full-time and two new part-time jobs. When he reapplied in 1994 for the balance of the project, he said that he currently had twelve full-time employees, four part-time employees. He would retain all of

those and that he would create ten new full-time jobs and eight part-time jobs. So, he has erred in when he reapplied in 1994, I think erred in jumping those numbers up substantially. It's my understanding you currently have sixteen employees?

Bill Spurling: Right, we actually have --

Mike Robling: Which is substantially above from where he started originally, but what he reported on his compliance form this year showed that he had them figured in because of the numbers that he used.

Councilmember Sutton: Does that, Mr. Robling's numbers coincide with yours, Mr. Spurling? Are they in agreement with --?

Bill Spurling: That's what I'm looking for here.

Mike Robling: I have copies of the original Statement of Benefits from both times which we pulled out again this afternoon, and those numbers came right off of those forms.

Bill Spurling: That's correct. This thing is really confusing. When we applied initially, of course, we had a small number of employees. When we applied the second time, we were already in the process of getting our first phase up and running and we had more employees at that time which we had added because of the construction and so on and getting this project under way. So maybe I made a mistake of what they're asking for on here.

Councilmember Sutton: So in terms of total full-time employees, where are we right now?

Bill Spurling: We have twelve right now.

Councilmember Sutton: Twelve full-time and how many part-time?

Bill Spurling: We have ten right now.

Councilmember Sutton: I've always been -- one more question -- I guess I've always been a little bit puzzled in terms of how we consider this economic development with a project like this whereas maybe some of the others we can see the long-term effects. Kind of help me to see here how this project creates economic development in maybe underdeveloped areas which is essentially what we do with tax abatement or areas in need of revitalization. How it creates revitalization in that immediate area, where that area benefits from a long-term basis.

Bill Spurling: Well, when I decided to do this and I came before you, I explained that without tax abatement or some kind of help, this was not going to happen. This project was not economically feasible and we're out on the edge of the northernmost development on Green River Road. In order to develop this apartment complex, we had to spend over a hundred thousand dollars of our own money to put in a sewer lift station which they made us size, which is large enough to handle the thirty-five acres to the south of us and the fifty-eight acres to the north of us. So that, in itself, was one benefit that the community was going to get. I had owned this property for a number of years. I think the taxes that I was paying on that at the time was like...\$2,970. Last November, I think the

tax bill for half the year was right at, I think it was \$24,000, which is going to go up. In a few years it will be up to the full tax, which I imagine is probably going to be probably in the \$150,000 to \$200,000 range. So I think it has a very definite impact, not to mention the fact that it provides a much needed housing for senior citizens that we keep at a halfway reasonable rate because we do have tax abatement. If it wasn't for the tax abatement, these apartments would have to -- we'd have to collect another forty or forty-five dollars a month in rent.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't have any more questions.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Spurling, he's fulfilled his commitment, he's kept his word, he's got twelve full-time employees, he's got ten part-time and I make a motion to approve that he is in compliance with what he said he was going to do. So I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Smith: Second, but I just want to make a statement. I don't know how many of you have ever been out there and been in those apartments. I have gone and it's a great place for elderly people and there's not a bunch of children in there. It's just one of the nicest places there is in Evansville for senior citizens to live and whether he had tax abatement or not, I really think he's done a great job out there and with the tax abatement has helped him, but we need more places like that because there's not that many places to find for elderly people to live.

President Wortman: You're exactly right. I'll have to --

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I have a question for Mr. Robling. Mr. Robling, when you came before us again, when this came back around again, I think you stated that originally you did not recommend this abatement from your department because of the nature of the project. Am I correct on that?

Mike Robling: Right, both in 1992 and 1994, it was the department's recommendation that because this was in a high growth area, that we did not recommend this as meeting the requirements of an economic revitalization area.

Councilmember Hoy: I wanted that on record again, because this is not -- I agree with Mrs. Smith -- I have been, I have friends who live there and my questions would not relate to the quality of the project or the need for it, but to the fact that you did say this does not really meet the criteria and the Council went ahead and voted for it anyway, and we pretty much inherited it as a Council. Thank you, sir.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I just have a question. The senior citizens, are they allowed to have federal subsidized rent?

Bill Spurling: No.

Councilmember Lloyd: Then thanks to the abatements, then is the rent, like you had mentioned, the rent is lower than (inaudible - microphone not turned on)



Bill Spurling: It's a lot lower, yeah, for a new facility. I could not go out today and duplicate what's out there and rent it for what we rent it for today. You just couldn't do it. The fact is, I lost my shirt on the second phase of it. I mean, it's nice, it's pretty, and it's there, but you guys make more money on it than I do.

Councilmember Smith: There's also lakes that they can go swimming -- not swimming, fishing -- and you see a lot of those people sitting out there on the lake fishing and I just think it's a nice place.

President Wortman: My mother-in-law lives out there and I go out there quite a bit and it's really worth something, it is. And like Ms. Smith said, there should be more of them for this type of people.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I have one more question. Mr. Spurling, do you pay any benefits for your employees like health insurance or retirement?

Bill Spurling: We have some benefits, we don't have health insurance.

President Wortman: Okay, any more discussion? If not, call for the vote. We've got a motion and a second. All those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five. Opposed? Mr. Sutton and Mr. Hoy.

(Motion carried 5-2. Councilmembers Sutton and Hoy opposed.)

Councilmember Sutton: And my vote no is primarily based on the fact that I don't think, though as good as the project is, I don't think housing is economic development and it's not in an economically depressed area and I just don't see that tax abatement is being used a tool with these type of projects.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Spurling. Appreciate your time.

Bill Spurling: I'd like to thank all the members of the Council, too, because without this, I know a couple of you guys are not in favor of it, but without this, it would not have happened and I want to thank you because you've made a whole lot of elderly folks happy.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Spurling. Appreciate it. Thanks for coming up.

#### **D) REXAM CLOSURES**

President Wortman: Next, let's take Rexam Closures. Would you step forward, please? Would you state your name and where you're from?

Larry Drennan: My name is Larry Drennan.

President Wortman: And he's from Rexam, that's formerly the Sunbeam Plastics. So have we got some questions for...

Councilmember Sutton: I'm sorry, I didn't catch your name.

Larry Drennan: My name is Larry Drennan.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Drennan, on your employment side we had projected 100 on your application for tax abatement and we have -- are actually at 30 on the actual side. Unless our numbers are somewhat different, we find ourselves substantially below what we had projected.

Larry Drennan: As of September 1, our employment stood at 333, which is an increase of 41. At the present time, we have 18 openings. We have filled, as of today, we have filled three of those. So in the next two weeks, we will increase our employment by 59 at this point in time. When I came before this Council in 1993, I told you we had plans on doubling the size of the business and we had a major investment of \$18,000,000 that we wanted to put into the business. We put that \$18,000,000 and another \$10,000,000 besides at that point in time, we have not been successful in doubling the size of building of the company.

Councilmember Hoy: So your employment is going to be at 100...

Larry Drennan: We originally estimated that when we doubled the size of the company we would need to increase the employment by 100. We have currently increased the employment by 41. We have 18 openings. Once we fill those 18 openings, we'll be at an employment of 59.

Councilmember Hoy: So that would be 59 jobs counting toward this 100, then?

Larry Drennan: That's correct.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you. That wasn't clear to me.

President Wortman: Anybody else? Any more discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: I think when you came before us, that you do pay benefits, you pay a health --

Larry Drennan: We do pay benefits and one of the questions that you asked me at that point in time, what was our average wage at that point in time, and today I can tell you that our average wage is \$12.54 an hour.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: On the forms we received it states actual investment and manufacturing improvements, \$15,238,000, that percent indicates 85%. Is that correct that there is going to be more investment and manufacturing?

Larry Drennan: My understanding was I only had a time frame of one year to make that investment when I came in front of the Council. We made \$18,000,000 in that one time frame and since then we've invested another ten.

Councilmember Hoy: Just so I have my -- we're not firing at you, okay? Your total investment is going to be at 28 --

Larry Drennan: \$28,000,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Since when you first came before us, you guys have had some changes in corporate management and leadership, though, haven't you?

Larry Drennan: That is correct. In '92 our firm was bought out.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions? Of course, you know, the Council always has to remember that these companies, if you don't have these companies in here you've got nobody to work for. So keep that in mind and I think they're trying to live up to their standards. I think that we'd give them an A for that, for effort. Okay, motion from Mrs. Smith and second by --

Councilmember Sutton: No, I've got just one more question. I asked it earlier and I think it would be fair to ask you as well. I'm somewhat familiar with your workforce, but in terms of the makeup there, percentage-wise, do you have any idea on your minority --

Larry Drennan: I could not answer that, Mr. Sutton, but I'll be happy to send you a note on that.

Councilmember Sutton: I'd be happy to receive it.

President Wortman: Okay, we've got a motion and a second. No more discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Unanimous. Thank you, we appreciate it. Appreciate your time.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

#### **E) SHOE CARNIVAL**

President Wortman: The next will be the Shoe Carnival. Would you state your name please and where you're from?

Mark Lamond: Mark Lamond, from Shoe Carnival.

President Wortman: Thank you. Appreciate it. Councilmen, any questions to ask?

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Lamond, on your projections employment-wise, on our application, it indicated 85 was going to be the projected number and we've fallen a little bit short. You're at 67 on that. Are there some things that maybe you'd like to maybe share with us in terms of what may have caused that shortfall?

Mark Lamond: In 1993, on our application, we estimated or not estimated, we had an employment base of 150. We estimated as we grew the company to a hundred stores from that present 45, I believe, that we would add 85 jobs to our Evansville distribution and office facility. In 1994 and 1995, the company's stores had a severe decline in sales and an even more severe decline in profitability and we curtailed that expansion in 1995 and 1996. At the end of 1996 we had 93 stores open.

Two of those, we've subsequently closed. In the past year, the financial results of the Carnival have increased substantially. We are planning to expand once again in 1998. We've publicly said that we anticipate 15 to 20 stores in 1998 opening. Since the point in time that -- or since the time period for what the current compliance certificate was filed, we've added a number of employees. Currently, we're almost -- or we are substantially in compliance with the 85. We currently stand at 233 positions as of last Saturday. So we're only two shy of what we anticipated over a five year period growing to a hundred stores, and as we grow into that hundred stores next year I fully expect to be in excess of that 235 base.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions?

Councilmember Sutton: How does that differ from the numbers that we have here? The 67 there, is it just the timing of when the numbers were submitted?

Mark Lamond: Sixty-seven on an employee base of 150 would be 217. We're currently at 233 as of today. I'm not sure what numbers you're looking at.

Councilmember Sutton: So maybe it's just when the report maybe was actually submitted, now you're talking about full-time positions?

Mark Lamond: The report was submitted in February and was pertinent back to the time period of 1996.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, and you're talking about all full-time positions or are you including part-time as well?

Mark Lamond: Full-time positions.

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion we approve, Mr. President. They are in compliance.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd, do you want to ask a question and then I'll entertain your motion after that.

Councilmember Lloyd: I know Mr. Wayne Williams, Chairman of the Shoe Carnival. He's a stockholder and also the owner of the Jacksonville Jaguars. He lives in around Jacksonville, Florida. Something that I had heard and I wanted to ask you, does Shoe Carnival management have plans to move your corporate headquarters to Florida in 1998?

Mark Lamond: We don't have any current plans to move anywhere. I will tell you that as we expand in the future, we're going to add fifteen to twenty stores, we anticipate 20% store growth annually going forward. Quite frankly, we're looking at expanding our current facility by X number of feet. Again, we're just reviewing our options at this point in time and have no definitive plans on what we want to do. We do know that we'll have to either expand or move the facility within the local area or elsewhere.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, (Inaudible - microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Hoy: I think I asked you this question when you were before us before, but do you pay benefits to your employees, health insurance and...?

Mark Lamond: Very much so.

Councilmember Hoy: The whole portion or...

Mark Lamond: It's not 100% paid for, but yes, there's a certain amount of deductible which is typical for health insurance benefits. We also have 401(k) benefits we have for employees. We also have stock purchase plans and benefits.

Councilmember Hoy: Is that in addition to the wages?

Mark Lamond: That's correct.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, I'll entertain a motion, Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll make that motion.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier made the motion to accept, and do I have a second? Mrs. Smith seconded. Any more discussion? If not, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five. Opposed? Mr. Hoy and Mr. Sutton.

(Motion carried 5-2. Councilmembers Hoy and Sutton opposed)

President Wortman: Thank you. I appreciate it. That completes that for the tax abatement.

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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**A) APPOINTMENT TO SOUTHWESTERN INDIANA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**

President Wortman: Next is new business and I'd like to make the appointment to the Southwestern Indiana Mental Health, and the name is Gene Koch, a former employee of Bristol-Myers.

**B) VOTE TO SIGN AND SEND LETTER TO COMMISSIONERS REGARDING CONTRACTS WITH RETROACTIVE PAY**

President Wortman: So if you will all sign the letter for the Commissioners in reference to the retroactive stuff, so if you want to -- I'll entertain a motion to approve that and if we do, I'll need a motion from the floor.

Councilmember Smith: (Inaudible)

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith, she makes the motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: And Mr. Hoy seconded it. Alright, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five,

six, seven\*<sup>4</sup>. Thank you, and remember now that September the 10th we've got the finalization of the budget and then we're going to hear at 11:45 a little appropriation from the Highway and the Roads & Streets. So that will be fifteen minutes prior to that. So with nothing else in mind, I'm going to entertain a motion for adjournment. Yes sir, Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible - microphone not on) I did not sign it.

Councilmember Smith: I handed it over to them.

Councilmember Bassemier: The motion was made, I just --

President Wortman: Alright, so I'll entertain a motion for adjournment.

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you, have a good day.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Meeting adjourned at 5:01 P.M.

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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President Curt Wortman

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Vice President Phil Hoy

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<sup>4</sup>Councilmember Bassemier stated after the meeting that he wanted it on record that he did not sign the letter.

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Councilmember Russell Lloyd, Jr.      Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Ed Bassemier      Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Recorded and transcribed by Teri Lukeman.

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 10, 1997**

The Vanderburgh County Council met for a special meeting the 10th day of September, 1997 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order by County Council President Curt Wortman at 12:01 p.m.

President Wortman: We’re going to open the meeting for this December 10th, for special appropriations and --

Suzanne Crouch: September 10th.

President Wortman: What did I say?

Suzanne Crouch: December.

President Wortman: I’m sorry, September 10th and we’re going to open the meeting. We need the Sheriff, but I guess he’s not here, so anyway we’re going to have a roll call vote, please. Will the secretary please call the roll?

Roll call was taken by Teri Lukeman.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH	x	
COUNCILMEMBER SUTTON	x	
COUNCILMEMBER BASSEMIER	x	
COUNCILMEMBER HOY	x	
COUNCILMEMBER LLOYD	x*	
COUNCILMEMBER RABEN	x	
COUNCILMEMBER WORTMAN	x	

\*Councilmember Lloyd arrived just after roll call was completed.

President Wortman: Okay, we’ll stand and pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, there is a Health Department meeting going on in the next room and they’ve asked us to announce to folks not to use this door, if they would.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

- A) COUNTY HIGHWAY
- B) LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

President Wortman: Thank you. Okay, we’ve got a special amended agenda here, an appropriation ordinance and there’s two of them. It’s Vanderburgh County Highway and Local Roads & Streets, and then we’ve got two transfers. So I would call your attention,



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Mr. Lloyd, would you take the County Highway and the Local Roads & Streets, please?

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, I would like to make a motion, account 2010-4230 Motor Vehicles be approved for \$64,200.

President Wortman: Do I have a second to that effect or do you want to take them both?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yeah, I'll just take them both. Local Roads & Streets, 2160-4300 Truck, 2160-4310 Road Equipment be approved for a total of \$63,560 on the first and \$104,300 on the second.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a second from Mr. Raben. Any discussion on that? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2010-4230	MOTOR VEHICLES	64,200.00	64,200.00
TOTAL		64,200.00	64,200.00

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS	REQUESTED	APPROVED
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2160-4300	TRUCKS	63,560.00	63,560.00
TOTAL		63,560.00	63,560.00

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2160-4310	ROAD EQUIPMENT	104,300.00	104,300.00
TOTAL		104,300.00	104,300.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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- A) KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
- B) SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Wortman: Okay, we'll move right on into the transfer requests. I'll get your attention on the Scott Township Assessor. That should be from \$5,100 and put that in at \$4,100, then they will refile an appropriation later on, but this is a transfer and the Knight Township Assessor remains the same. I'll entertain a motion for both of those to that effect.

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Alright, any discussion on that? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1130-1920	INSURANCE	5,000.00	5,000.00
TO: 1130-1990	EXTRA HELP	5,000.00	5,000.00

SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1160-1920	INSURANCE	5,100.00	4,100.00
TO: 1160-1990	EXTRA HELP	5,100.00	4,100.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

OLD BUSINESS
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A) SHERIFF/JAIL - CORRECTION TO MOTION MADE AT 9/3/97 MEETING

President Wortman: Any old business?

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Last week on Sheriff/Jail -- I need to make an amendment. I need to add another line item, so I need to make an amendment. I need a motion on it, a second and I'll read it off again and add another item to it, okay, that wasn't put in. I added everybody's longevity. The total amount was correct, but I needed to include the Other Pay which I left out and I need to get that on the record. What I am going to do, I'm going to make a motion to amend 1051-1130-0300 all the way through to 1051-1130-0336. The reason why I am doing this is I need to get another item in there, so I need to amend this first, okay?

President Wortman: You have to have a motion to open it up.

Councilmember Hoy: You have to reopen, yeah.

President Wortman: You're wanting to reopen that account?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, sir.

President Wortman: Okay, do have I have second?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Wortman: You've got a second. Alright, any discussion on this? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: We're talking about action from a different meeting. Can we act on something that is not advertised or do we have to readvertise this?

President Wortman: I'm kind of lost here myself.

Suzanne Crouch: You all approved it and when he read his motion he just didn't include all the numbers that were on the paperwork that you all approved and signed off on. For the

record we're asking that he just include those numbers.

Councilmember Bassemier: It's been advertised.

Suzanne Crouch: You've already approved it. You've already appropriated it and signed off on it, but just to make the motion cleaner we just ask that it be on the record.

President Wortman: Okay, Ms. Crouch, in other words you're saying for the record only?

Suzanne Crouch: That's correct.

President Wortman: Okay. Now we've got a motion, okay. All those in favor to reopen raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Okay, it's unanimous, Madam Secretary. Alright, now then, it is reopened and now Mr. Bassemier to keep the record straight, would you make a motion to that effect?

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, now I am going to make a motion to approve 1051-1130-0300 all the way through 1051-1130-0336 and also including 1051-1980 Other Pay for a total amount of \$8,053.

President Wortman: Would you add to it the date that it would be--

Councilmember Bassemier: I enter this on the date of September 10, 1997.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Bassemier. Do I have a second to that?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy. Any discussion on this now? Does everybody understand that it is for the record only, just to clarify. For clarification. Okay, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. It's unanimous.

SHERIFF/JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1980	OTHER PAY	770.00	770.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Any other old business?

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President Wortman: Any new business? If not, I'll entertain a motion for adjournment.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

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Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: All those in favor raise your right hand for adjournment. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you. Okay, that takes care of that meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**FINAL BUDGET HEARING**  
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The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 10th day of September, 1997 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. This meeting was officially opened by Captain Brad Ellsworth from the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department at 12:16 p.m.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Ellsworth. Okay, we're going to start right off --

Councilmember Hoy: Let the record show there was light applause!

President Wortman: Madam Secretary, would you call the roll please?

Roll call was taken by Teri Lukeman.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH	x	
COUNCILMEMBER SUTTON	x	
COUNCILMEMBER BASSEMIER	x	
COUNCILMEMBER HOY	x	
COUNCILMEMBER LLOYD	x	
COUNCILMEMBER RABEN	x	
COUNCILMEMBER WORTMAN	x	

President Wortman: Would you stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, please?

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 12 - 14 & 19 - 21, 1997 BUDGET HEARINGS**

President Wortman: I would like a motion for the approval of the August 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21 budget minutes, please. I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded it. Any discussion on that? If not, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Unanimous. I want to welcome everybody. This is the final budget hearing and the purpose is to complete the adoption of our budget and establish the salaries and all employee benefits and also to recommend to

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the state what would be the proposed tax rate. Today the Chair will only recognize Councilmembers. At this time I am going to ask Councilman Raben, the Finance Chairman, to begin with the salary ordinance. Proceed, Mr. Raben.

<b>1998 SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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**A) COUNTY CLERK**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. Chairman, I would like to take the following departments separately and I would also like to ask for a roll call vote, so let's please take the County Clerk first. I move that all salaries be set in at three percent as listed in the 1998 Salary Ordinance and the 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts be set in as previously approved and I make this in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: I've got a second from Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion? No discussion. Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

(Motion carries 4-3)

President Wortman: We'll move right on to the next, Mr. Raben.



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**B) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Councilmember Raben: Next I would like to move to the County Commissioners. I move that all salaries be set in at the three percent increase as listed in the 1998 Salary Ordinance. All 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts be set in as previously adopted with the following exception, that being line 3041 Soil Conservation Educator be set in at \$17,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: I've got a motion and a second from Mr. Hoy, I think, seconded. Yes. Any discussion on this? Call the roll, please.

Councilmember Sutton: One question real quick. What about our other items like our insurances and things like that? Are we needing to include those in our motions?

Councilmember Raben: I'll make a motion later on that.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

<b>1300-3041</b>	<b>SOIL CONSERVATION EDUCATOR</b>	<b>17,000.00</b>
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Proceed, Mr. Raben.

**C) CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION**

Councilmember Raben: Next, if we could go to Circuit Court

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Supplemental Adult Probation. I move that all salaries be set in at three percent as listed in the 1998 Salary Ordinance with the following exceptions: line 1960-2600 Medical Director be set in at \$15,000. All 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts be set in as previously approved with the following exceptions on those: line 2210 Gas and Oil, zero; 2610 Copy Machine Supplies, zero; 2720 --

Councilmember Lloyd: In the budget book that is page 161.

Councilmember Raben: Let me start over.

Councilmember Sutton: If you could maybe start that over and give us a page number before each one, if you might do that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Lloyd: It starts on page 161.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, let's go back to 1960-2600 Medical Director, \$15,000. Did you find that? Okay, and then in the 2000 accounts go to 2210. That should read zero. Line 2610 Copy Machine Supplies, zero; 2720 Lab Supplies, \$8,000; 3530 Contractual Services, \$15,000; and 3540 Maintenance Contract, zero. Now those are not my changes. Those are theirs and the state's. That's all we've got and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: I've got a second. Any discussion? No discussion. Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

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President Wortman: Yes.

<b>1960-2600</b>	<b>MEDICAL DIRECTOR</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>
<b>2210</b>	<b>GAS &amp; OIL</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>2610</b>	<b>COPY MACHINE SUPPLIES</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>2720</b>	<b>LAB SUPPLIES</b>	<b>8,000.00</b>
<b>3530</b>	<b>CONTRACTUAL SERVICES</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>
<b>3540</b>	<b>MAINTENANCE CONTRACT</b>	<b>-0-</b>

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**D) REMAINING VANDERBURGH COUNTY BUDGETS**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Mr. Wortman, in front of you is the newly revised Vanderburgh County Salary Ordinance. I move that all salaries for all employees in the remaining budgets be set in at three percent increase as listed in the '98 Salary Ordinance with the following additional corrections which there are a few in here that need to be corrected. You need to turn to page 2 of 30, okay. I've got to go back to it here. This is in the Clerk's Office, please. At the bottom, line 1390 should read --

Councilmember Hoy: That's the Auditor's Office, isn't it?

Councilmember Raben: I'm sorry, yes, that's the Auditor's Office. I'm sorry. I turned back a page too far. Okay, page 2 of 30 is the Auditor's Office, I'm sorry. Line 1390 should read Board of Review Secretary and that is a COMOT V, Step 1. The amount should read \$22,773.

Suzanne Crouch: It's a COMOT VI.

Councilmember Raben: COMOT VI, I'm sorry. COMOT VI, Step 1, \$22,773.

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: I'm maybe lost a little here. Which one are you replacing here? Thirteen-ninety under --

Councilmember Raben: Thirteen-ninety reads TIF Settlement Clerk.

Councilmember Smith: Under the Auditor?

Councilmember Raben: Under the Auditor, right. I turned back a page too far when I read out the Clerk.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Have you found it?

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Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Then let's go back a few more pages to page 10 of 30 and this is the County Assessor. Go down to 1160 Deputy Assessor. Have you found it? Okay, Deputy Assessor 1160 should read COMOT III, Step 3 and the amount should read \$19,887. That's Deputy Assessor.

Councilmember Hoy: Under the County Assessor?

Councilmember Raben: Right, under the Center Assessor. I'm sorry, I looked at the top of the page. That is Center Assessor Line 1160. I'm very sorry. It reads Deputy Assessor COMOT III, Step 3, and the amount should read \$19,887. Okay, next let's go to page 23 of 30. That is the Health Department. Go down to line 1480 Secretary/Bookkeeper, okay. That should read COMOT III and the amount is as listed, \$18,093. The only change is the COMOT III.

Councilmember Hoy: That's 1470?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, 1470. Yes, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: That's a COMOT III?

Councilmember Raben: Uh-huh. The figure is as listed, \$18,093. That's the only change. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Do I have a second to that effect? Mr. Lloyd.

Any discussion on that? Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

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President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Mr. Chairman, I move that all job titles be approved as listed in the Salary Ordinance and all FICA and PERF be adjusted accordingly and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

President Wortman: I have a second from Mrs. Smith. Any discussion on this? Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Proceed, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next I move that Exhibits A through H be approved as listed in the 1998 Salary Ordinance and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion? No discussion. Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Proceed, Mr. Raben.

#### APPROVAL OF COUNTY DEPARTMENT BUDGETS

Councilmember Raben: Next, Mr. Chairman, I move that all county department budgets that are the 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts in the 1998 budget be adopted as previously approved for the following: County Clerk, County Auditor, County Treasurer, County Recorder, Sheriff, Sheriff/Jail, County Surveyor, County Coroner, County Prosecutor, County Prosecutor IV-D, County Check Recovery, County Prosecutor Drug Law Enforcement, Prosecutor Victim and Witness Assistance Program, Prosecutor Stop Domestic Violence, County Assessor, Board of Review, Armstrong Township Assessor, Center Township Assessor, German Township Assessor, Knight Township Assessor, Perry Township Assessor, Pigeon Township Assessor, Scott Township Assessor, Union Township Assessor, Voter Registration, Co-op Extension Service, Area Plan, Veterans Service, County Commissioners, Weights and Measures, Superintendent of County Buildings, Circuit Court, Community Corrections, Superior Court, Drug and Alcohol Deferral Service, Auditorium, Burdette Park, Legal Aid, County Council, County Highway, Cumulative Bridge, County Commissioners CCD Fund, County Welfare, Family and Children, Health Department, Airport Authority, Local Roads and Streets, Surveyor Maps, Circuit Court Supplement Adult Probation, Prosecutor Pretrial Diversion, Surveyor Corner Perpetuation, Circuit Court Misdemeanor, Misdemeanor Offender, Sheriff Misdemeanor Housing, Local Emergency Planning, Local Drug Free Community, 911

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Emergency Service, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Tourism Capital Improvement, Levee Distribution Tax, Legal Aid/United Way, Prosecutor Adult Protective Services and Bond Issue. This includes all 1998 budgets considered on August 12th, 13th, 14th, 19th, 20th and 21st of 1997 and I make that in the form of a motion and would like Mr. Wortman to read that backwards to me.

President Wortman: I could.

Councilmember Raben: I'm having a test on that afterward.

President Wortman: I'll entertain a second to that motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd seconded. Any discussion on that?

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Raben, I didn't hear you call off the CCD Cumulative Capital Development budget in that.

Councilmember Raben: Yes, I did.

Councilmember Sutton: Did you?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, it was right after the County Commissioners.

Councilmember Sutton: If the motioner and the seconder wouldn't mind setting maybe that one aside I don't have any problems with the other budgets, but, obviously, we've had long discussions about my feelings on the CCD budget. I would rather not vote against the entire budget, but just the CCD budget.

President Wortman: Do you reject or accept?

Councilmember Raben: Well, other than my motion was as previously adopted and you would actually, I guess, be voting on the way it was previously adopted.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, what I am saying is by voting on just that one budget separate as opposed to all the others --

Councilmember Raben: I'll do that. I mean, that's fine. I'll make an amendment on my motion to exclude the CCD Fund.

Councilmember Lloyd: I'll amend my second. I guess my question is, we did have a vote on that already, so I don't know if it can be changed or not.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, since we are putting all the budgets together, if I vote against that means I vote against the entire budget and I don't want to vote against the entire budget.

President Wortman: Okay, you amend your motion?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, take CCD out.

President Wortman: Take CCD out. Alright, any other discussion? Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I move that we approve the CCD Fund as previously adopted by this Council.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Did you second? Alright, any discussion on that? If not, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I would like the record to reflect that I know where Mr. Sutton is coming from on the Burkhardt Road project and Burdette Park and the multipurpose building, but I want the record to show that my main priority is to get Burkhardt Road done first before we start on the other project. I'm going to vote yes on this.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.



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Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion carries 5-2. Councilmembers Sutton & Hoy opposed.)

<b>APPROVAL OF AMENDED INSURANCE DATA</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Next, Mr. Chairman, all Councilmembers have been given amended insurance data. I move that the Council approve the amended insurance data as listed in the 1998 budget.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a motion and a second. Any discussion on insurance? If not, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Mr. Raben, do you want to move the tax rate?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I may have stated something wrong.

I don't know what I should do about this, but I put as listed for the 1998 and not as in the '98 budget, so my motion was to vote for it to be set in as listed in the '98 budget, okay? I may have termed it wrong.

President Wortman: Or as previously approved.

Councilmember Raben: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: At the adjusted figures, is that what you are trying to get at?

Councilmember Raben: Right, right.

<b>ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNTY TAX RATE</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Mr. Chairman, I move that the County Council set a tax rate as deemed appropriate by the Indiana State Tax Commissioners following their review of our county budget and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have second to that effect?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd seconded. Any discussion on that? Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved)

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Councilmember Raben: Mr. Chairman, I have no further business.

President Wortman: That completes our 1998 budget hearings. I'll entertain a motion for adjournment.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Before we do that can we get a final total on what our budget was? Do we have a final total on what our budget was?

Councilmember Raben: I don't have an exact amount because, honestly, we just received this corrected book here, but it is somewhere in the area of \$2 million or \$2.1. It will be slightly...around \$2.1, actually, with the salary reductions.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else? All those in favor of adjournment raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. The meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

Meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

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President Curt Wortman

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Vice President Phil Hoy

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Councilmember Russell Lloyd, Jr.

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith



**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
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The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 1st day of October, 1997 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order by County Council President Curt Wortman at 3:34 p.m.

President Wortman: The Vanderburgh County Council is now in session and we’re going to open this meeting, October the first, so first we’ll have a roll call please by the Madam Secretary.

Roll call was taken by Teri Lukeman.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH	x	
COUNCILMEMBER SUTTON	x	
COUNCILMEMBER BASSEMIER	x	
COUNCILMEMBER HOY	x	
COUNCILMEMBER LLOYD	x	
COUNCILMEMBER RABEN	x	
COUNCILMEMBER WORTMAN	x	

President Wortman: Will you please stand and pledge allegiance?

Pledge of allegiance was given.

<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 3, 1997 -COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 10, 1997 - SPECIAL CALLED MEETING</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 10, 1997 - FINAL BUDGET HEARING</b></p>
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President Wortman: I’ll entertain a motion for the approval of the minutes from August 6, 1997 to September 10.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Wortman: We’ve got a motion and do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Okay, we’ll get started on the agenda. First off, we’ve got a replacement today for our regular attorney, Richard Hawley, Jr. from the same firm and he’s representing Jeff Ahlers, he’s out of town. So we’ve got a good replacement here. He’s been here before, so welcome back.

Richard Hawley: Thank you.

<b>APPROPRIATION REQUESTS</b>
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**A) SUPERIOR COURT**

President Wortman: We're going to shift around here a little bit. Judge Lensing has something to do so we're going to take him, Superior Court, right away so he can move on down the line and get his job done later. So would you come forward please?

Judge Lensing: Do you want to swear me in, Mr. President?

President Wortman: You're okay.

Judge Lensing: I apologize to the other people. Last week I had a trial, this week I have a news conference and I want to tell you, part of the news conference people have been asking me if I'm going to run for Sheriff. Well, I talked to two people that were running and I said that sounds like an easy job, I could do it. All of the sudden people are calling me. I don't think they make those uniforms XXL -- or maybe they do, I don't know!

Councilmember Hoy: I would drive slowly, Judge.

Judge Lensing: I'll drive slowly in the county, yes sir.

President Wortman: Turn to page two, Superior Court, Motor Vehicles \$23,000. I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion that we approve 1370-4230 Motor Vehicles for \$23,000.

President Wortman: I got a motion. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded it. Any discussion? Call the roll, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

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Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-4230	MOTOR VEHICLES	23,000.00	23,000.00
TOTAL		23,000.00	23,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Thank you.

Judge Lensing: Thank you very much. Incidentally, I have that car that I'll give to somebody, the older car has got 186,000, but it does run. It's available, see. Thank you very much.

Councilmember Raben: We do need --

Councilmember Smith: Judge, you just lost the vote for the Sheriff because when you said this man in the XX, you just lost his vote.

Judge Lensing: I didn't talk to him, I didn't know he was a candidate. Come outside, I want to talk to you for a minute. They said it's such an easy job. All I've heard was you walk around, take trips and vacations. I think it's easier than being a judge. No, I think being a judge is easier.

Councilmember Hoy: I was going to loan you a shovel if you want to dig deeper.

Councilmember Raben: Judge, what needs to be done, that car needs to be turned over to the Commissioners.

Judge Lensing: I'll be happy to do that. Are you being serious?

Councilmember Raben: Right, all the cars like that go back to the Commissioners.

Judge Lensing: It doesn't have any trading tires, Mr. Raben, it's just kind of worn out, but thanks for asking.

**B) COUNTY CLERK**

President Wortman: Okay, we'll get down to business here and the first on the agenda is the County Clerk. Mr. Raben, would you handle that, please?

Councilmember Raben: I would be glad to. County Clerk, 1010-1990, I'm going to move that be set in at zero and paid out of the Incentive Fund.

President Wortman: We've got a motion to that effect, how about a second on that? Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Sutton. Any discussion?

Councilmember Bassemier: Question? How much is in that Incentive Fund?

Sue Hall: We have about \$85,000 in there right now.

Councilmember Bassemier: You got anything you're wanting to use it for that's very important?

Sue Hall: We have several things that are coming out of it.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, can you name them or --

Sue Hall: I'm not sure how much would be coming out, but in the Election Office we've put some security systems in there and that will be coming out. We're also paying our office supplies out of it now. We occasionally have to use that for salaries for overtime if I have to get someone to work overtime. Some of our contracts are coming out of it, so this is basically being used for the office at this point.

Councilmember Bassemier: How do you feel Marsha would feel about taking it out of the Incentive Fund? Have you got any feelings on that?

Sue Hall: I would have to -- this is just a personal feeling, I think Marsha would object to it because this money is being used towards the office and the Bond & Fine was a situation that we ended up with from the Safe House because of a problem with the employees working and the county was subject to a civil lawsuit because of the employees from the County Clerks office working. The Safe House was to transfer their funds over to us and they have not. As of last Friday, I had a balance of \$108 in my account to pay the bond people and I have no choice but to keep this going. It's a 24 hour/7 day a week office that has to be run.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Any other questions?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes, Mr. President. I know we had made either an appropriation or transfer for that original \$15,000 and I believe it was presented to the Council that it would be part-time people covering that.

Sue Hall: Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: So, the fact that she's needing additional, is that just an error on her part or did she make a mistake on how much she was going to need for that?

Sue Hall: No, because the Safe House did not transfer the funds to us is why we've had to ask for this. If the Safe House had done as they had promised then we would be okay as far as salary goes. I've sent a letter to Mr. Howerton asking him when we could expect these funds. It's my understanding that he had loaned them to another department and no longer has the funds.



Councilmember Lloyd: How much are we talking about?

Sue Hall: About \$12,000.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

Councilmember Smith: The part-time people that work the Bond & Fine was paid for out of the users fee through the Safe House and that was handled and that's what had been going on for several years. The people that worked in the Clerk's Office were also paid out of the users fee, it wasn't out of the taxpayers' money, and that was at the time when they asked that they eliminate the full-time and take it all to part-time because before that, the judges were paying for all the part-time account. So if this is taken out of the Incentive Fund and the judge transfers the \$12,000 over there, then that would go back into the Incentive Fund, would it not?

Councilmember Raben: If it's transferred into that account, that would --

Councilmember Smith: Yeah, but if they come with a \$12,000 -- see, they paid all the part-time accounts for the Bond & Fine before, and if we've already used \$15,000 and then the part-time, that's going to cost a lot more than it did the other way because you do have to have someone down there, but we didn't have anybody down there to hold 24 hours a day. We had them eight hours and then we had the 16 hours a day on Saturdays and Sundays.

Councilmember Raben: If I might, let's leave this as the motion called for and I will talk to Mr. Howerton and find out what's going on with the other and push that this transfer --

Councilmember Smith: If he owes the \$12,000, if that's what they promised.

Sue Hall: I believe -- I know it was a minimum of 12, it might have been 14. I don't have the exact figure for that.

Councilmember Raben: Let me -- I'll pursue that and I'll -- I shouldn't say I'll see to it, but I'll certainly make every effort to make sure they get that money back home where it belongs.

Sue Hall: I would certainly appreciate that.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? If not, we're going to call for a vote. Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: The motion was to eliminate that, set it in at zero? Then I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-1990	EXTRA HELP	8,400.00	-0-
TOTAL		8,400.00	-0-

(Motion carried 6-1. Councilmember Bassemier opposed)

### C) JAIL

President Wortman: Next on the agenda is the Jail from the Sheriff. Would they please step forward to represent it?

Brad Ellsworth: Brad Ellsworth, Sheriff's Department.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, since I'm the liaison officer for that department I'm going to make a recommendation that 1051-2200 Jail Expense be put in at \$4,000; 1051-2260 Food be put in for \$71,000, because this is really, that will get them caught up for a total amount of \$75,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second to that effect?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded it. Any more discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: How many times have you been back to us on the Food account this year?

Brad Ellsworth: I'm not sure. Tana is on vacation, Mr. Sutton. I'm not sure exactly -- I don't know.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, this is at least the second time this year. So is this -- the motion that was presented at \$71,000, is this intended to carry this out or are we going to be seeing you again on this same account?

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Brad Ellsworth: Well, the explanation that she typed in the center of the page says, "Once again, we're out of money. This should last to the end of the year."

Councilmember Sutton: The 71 or 90?

Brad Ellsworth: Let's see -- "Also, we're out of money in the Food account. Due to overcrowding, our food needs have increased."...let me find our food over the last few years.

Councilmember Raben: Keep in mind that a lot of the bills from December really aren't payable until January, so you're looking at October and November.

Councilmember Bassemier: We won't see them until after...

Councilmember Smith: And if they run out they've got to come back.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess my point is that we've got a department coming back three times, potentially at least a third time for the same line item and I just hate to see them running back and forth for the same item when we know that we've got a cost there as well. Looking at, really, where they are with this crowding situation, it has placed increased pressure on that food budget more so than what we've seen in past years. If we decide to go ahead and go with the 71, we'll go ahead and do that but it just seems to really defeat the purpose when we've got more than enough in our General Fund account to fund it at the 90,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President? On our sheet here, it shows disbursements of \$314,000, is that through what month? Is that through August or September?

Councilmember Raben: Could we ask him what they have due now and maybe figure it out monthly?

Councilmember Hoy: That's what I was going to do, just see how many months that is and get an average on it.

Brad Ellsworth: I've got what we've spent yearly, I didn't bring up the monthly. I can tell you what the last six years we've spent on a yearly basis if that helps at all.

Councilmember Hoy: That would help.

Brad Ellsworth: '93, \$242,000; '94, \$241,000; and then it jumps in '95 to \$389,000; '96 \$304,000; and I don't have the yearly total of '97 yet. Each year we requested in the budget \$250,000 and then had to come back for the additional. For next year we asked for \$350,000, I can't remember what you granted.

Councilmember Hoy: This sheet that we have is dated August the 29th and it says that in that account, you have spent \$314,226.64, with a balance of \$10,773.36. I guess we've got to assume that's through the end of August. I haven't calculated what you're spending per month, but that would give us some idea.

Councilmember Raben: Brad, do you know what the outstanding

bills are right now?

Brad Ellsworth: I don't, Mr. Raben. I'm sorry, I didn't bring it with me. Tana, like I said, --

Councilmember Raben: You don't have a monthly average either?

Brad Ellsworth: I sure don't, not with me.

President Wortman: I think for budget purposes for '98 we granted you \$350,000 for next year.

Councilmember Hoy: If that is correct, Mr. President, if that's through the 29th of August, that's right at knocking the door of \$40,000 a month, is what they're using this year.

President Wortman: Okay, so the motion is for \$75,000 for both items. So, we've got a second on that. Is there any more discussion on that?

Councilmember Bassemier: Of course it is, I gave that because, that figure, because it's kind of an estimation. It could go up and it could go down. We're paying our bills and at the end of the year we just write it off, but this gets us caught up. I don't mind going the whole amount, but we don't know what it's going to be, so...

President Wortman: Well, that's a round figure, it's reasonable, I think.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, if you factor in September and October and November, that \$40,000, that's \$120,000. So they will probably, he'll probably have to come back for at least \$20,000 more unless your population goes down.

Brad Ellsworth: Right, I mean, she writes on here it should last us, but I'd have to go check her figures and have --

Councilmember Hoy: You put that in at \$71,000?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes sir, the total amount is \$75,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Now, if they don't use all of what they have, of course that reverts back.

Councilmember Bassemier: Oh, it will come back, right.

Councilmember Sutton: So, like I said, we've got the funds, so we aren't really -- you know, if it's going to come back, one way or the other.

Councilmember Bassemier: It's you all's pleasure, it's no problem for me, I can rescind it and give it again. I would --

President Wortman: Well, we've got a motion on the floor, so if anybody's got no discussion, I'll call for a vote and see how it turns out.

Councilmember Hoy: He can take an amendment, Mr. Bassemier can take an amendment to his motion, so I mean, --

Councilmember Bassemier: Let's see how this goes. I mean, let's just see how this goes.

Brad Ellsworth: There's no fluctuation in the cost per meal, it just depends on how many we feed in a day's time and how many come in and out --

Councilmember Raben: And who orders wine and who doesn't.

Brad Ellsworth: I'm sorry.

Councilmember Raben: And who orders wine and who doesn't.

Brad Ellsworth: Yeah, that's right.

President Wortman: Madam Secretary, would you call the roll, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-2200	JAIL EXPENSE	4,000.00	4,000.00
1051-2260	FOOD	90,000.00	71,000.00
TOTAL		94,000.00	75,000.00

(Motion carried 5-2. Councilmembers Hoy and Sutton opposed)

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Mr. Ellsworth. We'll move right on to the Jail, then. The request there is Medical \$100,000. Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, I'm going to make a cut there and then give you my reason: 1051-2240 Medical, I'd like to set in

at \$75,000. I went over those medical receipts from the hospital. We've got a gal, a lady that went in, a maternity, she was five months pregnant. She had the baby in jail and I saw at least over \$5,000 worth of bills and there's more coming. I do not feel it's the taxpayers who should pay for this pregnancy. So I'm setting this thing at \$75,000 with the understanding that the Sheriff does not pay this bill on that \$75,000. Do you understand that? I'm going to make that recommendation.

President Wortman: Okay, do I have a second to Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd. Okay, now discussion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, I guess, what's the reason to not pay the bill for the --

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, we've got an understanding. Any pre-existing conditions that go into the jail, we are not responsible for and this gal was on -- she was on cocaine, I think. Brad, is that right? And she was ordered by the judge so she'd stay off cocaine, but we were responsible...am I --

Brad Ellsworth: It is my understanding through the halls of the Civic Center that the lady was being kept in jail so that baby would have a chance to not be a crack baby. That's why the judge -- and I don't even know what judge it was, I think it was --

Councilmember Bassemier: That's immaterial. I just do not feel like it's up to the taxpayers to pay for this bill. She sure did not get pregnant while she was in jail, so --

Brad Ellsworth: Let's hope not.

Councilmember Bassemier: I don't think it's co-ed yet.

Councilmember Hoy: We're not going to pay for DNA tests are we? I mean, that could be more expensive than the pregnancy.

Brad Ellsworth: That it would. What we traditionally try to do is if we get somebody in there, say it's a small charge and the bond is rather low but they don't make it, we will go to the judge and say what it's costing us and the county to keep this person is more than what it would cost to bond them out, can you reduce it to a fee they can make? We have a very good relationship with the judges about doing that. When somebody needs to get out or they've got serious medical problems that we can't handle, we try to get them O.R.'d or a bond reduction. In this case that did not occur.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Ellsworth, he did show me some of those O.R.'s and stuff, so they're trying real hard to get these inmates --

President Wortman: I think you made a good point there, Mr. Bassemier. Yeah, I think that's a real good point.

Councilmember Sutton: Wouldn't, you know, I think we in maybe in relation to what we are, what the request is and what we're asked to consider here is based upon just the medical and maybe not the individual things that make up the account. So the motion included maybe over and above what we would normally consider. Would we want to separate that out and maybe consider maybe on behalf of the president or however you want to do that, putting a memo to that effect that would indicate what our feelings are on the issue in terms of that particular medical bill, but maybe not include it in the motion here?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I knew there was two issues, but I was just kind of hoping that they'll use their discretion to do not pay that bill.

Brad Ellsworth: One thing we do is, almost weekly I'm on the phone with the county attorney about these bills and seeking his opinion on that and we're getting pretty close to consensus. Like I said, this may come out in court, but that's something I guess we'll find out later. But the pre-existing ones we're sending back.

Councilmember Bassemier: I also asked the Sheriff's Department to check on the insurance. This gal could be on Medicaid and the state could pay for this. So --

President Wortman: That's good, so I think it's a reasonable figure.

Councilmember Hoy: Could we -- would you willing, Mr. Bassemier, to take that out of your motion?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, that would be fine. I'll take that out. I just want to make a motion that we'll set that in at \$75,000. I wanted to throw the other part in there hoping the Sheriff's Department would not pay for that.

Councilmember Hoy: That's going to be at the discretion of the Sheriff plus, and we've got a legal counsel here and this is a really, I think, one you want to study. But if the judge is forcing this person to stay in jail...mm, mm, mm. I just think it's shaky.

Brad Ellsworth: Well, that's what I want to clarify. That's Civic Center talk. I mean, what the judge's reasons are that --

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, they way I look at that, they're all forced in jail, so the pre-existing ones that they come in with, they've got a heart condition, they're ordered in jail, it's no different than ordering this gal in jail. It's still the same case, so --

Councilmember Hoy: But he's ordered her to stay in so to protect this baby which I think is a good -- if that's the case, that's a very appropriate thing to do, but I think that could force some problems in terms of taking care of bills.

President Wortman: Okay, if nothing else, I think I'll call for a vote then. Madam Secretary, would you call the vote, please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Is the figure \$75,000?

Councilmember Bassemier: \$75,000, yes ma'am.

Councilmember Smith: I'll vote aye.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-2240	MEDICAL	100,000.00	75,000.00
TOTAL		100,000.00	75,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Mr. Ellsworth. I appreciate it.

#### **D) CORONER**

President Wortman: Next on the agenda is the County Coroner, Vehicle \$19,835.

Councilmember Raben: I'll go ahead and speak for this. I know I spoke prior to the meeting with our Council Secretary. Dennis is away at the conference and he's not going to be present here today, so I'll go ahead and make a motion that we set this in at \$19,835.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy seconded it.

Councilmember Hoy: That was \$19,000 wasn't it, Jim?



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Councilmember Raben: \$19 --

President Wortman: \$19,835.

Councilmember Smith: Did you make the motion for \$19 or \$19,835?

Councilmember Raben: \$19,835.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy seconded it. Alright, any discussion on that? Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1070-4230	VEHICLE	19,835.00	19,835.00
TOTAL		19,835.00	19,835.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**E) PROSECUTOR**

President Wortman: We'll move right on to the Prosecutor.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move that 1080-3901 be set in at \$5,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Sutton. Any discussion? If not, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?  
Councilmember Smith: Yes.  
Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?  
Councilmember Sutton: Yes.  
Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?  
Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.  
Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?  
Councilmember Hoy: Yes.  
Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?  
Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.  
Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?  
Councilmember Raben: Yes.  
Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?  
President Wortman: Yes.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-3901	WITNESS FEES	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL		5,000.00	5,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

F) KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Wortman: Knight Township Assessor.  
Councilmember Bassemier: That's mine, Mr. President. 1130-1920 Insurance for \$5,000. I make that as a motion to approve.  
Councilmember Smith: Second.  
President Wortman: And we've got a second from Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? No discussion? I don't see any. Call the roll, please.  
Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?  
Councilmember Smith: Yes.  
Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?  
Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1130-1920	INSURANCE	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL		5,000.00	5,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**G) PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: We'll move right on, Perry Township, Rent. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move that 1140-3600 be set in at \$4,668.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded it, alright. Any discussion? No discussion, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1140-3600	RENT	4,668.00	4,668.00
TOTAL		4,668.00	4,668.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

H) SCOTT ASSESSOR

President Wortman: We'll move right on to Scott Township Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: 1160-1920 in the amount of \$4,100; 1160-1990 in the amount of \$1,000, for a total of \$5,100.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded it. Any discussion? If not, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1160-1920	INSURANCE	4,100.00	4,100.00
1160-1990	EXTRA HELP	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL		5,100.00	5,100.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

D) COMMISSIONERS

President Wortman: County Commissioners, \$3,000. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I move that we approve 1300-3420 in the amount of \$3,000.

President Wortman: Do I hear a second? Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3420	LEGAL ADVERTISING	3,000.00	3,000.00
TOTAL		3,000.00	3,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

J) WEIGHTS & MEASURES

President Wortman: Move right on to Weights & Measures, Vehicles \$10,000. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I move that 1302-4230 be set in at \$10,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? Call the roll, please.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question. Since we trimmed some other amounts, do we have any notion of what this is really going to cost because I think last week we --

Councilmember Smith: It's going to cost more than that.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, that's what I'm thinking. Is it legal for us to put this at a -- since we've cut some others and we've advertised for an amount, Madam Auditor, can we not --

Councilmember Raben: We can do it with five votes.

Councilmember Hoy: As long as we don't go over the total, right?

President Wortman: I think we had a little discussion last week and said -- if I recall, to let her go ahead and then we'll see where we're at and if she has to come back for more, we'll do it. We'll be in the piggyback style, see. Does that sound right to everybody? Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I brought that up because the other cars are coming in at \$19,800 and some odd dollars. I questioned the \$10,000 and it was understood or I thought it was understood that we knew it wasn't going to come in at that amount, but we would put the rest of it in when she did get the figure.

President Wortman: That was my understanding. Thank you, Mrs. Smith. Alright, anybody else got any discussion on \$10,000?

Councilmember Raben: We can do it for -- Councilman Hoy and I were talking back and forth, her situation, and although I don't have a figure, okay, but her situation is different because she's talking about a small compact four-door vehicle. The two other requests, one is a law-enforcement type vehicle that the Superior Court will use that's basically a pursuit car and the other one is the Coroner's which is a full-size van. I mean, being that this is a small compact car, I don't think in the pool it's going to be \$15,000. I mean, that would be my guess. I would say probably twelve or thirteen would be ample for a small compact, but I don't think it would be \$15,000, no ma'am.

Councilmember Smith: Well, I think we understood that if it comes in more than that, we would okay it.

Councilmember Raben: Right. We can set it in at whatever the pleasure is of this body. Again, I guess, there's still a legal

question. We're not exceeding the overall request, but we are for that department.

President Wortman: Let's just try it like this and see what comes up.

Councilmember Hoy: What's the -- just so we know. What's the law on this? If we advertise a figure, do we have to stay within the \$10,000 or does this mean we stay --

President Wortman: I think you cannot exceed the amount advertised, is that correct?

Suzanne Crouch: That is correct, however --

Councilmember Hoy: Is that on the individual item or on the total budget? That's my question.

Suzanne Crouch: It's my understanding that you should not increase over the department amount.

Councilmember Sutton: Isn't there a window that they have to, from a time standpoint, that they have to stay within on that bidding process?

Councilmember Raben: You're talking about the --

Suzanne Crouch: It depends on how the bid was written.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a request. I think we need to clarify that legal issue for the future and I'd like to ask that to go to our lawyer to give us something definitive on whether or not we can go beyond the amount advertised on any individual department. There seems to be some question about that and that would be nice to have that clarified.

Councilmember Sutton: My question on the bidding process, we might need to really get some clarification --

Councilmember Raben: I might answer that --

Councilmember Sutton: -- we can't make an obligation if the funds aren't there, so we --

Councilmember Raben: I'll speak to that, in terms of the state contract bid, okay, the motor pool. I checked on this in August during the budget process and the company that currently is taking care of this state bid, and they said the '98 bid would be available, they would take orders the first of November. So, I mean, she's still a month away from actually being able to use that anyway.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess my question more is how long -- I know from the actual first date, how long do they have before they must begin to...

Councilmember Raben: I don't know. I --

Councilmember Sutton: -- they can no longer place orders at the given prices that they might advertise initially?

Councilmember Raben: I don't know. Again, in terms of when the '98's would be available, she may be able to order a '97 up until November the first, but I'm sure she can make it all happen before the end of the year, yes, if that's what the question is.

President Wortman: Okay, I'll call for a vote then. Madam Secretary, I call for the roll,, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

WEIGHTS & MEASURES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1302-4230	VEHICLES	10,000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL		10,000.00	10,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

## K) AUDITORIUM

President Wortman: Okay, we'll move right on to the Auditorium, Utilities and Contractual Services. There was a change there.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, that was one of my assignments. I think we've reduced that. Well, I'll make a motion we put 1440-3200 Utilities in at \$10,000 and 1440-3530 in at \$5,000.

President Wortman: That makes the total \$15,000 instead of \$17,000.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion on that? If not, call the roll, please.



Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

AUDITORIUM		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1440-3200	UTILITIES	10,000.00	10,000.00
1440-3530	CONTRACTUAL SVCS.	7,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL		17,000.00	15,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

L) LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

President Wortman: Local Roads & Streets, Red Bank Railroad Crossing. Mr. Lloyd, do you want to take that?

Councilmember Lloyd: I'd like to make a motion account 2160-4926 be approved for \$652.

President Wortman: Do I have a second to that?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded it. Any discussion? Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2160-4926	RED BANK ROAD	652.00	652.00
TOTAL		652.00	652.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

M) AUDITOR - REASSESSMENT

N) KNIGHT ASSESSOR - REASSESSMENT

O) PERRY ASSESSOR - REASSESSMENT

President Wortman: Okay, we'll move right on to the Reassessment and the next three items, if you recall, the Auditor, the Knight Township and Perry Township was negotiated at the budget process. So we'll take the Auditor first. I'll entertain a motion from someone.

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion? We'll take all three of them at the same time. Is that included in your motion and is that agreeable with you, Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

President Wortman: And no discussion on that? Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1020-2830	PLAT BOOKS	9,000.00	9,000.00
2492-1020-3370	COMPUTER	15,000.00	15,000.00
TOTAL		24,000.00	24,000.00

KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1130-3310	TRAINING	3,000.00	3,000.00
2492-1130-3370	COMPUTER	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL		8,000.00	8,000.00

PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1140-3371	COMPUTER HARDWARE	3,500.00	3,500.00
2492-1140-3372	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	2,500.00	2,500.00
TOTAL		6,000.00	6,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**P) TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

President Wortman: Now we'll go into another section, that's Tourism Capital Improvements, so first on the agenda will be the \$294,345 and that would be over at the Museum on that. So I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved, sir.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a motion and a second. Any discussion on that? Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3600-4060	TRANSPORTATION CENTER/ PAGODA PROJECT	294,345.00	294,345.00
TOTAL		294,345.00	294,345.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Okay, that passes, now next is the Reitz Home project.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy made the --

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, if we could, I'm a little bit hesitant about the amount of \$300,000 as was -- I know -- that just seems like a large sum of money over a period of about the last twelve months. If anybody else would like to discuss this matter, is there a figure that we could arrive at, maybe \$150,000 or something like that, that would get this project up and rolling and --

Councilmember Hoy: The problem with that is, I think, last time the low bid you had on the painting, because it's lead paint, was \$179,000 alone. Is that correct?

Joe Vezzoso: Right, Joe Vezzoso with the Convention Bureau. Councilman Raben, they went out for three bids. The first was

just for the paint and removal of the paint alone, and was \$199,249. That's the highest bid. The second one was \$184,225 and the low bid was \$179,868. I don't think there's any way. I think as the Reitz Home people explained last time we were here, because of the fact that house is painted with a lead paint they have to put a special material on that building and then it has to be peeled off, which peels the paint off and put in disposable drums and hauled off. I think that's the reason. If you were painting a normal house it certainly would not cost that amount of money but because of the condition of that house, I think that's the reason.

Councilmember Raben: What is the balance? I think we discussed this last week. But what will this leave in the fund?

Joe Vezzoso: The fund is somewhere around half a million dollars currently.

Councilmember Raben: Again, in the back of my mind, I look back and I think gee, \$600,000 towards that place in twelve months and it just seems like an astronomical amount of money and I just -- it kind of bothers me to deplete that fund solely for one project and I know there's some things Burdette could possibly use, that's a part of tourism, and there's just a lot of other uses. I just hate to spend the fund on one --

Joe Vezzoso: Councilman Raben, that wouldn't deplete the fund. We look at spending this over a six to eight month period. We continue to have money come into that fund on a monthly basis. I will tell you, currently there's only one other application before us and they have not actually come before us to make that presentation. We have indicated to Burdette Park in the past that funds are available and they should come to us and submit their request on projects and they haven't come to us. So unless someone comes to us, we don't go out looking for those projects. These organizations have come before us. The next organization that we do have an application in from is from the Parks Department for the renovation to the monkey ship but they have not made that presentation totally, they didn't have their bids in order. They're still going to come to us this year, but the fund won't be depleted. And to be honest with you, if you look at both projects, that other project is totally separate, it was the renovation of the carriage house and has nothing to do with the exterior renovation of the home, so I mean, it's two separate projects altogether.

Councilmember Smith: Do you have any idea how much is the balance after you take out the \$594,345?

Joe Vezzoso: We're using for the museum, we'll use, I think it was \$45,000. I didn't bring my figures with me. It was somewhere in the neighborhood of \$45,000 out of that reserve account, so we'd have a couple hundred thousand left in there. The monthly income to that account is...what's the monthly income? By the way, Dolly is our new executive director of the Convention Bureau so I'm putting her on the spot here. She might not be able to answer the question.

Dolly Kight: (Inaudible - comments not made from microphone)

Joe Vezzoso: It's about \$65,000 a month that we get into that Tourism Capital Improvement Fund, so as you can see, that builds fairly quickly.

Councilmember Raben: I kind of feel like we need to, and I don't care what happens here and I'll probably support it, but in the future and particularly maybe twelve months from now I know this county is going to need your support on the operational expenses of the auditorium, too, and I want your board to maybe be on notice that at some point in time we're going to expect a commitment out of that board to --

Joe Vezzoso: Well, Mr. Raben, we committed once already and as I told you all last month, we're ready to commit. Now these funds, this Capital Tourism Development Fund cannot be used for operational funds. It can be used for brick and mortar, it can be used to do projects at Burdette, within the county, within the city, but it cannot be used as operational funds, and that's set by the state law. So those funds are there solely for the purpose of renovating, building projects that are tourism related. It can't be used. Now we do have other funds that President Wortman and I have talked about that could be made available to help with the new auditorium.

Councilmember Bassemier: First of all, I'd like to thank all of you and I know you have some volunteers out there that put in a lot of hard work on these projects and I'd like to commend you for that. If we don't give them the \$300,000 we might as well put it in at zero because they need all of it. I'm going to vote in favor of it, for the whole \$300,000 and you all need this and I know that.

President Wortman: Excuse me a minute, we've got to change the tape.

**(Tape changed at 4:19)**

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Sutton, you're next.

Councilmember Sutton: I was going to -- I guess, well first of all congratulate Ms. Kight on her appointment to executive director, I think she'll do a fine job for us and also congratulations on your successful trip out to Seattle to bring the ex-POW's here in 1999, is it? So we'll have something going on in our new auditorium once it's up and finished, whatever the name of it is going to be. I guess the questions that I have on it, when we look at our facilities here in the county, I guess I can maybe only think of about only three or four different things that tend to draw people from the outside in terms of attractions. What would those items be?

Joe Vezzoso: The Evansville Museum is one; Reitz Home is two; the, and it's on the outskirts of our community, Angel Mounds; Mesker Park Zoo, we have one of the finest zoos in the area; Wesselman's Nature Park; the Greenway, hopefully, when it's completed and as that goes on that will help. Councilman Hoy said Burdette Park. I think Burdette Park is an item that it's something for them to do when they're in our community. Does it draw people in for overnight? It does out at the park. I mean, but those probably are local residents that go out to spend the

weekend or --

Councilmember Hoy: I was thinking of the BMX event --

Joe Vezzoso: Huh?

Councilmember Hoy: The BMX --

Joe Vezzoso: The BMX brings in people, yes. So some of the things they do out there -- to be honest with all of you, we, as Commissioners on our commission are somewhat surprised that we have not had more groups come to us requesting funding. I know that Burdette Park wanted to put water slides or something in a year ago and we kind of sent word out that there were some funds available and they just never have made application.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think in light of maybe what was presented here, you probably will receive some additional requests and in light of one of my fellow Councilmembers responses, when Burdette Park comes by we should expect some favorable response on that particular end but I guess when we talk about the things that do draw people to our community, we don't really have that many. We aren't necessarily a real large community, but finding the funds to try to support those, I know it's probably pretty difficult and all the ones that you named primarily, they do solicit outside firms as well to try to support what it is that they do in trying to draw people to those particular sites.

Joe Vezzoso: And most of them with the exception of Burdette Park, of course, they're not a burden on the county property tax roles, the Reitz Home, the Evansville Museum, they have their own separate fund raising, their own membership drives and all their own volunteers and without those places, without those types of places for people to visit our community certainly would be a lesser place to live. I think it's very important that we have a museum that we have in Vanderburgh County and that we have the Reitz Home and that we have Burdette Park and the other things that make our community a town that we all want to live in and a community we want to live within. We, I think, standing up here, and I can't speak for Tess and Bob and the museum people, but Dolly and our commissioners look at us as a community and not necessarily what's owned by the city and what's owned by the county. We look at us as a community to try to attract people to our community, to come in and enjoy it and so we don't look at projects as a county project or a city project, we look at a project as what's best for our community. Burdette Park would be best, we think these two projects are best, so that's kind of the way we look at it.

Councilmember Sutton: How much of a levy do we have on that, the amount that we are receiving? How much do we receive from the Innkeeper's Tax?

Joe Vezzoso: We get a total of five percent, three percent of that goes in the Tourism Capital Development Fund, two percent goes into our operational funds, promotional funds, plus we get a cent off of each person that boards the riverboat -- it's ten cents. And those funds, no it's not designated necessarily, but it goes into our promotional account.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any questions?

Councilmember Hoy: I just wanted to comment, this is one of my assignments and I have encouraged them to come to us for full amounts. A lot of times people will ask you about your fund-raisers and I can tell you that almost of all of us who are non-profits do not raise the majority of our money from fund raisers. We just don't. It would be very difficult, I don't know how many fund raisers you'd have to do to raise \$300,000. If you see a fund raiser -- I forget what Ducks on the Ohio raised, what was it, forty or fifty thousand and you saw billboards all over town. It was a wonderful fund raiser, but that's a major event and you're not going to come close to 300,000. I think this is a fund where we can do these kind of projects and in the case of the Reitz Home preserve a wonderful piece of our heritage. Many cities let these things slide and I'm very proud of the fact that we have not let them slide.

Joe Vezzoso: And I don't want to prolong this but in our discussion and our commission's discussion on both of these projects there was some initial concern about double requests from the Reitz Home, but after we looked at the project and what it involved and what we felt the importance of it, that is the reason we brought it before you all. If we didn't feel that it was something that was necessary and that without our help they weren't going to be able to get this project done, we'd never have brought it before the Council. There is no way that they can raise \$300,000, I can guarantee you. They throw a fund raiser and they might net out of that fund raiser \$25,000, but it's the same people they go after each year, so consequently, they can't do that five and six times a year. They can only do it maybe once or twice.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I had gotten some data from the Auditor's Office and I've shared that with the Councilmembers, but the total Innkeeper's Tax I guess for the four years, 1995 was \$1,358,000 and then for 1996 was \$1,490,000 which was an increase of 9.7%, we keep adding hotel rooms here so the development is good and I would think that would continue to grow, those funds, hopefully.

Joe Vezzoso: Mr. Hoy, when we budget, we try to budget conservatively. I guess that's because we're from Evansville, it makes us conservative, but we continue each year to see an increase in the Innkeepers Tax. I think the rate last year was about six percent that we saw last year and we knock on wood. That does mean that either the room rates are increasing, giving us more tax money, or more people are visiting Evansville and let's hope it's the second one, that there are more people coming to our town.

Councilmember Lloyd: In the Tourism account, does that money just stay in there and hold over if it would not be spent?

Joe Vezzoso: Which account are you talking about --



Councilmember Lloyd: The Tourism Capital Improvements.

Joe Vezzoso: The Capital Development Fund, those funds stay in that account, yes sir.

Councilmember Lloyd: And prior projects that this was used on, the Pagoda would be one of them, is that correct?

Joe Vezzoso: Right, and what we did when we first came before the County Council and what you all approved was a commitment of 1.5 cents over five years to retire that debt and a portion of that is what we would use to pay for the museum, the unused reserve that we have at the banks. Yes, those funds stay in that account and can't be spent without our approval and then your approval.

Councilmember Lloyd: Right, and then on the Pagoda, too, there's an outstanding loan for the balance or --

Joe Vezzoso: I'm sorry?

Councilmember Lloyd: Isn't there an outstanding loan on the building?

Joe Vezzoso: Yes. We got a line of credit of two million dollars. We have drawn on that line of credit about \$800,000, I believe. We came back before you and requested additional funds for an elevator which is nearing completion. Hopefully, it will be completed in the next week and a half, which was about \$130,000. Luckily, during that construction process, we were able to pay a lot of bills ahead of time, so that's why we have a reserve left that we can draw on.

Councilmember Lloyd: Does the interest payments come out of the operating account, or --

Joe Vezzoso: No, it all comes out of the Tourism Capital Development Fund.

Councilmember Lloyd: Then the only other question that I had, and I think you've kind of answered it, but what would be the criteria for the projects that would be funded from the Capital Development account?

Joe Vezzoso: They have to be a tourism related project, something that would bring people to Evansville, or some activity that they could participate in while they are in our community, so that's sort of the criteria.

Councilmember Lloyd: Like something that would generate hotel business or something?

Joe Vezzoso: We call it heads in the beds.

Councilmember Lloyd: No one mentioned drawing people to our community, the riverboat.

Joe Vezzoso: Well, the riverboat has drawn a lot of people to our community and I'm not just totally familiar with that. A lot of those people are very focused individuals. They come to

our community for one reason. To be honest with you they come to use the riverboat and I think some of our gas stations and convenience stores benefit from those people. A lot of those are day drivers. On the weekends we do get overnight guests. So the riverboat has been very beneficial, we're happy with it because we get ten cents per person, you all get \$1.00 a head, I think, and I don't know who gets the rest of the money but if you want to give us your dollar we'd be more than happy to spend it for you.

Councilmember Lloyd: Would you say that the River House, have you seen any kind of increase due to the riverboat?

Joe Vezzoso: That's a hard question for us to answer. In Evansville-Vanderburgh County we've had an addition of about 1,600 hotel rooms since 1991 which is major. Years ago, you couldn't even build a hotel because they couldn't get them financed. Now banks are financing those properties. So we have seen an increase in hotel rooms, plus the Executive Inn has come back on-line. So we have seen business dispersed. On the weekends I do see an increase on the weekends prior to the riverboat. I probably had maybe thirty rooms, now I have seventy to seventy-five rooms on the weekend and I've got a total of ninety-one rooms. So from my standpoint, yes, it does help us. During the week it doesn't really help us, but on the weekends it does.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, just one more --

Councilmember Hoy: -- your previous question, Mr. Vezzoso and I talked, of course, but I've also talked with the managers down at the Radisson and they've reported the same thing, their room rents are up, but the customers who come in for the boat generally focus, as you said, on the boat. They don't go much of any place else.

Councilmember Lloyd: They don't go to the Reitz Home too much?

Joe Vezzoso: Yes, yeah, they bring busses by the Reitz Home. Aztar does bus tours in here on a daily basis from Louisville, Indianapolis, Cincinnati and when they have spare time they do, they go by the Reitz Home. So that's very beneficial. They come by the museum, they come by the Pagoda, so they do help us in those ways.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, the one other question I had, approximately how many hotel rooms are there in the county, would you say?

Joe Vezzoso: I think it's about 32 -- close to 3500.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Lloyd. Do you have any projection on what the zoo out there would be requesting?

Joe Vezzoso: It's my understanding, Mr. President, it's somewhere in the neighborhood of 300,000, maybe a little bit more.

President Wortman: I see, and then the city, would they share with that, too?

Joe Vezzoso: To be honest with you, Mr. President, they have not made that presentation to us. We are aware of it, I have seen the paperwork on it but until they are totally ready we don't even waste our time.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, actually this board is made up of appointments from the county and the city and this is a city/county board.

Joe Vezzoso: Is that called Vand-Gov, is that what that's called?

Councilmember Hoy: Watch your mouth.

Joe Vezzoso: I'm not running for anything.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, you will be.

Joe Vezzoso: Before you all vote, I know I'm taking your time and you've asked me a lot of questions that are kind of off of our thing here, but I would say that -- and I know that we send the packets over, but I would appreciate sometime you all looking at those. Your convention bureau, through our advertising of our community, does a tremendous job. If you have not seen our color productions for this community you should take time and look at them. We are the only group, the only group in Evansville-Vanderburgh County that expends major dollars on the promotion of our community. And those brochures and the funds that we give to like the Reitz Home and the museum and Burdette Park to help produce their brochures, that all comes through us and the agency that does that for us does a tremendous job and it is very professional, we advertise in Mid-West Living, Better Homes & Gardens, I mean, we are in some major publications in this county and if you haven't seen them you should put your eye to it and take a look at what we do and the money that we do spend to attract people to Vanderburgh County-Evansville, Indiana. We had to toot our horn a little bit. Thank you, Mr. Raben.

President Wortman: Yeah, well thanks very much. Appreciate you all coming up here. I'll call for a vote now, please, Madam Secretary.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3600-4061	REITZ HOME PROJECT	300,000.00	300,000.00
TOTAL		300,000.00	300,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

### TRANSFER REQUESTS

President Wortman: Okay, that completes the appropriations for today and now we'll jump right into the transfer requests and, members of the Council, do you have any objection to taking them all or do you want to take them individually? I'll hear a...Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: We probably can take them all, I guess, as far as I am concerned, but I did have a question on one of them before if we are going to do it that way. On the one that came in late to us --

President Wortman: Which one are you referring to, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: The Auditorium, Temporary Replacement to Custodial. Is there anyone here from the Auditorium? What happened to him?

Councilmember Smith: He was, he left. He was back there.

Councilmember Sutton: I would really have liked to gotten a chance to ask him a question or two on that. Perhaps you can maybe address some of that, Sandie.

President Wortman: Mrs. Deig will address that for you, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, this late transfer from the Auditorium in terms of, I guess, a grievance filed by the union basically feeling that we should fill that position through the rest of the year. What happened to the original person, who was this person replacing and what happened there?

Sandie Deig: It was a lady, the name was Kim Freudenberg. Kim left county employment and the Commissioners decided that they would just let a temporary replacement fill that slot because they're going to be closing at the end of the year, and in the

union contract it's listed that after thirty days we must put the worker on our payroll so the union did file a grievance against the county. The County Commissioners agreed to hire the person who had been working as a temporary replacement until December 31st.

Councilmember Sutton: And that's with benefits and --

Sandie Deig: With full benefits, everything.

Councilmember Sutton: The other question on that, since the -- well, I guess I can't really ask the question if no one is here from the Auditorium, but we haven't heard anything further on the status of the employees at the Auditorium or we've talked about that during budget time, maybe Mr. President, do you have anything further --

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton, to address it from my standpoint or knowledge is that the Building Authority will do all the hiring and firing whether or not a recommendation will be accepted to keep the employees or what, I think is entirely up to the authority of the Building Authority. That's my impression, what the Commissioners relayed to me. Mrs. Smith, do you --

Councilmember Smith: What about the people that works for the Building Authority here now, do they belong to the Teamsters or --

President Wortman: Yes.

Councilmember Smith: Well, it would be the same thing then over there.

President Wortman: That's a possibility.

Councilmember Smith: Probably.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, has there been a contractual agreement between the Building Authority and county up to this point? I mean, is that, so you're speaking in terms of what you believe is going to happen because, obviously, if there's no contract we can't turn our authority over to them.

President Wortman: Right, they just told me that their contract ends, the way I understand the Commissioners, ends January the fifth and from that standpoint they've got no contract with nobody, everything. I think even that Mr. Spindler, I think his contract ends, too, see.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, that's a little bit different, that contract was going to end anyway because of just the way the contract was written, whereas with the employees that's a different situation in that, I guess, essentially we're terminating -- well, not essentially, we are terminating those employees and really, up to that point, until we have some type of agreement with the Building Authority, we still do have some responsibility to those workers. So to say we're going to turn it over to the Building Authority when they don't really have any -- they can't exercise any control in the situation, it

seems to be just really just brushing it away from where the responsibility lies, and it's with the county right now.

President Wortman: Yeah, well that was the impression that I got from the Commissioners when they told me that when their contract ends with the Teamsters for the county, that ends it. Then the Building Authority will do their own hiring and then they'll take control of the building. That was what I was told.

Councilmember Sutton: Who will, when the building is completed, who will manage and control the building?

President Wortman: The Commissioners will negotiate a contract with the Building -- or a firm similar to what you had with Spindler & Given, like the stadium has with Ogden. That was the impression I got from the answer from the Commissioners.

Councilmember Sutton: So it won't be the Building Authority's facility?

President Wortman: They will operate the building only. That's the way I understood it now, unless somebody has got any...

Councilmember Hoy: The understanding that I have is that the Building Authority will do the same thing there that they do with this building, exactly the same, but as you mentioned, President Wortman, the contract, not the union contract but the contract with whoever operates it is open, and it seems it leaves the workers somewhat in limbo, Mr. Sutton. I wish that were not the case, although I think that since the Teamsters have the contract with the Building Authority that might be a good avenue to go through.

President Wortman: Does that answer your questions halfway, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I still haven't really gotten it clear who is going to be leasing to who.

President Wortman: Well, the Commissioners. It's their call. We don't have a --

Councilmember Raben: No, we'll lease -- we'll pay a rent to the Building Authority.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess the one issue that we maybe brought up earlier really isn't a factor in terms of once the building is completed and in terms of the needs that they're going to have from a facility staffing point and --

Councilmember Raben: I made this statement --

Councilmember Sutton: -- just really making it out --

Councilmember Raben: I made this statement --

Councilmember Sutton: -- it's not really much of a county issue at that point.

Councilmember Raben: I made this statement when you voted for the package -- what's it been, the end of last year -- that from that day on you washed your hands completely of the Auditorium, and you have. I mean, it's their baby now, so you've lost all your say so when you approved \$30,000,000, so --

Councilmember Sutton: Well, you know --

Councilmember Raben: When you approved the contract between the Building Authority and the county, I mean, that's when we washed our hands clean of it.

Councilmember Sutton: Not really, that was just the financing plan. It has nothing to do with the facility's management.

Councilmember Raben: We approved the contract. It was a lease/rental and the title changed hands. I mean, that facility no longer belongs to this county. I mean, it belongs to the county, I guess, through the Building Authority, but we actually, we lost all of our say so at that day.

President Wortman: I think what we need to have clarified here a little more, if I can try to explain it, just like the stadium out there. They hired this Ogden Management, they take care of that, see. But the city controls the stadium just like the Building Authority will control that. Now that's the impression I get.

Councilmember Hoy: The Building Authority could come back and via the Commissioners, to work out the operations that go on in the building. I think it might be a good idea, Mr. President, just so we have clarification, if we have a presentation from the Building Authority and even perhaps some of the Commissioners so this is crystal clear for us as to what --

Councilmember Sutton: And that's really kind of where I'm going with it so that we can know exactly where we stand on this from just the personnel standpoint from, like I said, the facility management standpoint. The period, we've got a real clarification there, but it would be helpful if we could get someone here to discuss that.

President Wortman: Yeah, I think that would be Mr. Mourdock, I'm just guessing, because that's their call, I guess, on who they sign a contract with and all that stuff.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, could we have Mr. Mourdock, Mr. President, and Mr. Leich, isn't it, from the Building Authority?

President Wortman: Utley.

Councilmember Hoy: But Mr. Leich is president of that, of the board, is what I'm thinking. Yeah, Mr. Utley would be good, too.

President Wortman: Yeah, he could shed some light on the subject I'd say. Okay, any more questions, Mr. Sutton? Are you ready for everybody to take transfers now? Mrs. Smith, you made a motion to accept the transfers, didn't you? And we got a second from Mr. Hoy, I guess it was. Okay, any more discussion? If

not, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1020-1260	POSTING CLERK	2,500.00	2,500.00
1020-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	500.00	500.00
TO: 1020-1990	EXTRA HELP	2,500.00	2,500.00
1020-3310	TRAINING	500.00	500.00

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1051-1920	INSURANCE	3,000.00	3,000.00
TO: 1051-1530-1051	SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL	3,000.00	3,000.00

ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1090-1170	TOWNSHIP DEPUTY	1,156.00	1,156.00
TO: 1090-1970	TEMPORARY REPLACE.	1,156.00	1,156.00

ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1090-3310	TRAINING	1,100.00	1,100.00
TO: 1090-3130	TRAVEL & MILEAGE	500.00	500.00

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1090-2700	OTHER SUPPLIES	500.00	500.00
1090-3250	LAW BOOKS	100.00	100.00

BOARD OF REVIEW		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1091-4210	OFFICE FURNITURE	120.00	120.00
TO: 1091-1180	BOR MEMBER	100.00	100.00
1091-1900	FICA	20.00	20.00

CO-OP EXTENSION SERVICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1230-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	1,500.00	1,500.00
TO: 1230-3370	COMPUTER	1,500.00	1,500.00

WEIGHTS & MEASURES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1302-3700	DUES/SUBSCRIPTIONS	50.00	50.00
1302-3600	RENT	825.00	825.00
1302-3540	MAINT. CONTRACTS	173.00	173.00
1302-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	600.00	600.00
1302-3580	VEHICLE REPAIR	600.00	600.00
1302-3310	TRAINING	375.00	375.00
1302-3160	RADIO PAGERS	68.00	68.00
TO: 1302-3410	PRINTING	500.00	500.00
1302-3130	TRAVEL	100.00	100.00
1302-4250	MISC. EQUIPMENT	1,541.00	1,541.00
1302-2210	GAS/OIL	550.00	550.00

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BLDGS.		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1310-1110-1310	SUPERINTENDENT	280.00	280.00
TO: 1310-3510	OTHER OPERATING	280.00	280.00

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1370-3700	DUES/SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,000.00	1,000.00
TO: 1370-2230	GARAGE & MOTOR	1,000.00	1,000.00

AUDITORIUM		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1440-1970	TEMPORARY REPLACE.	11,200.00	11,200.00
TO: 1440-1150-1440	CUSTODIAL	11,200.00	11,200.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Wortman: Okay, approval of the salary ordinance amendments. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Goodness, I put a piece of candy in my mouth before I realized I'd have to speak again. Yes, first would be County Clerk. I move that be set in at zero. Next would be Scott Assessor, set in as approved in the amount of \$1,000; the Auditor, set in as approved; the Jail set in as approved at \$3,000; County Assessor set in as approved; Board of Review set in as approved; Superintendent of County Buildings set in as approved; and the Auditorium, set in as approved. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded it. Any discussion? Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

SCOTT TWP ASSESSOR	1160-1990	EXTRA HELP	1,000.00
AUDITOR	1020-1260-1020	POSTING CLERK	(2,500.00)

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AUDITOR	1020-1990	EXTRA HELP	2,500.00
JAIL	1051-1530-1051	SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL	3,000.00

AUDITOR	1020-1990	EXTRA HELP	2,500.00
ASSESSOR	1090-1170-1090	TOWNSHIP DEPUTY	(1,156.00)
ASSESSOR	1090-1970	TEMP. REPLACEMENT	1,156.00
BOARD OF REVIEW	1091-1180-1091	BOR MEMBER	100.00
SUPT. OF CO. BLDGS	1310-1110-1310	SUPERINTENDENT	(280.00)
AUDITORIUM	1440-1970	TEMP. REPLACEMENT	(11,200.00)
AUDITORIUM	1440-1150-1440	CUSTODIAL	11,200.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

OLD BUSINESS

President Wortman: Any old business from any member of the Council? If not, we'll go into the new business.

NEW BUSINESS

A) RESOLUTION/SALARY ORDINANCE

President Wortman: Number nine, Resolution/Salary Ordinance. You have before you a motion to terminate shift differential payments to noneligible employees. Now, you all have a copy in front of you, have you not? Okay, everybody understand that? What it's doing, my interpretation would be, to have clarification that the deputies only are entitled to this shift differential, not the two people identified, M. Williams and D. Reisinger. So I think there was a misunderstanding, possibly, a mistake made. It was caught there, so of course when you do something, whether you work or what you do, you're going to make mistakes so there's nothing to be ashamed of when you do that. So if you work hard, you're going to make mistakes. If you don't make mistakes, you must not be working, so anyway, I think that's the way you've got to look at it. Anyway, I would entertain a motion to this for clarification only. We're not raising the salary, we're not lowering the salary, we just want to affirm our position, the members of the Council. Does that make sense? Mrs. Deig thought I ought to read it, so I'm going to read:

“MOTION TO TERMINATE SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL  
PAYMENTS TO NONELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES

**WHEREAS**, It has come to the attention of the Vanderburgh County Council that noneligible employees, including M. Williams (line no. 1050-217) and D. Reisinger (line no. 1050-218), have been receiving shift differential pay for which they are not eligible; and

**WHEREAS**, Vanderburgh County Council has only approved shift differential pay for Sheriff's deputies/merit officers and correction officers, and no other employees of the Sheriff's department; and

**WHEREAS**, M. Williams and D. Reisinger are not Sheriff's deputies/ merit officers eligible to receive shift differential pay; and

**WHEREAS**, Vanderburgh County Council desires to terminate effective immediately shift differential pay to M. Williams and D. Reisinger, and all other noneligible employees.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND PASSED** that shift differential payments to M. Williams (line no. 1050-217) and D. Reisinger (line no. 1050-218) and all other noneligible employees be terminated effective immediately and that the County Auditor shall no longer issue shift differential pay to said noneligible employees.

**PASSED** by this Vanderburgh County Council this first day of October, 1997."

So,...Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Don't take this offensively, Curt, but this seems like a bunch of -- well, no offense to our sitting-in attorney, but it seems like a bunch of legal mumbo jumbo gobbledegook that basically we've already got a policy in place. Why do we need to go in and read a resolution for something we already have a policy in place for? If they don't qualify and aren't eligible for it, then we just stop paying them.

President Wortman: That's my point, but I think just to clarify and reaffirm it. Now that's my position. You members of the Council voice your opinion in reference to it. Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: How long has this been going on?

President Wortman: 1995, was it, Mrs. Deig? '96, excuse me. I think it was just an accident. He just put it in, I'm just guessing now. I don't know, but it just accidentally was caught, so I think it reaffirms our position now. It's up to you, it's in there. I mean, you've got the salary ordinance to back you up to prove it.

Councilmember Smith: I don't understand why this was brought up. If the mistake was made and they weren't eligible, then they should just take it away from them.

President Wortman: Well, I think they're going to do it, but it's up to the members of the Council. I agree with the Executive Assistant, I think this reaffirms your position that we're just reminding everybody, this is what the situation is.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess I see a resolution as being very strong and very heavy-handed. If we just tell them no, that's all that really needs to be said. Maybe without making this a matter of public record so to speak, but if we are strong enough in this personnel policy, you know, it already says that they don't qualify for it, they shouldn't receive it.

President Wortman: That's right, but see, all you've got to do is make a phone call if they don't know...any department head.

Councilmember Sutton: And if we've been making a mistake, you know, if we've overlooked it, you know, it's a little late to point fingers and assess who is to blame. Let's go forward and say they won't get the money.

President Wortman: That's the way I looked at it. Is that

agreeable with the members of the Council? Is everybody in agreement, or want to comment on this? County Auditor, do you want to say something?

Suzanne Crouch: The minutes of the Council budget hearings weren't particularly clear, so we just asked, my office asked, before we made a change in what we pay them, to just have clarification. So if the Council wants to clarify that was their intent in '95, and do so in the minutes, then I think that probably would serve.

Councilmember Sutton: Do they know that they no longer qualify?

Suzanne Crouch: I don't know. We haven't done anything with their pay.

Councilmember Smith: Well, it's kind of sad that their name was put in here if the people don't know about it. My point is that you tell the officeholder or the department head that this is what we're not going to do anymore, and when you bring it out like here with their name, their line items and everything, it's kind of -- and I agree with Royce -- it's kind of making, it's advertising the whole thing and it wouldn't be necessary.

President Wortman: I think Mr. Ahlers did his research and found out that it only identified the Sheriff deputies and didn't say anything about anybody else.

Councilmember Sutton: I hate to even put them up maybe in a spectacle, I guess, so to speak, in a situation since they're just more -- they were just the employees receiving the pay. They weren't the ones that actually decided that they should receive the pay, so they aren't the ones that probably -- if you're going to look at fault, probably the fault doesn't necessarily totally lie there, and I just hate to really put them out front like that.

Councilmember Lloyd: Didn't you send a letter to Sheriff Hamner about this?

President Wortman: Yes, I sent a letter to Mr. Hamner on that and then I got a letter from Mr. Berger saying don't stop paying it, but he didn't identify the source, where it was, what the problem was, he just said don't stop paying it.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Wortman, let me just do this. I'm going to make a motion that only sworn officers and correction officers be paid shift differential and we'll simply pass that and it's done.

Councilmember Smith: I second that motion.

President Wortman: Okay, now discussion. See, you're backed up by the salary ordinance. I mean, it's just plain, it's there. But it would be just like say Betty Knight and I got two additional pays, nobody knew anything about it. Do you see what I mean? It's the same thing, which we're not entitled to. That's what it basically boils down to.

Councilmember Sutton: Then we make a resolution putting you guys

out in public that you guys got this extra pay.

President Wortman: We're not picking on these two employees. I think it was just a mistake, an oversight, I hope that's what it was, and give everybody the benefit of the doubt. So, does anybody have any comment on that?

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President, I mean, I guess maybe this is a little cover because Mr. Berger is an attorney and apparently he's stuck his nose into it, so --

President Wortman: Well, I guess they'll have to pay him out of the FOP line, because they don't have a line to pay that.

Councilmember Hoy: He is the FOP attorney, Mr. Berger is.

Councilmember Raben: So this motion is that only sworn deputies or officers and correction officers be paid shift differential. Betty had seconded --

President Wortman: Right, same thing I read and that backs it up, so if no other discussion, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Unanimous.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

## **B) JANUARY 1998 MEETING FILING DATE**

President Wortman: We'll go to the B item under new business, January 1998 meeting filing date. Mrs. Deig, do you want to elaborate on that?

Sandie Deig: I would like permission from the Council to set the filing date for the January meeting on December 5th because the Personnel & Finance is December 17th and the Auditor's Office has to have enough time. If you approve this, I'd like to send a memo out to that effect.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I move that we do that.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second that.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy made the motion and Jim seconded it. Any discussion on that? All those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Unanimous.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Any other discussion to come before this Council? If not --

## **C) TRANSFERS FROM 100 ACCOUNTS**

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I would like to make a motion. We do this about this time every year, that for the rest of the

year we entertain no more transfers in the 100 accounts.

President Wortman: Good motion. Is there a second to that effect?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Sutton. Any discussion on that? All in favor -- Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I was just going to say what's your reason for that?

Councilmember Hoy: We find, Mr. Lloyd, that at the end of the year that we tend to get a flurry of these in the last couple of months and this sort of shuts the door for that kind of thing and it helps the carryover into the new year. Mrs. Deig probably can say that better than I just said it, but I think I'm pretty close to it.

Sandie Deig: I think what's happened in the past, some officeholders have transferred money out of one of their accounts -- accounts that they knew the Council must fund if they go in the red.

Councilmember Hoy: So it's just a safeguard there.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, that sounds good.

President Wortman: Everybody understand that? Okay, all those in favor raise your right hand to that amendment. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Okay, if nothing else, I'll entertain a motion for adjournment.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

President Wortman: Got a second?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a second. All those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you.

(Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.)

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President Curt Wortman

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Vice President Phil Hoy

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Councilmember Russell Lloyd, Jr.

Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Ed Bassemier

Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**NOVEMBER 5, 1997**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 5th day of November, 1997 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order by County Council President Curt Wortman at 3:35 p.m.

President Wortman: We’re going to call the meeting to order for this November the 5th. We’ve got three empty seats here: two of them are -- one is sick, I understand, and one is on vacation, so we’re still waiting for Mr. Sutton. We’ll go ahead and have a roll call because we’ve got a long agenda today to a certain extent, but we’ve got to keep her moving and that way, if we did our homework, we won’t have to ask a lot of questions.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes, sir?

Councilmember Bassemier: Can we delay it for five minutes since we have two -- since we’ve got some important issues, can we hold it for about five minutes before we start? Is that a possibility?

President Wortman: Here he comes. Now we don’t have to delay. Would the secretary please call the roll?

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH	x	
COUNCILMEMBER SUTTON	x	
COUNCILMEMBER BASSEMIER	x	
COUNCILMEMBER HOY		x
COUNCILMEMBER LLOYD	x	
COUNCILMEMBER RABEN		x
COUNCILMEMBER WORTMAN	x	

President Wortman: Would we all please stand and pledge allegiance to the flag?

Pledge of allegiance was given.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 3, 1997 & OCTOBER 1, 1997**

President Wortman: I will entertain a motion for the approval of the minutes for September the 3rd and October the 1st. Do I hear a motion?

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton. Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded it. Any questions? Discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five. Those are the ones who are present.

(Motion unanimously approved.)

<b>APPROPRIATION REQUESTS</b>
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**A) AUDITOR**

President Wortman: We'll move right on into the appropriation ordinance and first on the agenda is the Auditor, the County Auditor. I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Lloyd: I'd like to make a motion account 1020-3371, 1020-2700, total dollars \$7,425 be approved as requested.

President Wortman: Okay, do I hear a second? Mrs. Smith seconded it. Any discussion? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1020-3371	COMP. HARDWARE	3,560.00	3,560.00
1020-2700	OTHER SUPPLIES	3,865.00	3,865.00
TOTAL		7,425.00	7,425.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

**B) SHERIFF**

President Wortman: We'll move right on into the Sheriff. I'll entertain a motion, Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes sir, 1050-4230 Motor Vehicles \$90,815, also 1050-4290 Vehicle Equipment \$15,000, for a total amount of \$105,815. I make that in the form of a motion.

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**  
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President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded it. Any discussion?  
Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-4230	MOTOR VEHICLES	90,815.00	90,815.00
1050-4290	VEHICLE EQUIPMENT	15,000.00	15,000.00
TOTAL		105,815.00	105,815.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

**C) JAIL**

President Wortman: We'll move right on to the Jail.

Councilmember Bassemier: 1051-2200 Jail Expenses \$5,000, 1051-2240 Medical \$30,000, total amount of \$35,000. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Smith: And I second.

President Wortman: I've got a second. Now discussion.

Tana Bailey: Yes, on this \$5,000, the Sheriff said he would pay for that out of Commissary, so you can zero that one out.

President Wortman: Okay, could you revise your motion, Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, 1051-2200 Jail Expenses set in at zero, 1051-2240 Medical for \$30,000, for a total amount of \$30,000 -- in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a motion and Mrs. Smith, do you

amend that?

Councilmember Sutton: Oh, yeah, she amended it, so...

President Wortman: Alright, anymore discussion on that? Appreciate it, tell the Sheriff there, this Council does.

Councilmember Bassemier: Was this a last minute deal? I just talked to you earlier, so...I did talk with her.

President Wortman: Okay, I'll have a roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-2200	JAIL EXPENSE	5,000.00	-0-
1051-2240	MEDICAL	30,000.00	30,000.00
TOTAL		35,000.00	30,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

#### **D) AREA PLAN COMMISSION**

President Wortman: Okay, thank you very much. Area Plan Commission, Legal Services. Entertain a motion.

Councilmember Smith: I'll move that.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith made the motion. Do I have a second? Mr. Sutton, do you second that?

Councilmember Sutton: I will...I didn't, but I will.

President Wortman: Okay, any discussion? If not, I'll have a roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1240-3610	LEGAL SERVICES	10,000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL		10,000.00	10,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

E) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

President Wortman: County Commissioners, Patient Inmate Care. I'll entertain a motion to that effect. Mr. Lloyd, would you take that, please?

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, I propose 1300-3050, \$269,000 be approved as requested.

President Wortman: Do I hear a second? Mrs. Smith seconded it. Any discussion? If no discussion, roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes, and I did want to comment, the Commissioners were going to work to make sure that this kind of thing doesn't happen again.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Lloyd.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS	REQUESTED
APPROVED	

1300-3050	PATIENT/INMATE CARE	269,000.00	269,000.00
TOTAL		269,000.00	269,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

President Wortman: The other one is County Commissioners, Examination of Records. Mr. Lloyd, would you handle that, please?

Councilmember Lloyd: Account 1300-3280 for \$9,339 be approved as requested.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton. Any discussion? If no discussion, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS  
APPROVED

REQUESTED

1300-3280	EXAM. OF RECORDS	9,339.00	9,339.00
TOTAL		9,339.00	9,339.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President? Before we get away from the Commissioners, I wanted to get a chance to comment on the last request on the Patient/Inmate Care. Are they going to have discussions with the -- I'm talking about the Commissioners -- are they going to have a discussion with the State Board of Accounts to see if there are or some of our other care facilities to see if there are any other outstanding balances out there that might catch us off guard or, I guess, recognize they are trying to put some safeguards in place to ensure that maybe we don't have any on our side that we might allow to lapse, but seeing if there are still some others out there that might come before us. Is that something that they are also looking into?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yeah, I talked to Mrs. Jerrel about it and

the state apparently has changed their computer systems and that's how they found it and for some reason when there was the changeover in the Commissioners office this bill was misfiled or something along those lines, but the state notified the county on it and she indicated that they have been talking with the state, like Health Department, about it, but I mean, I could ask her to double check with the State Board of Accounts. It probably would be a real good idea.

Councilmember Sutton: I just want to make sure, like I said, that we don't -- the state doesn't just suddenly find some other things laying around in some stack or something like that.

Councilmember Lloyd: Right, come back and say there's another one for 1996 or 1994, or something like that. That's a good point.

President Wortman: That's good. Appreciate your comments.

**F) WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

President Wortman: We'll move right on to Weights & Measures on page 2, Motor Vehicles. I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith made the motion, do I hear a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd has seconded it. Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1302-4230	MOTOR VEHICLES	10,000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL		10,000.00	10,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

Councilmember Sutton: The city has put in their share on this already?

President Wortman: See, that was a budget thing, if you recall, the \$10,000. The car submitted now is going to be \$18,000 or \$19,000, and whatever she has left she'll return to the General Fund.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, I just wondered if, on the city side, they've already put in their share on this since we're incorporating our share.

President Wortman: Right, it's not going to cost us but half.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, she's not here, so...okay.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Sutton.

**G) CIRCUIT COURT**

President Wortman: Okay, we'll go right on to the next one, is Circuit Court, the Buildings \$3,339. Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith made the motion. Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd seconded it. No discussion? Don't hear any. Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-4120	BUILDINGS	3,339.00	3,339.00
TOTAL		3,339.00	3,339.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

**H) AUDITORIUM**



President Wortman: Next on the agenda is the Auditorium, PERF \$261. Can I entertain a motion from somebody?

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith. Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd, I've got a second. Alright, any discussion? If no discussion, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

AUDITORIUM		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1440-1910	PERF	261.00	261.00
TOTAL		261.00	261.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

D) BURDETTE PARK

President Wortman: Move right on to Burdette Park, Utilities \$15,000.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll make that motion, 1450-3200 Utilities, \$15,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier made the motion and Mr. Sutton seconded it. Okay, any discussion on that? If no discussion, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1450-3200	UTILITIES	15,000.00	15,000.00
TOTAL		15,000.00	15,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

#### J) COUNTY COUNCIL

President Wortman: Move right on to the County Council, three items there, total of \$22,730. I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Sutton: Line item 1480-1971 Termination Pay in the amount of \$20,000; 1480-1900 FICA in the amount of \$1,530; 1480-1910 PERF in the amount of \$1,200, for a total of \$22,730.

President Wortman: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded it. Any discussion? No discussion? Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes, I just wanted to comment. I know on Mr. Byrne we had that departmental leave payout and that policy has been changed by the County as of July 3rd, so the officeholder verified those hours, but that policy has changed, so that stopped as of July 1st, so hopefully, we won't have this kind of problem in the future.

President Wortman: Very good point, I think that's well taken. Okay, any more discussion?

Councilmember Lloyd: I've got one more thing. This is kind of a new method for the Council. I guess one thing about it, by having the employees be terminated and kind of a lump sum payout of their hours, that should, in the long run, save the county some money because some of their benefits would cease as of that last day worked rather than, I think, in prior years, in this kind of situation you might have a county employee that would be paid weekly for a number of weeks if they had a large payout, so by stopping and paying out on the last day worked or thereabout, the county should save some money on that because they won't have to pay the health insurance and maybe there might be some other benefits that would go forward whereas the employee would

have to pick that up if they wanted to stay on COBRA. So this method, it allows the Council to look at these and also by stopping immediately, I think it worked better for the county.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Lloyd, for your comments. Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: It's always been the procedure that the only thing they could carry over is their sick days and they could accumulate up to sixty days and supervisors never got comp time, ever.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mrs. Smith. Anybody else? If not, we'll call for a roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-1971	TERMINATION PAY	20,000.00	20,000.00
1480-1900	FICA	1,530.00	1,530.00
1480-1910	PERF	1,200.00	1,200.00
TOTAL		22,730.00	22,730.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

President Wortman: Okay, that completes our appropriation ordinance, and there's going to be a little money left in there it looks like, so we'll move --

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, Mr. President, where we stand -- with the Auditor's most recent statement, with all the General Fund requests we approved today, it does take us down pretty low. We're right at \$116,842 in our unappropriated balance in the General Fund, so I just hope nothing will break or no accidents occur.

President Wortman: We'll have to be real careful, that's right. Thank you, Mr. Sutton.

K) LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

President Wortman: Now we're going to Local Roads & Streets. Mr. Lloyd, would you process that for me, please?

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, account 2160-3930 Contractual for Roads & Streets \$5,700. I request that be approved as submitted.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton seconded it. Any discussion? Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2160-3930	OTHER CONTRACTUAL	5,700.00	5,700.00
TOTAL		5,700.00	5,700.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

President Wortman: Okay, that completes that. Now we'll go into the transfers. Do you want to take them all at once? It's your discretion. Anybody got a comment? Or we'll take them individually. The only thing I've got is the Legal Aid there. They're transferring money there that they don't have and probably the United Way is going to have to make it up or some way or another, so I think that should be addressed down the road here a little bit. But --

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, you have an emergency one. It was right on our desks today, too. You want to add that on.

President Wortman: The Treasurer?

Councilmember Smith: Uh-huh.

President Wortman: Yes, I think that is -- wait a minute, I think that -- is that the one, the late transfer for a Counter & Post Clerk, Extra Help? Yeah, that's the one there, Mrs. Smith. Yes. Of course, we'll take all the transfers and then we'll get into the repeal situation. So if nobody has any problem with taking all the transfers, I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith made the motion. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier, I got a second. Any discussion? No discussion, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1010-1360-1010	POSTING CLERK	10,000.00	10,000.00
1010-1500-1010	FEE COLLECT. CLERK	2,250.00	2,250.00
TO: 1010-1990	EXTRA HELP	10,000.00	10,000.00
1010-1340-1010	JUDGEMENT CLERK	1,050.00	1,050.00
1010-1460-1010	CERT. MAIL CLERK	550.00	550.00
1010-1570-1010	COUNTER CLERK	650.00	650.00

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1030-3410	PRINTING	200.00	200.00
TO: 1030-3610	LEGAL SERVICES	200.00	200.00

TREASURER	REQUESTED	APPROVED
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FROM: 1030-1300-1030	COLLECTOR DELINQ.	1,754.30	1,754.30
TO: 1030-1270-1030	CNTR. & POST. CLERK	1,754.30	1,754.30

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1050-1130-0036	CORPORAL	1,367.00	1,367.00
1050-1130-0012	LIEUTENANT	27.00	27.00
1050-1130-0012	LIEUTENANT	137.00	137.00
1050-1130-0036	CORPORAL	2,946.00	2,946.00
TO: 1050-1130-0209	CLERK TYPIST	1,367.00	1,367.00
1050-1130-0016	SERGEANT	27.00	27.00
1050-1130-0072	CORPORAL	137.00	137.00
1050-1130-0208	CLERK TYPIST	2,946.00	2,946.00

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1051-1130-0321	CORRECTION OFFICER	66.00	66.00
1051-1130-0321	CORRECTION OFFICER	121.00	121.00
TO: 1051-1130-0325	CORRECTION OFFICER	66.00	66.00
1051-1130-0405	EMT	121.00	121.00

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1051-1130-0321	CORRECTION OFFICER	209.00	209.00
TO: 1051-1130-0325	CORRECTION OFFICER	209.00	209.00

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1051-1920	INSURANCE	1,757.00	1,757.00
TO: 1051-1910	PERF	1,757.00	1,757.00

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1080-3900	RETURN OF FUGITIVE	4,000.00	4,000.00
TO: 1080-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	500.00	500.00
1080-3250	LAW BOOKS	2,000.00	2,000.00
1080-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	500.00	500.00
1080-3901	WITNESS FEES	1,000.00	1,000.00

PROSECUTOR IV-D		REQUESTED	APPROVED
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FROM: 1081-3120	POSTAGE/FREIGHT	2,000.00	2,000.00
1081-3140	TELEPHONE	500.00	500.00
TO: 1081-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,000.00	2,000.00
1081-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	500.00	500.00

SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1160-2700	OTHER SUPPLIES	87.94	87.94
TO: 1160-1910	PERF	87.94	87.94

AREA PLAN COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1240-3740	INTERN	1,300.00	1,300.00
TO: 1240-3610	LEGAL SERVICES	1,300.00	1,300.00

COMMISSIONERS APPROVED		REQUESTED	
FROM: 1300-3021	HILLCREST- WASHINGTON	93.00	93.00
1300-3600	RENT	2,945.00	2,945.00
1300-3471	ABSTRACTS	7,500.00	7,500.00
1300-3490	YMCA	1,500.00	1,500.00
1300-3190	SOLID WASTE DISP.	4,021.00	4,021.00
1300-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	1,000.00	1,000.00
1300-3310	TRAINING	500.00	500.00
1300-2690	DEMOLITION	3,130.00	3,130.00
1300-3410	PRINTING	410.00	410.00
1300-3532	GARAGE REMEDIATION	9,705.00	9,705.00
TO: 1300-3140	TELEPHONE	7,500.00	7,500.00
1300-4231	TRANSPORTATION	2,443.00	2,443.00

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1300-3280	EXAM. OF RECORDS	8,021.00	8,021.00
1300-3610	LEGAL SERVICES	10,000.00	10,000.00
1300-3530	CONTRACTUAL SVCS	1,500.00	1,500.00
1300-1910	PERF	1,340.00	1,340.00

AUDITORIUM		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1440-3160	RADIO/PAGER	1,664.00	1,664.00
TO: 1440-1160	MAINTENANCE	1,664.00	1,664.00

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
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FROM: 1450-1171-1450	POOL HEAD GUARD	7.00	7.00
TO: 1450-1850	UNION OVERTIME	7.00	7.00

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1450-3140	TELEPHONE	1,000.00	1,000.00
1450-3140	TELEPHONE	1,000.00	1,000.00
1450-3440	ADVERTISING	1,000.00	1,000.00
1450-3440	ADVERTISING	1,000.00	1,000.00
TO: 1450-2100	FUEL/BUTANE	1,000.00	1,000.00
1450-2210	GAS & OIL	1,000.00	1,000.00
1450-2310	LAUNDRY & CLEANING	1,000.00	1,000.00
1450-3190	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	1,000.00	1,000.00

LEGAL AID SOCIETY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1460-3000	BOND & INSURANCE	50.00	50.00
1460-3410	PRINTING	225.00	225.00
1460-3410	PRINTING	125.00	125.00
1460-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	215.00	215.00
TO: 1460-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	50.00	50.00
1460-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	225.00	225.00
1460-3730	CONTINUING EDUCATION	125.00	125.00
1460-3730	CONTINUING EDUCATION	215.00	215.00

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1480-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	400.00	400.00
TO: 1480-3460	CONSULTANT	400.00	400.00

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2010-1002	ASST. SUPERVISOR	459.60	459.60
2010-1053	SECRETARY	5,650.00	5,650.00
2010-1990	EXTRA HELP	4,180.50	4,180.50
TO: 2010-1004	ROAD FOREMAN	459.60	459.60
2010-1850	UNION OVERTIME	5,650.00	5,650.00
2010-1850	UNION OVERTIME	4,180.50	4,180.50



CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2030-1180	LABORER	4,000.00	4,000.00
2030-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	28,000.00	28,000.00
TO: 2030-1850	UNION OVERTIME	4,000.00	4,000.00
2030-2000	MATERIALS	28,000.00	28,000.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2030-4374	HECKEL RD. BRIDGE #76	93,000.00	93,000.00
TO: 2030-3540	MAINTENANCE CONT.	93,000.00	93,000.00

SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2600-1980	OTHER PAY	34.00	34.00
TO: 2600-1390	AISP/DISP CASEWORKER	34.00	34.00

TREASURER (LATE TRANSFER)		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1030-1250-1030	COUNTER & POST CLERK	2,500.00	2,500.00
TO: 1030-1990	EXTRA HELP	2,500.00	2,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

<b>REPEAL REQUESTS</b>
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President Wortman: Now we'll go into repeal requests. Mr. Lloyd, would you handle that, please?

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay. I have a repeal request from the Auditor 1020-1260 \$7,425; and also a repeal request from Legal Aid 4290 various accounts, totaling \$4,179. I would make a motion that those be approved.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded it. Okay, any discussion? We'll have a roll call, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1020-1260	POSTING CLERK	7,425.00	7,425.00
TOTAL		7,425.00	7,425.00

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4290-1140-4290	JUNIOR LEGAL SEC.	300.00	300.00
4290-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,000.00	1,000.00
4290-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	300.00	300.00
4290-3250	LAW BOOKS	500.00	500.00
4290-3730	CONTINUING ED.	1,370.00	1,370.00
4290-3990	MISCELLANEOUS	9.00	9.00
4290-3410	PRINTING	200.00	200.00
4290-1190-4290	JUNIOR LEGAL SEC.	500.00	500.00
TOTAL		4,179.00	4,179.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Wortman: Approval of the salary ordinance, please, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: Amendment to the salary ordinance: County Council set in as appropriation previously approved; County Clerk set in as transfer previously approved; Treasurer set in as transfer previously approved; Sheriff set in as transfer previously approved; Jail set in as transfer previously approved; Auditorium set in as transfer previously approved; Burdette Park set in as transfer previously approved; County Highway set in as transfer previously approved; Cumulative Bridge set in as transfer previously approved; Supplemental Adult Probation set in as transfer previously approved, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton. Alright, any discussion? If no discussion, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

COUNTY COUNCIL	1480-1971	TERMINATION PAY	20,000.00
	1480-1900	FICA	1,530.00
	1480-1910	PERF	1,200.00
CLERK	1010-1360-1010	POSTING CLERK	(10,000.00)
	1010-1500-1010	FEE COLLECT CLERK	(2,250.00)
	1010-1990	EXTRA HELP	10,000.00
	1010-1340-1010	JUDGEMENT CLERK	1,050.00
	1010-1460-1010	CERT. MAIL CLERK	550.00
	1010-1570	COUNTER CLERK	650.00
TREASURER	1030-1300-1030	COLLECTOR DELINQ.	(1,754.30)
	1030-1270-1030	CNTR & POST CLERK	1,754.30
	1030-1250-1030	CNTR & POST CLERK	(2,500.00)
	1030-1990	EXTRA HELP	2,500.00
SHERIFF	1050-1130-0036	CORPORAL	(1367.00)
	1050-1130-0012	LIEUTENANT	(27.00)
	1050-1130-0012	LIEUTENANT	(137.00)
	1050-1130-0036	CORPORAL	(2,946.00)
	1050-1130-0209	CLERK TYPIST	1,367.00
	1050-1130-0016	SERGEANT	27.00
	1050-1130-0072	CORPORAL	137.00
	1050-1130-0208	CLERK TYPIST	2,946.00

JAIL	1051-1130-0321	CORRECTION OFFICER	(\$66.00)
	1051-1130-0321	CORRECTION OFFICER	(121.00)
	1051-1130-0325	CORRECTION OFFICER	66.00
	1051-1130-0405	EMT	121.00
	1051-1130-0321	CORRECTION OFFICER	(209.00)
	1051-1130-0325	CORRECTION OFFICER	209.00
	1051-1920	INSURANCE	(1,757.00)
	1051-1910	PERF	1757.00
AUDITORIUM	1440-1160	MAINTENANCE	\$1,664.00
BURDETTE PARK	1450-1171-1450	POOL HEAD GUARD	(\$7.00)
	1450-1850	UNION OVERTIME	7.00
HIGHWAY	2010-1002	ASST. SUPERVISOR	(459.60)
	2010-1053	SECRETARY	(5,650.00)
	2010-1990	EXTRA HELP	(4,180.50)
	2010-1004	ROAD FOREMAN	459.60
	2010-1850	UNION OVERTIME	5,650.00
	2010-1850	UNION OVERTIME	4,180.50
CUM BRIDGE	2030-1180	LABORER	(4,000.00)
	2030-1850	UNION OVERTIME	4,000.00
SUPP. ADULT PROBATION	2600-1980	OTHER PAY	(34.00)
	2600-1390	AISP/DISP CASEWORKER	34.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

OLD BUSINESS

President Wortman: We'll move right into number nine, old business. Any old business to come before this Council?

NEW BUSINESS

A) SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PENSION PLAN

President Wortman: We'll move right on to the new business, number A, the Sheriff Department Pension Plan. Would those gentlemen or representatives please step forward and identify yourself and we'll go from there. Does everybody understand the pension plan completely? Was there any questions we want to ask Mr. Woodall? Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, I wanted to, first of all, say I gave you a list of questions this morning and you guys came up with the replies to the fifteen questions, I really appreciate that. That was fast work. I had a couple of questions on it. I guess the sheet that you gave me, did all the Councilmembers get a copy of that?

Steve Woodall: Yes, they've been given one since then. Also, if you don't mind I'm going to bring up the -- I'm Steve Woodall, the Pension Secretary, and along with us is our Pension Attorney, Charlie Berger and our actuary, Will Goedreau from the Nyhart Company. So I'll also bring up Will, here.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, I've got a question.

President Wortman: Let Mr. Lloyd go ahead and then we'll -- are you done, Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: No.

President Wortman: And you're next in line, thank you.

Councilmember Lloyd: I just wondered, under number three where we've got benefit payments, those have increased quite a bit. I just wondered if you had any comment on that. Was that a larger number of retirees, or...

William Goedreau: Yeah, the number of retirees has increased over the last three years, that would account for a majority of that.

Charlie Berger: Just by way of information, that number will continue because it's a relatively young pension plan. It's only 25 years old, so many of the people -- 20 years, very few people were ineligible. So that's why it's starting to increase.

Councilmember Lloyd: And according to, I guess, one of the answers, currently 32 retirees.

William Goedreau: Right, that's correct.

Councilmember Lloyd: You had calculated that plan to have an eight percent rate of return on investments, does that get looked at every year?

William Goedreau: Yes, it does. The plan's actuary looks at that assumption as well as all the other assumptions that go into the value of the plan every year.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

William Goedreau: By the way, the reports are filed with the Department of Insurance each year and they have oversight over that also.

Councilmember Lloyd: This plan, I guess, you had mentioned in here that it was not subject to the ERISA, which is a federal law, what was the reason for that?

William Goedreau: I'll let Mr. Berger answer that.

Councilmember Bassemier: The insurance standards of ERISA are effective on this plan, the other qualifying language is covered under ERISA, as the IRS' regulations affect it. This plan was submitted to the Internal Revenue Service and was given a determination years ago of an exempt status even though it would be our opinion it's not required, but we did that any way.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, just the way the plan was set up then, it wasn't necessary to be under ERISA, and it was --

Charlie Berger: It was originally set up in 1962 under the

Indiana Enabling Statutes and has made changes in it since then, but all the changes since ERISA went into effect have basically been in compliance and in line with any of those standards that would be there including the two percent ordinance which was the last ordinance passed by the Council, so that complied with certain IRS qualifying language.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, I'll stop questions there and let someone else go.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier, you're next in line.

Councilmember Bassemier: I was going to ask Charlie something. I was reading here that it's going to take two readings. Is it a possibility we can do both of these readings -- have you all -- today, or...?

Charlie Berger: Mr. Ahlers is the Council's attorney, but it's my opinion, because there is no fiscal impact by this ordinance that you could do two readings if you suspended the rules, do it unanimously. According to those rules you can have both readings today, would be our position.

Councilmember Bassemier: Is that a possibility?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I think it's scheduled the way it's advertised is to have the two readings. Now if you suspend the rules and if it's unanimous, I guess you can...

Councilmember Bassemier: Do it today?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, but the way it's advertised now it's perceived that you would have one reading today and then you would have one the next meeting.

Councilmember Bassemier: So if we wanted to have it today one of us needs to make a motion to have both of them today and that would be okay to do this?

Councilmember Smith: If you suspend the rules.

Jeff Ahlers: You have to suspend the rules, but I'm telling you the way it's been advertised, it would next --

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, to be on the safe side I'll (inaudible).

President Wortman: Okay, we got any other questions? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Lloyd brought up the ERISA issue and since this plan is not subject to it, what body or entity is providing oversight or just general -- just oversight in terms of ensuring that the plan is doing just as it said it would do when it was developed?

Charlie Berger: Well, it's doing differently than when it was developed because there have been changes made. The oversight to see that it complies with what the trustees of the plan have adopted is the employment of the Nyhart Company, who are

actuaries that have been employed since 1982 by the plan and it's their responsibility to make sure that the plan is meeting it's actuarial assumptions. In addition, we're required by statute to annually file a report showing those actuarial projections and the actuarial performance of the plan with the Indiana Insurance Commissioners Office. Most public employee plans are exempt from ERISA.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any questions? Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I noticed, I was looking at the plan provisions, I guess the private sector has some different qualifications, but like if someone is hired it indicates they become a participant on the date of hire. Is there an eligibility period like for employment before they would be in the plan, or it's just from day one?

Charlie Berger: It's from day one although the amount of benefit is dramatically reduced by the penalty if they retired. In fact, if they work less than five years, they basically have no benefits at all when they quit. You have to work five years before you will earn a benefit.

Councilmember Lloyd: I know, like you said public employees and public safety employees, you have some different provisions in there.

Charlie Berger: There still is a five year minimum on this plan.

Councilmember Lloyd: And then the other question on eligibility, age 50. Has that always been in effect or is that something fairly recent?

Charlie Berger: That was a change that was brought before the Council, I believe, and it was changed in -- about five years ago. It was 55 -- 53 and then it was lowered to 50 and that's -- you can not go any lower than that under current legislation.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, and it shows that if you would retire at 50 there's a reduction factor, is that correct or not?

Charlie Berger: Not anymore.

William Goedreau: At age 50 it's a full benefit.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

Steve Woodall: That is, if you've got 20 years.

Charlie Berger: Now if you don't have 20 years you could retire before 20 years at age 50, but you would take a five percent penalty for every year under -- uh, not five, it would be two and a half percent. The schedule on one of the sheets shows it would be two and a half percent per year.

Councilmember Sutton: The cutoff at June 30th, 1997, do we have any employees or, well, I guess they would be retirees that may have retired somewhere close to that window but not quite early

enough to have made it in and if we do, how many did we have that were maybe approximately within that window area?

Charlie Berger: There weren't any and the Council not the pension plan have any say in that. The statute that enabled the pension board to adopt the resolution to bring this ordinance before you specifically states what date the effective date of this amendment could be. It's only for those members of the department who retire after July 1 or after that date, 1997.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess I'm wondering, prior to that date, if we had very many that did retire within that time period.

Charlie Berger: No, there weren't any.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions? Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I appreciate what Mr. Bassemier said, but I would prefer to have the second reading at the next meeting, and then I'd still be interested in seeing an age breakdown of the participants, like say, who is 20 to 29, 30 to 39, or something along that line. It just would be interesting to see if there would be anywhere you would have a large lump of retirees at one time. I know you had indicated that wasn't so, but I'd still like to see an age breakdown.

Charlie Berger: Can you do that?

Steve Woodall: Yeah, we can do that.

Charlie Berger: We'll have that for you. The other thing is -- actuarialism, as I'm sure Councilman Lloyd understands, 20 years is what people (inaudible) some people work. Because of the two percent ordinance which was the last one that was approved by this body, some people worked up to 30 years, so it's anything over 20 people are basically going to retire at, so we're not sure as to any exact date, but we do it on a 20 year basis.

Councilmember Lloyd: Oh, I see.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions? I think it was a good session here, questions and answers, especially from Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Sutton, Mr. Bassemier. I think what we're going to do if it's alright with the Council, we'll take a vote today and then have the second one next month due to the fact that the other two members here would have an idea of what's going on, give them a fair chance. I think that would be appropriate. If that's agreeable with all the Councilman and have a second reading, so I'm going to call for a roll call vote now. Would you call that, Madam Secretary?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?



Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

President Wortman: Okay, it's five, so there's no doubt that it's unanimous whether it was a question of four votes or five votes, and then it would be immaterial but we go by the rules, I guess, for next month and then everybody is happy, and we'll let the other two Councilman hear. Does that sound agreeable to you gentlemen?

Steve Woodall: Yes, sir. I'd just like to take the opportunity on behalf of the men and women to say thank you, we do appreciate it, and it does show you that you do care about the public safety employees.

President Wortman: Right. Thank you, appreciate you coming up and spending your time. Thank you, gentlemen.

**B) WEDEKING INVESTMENTS - PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION FOR  
TAX ABATEMENT**

President Wortman: Next on there is tax abatement, and Mr. Robling, would you step forward?

Mike Robling: Yeah, Mike Robling, Department of Metropolitan Development. Item B, the preliminary resolution for a tax abatement for Wedeking Investments\*. Frank Richardson, who represents Wedeking Investments, has asked that action on that be postponed until next month.

**C) MATRIXX GROUP - RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN  
ACTIONS & PROCEEDINGS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN PROPOSED ECON-  
OMIC DEVELOPMENT BONDS**

President Wortman: Okay, and then how about the Matrixx Group?<sup>1</sup>

Mike Robling: The resolution concerning the Matrixx Group, the Matrixx Group whom you are familiar with from the tax abatement a couple of months ago has applied to the Economic Development Commission for economic development bond financing in the amount of \$3.3 million dollars. The Commission has approved both the preliminary and final approvals of that financing. The City Council approved the bond ordinance in the form of documents on

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<sup>1</sup>\*See page 26 for vote to delay this resolution until the December 3, 1997 County Council meeting.

Monday night. These bonds are technically issued in the city's name but because the Matrixx property is outside the city limits at 15000 Highway 41 North, the County Council is required to basically give its blessing to the issuance of those bonds.

President Wortman: Okay, you've heard Mr. Robling. Ms. Crouch, do you have anything to say?

Suzanne Crouch: Mr. Robling, we had a conversation about the economic development bonds and there is a ten million dollar cap for the county and a ten million for the city, is that correct?

Mike Robling: It's not quite a -- that ten million dollar cap applies only to bonds that would be issued for tax exempt organizations, 501C3 organizations that would be sold to banks who want to deduct the interest they pay on the funds they borrow to loan to the entity and it does not apply to this situation at all.

Suzanne Crouch: To none of the situations we're hearing today? Is that correct?

Mike Robling: Right, the other one has been withdrawn.

President Wortman: Okay, having heard Mr. Robling, is there a motion from the floor?

Councilmember Smith: To delay? Is that what you're asking?

President Wortman: No, we're asking to approve it, to give the blessing more or less, is what his wording was on that Matrixx out there.

Mike Robling: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: Maybe since they postponed on the other one, we need to make a motion on that or do we just let that one go or --

President Wortman: We could make a motion to that effect, that might be appropriate, Mr. Sutton. Why don't we do that, let's --

Councilmember Smith: I make the motion to delay the Wedeking until next month.

\*President Wortman: That's right, and Mr. Sutton, you seconded it. Any discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand to delay. One, two, three, four, five.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

President Wortman: Now we'll go right into the Matrixx Group and I'll entertain a motion to that effect. Do I hear a motion from the floor to give our blessing?

Councilmember Lloyd: Is this related to what we approved earlier for them?

Mike Robling: Right, earlier you approved a tax abatement for

this project. The total cost of this project is around six million dollars. They're seeking bond financing for 3.3 million dollars. They have a commitment from National City Bank for some part of that difference and most of the difference the company is going to be taking out of its pocket.

President Wortman: The City Council passed it Monday night and approved the bonds, isn't that right, Mike?

Mike Robling: Right, this bond issue -- all economic development bond issues are in no way an obligation of the issuing unit or of any governmental unit. They're strictly to be repaid by the affected business.

President Wortman: Okay, I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: I'll make a motion to approve.

President Wortman: Motion from Mr. Lloyd. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton seconded it. Any discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five. That passes. The next is D, Solarbron Pointe.

**D) SOLARBRON POINTE - RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE FINANCING OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES BY THE CITY OF EVANSVILLE FOR SOLARBRON POINTE, INC.**

Mike Robling: Right, the Solarbron Pointe bond issue has run into some technical difficulties and that has been withdrawn at this time. It has not yet been heard by the Commission or the City Council.

President Wortman: That's just being withdrawn?

Mike Robling: Just withdrawn.

President Wortman: Okay, so we don't have to make nothing on that.

**E) COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Mike Robling: Another issue I would like to bring up related to this, I know I talked to Joe Harrison, Jr. this afternoon and he wanted me to broach the issue with you, it's been suggested that the county might set up its own economic development commission which would prove useful in some circumstances. For the most part, the city's commission can act on any kind of issue, but for certain kinds of issues that involve 501C3's that might be bought by a bank that a county economic development commission would be advantageous. In order for that to take place an ordinance has to be adopted by the Council rather than the Commissioners and then if that action were taken there would be three appointments to serve on that commission. All the appointments are made by the Commissioners but one of them is the Commissioners' own appointment, one of the three would be this Council's appointment, and one of the three would be the City Council's appointment. You may very likely see that coming back to you at your December meeting.

President Wortman: Okay, appreciate the information. We always like to be informed. Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I didn't realize, I guess, that this was proceeding forward, economic development office. This is something I've probably talked about the last three or four years since I've been on Council and in hopes that we could move forward with an economic development office or whatever we may call it somewhere --

Mike Robling: That's -- all it would really be -- all that we're talking about at this time would be the establishment of a commission which could also issue economic development bonds, it would just be the three member body that would take the necessary steps, statutory steps to make a bond issue legal and tax exempt and so forth.

Councilmember Sutton: It definitely has some advantages from the county standpoint because there are some things that the city can do that the county can not be involved in and --

Mike Robling: Well, as far as the powers of an economic development commission, they would be the same for either body.

Councilmember Sutton: There's some other things, I think, that the county would be able to probably take advantage of being if they were involved in that area. Keeping in mind, I would hope that there would not be any change in terms of the relationship we have with the city and the projects we've been able to successfully work on together but there are some things that we could access. There are some federal funding sources that we might, the county itself, might be able to tap into that right now the county can't really involve itself in that would be some real advantages from a housing standpoint and economic development standpoint.

Mike Robling: I think all of those issues are already available to the county and the establishment of a commission would not at all in any way affect those.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman? Mike, why wouldn't it be better if you got with the city and had one committee?

Mike Robling: The reason is that there's this quirk in the IRS code that would allow each jurisdiction, the city and the county each being separate jurisdictions --

Councilmember Smith: But if you set up a committee --

Mike Robling: -- these ten million dollars worth of bonds, it's the situation that probably would not come up very frequently where there is a potential problem, but there is one right now. The situation is that --

Councilmember Smith: But the same as the Area Plan Commission, it's a joint commission made up with the city and the county. And the same thing --

Mike Robling: The existing commission both the city and the county representatives on it and this new commission would also

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Councilmember Smith: But this is what I'm saying --

Mike Robling: The state's economic development commission allows you to create a city or a county commission. It does not provide for a joint commission and by having -- if a city economic development commission issues the bonds in the city of Evansville's name, these Matrixx bonds will be issued in the city of Evansville's name, if the county had a commission, the bonds would be issued in the name of Vanderburgh County. Each of those commissions for this very limited purpose involving not-for-profit bond issues has their own separate ten million dollar cap that the city has exceeded this year so the city could not issue these bank eligible bonds because the city has issued more than ten million dollars worth of bonds in 1997.

President Wortman: Mike, let me ask you, let's follow up Mrs. Smith there, and I hate to use the word because hopefully we won't hear it in Darmstadt, annexation. That would (inaudible) all Vanderburgh County, what would happen then?

Mike Robling: The annexation would have nothing to do with it. The way the statute is set up, if a county has an economic development commission, the third member of it is nominated by the fiscal body of the largest incorporated place which would always be the city of Evansville in Vanderburgh County.

President Wortman: Thank you. Anybody else got any questions?

Councilmember Lloyd: I was going to ask him, do we need a county commission because you guys aren't doing your job?

Mike Robling: No, it strictly relates to this ten million dollar thing and it's a very obscure situation.

Councilmember Lloyd: That ten million, did that come from the state legislature?

Mike Robling: That's an IRS thing.

Councilmember Lloyd: So really, the only advantage of a county commission would be upping that bonding capacity?

Mike Robling: For this one very limited circumstance.

Suzanne Crouch: That wouldn't go towards the two percent?

Mike Robling: No, economic development bonds don't count towards the jurisdiction's debt limit. They count toward the -- in some circumstances, they count toward the state's volume cap, the annual volume cap but it wouldn't affect the city or the county's bonding capacity otherwise.

Councilmember Lloyd: I kind of agree with Mrs. Smith that it seems like extra bureaucracy. I just wonder how much benefit that would be (inaudible).

Councilmember Smith: I still say --

Councilmember Sutton: Who determines how makeup of that commission will be? I mean, is that the state statute --

Mike Robling: The state statute says that the Commissioners appoint the three commissioners, one of which they appoint themselves, one of which is nominated by the County Council and one of which is nominated by the fiscal body of the largest incorporated place. Likewise, the city's commission, the mayor appoints three of his own, and then appoints a nominee of this Council and then a nominee of the City Council. The city has five members on its commission.

President Wortman: Okay, Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Made up of the Area Plan Commission, those are appointments by the city and also by the county and the County Council and I still say that I bet you if you could research, you could set it all up on one commission. One, because they're -- if they get a bond they're in the city of Evansville even if they're in -- you know -- but if they're in the county, they're still in the county. So it could be a county economic development commission.

Mike Robling: But there is still two separate bond limits. Whoever sets up the commission is the one that issues the bonds and I've discussed this issue with both Ice Miller and Barnes & Thornburg, and they both agree that we'd have to have a separate commission.

President Wortman: Anybody got any further questions? We're getting low on tape. So have you got anything else?

Mike Robling: No I just wanted to make you aware of that possibility.

President Wortman: That completes your mission.

#### **F) METHOD FOR PAYMENT OF COURT TRANSCRIPTION COSTS**

President Wortman: We've got one more thing here. Motion for Other Pay. Mr. Lloyd, do you want to read that for me? I can't make a motion. Thank you, Mike.

Councilmember Lloyd: I'd like to make a motion that the Courts and Prosecutor's Office be sent a memo by Sandie Deig requesting that a transfer be filed on or about December 5 for Council approval transferring funds from the 1850 line to the 3000 line number and this would be effective for the 1998 budget. That's a motion.

President Wortman: Okay, and I'd like to -- that's a motion right, Mr. Lloyd? And then I'd like a second. Got a second, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Question, what is line 1850 and line 3000?

Councilmember Lloyd: Line 1850 is the Court and Prosecutor's Office Other Pay line item and this is something that's being requested by the State Board of Accounts. It relates to when they're typing transcripts and being paid \$2.75 a page, so the State Board is requesting that we pay that out of that 3000 account instead of the way we're doing it now. I don't know if anyone else would want to amplify that.

Suzanne Crouch: We've been paying them out of the 1000 account and we've been paying FICA and PERF. There was a bulletin that just came out from State Board of Accounts saying that they really should be paid out of -- well, it was the option of the Council to decide how to pay them. Since we could maybe get into some overtime issues the State Board of Account suggested that we go ahead and follow the bulletin and just pay them out of the 3000. They'd be paid the same, they just wouldn't be paid benefits on typing additional pages.

Councilmember Smith: Most of them do that at night at home.

Suzanne Crouch: But if we pay them out of the 1000, they're paid on county pay and they're getting the county benefits, but you're absolutely right.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? If not, I'll call for a vote. Raise your hands in favor for the motion. One, two, three, four, five.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

**G) DECEMBER MEETING DATES**

President Wortman: One more item, remember December the 3rd is your regular meeting and we set December the 17th as Personnel & Finance to give everybody a chance to enjoy Santa Claus. Is there any other new business coming over? If not, I'll entertain a motion for adjournment?

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

President Wortman: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Sutton. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five. Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

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President Curt Wortman

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Councilmember Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember Russell Lloyd, Jr.

Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

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**SPECIAL MEETING  
VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 17, 1997**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 17th day of December, 1997 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order by County Council President Curt Wortman at 3:26 p.m.

President Wortman: I'm going to open up this special meeting for an economic development second reading and a transfer amendment. Will the secretary please call the roll?

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
COUNCILMEMBER SMITH	x	
COUNCILMEMBER SUTTON	x	
COUNCILMEMBER BASSEMIER	x	
COUNCILMEMBER HOY	x	
COUNCILMEMBER LLOYD		x*
COUNCILMEMBER RABEN	x	
COUNCILMEMBER WORTMAN	x	

\*Councilmember Lloyd arrived after roll call.

President Wortman: Would we please stand and pledge the allegiance.

Pledge of allegiance was given.

**COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION - SECOND READING**

President Wortman: Okay, we'll get right on into the old business and the first is number A, County Economic Development Commission second reading. Does everybody understand it? If they do, I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: So move that we approve.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy made the motion. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded it. Now discussion on this. Does everybody understand it to the fullest extent, I'm sure?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: No, it's been seconded. Just does everybody understand it now, what you're voting on? Okay, fine. No more

discussion. We'll have the roll call please.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>TRANSFER CORRECTION FROM DECEMBER 3, 1997</b>
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President Wortman: That completes that, so we'll go into B, transfer amendment. You've got that in front of you. A transfer correction from December 3rd. I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: I'll make a motion that we reopen the County Clerk's transfer request that was approved on December 3rd.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy seconded. Any discussion on this? Does everybody understand it?

Councilmember Hoy: It's a motion to reopen, right?

Councilmember Raben: Right.

President Wortman: Call the roll, please.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: I move that the following corrected amounts be transferred and I'll list the accounts it comes from, 1010-1450 in the amount of \$2,204, 1010-1500 in the amount of \$600, 1010-1520 in the amount of \$2,100, 1010-1560 in the amount of \$1,934, 1010-1550 in the amount of \$240, 1010-1530 in the amount of \$2,287 to accounts 1010-1340 in the amount of \$9,125 and 1010-1620 in the amount of \$240.

President Wortman: Is that in the form of a motion?

Councilmember Raben: That is in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: I have a second from Mr. Hoy. Any discussion on this? Call the roll, please.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1010-1450-1010	Asst. Chief Deputy/ Cash	2,204.00	2,204.00
1010-1500-1010	Fee Collection Clerk	600.00	600.00
1010-1520-1010	Order Book Clerk	2,100.00	2,100.00
1010-1560-1010	Tax Warrant Clerk	1,934.00	1,934.00
1010-1550-1010	Counter Clerk	240.00	240.00
1010-1530-1010	Child Support Clerk	2,287.00	2,287.00
TO: 1010-1340-1010	Judgement Clerk/ Superior Court	9,125.00	9,125.00
1010-1620-1010	Bond & Fine Clerk	240.00	240.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

NEW BUSINESS

President Wortman: Okay, number five, new business. Any new business during this special meeting? If not, we'll proceed to number six, adjournment. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd seconded. All in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Okay, meeting is adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.



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