

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 6, 1999**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 6th day of January in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:39 p.m. by Vanderburgh County Auditor Suzanne Crouch.

Suzanne Crouch: Good afternoon. I don't see a deputy here so we will go ahead and start the meeting, the first meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council for 1999. I'd like to ask the Council Secretary to take attendance, please.

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

Suzanne Crouch: Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Suzanne Crouch: The chair will now entertain nominations for the President of the Vanderburgh County Council for 1999.

Councilman Lloyd: Madam President, I have a nomination. I'd like to nominate Curt Wortman for President. He's the most senior member of the Council and seniority should count for something.

Councilmember Smith: I second that motion.

Suzanne Crouch: We have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion? May I have a motion to close nominations, please?

Councilman Lloyd: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

Suzanne Crouch: Madam Secretary, would you take 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

Suzanne Crouch: And now I'd like to make a speech, a five minute speech! Congratulations.

President Wortman: I'll be with you in just a minute.

Councilmember Raben: This is a big day for the town of Darmstadt.

President Wortman: I thank you, ladies and gentlemen, people in the audience, and officeholders, and all that. The next order of business is to elect the Vice President. I'd like to have a motion to that effect for the Vice President of the County Council for 1999.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, I'd like to make a nomination.

President Wortman: Go ahead, Mr. Ed Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: This man has done such a good job as President, I think he deserves a shot at being Vice President, so I nominate Russell Lloyd for Vice President.

President Wortman: Nomination from Mr. Bassemier from the floor is Mr. Russell Lloyd and --

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Wortman: And the second from Mr. Raben. Is there any other discussion? Do I have a motion that the nomination be closed?

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

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

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Wortman: Would you call the roll 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilman Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: The next order of business will be the appointment of the County Council Attorney. I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I move that we continue to be serviced by Jeff Ahlers.

Councilman Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: I have a motion from Mr. Raben and a second from Russell Lloyd. Is there any other discussion? No other discussion? I move for the nomination to be closed on that.

Councilman Lloyd: So moved.

President Wortman: So moved and a second. Okay, 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Next on the agenda, I would like to have our outgoing President for 1998, Mr. Lloyd, to step forward and see that we've got something to do with him. Russ Lloyd, I'd like to present that to you so that -- of the job well done. I think it's the agreement of all the Councilmembers and you did a tremendous job in 1998. Congratulations and keep up the good work.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b> <b>COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 2, 1998</b> <b>SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 2, 1998</b></p>
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President Wortman: Next on the agenda we'll set the motion for approval of the minutes for December the 2nd on the special meeting and December the 2nd on the regular meeting. Do I have a motion to that effect?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I move approval.

President Wortman: I got a motion by Mr. Raben. Do I have a second? Mrs. Smith? Okay. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

President Wortman: The next order of business, I'd like to make appointment of the committee chairpersons please and I appoint Councilman Ed Bassemier as Personnel Chairman and Councilman Jim Raben as Finance Chairman.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

President Wortman: The next order of business, we'll start with the appropriation requests. Mr. Raben, would you go through the requests, please?

A) TREASURER

Councilmember Raben: I'd be glad to. Mr. President, I'll move approval of 1030-3530 Contractual Services in the amount of \$2,500.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Hoy. Okay, thank you, Mr. Hoy. Okay, any discussion? Don't hear none, don't see none. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-3530	CONTRACTUAL SVCS	2,500.00	2,500.00
TOTAL		2,500.00	2,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**B) COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

President Wortman: Next, Community Corrections. Mr. Finance Chairman, would you take the Caseworker separate before doing the others, please?

Councilmember Raben: I can certainly do that. Mr. President, I move 1361-1570-1361 be set in at zero.

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

Councilman Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, any discussion? No discussion? Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I have a question. I am sorry.

President Wortman: That's alright.

Councilmember Smith: Is this -- this isn't the one that we okayed during budget time is it?

President Wortman: No, this is one we didn't approve at budget time.

Councilmember Smith: Then, 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1361-1570-1361	CASEWORKER	21,639.00	-0-

**(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Bassemier opposed)**

President Wortman: Mr. Raben, would you proceed?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll move approval of 1361-1620-1361 in the amount of \$2,287; account 1361-1800 in the amount of \$18,900; 1361-1900 FICA in the amount of

\$3,300; 1361-1910 PERF in the amount of \$2,600; and 1361-1920 Insurance in the amount of \$4,000. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Jim, that might need corrected because that would be for two positions, see? So we'll have to take that off on the FICA and the PERF and the Insurance.

Councilmember Raben: That is correct, that will need to be adjusted.

President Wortman: So if you want to amend your motion to make that adjusted accordingly?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 1361-1900 and 1361-1910, FICA and PERF, will be adjusted accordingly.

President Wortman: Okay, do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: I'll second that.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy seconded it. Any discussion on that?

Councilmember Smith: What is the bottom line total? You don't know yet?

President Wortman: No.

Councilmember Raben: Not with the adjustments.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion?

Councilmember Bassemier: That was approval of the rest of them right?

President Wortman: Yes.

Sandie Deig: Can you come back?

Suzanne Crouch: Yes, can you come back to that while they're working on that?

President Wortman: Go ahead and then we'll keep the record straight, okay.

Councilmember Raben: We'll come back to that.

President Wortman: Yes, let's just hesitate a minute.

Councilmember Raben: We can go ahead and take the vote. Betty just wants the total, correct?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

President Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Lloyd: Right now, the total would be \$31,087, but that is going to be changed.

Suzanne Crouch: Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: \$31,087, but they are going to change it.

Suzanne Crouch: Do you want to vote on it and then come back with the numbers?

President Wortman: Okay, 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, it passes unanimously.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1361-1620-1361	SERGEANT STIPEND	2,287.00	2,287.00
1361-1800	SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL	18,900.00	18,900.00
1361-1900	FICA	3,300.00	*1,625.00
1361-1910	PERF	2,600.00	*1,272.00
1361-1920	INSURANCE	4,000.00	*0.00
TOTAL		52,726.00	24,084.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

\*See continued discussion on page 11.

C) SUPERIOR COURT

President Wortman: We'll go on to Superior Court and, if I recall, that was --

Councilmember Raben: That's been withdrawn.

President Wortman: Withdrawn, you've got to set it in at zero.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I am going to move that the entire Superior Court request be set in at zero.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?



Councilman Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-1661-1370	PUBLIC DEFENDER	21,859.00	-0-
1370-1770-1370	CLERICAL ASSIST.	7,080.00	-0-
1370-1801-1370	SM. CLAIMS SECRETARY	7,080.00	-0-
1370-1900	FICA	2,756.00	-0-
1370-1910	PERF	2,072.00	-0-
TOTAL		40,847.00	-0-

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

D) CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

President Wortman: We'll proceed on to the Cumulative Bridge. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of 2030-4375 in the amount of \$375,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Jeff Ahlers: 4374. I think he said 4375.

President Wortman: Jim, did you say 2030-4374?

Councilmember Raben: I'll repeat the motion. Account 2030-4374 in the amount of \$375,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: And you got a second. Okay. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-4374	HECKEL RD. BRIDGE	375,000.00	375,000.00
TOTAL		375,000.00	375,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Okay, continue on and finish up the Cumulative Bridge and then we'll go back to the correction center.

Councilmember Raben: Yes, Mr. President, I'll move approval of 2030-4389 in the amount of \$2,700,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Second, Mr. Sutton. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-4389	FULTON AVE. BRIDGE	2,700,000.00	2,700,000.00
TOTAL		2,700,000.00	2,700,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**B) COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS (continued from page 8)**

President Wortman: Okay, now we will go back to the Community Corrections and, Mr. Raben, have you got that corrected figure?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, Mr. President, the correct figures for FICA would be \$1,625; PERF \$1,272, and Mr. Lloyd is running the tape on it right now.

President Wortman: Insurance would be zero.

Councilmember Raben: And Insurance would be zero, correct. \$24,084.

President Wortman: \$24,084. Do I have a second to that?

Teri Lukeman: You've already voted.

President Wortman: It's already took care of. Okay, that's fine. So that's the correction that went with the motion.

**E) BURDETTE PARK/CCD FUND**

President Wortman: Burdette Park, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of 2031-1450-4120 Buildings in the amount of \$500,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second Mrs. Smith. Any discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: I just want to -- since this is not going to fund this building fully because I think we're looking at \$2,000,000, I just want to go on record as saying I still hope that the Commissioners will reconsider the multi use of this building, multipurpose use and include a skating facility because we can do it for \$2,000,000 and we can also do what they want to do and I think it's tremendously important that we spend that money in that manner. Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: I was going to ask -- well, Suzanne is a little busy right now. Suzanne, on our unappropriated balance in the General Fund, the way we ended up last year, what was the total on that? I know it was somewhere around the range of about...

Suzanne Crouch: What we did not expend?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, what we did not expend.

Suzanne Crouch: \$740,815.

Councilmember Sutton: With that amount that we did have left over from last year, I mean, I'd like to see us continue to -- at some point in time we were -- we had a discussion about continueing to add to this total. And with that unappropriated balance, I would like to see at least a portion of that, somewhere in the neighborhood of the \$250,000 range from last year be used toward -- continue to work toward this particular facility here on this multipurpose building here rather than just having funds sitting there that we just continue to reappropriate every year. But just as Councilman Hoy indicated, it's obviously not near enough to even initiate really a facility. I know we've looked at some grants and we're waiting to hear some word on that but it really would be nice if we could continue to add toward this total that we have here on buildings. I don't know what thoughts you, Council, may have on that but I think it would really be a good gesture on our part. It doesn't really affect anything that we're doing this year.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I agree with you and I think that's needed out there and I think we all talked about that at the time when they took the \$500,000 and put it in another line item and then agreed to put it back. So I think the majority of us would like to see a building out there that could be used for skating and different things.

President Wortman: I think the Commissioners with this, there is supposed to be a matching grant somehow or another, and they're --

Councilmember Smith: But it doesn't include a skating rink, either.

President Wortman: Oh, no --

Councilmember Smith: But this is what I am saying. There is enough need for it and I think there is enough people interested in it. I know at the time Councilman Bassemier was really pushing for it, so I think if it came to a vote we could probably get the four votes that we need.

Councilmember Sutton: The grant that they are requesting, even if they do get the grant successfully, it still won't pay for the total amount of the cost on that so I think anytime you're submitting a grant application, it does look really good if, from local sources you've got a pretty good bank of dollars there that you're working with rather than looking for some other source to pay for the whole thing. So like I say, if we could find a way to do that with that unappropriated balance, I think that would really help.

Councilmember Smith: Are you putting it in the form of a motion to add some money to it?

Councilmember Hoy: We can't do that today.

President Wortman: Beings you, Mrs. Smith and then Royce, I am going to make a note here and I'm going to talk to the Commissioners about that and see how they think about that.

Councilmember Hoy: I tell you, Mr. Wortman, we have my motion on the floor which we need to vote on, but what we could do, Mr. Sutton could do, is make a motion that we overture the Commissioners because that's the source where this request would have to come from, I believe, is from the Commissioners. And there's another source -- you may consider me a sore loser since I lost the vote six to one on \$250,000 for the Signature School -- but if you got the mailing from USI on their new -- it's not a newsletter, it's an expensive booklet -- I still have trouble believing they needed that \$250,000 for that business center. They've got a business center out there. So I have to get that in because I really think we made a mistake, but I think we ought to also go after hotel/motel money for Burdette Park. That BMX track, you talk about putting heads in beds, that puts a lot of heads in beds in those hotels and that park generates a lot of money for that fund and I think that an application ought to be made there as well and put some more local money into it.

President Wortman: Okay, we've got a motion on the floor for \$500,000 and we've got a second from Mrs. Smith. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

BURDETTE PARK/CCD		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2031-1450-4120	BUILDINGS	500,000.00	500,000.00
TOTAL		500,000.00	500,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

F)     **CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION**

President Wortman: Okay, next is Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of 2600-1800 in the amount of \$11,200, and account 2600-1900 FICA in the amount of \$100. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second Mrs. Smith. Okay, 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPP. ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2600-1800	SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL	11,200.00	11,200.00
2600-1900	FICA	100.00	100.00
TOTAL		11,300.00	11,300.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>GENERAL FUND REPEAL REQUEST</b>
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A)     **TREASURER**

President Wortman: We go to the General Fund Repeal requests. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, this is one that we rarely see and I think the

officeholder deserves a congratulations on this repeal so I'll move approval of 1030-1210-1030 in the amount of \$21,477.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy seconded it. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, I do think it really does take a special effort to extend this type of courtesy toward the county. I mean, it would be very easy for them just to continue to stack up people in the office and for the Treasurer, Jayne Berry-Bland, to do this there is definitely -- we appreciate the generosity and really thinking about the better half of the entire county.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Sutton, for your (inaudible). Mr. Lloyd?

Councilman Lloyd: I would like to echo what Mr. Sutton had indicated. For the Treasurer to reorganize the work in that office to eliminate an employee really is commendable and it's a good thing for the county. Thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Lloyd, for your comments. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-1210-1030	COUNTER & POSTING CLERK	21,477.00	21,477.00
TOTAL		21,477.00	21,477.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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**A) COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

President Wortman: Now we'll have the transfer requests, please.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, there is just one, Community Corrections. The second account 1361-1980, should read \$749, the last account 1361-1140-1361 should read \$749. All others as listed and I make that in the form of a motion. And the total on that is \$2,249, by the way.

President Wortman: Repeat that, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: For a total of \$2,249.

President Wortman: Okay, everybody got that? Do I have a second to that effect? Mr. Hoy. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1361-1250-1361	WORK RELEASE OFFICER	1,500.00	1,500.00
1361-1980	OTHER PAY	1,909.00	749.00
TO: 1361-1550-1361	COOK	1,500.00	1,500.00
1361-1140-1361	SECRETARY	1,909.00	749.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)



<b>AMENDMENT TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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- A) COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS (2)
- B) SUPERIOR COURT
- C) TREASURER
- D) CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

President Wortman: Now then, number 12, Amendment to the Salary Ordinance, please.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, first we'll start with Community Corrections. I move to amend the salary ordinance as approved from both appropriation and transfer requests; appropriation would be Sergeant Stipend, Shift Differential, FICA and PERF accordingly, and transfer of funds as previously approved. Let's just go ahead and take them all: Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, I move to amend as previously approved; and last would be the repeal, and I move to delete 1030-1210-1030 Counter & Posting Clerk from the Salary Ordinance. I make that in the form of a motion.

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

Councilman Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: 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: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
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President Wortman: Next is old business. Any old business? Nothing come up, we'll start on new business.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I don't know where this is -- someplace -- the Coroner asked me to read this to you. You know we discussed morgue user fees, so if it's okay I'll go ahead and --

President Wortman: Yeah, that's fine. Go ahead, proceed. Yeah, that's fine. Thank you.

Councilmember Hoy:

"The Vanderburgh County Coroner's Office makes every reasonable attempt to provide a facility that has a wide range of diagnostic possibilities.

Over the last two years the expenses incurred by Vanderburgh County have increased approximately fourfold just for the disposal of biohazard waste. The costs associated with x-rays have increased dramatically. The cost for chemicals, equipment and supplies associated with the forensic autopsy examinations also continue to rise.

As a result, this office must increase certain fees --"

And he thought Council would like to hear this because we charge other counties.

"Effective 1 January, 1999 the morgue user fee for any physician, corporation, agency or county using the facility will be \$100 per case. Also effective 1 January, 1999 the fee for x-rays will be \$25 per x-ray. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Dennis Buickel  
Coroner"

But that is in response to our request that they seek higher fees.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Hoy.

<b>APPROVAL OF AMENDED 1999 SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, we jumped over item 13. I need to make a motion there that we accept the amended 1999 Salary Ordinance.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben wants approval of the amended 1999 Salary Ordinance. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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**A) MICHAEL C. JARVIS - 11751 OLD STATE ROAD  
PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION**

President Wortman: Okay, on 15, the preliminary resolution for Michael Jarvis for the property located at 11751 Old State Road out in the promised land, that's Darmstadt Area, he wants to withdraw that.

Sandie Deig: Defer?

President Wortman: Defer, defer it. I'm sorry. Defer, not withdraw. So deferred. We'd better have a motion to that effect so it's on record then.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move that we defer this preliminary tax abatement.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy, you seconded it. Any discussion on that? Okay. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**B) LIAISON APPOINTMENTS**

President Wortman: Now the appointment of liaisons as you've got it before you there, a listing of it. Everybody's got their list then.

**C) PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

President Wortman: So we'll proceed on down to appointment of Personnel Administrative Committees and we got a list there, too, of Personnel Administration Job Study there. And we'll proceed with that. You've got a list of that.

**D) APPOINTMENT TO ABC BOARD**

President Wortman: And the next is personnel members -- on the appointments to the ABC Board and Mr. Frank Daugul is the present member and may I have a motion to that effect that he would be reappointed?

Councilman Lloyd: I'd like to make a motion to appoint Frank Daugul Alcoholic Beverage

Commission Board.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second Mrs. Betty. Any discussion on him? 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**E) APPROVAL OF 1999 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

President Wortman: Now we want to go over the approval of the 1999 meeting schedule if everybody agrees with -- I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval.

Councilman Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Second, got it from Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion?

Councilmember Raben: Nothing other than, Mr. President, I've stated this I think practically every year since I've served, I'd still like to see us move our full Council meetings to a later time. I still think we'd get a bigger audience from the public and we wouldn't be taking officeholders and employees away from their jobs, their work schedules here and I still think that it's worked well for the City Council when you look at the audience and whatnot that attends their meetings, and the Commission meetings, and I'd still like to do that, but I'll go along with this.

President Wortman: Thank you for your idea.

Councilmember Raben: Whatever is the pleasure of everybody.

President Wortman: Alright, thank you. You're very cooperative. Okay --

Councilmember Hoy: Just to add a little weight to that and I know that means that employees here would have to stay, but I know Mr. Raben has to run a business and I have to run a food bank and it does, it hits at a bad time for some of us who do that as well, but we'll see what happens.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Hoy. Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I think the general public would have an opportunity to come where most of them work at this time in the afternoon. I mean, it doesn't make any difference to me but I feel like that there's a lot of people that would like to attend and can't without taking off from work. And when you're talking about the employees coming back in or coming in later, that's their job. And that's one of the things that they have to do. And I sat on the City Council for 13 years and we had it at 7:30 at night and it worked out fine. So...

President Wortman: Thank you, Mrs. Smith.

Sandie Deig: You have to think about the availability of the room. We cannot get it on the first --

President Wortman: Oh yeah, I have just been informed by our secretary that the availability of the Council chambers sometimes is a problem and that would have to be negotiated and scheduled prior to us changing this. Am I understanding? Is that correct? Okay. So it's something to think about. Your comments are real taken -- good. And I think it's something to think about. Okay, we got a motion and a second on the floor, so I guess we better call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Now are we looking at all the appoints here?

Teri Lukeman: The meeting dates.

Councilmember Sutton: The meeting dates, okay. Yes.

President Wortman: Meeting schedule, Mr. Sutton.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**F) RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND HIRING ADDITIONAL COUNTY EMPLOYEES**

President Wortman: Okay, now then, you have a resolution on a hiring freeze. Has everybody got a copy of that?

Councilmember Raben: Yes sir, Mr. President, and I would like to move approval.

Councilman Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: We got a motion and a second. Who was the second there? Mr. Lloyd? Okay, now -- in reference to, if you look down there it has no additional full-time employees. You might want to change that to part-time employees, too. I mean, for the part-time employees, they might want to hire additional help, is what I am trying to say, I guess. That would be in reference to full-time. Does that -- anybody want to comment on that?

Councilmember Smith: I wonder why we even need a resolution. They have to come in front of the Council and explain why they need an employee or why they need a part-time employee and why do we need a resolution to that effect because we are the one that controls it anyway, whether they get it or not.

President Wortman: I think that's --

Councilmember Smith: And you have to listen to what they say. There might be an emergency come up and they need somebody.

President Wortman: I think that's very good and that would be weighed, but if you don't have something in writing, some of them don't know. They just automatically keep coming up, I think.

Councilmember Smith: Well, they wouldn't come up if you turned them down enough times.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, with our new rules, you couldn't come back.

Councilmember Smith: In a year.

Councilmember Hoy: We probably need a motion on the floor to discuss this, but since we're discussing, my problem with this resolution, I, in some measures support it but if by chance we should go into, for instance, the GIS program which is a very extensive computerized program and something that we need to do in the county, I would hate to have a resolution on record saying we wouldn't hire anybody during the year.

Suzanne Crouch: I think that's going to be budgeted next year --.

Councilmember Hoy: It may be, but there may be something come up that comes on the scene earlier, and I agree with Councilwoman Smith -- we can say no.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Hoy. Mr. Ahlers, would you like to comment?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I would suggest based upon the comments that you consider amending and adding the wording that there would be no additional full-time employees because I guess at Burdette we'll need to hire part-time and there may be through other things we need part-time, so I would suggest that somebody may want to make a move to amend the resolution just to add the word full-time before employees in the last paragraph in the "Now

Therefore" paragraph. And I'd also point out that the resolution does provide that in the case of an emergency or extraordinary circumstances, there could still be full-time employees hired, it just would cause somebody to have to justify the extraordinary circumstance and coming in. But anyway, just to address the full-time versus part-time, the resolution just says essentially -- would imply all employees now, and I'd suggest you make that amendment if you don't want it to apply to part-time.

Councilmember Sutton: Just as a -- I don't know -- a resolution I guess seems a little strong, I guess. Couldn't we accomplish the same thing by drafting a -- the President draft a memo essentially saying this and send it to all the department heads? Don't we communicating essentially the same message out there among the department heads to help them recognize what we're trying to do here?

Councilmember Raben: Other than this makes it very clear that we're taking this strong stance that under no circumstances, unless as paragraph three states,

"-- except in the case of an emergency or extraordinary circumstances."

We're sending a strong signal that, you know, don't even come before us. If it's not an emergency or extraordinary circumstance, don't even bring it to us. So I like the idea of a resolution and I'd certainly move to make that amendment.

President Wortman: Do you second that to go along with that, Mr. Lloyd?

Councilman Lloyd: Yeah, I'd like to make that and the other comment I would have, I mean, we've seen it time and time where departments come with requests for employees. It comes a lot at budget time, but emergency or extraordinary circumstances, we could make that exception, but I think this would send a message to county government to operate within your means and the people that you have. Thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: My other objection to it, I'll just lay my cards on the table, is that the Commissioners have approved a position and they're going to be putting it on our desk for an employee at the Soil & Water Conservation District and I'd hate to vote yes on this when I know that's coming up and it's a position that I think is very effective, very needed. We are increasingly dealing with drainage issues, the issues that department handles as this county grows, and I mean, that's one that needs to come before the Job Study and very soon. And we're not talking about a lot of money. We've already budgeted some money, and the Commissioners have already laid that on our desks, so to speak. And then, I don't know that you could put that in the category of an emergency situation, but we've got a young person there who does excellent work, it's been recognized all over the world, in fact, this whole district of ours is known all over the country as being one of the best. And as this county grows in terms of covering land up with buildings, we need more personnel out there. I can tell you, they're shorthanded. And that's why I would just rather not vote on it and consider them individually.

Councilmember Sutton: The direction, I guess, I was thinking is more along the lines of two things and that's -- you know going through this -- I am on this jail/assessment committee. And the thought is that, based on, you know, Harris has been before us several times and basically we have kind of come to the point where we want to wait until a final report or something comes forward before we make any other personnel decisions. So he's kind of waiting for that to take place before he comes back before us. But we do recognize there likely would be some additions there. Whether you call that an emergency, I don't think we necessarily need call it an emergency. Then we've also got The Centre that is well on its way and obviously there is going to be -- there is going to have to be some staff over there. So that's why I was thinking more of a memo communicating this out would still say the same thing. If people come before us with unnecessary -- or what we might deem as unnecessary or positions that we're not ready to undertake at this time, we just point them back to that memo that we've got, whereas a resolution just seems like -- you know, it just seems so strong, I guess. But those two situations are more or less

what I had in mind when I was thinking about the strength of a resolution as opposed to a memo.

Councilmember Smith: A resolution is just as good as the paper it's written on. It's just a request. But I think that request can be voted on if people come up here and ask for it because during budget times we go through it pretty strong then, and like you say, there is an emergency that comes up, we have to. And you're going to have to go against your resolution then, so why not take it one case at a time?

President Wortman: I think we've got to -- this here resolution would reaffirm our position, the Council's position, hopefully --

Councilmember Smith: Our votes would, too!

President Wortman: Yeah right, that's true. But on the budget, they've got a budget and they should live by it. And they should have thought of this -- sometimes you can't, I realize that -- but should have thought of this when they submitted their budget in August, see. Now that's what I think and this kind of reaffirms it. They've got to live within their budget, otherwise, they'll be up here every month, some of them, see. And some of them have, see. Some of them can't help it, don't get me wrong, you know. But I think this kind of reaffirms it, to --

Councilmember Hoy: In the case of the position I am mentioning, that was brought before us and we denied at budget time. And since then, the Commissioners have approved this position. And it's got to go to Job Study next, but it needs to go to Job Study next. And then we're going to be looking at a situation saying well, is this an emergency, or not, and etcetera? And I think we just need to look at each one on their own merits and that alone. There is a cost to growth and we are laying down more pavement, we're putting up more buildings, we lie in a county that has four major watersheds and we act as if we can just slap mother nature in the face and worry about the water later. And what is going to happen in this county is what happened in Daviess County, Kentucky. If you go south on Frederica Streets, you will see new buildings there that get flooded every year because they are building in the flood plain. We have got to take this issue seriously. I just think that this kind of resolution would block that so easily and it's already something in process and I'd hate to see that. I don't think the Council would say well, it's an emergency. They will if their house gets flooded, but not until.

President Wortman: Okay, excuse me, we've got to change the tape.

(Tape changed at 4:15 p.m.)

President Wortman: Okay, we've got a motion on the floor and a second. Mr. Lloyd?

Councilman Lloyd: Mr. President, I think what Mrs. Smith indicated was correct, that the legal effect of this resolution, it would be to send a message to county government, but if Council wants to override it, it just takes four votes. Is that correct?

Jeff Ahlers: It takes five.

Councilman Lloyd: Five votes? Okay. And then the second thing on The Centre that Mr. Sutton had mentioned, the employees for that, I believe, would be Building Authority, so that really wouldn't affect the county other than they may raise the rent.

Councilmember Hoy: But Mr. Sutton's point about the jail, etc., what we may be facing, that would be -- might be considered an emergency.

Councilmember Sutton: We had, what, five or six? It was eight positions I think they requested back at budget time. Obviously, we didn't approve all those.



President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? If not -- Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm going to agree with Jim. If I vote yes on this, I know I voted that I wanted Mr. Howerton to get that extra caseworker, and the reason why I wanted him to get it is because I thought it was extraordinary circumstances because of their workload, so I don't want to sound like if I vote yes with you, that it's a two-face. Here I vote one way --

Councilman Lloyd: Is your mike on, sir?

Councilmember Bassemier: And that's not the reason why, I think it covers it. It's not an emergency situation, the reason why I voted for -- wanted Harris to get that extra manpower. I voted because it was extraordinary circumstances because of their caseworkers' workload. So if I vote yes for this, that's not saying -- that's the reason why I am going to vote yes on this.

President Wortman: Mr. Ahlers, do you want to comment? Thank you, Mr. Bassemier.

Jeff Ahlers: The only thing I want to do is to make sure to clarify for the record that it's my understanding that the resolution has been amended to reflect that this is full-time county employees. Is that correct? That's being careted in, in all three places that the employees are referred to? Just to clarify it for the record?

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? If not, we'll call the roll call vote for the passage of the ordinance...resolution.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion carried 4-3/Councilmembers Smith, Sutton & Hoy opposed)**

President Wortman: Okay, it passes, so we'll do that and then we'll see how it does and hopefully it will work out and then if it --

Councilmember Smith: One of these days we're going to get that fourth vote.

President Wortman: Betty, thank you. Boy, she's determined. She's a good Council lady. Okay, if there's no other business, I'll --

Councilman Lloyd: Mr. President, I have one other item.

President Wortman: Yes sir, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilman Lloyd: I apologize for this. One of the last duties that was requested of me as President was to explore the possibility of the Council Executive Assistant's Office, looking at expanding that and I've got -- I wrote up a phone conversation I had with Mr. Utley on this. He indicated this has been brought up before and he indicated some of the problems that you run in to. The brick walls that are the borders of Mrs. Deig's office are both supporting walls for the building and you really can't move them. He indicated it would be thousands and thousands of dollars to try to move those. And then also the wall to the south, which is the wall that borders the hallway, has electrical wiring through it, which it would be additionally expensive to try to move that out. He also indicated that the Board of Directors of the Building Authority has tried to keep all the areas that are available to the public with the same approximate square foot that they've had whenever this building was opened in 1969. And we're talking about this room which is Council chambers, room 303 is designated as a caucus room on the original plan and that has got the same area that it has had, and then you're also talking about the break rooms on each floor. He said they've had numerous requests to like put storage closets in the break rooms, cut down the size of the break rooms, cut down the size of the caucus room, and the Building Authority Board of Trustees has tried to resist that, so he just wanted to bring all that up. The other point that he made was, if we would look at even making Mrs. Deig's office longer and cut that doorway down, that we need to watch the ADA requirements because the way that's set now, you need enough room for a wheelchair to spin around or to turn around. And he was concerned that if we brought her front window out, that you might encroach on that, so he brought up all these problems and as we all know, the Commissioners are in charge of the building space so he suggested maybe one of us would want to talk to them or he'd be happy to talk to someone from Council and I've got his phone number. But, I had that discussion with him and I didn't really go beyond that. He just brought up all these problems, so I'd be happy to --

Councilmember Hoy: Who was that you spoke with?

Councilman Lloyd: Mr. Utley, two days ago.

Councilmember Sutton: Is there any other space in the building available?

Councilman Lloyd: Okay, the other thing he brought up was, they had looked at possibly room 318 as the Executive Assistant's Office and I believe there is more square footage there. That's down by the Evansville Urban Transit Office. The problem for us would be she wouldn't be close to this chamber where a lot of times she has to run back and forth to her office during our meetings. So that's something we need to consider.

Councilmember Smith: I don't think that would be feasible either because we share a person, which is Sarah, and there's not -- that's too far away and this -- and I know Mr. Utley, but look at the walls they're taking out down the hall. Go down on the second floor and you can give all kinds of excuses if you don't want to do something, but they could also make a storage area from that closet door up and then she could also have a place to put that, that would clear out her office. So I think we still need to do something and as far as that room down the hall, that's way out of the area.

Councilmember Hoy: But the other thing is that I know they don't want to take some space away from this room here, but I've been in a lot of meetings there and to take a small amount of space from that room wouldn't hurt and you can also, with a supporting wall, you

can cut a doorway in it and make her a workroom and have a little more room. You don't have to move the wall necessarily.

Councilmember Smith: Have a room for her file cabinets and all of her supplies in there. There's no reason that it can't be done.

Councilmember Hoy: Exactly. I wish that a lot of people in this building had to put up with the kind of crowded conditions that she has to put up with. It's not right. Everybody else, most everybody else -- the Health Department, and then they don't have elbow room at all -- but it's taken me six years of harping on that and maybe in two more years we'll get that done. Get the Health Department in decent quarters outside this building where people can access those offices much more easily and that ought to be on the street level anyhow.

Councilman Lloyd: The other thing that I asked him about was, back in the Commissioner's Office behind Sarah Nunn's office is that storage room, if there could be any way to swap that and make that larger, and that's backed up against the freight elevator, so there's really no way to move that either. But, I don't know, he showed little enthusiasm for that, but that's something I think we need to kind of continue to look at.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, at one time we had some storage space in there and -- did we not? In that room in the Commissioners...I mean, Sarah was in that room and we had some storage in there. And that room is strictly used for storage. Originally, when that change was made, we were told that the attorney for the Commissioners was going to use that room as an office and it's never been used for that. I think that's some dead space, too, that wouldn't be too far away that could be used for some storage or something.

Councilmember Smith: Well, I think if anybody worked in there very long you'd get claustrophobia, but the amount of book work and things that she has in there, there's no space at all, so I think we have to come up with something whether Mr. Utley likes it or not.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else? Thank you, Mr. Lloyd, for your comments and your research. Appreciate it. Okay, any -- no other discussion before the Council at the beginning of the year here? So I'll entertain a motion for adjournment.

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

Councilman Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith and then a second from Mr. Lloyd. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you, have a good day and be careful.

(Meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.)

## **VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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President Curt Wortman

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Vice President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Phil Hoy

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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  
FEBRUARY 3, 1999

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 3rd day of February in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:36 p.m. by County Council President Curt Wortman.

President Wortman: We’re going to open the meeting and we would like to have a roll call please, Madam Secretary.

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

\*Councilmember Lloyd arrived just after attendance called.

President Wortman: All stand, Council and audience, and pledge allegiance to the flag.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
JANUARY 6, 1999

President Wortman: I'll entertain a motion for the approval of the minutes from January 6, 1999. Do I have a motion to that effect?

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy and Mr. Raben seconded it. Any discussion, corrections, deletions? All those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Before we get into appropriations, we want to recognize the students from North High School, future government participants, I’m sure, and would you please stand so we can all recognize you. Thank you. So you get a firsthand look at how government operates in a very conservative way, hopefully. So thank you for coming out, appreciate it.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

A) AUDITOR

President Wortman: Okay, we’ll get into the appropriations and the first on the agenda is the Auditor, and the Finance Chair, Mr. Raben, would you --

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I’ll move approval of 1020-3371 and 1020-3372 in the amount of \$3,910.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilman Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd seconded. Any discussion? No discussion? Call the 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1020-3371	COMPUTER HARDWARE	3,400.00	3,400.00
1020-3372	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	510.00	510.00
TOTAL		3,910.00	3,910.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**B) SHERIFF**

President Wortman: Okay, now we'll go to the Sheriff. Mr. Raben, would you proceed with that?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of 1050-1130-0004 in the amount of \$310.

President Wortman: Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: He's got a second. Mr. Raben, you want to read that other motion to go with this appropriation request?

Councilmember Raben: I do have another motion but that falls under salary --

President Wortman: In the salary account, you'll take care of it there --

Councilmember Raben: But Mr. President, I will state, before you, the Sheriff's Department has prepared a letter to the Council that everyone has a copy of. Along with that is a letter to the Merit Board which Chief Deputy Williams is here if anyone has a question on this, but you have copies of both of these in front of you if anyone has any questions.

President Wortman: You need to read that motion in the line item, I think, to back it up.

Councilmember Raben: I can, Mr. President, if that's what you would like. Let's vote on this motion first and then we'll take this separate.

President Wortman: Okay, we've got a motion and a second from Mrs. Smith, I believe that's right. Now, any more discussion? Mr. Lloyd?

Councilman Lloyd: I just wondered, on the amendment, wouldn't that go under Salary Ordinance?

Councilmember Raben: This is an extra motion that's been prepared and it's basically to help cover the Council and hopefully it states what our position is on this. If the co-maker of the motion doesn't care, I can add that to the first motion. Who is the co-maker?

Jeff Ahlers: I see what you're saying, Mr. Raben. You're wanting to take this up under item number 8, Amendment to the Salary Ordinance, is that correct?

Councilmember Raben: Correct.

Jeff Ahlers: That's fine. I wasn't sure what was going -- just to make sure that we have the minutes clarified and the conditions that need to be satisfied that we've got set out. So that's fine.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so leave the original motion as --

President Wortman: Right, read your original motion again so everybody understands it. Okay, any questions, 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, motion carried.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1130-0004	LIEUTENANT	310.00	310.00
TOTAL		310.00	310.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

C) SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

President Wortman: We'll go down to the Superintendent of County Buildings. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of 1310-1110, 1310-1900 and 1310-1910 for a total of \$1,612.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second Mrs. Smith. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS	REQUESTED	APPROVED
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1310-1110-1310	SUPT. OF COUNTY BUILDINGS	1,421.00	1,421.00
1310-1900	FICA	109.00	109.00
1310-1910	PERF	82.00	82.00
TOTAL		1,612.00	1,612.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**D) SUPERIOR COURT**

President Wortman: Okay, proceed to Superior Court, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of -- excuse me. Superior Court has been withdrawn so I would like to set that in at zero.

Councilman Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Do I have a second? Mr. Lloyd. Excuse me, Mr. Raben, it should be deferred for one month instead of setting it in at zero.

Councilmember Raben: Since this is a final action meeting we need to set it in at zero.

Jeff Ahlers: I think you can do it either way, it's just that they will need to know or be notified if you set it in at zero, we just need to notify them to refile so that they are not under the assumption that it's going to come up at the next meeting because it will need to be --

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Raben, if you set that in at zero then they couldn't bring that back next month.

Councilmember Raben: That is the cleanest way to do it and that's the way we've done it for quite some time, but I will amend my motion. Mr. President, Superior Court, the entire request to be deferred.

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

Councilmember Smith: You have a second and I think that's what we voted -- I think that's what we discussed at our committee meeting last week, that it was going to be deferred.

President Wortman: That's right and the Judge requested that, too, by the way. He asked that -- he will contact all Councilmembers to explain his position. Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, that is going to go through the Job Study, is that correct? Or not?

President Wortman: I -- that's a good question, because that's a new person --

Councilmember Hoy: It's a new position.

President Wortman: I would say we would possibly have to.

Councilmember Bassemier: This is why we suggested defer it.

Councilmember Smith: I don't think that they can just raise that kind of salary without going through the Job Study, can they?

President Wortman: I'll inform the Judge of that effect, okay?

Councilmember Hoy: That’s what we stated last week. We stated last week that it should go through the Job Study.

President Wortman: I think that’s right, Mr. Hoy. Thank you. Okay, so that’s what we’ll do. So, okay. We’ve got a motion and a second on the floor. Call the roll please for a deferral.

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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I’ll amend my second to defer and I’ll vote yes.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Mr. Lloyd.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-1661-1370	PUBLIC DEFENDER	21,859.00	DEFERRED
1370-1770-1370	CLERICAL ASST.	7,080.00	DEFERRED
1370-1801-1370	SM. CLAIM SECRETARY	7,080.00	DEFERRED
1370-1900	FICA	2,756.00	DEFERRED
1370-1910	PERF	2,072.00	DEFERRED
TOTAL		40,847.00	DEFERRED

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

E) CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

President Wortman: Okay, the next is Cumulative Bridge. That’s been advertised wrong so that will have to be set in at zero. Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, 2030-4364, Mt. Pleasant Road be set in at zero.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Second Mr. Sutton over there. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-4364	MT. PLEASANT RD. RRX	1,231.00	0.00
TOTAL		1,231.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

F) LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION

President Wortman: Next on the agenda is the Local Emergency Planning Commission and -- Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of 2861-2600 in the amount of \$250; 2861-3210 in the amount of \$7,000; 2861-3130 in the amount of \$1,200; 2861-3140 in the amount of \$100; and 2861-4210 in the amount of \$300; for a total of \$8,850. There was not anyone from this department here last week, so there may be questions with this.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll second the motion to get it on the floor.

President Wortman: Yes sir. Mr. Hoy seconded it. Okay. This is kind of a new thing, they're kind of rearranging things, so they are new at this. So everything should be alright and legitimate. Any other 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2861-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	250.00	250.00
2861-3210	EMERGENCY MGMT.	7,000.00	7,000.00
2861-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	1,200.00	1,200.00
2861-3140	TELEPHONE	100.00	100.00
2861-4210	OFFICE FURNITURE	300.00	300.00
TOTAL		8,850.00	8,850.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY FUND REPEAL REQUEST</b>
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**A)     LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY**

President Wortman: Next on the agenda is the Legal Aid/United Way Fund repeal request. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I am going to move approval of the United Way Fund to be approved as submitted. That is quite a long one, so we'll take it as that.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Sutton. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4290-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	500.00	500.00
4290-3120	POSTAGE	500.00	500.00
4290-3130	TRAVEL	500.00	500.00
4290-3140	TELEPHONE	500.00	500.00
4290-3410	PRINTING	500.00	500.00
4290-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	250.00	250.00
4290-3611	LITIGATION	1,000.00	1,000.00
4290-3700	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	250.00	250.00
4290-3990	MISCELLANEOUS	176.00	176.00
4290-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	300.00	300.00
TOTAL		4,476.00	4,476.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

- A) COUNTY ASSESSOR
- B) CIRCUIT COURT (FIRST REQUEST)

President Wortman: That completes the appropriation and repeals, so then we'll turn to page three and start on the Transfer Requests.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I am going to move approval of the first two transfers, County Assessor, from account 1090-2600 to account 1090-4210; Circuit Court from account 1360-1980 to account 1360-1370-1360. Both transfers as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben, excuse me. I think the County Assessor, Supplies and Office Furniture should be withdrawn, the way I understand it.

Councilmember Raben: I had not been notified, but that's okay. Mr. President, I will amend my motion to read County Assessor, 1090-2600 Office Supplies and 1090-4210 has been withdrawn. The second motion, Circuit Court as submitted, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second to that?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy. Any discussion on that item? 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1090-2600	SUPPLIES	500.00	Withdrawn
TO: 1090-4210	OFFICE FURNITURE	500.00	Withdrawn

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1360-1980	OTHER PAY	2,341.00	2,341.00
TO: 1360-1370-1360	BAIL BOND INTERVIEW SPECIALIST	2,341.00	2,341.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**B) CIRCUIT COURT (SECOND REQUEST)**

President Wortman: Okay, now proceed, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, well, let me get it on the floor first. Circuit Court, from account 1360-1980 Other Pay in the amount of \$100 to 1360-1600-1360 Special Stipend at \$100. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion on this?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I'd like to state that in the past we have not granted -- what this request is, they're asking for a 3% increase on the stipend pay and this Council in the past has not -- we give the 3% to their salary line item at budgets, but never on the stipend pay, so I would recommend that we vote this one down.

President Wortman: Any other discussion? So the transfer (inaudible - microphone turned off). Everybody understands that so 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: No. Motion fails, it don't stipulate any stipend in there.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1360-1980	OTHER PAY	100.00	0.00
TO: 1360-1600-1360	SPECIAL STIPEND	100.00	0.00

(Motion fails 5-2/Councilmembers Bassemier, Hoy, Raben, Lloyd and Wortman opposed)

- C) COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
- D) CUM BRIDGE
- E) CIRCUIT COURT MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER
- F) LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION

President Wortman: Go to the County Highway Department, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I will take County Highway, Cum Bridge, Circuit Court Misdemeanor Offender, and Local Emergency Planning Commission all as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilman Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Second 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: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2010-1066	MAINTENANCE & UTILITY	1,247.71	1,247.71
TO: 2010-1971	ACCRUED PAYMENTS	1,247.71	1,247.71

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2010-2530	BITUMINOUS	30,000.00	30,000.00
TO: 2010-2580	CALCIUM & CHLORIDE	30,000.00	30,000.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2030-2210	GAS & OIL	1,500.00	1,500.00
TO: 2030-3140	TELEPHONE	1,500.00	1,500.00

CIRCUIT COURT MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2760-1120-2760	WORK RELEASE OFFICER	855.00	855.00
2760-1990	EXTRA HELP	1,500.00	1,500.00
TO: 2760-1110-2760	COOK	855.00	855.00
2760-1800-2760	SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL	1,500.00	1,500.00



LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2861-3370	COMPUTER (DATA MGMT)	5,500.00	5,500.00
TO: 2861-3210	EMERGENCY MGMT.	5,500.00	5,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LATE TRANSFER REQUEST
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A) ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR

President Wortman: Now, proceed, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: They have one late transfer --

Councilmember Hoy: Did you vote LEPC?

Councilmember Raben: Yes. I neglected one late transfer. This is for Armstrong Township. Their copy machine last week went down. They've been instructed that it's obsolete and there's no parts for it. They called and I gave them the okay on a late transfer. They're in a situation where they're not just around the corner from a copy place. So out where they're at it's tough to get copies, so this is just to purchase a copy machine.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Smith: Is this a pretty small machine? I mean, it's not very much money.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, they just need a basic copier. No extras or anything like that. Just a standard copier. The actual bid price down in purchasing is \$1,639 and the amount of the transfer is \$1,700.

President Wortman: Thank you. Any other discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: I was with Mr. Kron in a Soil & Water Conservation District meeting and he expressed the same thing Mr. Raben expressed. He is satisfied with this very much.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Hoy. Okay, 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1100-3130	TRAVEL	800.00	800.00
1100-3140	TELEPHONE	900.00	900.00
TO: 1100-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	1,700.00	1,700.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Proceed, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Once again, Mr. President, the repeal for Legal Aid is on there. We've actually already approved that. So I'll move once again that we accept the repeal for Legal Aid.

Councilman Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben, what did you say?

Councilmember Raben: That was under item seven. We're just once again approving the repeals.

President Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: We've already approved it, but it's on the agenda, so this time for sure it's going to happen.

President Wortman: Okay, you're making a motion. Alright, do I have a second for Mr. Raben?

Councilman Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Alright, any more discussion? If not, call the roll please.

Councilmember Sutton: Why are we double covering this?

Councilmember Raben: I took it with the appropriations, but it's on the agenda this way, so I guess we need to follow the agenda, so --

Councilmember Hoy: It's such a shock when we get a repeal, Councilman Sutton.

Councilmember Raben: See, it's that amount times two now, Royce!

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, we want to encourage the other department heads who might be thinking along those lines.

Councilmember Raben: And practice makes perfect.

Councilmember Sutton: And we'll even put a motion on the floor twice for them.

President Wortman: Well, we might get a double repeal, I think that's what he's after. I am not sure.

Councilmember Sutton: Go ahead, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: It's up to you to --

President Wortman: We've got a motion and a second. Okay, no other discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, again.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

<b>AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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**A) SHERIFF/LINE NAME CHANGE AND INCREASE SALARY**

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben, proceed to number eight.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, item eight. First I am going to make a motion that line item 1050-0004-1050 be temporarily changed to Lieutenant/Temporary Captain for the year 1999 effective upon approval by the Sheriff's Merit Board and would then be retroactive to January 14, 1999. At such time that either Captain -- line item 1050-0002-1050 or 1050-0003-1050 is vacated either through retirement or otherwise, the employee in line item 1050-0004-1050 will be moved into the vacated Captain line. Line item 1050-0004-1050 shall be re-established as a Lieutenant line. The County Council has not and will not create three new permanent Captain positions. So, in essence, what that states is we're setting up -- we're just adding Lieutenant/Temporary Captain until such time a Lieutenant should leave through retirement or for some unknown other reason. This will be a temporary position.

President Wortman: Okay, got a second to that motion?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, one question, Mr. President. I guess going back, if that -- a position does become available, changing that line item -- it will come back before Council to change that actual, that actual title on that line item if I'm not mistaken.

Councilmember Raben: What is going on here is we're not actually setting up a separate Captain line item. We're using the existing Lieutenant line item adding /Temporary Captain, which when one of those other Captain line items become vacant, okay, then this line item will go back to just the standard Lieutenant line item. That's the statement we're making here.

Councilmember Smith: Jim, will they have to come back every year to okay that line item or will that -- you said this is for '99. I'm glad that you're going ahead and funding that but why would they have to come back unless it changes? You're doing it for '99. If nobody retires in 2000, then they are going to have to come back and ask for the same amount of money again?

Councilmember Sutton: I think it's as maybe we had discussed or talked about it, is because this is a temporary situation and we have not granted this type of status for any particular position before so that we could keep that before us, so that we could be reminded because it could very well happen, this position could remain temporary for five or six years and no one here is on --

Councilmember Raben: And the make-up of the Council can change.

Councilmember Smith: But each year they'd have to come back and ask for that money?

Councilmember Raben: Right, correct.

Councilmember Smith: I think, just make sure they know that because other than that, we're going to have to go through the same thing again.

President Wortman: Mr. Ahlers is going to comment on --

Jeff Ahlers: I think it would be done at budget time just every year and what I think we envision doing and a lot of us worked very hard on this the past few days to try to remedy this situation to help it out, was that in the budget then, we would put an asterisk by it maybe with an explanation. What I was hoping here is for Chief Williams to either read his letter into the record or for the minutes to incorporate the letter so that there is an understanding, we're wanting to make sure that everybody knows there will only be two permanent Captain positions and so that everyone on the Sheriff's Department is on notice that a vacancy that would occur, that the Temporary Captain would move into the permanent position but that there would not be another Captain's position and as Mr. Raben's motion states, it's on approval by the Sheriff's Merit Board, which I think they're going to try to get together a meeting I think this next week. They've had some trouble, you know, on such short notice getting that together and the reason we're doing that is to make sure that from top to bottom, anybody that could possibly be involved with this change is of the same understanding so that we don't get a few years down the road when some of us may or may not be here to eliminate any confusion that this is just is temporary spot to remedy a situation that has occurred, but that there is no increase in the force.

Councilmember Smith: I realize that but the point is that I want to remind them to make sure next year or at budget time this year, you remind them because it would be awfully easy to forget because we're taking it year by year until somebody does retire.

Councilmember Sutton: I know one person who won't forget.

Councilmember Smith: Woodall won't.

Steve Woodall: (Inaudible - comments made away from microphone)

President Wortman: Mr. Williams, do you want to maybe state your name and then --

Eric Williams: Chief Williams, Sheriff's Office.

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

Eric Williams: It was our understanding that we would reapply for this every year through the budget until such time that the position is vacated, then you would revert it at that time and in the following year we would request it as a Lieutenant as we have in the past. We realize that every year, just like every other line item we have to submit our request at budget time and we would request this one the same.

President Wortman: Any more questions? Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: The only thing I would state is if we could submit for the record and I think you've probably given a copy of the letter and the proposed resolution that's going before the Merit Board to be submitted and incorporated into the record as part of the minutes so that if in the future anybody looks back, that your letter from the Sheriff's Department detailing that and the resolution, and then once the Merit Board passes the resolution we then make that a part of the record as well<sup>1</sup>.

Eric Williams: As soon as it is passed, we will forward you a signed copy of it.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions?

Councilmember Hoy: Does the maker of the motion accept that as part of the record?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Wortman: Got a second to that?

Councilman Lloyd: So on that budget line item then it's going to be, it's going to read Lieutenant/Temporary Captain, is that correct?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, that's how it will read.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, and that's fine as long as there is just some notation somewhere that it's a temporary slot, I mean, however you want to label it is fine, I suppose. That was just picking up on some language that we've used in trying to resolve this. I mean, he does hold and has the rank of Captain and will have all the rights and privileges of a Captain and salary and pension and everything, it's just to make sure that in the future we understand how that occurred and that we're not increasing the Captain level of the force permanently, just to remedy this situation.

President Wortman: In reference to three positions, and when one retires, why that's it, see, it still reverts back to two positions. Okay, everybody clear on it? Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd just like to comment that at looking at that eligibility list, that permanent vacancy, ex-Chief Deputy Woodall deserves that spot. I mean, he tested for it, he was actually number two on the spot, I don't know how, I just hope the Merit Board recognizes it. I really feel like that's his spot because he did test for it and there was two permanent vacancies and I am going to vote yes for this but I think he's got a legitimate gripe and he deserves that spot. He tested for it, number one; and he will get paid for it and I hope he's in the position that -- that's not my call, that's the Merit Board and the Sheriff's call that he's in charge somewhere, that he is -- that is his spot.

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<sup>1</sup>Copy of proposed Merit Board Resolution and copy of letter from Sheriff Brad Ellsworth attached.

Eric Williams: I don't think you're going to get any disagreement from us, that where he tested is where he is in seniority within the rank of Captain. This is strictly a budget line item name, but as far as the Merit Board is concerned, I cannot speak on behalf of the Merit Board, but I am fairly confident that they will treat him as such, that he did test higher than the other two and that should a seniority issue arise for something that would come up in the Captain's ranks, that he would be treated that way. That's not my decision to make on their behalf, that's a Merit Board issue.

Councilmember Bassemier: And I'd like to commend the Council, this was a hard decision for all of us and it was only fair for us to go this way and I wish there was another way, but I thought at the time it was an internal problem that I know you all do not have temporary ranks over there as the department that I work on, that you're active until there is a permanent vacancy. You just fill in and you do draw the pay for it, so I am sorry for Captain Woodall in this situation, but that's the best we could come up with, we thought was the fair way.

Eric Williams: I'm sure (inaudible) appreciates your help and understanding and helping us work through this and come to an equitable solution for everybody.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd?

Councilman Lloyd: That was going to be part of my question, too, is it's not up to Council, we have no authority as far as seniority of Captains, that's strictly the Sheriff's department and Merit Board, so all we can do is deal with that one line item.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, and I guess following up on what Mr. Lloyd said, I mean, if the Merit Board wants to take up re-ordering the positions of who is in what position, I don't know that what we do necessarily affects that unless the Council feels otherwise. I can't speak for Council, but I think without Merit Board action, we felt this was the best way to make sure that legally and equitably what needed to be accomplished could be, if that is the vote of the Council.

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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben, proceed, please.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I am going to make one other motion under this and ask that a copy of this be prepared and passed on to the Merit Board. But I move effective February 4, 1999 no additional Captain, Lieutenant, Sergeant or Corporal lines will be added to the Vanderburgh County Salary Ordinance either on permanent or temporary basis. Any officer testing and passing the rank for eligibility lists shall wait until a line for a particular rank has been vacated through either retirement, demotion or termination. This motion shall be included on page three of the Vanderburgh County Salary Ordinance, so again, we're just stating that we would not like to run into this again.

President Wortman: That's in the form of a motion?

Councilmember Raben: That's in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilman Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion? Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes, how can you say it's not going to happen again? It could very easily happen again. If we get a new Sheriff and they make a new deputy and take them out of their spots and go back to it, it could very easily happen again.

Eric Williams: Chief Williams, Sheriff's Office. I spoke with Jeff Ahlers today on the phone and with Sandie Deig today and we've talked a little bit about possibly setting up some type of meeting between the County Council's attorney, our office and the Merit Board to hammer out some kind of solution to this for the future. My concern with a motion of that nature is I don't know how far reaching it is because the way it sounded to me is that you are eliminating the possibility of me changing my T.O. through normal appropriation methods, me coming before you and saying we've reached a situation where we need X number of new Lieutenants or five years from now our department grows and we need more supervision, the nature of that motion sounds to me like you are strapping us forever on the number of ranking officers we can have. That bothers me a little bit.

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Raben, could you maybe clarify that motion because I am sort of unfamiliar with it in terms of what the time frame is and how long this will be effective. Are you talking about this year or are you talking about --

Councilmember Raben: Again, it was -- the motion stated that it be effective today until this Council would say otherwise, but again, it's -- the intent behind this motion was to protect this Council from running into this situation or a situation like this again. This isn't a motion that would really have to be passed today. I mean, if it's this body's pleasure that we delay this and maybe talk about the language in this motion we can do that. Again, I am just one of seven, so --

Councilmember Sutton: I can see maybe the direction and the focus that you're trying to get at with the motion, but maybe we can sit down maybe with the Sheriff's Department and looking at our side, looking at their side and maybe craft something that would be fair on both sides, but maybe before we move and make a motion on something that would essentially hinder what we might be able to do. There might be some additional law enforcement needs and then we've got this resolution that we've already approved or something. Maybe we could sit down and maybe come up with something that would be equitable to both sides.

Councilmember Hoy: Officer Williams, would you repeat what you said about bringing the groups together? I like the sound of that.

Eric Williams: What Attorney Ahlers and I had spoke about today and we had talked that maybe at some point in the next month or so, the Sheriff's Department, our Merit Board, whoever you choose from the Council, whoever we need to have there, we can sit down and maybe hammer out a solution for this because this was as distasteful for us as it was for you guys because we didn't really have a set of rules or guidelines to handle a situation like this. It's not unique to Sheriff's Departments in the state but it doesn't happen that often and every county functions differently and we would appreciate and encourage the ability to sit down with you and work out a reasonable solution so should this event arise in the future, we already know the rules and how we have to deal with it. We would much rather deal with it in advance than later and have to react to what happens.

President Wortman: Mr. Ahlers, do you want to --

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman? I'd like to speak to that because I don't think he can speak for this Council, he's not an elected person. You said him sit down with you and work out something. It should be the Finance Chairman and the President of the Council, not some attorney that's appointed -- nothing against you, Jeff -- but the point is he can't say what this Council will do.

Eric Williams: I don't think Jeff has ever --

Councilmember Smith: No, but you're saying sit down with him and work out something for this Council. You need to sit down with some persons on this Council, not the lawyer.

Eric Williams: I agree totally with you and that's what I mean, with Curt and whoever the Council chooses, but I would just assume that you would have the attorney there with us to make sure what we're doing is on legal standing, on legal grounds. We'll sit down and work with whoever you choose for us to work with because we want this -- we don't want this problem to occur again because this has not been any fun.

Jeff Ahlers: Mrs. Smith, I don't think there was ever any interpretation by him, me or anyone else that I am speaking for the Council. What we've got here is sort of a -- there is an issue where there is a lot of overlapping of legal authority between the Merit Board and County Council and in order to try to unravel in the future some of the line of succession or how these problems could be worked out, I think that there needs to be parties involved by all of these agencies.

President Wortman: I might add that the Salary Ordinance can always be changed, too, is that right?

Jeff Ahlers: That's correct.

Councilmember Bassemier: What Jim read, I've got it right here. It seems like we've already got that in place anyway. They can't do anything -- they can't add anybody until (inaudible) Salary Ordinance unless we vote on it. We've said that -- and next year we vote again and that could be amended next year. I mean, whatever, you guys can add a rank next year if you want to on your new budget coming next year, so I don't see this as wrong here. We're doing that right now.

Councilmember Raben: Again, this Council will -- I mean, we'll live without it. It kind of made things cut and dried for us for in the future, but I am willing -- I am willing to withdraw my motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: We're already doing that. Eric, should he read it to you again?

Eric Williams: I think I heard the motion and my concern was just that we're going to verbalize something that's already in effect through Salary Ordinance. I can't promote ten



more people to Lieutenants because the line items don't exist and we have a system in place to handle that, but my concern was more far reaching. And I know what you're driving at and I think it's what we want to accomplish and set up some guidelines for this to happen, but I don't want to see us placed in a position where that ten years from now our department grows by 20% and we need five more sergeants and two more lieutenants, that we have no recourse to come and ask you for that because at some point in history the Council said you can't do it any more. That would be my only concern. That's the only reason I stepped up to the microphone.

President Wortman: So you're saying tie your hands?

Eric Williams: Exactly.

Jeff Ahlers: And I think to address that, is what I understand all the concern is here, that doesn't prevent you from coming through Job Study or amending the Salary Ordinance in the future if that addresses your concerns, if that makes everybody feel better about it or whatever you want to do.

President Wortman: Councilmembers want to comment on the motion that Mr. Raben made?

Councilmember Smith: I don't think we need it.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I've already stated that I withdraw this motion. If my co-maker will follow suit we can end this.

President Wortman: Do you withdraw your second, Mr. Lloyd?

Councilman Lloyd: Yes.

President Wortman: So we'll leave it as it is.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I think we ought to have some mechanism to follow up on what Mr. Williams said, though, because I think that would smooth the road and that's what you're asking for, is it not?

Eric Williams: Correct. We'd like to --

Councilmember Hoy: --resolution, but we need that on record somehow so that we don't react -- but we act ahead of time and I don't know how to phrase that in a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, you're kind of saying, too, that we do not want or you do not want any temporary vacancies filled again like it was in the past -- he's not listening -- you're just saying we do not want or you do not want or you'd like for us not to vote on something for anybody to be appointed to a permanent position that's not a permanent vacancy. Is that what you're kind of saying?

Councilmember Raben: More or less, that an officer can test for it, but he really cannot be given that position until a vacancy becomes available. But again, the motion is withdrawn, we can all revisit this. One thing the Council needs to remember, that any roads that we pave for guidelines for us to follow, another Council can tear down. So nothing we do or any ordinance that this Council passes lasts a lifetime. I mean, the next Council can vote it down and change anything they want. So again, the motion has been withdrawn, Mr. President, the co-maker has withdrawn.

Councilmember Bassemier: Eric, what we're talking about now -- that nobody, no permanent rank is going to be filled in your position. You were a Lieutenant and now you are appointed to a Chief Deputy. There will not be a permanent Lieutenant appointed to your position, is that correct?

Eric Williams: (Inaudible) that I understand. This is being -- that we're going to fill my position I vacated as a Lieutenant because our T.O. requires that we have those people filled.

Councilmember Bassemier: Now will this be a permanent -- are we saying now when the Merit Board votes on this they can see that you just left? That will be a permanent Lieutenant now?

Eric Williams: Yes.

Councilmember Smith: This is what I was referring to --

Councilmember Bassemier: And then you've got a Sergeant now and then a Sergeant will take this Lieutenant's spot, and now that's open. Now that is going to be permanent one. And that Sergeant, a Corporal will take that and now we've got some more permanent rank here, now we've got a chain of action here that we better think about. I mean, the Merit Commission ought to think about it because we're going to be back.

President Wortman: I think we ought to toss it around and then defer it until next month and then come up with some kind of a final thing here.

Councilmember Smith: Well, they really can't leave the position open because they need it.

President Wortman: Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I guess, -- Chief Williams and I were talking...was that there are certain counties like larger counties where this situation occurs, that if the Merit Board has some sort of line of succession that is put in there and there are some counties that do, in fact, leave the line item open where say, for example, Chief Williams would stay in his line item but be paid as a Chief Deputy or something, is one solution. We're not saying that's what is here but there are several different things that other counties are doing that prevent the problem of if, for example, Chief Williams were not Chief tomorrow, he would now not have a spot to come to and then the same situation we've done with Deputy Woodall, we'd be back here again and I think what the Chief and I talked about was to try to save the Council and Merit Board and the Sheriff's Department all this hand wringing in future years. That maybe once and for all it ought to be resolved and that requires cooperation from the various bodies because when you talk about promotion and demotion, that is sort of controlled basically by the Sheriff's Merit Board and the Sheriff's office. But by the same token, there is nothing that forces us to necessarily create additional line items for salaries and so you get this kind of mix. And so we've got to make sure that it's legally right and that it also functions and that all the Deputies are on notice, and then when situations like this happen if there is a mechanism that resolves it, nobody can say they didn't have fair notice. Everybody knows when you become a Chief Deputy that this is where you are going to go when you get done or how that is going to happen and so that is sort of what we envision. Obviously, that's up to all of the Councilmen to decide what ultimately comes, what meetings occur or whether we do absolutely nothing. It was just something that we suggested and thought might be a good idea.

President Wortman: Excuse me, we've got to change the tape.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, maybe to clear up the water here just a little bit, Councilman Bassemier, there is really -- there is not going to be a vacancy anyway because --

(Inaudible - comments not made from microphone)

Councilmember Raben: Right. He is taking...Chief Deputy Williams' old position.

Eric Williams: Actually, he is taking Lieutenant Tucker's --

Councilmember Raben: He's coming from Chief Deputy to Captain or to the Lieutenant spot/Captain, and he is coming out of it as Chief Deputy so...there won't be any vacancies.

Eric Williams: No, not as a recourse of this because we were physically asking for you to convert one of our Lieutenant positions to that of a Captain temporarily and we won't fill that Lieutenant's because it won't exist anymore it will be a Captain's rank for the time being. Now at such time that one of the Captains retires and we get permission from you to revert that Captain's rank back to a Lieutenant like it originally existed, and then at that time we would fill it with an eligible person as a Lieutenant.

President Wortman: Okay, everybody understand everything now?

Councilmember Raben: Yes sir, Mr. President, and let's -- I've withdrawn that motion, we voted on the original motion.

**B) SHERIFF/LINE NAME CHANGE FROM CORPORAL TO PATROLMAN**

Councilmember Raben: Next, under 8B, I'm not going to look for mine, but somewhere on your desk you have a copy of a letter from the Sheriff's Department requesting that line 1050-076-1050 be changed from Corporal to Patrolman, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? No discussion, we'll move right along. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

- C) SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS**
- D) SUPERIOR COURT**
- E) CIRCUIT COURT**
- F) CIRCUIT COURT MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER**

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben, move right on.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, amendments to the Salary Ordinance...first is Superintendent of County Buildings. I move to amend the Salary Ordinance line item 1310-1110 as previously approved; Circuit Court, move to amend salary line 1360-1980 and 1360-1360 as transfer previously approved; and Circuit Court Misdemeanor Offender, I move to amend the salary lines 2760-1110 and 2760-1800 as the transfer previously approved. And that is it. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I hear a second from somebody? Mr. Lloyd?

Councilman Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, and I -- our secretary caught me on an error, I left out part of an account number, so if everybody will look at Circuit Court. My motion, I had read was-- or I will clarify what the motion is, what should we do here. We can go ahead --

Councilmember Hoy: Just add it as a correction.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, that's what I think.

Councilmember Hoy: Get a second and vote again?

Councilmember Raben: The accounts, again, for Circuit Court were 1360-1980 and 1360-1370-1360. If the seconder to my motion will make that amendment then we will continue to vote.

President Wortman: Do I have a second to that effect then, the amendment?

Councilman 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
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**A) MICHAEL C. JARVIS - 11751 OLD STATE ROAD/  
PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION**

President Wortman: Now we go into number ten, Old Business, and before we get into the Preliminary Resolution for Michael Jarvis located at 11751 Old State Road out there in the promised land of Scott Township, why I'd like to remind the Council that here several months ago Pigeon Township came before us for \$150,000 for poor relief and it was processed to the state Tax Adjustment Board and they refused it, so there was no money involved then, so they have to find other money some way. I just thought I would mention that, I didn't know if you got it -- so Mr. Robling, would you step forward with this?

Mike Robling: Michael Robling, Department of Metropolitan Development. Michael Jarvis has applied for tax abatement for construction of a new building to be located at 11751 Old State Road. The building will house a new marine sales and service operation at an estimated cost of \$375,000. Mr. Jarvis currently employs one person and upon completion of this project anticipates the creation of two new jobs.

President Wortman: Okay, got any questions for Mr. Robling?

Councilmember Hoy: Refresh our memory as to what those jobs pay and what the benefits are please.

Mike Robling: The average hourly wage is eight dollars. The projected wage rate for new employees is ten dollars an hour. Benefits are, say, comparable with industry.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't have my paperwork here -- comparable with industry means?

Mike Robling: I am not sure.

Councilmember Hoy: I am curious as to whether the health insurance comes out of the employee's pocket or if there is a co-pay or what?

Mike Robling: Is Mr. Jarvis here?

Councilmember Smith: We don't have any paperwork on that. I don't know...

Sandie Deig: You had it last month.

Councilmember Smith: Well, this is what I got last month.

President Wortman: I guess last month's packet then. That's what it is.

Councilman Lloyd: I mean, I guess those Councilmembers that want their paperwork ought to be able to get it.

President Wortman: Just a minute. We're trying to get a little paperwork here. Excuse us. If you noticed on your agenda, it was deferred from January the 6th up till now. Mr. Robling, I don't believe this would be classified as the North 41 corridor, would it? It wouldn't be included in there, would it?

Mike Robling: I am not really sure exactly where it's located. I think it's a ways off of 41.

President Wortman: I think he has filled and put a whole lot of fill in there to bring it up. I remember when I was a kid I used to play ball down there. And, of course, when it was wet, we didn't play ball. It flooded, see. But he has put a lot of money in there and I think he needs a little assistance is what it amounts to. He built a nice building out there as you can see if you go by.

Krista Lockyear: Mr. President, members of Council, if I might have just a second. Krista Lockyear and I represent Mr. Jarvis, I could maybe enlighten you a little bit as to why we feel Mr. Jarvis is entitled to a tax abatement and some of the improvements he has brought to that real estate. Specifically, the location of this property is just south of the 4-H Center there on 41. The property was located in a floodway and in order to make that land buildable, Mr. Jarvis had to invest approximately \$21,000 in excavation fees to raise the elevation of the property to get it into buildable land. The DNR had to reassess the height of the land based on surveys that Mr. Jarvis also paid for. In addition, it's my understanding that, as many places in Vanderburgh County, that land had drainage problems which exacerbated the drainage problems of the 4-H Center. I believe the 4-H Center has recently undergone some improvements and Mr. Jarvis has installed a six foot diameter concrete culvert approximately 208 feet long along Old State Road and that was a total cost of approximately \$35,000. That culvert is in county right-of-way and does improve not only his property but also the 4-H property's drainage. In addition, there was a \$5,000 water main extension that Mr. Jarvis had to install for this property. The bottom line, approximately \$65,000 in infrastructure improvements to make a cite that was previously unbuildable suitable for business and these improvements will last in perpetuity after Mr. Jarvis is no longer it, that land will still be usable. Accordingly, we think that as a sole proprietor doing quite a bit for the county that this tax abatement would be quite suitable and it does fit under the statutory regulations and we request your support.

President Wortman: Anybody got any questions? Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: What are we going to put on that land? What is it?

Krista Lockyear: It will be a warehouse to hold marine sales and service. There will be service facilities and storage facilities.

Councilmember Bassemier: Since that's in the floodplain, why does he want to build there for?

Krista Lockyear: I believe he owned the land and being right there on the North 41 corridor, the accessibility to customers. He currently is in Darmstadt and a boat owner myself, the easier it is to get a boat to a facility to have service, the much better off you are for that business. And right there on 41 is an ideal location for such a business.

Councilmember Bassemier: I assume this is Mr. Jarvis. Do you want to state your --

President Wortman: State your name, Mr. --

Michael Jarvis: At the time of the purchase of the property, it was indicated to me that the property was, in fact, not in a floodplain and that it was above floodplain. FEMA, since that time, has refurbished some of their rules and regulations and that all of the sudden became a floodplain and that's -- you know, I didn't just go buy a piece of swampland. I mean, it was something that kind of occurred.

President Wortman: Any other discussion? Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Jarvis, how many, it says here you'll have two full-time and one part-time. How many employees do you have now?

President Wortman: Excuse me, Mr. Jarvis, state your name. We didn't get your name.

Mike Jarvis: Mike Jarvis. It's myself and my father.

Councilmember Smith: Right now, just yourself and then you're going to hire two new ones and one part-time.

Mike Jarvis: God only knows what the future holds. Yeah, at least two more and yes I will offer health insurance. I always have.

Councilmember Smith: Well, I knew you were in business now in Darmstadt, and this is going to be a new facility.

Mike Jarvis: Hopefully along 41 that will allow me to expand and continue on.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President? My question about health insurance is how it's paid for. Do you pay for it on top of the --

Mike Jarvis: Yes sir.

Councilmember Hoy: And do you pay any IRA's or anything?

Mike Jarvis: No sir.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Any other questions? Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Robling, what is your board's recommendation?

Mike Robling: I decided not to make a recommendation on this. You don't pay any attention to me anyway so I decided to skip it this time.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? Mr. Lloyd?

Councilman Lloyd: I was just wondering why you were moving from your old location.

Mike Jarvis: I lease that location. I virtually outgrew it two years after I went in business, it just took a long time to get to this point. I need a showroom, it's a very small location. I want to try to go -- migrate -- I am mainly service right now, more service oriented than

sales and in order to level the playing field out a little bit to give me a fair advantage I need a showroom to present my product.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Jarvis --

Councilmember Raben: That and it was in a bad neighborhood, too.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Jarvis, how long have you been doing this particular line --

Mike Jarvis: I stated in March of '87.

Councilmember Sutton: And competitors, are there very many competitors in your line of business around here?

Mike Jarvis: Yeah, well, yeah, there's probably --

Councilmember Sutton: You don't have to name them. I mean --

Mike Jarvis: There's five at least.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben, you had your hand up.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I don't think we're talking about a great deal of money or savings that he'll realize. I think it's \$8,000 and if you look at what the infrastructure improvements and whatnot and the benefit that the 4-H grounds is realizing with it, I think it's one that this Council ought to look very favorable at.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy, did you have your hand up?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? Okay, I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second Mrs. Smith. Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: This is probably the smallest abatement we've ever done, but yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Just because it's just so small, it's out on the north side and that's a good area out there and we discussed it last month. I'm sorry, I'm going to have to vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?



Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Motion passes four to three. Thank you, appreciate your time.

Krista Lockyear: Thank you.

**(Motion carried 4-3/Councilmembers Bassemier, Hoy and Lloyd opposed)**

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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**A) RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT ZONE INVENTORY PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR ANCHOR INDUSTRIES, INC.**

President Wortman: Next would be new business for the resolution from the Airport Development Zone Inventory Property Tax Credit for Anchor Industries, Inc. Mr. Robling.

Mike Robling: Yes, several months ago I came and discussed the concept of the Airport Development Zone. There was a new incentive adopted by the legislature for Vanderburgh County back in 1997 that provides for businesses located in the vicinity of the Airport that go through the proper process to take advantage of the Enterprise Zone Inventory Tax credit. The process that's established calls for the Airport Authority Board to be the governing body. They have made a preliminary determination to designate the Anchor Industry properties. As an Airport Development Zone, the County Commissioners, as the County Executive, have given their approval to this designation. A tax impact analysis was done concerning this proposal and that study was distributed to all the underlying taxing districts as required by the statute. The Airport Authority held a public hearing on this matter last month and confirmed its preliminary designation and the final step in the process is you, as the fiscal body, need to approve the actual tax credits that Anchor Industries would realize as a result of this designation. The project is basically the same project that you approved tax abatement for several months ago. It's over a two million dollar expansion of their facilities on Highway 41 and Burch Drive and the installation of at least a quarter of a million dollars of new manufacturing equipment. There are representatives of Anchor Industries here if you have any questions about the project itself.

President Wortman: Any questions for Mr. Robling? Anybody? I think it's a pretty good deal for --

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilman Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd seconded. Any discussion? No discussion, call the roll please -- oh wait! Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Sutton, hold on.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Robling, I don't know if you might be able to answer or not on this, if we're talking about dollar-wise, how much benefit will this add?

Mike Robling: The actual tax revenue way is -- description of the tax impact study shows that to be a loss. The benefit of this is the initial investment in the community and jobs and so forth that will be created and the retention of Anchor as a major industrial company here in town.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess I am trying to get an idea on the dollar amount that this particular tax credit, what it will amount to dollar-wise.

Mike Robling: It will be a hundred percent of their -- it's broken up by taxing unit. I am not sure exactly what it --

Councilmember Hoy: Is it inventory tax?

Mike Robling: Pardon?

Mike Robling: It's inventory tax, right.

Councilmember Raben: It's very much just like what people in the Enterprise Zone realize. I mean, it's --

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess I am just trying to get an amount on what that would turn out to be.

Mike Robling: When you look through the -- the study is done by taxing unit for the County General Fund. It amounts to a loss of assessed value or a tax loss of \$18,000 the first year.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd, did you want to ask a question?

Councilman Lloyd: The intent of this is for the inventory located in the designated zone, isn't that correct?

Mike Robling: Right.

Councilman Lloyd: Okay, the value of that inventory or the tax amount that that inventory would be taxed. So --

Mike Robling: It would be about \$18,000 a year that would be foregone.

Councilman Lloyd: This was set up by the state legislature as an economic development tool for the Airport.

Mike Robling: Right, it was intended that there was going to be a loss of that income.

Councilman Lloyd: Right, so I mean, I think it's a good project.

President Wortman: And I think Brian Hasler from the State Representatives kind of spearheaded this. But if we get this through, I think it's a very good deal for around here too. So, any other discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Any employment gains that might be realized as a result of this if this were approved?

Mike Robling: They project that they would be creating 40 or so full-time jobs. Is that right, Mike?

Mike Elliott: I am Mike Elliott with the company. Forty new jobs, yes.

President Wortman: Thank you. Anybody got a question? Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I don't feel that that is a deprived area but Anchor has been in business here and give a lot of jobs and when he says forty jobs, we've approved different ones that's wanted two jobs, so I feel like that they deserve the consideration and I am going to vote for it and I -- but you get forty new jobs. We're losing \$18,000 one place. Forty people being employed there and paying taxes is going to come out to a lot more money.

President Wortman: Thanks, Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Hoy: I think I asked you this question last time, you said jobs are around eight dollars an hour. Is that correct?

Mike Elliott: I believe it is \$8.13 an hour for the new jobs, that is correct.

Councilmember Hoy: And you pay part of the health insurance as I recall.

Mike Elliott: For a single, we bear the whole cost. There is a small charge for the family.

Councilmember Hoy: And you have an IRA or something?

Mike Elliott: We have a 401(k) plan, that is correct.

President Wortman: Anybody got any other discussion? No discussion, okay...you just have one other comment.

Mike Robling: One other thing, I would point out that the criteria for designating an Airport Development Zone is very different than that of a tax abatement area. The only criteria for an Airport Development Zone is that there be investment of at least two million dollars and the creation of new jobs which this project clearly fills both of those criteria.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Mr. Elliott and Mr. Robling. Okay, if not, I am going to -- Mrs. Smith? No? Call for the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I am happy to say that we're able to, at least from my vote perspective, to lend some support behind a good solid company that is employing a good number of people here and paying a good wage and is an asset to our community. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I voted against this zone as you all know because I am concerned about covering land like that, and covering farmland, and covering land where you have drainage problems, which we have many of. But since that's been done, and since the jobs pay almost as much as we do -- you know, we went through this -- as we do at the Food Bank and this doesn't have to do with abatement, I am going to give you a reluctant yes because I think you've met the other criteria but I am still bothered by the level of pay in jobs in this whole community is way too low. People can't -- they simply must have two jobs and we don't have adequate child care and I think something is wrong when we don't pay people enough money. I am voting yes on it because it doesn't have to do with abatements.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes,

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I am going to echo what Mr. Sutton said. I appreciate Anchor Industries, the job they do for the community and I think this Airport Development Zone is a good project. I know the state legislature is looking at even eliminating the inventory tax, but until that time, projects like this help business to expand, so I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Thank you, gentlemen, for your time.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**B) RICHARD MOURDOCK, CHAIRMAN  
JAIL ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATION COMMITTEE**

President Wortman: Next on the agenda is Mr. Mourdock with the County Commissioners going to give us a little summary on the jail committee meeting. And Mr. Mourdock, would you state your name please?

Richard Mourdock: Sure, Richard Mourdock with the Vanderburgh County Commission. Let me start off by saying I am not asking for any money here today, so that ought to make the rest of this go easier.

Councilmember Sutton: Repeal, that would even be smoother.

Richard Mourdock: I can't go that far, Royce. You should have all received in your packet the interim jail assessment report and I have several folks here today who have been serving on the Blue Ribbon Committee and I will ask them to come to the microphone as appropriate. One of them being Russ Lloyd, on your side of the table; the other being Royce Sutton. Also, we have Harris Howerton with Community Corrections and Eric Williams is kind of subbing today for Chief Ellsworth, who is out of town. And that takes care of those who are present. By way of quick summary, in January of last year you will recall the County Commission, in response to several reports on jail overcrowding and unsafe conditions and improper hygiene in the jail, voted to form the Blue Ribbon Committee. We included on that committee all the various stakeholders of the county jail because we thought it very important if we were going to try to solve problems, that we get everyone involved with the process from the very beginning. There is a list that I will not go through specifically showing who all was on that committee. Again, it's simply emphasizing that we tried to get all the stakeholders involved. In setting down at the first meeting, we -- at least I was startled to learn something which was we do not have a problem with the jail overcrowding per se or even with the hygiene in the jail, per se. We started the meeting thinking we knew what the problem was, but our facilitator at the meeting, Dr. Sue Ellspermann, basically started going around the room asking each one of us to define a problem. In the course of an hour, we had identified 92 separate problems that we saw contributed to the jail problem that we have. And again, that led us to the conclusion, the jail overcrowding wasn't really the problem. It was merely a symptom of a whole series of problems that we have within the criminal justice system. That was kind of a revelation to us because it told us that it wasn't going to be meet once or twice, make a recommendation and then go home. We're going to have to look into all of those problems in quite a bit of detail. We started to break the problem down a little bit and the report that you have in front talks about those specific issues. We have changed some jail maintenance and upkeep procedures. We are presently in the process of having a major painting project go on in the jail which, Eric, correct me if I am wrong, but I think you were estimating it will be mid-summer when we complete that. Is that right?

Eric Williams: Twenty to twenty-five weeks.

Richard Mourdock: Twenty to twenty five weeks from now we will be finished with that. It isn't just a matter of putting paint on the walls, but it's moving people out of cells, making room for them so the painters can get in there. It's a coordination problem. One of the things that certainly led to the overcrowding was the fact that we had people in the jail who might otherwise be better served by being at Community Corrections. This Board, the County Council funded last year to create 25 new beds at Community Corrections and also to fund the leasing of 75 new electronic monitoring devices that's helping to empty out the jail a bit. The Prosecutor has changed some of this methods so we are no longer doing double booking which slows people through the process. That's been an important step for us and we're currently looking to see if over at the courts building we can open up another jail room so that we can book more cases concurrently, keep more people moving through the system. The conclusions that we've come to at this point, and these are again not conclusions to the point of coming here and making a request of you but just stating what we see as the primary reasons for overcrowding. Number one, fewer cases are being plea bargained today. Basically, people in the jail are willing to take their chances because stiffer sentences at the other end of their trial cause them to be less willing to plea bargain. Inmates pressured to negotiate sentences all the way up to the trial dates for the same reason. Police are acting more slowly due to the increased workload. That's not a condemnation of the police in any way, it's just that there are more hoops for them to jump through because Evansville is becoming more of regional center. We have a lot of bad check -- check bouncing that we're prosecuting and also, and I think most sadly of all, is we continue to see increasing drug use throughout the community, and that is really a major, major factor in what we've seen in criminal increase in the last few years. There are a series of assumptions listed and the most important assumption, basically, is on this chart that you all have and Eric Williams, who is also the computer geek of the Sheriff's Department, as I introduced him the other night, put these together and did a great job for us. If you follow the black line, you'll see that in the year 2002, the jail will be working daily at a 120% of its capacity and that clearly is something that is not acceptable to us in the long run. But if you also look at the chart, you'll notice there are two important breaks in the line of jail crowding where we drop way down. Interestingly, those two drops in the line correlate with the two times when there's been intense public interest on jail overcrowding. In other words, this one is when we started the January meetings this year and that was when basically a similar process took place in 1977. Those two breaks in the line tell us if we keep looking at the problem we can find a way to reduce the inevitable, which is that at some day, some day, we're going to have to build a new jail. So, what we're doing today in coming before you is in essence to ask for the County Council to give by way of voice vote or resolution or something, just the encouragement for the committee to continue to go forward to try to find ways to find new beds so that we aren't facing the day to day problem that we would otherwise foresee. You'll notice in the last part of the text there are basically eight recommendations that we're making to you today and basically stating, again, what we are trying to do as a committee. Number one is to be able to provide notice to everyone involved with this process which includes the County Council as far in advance as possible, hopefully five years, of when a new jail is required. Secondly, the board, the special Blue Ribbon Committee wants to continue to define possible alternatives that can help reduce overcrowding and defer the construction of the new jail. Third, we feel as a group we're well placed to secure possible funding methods beyond the conventional and we're willing to take that task on. Fourth, we will report back to this Council any additional funding needs prior to August 1st so that if there is anything coming up for the next budget year, you'll have those in plenty of time. Fifth, up to three members of the Blue Ribbon Committee are hoping to go to a national meeting in March up in Wisconsin, I believe, on reviewing how jail projects can best be done from funding through design. And by the way, Chief Ellsworth has agreed to pay for that out of the Commissary Fund. Number six, and there's, as you see, several bullets there, but one of the things or a series of the things we think we can do in the meantime prior to that day when we have to say we need to build a new jail, is to possibly contract with a private jail construction operation entity; adopt and utilize the PONI program which is for the planning of new institutions; contract jail space with surrounding jail facilities, perhaps another county jail near us that has some extra room; see if we can locate a facility suitable for housing women. Women prisoners happen

to be the largest growing group in the jail. Times have changed. We feel as a group we're well placed to assist in the design of a new jail and also we feel we could serve the function of contracting with the Indiana Department Of Corrections for long-term housing of inmates. The state will pay counties to house state prisoners because the jails and the prisons at the state are also filled to capacity. And that brings me, I guess, to one final conclusion here before I throw it open for questions and that is, one thing we've learned is that as a community, we are not alone. Virtually every community of any size across the country right now has jail overcrowding or they're bumping up against it for the same reasons that I spoke of earlier. Increased drug use across the county is up, violent crime seems to be going down but because stiffer sentences are out there, we've still got an increase in jail populations. So we're not alone. The nightmare scenario would be if Vanderburgh County rushed forward to build a new jail thinking we were going to solve the problem by going from two hundred and fifty-six beds to three hundred -- let's say to five hundred beds, we would expect within a year we'd fill up if we don't change the processes that cause people to be in jail. Literally, that has happened in a number of communities around the country. New jails have been built double or triple the expected size and within a year they've been filled and all of us as elected officials ought to be scared to death of having to deal with that situation. So I think the Blue Ribbon Committee has done an outstanding job in serving you as the fiscal group of government trying to make sure we use our dollars wisely. And again, I would ask this Council to give a letter of encouragement or resolution or whatever to ask that group to continue to stay in place to serve all of us. And with that, Eric or Harris, what did I leave out? Please feel free.

Harris Howerton: Harris Howerton, Executive Director of Vanderburgh Corrections Complex and member of the committee. Real quickly, I think early on perhaps some folks maybe thought we could get together, have a couple of meetings, resolve the issue and decide to build a new jail. Boom. Commissioner Mourdock just mentioned that would have been a really dumb thing to do. We adopted the model of the PONI, provided plenty of new institutions, provided to us by the National Institute of Corrections. We followed that model, we didn't have to wing it, we didn't have to make anything up, we followed that model. It's been working and now we think that we're coming to you to talk to you about the future and that we can make some good choices based on this model and we'll go from here.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

Harris Howerton: I'm sorry, real quick, Betty, I was in Terra Haute last week with a standards committee group and Hamilton County has just gone through this process in a two year period. It took them two years, but in a two year period they came to a point where they have hard dollar numbers on what they are going to do with their corrections and their jail complex in their community. Hamilton County, just north of Marion County north of Indianapolis, a community of 150,000 people, very much close to the size of ours. Thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you. Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Mourdock, you probably read the paper where the fire department is going to move out of this building and I think that's probably set aside for the city but I think it would be maybe smart if you would contact the mayor and see if you could get that because I think that's right along the jail that you might could expand it because I understand that everybody is after that piece of property.

President Wortman: Excuse me a minute, we've got to change the tape.

Councilmember Smith: Pardon me, not that piece of property but that part upstairs that under the circumstances that you all are working with it, working very hard, I think maybe if you could pursue that, you might could get some more to make it a little bit more convenient up there and supposedly the fire department is going to move out all their offices, so that's some space in there if you want to look at it.

Richard Mourdock: That's a very good suggestion. I've learned floor space in this building

disappears about as fast as popcorn at a theater. I've got a meeting with Steve Utley on another matter right after this meeting, but I will certainly keep that in mind, too, and pass that on to the rest of group.

Councilmember Smith: Well, that's probably been assigned to the city but you could probably go and talk with the mayor. You know, I don't think he probably has anything specific he wants to do with it.

Richard Mourdock: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: Did you all, and it may be in here, I haven't had a chance to read all this, did you all strike any kind of agreement of understanding with the Building Authority about maintenance of the jail?

Richard Mourdock: Yes, we did. There is a new policy put in place, basically, where there is an inspection form that's going back and forth. There is monthly communication. A work order will be issued and there is a group put together to come right back and deal with it. And that is an important point because for whatever reason, and I am just -- not pointing fingers, it's history -- the Building Authority seemed to think it was the jail, the jails problem. The jail felt that they are paying rent on the building, the Building Authority ought to take care of it. And for whatever reason, there got to be a lack of communication there, but it seems that has been resolved.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, we do pay rent on it.

Richard Mourdock: Yeah, we sure do.

Councilmember Hoy: We pay a lot of rent on that and that's why we pay the rent. I have a second question, I am happy to hear you say we're not going to double the jail because you're absolutely right. We'd fill it. I am looking at what the state legislature is proposing now and I've seen some things where they -- I think they want to add some absolutely absurd sentences to minor offenses and then we keep referring to prisons as a growth industry. I mean, I just, honest to God, I think that's the most absurd term I've heard in my whole life -- it's right up among the top ten. Has anybody -- a couple of more questions...I know, and I appreciate what you all did because it's hard work and I commend you on it. Along the way, was there any assessment as to why, in the richest nation in the world, we have more people in prison proportionately than any other developed nation? I mean, the number two nation, proportionately, is like so far below us in terms of proportion of people. Did anybody take a look at how come? Because --

Richard Mourdock: Let me break that in two parts, because first of all, the people in prisons in theory, in theory, virtually everyone sitting in the jail is innocent because in this country you're innocent until you're proven guilty and in theory the jail is only there as a holding facility until people are put through the process, in theory once they are convicted then they go to the state and then they are imprisoned. So that part of the prison population we didn't deal with. One other part of that, though, that we did discuss was what is the likelihood of Evansville's crime statistics continuing to mirror the national statistics because interestingly, right now we're not doing that. And the national statistics show that violent crime is going down and yet in our area that is not happening and it was -- it seemed to be the consensus -- this wasn't something put to a vote -- but it seemed to be a consensus of the law enforcement people, the Prosecutor and the judges there that we should expect to see that continue to be higher than what the national average is. And one of the reasons why again comes back to the drug situation and the fact that we are a regional center.

Councilmember Hoy: Because we definitely, if you look at demographic charts, we have -- like the whole country does -- an aging population. And generally, as the population ages, the crime rate will go down.

Richard Mourdock: That's right. But we have more and more people, because we're a

regional center, living somewhere else and coming here, bouncing checks, committing crimes, what have you.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, that's my last question --

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Hoy, before you go into your next question, can I give a brief answer maybe to maybe the reason why our jail population is as high as it is in relation to other nations. It really comes down to what you call covetousness and from a minister's standpoint you can understand what we're talking about. We're just a nation who wants more than what we can we sometimes afford and we want to get it when we want to get it, how we want to get it, using whatever means we need to get it. So sometimes those are illegal means and there is a cost that is paid to that. And I think as a nation, we bred that from a very young age and it bears itself out in our criminal justice systems. So that's probably the really basic answer that you can give. There are a number of tentacles that spread off from that, drug problems, and things like that but it really just comes to the basic answer is we want what we can't have.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, you know, tied with that is an astounding statistic and that is we comprise 6% of the world's population in this country and we use 40% of the world's goods. And I think maybe you're right. The last question I had and I don't want to beat an old issue, but is there any sense that the increase in bad checks has any connection with the presence of major gambling in this state and in this community?

Richard Mourdock: I might turn to Eric for that one to see. I don't know, he's handled some of the crime statistics for the county. We didn't discuss that as a board specifically. I do recall Prosecutor Levco saying at one time that the violent crime that we do have has not gone up as a result of the boat. It's higher than the national, but it hasn't gone up.

Councilmember Hoy: No, I was looking more at bad checks, the presence of check cashing places all over town and the springing up of new pawn shops --

Richard Mourdock: You and I share that same bias. I don't know that it's been proven.

Councilmember Hoy: I know we do. Yeah, it probably never will be, Commissioner Mourdock, but I certainly believe it.

Richard Mourdock: One other point that kind of comes back to several things you've seen and it's something that the group did talk about which is what is this community's viewpoint of who should be in jail, what is our level of acceptance as a community. What risk do we want to take to put people out on bond, for instance. And one of the recommendations that I suddenly realize that I failed to mention verbally, although it is in the report, is as a group or at least as a subset of the group, will take a look at having some community hearings during the next year to just see what the public sentiment is along those lines and about other things as well, dealing with the justice system.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Mourdock, let me refer to Phil, I think I took a class, too, and I think you're talking about why are more people in jail or whatever, I understand 70% of the people that are incarcerated is drug related, so I think that's the biggest problem now. Mr. Mourdock, talking about if we're going to build a new jail or we know eventually we're going to have to, I kind of like for the committee to -- you know, I've worked on it for several months on the jail facility, and I'd like to see your committee to continue to look into a facility that will be self-supporting. They're doing it across the river over in Owensboro. They got a 450 bed facility over there and it's self-supporting. You mentioned that several of the penitentiaries and the jails are, they're busting at their seams and there's a lot of them that can be released. They're non-violent, they're just waiting to be -- serve out their seven or eight months and I think if we get a facility that's large enough and we can house these, the state will pay up to \$45 per inmate and Eric has got the numbers, what it will cost us to house one. We can make, I know we're not in the business to make money, but



this facility can be self-supporting and...

Richard Mourdock: If not fully self-supporting, it can at least certainly contribute a great deal to the cost of operations. The latest numbers we had were something just over \$35, but the cost of housing here in our present jail is, I think, \$24 and 90 something cents. So there's ten bucks per day that could be coming in.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question. When you say self-supporting, you mean then the state pays it rather than us?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, the state will pay, you know, they just, the state here, Indiana just sent last year a hundred inmates from here over to Kentucky and it can work and I've got some names and I've got some numbers and I've got architects who can build these facilities, whatever. I'll be more than happy to share it.

Richard Mourdock: I think you must have given them my name because I've gotten mail from every one of those people.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I've got some new names and the Green Convention Center is out because I believe it's sold. I would like to say the annex over there, there's 27,000 feet over there for office space. There's service here, it's still open, it's not sold but the Green Convention Center, I think, is sold. If we're trying to open more space here in the Civic Center, I talked to Mr. Green a couple -- and this is not a sales pitch, I'm not getting nothing out of it, I'm not a realtor, but 27,000, I think 27,000 square feet over there is open for office space and he's willing to sell it, lease, however we want, however the county wants to do it. But I just wanted to pass that on.

Councilmember Hoy: I just wanted to clarify self-supporting because on the pay stub that I get here and at the Food Bank, there is a line for state taxes. So however it slices up, it's still tax money. I mean, that's my point. I don't disagree with you about -- with what you said, Councilman Bassemier, but we're still talking about tax dollars that -- you know, they're very expensive tax dollars to say the least and I admire what our crew does in the jail. I've done jail ministry and I don't know how they handle it. It's a headache. I admire what they manage there and I'm glad we're on the road to making some changes.

Richard Mourdock: And that's a very good point in the sense that I would encourage any of you to contact the Sheriff's Department and take a tour of the jail. It was very eye-opening for me to do that early on in the process. If you haven't done that, you really should do that as elected officials.

Councilmember Hoy: You're looking for a resolution from us today?

Richard Mourdock: Yes sir.

Councilmember Hoy: What would you like?

Richard Mourdock: Just continuing support and endorsing the activities that we're pursuing.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I move that this Council offer gratitude to this committee for the work done and offer our continuing support as they work toward some kind of solution.

President Wortman: Good, well said. Have we got a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Councilman Lloyd: As the Council representative on the committee, I'd like to echo what Chairman Mourdock has said. It's been very tedious moving through these meetings when you talk about all the different agencies that are involved: Sheriff, Prosecutor, the courts, SAFE House, Commissioners, Building Authority, Council and the city, the Police Chief,

and we're still looking at process improvements. We haven't ruled that out yet, but what we're saying is we've got to find a way to find more bed space. The National Institute of Corrections, the national organization that came through, recommended that we keep this committee going so they think it's a good pro-active way to look at this problem. So, I mean, I agree with Mr. Hoy's motion and I'd like the Council to vote to continue this process and have it move forward.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? If not, I am going to call for a raising of hands in support. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. That completes that.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**C) APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH SHERIFF BRAD ELLSWORTH**

President Wortman: Now we've got to go to C, the approval of the Vanderburgh County Contract with the Sheriff, Brad Ellsworth. I'll entertain a motion to that effect. You've got the paper in front of you there, the contract.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

President Wortman: And then a second.

Councilman Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion on this? If not raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**D) FILING DATE FOR APPROPRIATIONS/TRANSFERS/REPEAL REQUESTS**

President Wortman: Okay, the filing date February 12th is on the agenda, so anything else to come before this Council?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes. Yeah, because I know you're quick. I've got to jump in there awfully fast. I've got a question. I know you guys were going to meet with the Convention & Visitors Bureau, I guess, concerning this whole issue with the Pagoda. I think this is what we left with last week. Did you guys get a chance to --

President Wortman: We've done that.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, I mean, what were your...what were your findings?

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith, do you want to...

Councilmember Smith: Curt Wortman and I met with them and also DiLegge, he came, and I think the meeting was very productive because after we left, my daughter is on that committee, it was discussed that they needed to take a good look at it because we let them know that every one of us felt very strong about it and I wish more of you had been there but -- and then first they...first they kind of took it as we were threatening them and I said well, if they didn't want to keep their word about what the building was used for, we might better take a good look at anything they bring in front of us because we might want to pin them down a little more. So if they took it as a threat, I'm sorry, but I feel very strong about it and so I asked them to get back to us and Curt was there, too, and he told them that the Council was all very concerned with it. So we haven't heard anything. I thought maybe they might bring something back today, but they haven't. But we let them know in no uncertain terms that we all felt about the same way.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I have a comment. And this may be comparing apples to oranges, I don't know, but a good friend of mine's daughter and son-in-law to be wanted to get married at that little park at Fourth & Main and that is owned by the bank...and they were refused because the bank said that they thought they would have too many weddings there. And I got to thinking, -- yeah! No, I am not making this up. No, I am not kidding you.

Councilmember Smith: It's a park.

Councilmember Hoy: But it's owned, privately owned. And we're looking at a plaza at the foot of Main -- you know, they may come -- I don't know. And here we've got another facility that we were told was created for the public and you can't rent it. And then we say we want people downtown. I think that's a curious equation. That's all I wanted to say.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, this is what I told them and I said I do not believe that many people walk in here after 5:00. And even if they do, by renting it out, when you get 100 to 150 people in there, there's a lot more that's going to walk in off the street. But I think it's probably the scheduling of their employees and I think their employees came back to the board and they just had a little bit more work than they wanted to do and I think they were the ones that talked the board into discontinuing it. But I think they took a look at what we said.

Councilmember Sutton: Councilwoman Smith and President Wortman, are we anticipating a formal response, written response from the Convention Bureau's board?

President Wortman: Yeah, we left it such that they'll get back with us and go over it again and consider it, I think. Is that the way to say it, Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Sutton: Perhaps maybe they may want to come before Council, too and --

President Wortman: Yeah, he didn't say when, Mr. Sutton. But we let them know -- Mrs. Smith and I. Yeah, she handled it pretty good. She did right good. She's pretty tough when she gets the clutches after your. Okay, anything else to come before this Council? I want to thank all the young whippersnappers from North High School out there.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, I had a gentleman call me the other day and I don't think the County has got an ordinance. I know the city has, about parking big semi trucks in private and residential areas. And on Shoney Drive out by Indian Woods, right now there's been five different people parking there every night. And so when the man called me I asked him to take some pictures of it and bring them back to me. So he took some pictures but somebody else picked them up. And I would like to ask our attorney to check to see if we have any ordinance that they could put teeth into, because if you park five semi trucks down a street, it makes the street crowded and even though it's in the county we've got a lot of developments in the county and we do not have an ordinance, I don't think. And I have a copy of the city's here.

President Wortman: You might check with Area Plan. They have jurisdiction a lot of times.

Councilmember Smith: They have jurisdiction, but when there is a problem and to call them, they can't put any teeth in it and give them any tickets. But the Sheriff's Office can if there is an ordinance against it.

Jeff Ahlers: I think the Commissioners deal with those kind of ordinances. I mean, I can talk to Joe and see if he knows of one.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, but here's the city's in case --

Jeff Ahlers: Okay. Yeah, give me that and I'll ask Joe if there's a counterpart with the Commissioners and that will be an issue for you to take up with the Commissioners. They would need to pass that kind of ordinance.

President Wortman: Okay. Anything else to come because we've got to get out of here, Area Plan meets this evening. So if nobody else why, I'll hear a motion for adjournment.

Councilman Lloyd: Motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**(Meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.)**

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Curt Wortman

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Vice President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Phil Hoy

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**MARCH 3, 1999**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 3rd day of March in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:37 p.m. by County Council President Curt Wortman.

President Wortman: The Vanderburgh County Council is now in session this March the 3rd and well start off with the roll call please. Madam Secretary, call the roll.

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

President Wortman: Would you please stand and pledge allegiance?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, do you want the Sheriff to open the meeting?

President Wortman: Well have a little change on the agenda. Would the Sheriff open the meeting please?

(Meeting was opened by Sheriff Brad Ellsworth)

President Wortman: Okay, now well pledge allegiance. Thank you.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
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President Wortman: Well move on to approval of the minutes from the February meeting and Ill entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilman Lloyd: So moved.

Councilmember Smith: 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)**

**RESOLUTION FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DESIGNATE PAYMENT OF**  
**VANDERBURGH COUNTY HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUNDS TO A FUND FOR THE**  
**OPERATION OF THE EVANSVILLE AUDITORIUM AND CONVENTION CENTRE**

President Wortman: Were going to change the agenda from the appropriations under five, were going to insert the resolution for the Hotel/Motel Tax. Well hear from different ones

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and then also, right after that well hear the resolution on the PERF. Hopefully, theyll be able to fax them both up to the House of Representatives.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, to get this on the floor Id like to move approval.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, got a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, the resolution on the Hotel/Motel Tax?

President Wortman: Yeah.

Councilmember Smith: You know, I think we waited till the very last minute on this and I cannot believe that County Commissioner Rick Borries voted to spend thirty-five million dollars and didnt have any plans for operation or maintenance. So we get this right at the last to try to cover. They should have done that when they made the plans. I would have never voted to spend thirty-five million dollars over there, but since its there, we have to maintain it. But I think from now on we should take a look at when people come and they want the Council to vote on something. We need to know what they have in mind further down the road. This was done in 1997 and in 1998, in February, I think it was, we appropriated another 1.5 million out of the Visitors Bureaus money to put back in walls they took out to bring it under budget of thirty-five million dollars. I just think its terrible. Were faced with a problem now that weve got to do something about.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mrs. Smith. Okay, weve got a motion on the floor and discussion. Now, anyone want to speak thats here representing the Convention & Visitors Bureau? Would they come forward please?

David Dunn: Hi, my name is David Dunn and Im the President of the Convention & Visitors Bureau.

President Wortman: Okay, thats fine. Mr. Dunn is the President and we can ask him questions, wed like to limit the time here if we can because weve got a long agenda today and we want to do this in a friendly manner. Thank you. Proceed, Mr. Dunn.

David Dunn: Ive read the resolution that has been proposed from the Finance Committee and there has been work done to come up with an amendment to the current legislation that would allow for up to two-thirds of the three percent Tourism Capital Development money to be earmarked for a six year period that would allow for operating deficits to be addressed at The Centre and Id like to see that included in the resolution.

President Wortman: Any comments now from the Councilmen?

Councilmember Smith: Isnt that included in there, that its for a six year period to 2005? The bottom line, Mr. Dunn. Do you have a copy of this?

Councilmember Raben: There is a sunset.

Councilmember Smith: Youre welcome to see this one if you havent.

David Dunn: Okay, what Im referring to would be language that needs to be changed with the current legislation at the state level. Id like to see the language of that piece of legislation also to be included with the resolution that County Council is going to be reviewing today.

Jeff Ahlers: Its attached, the second page. Does he have the most recent copy? If not, Ive got an extra one right here.

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David Dunn: Okay, yes.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, one of the concerns that the Bureau has shared with me is that they obtain copies of the Ogden financial reports for The Centre and after we vote on this I intend to make a motion that this Council request that they receive those reports when we do.

President Wortman: We'd possibly have to go through the Commissioners on that. They would submit them to them, I would say, and then they in turn would submit them to us.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well, I'll still after this go on record as making that statement.

President Wortman: Okay, I might add that this past Monday that Mr. Dunn, Mr. Vezzoso, Mrs. Payne and Dolli, Jim Raben, myself and the news was there and we discussed this and ironed it out in a friendly manner and I think that we really accomplished something, so I am pleased and the Council is. I'm hoping everybody has read it and understands it. Anybody that doesn't understand it, ask questions now before we fax it up to the House of Representatives here right after the meeting.

David Dunn: Mr. President, I need to make sure that everyone understands my position in this. This has not been presented to our full commission as well. I've called a meeting to share that with them tomorrow so officially I'm not able to take action on this, but the committee that was formed to work out the compromise as you had mentioned and identified has, in fact, reviewed this, and are comfortable with it, and are intending to recommend to our full board that they support this unanimously.

President Wortman: And that will take place tomorrow?

David Dunn: Yes sir.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions before we call for a vote? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Is it the assumption that by diverting this tax for the use of The Centre that The Centre, at that point, year 2005 will either make up that shortfall or in and of itself will be self-supporting with the revenue that it generates from various shows, conventions, etc?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I can address that if you like. Councilman Sutton, that was, in fact, the determining factor in reaching a compromise and it is certainly the intent of both parties that were present that by that year it should be sufficient or borderline sufficient. If it's not at that point, then we obviously have more problems than just funding it. Then we need to address, do we have the right party involved in managing the facility. I mean, there will be bigger decisions to make other than just this and at year 2005, we may have to come to another compromise with the Bureau. But this buys us six years to test the waters and hopefully by then we'll know exactly what we've got.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think my question really goes further than that, beyond this six hundred some odd thousand that this will generate. My question reflects, okay, is it the intent of this, the period that we're looking at, that it will just up this \$600,000? Will it, in fact, because we've got other tax dollars that are going in to pay for the expenses on this as well, is it the intent that we will also make up that ground as well?

Councilmember Raben: If I understand you correctly, in this agreement it was always my intent that first the Innkeepers Tax would satisfy the deficit, okay? And the remainder would be made up by General Fund money. Is that what your question is?

Councilmember Sutton: Right because, I mean, too -- if the operation of The Centre is more than just Innkeepers Tax here.



Councilmember Raben: Right, exactly. And again, the Innkeepers Tax will always satisfy the debt before we use our own funds, okay? I mean, its used first. If the deficit is greater than what that two-thirds raises, yes, we have to make it up with General Fund monies.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, because I guess the reason why I ask that is because a facility of this size, I am confident that we do have, we will have a strong management team pitching shows and things like that for this facility, but I guess it has been the history of these type of facilities, not just here but just really all across if youll look around and do a little research, that its really pretty odd that they are fully self-supporting based upon the revenue that they generate. Now it would be nice if we could get to that point where it could be self-supporting, but I guess when we look at where we might be, I dont know what projections Ogden has put together for The Centre. Id be very interested in seeing what those projections are in terms of what we may take in income-wise, but I am just hoping that were not of the assumption that when we get to the year 2005, that the revenue will exceed the expenses on this facility.

Councilmember Hoy: I think your question is a good question and I think we need to be candid with the public. The revenue that comes in to any venue, whether it be this one or the stadium does not retire the indebtedness. The revenue from the stadium is not retiring the bonds there, the taxpayers are. We have to decide and weve decided that we want this kind of facility. If you go to see Garth Brooks, youre subsidized; if you go to see Neil Diamond like I did, youre subsidized. If you go to the Victory to see a concert or ballet or whatever, youre subsidized. I think that goes with the territory and I think we are going to be facing using some General Funds for this just as we did in the past with the old auditorium; thats my candid response to your question. I think we will be looking at budgeting it. By the time we reach 2005, well be dealing with a larger budget and this subsidy will be a smaller percentage of that budget. I think thats when we will have to deal with it.

Councilmember Sutton: I think maybe the other question that I would have or comment, I guess we could rephrase it, is when we look at this particular facility and its budget, we still really dont have a budget that clearly gives us a clear idea of what the cost will be and I think we really need to have a good idea of what the expenses are going to be. Obviously, were not going to be able to staff the new Centre with the number of staff persons that we had at the old facility, so if we could get a better idea from the Commissioners on where we stand on expenses on this facility because its obviously going to be a very large expense and hopefully, well be able to undertake all those expenses with what weve done here or what we might do here today. But just, I dont want to hold this out much longer with the unknowns.

President Wortman: Let me, Mr. Sutton and the rest of the Councilmembers, let me at an April meeting, see if I can come up with something from the Commissioners, a projection on that. What the expenses could be and have them report here to the Council. Does that sounds alright? Okay, Mr. Dunn?

David Dunn: If I may be permitted to comment on some of Councilman Suttons remarks. Likewise, that was part of our issue as well when being asked to support this financially. Because there are no numbers, we werent very comfortable because theres an estimate of up to two million dollars but there is nothing to substantiate that. But in good faith we have gone ahead and committed these funds. I think its important, also, to know that in order for us to have accomplished this because of the other financial obligations that we had made up to this point including the 1.5 million dollars, weve had to restructure some existing commitments that we made and it has literally tied up all the funds that we have including the additional one percent that were not talking about here. We had some reserve money that we were accumulating for future projects, that money is all going to have to go into the total financial plan that allows us to make this type of commitment, so essentially, what were doing is were tying up all of our money right now, the full three percent in some fashion or another, mainly with the 1.5 million that we have committed to

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The Centre as well as the two-thirds that's going to go to the operations. I think it's important that everyone understand that. The other thing, too, as we work through this compromise, clearly, it was our intent that if, in fact, the operational deficit does come below the committed two-thirds, then the amount of money that we would be expending would reduce during that period. So when we were saying we were committing up to two-thirds of that three percent, then if, in fact, Ogden is successful in quickly turning this thing around, then we would be able to realize some savings there and start to rebuild that fund for capital improvements for other projects.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, the other remark that I'd like to add to the one I made about subsidy, because that is such a dirty word in our society except that the street in front of my house is subsidized. I didn't pay it, everybody paid for it. You know, it's just the way we live in a civilization. That is, that this convention business is going to bring a great deal of money into the city, a lot more than we've been bringing in. This facility will bring in trade shows and entertainers and conventions that we haven't been able to bring in before and we need to see the upside of it and that is the income that's going to be brought in with this fine facility.

David Dunn: As we had reported to you before in the past, we have commissioned several studies over the years that show the impact that tourism has on Vanderburgh County. And our last study was conducted in 1996. At that time, the impact on tourism was \$212,000,000 to Vanderburgh County. I mean, it's a significant impact that it has on the entire county. Interestingly enough, and I know that this morning's editorial indicated that the hoteliers received the lion's share of that, but locally in Vanderburgh County only 18% of the expenditures go to the hoteliers. Clearly 82% of the dollars that are brought in for tourism go to all the other services that support tourism outside of the hotel business. It's big business, the hoteliers are happy to participate and support this, but clearly the lion's share of it doesn't come back to us as previously indicated.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, could I interrupt? Before we carry this on much further, it's five minutes till five in Indianapolis, so could we --

President Wortman: Okay, the spokesman, you represent the Convention and nobody else wants to speak from your bureau now, I hope, possibly. Mrs. Payne, would you want to speak and then we've got another gentleman there, he wants to. So you go ahead, Mrs. Payne.

Joy Payne: Hi, I'm Joy Payne. I'm a member of the Visitors & Convention Bureau. I just really lightly want to touch on what Jim was saying earlier so we can clarify how the reporting of these monthly expenses is going to be provided to the Convention Bureau. As David said, we still have to discuss this with the rest of our board tomorrow and one of our members in particular is quite concerned about this. Then you mentioned something about that has to go through the County Commission, which this body would have no ruling over.

Councilmember Raben: Well, we'll make it happen. I promise you, it'll happen.

Joy Payne: Okay, so that's in the minutes, we're going to make it happen.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Mrs. Payne. Okay, Mr. Leonard, do you want to say a few words for a couple minutes here?

Geoff Leonard: I was told to make it fast.

President Wortman: State your name please.

Geoff Leonard: Oh, I'm sorry. Geoff Leonard. I am just here as a taxpayer, an involved one, which are few sometimes and far between. I want to preface by saying I would have lunch or dinner with any of you after the meeting, so it's nothing personal but I think there

are some views that need to be spoken before this happens. Im here today, frankly, as a voice in the wilderness to implore you to please reconsider and vote down this proposal. Weve been talking about what we get from it. We havent talked about what we lose. Raiding the capital improvement fund will be a bastardization of the express intent of its original creation. Countless projects to improve our county will be unable to further develop while many will not even be attempted because the opportunity to properly utilize this fund will cease to exist. Were talking about projects like the Reitz Home, the Museum, the Learning Center, Mesker Zoo, Burdette Park. A lot of those things that tourists do when theyre not sitting in meetings in a convention center. It was suggested and apparently now is in black and white that Council only use this fund until 2005. I dont think I really need to remind the county that the Food & Beverage Tax was instituted solely to build a new airport and then its gone. Thats the commitment. Well, we found a new use for that tax. We found a new use for that pot of money. Government is becoming a perverted adolescent breast-feeder, unable to wean itself from newly found pots of money. And its always at the expense of someone else. This proposed action is another example of our county government not taking responsibility, real responsibility for a county facility. We have the Coliseum nearby, the Old Court House, those have been dumped off on to not-for-profit groups to try and maintain and take care of, much like a child who gets a stack of new toys at Christmas and by New Years Day is bored with those and tosses them aside for someone else to take care of in favor of a new shinier toy. I thought it was ironic that just last night, two mayoral candidates pledged to provide an open and responsive city government which brings up several questions. Why have we not regularly, clearly disclosed the total cost of this project? We know its a thirty-five million dollar bond issue, we know that there is an additional million and a half from the very fund thats now being eliminated effectively for six years, but there is also three quarters of a million dollars from Casino Aztar which was granted to that project as part of them getting a license. So were at 37 million dollars and Ive yet to see that figure in the media. My other question is why not a referendum? If you cant pay to run it, surely you knew that. Someone, Commissioners, Council, should have known that two years ago or when the project first started. Why not last fall go during the election, have a referendum, and say we have a choice. We either have to raise property taxes -- a hush fell over the room -- or we have to sacrifice any further supported development at all of these public facilities that you all utilize and let the public tell you how they would prefer to pay for it. But we didnt do that. I also wonder why were saying two percent instead of identifying a specific cap limit. Up to two percent gives some flexibility. Theres not nearly as much motivation to turn a profit if you know youve got more money to play with and the need should be decreasing over those six years as the amount of Hotel/Motel Taxes increase. So the two percent is going to get more, there is going to be more there to rely on instead of less. Then the question, if its an open government, is to why was this a last minute action? As a citizen, my first thought is well, by just proposing this one week before the deadline it avoids any bothersome involvement from the taxpayers. It avoids any bothersome involvement from organizations that will be affected for six years by this action. I also think its very ironic -- and this is why it didnt happen sooner -- one year ago, the County went to the Convention & Visitors Bureau and said we have to have a million and a half dollars for two escalators and a movable wall and we need that money from the Capital Improvement Fund. They got their money and now they are slamming the door shut on any other organization to have the opportunity to even apply for that funding for up to six years. You say, well then how do we pay for it? Well, first of all, I would say fund it through the budget that exists. You say, well then we would have to cut something else out. Thats right. Thats what your county taxpayers do every day of their life. We have so much money to spend. We need a new roof, a new furnace, and could sure use a new car, but we can only afford two of those things. So we say well, well put on a new roof and buy a new furnace to protect our investment. The old car dont look too good, but she gets you where you need to go. And perhaps this county government should have looked at things and said well, we may have to put that on the back burner because were going to protect this investment within the budget that we have allotted to us at this time or God forbid, pass a small increase in property taxes. It was interesting that in the paper, there was a quote that it would be political suicide for there to be a sharp increase in property taxes. I have to wonder where

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the sharp increase comes from. The \$657,000 being requested is nine/tenths of one percent of the countys \$71,000,000 annual budget. So to a taxpayer, it looks like well, if we raise property taxes one percent, we can cover a one percent increase in expenditures which means for a taxpayer, if I am paying \$1,000 in property taxes, now Ive got to pay \$1,010 in property taxes to have that kind of a facility. To kind of put it in perspective, it was just in the paper this morning that Warrick County is considering a 43% increase in their Economic Development Tax and if we could have done this with a one percent increase, I think the public would have understood. My fear is that this is going to become a campaign tool and later in the year were going to hear people parading around town saying look, look, how I helped save you a million dollars in property taxes. But if youre not saying it, theres going to be at least one person saying it, saying yes, but look at what projects they denied the potential for funding for six years. There is an expense. And we wonder why is the public apathetic. Oh, the voters dont care, you know, we just do it. I say first of all, past history, promises made about the Beverage and Food Tax didnt come to fruition and now there is a promise for six years -- I am almost finished, Im sorry. The media doesnt always help. The article had a headline, Hotel Tax Deal Okayed on Funding The Centre, so it looks to the public like it was a done deal and it wasnt all ironed out yet. The nature of how this was done at the last minute and rushed through makes the public feel like, whats the point? Theyre going to do what they want to do anyway. I just cant stand to see our system of government fall to that point so I had to come and voice an opinion from a taxpayers standpoint and from an opposing viewpoint and if by any chance you came into this whole discussion undecided, I am asking you to vote no and lets take responsibility for the facility and make it work without being at the expense of other efforts.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Leonard, for your comments. Anybody else want to speak to this issue? Dont see anybody. Were going to call for a vote and Madam Secretary, would you have a roll call vote please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Im going to vote yes but its one of the hardest things Ive ever done.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Leonard, I appreciate the comments. I think they should be well taken in terms of, in light of the whole process and maybe the hurried fashion the way this was carried forth. I think we should take some pause maybe in future things and really expeditiously get to the point where we can get a good handle on what the cost will be on this very large, very expensive facility. As well, a very difficult vote as well, but Im going to vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Mrs. Smith and I were not on Council when The Centre was approved and we looked at this as a possible solution to the funding problem. Id also like to point out, I commend Councilman Raben and Councilman Wortman on their work and also the Convention & Visitors Bureau. I appreciate all the work you did and Ill vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Okay, I appreciate the Convention & Visitors Bureau working with us. They are very cooperative and they bent over backwards to get this money, so I think they should be (inaudible) and I am going to vote yes.

(<sup>1</sup>Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PAGODA RENTAL

President Wortman: Six on the agenda is the PERF, you have it in front of you here. A resolution, Senate Bill 651 --

David Dunn: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Excuse me, did you want to comment?

David Dunn: Council had requested that the Convention & Visitors Bureau revisit an issue regarding the Pagoda and Id like to report back on that if I may interject at this point.

President Wortman: Real quickly. Thank you.

David Dunn: Our board last year had made a decision to discontinue rental of the Pagoda, had notified the Council of that decision. It was very unpopular and we were asked to revisit that issue. We have done so and Ive got a copy for everyone that illustrates that having revisited the issue, our board continues to stand by its original decision to not utilize that facility as a banquet facility any longer.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Dunn.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, did you call for a motion on the PERF resolution?

President Wortman: Not yet. Mr. Dunn wanted to comment on this here. He reported back to the Council.

Councilmember Smith: I think we could go ahead and vote for that so they could send it off and then he could finish if he doesnt mind to wait.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else, Mr. Dunn?

David Dunn: No.

(Discussion Continued after Perf Resolution Vote)

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 1888 & SENATE BILL 651  
TO INCREASE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES  
RETIREMENT FUND (PERF)

Councilmember Hoy: I call for the order of the day. You put it on the floor, lets vote.

President Wortman: Okay, weve got a motion on the floor on the PERF.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

<sup>1</sup>Copy of signed resolution attached.

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Councilman Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Alright, 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 Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, that completes that.

**(<sup>2</sup>Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Now were going to go, if theres no other questions on anything, were going to proceed with the appropriation ordinance. Mr. Raben, would you proceed with A, the Sheriff/Jail, please?

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, I think maybe Mr. Dunn wasnt finished. Were you not finished? We asked him to wait until we voted on that.

President Wortman: Was you finished, Mr. Dunn?

David Dunn: Just that, I make myself available to answer any questions --

President Wortman: Yeah, he just presented it like he said he would and come back. Does anybody want to ask Mr. Dunn anything in reference to the report he had on the rental of the Pagoda? Dont see none. Youre excused.

Councilmember Hoy: I think theyve already heard my disappointment with that decision and will probably hear it again and again because I think its the wrong decision.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, I think its the wrong decision, too, and maybe theyll look at the revenues that if they promote it they could bring in to the Visitors Bureau.

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<sup>2</sup>**Copy of signed resolution attached.**

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Councilmember Raben: I would certainly echo that as well. If I look at the \$21,000 revenue on forty-two events and think the facility was never even promoted, never given a chance. It is a beautiful facility and it would sure be nice to share it with the entire community.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd?

Councilman Lloyd: I just had a question. By the policy thats been adopted, if there was an industrial prospect, would that be available to have some kind of reception on the roof for them or does this mean we wouldnt do that? Thats just a question I had.

David Dunn: An industrial prospect?

Councilman Lloyd: Yeah, like say a supplier to Toyota or someone along those lines.

David Dunn: Mainly, the issue was the first floor; thats where the majority of all our receptions were always held. When the building was available for rental they could use the first floor as well as the open area at the top, but due to weather conditions it was only the first floor enclosed area that ever was utilized. People would go up on the upper deck at times but it was never sold separately or simultaneously with anything on the lower level. Its a small area, weve got concerns about -- I mean, weve had damage already to that area. Were experiencing leaks inside the building because of the tremendous foot traffic that weve received so far. Were certainly not discouraging foot traffic up there because it is open to the public, but it wasnt an area that was very popular for rentals. It was that lower level that was the issue.

(Inaudible -- Councilmember Hoy and Sutton simultaneously asked for the floor)

Councilmember Lloyd: Can I finish? I wasnt finished. I was just going to mention it. Someone had asked me that and I wasnt sure of the policy. I know you guys worked on a compromise and I appreciate that. I dont think its the Councils business to micro manage a facility, but I had hoped that some kind of an accommodation would be made, so anyway, thats just my thoughts.

President Wortman: Now, Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: First of all as I understand it, the first floor is still open for free public events. Is that correct or incorrect? For example, there was a young man that held an event there, I believe it was on a Sunday afternoon. The Visitors Center was still open, he had some bands come in and play. It was Community Unity Day, was the name of that. There was no charge because he was non-profit. Its still open for that kind of event, is that correct?

David Dunn: Were going to continue to keep the facility open on a public basis. As a matter of fact, next week weve got Doctors Day where theres a number of exhibits thats going to be set up. Its an event that weve done in the past and were going to continue to utilize it in that fashion, yes.

Councilmember Hoy: I saw that and thats one reason I asked the question and were doing an event. A bunch of the youth groups are doing an event called Stand For Children and we used the museum but may want to spill over into that area. Its on a Sunday afternoon. I assume that it would be available for that sort of event also.

David Dunn: Not knowing what your total plans are, Mr. Hoy, we would certainly be receptive to talk to you.

Councilmember Hoy: Were very similar to Doctors Day except were not doctors, thats the only difference.

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David Dunn: It would be an event that the public could participate in?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, it is a public event. The other question I have, you mentioned damage and leaks. Is this damage on the upper floor?

David Dunn: On the roofs portion of it.

Councilmember Hoy: Do we have any recourse with this architect with the construction firm?

David Dunn: Were working through that right now.

Councilmember Hoy: It would seem to me...okay, I see several people shaking their heads yes. Good. After 1.5 million bucks, man, I expect a roof to hold and I'm sure you do, too.

David Dunn: So do we and were diligently working on that now.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: I want to thank Joy for all of her hard work. Curt and I sat down with her and she had it all documented. The woman worked hard at it, went back and made a proposal and I want to thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got anything for Mr. Dunn? Thank you, I appreciate your time and effort.

David Dunn: Thank you.

President Wortman: Much obliged. Were going to have a short pause here until some people get done organizing.

**(Tape changed at 4:10 p.m.)**

<p><b>REQUEST CONCERNING MONTHLY REPORTS FROM OGDEN</b></p>
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President Wortman: Number five, Appropriation Ordinance. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, before I start the appropriations I'm going to go ahead and make a motion that this body express to the County Commissioners that any documentation in regards to revenues, monthly reports from Ogden be forwarded to the Convention & Visitors Bureau.

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

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Alright, any discussion on that? If not, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Motion passes. Thank you.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<p><b>REQUEST FOR OPERATIONAL COSTS FROM BUILDING AUTHORITY FOR THE CENTRE</b></p>
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Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion that we request from the Building Authority and the Commissioners a more definite idea of what the operational costs are going to be. Surely by this time -- that's a motion, I shouldn't comment. That's just a motion that we request that. I'll comment later.

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

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second, Mrs. Smith. Any discussion on that?

Councilmember Hoy: My comment is, is that surely by this time they ought to have some idea of what it is going to cost. I think we should know that and the public should know that. Thank you.

President Wortman: I think it would be good for everybody to know that, the public, everybody, and I think hopefully, by the April meeting we can have that and everybody can be happy. Okay, now then, are we --

Councilmember Hoy: (Inaudible)

President Wortman: We've got to vote. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Now then, anything else?

Councilmember Raben: One thing for sure, you can bet they'll have one for us by August.

<b>APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE</b>
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**A) JAIL**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'm going to move on to the Jail. I'm going to move approval of 1051-2200 Jail Expense in the amount of \$30,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? If not, 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.

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Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-2200	JAIL EXPENSE	30,000.00	30,000.00
TOTAL		30,000.00	30,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

B) ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Armstrong Township Assessor, Ill move approval of 1100-3130 and 1100-3140 and I make that in the form of a motion. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion? Call the 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR	REQUESTED	APPROVED
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1100-3130	TRAVEL	800.00	800.00
1100-3140	TELEPHONE	900.00	900.00
TOTAL		1,700.00	1,700.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

C) VOTERS REGISTRATION

President Wortman: Voters Registration, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Ill move approval of 1220-3700 in the amount of \$80.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Second, Mr. Sutton. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

VOTERS REGISTRATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1220-3700	DUES	80.00	80.00
TOTAL		80.00	80.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

D) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

President Wortman: Proceed with Superior Court please.

Councilmember Raben: Uh, County Commissioners: 1300-3471 Abstracts in the amount of \$9,150, and 1300-3021 Hillcrest-Washington Home \$5,981, for a total of \$15,131 and I make that in the form of a motion.

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President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3471	ABSTRACTS	9,150.00	9,150.00
1300-3021	HILLCREST - WASHINGTON	5,981.00	5,981.00
TOTAL		15,131.00	15,131.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

E) SUPERIOR COURT

President Wortman: Superior Court, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of 1370-1661-1370 Public Defender in the amount of \$21,859; the next two items 1370-1770-1370 be set in at zero, 1370-1801-1370 also be set in at zero and they are going to take that before the Job Study; 1370-1900 FICA should read \$1,673; 1370-1910 PERF should read \$1,257, for a total of \$24,789.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Second Mr. Sutton. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-1661-1370	PUBLIC DEFENDER	21,859.00	21,859.00
1370-1770-1370	CLERICAL ASST.	7,080.00	0.00
1370-1801-1370	SM. CLAIM SECRETARY	7,080.00	0.00
1370-1900	FICA	2,756.00	1,673.00
1370-1910	PERF	2,072.00	1,257.00
TOTAL		40,847.00	24,789.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

F) COUNTY COUNCIL

President Wortman: County Council, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, Ill move approval of 1480-1971, 1480-1900 and 1480-1910 for a grand total of \$56,700.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Second Mr. Sutton. 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.

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Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-1971	ACCRUED PAYMENTS	50,000.00	50,000.00
1480-1900	FICA	3,825.00	3,825.00
1480-1910	PERF	2,875.00	2,875.00
TOTAL		56,700.00	56,700.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

G) LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

President Wortman: Next, Local Roads & Streets Fund.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, Ill move approval of 2160-4364 in the amount of \$1,231.

Councilmember Sutton: 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?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2160-4364	MT. PLEASANT RD. RRX	1,231.00	1,231.00
TOTAL		1,231.00	1,231.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS
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- A) TREASURER
- B) CORONER

President Wortman: Now weve got two transfer requests, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, Ill move that we approve both transfer requests for both the Treasurer and the Coroner as submitted.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Second (Inaudible). 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

TREASURER	REQUESTED	APPROVED
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FROM: 1030-2700	OTHER SUPPLIES	2,000.00	2,000.00
TO: 1030-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	2,000.00	2,000.00

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1070-2210	GAS & OIL	200.00	200.00
1070-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	500.00	500.00
1070-3540	MAINT. CONTRACT	300.00	300.00
TO: 1070-2720	LAB SUPPLIES	1,000.00	1,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENT TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Wortman: Okay, well go down to the amendment to the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, under item A, I move to amend the Salary Ordinance as approved which is account 1370-1661 Public Defender in the amount of \$21,859 and Ill also include under that County Council, I move to amend the Salary Ordinance as approved today.

President Wortman: Do I have a second to that?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)



President Wortman: Before we get into old business I'd like to have a little introduction here of new deputies, Kurt Althoff and Matt Kimmell. They might have left the room, I guess. So anyway, we'll proceed on to old business.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA DESIGNATION  
CONFIRMING RESOLUTION  
MICHAEL C. JARVIS PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11751 OLD STATE ROAD**

President Wortman: Resolution for Michael Jarvis property located at 11751 Old State Road. It passed the first time, so Mr. Robling, will you address that issue please?

Mike Robling: Yes. Today has been advertised as the public hearing on the economic revitalization area designation for the Jarvis property at 11751 Old State Road. You approved the preliminary resolution last month. At that time I had not made a recommendation on the property primarily because I had not seen the property and was not familiar with its conditions, the site conditions before the development occurred. I think that after Mrs. Lockyear and Mr. Jarvis explained the status of that site before he started working on it, that it comes most closely to meeting the statutory definition of most sites that have come before you, the City or County Council, for tax abatement in recent years. And I think that it does very well qualify under the legal definition. I think Ms. Lockyear would like to remind you of what those conditions were today also.

Krista Lockyear: Krista Lockyear. I am here representing Mike Jarvis and thanks to Mike Robling for that recommendation. I just want to reiterate that Mr. Jarvis acquired this property thinking that it was buildable land and then FEMA came in and subsequently changed the floodway maps and told him he couldn't build on the property before he elevated it three feet. In addition, he constructed a ditch along Old State Road that is in the county right-of-way consisting of about \$35,000, a six foot diameter concrete ditch that was an open ditch. And this improvement did, it is my understanding, improve drainage at the 4-H Center as well as all the other surrounding properties. The code that allows for these tax abatements directly addresses property that has become undesirable or impossible for normal development which is exactly what this property was and Mr. Jarvis has invested approximately \$65,000 on the property that will benefit both himself and the county and the citizens of the county for years to come. I'd like to remind you all that this has been an investment that is already done and unlike a lot of property tax abatement requests that you see, it's not just a prospective promise of benefits to the county. It already has benefited the county and we hope that there will be additional jobs and additional tax base to come from these improvements. And for those reasons, we do ask that you approve this tax abatement. Mr. Jarvis is also here if you have any questions for him.

President Wortman: Anybody got any questions in reference to tax abatement for Mr. Jarvis? Now remember, that's out in the promised land! (Inaudible - microphone not turned on).

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Sutton: Mike, that's out of our jurisdiction, actually, the Promised Land.

Councilmember Hoy: Does that mean you have to be dead to go there?

President Wortman: Yeah! Okay, if no questions, I'll call for a roll call vote. Madam Secretary?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I have a problem with just getting one employee out of this, but since it's only for around \$8,000 I am going to go ahead and vote yes.

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Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: When we had the preliminary resolution, I voted yes for this and I just really have problems with my vote that I gave. I just -- with my past stance on tax abatements I feel like I've been rather firm on tax abatements in terms of what I feel like they can do in terms of being a true economic development tool for our county. I think Mr. Jarvis has made a significant investment, has really done a good job with -- given the circumstances. But I guess in light of the fact that there is just one employee and there's not going to be maybe some significant as I might -- as we see before us -- as we see of maybe some of our other tax abatement requests. I just have found it difficult to maybe even justify the -- maybe my vote that I had last time. So I am going to vote no on this particular resolution.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I just want to apologize. Today, when I got a phone call, I cut someone off. They were telling me a little bit about this and in the meantime I kind of cut her off short. Now I apologize, I didn't mean to. I got a run in the meantime and so I just wanted to apologize to that person and I'll have to echo what Royce -- I'm a small businessman, too, and I know this would help but this is only one employee so I'm sorry. I am going to have to vote no on it, sir. I am very sorry. And the neighborhood, I wish you would bring it back down here where we really need it. I apologize, but I have to vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. The vote fails on that on a four to three basis.

**(Motion fails 4-3/Councilmembers Sutton, Bassemier, Hoy and Lloyd opposed)**

<p><b>SHERIFFS MERIT COMMISSION CORRESPONDENCE</b></p>
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President Wortman: You got a letter on old business, Sheriff's Merit Commission --  
Councilmember Sutton: Excuse me, Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes, sir?

Councilmember Raben: Eddie voted yes --

Councilmember Sutton: I think that was approved.

Councilmember Raben: You voted no --

Councilmember Hoy: You got four nos.

Councilmember Sutton: I voted no.

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Councilmember Hoy: No, and Mr. Lloyd no.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: But mine counts as two! Oh, it doesnt?

President Wortman: Well move on to old business here, Merit Commission correspondence. You have a letter to that effect.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>STAN LEVCO, PROSECUTOR</b> <b>APPROVAL TO HIRE PART-TIME DEPUTY FROM DISCRETIONARY FUND</b></p>
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President Wortman: Now then, well proceed to number nine, new business: Stan Levco, Prosecutor. If Mr. Brown would step forward please. This is not going to cost the county anything.

Doug Brown: My name is Doug Brown with the Prosecutors Office. Im here for Mr. Levco. Were wishing to hire a part-time deputy out of discretionary funds. This will cost the county nothing. In the past, as a courtesy, Mr. Levco has always asked for a vote of approval from the Council and thats what were doing today. Should the funding run out, thats our problem but right now we have the funds, we have a person in mind who has a lot of trial experience, wed like to bring him on board.

President Wortman: I think this is more as a courtesy call, is what it amounts to.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, just real quick before we finish on this. Now, did we say yes or no to the gentleman on the last --

President Wortman: I think hes just appearing, you can say yes or no, but if we want to give him our blessing to go ahead, we can do that.

Councilmember Sutton: Im talking about the tax abatement. Im sorry, did you say yes?

President Wortman: It was four to three against.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, for some reason I thought you said --

Councilmember Smith: I thought you said it was approved.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I thought you said it was --

President Wortman: I said disapproved.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, Im sorry.

President Wortman: Because Mrs. Smith, Raben and I voted yes, and you and Ed, and Mr. Hoy and Mr. Lloyd voted no.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, could I raise a question here? Doug, who pays unemployment and...I drew a blank...Workmans Comp on these individuals?

Doug Brown: That has never come up. I guess that might come out of -- I dont know. Thats a good question. I cant answer that.

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Councilmember Raben: Also, I know its been asked by this Council before, but are these people under the understanding when theyre brought in that if your well dries up, that their --

Doug Brown: Absolutely. This has only happened once before. In recent times, we had Charlie Berger under this circumstance last year for a while before a part time position actually that was funded came open and then we moved him into that. We paid for his salary prior to that. So everybody up front knows whats going on .

Councilmember Raben: Okay, one quick question, too. When someone -- this just kind of struck me, too. When you are paid out of a separate fund, I guess, do these individuals still qualify for PERF and whatnot?

Councilmember Hoy: Is that for Mrs. Deig?

Councilmember Raben: Are they a county employee? They are a county employee, correct?

Doug Brown: I believe.

Councilmember Raben: So they have to contribute to PERF.

Councilmember Smith: If they are paid out of the incentive fund and thats what they are going to pay, do they -- they pay the PERF and everything out of their incentive fund?

Doug Brown: Yes.

Councilmember Smith: I didnt know how that worked either because I never did hire anybody full time out of it.

Doug Brown: This is a part time position.

President Wortman: Like I said, he didnt have to appear before us. As just a courtesy I had him come up here. You know, they try to let us know what is going on down there and I think thats very good.

Councilmember Raben: You know, it might be a good idea at some point, maybe there needs to be a form that they fill out that states that they understand that they are being paid by a separate fund and something that they sign too that is an agreement to keep the county from getting into any legal trouble that when that fund dries up that they are no longer a county employee.

Doug Brown: We could do that.

Councilmember Raben: Because by law I think we could really get into trouble terminating somebody in the event of that taking place. I dont...

Suzanne Crouch: I believe, Ill have to double check, but I believe that when an employee is hired on a grant, when they are indoctrinated in the Auditors Office they do sign a form where they say that they realize they are paid through the grant and that if that grant money should for some reason end in the future, they realize that their employment would end and then also on the pink slips that the Commissioners put through, the officeholder acknowledges that it is grant money. So I think thats already being addressed.

President Wortman: Mrs. Deig?

Sandie Deig: All expenses for payroll are deducted from the grant. It doesnt come from us. Thats why this is a courtesy to the Council.

Councilmember Hoy: Im sorry, would you repeat that, Mrs. Deig?

Sandie Deig: All payroll expenses are deducted from the grant. Thats why this is just a courtesy appearance. They really dont need Council approval to hire this person.

President Wortman: Mr. Brown is just informing us. Now if you want, somebody entertain a motion and a second and approve it, we can do that, or just --

Councilmember Sutton: We dont really --

President Wortman: He dont need it, no, really. But I didnt know. So, listen, you can -- I thank you and you can be excused, Mr. Brown.

Doug Brown: Thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: If youd like an affirming motion --

President Wortman: Wait a minute, now. They said we ought to vote legal, so Im going to entertain a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

Councilman Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Second Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Smith: And I think its Chris Lenn. Isnt that whos coming back and hes been with the Prosecutors Office before, so Im pretty sure he understands how it works.

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

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Thank you. Now youre excused.

Doug Brown: Thank you very much.

Councilman Lloyd: We appreciate you coming forward.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>APPOINTMENTS TO:</b> <b>EVANSVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION</b> <b>PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE</b> <b>PROPERTY TAX BOARD OF APPEALS</b> <b>MUSEUM BOARD</b></p>
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President Wortman: Okay, well get in -- weve had B and C, and now we go to D, E, F, G. Id like to make the following appointments in the Evansville Economic Development Commission, Joe Harrison, Sr. The Personnel Administration Committee, Job Study, Judge Wayne Trockman, newly appointed judge, and Sheriffs Captain Steve Woodall, POLE position. Property Tax Board of Appeals appointment, Harold Elliott, Democrat appointment; Peggy Pfister, Republican appointment. Harold, remember, served on the County Council. A very good man. Museum board appointment, Nancy Drake. So Ill entertain a motion for approval of all those positions.

Councilman Lloyd: So moved.

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Councilmember Sutton: Second.

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

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Now then, thats it. Anything else that weve missed along the line? If not, Im going to take a motion for adjournment.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Wortman: Have we got a second?

Councilman Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Thank you.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**(Meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.)**

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Curt Wortman

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Vice President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Phil Hoy

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Councilmember Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**APRIL 7, 1999**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 7th day of April, 1999 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m. by County Council President Curt Wortman.

President Wortman: The Vanderburgh County Council is now in session this Wednesday, April 7th and I'd like to have the Sheriff please open the meeting, please.

(Meeting opened by Sheriff Brad Ellsworth)

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Ellsworth. Now then I'll have the secretary call the attendance roll call please.

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

President Wortman: Okay, if everybody would stand on the Council and in the audience and pledge allegiance to the flag, please.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**MARCH 3, 1999**

President Wortman: Number four, I will entertain a motion, the approval of the minutes from the March 3, 1999 meeting.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Motion and a second. Any discussion? If not, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

**A) TREASURER**

President Wortman: Okay, we'll move right into number five, Appropriation Ordinance and the first on the agenda will be the County Treasurer.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of 1030-1990 in the amount of \$2,000.



Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Motion and a second. Any discussion on that? If not, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Here, I mean, yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-1990	EXTRA HELP	2,000.00	2,000.00
TOTAL		2,000.00	2,000.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**B) SHERIFF (Two requests)**

President Wortman: Okay, number B would be the Sheriff, he has two requests here please. Would they step forward or not necessary. Mr. Raben, do you want to...?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of 1050-1510 in the amount of \$5,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Sutton. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1510	COLLEGE REIMBURSE.	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL		5,000.00	5,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Move right on to the next Sheriff’s, the computer, and Mr. Raben, will you proceed please?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I’ll move approval of 1050-3370 Computer in the amount of \$360,000, and I was not able to be here and I think there were a couple other Councilmembers that were not here last week, so we may have some questions we may want to ask.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second, and now discussion.

Councilmember Smith: I think Brad told us while ago that it may not cost that amount of money, but it’s the closest figure you came to?

Brad Ellsworth: Right, we received two bids after the bids were let out for two quite different amounts. We did have demonstrations from both companies this week. We plan to meet in two days to go over the strengths and weaknesses of each company and although there was a lot of similarities and not that many differences, so it’s very possible that we could go with the company that charged the lesser amount so we should be able to come back and let you know that, but we would like to get that money in place so that hopefully we could surprise you with a lower number.

President Wortman: Yeah, they’re going to break it down and see which one is the best bid for the Sheriff’s Department? Any other discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Did you get any general ideas of, when you say a good surprise, how much of a surprise might we look at?

Brad Ellsworth: The other bid that we received was 180 -- 160...

Eric Williams: Eric Williams, Sheriff’s Office. The lower bid price was in the \$150,000 range but in working with bids, you know there is some negotiation there as far as getting

exactly what you want. So we're looking at, at least under \$200,000 for the low approximately.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: And on the other end?

Brad Ellsworth: \$360,000.

Eric Williams: The other one is \$360,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Wortman: They had submitted the highest bid to be covered, see, to have the money in place before they award the contract so I think that's pretty -- 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Ellsworth.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-3370	COMPUTER	360,000.00	360,000.00
TOTAL		360,000.00	360,000.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

### **C) SUPERIOR COURT**

President Wortman: Now we'll proceed to Superior Court, Special Reporter. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of 1370-3944 Special Reporter in the amount of \$10,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-3944	SPECIAL REPORTER	10,000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL		10,000.00	10,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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- A) CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
- B) PROSECUTOR IV-D

President Wortman: Now, Mr. Raben, would you continue with the transfers, please?

Councilmember Raben: I will certainly do that. Mr. President, I will make a motion that we accept all transfers as submitted.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy seconded. Any discussion on transfers? Call the roll please. Excuse me, Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: On that Old Petersburg Road, does that finish up that project? Will that finish that one up?

President Wortman: I can't answer that right now, but I would assume it would.

Councilmember Smith: I just wondered because they had been working on it for quite some time, so...

President Wortman: Thank you for the question. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2030-3930	OTHER CONTRACTUAL	1,000.00	1,000.00
TO: 2030-4384	OLD PETERSBURG RD BRIDGE	1,000.00	1,000.00

PROSECUTOR IV-D		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1081-2700	OTHER SUPPLIES	1,451.68	1,451.68
TO: 1081-4210	OFFICE FURNITURE	1,451.68	1,451.68

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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President Wortman: Now we'll proceed to the amendments to the Salary Ordinance, that would be the Treasurer.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval as previously approved.

President Wortman: Second, anybody got a second here?

Councilmember Hoy: 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?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
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President Wortman: Okay, number eight, I'm going to call on Sheriff Brad Ellsworth, he has two gentlemen he wants to introduce. Would they all step forward please? Matt Kimmell and Kurt Althoff.

Brad Ellsworth: Thank you, President Wortman. I won't take but a moment of your time but I did want to introduce -- one of the things we pledged to do was I want our new employees to be familiar with county government and so our new employees were taken around to each office and letting them some time with each officeholder and I wanted to introduce them to the County Council. We've done so with the Commission. I'd like to introduce Kurt Althoff and Matt Kimmell, our new Deputy Sheriffs. We're rather proud of them because they beat out about 450 other applicants to become number one and number two on our eligibility list and have been hired. We stole Kurt from the Henderson, Kentucky Police Department to bring him back home. His father is a career Evansville Police Officer. Matt comes to us by way of the Army Rangers, I believe. And so we are very proud of them and glad to have them aboard and want to introduce them to the County Council and county government, and how it works.

President Wortman: Do you gentlemen want to give a speech while you're here? Listen, we appreciate you on board and I'm sure you'll do a good job, so our best wishes and good luck.

Brad Ellsworth: Thank you, Sir.

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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**A) RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT ZONE ENTERPRISE ZONE INVENTORY PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR SHOE CARNIVAL, INCORPORATED**

President Wortman: We'll proceed right down to new business and the Resolution

Approving the Airport Development Zone Enterprise Zone Inventory Property Tax Credit for Shoe Carnival, Incorporated. Will they step forward, please? Mr. Robling.

Mike Robling: I believe this is the second Airport Development Zone project to come before you, the first one having been Anchor Industries several months ago. The criteria for designation as Airport Development Zone are that a project have a cost representative estimate of at least two million dollars and create new jobs. One of the requirements of the designation process is the preparation of a tax impact analysis which you all received copies of. Looking at the impact of the loss of the inventory tax credit and how that may be offset by increases in property tax revenues from new building improvements and new equipment and County Option Income Tax revenues. Because you had declined tax abatement for this project last fall the tax impact analysis on this study turned out to be very positive not only overcoming the projected loss of inventory tax on this project but also -- that loss over the eleven year evaluation period would have been \$569,360. The additional property taxes, real estate and personal property taxes overcome that loss as well as adding another \$510,000 to county revenues over that period of time. When you add in the COIT tax that these at least fifteen new employees who would initially be hired for this project would add another \$22,000, would bring the total tax gain up to \$533,000 over the eleven year evaluation period. The Airport Authority Board held a public hearing on this project and gave its confirming approval to it last month and the resolution before you today is to actually approve the inventory tax credit which is the only incentive of the Airport Development Zone that is available. Kerry Jackson is here from Shoe Carnival if you have any questions of him. I have failed to point out that since this project came before you as a tax abatement proposal, the investment level has more than doubled with a substantially higher amount of investment in equipment than originally anticipated.

President Wortman: Mr. Robling, is this the first reading?

Mike Robling: This only requires that one time.

President Wortman: Just one reading, okay. Any questions to ask Mr. Robling or the representative of the Shoe Carnival? Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: This deals with the inventory tax which I know our state legislature is talking about some kind of possible phase out or removal of that tax, but this deals with the here and now so this is an economic development tool for county government to promote businesses that have inventory within that three mile radius of the airport. Is that correct?

Mike Robling: It could be a three square mile -- up to three square miles can be designated within the larger area, but each designation is an individual part of that three square miles.

Councilmember Hoy: The area itself can be further away from the airport than three miles, correct?

Mike Robling: Right, there's a larger area that is primarily around the airport that goes up Highway 57 quite a ways that from which the three square miles can be designated. At this point in time, there have been three designations made.

Councilmember Hoy: It has to be within eleven miles, isn't it, or something like that?

Mike Robling: Well, there's a -- you were given a map last fall that shows the area, but it's a strange little area.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, it is.

Councilmember Lloyd: According to the report, the inventory value, is that approximately \$600,000 or is that the tax?

Mike Robling: That was the inventory value, I think.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay. I had the opportunity to go out and visit the Shoe Carnival and see the new building that's being built and that's quite a structure and there's quite a bit of inventory moving through there and a lot of it does come from overseas, so I think

this type of tax abatement is really made for Shoe Carnival as far as to abate taxes on the inventory that's moving through that large warehouse. So I would be in favor of this and I believe it's a good economic development tool for the county.

Mike Robling: They currently employ 235 people and projected to immediately create 15 new jobs and within five years 85 new jobs.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, do we have a motion on the floor?

President Wortman: Not yet.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion? Don't hear none. Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I think this is a really good use of taxpayer dollars and a good investment to the community and hopefully we can see more investments like this. I think Shoe Carnival is doing a good job with this. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Motion passes six to one. Thank you Mr. Robling.

**(<sup>1</sup>Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Hoy opposed)**

**B) PATRICK ELTZROTH, INSIGHT COMMUNICATIONS  
(PERSONNEL & FINANCE MEETING MARCH 31, 1999)**

**C) MAY FILING DATE FOR JUNE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**

President Wortman: We go to C, the May filing date for the June County Council meeting will be May 14 and Sandie will send a memo to that effect.

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<sup>1</sup>Airport Development Zone Enterprise Zone Inventory Property Tax Credit for Shoe Carnival, Inc. resolution attached.



**D) JUDGE TORNATTA - WITHDRAWN****E) EVANSVILLE INDUSTRIAL FOUNDATION**

President Wortman: Next on the agenda is E, Evansville Industrial Foundation. Would the speakers come forward please?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, did you pass up item B?

President Wortman: Sir?

Councilmember Raben: Item B.

President Wortman: That was handled last week, Jim.

Councilmember Sutton: What about item D?

President Wortman: Item D was withdrawn and he's going to speak with us later on that so that's why I've got that crossed out. Now then, gentlemen, state your names. These gentlemen were here last week and did a good job so we hope for a repeat performance.

Rick Hall: I wasn't here last week, so I'll try to match their performance last week. My name is Rick Hall. I'm an attorney at Barnes & Thornburg and I'm bond counsel on their special counsel to the county on the development of the Phoenix or what was called the Phoenix Commerce Center. Also with me here today is Chris Johnston from Municipal Consultants and Ron Keeping on behalf of the Evansville Industrial Foundation. As was discussed at last week's meeting, the Foundation has made a proposal to the county to develop the park. They have an option to purchase the land and would develop the park as an industrial park. In order to support their efforts, they've requested that the county issue TIF bonds that would finance 1.6 million dollars in infrastructure improvements that would facilitate the development of the park. In order to make the TIF bonds marketable, we would have to have a pledge of the county's COIT tax as a backup source and the reason being is because there is no current development out there, any TIF revenues are speculative and investors would want some other secure revenue stream in order to purchase the bonds. The financial advisor, Chris Johnston has prepared some numbers that outline what the TIF projections are based on, the anticipated level of investment that the foundation has shared with us, and how the economics of the bond issue would work. So I would introduce Chris at this time.

Chris Johnston: Good afternoon. My name is Chris Johnston and I'm with Municipal Consultants, which is a financial advisory firm, which is owned by Crowe Chizek which is a CPA firm headquartered actually in South Bend, but I'm out of the Indianapolis office. I'll give you a little background on Municipal Consultants: we've been in the financial advisory business for over 35 years and served cities, towns and counties primarily in Indiana, but Crowe Chizek also has offices in the surrounding states. What is being passed around is an example of how a financing can go<sup>2</sup>. You are familiar with municipal bond financing until you get to market, until you actually discuss the cash flow, the revenue projections with the potential buyer. There is a lot of movement, a lot of moving parts with a financing. But what I'd like to do is kind of go through that handout. The first couple of pages are a summary of our assumptions that are included in the numbers. Where I'd really like to start is on page three, which is a landscaped page which is entitled Estimated Assessed Value and Tax Increment Revenues. The second column from the left is our projection of incremental assessed value out at the Phoenix Commerce Center. As Rick mentioned, there is nothing going on out there right now, so there are no -- at this point in time -- so there are no blue prints that I could get out and take the assessors manual and put an assessed value to some proposed structure that is out there. That is what you commonly find in TIF districts, that is why we are before you this afternoon seeking your consideration of pledging the County Option Income Tax to this transaction. But this revenue projection or the assessed value projection is based on an estimate of development under roof, what could be built out there by the Evansville Industrial Foundation. And we found this to

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<sup>2</sup>Vanderburgh County Redevelopment Commission Proposed Phoenix Commerce Center Project information attached.

actually be somewhat of a conservative number. When we looked at the concentration, when we were -- before when Phoenix Commerce Center was being considered a year and a half ago or two years ago, we actually looked at possibly a greater concentration of development out there so we think the 1.8 million square feet of development out in the commerce center is a reasonable and conservative approach. We've also made an assumption that of that million eight in square feet, sixty percent of it would be used for light manufacturing purposes and forty percent of that would be used for warehousing or distribution. We've also assumed that the build out would occur over a ten year period. Again, that's an assumption. It could happen faster, it could happen at a slower pace. We've applied the 1998 pay 1999 tax rate to that assessed value to come up with an estimated tax revenue and then the estimated debt service is really described more in the following two pages which we will get to in a moment. The next column is available revenues after paying debt service. As you'll see, I've got a column there that says revenues retained to fund a debt service reserve fund. We're proposing at this point in time to have as small a bond issue as possible and so we would only fund a debt service reserve fund not at its ten percent of the bond proceeds or maximum principal and interest. But we would do something smaller than that and retain excess TIF revenues to build up that reserve fund over time. And then finally, at the last column there is cumulative available revenues, that if this whole crystal ball pans out like it is on this piece of paper, that would be the available revenues over the fifteen year projection period.

President Wortman: Has anybody got any questions concerning the financial analysis and reports? Was there ever any consideration taken for lighting in the infrastructure out there?

Chris Johnston: For lighting?

President Wortman: Any lighting, yeah.

Chris Johnston: To be quite honest with you, Mr. Chairman, my target was to be able to raise a project fund of a million six dollars. I couldn't get into the details involved in construction permits.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. Mr. Lloyd?

Ron Keeping: Mr. President, although we haven't specifically included that in the cost estimates, I'd certainly be proud to go talk to SIGECO and see if I could talk them into doing that.

President Wortman: Yeah, I thought I'd bring it up because I'm an electrician. Okay, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: I was going to ask on that same page 3, the estimated real property values, how was that arrived at?

Chris Johnston: By taking Reg 17 and looking at light manufacturing and assuming a typical sort of box type structure, and applying that square footage to that rate, coming up with a true tax value and dividing by three.

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, and you also assumed what, sixty percent light manufacturing and --

Chris Johnston: Light manufacturing and forty percent distribution.

Councilmember Lloyd: So that as the property develops then the more assessed value comes on board?

Chris Johnston: Right, that's why you see the ascending level of assessed value. And again, this is just real property. This is not personal property.

Councilmember Lloyd: The cumulative revenues, where would that go? What purpose does that have?

Chris Johnston: Two things. I think it shows that to a potential purchaser that we're going

to have excess TIF revenues and gives them a level of comfort, but also it is something that would be available to the Redevelopment Commission to either use once debt service is satisfied, use on a pay as you go basis for projects or to accumulate to retire bonds early.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: A couple of questions. It looks like on year two, it's got a negative \$26,000 available revenues, that would be paid out by what?

Chris Johnston: County Option Income Tax. That kind of leads into the next two pages, but do you have another question, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I did and I may be jumping the gun, but on the last page, the total debt service, is it 3.4 million dollars on the two million?

Chris Johnston: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. And the payout would be fifteen years?

Chris Johnston: Fifteen year period.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Then how do we have an understanding on what is the cumulative total on recapped tax? I mean, what is the total -- here, I see it. It's seven million, is that correct?

Chris Johnston: Right. Again, that's the estimate based on these assumptions of development over time.

Councilmember Hoy: You may not be the person to answer this. I was not here last week, I had to be in Indianapolis for a meeting. Originally, we were looking at 1.6 million from the county and now we're looking for a guarantee of two million, is that correct?

Chris Johnston: Well, because of having to fund some of the capitalized interest, because the tax increment revenues with the hopeful development, the projects are assessed in one year -- the taxes come in the following year, so you need to capitalize some of the interest and that's what we've got on this debt service schedule because bond holders are not patient people. They want to at least get their interest paid every six months and so we need to fund that some way, so that is in addition to the million six. Funding the reserve fund would also come out of the million six, as well as other costs of issuance.

Councilmember Hoy: And if this doesn't work, then we need to be prepared to provide two million bucks.

Chris Johnston: Well, to be quite honest with you, if it doesn't work you're going to have a greater value more along the 3.4 million dollars. If nothing ever happens out there, then COIT would have to step in for the TIF revenues to make debt service payments over time.

Councilmember Hoy: So it would be more than.

Chris Johnston: Right, if nothing is ever built out there. I mean, that's sort of the sky is falling.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, right.

Councilmember Raben: Raise another question. I see third from last column on the last page, the estimated tax increment revenues, that's what you're saying they project by year fifteen, that's the revenues in tax that it should have brought in, correct?

Chris Johnston: Well, what I'm saying is that the first number in that column, the \$94,000 would be essentially based on -- is the revenue from one building that first year of development and then it's really the development that occurs each year. It's a cumulative effect. So by the time the whole thing builds out, let's say it does build out according to this

scenario, then the total build out of the million eight square feet times the township tax rate would generate the \$940,000 a year.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, is it possible that at some point in time, and it looks like it could happen maybe in year five or year six, where you could pay out the debt service in half the time?

Chris Johnston: Right. Depending upon what is negotiated with a potential purchaser in terms of the first redemption date or call date. One option for the Redevelopment Commission to consider would be the accumulation of available excess TIF revenues so that as you reach a point, then you could use those TIF revenues to retire your outstanding bonds.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I guess this project has two key things going for it and one is it kind of --

Councilmember Smith: I can't hear you, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: I said there's a couple points that make this project carry well with me and one would be that it kind of gives the east side some breathing space. We're taking the industrial growth and possibly moving it from the east side where we've already got a bigger problem than what we can handle and we're moving it to an area of town that has room to take on this extra, and two, the Industrial Foundation is really a group of strong horses from within our own county, so I think they'll see that they do everything possible to make this work and I think it's a worthwhile project.

President Wortman: I think that you've got to look back at when it started and on through. They've got a proven track record and there's nothing more beneficial to the county than a proven track record. I think we've found this here. Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: As I was reading the paperwork that came with this, the history of the Industrial Foundation, this question may be for someone else, in earlier days, the Foundation looked at some older land which we now call brown fields. Is the Foundation, I'm wondering why you did not look at some of the available land in the city. There is a lot of -- Evansville is like a doughnut, there is a big hole in the center.

Ron Keeping: Mr. Hoy, I don't know in the history what that exactly is referring to. I've been part of the attempt to identify developable land in Evansville proper. Frankly, there was one wonderful fifteen acre parcel in the heart of Evansville that we had hoped to reuse for industrial use and it got acquired by the Vanderburgh Humane Society of all people. Now there may be some brown fields laying that actually has a building on it and acquiring an old building, demolishing it, and reusing it hasn't been something that the Industrial Foundation has ever seriously looked at before.

Councilmember Hoy: I noticed in the history that earlier you took over the old department complex that was built during World War II, Gateway Gardens.

Ron Keeping: Oh, that's way before my time.

Councilmember Hoy: I know that, but it's not before my time. And then in later years, which I don't think -- it may be before your time on the Industrial Foundation -- part of it would be the Garvin Complex out there, Hudson Trees, and I did have some questions about successes and failures since Hudson was not -- I don't want to pick on that because everybody is going to have failures along the way and that one was a short lived expedition into economic growth, to say the least, and the jobs. The other questions I have, we used river boat funds part of which we dedicated to economic development to run that trunk line out to Daylight, so the Council has done that. The next question, you all are not asking for abatement but rather for a TIF zone, and this may be a question for Mr. Robling or someone else, I don't know, they will be in the Airport Zone, so they will get a break on inventory? Is that true?

Ron Keeping: They reasonably might be expected to seek that break.

Councilmember Hoy: And what about abatements, Mr. Robling, would they also be eligible

for abatement?

Mike Robling: There are sort of two sides to that. They would theoretically be eligible for abatement unless the bond issue specifically forbid that, which is apparently a possibility. There is also another possibility of revenue that Chris didn't mention that if we were to get lucky and get a very large first tenant that had lots of personal property, you can capture the increment on personal property for a designated taxpayer, so that could help overcome some of that. Another thought about it is that without a designated taxpayer, all the personal property tax revenues from equipment and so forth are still collected for the -- still are distributed to the other taxing units, so you could theoretically grant an abatement on equipment but not on land. There are various approaches you could take to it from totally saying no at the front end to looking at it on a case by case basis or picking and choosing.

Councilmember Hoy: So there is a possibility that other breaks could come their way.

Mike Robling: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: This probably is a question for you, Sir. The question that has been asked of me by a constituent, I don't know who has the answer to this, but Phoenix was a project out there and I've heard several reasons why it failed. Is there anyone who could explain why that did not fly? Mr. Keeping?

Ron Keeping: Our understanding is, it was being developed by Fairview Land Company, a division of Ziegler Coal Company. Ziegler elected to put itself up for sale and as soon as they did, they decided to stop spending money on anything unrelated to their core of business. That's what we have been told is the reason why Ziegler pulled the plug on it.

Councilmember Hoy: Is there any possible -- I don't think there is, but the question needs to be asked -- is there any possible conflict of interest between anybody connected with Ziegler and anybody connected with the Industrial Foundation or any other participants in this project that you know of?

Ron Keeping: I can't think of any connection whatsoever.

Councilmember Hoy: And my last question has to do with the kind of jobs, and this is the part that bothers me the most because when you and I talked we did talk about the fact that our area is so polluted that it's doubtful with the current industry we have that we're going to meet attainment, so we're looking at cleaner kinds of businesses and industries here and some of those will be distribution centers. I know this is all speculation, I am concerned about the kind of jobs and what they pay. Do you all have any figures on the average wages of distribution centers?

Ron Keeping: Based on -- in my other life I am an economic developer and I hear from people who want to look at this area and then they'll tell me how much they pay, so that's the kind of source I'm coming from. I am going to speculate that a distribution company might pay between seven and ten dollars an hour. I am going to speculate that a manufacturer might pay between eight and fifteen dollars an hour. I can conceive of a situation where a distribution company would pay more than ten dollars an hour and I can even conceive of a situation where a manufacturer might try to pay less than that, but I don't think he'd be successful getting the kind of workers he needs. I can also conceive of a manufacturer locating in that park who pays very good wages and does not contribute to our air pollution problem, but for the existence of that park, wouldn't locate in Vanderburgh County. A stamping operation is the simple example. Lots of value added, lots equipment, they need to pay skilled people a lot of money and they need a big location like that.

Councilmember Hoy: As you know, because we've talked, I have this horrible reputation of wondering about wages because we did an analysis at Tri-State Food Bank on an eight dollar an hour job, and considering minimal taxes and expenses, the person earning eight dollars an hour is going to end up with eighty-five bucks a week to cover food, medical care, insurance, child care, emergencies, home repairs and upkeep, lost wages, school supplies, fees, gifts, hobbies, vacation, entertainment, or any gifts they might want to give and this is why I continually have problems with projects where we put government money in to attract jobs that are that far away from public transportation and on this kind of wage,

nobody can own a car that's serviceable and I have to be honest with you, I know you cannot stand there, and I don't expect you to, to tell me what you're going to attract, but I have to say that's the part that bothers me and that's why I'd like to see some of this development closer in where some of these old buildings are within the city limits so that people can get there without having to own a car. We house Auto-Mission at the Tri-State Food Bank, and they work very hard to make cars available to families like this, but currently on that lot there's one car. That's all the questions I have.

Councilmember Sutton: I have a question for Mr. Johnston. I think we have 1.8 million square feet in developable space here --

Chris Johnston: Actually, it's probably -- if you look at 277 acres as the total area out there considered for the park, if you assume twenty percent of that ends up under roof, that comes out to about a million eight in square feet under roof.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, in our projections and assumptions here, based upon that amount of developable space, how do we make the determinations of what our revenues are going to be, given, I know all this is speculative in nature and we don't know who or what or when things are going to occur, how do we make a determination on those revenue projections based upon that square footage? Are you just dividing that out over that fifteen year period and just taking it like that or assuming --

Chris Johnston: Right. You're exactly right, Mr. Sutton, that out of that million eight, that sixty percent of that million eight, we come up with a portion of total square footage that we say could be light manufacturing. Out of that million eight, we take forty percent and say that much of it could be warehousing distribution facilities and applying the real property assessment manual put out by the state, you come up with a total assessed value that could occur over a ten year period and we just straight lined it. There is no -- if you looked at that first column, it just comes in in chunks, a million three or so a year evenly over that ten year period. It could occur more rapidly, it could be delayed in a year or two. Again, it's just an assumption.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, so we could conceivably move along much slower or much faster either way depending on who locates there, but just very speculative.

Chris Johnston: Well, it's speculative, but I also think it's reasonable in that we worked on a TIF district for another business park that had a railroad spur, had a good transportation network, state highways, and also interstate highways close by and that business park has four 500,000 square foot facilities in it, and that happened over a four year period. So again, I think it's a reasonable presentation but you're right. Is it going to be a smooth line over ten years? No, it's going to be up and down over that ten year period.

President Wortman: Excuse me a minute, we're going to change tapes.

Councilmember Sutton: The other question is, how long will it take to complete the whole site to make it developable? Obviously, it's not all prepared and ready to go, how long of a period of time are we talking to get the whole entire site prepared?

Chris Johnston: I need to turn that over to Mr. Keeping.

Ron Keeping: That's a very good question. We are dealing with an engineer on those questions. I believe that if we go forward with this action today that we can begin engineering immediately, hopefully for construction to start sometime late summer with construction completed sometime next spring, everything, the roads and everything. It's an extremely critical issue because -- forgive me for making promises -- but we have people who are anxious to know about when they can start building their buildings. But late summer to start, sometime late spring to be finished.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess my concern or question, not necessarily concern, more centers around the county's investment into the project and if there are parts of this project that it's going to take a lot longer to get going, then obviously, the issues are we're making an investment, but you still would have some areas of this project that are undeveloped and not ready to go and I think that's something that we want to try to make sure we get at least some clarity of where we will be and when we will be in terms of this whole project

since we are looking at laying a lot of the systems into this project which would seem very reasonable. That's where I am going with this.

Ron Keeping: Okay, to that point, the park with the investment we're talking about, the park will be completed with all infrastructure except for railroad by sometime next spring, I hope, barring a terrible winter. I'm not an engineer, though.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I touched on this last week, this involves 227 acres and the Foundation, on this handout sheet, says it's going to take 164.4 acres to break even for the Foundation. Of course, the county will get theirs back through the local income tax, I know that. I was figuring there was like 62 acres left over and I know there is going to be some you need for, I don't if it's railroad tracks or whatever, but we're still talking about 62 acres. Just say we take even half of that 31 acres left over, I was just wondering where those monies are going, which is almost a total of a million dollars left over that you all paid off, there's a million dollars left over, where are those monies going to? Are you going to give it back to the county or is it going into the Foundation fund or where is it going to? Do you follow me?

Chris Johnston: I do not. Is that from land sales?

Ron Keeping: I understand what you're talking about and the 168 acres was a number that we derived -- actually, we did it this way: we found out how many sellable acres we had which was 168. We found out how much money we needed and then we divided how much money we needed by the acreage to come up with that sales price. Hard as it is to believe, there isn't any more sellable land but 168 acres out there. The first thing that comes out of sellable land is the roads themselves, and then the next things are very significant: drainage, retention structures, drainage structures which are needed to keep water from backing up on any of the neighbors, and then there's all this land behind the railroad track on the wrong side of the railroad track that we figure nobody would pay any money for because they can't get to it, so we aren't going to sell that. So 168 acres was what the engineers told us was sellable land, 226 to start, you take out the roads, you take out the drainage structure, and then there's also a right-of-way for the oil line that goes through it. The other question is, if the Foundation does make money, if we find somebody whose got a deal with us and we can get more money per acre, that money will go to pay interest on the money we, as the Foundation, are borrowing. If we continue to hopefully make money, it'll get kept by the Foundation and reinvested in this community.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay. I just wanted the record to reflect that. Thank you, Sir.

Councilmember Sutton: That's a good point you brought up if we do see an increased amount of interest in these properties. You have a baseline figure that you're looking at right now on the cost per acre. You're not locked into that figure, obviously.

Ron Keeping: That is correct. We are not locked into that figure.

Councilmember Sutton: How might we find out information as the project proceeds forward if we do exceed that baseline figure?

Ron Keeping: You could call me or anybody else from the Foundation and we will tell you how well we're doing.

Councilmember Sutton: I didn't know if there was going to be some reporting or things that will take place.

Ron Keeping: I'd be proud to come here and tell you how well we're doing especially if we're doing well.

Councilmember Sutton: I think regardless of how it goes, we will want to know how it's going and it is our intent and hope that it will go extremely well, but those are just some of the key things that we would like to know because obviously, faster repayment on those bond payments, we're obviously looking at ways in which we can do that, too. I don't know how much an effect this has on the county's bond rating, have we taken a look at that, Mr.

President?

President Wortman: Not yet, but I think that's a good point on that, but a progress report yearly would be in order here, I think. Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I know when Mr. Robinson from Vision 2000 was here last week, he's unable to be here, but he had indicated too that there are prospects that are ready to go now as soon as we can get this thing lined up. I had one other question on page three, the cumulative available revenues, that is assuming everything goes well, would that money be controlled by the bond issuer, is that right?

Chris Johnston: The Redevelopment Commission. Every July, I think it's July 1st or July 15th, the Commission has to look at where all their TIF projects stand in relation to their debt service and they make a decision as to what is the use of those funds. And Mr. Sutton, I imagine you will get a progress report because Madam Auditor will have to make an appropriation out of County Option Income Tax if things are going well.

Suzanne Crouch: I believe, if I am interpreting your information correctly, I guess it's the last page perhaps where you have the estimated County Option Income requirement, that is actually at this time, actual monies that the County Council will have to appropriate, is that correct?

Chris Johnston: Right, that is what I wanted to touch on.

Suzanne Crouch: And the Council has monies available in your COIT Windfall. You've set aside money and have budgeted money for the Daylight Sewer Project, you've also budgeted money for Azteca to pick up until their TIF has generated enough revenues and we need to probably look at those numbers, but there should be conservatively \$300,000 available after you have enough money to pay for your Azteca and your Daylight Sewer has already had monies appropriated, so there should be ample monies to make those payments.

Councilmember Hoy: Ms. Crouch, on this financial sheet you gave us, those figures are not reflected on here.

Suzanne Crouch: No, they're not, but I'll be happy to --

Councilmember Hoy: That's okay, they're in addition to what we're seeing here, is my understanding.

Suzanne Crouch: That is correct.

Councilmember Hoy: A question I have is, you know, we all hope for this to work, but this is really a speculative venture for the county as well, a two million dollar speculative venture.

Chris Johnston: Yes, it would be much nicer if we had ten prospects that we could go and put --

Councilmember Hoy: I understand. I just, before we vote I want us to know that we are voting on a speculative venture and we all hope it turns out well.

Chris Johnston: One other point to address, something that Mr. Sutton had mentioned and that Mike had mentioned earlier, depending upon what projects come in and what the pace of development is, there is something that the Redevelopment Commission can consider and that is to designate a taxpayer in there. If you have a manufacturer that comes in and is going to have substantial personal property in the form of machinery and equipment, on a case by case basis the Redevelopment Commission could designate that taxpayer and also capture the incremental assessed value from that investment as well. Because we do not know who those taxpayers may be, we've just left our revenue projections solely on real property.

Councilmember Hoy: This question was asked before, Mr. Raben asked it a while ago, this is, Mr. Robling, eligible for Airport Development Zone Enterprise, also?



Mike Robling: (Inaudible -- did not come to microphone)

Councilmember Hoy: It's within that large area. Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Robling, when I asked the question earlier about our bond rating, the county's bond rating, any insight you could provide there on any effects that we might see as a result of this particular project?

Mike Robling: I'm not sure it would affect the bond rating because you're not pledging the regular personal property tax funds at all. A TIF bond gets rated basically by the security that's behind it which is the COIT pledge. This would be the third TIF bond that's been issued. Suzanne mentioned the Azteca one, which is also COIT backed and then the Burkhardt Road one which is a pure TIF that has no backing whatsoever and (inaudible) the most productive pure TIF in the state because of the rapid development that is taking place in that area.

President Wortman: Okay. Jim?

Councilmember Raben: I am still a little bit confused with the overall estimated tax revenues, okay, which they were being speculated to raise seven million dollars, the total debt service over fifteen years is three point two, that balance of roughly four million dollars, what body is in charge of that balance? Is it the Redevelopment Commission, or is it the Industrial Foundation, who...

Chris Johnston: The Redevelopment Commission.

Mike Robling: (Inaudible -- did not come to the microphone to speak)

Chris Johnston: It depends on how the bond documents their structure, but again, the Redevelopment Commission, every summer will look at not only the revenues related to this project, but all other TIF revenues for other projects and they'll compare to their debt service requirements for those projects and then make a determination that if there's available TIF revenues, then they have a couple of options. The bond documents may say we want to accumulate all the excess TIF so we can call the bonds early and pay them off as soon as possible or if they don't, then the decision could be to still accumulate it or to spend the money on a pay as you go project. Maybe there's a related drainage problem or some sort of infrastructure project that wasn't done in '95 when they originally issued the bonds, let's say. So it's the Redevelopment Commission working along with the Auditor and the Trustee depending on how much of the money has to go to pay off bonds. So those three entities, but the driving force is really the governmental body of the Redevelopment Commission.

Councilmember Raben: I guess why I am somewhat concerned with these projections is it's not like you're talking about two percent or three percent additional monies, I mean, we're talking almost fifty percent or greater, well, actually, a hundred percent, and Mike, I am still confused as far as the Redevelopment Commission, could those excess funds be used for other projects that do not pertain to this project? Can you use that extra money to pay down debt services on other --

Mike Robling: (Inaudible -- did not come to the microphone to speak)

Rick Hall: Yeah, the excess TIF revenues could be used to pay off the bonds or they could be used for projects that are within the area or directly serve the area, meaning the park, so you could not take those monies and the Redevelopment Commission could not take those monies and use them elsewhere in the county.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, to me, I would like some sort of language that would state that the excess funds be used for early retirement of the bonds. I mean, I would like to know that the Commission couldn't do other things with these funds until the debt was satisfied because that's what we're responsible for. I mean, that's where our signatures are on the line and I would like to see -- and again, to me, it looks like by year 2005 we could double up on payments if your projections are anywhere near close to being accurate.

Rick Hall: That's certainly a term we could negotiate with the purchaser of the bonds to provide for the early repayment with the excess TIF.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and then, --

Mike Robling: (Inaudible -- did not come to the microphone to speak)

Councilmember Hoy: Could we get this on record because she won't be able --

(Inaudible - several speaking at once)

Mike Robling: I was asking Rick if the bonds couldn't be structured as such that any excess funds couldn't be utilized for any purpose other than debt reduction at least until the COIT -- there was no longer a need for COIT revenues.

Councilmember Hoy: Should we vote yes on this today, Mr. Robling, how can we ensure that? I mean, we've voted on things before when we voted and then once we voted, we've lost control and we've lost leverage.

Mike Robling: You still have to pass the ordinance.

Councilmember Hoy: So we still have another opportunity? Okay, thank you.

Rick Hall: Yeah, the reason you're being asked to adopt this resolution today is the Foundation has an option on the property, to acquire the property that expires at the end of the month and before they incurred their own debt, and expended their own money to acquire the site, they wanted some assurances from the County Council and the County Commissioners that you are supportive of the project, that you were willing to finance and build the one point six million dollars in infrastructure improvements that they feel is necessary in order to make it a viable park, so the resolution you adopt today is evidence of your support for the project, your willingness to pledge COIT to a two million dollar bond issue to finance infrastructure to support the park. Once the final terms of the bonds have been negotiated with the purchasers and the Redevelopment Commission has approved those terms of the bonds, we will come back to you and the Council will then have to make a formal pledge of the COIT to those bonds. So when you make that formal pledge through adoption of an ordinance, you'll know exactly what you're pledging the COIT to.

Councilmember Hoy: We, as a Council, according to what I've read in the paperwork are not really a partner in this with you all. I mean, that's a statement I thought I read in the documentation. In other words, this is not a partnership venture, we are putting up money for infrastructure, period.

Rick Hall: That's right.

Councilmember Hoy: Have you all, and I read your history, but I confess I haven't memorized it, have you all ever asked a governing body to do this before or have you asked the developers or the businesses coming in to do their own infrastructure in your history?

Councilmember Sutton: I think I've got somewhat of a feeling what he's probably going to say, but generally, when we're talking about attracting some of the more attractive businesses and industries to our area, they are looking for sites that are ready, buildable sites where they won't have to make those type of heavy investments in a site wherein they may not fully realize the benefit of that exclusively themselves, but others may also benefit from what they've invested in. I'll let you go ahead.

President Wortman: I'll tell you what happened with the Dana Corporation was wanting to build out there and they went to Owensboro and nothing was ready out there. That was what was wrong in the first project. This here, when you build it, it's going to be ready.

Councilmember Hoy: But to be honest with you, Mr. Wortman, the state of Kentucky, itself, offered a whole lot more incentives to Dana than the state of Indiana did. I mean, there were more carrots on the stick out there than just the industrial park. I mean, Kentucky was willing to pay a whole lot more for Scott Paper Company than we were as a state and

that's the kind of competition we're up against all the time. And frankly, as you know, it's the kind of competition I deplore because I think it's not good economics.

Ron Keeping: To speak to Mr. Hoy's questions, to my knowledge there has never been a case where the foundation has sought the kind of support from the government we're seeking today and, in fact, frequently the role of the Foundation has been to extend infrastructure in cases where the government was not able to extend infrastructure so I think that answers both of your questions, doesn't it?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, it does and this is really, as I understand it, part of the sort of the new wave of how things are done and were not done in the past, I mean, not just with you all but just in general?

Ron Keeping: I believe that's right.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: A resolution is a resolution and it's not the ordinance, but if we approve the resolution -- this happened several years ago on Eastland Mall -- Joe Harrison, Sr. was the attorney in that case and when it went there, they approved it but when they come back the City Council turned it down, he went to Federal Court and won it because we gave the resolution as an approval. So really, after today we do lose control and this, I remember this very well, and that was Eastland Mall, so we did lose control at that time.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you, Mrs. Smith, for your wonderful memory.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, that's exactly what I was going to say, Jim, just about. I like what you're saying, I like what Betty is saying, I think you ought to cover this motion so when they read in, when they draw this up, it's there that anything left over and above goes to pay this off. I think you've got a great idea there.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'd like to raise maybe one or two more questions, and I don't know if this needs to be directed to the County Attorney, Joe Harrison, Jr., or Mike, but the Vanderburgh County Redevelopment Commission, who is in charge of the Redevelopment Commission?

Mike Robling: There are five members on the Commission and they're all appointed by the County Commissioners and serve at their pleasure.

Councilmember Raben: Can you, and I'm very much in favor of this project, don't get me wrong, but I am also concerned about dragging out fifteen years of debt service if it's not in my control or maybe I don't like the people who has control over it. But the Redevelopment Commission will always have the say so on do we drag this out fifteen years or can we pay it out and --

Mike Robling: Legally, that's true but in reality the Auditor is probably in the driver's seat for the most part.

Councilmember Raben: The Auditor.

Mike Robling: You have the funds, you're the custodian of the funds.

Councilmember Raben: Can you terminate a TIF?

Mike Robling: Not while there are bonds outstanding, I don't think.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: So in truth what Mrs. Smith said and what's being said here, --

Mike Robling: She was referring to a tax abatement.

Councilmember Hoy: -- what we vote today really legally locks us in. I mean, we, as a Council, sometimes don't ask all the -- that's why we're asking all these questions because we've had situations where we voted something and it came back to haunt us more than once. And I don't want that to happen and I don't think any Councilman does.

Councilmember Raben: I'm concerned with tying up funds that could go back to other taxing agents or the township for fifteen years and it sounds like it's up to the Redevelopment Commission whether they opt to do that or not and at some point in time, again, it's possible that in six or eight or ten years, we could retire the debt and retire the TIF and everything would be back to normal, but I don't know who -- I mean, again, we're trusting that non-elected body, an appointed body, to make that decision and that's a little uncomfortable for me.

Rick Hall: We can build into the terms of the documents a requirement that the excess TIF goes into a fund and that fund only be used to retire the bonds, so you can constrain the use of that money.

Councilmember Raben: Can you also build in that the TIF be retired at that time?

Rick Hall: That the TIF district be repealed upon the retirement of the bonds?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Rick Hall: You could provide for that as well.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so that -- does everybody understand that?

Councilmember Hoy: But we need to put that in today and not wait until later because of what you said, Mrs. Smith, about --

Councilmember Raben: Well, if it's stated on record...

Rick Hall: Yeah, I think that the resolution that you have before you today is not the binding ordinance that pledges the COIT to the bonds, but any issues that you have or reservations or conditions, etc., without question should be flushed out in the open today because it's upon this resolution that the Foundation is going to take action to purchase this land, so they need to know within the boundaries that they're operating when they do that.

Councilmember Raben: And again, I've got the greatest faith in the world in the Foundation themselves. Again, I think it's a strong group of individuals that if there's a way in hell it's going to work, they'll make it work. But I would like to take the authority at some point away from the Redevelopment Commission and be able to eliminate the TIF so those funds are back in the other agents where they belong and I think what these other individuals are afraid of is when we sign off today, we've waived our chances of adding that verbiage. So is that true or...

Rick Hall: It is not true.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

(Inaudible -- microphone not turned on)

Rick Hall: We can do that.

President Wortman: Just a minute, our County Attorney might respond to this question.

Jeff Ahlers: I would suggest that if everyone, I mean, if you all have that concern and you want this in here, that we can go ahead and put language in that all of the excess revenue shall be applied to the outstanding balance of the bonds until they are retired. And there was one other concern -- wasn't there another item you wanted in there?

Councilmember Raben: At which time, and again, I don't know, again, I don't know whose call it is but the possibility of retiring the TIF. Is that the Commissioners' call then?

Jeff Ahlers: I would just point out briefly, that again, this is a resolution. It is not the ordinance. The resolution specifically refers at the bottom of Section One that this resolution does not constitute a pledge of the COIT revenues and that the terms of the pledge shall be determined by an ordinance to be adopted by Council following the approval of the issuance of the bonds by the Commission. So therefore, subsequently, in an ordinance you can put in whatever terms you want. However, if it gives you some higher level of comfort, I would suggest, I don't see any problem unless Mr. Halls sees otherwise, I think we should just go ahead and we can just add in a sentence here on the excess revenues unless, of course, the Foundation sees any problems with that.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, Counsel, on this resolution, given that it's not an ordinance, it is just a resolution, I'm not seeing that on the agenda for today anyway in terms of acting on that. We've got the Industrial Foundation's presentation on here but we don't have anything that says anything about a resolution. Now we have the resolution for the Airport Development Zone --

Councilmember Smith: We got it on our desks when we came in so we haven't seen it.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean we have normally, I mean, we haven't taken action on anything in any of our meetings unless we have it on the agenda. I'm not wanting to delay or anything like that, but given the amount of discussion here and like I say, it doesn't appear on our agenda. How can we act on this anyway?

Jeff Ahlers: Let me point out to you, first of all, this was addressed at the Personnel & Finance meeting --

Councilmember Sutton: Not a resolution. It was a discussion.

Jeff Ahlers: Yes, --

Councilmember Sutton: No, I was here. A resolution was not presented.

Jeff Ahlers: A resolution was not presented. It was discussed at that time that a resolution was required and that based upon that discussion we move forward to have a resolution prepared.

Councilmember Sutton: I've got an amended agenda for today and on that amended agenda which would have reflected anything that we would have discussed last week, it does not indicate that. Now, I've got the agenda for last week and this week and it doesn't include that, so that's what I am trying to say here. We don't have that as an action item.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, the agenda, obviously, is brief. This is a decision for you all to make what you want to vote on. The agenda is obviously a succinct abbreviation of what is occurring in an agenda and it has the Evansville Industrial Foundation on there. This is -- the resolution is the action that's being taken with regard to this. It was talked about last time, so there is no problem with the agenda. Now if someone has a motion they want to make and they're not wanting to consider this, that's obviously your prerogative, but I am saying it is legal, it is on here, and it was discussed.

Councilmember Sutton: That's not really my point. If you are looking at it that way, we had a gentleman here from last week from Insight Communications who came and spoke and that even appears on the agenda for this week. That didn't -- there wasn't an action item necessarily to act on that and that's what we have here on the Industrial Foundation. Last week, clearly in the discussion I didn't hear anything where we would be acting on a resolution. Surely, I know they were looking for our support and I think we are supportive of that, I think, I am not hearing too much dissent and at least I am supportive of it, but I am just saying there isn't anything on here indicated where there was an action item to be taken unless I am reading something totally wrong here.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, we don't have a motion on the floor yet, do we? I would like to make a motion, Mr. President, that we table this resolution and ask our attorney to write in to the resolution Mr. Raben's two concerns and that we then present it in a subsequent meeting of this body. That is a motion.

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

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Now discussion.

Jeff Ahlers: If I could, first of all, I'd like to ask the Foundation, are we under any time constraints before we start...as I said, we could put these items in the resolution if it needs to be done today. If we're not under a time constraint that's fine, but before we -- I think all the Council ought to understand if there are any time constraints.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Jeffers, you don't answer to the public, you answer to the Council. The question, and he made the motion, he seconded it, so you ask them a question. You are supposed to answer to us and no one else. That is your job.

Jeff Ahlers: I am trying to make sure that what this body is doing is an appropriate action and that you understand what you are voting on and the ramifications.

Councilmember Smith: Then you talk to the Councilmembers, you don't talk to the public. You are not an elected official.

Jeff Ahlers: I was recognized by the President and I am speaking and doing what I am supposed to do, Miss Knight.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: I'd ask Mr. Keeping, are we under some time constraints for this project?

Ron Keeping: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, you have the ability and power to call any special meetings any time you choose to do so.

President Wortman: I am aware of that. I was wanting the answer from Mr. Lloyd from Mr. -- the time element.

Ron Keeping: The Foundation has an option that expires on April 30th, Sir.

President Wortman: April 30th, this month. Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, could I raise a question with our Counsel? Mr. Ahlers, let me make sure that legally we're in the clear. If we vote on this resolution today, at some point in time, we're going to have to sign off on the bonds, correct?

Jeff Ahlers: Not the bonds. We're going to have an ordinance that will need to be passed by this body that sets forth the terms of our pledge of COIT revenues essentially to back up the bonds.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so at that time, is that when we can legally add the language that we would like to add?

Jeff Ahlers: Yes. I mean, that talks about specific terms that would be put in that ordinance; however, what I am saying is, is I don't think there is a problem if you want to add that term today. That's not a problem. I mean, it's in this resolution. If it gives you some higher level of comfort to do that there is absolutely no problem to do that and I'd suggest --

Councilmember Raben: We can do that today.

Jeff Ahlers: Sure.

Councilmember Hoy: That's what my motion effects is that we -- I want this written in from the very start so that we face no legal problems later on where someone says well, you

passed this resolution and in a courtroom then we're held to that resolution. And that's why I think we can do this today and our President can set a special meeting so that document is written up just like we want it and we can meet their deadline and I'll feel a lot more comfortable if it's done that way and I don't know how the rest of the Council feels, but there is a motion on the floor that we eventually will vote on which I would be happy to add to my motion and if the seconder is willing to accept it, that is that we add a special meeting -- change tape?

President Wortman: Yes, excuse me.

**(Discussion continued during tape change)**

Jeff Ahlers: -- minutes as far as in handwriting, I suppose. If you want a nice clean copy, I mean, it can be done tomorrow. So that's not something that's time consuming as far as a resolution. Now the ordinance --

Councilmember Raben: Thinking in terms of how we can act on it today,...

Councilmember Sutton: Well, if we're talking about adding language, I mean, wouldn't we rather really want to take a look at that language rather than just hastily throwing some things together, given that they do have some time constraints here and we want to be respectful of that, let's not get in such a hurry that we don't do our job. You've got some concerns, Councilman Raben, why not embed that language in here. If Mr. President has to call a special meeting, he can do that.

President Wortman: Councilmen, I am going to suggest something, I can call the ten minute recess and have the attorney and those gentlemen process that and come back with you if you want to.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I'd like to add an amendment to my motion and see if Mr. Sutton will second it and that is that we call a special meeting a week from today or longer so that we meet this time frame. I just got this on my desk today and then I just got the accountant's figures on my desk today and I need more time to look at this stuff and we're talking about two million dollars here. It won't hurt us...that's what I want to add to my motion. I need a second if Mr. Sutton will accept it to say that we will meet, put a time frame on it of having a week or more and we stay within their time frame so that they can act and meet their deadline because I know Mr. Ahlers is a good attorney, I don't want something handwritten in front of me. I want a resolution that looks just as clean and good as this so I can read it. Do you accept that addition, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Amen, Reverend.

Councilmember Smith: I want it understood that I am certainly not against this project, but a resolution -- you're giving them the go-ahead, so we are committed to it even though it's a resolution. Joe Harrison, Sr., Joe is sitting back there, knows this happened and they took us to Federal Court and won it when we gave them the preliminary approval! And when we vote on this, we are giving them the approval. So it should be right. If you want to take a ten minute recess, do that, whatever. Let's just move on and get it over with, but let's have it right when we do it.

Councilmember Sutton: One other thing, let's conduct this in such a way, I mean, when we get the resolution on our desks as we get here for the meeting, I mean, let's give ourselves some time to look at this. I mean, I think we feel comfortable overall for the most part with this but let's not put something -- we just don't handle things like that, with handwritten things, something hastily put together. The project is not going to be adversely affected by us taking action at a later time or something like that. I mean, we just need, and I am pretty sure they need to do some research before they add that language in there. I mean, they are not just going to write language and not do the research on it. Let's do the thing correctly.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I don't have any problem with Mr. Raben's suggestion about taking the monies and paying off the bonds early when there's an excess. Too, I don't think it's

in our bounds to say abolish the Tax Increment district because that's the Commissioners' power, that's not Council's power. So I don't know that we can really do that.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, it has to do with funding, and we are the funding body that makes funding decisions. They can always tell us we are out of bounds, but I think, again, we don't -- see, here we are again. We don't know where we stand legally on that issue as to whether or not we can do that. We need to know that before we meet and that is why I am pushing for this resolution. It's not going to mess up their time frame at all. If this project is as important as they say it is and we feel it is, then let's do it decently and in order and act like the deliberative body that we've been elected to be. This happens to us too many times where this stuff comes on the desk and there's always a deadline. There's always a close deadline and we can still meet this deadline by having a space of time for this to be written out, typed out, mailed to us, given to us, or whatever so we can look it over and know exactly what we're voting on and have it clear as crystal from the beginning because generally it's better to be in on the takeoff or else you want be in on the landing and I think --

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, are we supposed to meet on the 28th on a special meeting? Couldn't we vote on it at that time? He said he had until the 30th.

Councilmember Hoy: That would give them two days.

Ron Keeping: That is true. This resolution you are making has been set to give the Foundation the assurance that the Council is on board with this. That assurance, in turn, will be needed by the people to which we, the Foundation, will go seeking additional borrowing in the Foundation's name. They've got to be assured and waiting until the 28th wouldn't give the Foundation enough time to go to their banks to get the money. This is not one of those fifteen minute credit approval things you hear about on T.V. The sooner you can act, if it takes a special meeting, the better it will be for the Foundation. The Foundation, itself, meets in regular session next Monday. We, the Foundation, of course, will meet in special session ourselves to accommodate your schedule.

Councilmember Hoy: With all due respect, I think on your board, I've read your board, you have the major banks represented on your board and I am sure they are interested in this because they are interested in the community. We have two of the largest banks around in this town and a third bank that's fairly large. I have a notion that they believe in this or they wouldn't be here and they wouldn't be on your board and I'm confident they can come up with the loan. One of those banks came up with a smaller loan, much smaller than two million dollars for me in twenty minutes. I admit that was less money, but it can be done and the preliminary work can be done with those banks before the date because I think your sense is that this body is going to approve this. We just want it in the form which -- I'd be happy to come to an earlier meeting, that's why I said let's give ourselves a week so legal counsel has the time and we can have a short meeting. But I would like to look at the resolution first. I just don't think that this is an unreasonable motion or request and it certainly will improve our image in this community as being a body who acts ahead of time. We've been accused of acting behind on The Centre and things like that. Let's conduct ourselves in a business-like way.

Councilmember Sutton: There is a motion on the floor.

President Wortman: Yeah, motion on the floor and second, is there any more discussion? Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President, just one other thing. The Commissioners created the TIF district. The Council, we don't have the power to do that. We don't have the power to abolish it, so I don't think that should be in the resolution, but I'd like to see us get this completed today. I think a recess -- we'll have a document in front of us and vote it up or down.

Councilmember Hoy: And what I'm asking is our legal counsel check -- he can check the legality of that section and if it's not legal, leave it out. It's that simple.

Jeff Ahlers: Which section are you referring to leave out?



Councilmember Hoy: On paying -- what was it, Mr. Raben, paying the TIF off early.

Jeff Ahlers: I don't think there's a problem with that but abolishing the TIF district.

Councilmember Hoy: Abolishing the TIF district, that's it.

Jeff Ahlers: And if that's an -- that's not in our bailiwick.

Councilmember Raben: Then if Commissioners establish the TIF then I'm sure it's their right to abolish the TIF, so that part of it may be out of line but taking care of debt service up front is very important and if that's something we can do in a matter of a few minutes and everybody take a few minutes' break, I mean...

Councilmember Hoy: We have a motion and we have a span of time in the motion, at least a week and the motion gives us at least a week and I would rather keep the motion as is because Mr. Ahlers is a good attorney and he can come back and tell us no, that section doesn't fit, that's the Commissioners' call, I'll be happy to hear that, but I'd like that researched. I don't think that's too much to ask.

President Wortman: Okay, 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: I am ready to vote on this today. I think we can add it to the motion. I am going to vote no on it.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: No.

**(Motion fails 3-4/Councilmembers Bassemier, Raben, Lloyd and Wortman opposed)**

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, could I make a motion that, I see our County Attorney is present, that he possibly take a quick recess with our counsel and see if this can happen today and then come right back to us?

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

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: How many votes do you have to have on these matters?

Councilmember Hoy: Four. It's not a new position. I move the question, Mr. Wortman. I think we know how we are going to vote and I'd just as soon not waste any more time and I've gone on record as asking that we be deliberate, responsible (inaudible - microphone not turned on) so let's just do the vote and get it over with.

President Wortman: Do you want to make an amendment, Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No, I just want to vote and I called for the question.

President Wortman: Alright, we are going to vote on the motion for the recess, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Hoy: (Inaudible - microphone not turned on)

President Wortman: Alright, that's fine. Any other discussion? Call the roll please.

Jeff Ahlers: For a brief recess.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion carried 4-3/Councilmembers Smith, Sutton & Hoy opposed)**

President Wortman: Meeting adjourned for ten minutes. Recess, I said adjourned, I'm sorry.

**(Meeting recessed for fifteen minutes)**

President Wortman: The County Council now is in session after a having a long ten minute recess. We have a resolution with added -- everybody look it over and if there are any questions, why we'll proceed with that. The attorneys met and I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, before you entertain a motion, I'm still, I had a question in our other session before we recessed is, and the question was related to our agenda. Our agenda -- we have a resolution on here to approve the Airport Development Zone, we have some other things on our agenda, we don't have this on the agenda. Where does this lie on the agenda? I went back through the minutes of our last meeting and reviewed through those minutes and unless someone says something different, I don't see anything in the verbiage in those minutes that mentions a resolution coming before this

body to this effect and I think the fact that it's set on our desks the moment we sit down here supports that. I think that what we're dealing with here is not necessarily an issue of this project. I mean, I think there is support for this project but I think more the issue is we're hurriedly throwing things together and putting things together and not really giving a lot of thought to these things. Last month it was the two percent tax issue. Now we've got this thrown before us at the last minute. I don't think it's fair to their project and what they are trying to do and the time that they've put into it that we get stuff thrown on our desks the moment of the meeting. I just -- and it isn't reflected even here on the agenda so where will we find this on the agenda to act on this and I think if we look at any of our open meeting laws and public meeting laws, we have to have an agenda that represents what it is that we're going to act on. And I don't see anything that shows that.

President Wortman: Would the County Attorney respond to that please?

Jeff Ahlers: At the last meeting, I think you'll see in your minutes, and it was when Mr. Keeping was speaking and apparently, because he did a presentation over here on the side with demonstrations and such, he left the microphone and you'll see in the Personnel & Finance Committee meetings, it says that the tape is inaudible. Mr. Keeping made it clear in his presentation that a resolution would be needed on the COIT funds and he discussed that.

Councilmember Sutton: The inaudible portion of the minutes that's not recorded.

Jeff Ahlers: If you look on page fifteen of your minutes, it says tape inaudible due to speakers not speaking into the microphone. A handout was given to all Councilmembers. I remember because I was here that he was doing a presentation over here and that may be why that occurred. We found out or I was advised on that same day earlier that they were going to need a COIT resolution. The Bond Counsel furnished us with one on Monday, we faxed it over here, I've gotten it together so it's one of those things where we were notified on Wednesday that that's what was needed but that was also done here at the Personnel & Finance Committee meeting. I think it was clear to everyone that we were going to need this resolution. As far as your question concerning the agenda, it's on there. There's no particular methodology as to how an item is put on the agenda. There is no problem with Open Door Laws or anything like that. It's properly before the Council.

Councilmember Sutton: Help me see that then, Counsel.

Jeff Ahlers: It says Evansville Industrial Foundation down there under New Business.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, and on A, what does that say there? Read that to me.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I can read it. It's talking about a resolution for the Airport Development Zone.

President Wortman: Let me interrupt one thing. Right above there we've got D, Judge Tornatta. It don't say a thing about him neither, so I think we've got the same situation there.

Councilmember Sutton: So Judge Tornatta could have been coming to present a resolution, he could have been...I am not trying to be picky, I am just saying the point here ...if we're going to do something, let's do it at least the right way. I mean, we've got our other areas of business here and we've followed through on those. Why are we beginning to make exceptions and change things around and hurriedly putting things together? It really comes off as quite disorganized. That's really what it comes off as and I really -- I think we can do a better job.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton, let me ask you this, if that was Evansville Industrial Foundation resolution, what would that do to you?

Councilmember Sutton: If, but it's not. I mean, if that were the case then we would be considering a resolution for the Evansville Industrial Foundation.

Councilmember Hoy: And the other part of it is, we started at one point six, we're at two, and if this thing fails, we're at three point two million. We'll have to pay for the whole thing.

I don't think we will, but that's the way it reads. Mr. President, I don't like coming in here and having a bundle of financial papers put on my desk and a resolution that I haven't seen before a meeting. That is not the way to conduct business. We're not talking about defeating this, we're talking about conducting business and as Mr. Sutton says, it was not on the agenda. We just voted a book full of rules that we were supposed to follow and I don't think this follows the rules we voted for. We're supposed to know ahead of time what we're facing in a meeting. And I've seen us haggle over two thousand dollars for a piece of equipment in somebody's office and we're talking about a couple of million here.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President, I would just recommend in the future when we do have a resolution type vote to just have that on the agenda, that language, or at least make an effort to have that.

Councilmember Sutton: We've always had that on there, Councilman Lloyd. Anytime we've had anything where we're going to take an action on any type of thing, it's clearly stated on there. That's never been an issue whether we should or shouldn't. I am just saying that it isn't in this particular case and I think a lot of that has to do with, like I said, just the rush to hurriedly put things together without ample consideration for all of the things that we need to do from our standpoint.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, I am going to say this real quick. I don't want to beat a dead horse, but the girls, the ladies who prepare this, they do a wonderful job and just left out a word -- we knew what it was all about. The man made a presentation almost forty-five minutes last week. We knew what it was all about. I mean, everything is broken down to us, so I think we oughtn't nitpick, and I think we need to go ahead and vote on this.

President Wortman: Okay, we've got till 5:30, Area Plan comes in here, so I am going to entertain a motion from the floor.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve the amended resolution with the new language.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben seconded. Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I believe that we should have gotten it before. I do not want to hold up the project, but from here on, if we get it on the floor I will not vote for another thing so let's make sure if they are under a time limit, then they should get it to the Council beforehand because they know we're supposed to get it before we come on the floor. But I am going to go ahead and vote for it because I think the project is a good project. So I vote aye.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I think you said it very well, Councilman Smith. That's exactly my sentiments. I'm fully supportive of this project and I think the time that they have put into this, I think we are -- we're duty bound to a certain extent on our end to put in the time that they have put into this project and so to hurriedly put together a resolution that has handwriting and arrows pointing and things put together at the last minute is not reflective of what this body should be all about and I think we can do a much better job. Last month we were hurriedly putting together information and things for the two percent tax last month and now this month we've got this hurriedly put together. Like I say, I'm supportive of the project, so I'll say yes, but I definitely say no to how we carry out our process.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I just want to thank the Foundation for meeting with me and taking time and they gave me a lot of answers and I appreciate that and I am going to vote yes for this.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: A couple of remarks. With all due respect to the Foundation, I'm looking at that roster of members and these are some of the best and brightest leaders in our city and I think they can produce things for us in a timely fashion and did not. Further, I have great problems with the kind of jobs that are going to be produced because over forty percent of the clients that come to the pantries that we service in thirty-three counties have full-time jobs that pay in the range that some of these jobs are going to pay. I just can't in good conscience put public money toward jobs that simply will not enable people to live. Sometimes in this community we have got to realize that people have to have a liveable wage and I don't think we are going to see a lot of those jobs and for that reason and because of the timing and the messy way its been presented, you have a no from me.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: My vote is yes and I think this is a great project. I look forward to seeing it take place and I think it is a victory for the taxpayers. We made an amendment today that serves them better and it certainly has my support.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I'd like to also echo, thank the Foundation. I believe this will be a successful project for our county. It is something we don't have right now because the Airport Industrial Park has been filled up. I thought it was important that they've made the presentation, we have the information, we had the information last week other than we didn't have the exact resolution, so I think it was important to get this done today and send the message that the county does support this project, so I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Passes six to one.

**(<sup>3</sup>Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Hoy opposed)**

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, before we adjourn --

**F) SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 28, 1999 FOR OLD STATE ROAD BARRETT LAW PROJECT**

President Wortman: No, I've got one more statement here to make, the special meeting April 28, that's going to be consideration of a bond ordinance for the Old State Road Barrett Law Project. The second reading will be May 5th but this will be the first reading on April 28th. So fifteen minutes before the scheduled Personnel & Finance. Mr. Hoy?

**G) REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM BUILDING AUTHORITY & OGDEN REGARDING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CENTRE**

Councilmember Hoy: I have two questions, I asked these at least a month ago and we've not gotten the answer. I would like for you, Mr. President, to ask these. We asked the Building Authority what it is going to cost to run and maintain The Centre. We need to know that figure and we also need to know what Ogden is going to charge us because even with the two percent on the Innkeeper's Tax, we're still going to be taping General Funds to run this and as the financial arm of this county, I want to know what those figures are and I think it's overdue that we know those figures. I don't know why we can't have those. Would you please pursue that, Sir?

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<sup>3</sup> Resolution Approving and Authorizing Certain Actions and Proceedings with Repect to Certain Proposed Tax Increment Finance Bonds (Evansville Industrial Foundation) resolution attached.

President Wortman: Yes sir.

Councilmember Hoy: By next meeting?

President Wortman: Guarantee it, guarantee it. And this has got to be advertised, this special meeting, so I'll have the Auditor to make sure you get it advertised. Alright, Mr. Raben?

## **H) ARMSTRONG RECREATION CENTER IMPROVEMENTS**

Councilmember Raben: One quick thing, I've been contacted by a gentleman by the name of Mark Fehrenbacher who heads up the Armstrong Recreation Center Board and he said that their board has filed for several grants and what they're doing is they need a new roof, they need some air conditioning repairs and they are making some general improvements out there. He had asked that I present this to the Council and asked that I prepare a letter on behalf of the Council in support of their grant applications. And again, they need like \$40,000 in roof repairs and the bathrooms, I think they need to put in new plumbing. They've got about \$100,000 worth of repairs or something like that and some new playground equipment that they filed for different grants and it would just be something coming from the Council that we're in support of their efforts and if it is okay by this body, I would like to state that we're behind them on that.

President Wortman: Would you want to make a motion?

Councilmember Raben: I don't know if I need a motion, but --

President Wortman: All those in favor of Jim's little speech there in reference to Armstrong Recreation Center raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Okay, thank you. Any other -- don't leave before you sign your life away. Just a minute, the County Attorney has got something to say.

Jeff Ahlers: Our secretary wanted to get signatures on this. What I am going to do with your permission is I will have it cleaned up and the front page will be changed with those exact revisions and supplied to the Auditor's Office, but they want to go ahead and gather signatures since we won't be back again until the 28th. Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay. And is there any other business to come before this Council? If not, I want to entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to adjourn.

President Wortman: And a second?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Wortman: All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Meeting is adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.)

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Curt Wortman

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Vice President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

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Councilmember James Raben

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING FOR OLD STATE ROAD  
BARRETT LAW SEWER PROJECT  
MINUTES  
APRIL 28, 1999**

The Vanderburgh County Council held a special meeting on the 28th day of April, 1999 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:29 p.m. by County Council President Curt Wortman.

President Wortman: The Vanderburgh County Council special meeting is now in session April 28, 3:15 plus. Eric Williams, would you open the meeting, please?

(Meeting opened by Chief Eric Williams of the Vanderburgh County Sheriff’s Department)

President Wortman: Would the secretary please call the roll?

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

President Wortman: Would you all please pledge allegiance to the flag, please?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OLD STATE ROAD BARRETT LAW SEWER PROJECT</b></p>
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President Wortman: This is a public hearing to consider an ordinance authorizing the issue of Barrett Law Bonds for Old State Road sanitary sewer. This is a first reading, the second reading will be May 5th in May. So I’d entertain a motion if everybody has read it and understands it. I’ll entertain a motion for approval.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy, and do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded. Any discussion on this? 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Okay, no further business on this special meeting, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: All those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Meeting is adjourned.

**(Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.)**

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Curt Wortman

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Vice President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Phil Hoy

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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  
MAY 5, 1999

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 5th day of May, 1999 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m. by County Council President Curt Wortman.

President Wortman: We're going to open the meeting here, the Vanderburgh County Council, May the 5th, room 301 and so I'd like the secretary to please call the roll. Excuse me, have we got a Sheriff in attendance to open the meeting? Don't see anybody. So...let's go ahead.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, it's not required by law that the Sheriff open the meeting.

President Wortman: Okay, would the secretary please call the roll?

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

\*Councilmember Sutton arrived shortly after roll call.

President Wortman: Would we please stand and pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
APRIL 7, 1999

President Wortman: Okay, now I will ask for approval of the minutes from the April 7th meeting, 1999. Do I have a motion?

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith, and I have a second. Any discussion on the minutes? All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six...Ed? Six, one's missing. Okay, six to zero.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Wortman: We need to make an introduction here. First today, we have Megan Garrett is career shadowing Sandie and the County Council. Megan is a sophomore magna cum laude academic honor student and attends North High School. Would you stand up please? That's Sandie Deig's granddaughter. Thank you very much. Appreciate it for coming up here and seeing how government operates. Maybe a possible candidate someday, hopefully.

<b>APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE</b>
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**A) AUDITOR**

President Wortman: We'll get right into the Appropriation Ordinance and the first on the agenda will be the County Auditor.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of 1020-3530 Contractual Services in the amount of \$1,800.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Hoy, thank you. Do I have any discussion on that? No discussion, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1020-3530	CONTRACTUAL SVCS.	1,800.00	1,800.00
TOTAL		1,800.00	1,800.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**B) CORONER**

President Wortman: Next is B, the Coroner, and the Coroner is out today. Nobody to fill in the shoes. They was also, he couldn't be here so I think everything else is pretty well explanatory last Wednesday, so Mr. Raben, would you proceed.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of 1070-2720 in the amount of \$4,000; account 1070-2410 in the amount of \$4,000; let's move down to 1070-3520 in the amount of \$2,567 and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1070-2720	LAB SUPPLIES	4,000.00	4,000.00
1070-2410	BODY TRANSPORT	4,000.00	4,000.00
TOTAL		8,000.00	8,000.00

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1070-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	2,567.00	2,567.00
TOTAL		2,567.00	2,567.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

C) PROSECUTOR IV-D

President Wortman: Moving right on to C, that will be Prosecutor IV-D, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of 1081-2700 in the amount of \$1,452.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

PROSECUTOR IV-D		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1081-2700	OTHER SUPPLIES	1,452.00	1,452.00
TOTAL		1,452.00	1,452.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

D) ASSESSOR

President Wortman: Now the next on the agenda is the Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of 1090-3390 in the amount of \$2,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1090-3390	ASSESSORS PLAT SHEETS	2,000.00	2,000.00
TOTAL		2,000.00	2,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

E) COMMISSIONERS

President Wortman: Next is the County Commissioners. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of 1300-4328 in the amount of \$1,000,500.

President Wortman: Got a second on that?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith. Okay. Any discussion?

Councilmember Lloyd: It was \$1,500,000.

President Wortman: \$1,500,000, correct.

Councilmember Raben: \$1,500,000, thank you.

President Wortman: That's better. Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I am certain I am going to lose this vote, but that's a real optimistic view to take, but I am used to losing votes lately. I just can't see spending this kind of money on this road without attempting to do something about the intersection at 41 and also I think we should demand that developers install their own acceleration/deceleration lanes. I made that speech last week, I'll make it again this week. It's what is required of most developers and it should have been on this road. So I am going to vote no on this.

President Wortman: Any other discussion? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: The total cost, what did we come up with on the total cost for this project? I know, obviously, we've got a couple different funding sources to complete this project. Mr. Stoll, since you're sitting here, what is the total cost on that?

John Stoll: I didn't bring my estimate with me, but I believe it was 1.5 million dollars for the road and I think my estimate was for \$175,000 or \$200,000 for the bridge for the construction of both of those items. So roughly, 1.7 - 1.75 for construction.



Councilmember Sutton: I guess more for the record because trying to make sure we understood I guess the full cost, that this isn't the only cost --

John Stoll: Right.

(Inaudible - Councilmember Sutton and John Stoll speaking at same time)

Councilmember Sutton: -- but that's really -- I had asked several questions last week related to this but I think the issues related to the intersection there at 41 and Mt. Pleasant is an issue, but the other question I had related to how the -- where the railroad track kind of goes over there and how that particular area will be handled in terms of grading that so the visual site -- so you can actually see over that and it doesn't pose the hazard that it poses right now. You guys are going to address that issue?

John Stoll: Right, like I said last week, we could definitely do some improvements as far as raising the grade on the west side of the tracks. On the east side of the tracks, given the location of the track relative to Highway 41, there may not be a whole lot we can do as far as changing that grade, but the west side could be improved.

Councilmember Hoy: So in essence, Mr. Stoll, we can hope for no improvements at the 41 intersection except for perhaps a couple of turn lanes or something like that?

John Stoll: That's all that's in the works that I know of. There's no funding for any kind of interchange that I am aware of.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, and when this road goes west beyond Old State Road, I don't see any possibility of ever making this any kind of east/west thoroughfare, do you? With all the turns in it.

John Stoll: Not really.

Councilmember Hoy: Unless you want to alienate half of the neighborhood out there?

John Stoll: Given the fact that it currently stops at Darmstadt and, like you said, the curves in the road and everything, it doesn't seem to be the most realistic route for a two or four lane arterial-type road across the county.

Councilmember Raben: You've got the other problem, too, there's the railroad track that is actually a deep valley that wraps around so you would be constructing a major bridge across the railroad tracks, so there's probably more feasible sites to look at.

Councilmember Hoy: Do you have any idea of how many homes this benefits? Any estimate on that?

John Stoll: I had a traffic count, but I don't remember what it was right off the top of my head.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

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

Councilmember Sutton: I was just going to ask, I know there had been some discussion about improvements to some of the roads on the west side, do you kind of count this one in, Mr. Raben, kind of more north than west, but do you kind of count that in? One of the one's you're kind of looking at on your --

Councilmember Raben: I mean, that's another need or maybe even a greater need, but I don't think anybody really knows what the ramification of that new complex is going to be until it's up and running, but we do have money set aside to at least get a start on that project and, I mean, I agree with you, that's another story that needs to be told there, too.

But this particular road, if you've traveled it very often, Mt. Pleasant, it has some serious concerns and that is if you're traveling east, there is a considerable drop off and a large lake and at that lake happens to be an entrance to, what is that, Copperfield?

John Stoll: That's Deerfield.

Councilmember Raben: Deerfield. I mean, it's not ideal for traveling. It's unsafe for the number of cars that travel that day in and day out, so there is a great need for this. I support it.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, the dollars are going pretty fast. I thought maybe you might want to -- and I didn't see you on the list -- very many things that maybe you might have had in mind.

Councilmember Raben: Well, it's --

Councilmember Sutton: I don't know priority wise in light of the developments that are taking place on the west side.

Councilmember Raben: There's probably not going to be any rapid changes made out there because the state -- I mean, you've got a four-lane highway. It's much like the 41 intersection. You're kind of stuck with doing what you can with other portions of the roads when you deal with state intersections and whatnot. So that will probably be something that's another year or two down the road yet because the state doesn't really act on anything very fast, do they?

John Stoll: No, and really, the only thing we've got going on out on the west side is the right-of-way engineering for the first two miles of the Eickhoff/Koressel project, so if we can get all that underway and get right-of-way acquisition underway, then that will help things out on the west side, but like you said, that's stuff on --

President Wortman: On the north side of Mt. Pleasant, Area Plan zoned 300 lots there, see, plus Copperfield, plus the other area there, see. So it's going to be heavily traveled.

Councilmember Raben: Now Rosenberg is part of the EUTS five year plan, isn't it? Aren't they addressing Rosenberg right now on the west side?

John Stoll: I am not sure right off the top of my head.

Councilmember Raben: I know it's been a big topic of their discussions in the last three or four years.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess in a roundabout sort of way I guess I was saying if you've got some projects in mind, I guess you've got to get them lined up here. That's what I am really trying to say.

Councilmember Hoy: To follow up on Mr. Sutton's remarks and questions, if you're looking at volume of traffic, you're looking at far more volume on the west side and I don't know how in the world -- you're our engineer and you're asked to do projects -- I am not blaming you, John, you know that -- but I think, since I am not campaigning now, Mr. President -- it just seems that we have another absurd situation where we have allowed them to mow down all the trees, put in developments without any planning for Red Bank and the Lloyd Expressway. And if you go, I said this last week, but if you go north on Red Bank, how are you going to widen that road with those deep ravines without spending a ton of money and making a lot of people angry by taking their trees out, and if you go south you've got two right angle turns right on Red Bank. That's not your fault, John, but I point this out because again and again we complain about our traffic and then again and again we do this kind of planning that really isn't planning. Other cities have access roads, they have other ways to get to shopping centers or sixteen movie screens. Believe me, in every other city they get there without having butchered intersections like this and this is not a question, it's a

speech, but I think Mr. Sutton has a point, if we're going to do anything out there, it's going to take more than one and a half million bucks and we're down to three point something and we can pretty much kiss the year goodbye, I imagine. If the Sheriff needs some new cars, he's sitting back there, I don't know what you need, Sheriff, but we'll eat up another hunk of this.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Did you say that the 41/Mt. Pleasant, is that on the schedule for upgrading turn lanes? Is that what you said?

John Stoll: That's what the CMAQ project is and I spoke with the state today about that. They said they had not done anything to pursue that project as of yet and I talked to them about the possibility of whether or not somehow this project and their CMAQ project could be linked to get those turn lanes built the same time that Mt. Pleasant would be widened out to Old State.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, that's something, we have a EUTS meeting tomorrow so I'll be sure and bring that up. I think if we could link those that sure would be helpful. You had mentioned that you're looking at possibly starting in September or something like that, October?

John Stoll: Construction --

(Inaudible - several speaking at once)

John Stoll: Probably just like usual. The railroad will dictate when we can get going. They typically end up delaying projects and if we can get the things run through their office and approved that will probably dictate when the schedule for construction comes about.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, but the other thing is, as Mr. Wortman had indicated, we've got a new subdivision going in out there so this is anticipating growth out there, at least getting the road, to try get this part of the road in shape for that growth.

John Stoll: Right.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: The current construction projects, the county's share is 1.6 million dollars and then this is \$1,500,000. How much money will we have left over after we do all this because this is all the different projects and then this one is --

President Wortman: The Commissioners are supposed to have that all scheduled out so that --

Councilmember Smith: What?

President Wortman: The Commissioners. See, they're the ones that allocate this and spend it, see.

Councilmember Smith: That doesn't look like it's going to leave a whole lot of money if we come up with an emergency, though.

President Wortman: I think we should be alright, but they're careful, like I said.

Councilmember Raben: Betty, if you're asking in terms of General Fund, --

President Wortman: Yeah, that's what she's in reference to.

Councilmember Raben: You'll have probably just under \$2,000,000.

John Stoll: That 1.6 million for the Fulton Bridge is coming out of the Cum Bridge Fund rather than the General Fund.

Councilmember Smith: My question, John, is how much money are we going to have left if we spend that and then the \$1,500,000?

Councilmember Raben: Betty, in the General Fund we'll have just under \$2,000,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Some of it comes out of Cumulative Bridge and some out of Roads & Streets, right?

John Stoll: I am not sure what the remaining balance would be in the Cum Bridge Fund but that \$1.6 million for the Fulton Bridge is money that was already appropriated that was carried over from '98, so that really doesn't come off the General Fund.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion on this? John, excuse me, we've got a gentleman there that wants to say a few words. Come up to the podium please and state your name.

John Griffin: My name is Pat Griffin, John Griffin. I live at 8635 Greendale Drive which is in Copperfield One Subdivision. The first thing I have to say about the 41/Mt. Pleasant Road intersection, I go through there every night coming home from work and that is just wide enough for two cars to pass going straight and I am turning north, I am going north on 41 in the left hand turn lane and there's two truck lines on the east side of 41 on Baumgart Road, two or three truck lines, and there's always tractor trailers coming south and making lefthand turns. And if there's a tractor trailer coming south and we've both got the turn lane, somebody has got to stop. It's dangerous, very dangerous. It's not wide enough, the cut through. And the second thing I have to say, I have minutes from a June 5th, 1996 Area Plan Commission meeting. It says, based on APC's review and the EUTS report, the petitioner should be required to dedicate thirty feet of the right-of-way to the county along the 920 linear feet of frontage they control on the north side of Mt. Pleasant Road. It also says the developer should also participate in the cost at his proportionate share of widening Mt. Pleasant Road to a standard width. I mean, how much is he going to pay, the developer, if any?

Councilmember Raben: Which properties are you referring to there?

John Griffin: I live at 8635 Greendale, which is on the south side of Mt. Pleasant Road. My property borders, runs into the south side of Mt. Pleasant Road.

Councilmember Hoy: Which minutes are you reading from, Sir? I'd like to know.

John Griffin: June 5, 1996.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

John Griffin: But I don't know how much --

Councilmember Raben: Are you talking about the developer that's developed your --

John Griffin: No, Sterchi. The Clear Creek Subdivision.

Councilmember Raben: Is that the one directly across Mt. Pleasant?

John Griffin: That's on the north side, the big one --

Councilmember Raben: He's got a deceleration lane in there now, right?

John Griffin: Well, there's one coming from the east, going west there's a right-hand turn lane going into that subdivision. And then if you're heading east coming from the west from

Old State Road, there's a right turn lane into Copperfield.

Councilmember Raben: Right. And I think -- in terms of what their commitments were for those projects, I think what you're referring to was for those acceleration or deceleration lanes, isn't it?

John Griffin: From what I understand, I wasn't living in this subdivision at the time, but some other neighbors that I've talked to in the past couple nights, they said that was already done when this was proposed. That he was supposed to dedicate this much right-of-way and was supposed to pay this much, you know, have a responsibility to pay the..

Councilmember Raben: Has he dedicated the right-of-way?

John Stoll: Yes, on all the property that he controlled, he's dedicated a thirty foot right-of-way and I believe that the Plan Commission required him to contribute \$25,000 towards the Mt. Pleasant widening. I am not positive on the exact amount, but I believe it was \$25,000.

President Wortman: See, the Area Plan is the sole direction of the zoning on subdivisions. And that's why it should come there first.

Councilmember Hoy: He was required \$25,000 for widening?

John Stoll: Correct.

John Griffin: That's not a drop in the bucket, really.

Councilmember Hoy: That's what I was thinking. You can't build a parking lot for that for about fifteen cars.

John Griffin: Another thing, you say you have 1.5 million dollars you're going to allocate for this, I mean, there's always cost overruns because this was done two years or so, a year in advance, who is going to cover the -- where is the cost overruns coming from? And there's always, even if they do it tomorrow, there's more money needed to be spent after they get into it.

Councilmember Hoy: Sir, I hope you understand I am not against the safety on this road, but I am for developers paying their fair share.

John Griffin: That's what I am saying, exactly. I mean, he's getting something for nothing if he only has to pay \$25,000. He's the one that caused all this. I mean, I am not saying what he did was bad, but him building the subdivision is the one's that has made all this necessary. So why shouldn't he have to pay more than \$25,000?

Councilmember Raben: He did, and again, I didn't catch who the contractor was but I guess...he has lived up to probably what the original agreement was because he did install deceleration and acceleration lanes for the existing roads and he did (inaudible -- faulty microphone) he also granted 30 feet of right-of-way and I guess since he's already spent the money once on those turn lanes, I mean, the \$25,000 in addition to that seems somewhat reasonable, but...

John Griffin: But you're spending one and a half million and he's only paying \$25,000, that's...

Councilmember Raben: But again, he spent the money up front for the acceleration and deceleration lanes.

John Griffin: Okay, but it's going to need more work done and you wouldn't be doing this if that subdivision wouldn't be there, right?

Councilmember Raben: I am sure that's true.

Councilmember Hoy: You use that road everyday. Is this project going to help you? I want to make sure I understood you, in getting out onto Highway 41?

John Griffin: Getting out on 41 is not so bad. Coming home, somebody is going to get rear ended there, if nothing else, because you have to stop if a tractor trailer is coming south.

Councilmember Hoy: You don't perceive that this project is really going to help that safety issue?

John Griffin: Not there because like you say, that's state. But that does need to be looked at. My question is, the money that the developer is paying isn't very much for one thing, another thing, the money doesn't seem like, like I said, there's always cost overruns and where that's coming from. Like you said, you don't have much money left to begin with. Plus, another thing, how can you allocate money for something if you don't know what the plans are? You don't have any blue prints or anything.

President Wortman: Well, I am sure the Engineer has worked it out, but I think the whole thing in a nutshell, they've got to do something out there regardless. Otherwise, you let it go dormant, then we're really going to have a mess, see. This happened on the east side, see. We're trying to keep up because these developers, everything is getting zoned so fast in Area Plan, it's hard to keep up because there's not much money to go around. So you've got to put it where it's going to count.

John Griffin: Well, I understand that has to be done. But I just think the developer should have to pay more, personally.

President Wortman: Well, and I think you should appear before the Area Plan and make your point on that. That would be the first Wednesday of every month. I appreciate you coming up there and making that point because I am on Area Plan, okay?

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, if he made a commitment that he would pay that money, then we shouldn't go ahead with it until he puts that money up front because this is what happens: if they make a commitment and then we go ahead and do it and they don't have to come up with their commitment, then that's where we're wrong.

President Wortman: Well, the commitment they already made, didn't they?

John Griffin: It said he should put the money up. Well, I have another one here, too. This is from the Vanderburgh County Engineering Department. It was received by the Area Plan Commission I guess on June 5 also, 1996. And it said based upon a meeting with the developer on 6/4/96 he has agreed to contribute \$25,000 toward widening Mt. Pleasant Road if the county initiates such a project.

President Wortman: Well, --

John Griffin: And he hasn't paid yet.

Councilmember Smith: That's my point, he agreed to it.

President Wortman: Well, the attorney from the Area Plan needs to follow up on that and make sure that money is put in escrow or get paid, see.

John Griffin: And then some, hopefully.

Councilmember Bassemier: Curt, I was just going to throw this out. Do you think we ought to defer this until it's all checked out, that all the developers have paid their part? I'd hate to come back and find out we gave 1.5 and they owe -- John, do you know this? Do you know if all the developers --

(Inaudible -- several speaking at once)

John Stoll: Like Joe Harrison was just saying, unless we've got a commitment to do the road, why would the developer be kicking in the money?

Councilmember Bassemier: I didn't know before they started developing this if they made a commitment to do this and now --

John Stoll: I believe it was a condition of their approval through Plan Commission that he had to provide the 30 feet of right-of-way along the road frontage that he controlled, he had to contribute the \$25,000, he had to get the decel lane constructed and he had to construct a left turn lane, southbound left turn lane into his site when he built his entrance out on to Old State Road and he's not gotten to that phase in the subdivision as of yet, but he has dedicated the right-of-way and he has built the decel lane, so some of those commitments he's already lived up to. As far as the \$25,000, since there was no project, I know I haven't pursued it and I don't know if anyone has regarding the \$25,000. There's no impact fee ordinance or anything like that, that we can actually go out and assess individual developers for their traffic impact to the road, so while I am not saying it's going to cover the cost of the construction of the road, it's more than we've gotten out of Copperfield, Deerfield and any other subdivision that feeds into Mt. Pleasant Road.

Councilmember Sutton: Who is the developer on this, Mr. Stoll? Do you know?

John Stoll: On Clear Creek?

Councilmember Sutton: On Deerfield, I guess, is what we're talking about here.

John Griffin: Sterchi.

John Stoll: Yeah, Brad Sterchi.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions? Mr. Raben, and then we've got to move on here because we've got a long agenda.

Councilmember Raben: My last point: those three subdivisions right there are not the only ones to blame for the traffic problem. If you go out Old State, north of Mt. Pleasant and Old State, there are several new large subdivisions and those people are coming out of Old State on to Mt. Pleasant, so it's the traffic flow -- the majority of this traffic is coming from north of Mt. Pleasant. I mean, again, it's not just his area or those three subdivisions that have created this massive flow of traffic. It's actually coming from north of this road.

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Raben, I don't know if we can -- I don't think he's probably trying to assign any blame necessarily on any one developer or any one development, but I think more so, our duty as far as the finances are concerned for the county is to make sure that we carry out our responsibilities and do it to benefit the taxpayers and if there were commitments made there, that doesn't necessarily preclude us from acting today on this. But at the same time, I think we still do need to make sure and follow up that if this developer and other developers have made financial commitments to the county, which they have done, then those commitments needs to be made good. So I would imagine our County Attorney would be involved with that process, Area Plan yes, but the County Attorney would proceed forward with following up with those developers and just like anyone else who makes a commitment and doesn't follow up on that commitment, there's a course of action that's followed to follow up on that, so I think the commitment is still good if it's according to those minutes there and we need to proceed forward with that. And it's not necessarily assigning blame, we've got traffic problems, we're trying to address that, the county is living up to its end, the developer recognized that there were going to be some issues and they are their issues, now they need to make good on their end.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, who is our liaison to Area Plan?

President Wortman: Sir?

Councilmember Hoy: Are you our liaison to Area Plan?

President Wortman: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Hoy: I am just sitting here thinking, Mr. Sutton, maybe we all should attend Area Plan Commission meetings so we know what's going to be coming across our desks in a few years because we're just seeing massive development and absolutely no traffic plans and I am not against development although I am very concerned about how much farmland we're eating up and all of that. I am probably one of the few people around who is, but maybe I like to eat more than other people. But nonetheless, we just run into this time and time again where all of the sudden here's this traffic problem and no plan.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I think he does raise some good points and I think I'd be supportive of the motion to continue on with what we have here on the floor but make that, if we could add something to that motion that the developers, if their commitment is there, that they, as well, be required to meet their commitments. If they would add that to the motion, I'd be willing to support that. But just the county alone stepping up to that, I don't know if I could be supportive of that.

John Griffin: One more quick question: when is this Area Plan Commission meeting?

President Wortman: The first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 in this room.

John Griffin: Will this be brought up? This situation will be brought up?

President Wortman: I doubt it. You just said 1986, but you could come up and rehash it and have the attorney go down there.

John Griffin: Yeah, I could bring it up at this next meeting?

President Wortman: Yeah, or why don't you go down to the Area Plan Office and go over it so you're prepared when you come up here.

John Griffin: Okay, and are there any plans drawn up for this project available?

John Stoll: No.

John Griffin: When will that be?

Councilmember Hoy: All we have in front of us here, Sir, is the cost estimate and that's all we're looking at and that's it.

John Stoll: Our next step would have to be to hire a consultant who would draw the plans, so until we get a consultant hired to do that work, we won't have plans and really don't have a timetable on that as of yet.

John Griffin: Okay.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you for your time. Thank you, John. Alright, we've got a motion on the floor and got a second. If no more discussion, call the roll please.

Councilmember Sutton: Before you call the roll, I was asking on the developers if we could add that as an addendum to the motion if the maker would be willing to accept that to the motion. Who made that motion?

Councilmember Raben: I can do that. I guess the problem with that is going to be, once



we make this appropriation and they hire an engineer to do the engineer work, they'll need these funds in place to accept bids and if there is the carrot dangling out there that says only as long as this developer puts in \$25,000, they'll never be able to award contracts or probably take a bid.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess maybe where I am going is we put in our money that will enable us to contract out this project, but at the same time pursue the developers on this as well, recognizing that we can't -- we can always go back and spend less but we can't spend more, so we can do that.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, how about if we do that. Mr. President, I will amend my motion to say that we grant 1300-4328 Mt. Pleasant Road in the amount of \$1,500,000 and also ask that the Area Plan Commission pursue the agreement with the developer from June 15th, 1996, that he would contribute \$25,000 toward this project.

Councilmember Hoy: Or any other developer.

Councilmember Raben: Or any other developer that might have an agreement on file with the Area Plan Commission.

President Wortman: Okay, now who had the second? Mrs. Smith, would you amend --

Councilmember Smith: I'll amend my second with the understanding that they're going to pursue the \$25,000 and that's what you said.

President Wortman: Okay, --

(Inaudible -- comments made away from microphone)

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me, June 5th, 1996.

President Wortman: Okay, we've got a motion on the floor. Secretary, 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: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, motion passes six to one.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-4328	MT. PLEASANT ROAD	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00
TOTAL		1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Hoy opposed)

F) SUPERIOR COURT (TWO REQUESTS)

President Wortman: We'll proceed with Superior Court. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, let me ask Judge Tornatta, is it your wish to defer this at this time?

Robert Tornatta: Yes. My name is Robert Tornatta, for the record. Again, this is here for a non-profit corporation, HAALTS, Inc. I know it's on the agenda as Superior Court. And yes, I would request that you defer this.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Mr. President, I'll move that 1370-3934 be deferred.

President Wortman: Do I have a second to that?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, when this was in the paper I had calls from some neighbors and they had wanted to come and speak to this from the -- they went to the Area Plan Commission or one of them and they hadn't been talked to so they'd like to speak in front of the Council.

President Wortman: I have three names here, Mrs. Smith, and I am going to call them up and the first --

(Inaudible -- comments made away from microphone)

President Wortman: Yeah, you come on up and I'll allow just a few minutes to each one and there's three of them and this here coming up now is Nancy Evans. And you state your name again, and then we'll go to Mary Kixmiller at Taylor, and then Reverend Wayne Oldham, those three people, and if you'd limit and not rehash what somebody else said and you proceed with your name.

Nancy Evans: My name is Nancy Evans and I live just within the block. I live at the other end of the corner. The reason that we're here, I know that it's already been approved by the zoning board with some restrictions. We would like to make our (inaudible) as far as whether or not the money -- we don't want to have to pay for something that we absolutely don't want because of the safety of our neighborhood and the safety of our people. We have had several -- the issues were, the first way that we found out was that it was in the newspaper that they had actually gone to a neighborhood association and got no opposition. It was not anywhere in our neighborhood. They did not go to neighbors, they did not go across the street, they went into a different zip code. This is rehashing something, but you guys haven't heard it. I would appreciate, also the thing is that Mr. Essett, which is the preacher at that church had said if the neighborhood didn't want it, he wouldn't have it going on. He told this to myself and to the people at the meeting. Judge Tornatta could attest to that as well. We have over a hundred names here of people who signed and we turned this into the zoning board, of people who do not want it. The only person that was at that meeting that did want it was a business owner. Nobody that is on their board lives in the neighborhood, nobody that goes to the church is in our neighborhood, from people who live next door to people within blocks. We have not found anyone who's given support. Also the thing is, that the building is not owned by anybody who is on this board. The building is owned by the Nazarene people. The Nazarenes and Kevin

Essett at the meeting that we had at the Nazarene Church, said no, it was not owned by Nazarene. But in this that comes from the Nazarene, at the bottom says that it is listed as a church in their mission and I can give that all to you as part of that. Part of the thing, it started out at the beginning, we were just not aware of what was going on, we felt that it was handled deceitfully. Judge Tornatta has been most up front with us, whenever we call him he would respond, but Kevin Essett, whenever we call him, he won't return our phone calls. We were told that if we had any problems with anything that would go on, they would handle it. We have not found that even in our questions that we're getting that it would be handled, let alone once it was after the fact and that we had these people. It would be that these people would be coming to, living in this building. Originally, it was told in the paper that it was for alcoholics and addicts and then with the rezoning, the zoning restricted it just to alcoholics. The thing is that it's people who are going to be required to go there court ordered. They've been in trouble in the court, they've already limited all their avenues to other help, which means that they are not following -- they can't follow guidelines to start with so who is to say that they are going to do it in this building? But if they come back and they're not following, then they're going to be put out. Where are they going to be put out? They're going to be put out in our neighborhood. Kevin Essett brought up that there was already problems with somebody breaking in that was on drugs. There is evidence already, we've already had some arrests, big arrests in our neighborhood for drugs. If they are giving up alcohol, they are going to be picking up something else, is normally what happens. Also, the people who would be coming in to visit, we don't appreciate this coming into our neighborhood without any of our approval. The work was done on the parsonage, which is where they would be living, with county supplies. I am not sure that it was county or city, but we do know that the garage that was torn down was hauled away with city trucks. The work that was done in the parsonage, this was all before it was approved by the board, by the zoning board, so this has all just been shoved on us and dumped on us without any of our concern, without any questioning without anything. And we have been trying to go along with it as well as we could without any fighting. There's been a few that's gone through the publication, but I have really tried to work with them. I've been willing to go to meetings. They called me and asked me or let me know on my machine and I appreciate that, but they are at noon and I am not able to get off. I left work early, I have to go back on Saturday to make up the difference today. That's why I appreciate you listening to what we have to say today. This is an established older neighborhood. There's a lot of older people, older neighborhoods, and they're concerned with people coming out in the middle of the night looking for, wanting money, or wanting alcohol because they've had a hard day. It is a hard world out here and we have to face it and we want to come home and relax and not worry about these people coming into our neighborhood. And we all have them in our families so we know what it's like, and these people have already been put out by their families. Why should our families have to take them in when it's forced upon us?

President Wortman: I think onething, if I understood right, they will be under direct supervision. They won't be allowed to run around, see.

Nancy Evans: Well, it's supposed to be that they are under the person that's paid to be there. That's another point that I would like to make. At the meeting that we had at the church, they had Mr. Rogers there from Princeton, which that home that he had in Princeton, and I brought up the fact that he does this out of his own heart. He's the one who lives with these people. He's the one who orders -- you know, he decides who comes and goes and who gets to stay. This is going to be court ordered who goes and stays and then these people are going to be funded, the person who's in there, living there, is going to be funded by our money that's supposed to be deciding what these people do or don't do.

President Wortman: Excuse me a minute, we're going to have to change tapes. You're probably about done anyway, aren't you?

Councilmember Lloyd: What is the name of the church?

Nancy Evans: The Shekina. At the meeting, it was brought up in the newspaper and that,

that they're saying that it's a racial thing. It is not at all a racial thing because we appreciated when the church came into the area because Mr. Essett told us that originally no, it wasn't a Nazarene. He told them at the meeting it was a Nazarene. After the meeting, we had a meeting, my husband is also a preacher, we had a meeting with him afterwards talking with him. And he said well, that in Indiana they don't have any black Nazarene Churches so they are doing this one and funding him. So he's being very deceitful all the way along and he also said that if we didn't want it, he wouldn't have it and that he had the connections to pull this at any time. So even though we're approving of this on Judge Tornatta on his benefit and on the men that are on the staff, it's not just in their control.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a statement to make. She's quite right. This is listed under church type missions, but in the title, the word Nazarene is not to be found but it is an official mission of the Nazarene Church. And that's part of, I feel, the deception that's gone on here. Denominations aren't quite as popular as they used to be. In fact, I was at your regional Nazarene meeting to do a food collection --

Nancy Evans: I am not Nazarene.

Councilmember Hoy: No, but I was at the Nazarene meeting where they were discussing the decline in membership and the establishing of new missions and many of these new missions do not have the denominational label on them. On the west side, there's a place called Turning Point, that's United Methodist; there is a Church of God moving out to the north side without putting a Church of God label on it because people are rejecting labels. That's exactly what's going on here. This was a planned mission by this denomination to reach this neighborhood and that's an important point because we were led to believe last week that this ministry just came down here out of the goodness of its heart to save this congregation. He did not --

Nancy Evans: And he's portraying to be the owner, and he's not the owner.

Councilmember Hoy: He is underwritten by the denomination --

Nancy Evans: And they're funding his pay, they are paying him to be there.

Councilmember Hoy: And they are paying him to be there, so whether or not we want to establish that, we need to get the facts on the table that this is not exactly a man just coming down here to save the world on his own. He is being subsidized.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier has a question.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, Mr. President. The judge is trying to do a humanitarian thing here and I think by all fairness, too, that if he wants to answer any of these questions right now on each one, give him, you know, --

Nancy Evans: Yes, I agree. And we said there's not a problem. We have had food pantries and ministries, we help people every day. And we agree that there's something, but we don't want it in our neighborhood, we want it in a neighborhood or in a place where it can not affect so many families.

Councilmember Bassemier: Judge, would there be anything you'd like to say that she said that --

Robert Tornatta: Sure.

Councilmember Bassemier: Is that okay with you, Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes. Thank you, Judge.

Councilmember Bassemier: Because he deserves a chance, also.

Robert Tornatta: Thank you. I have spoken with Mrs. Evans before and I've been very impressed with her and she's been very forthright. First of all, we --

Councilmember Smith: Judge, will you speak into the mike? I can't hear you.

Robert Tornatta: Sure. We attempted to contact the neighborhood association. At one time it was a Crime Watch, not a neighborhood association in the neighborhood at this specific address and it disbanded. And I think that Mrs. Evans and her husband were instrumental in forming that and they told me that it disbanded for lack of interest. And people that I was working with said the closest neighborhood association is the Glenwood neighborhood association. I didn't know where the line for the zip code ended. She brings up this point about we went to a neighborhood association in a different zip code. The line, this is one block off of South Kentucky, Old 41, and that's where the zip code happens to change. We went to the Glenwood neighborhood association because it's the closest neighborhood. We've never tried to be deceitful or to be stealth or anything like that. In fact, I've called, personally called Mrs. Evans several times to invite her to our meetings and it is unfortunate that we can't do this at a time that it's convenient for everyone but it's just, quite frankly, not always convenient to do that. I and the people I am involved with told the neighbors that they are welcome to come to any of our board meetings and we've tried to notify them and they haven't shown up. One thing, and I don't mean to disparage or cast anything on your credibility or what you said, but I was at the meeting she referred to that was at the church, and there were people there that supported it. In fact, there was one man who was tearful, I think you'll remember him he admitted he had been formerly --

Nancy Evans: He doesn't live in the neighborhood.

Robert Tornatta: But he -- and I have his name back in my office. But I do believe he lives in a close neighborhood like right across new 41, and he said that he wished that something like this had been available for him and his family was there. There were other neighbors and we had an attendance sheet that said they supported it. No one that was there, to my knowledge, said that they, there were people, the people that were there that were opposed said that they didn't want it in their neighborhood, but they thought it was a good project. Also, and I have to apologize for a number of things, and I apologize to the neighbors for not being more up front with them and then them finding out in the newspaper. And I'll accept responsibility for that. Also, our name and I don't know who I was associated with that suggested the name be Homeless Addicts and Alcoholics, but the point of the matter is that alcohol is a drug and an alcoholic by definition is an addict. Now, I know that that is something that strikes a lot of fear in a lot of people. There is a distinction and it's human nature to draw a difference between an alcoholic and an addict, but this was always intended, as I represented to you last week, to be for alcoholics, homeless, that were non-violent that were sent there through Misdemeanor Court. I also want to represent to you that there have been no county supplies or money that have gone into the parsonage to date. There has been work performed there and there have been a number of donated things and those were all coordinated by Charles Locke through the Corrections Complex. And I am on the SAFE House board, we told them up front before anything was done what we were doing and they said why don't you do this at the SAFE House? Why don't you do this at the Corrections Complex? The people I have worked with who are experts and deal with alcoholics every day said you don't want to put it at the Corrections Complex because people will think they're being punished and it's much better if you do it in a more residential area because, quite frankly, they have the space at the Corrections Complex and we looked into it and it's not what we're trying to do. But I would say in deference to her, I don't know if there was a city truck or a county truck or who was there because Mr. Locke coordinated it, but I wrote letters, thank you letters to people who donated thousands of dollars of material including Browning Ferris who waived dump fees, by every electrical and plumbing supply place in town. We told them up front what we were doing and they were gracious. In fact, some gentleman called me up and said come out and take whatever you need, it's a great cause and I want to support it. I cannot speak for Reverend Essett and I wish he was here, he is the oldest member of his family and his 40 year old mother passed away about two weeks ago. And I talked to the man, he's quite shaken by it. He's the oldest sibling and quite frankly he's very upset about it. I don't know

if he is affiliated with the Nazarene Church or Baptist Church or who is affiliated with, all I know is what the man told me and he seems to be a very respectful, articulate man who has good intentions. He said that he considered putting in a day care center and looked out at his neighborhood, and felt that what we were trying to do is something that was needed more in the neighborhood, that there were other child care providers, but there wasn't anything like what we were trying to do, recognized that alcohol and drugs are a problem in that neighborhood. And Mrs. Evans is right, there are a number, there is a lady who runs a beauty shop and Harold Evans, who has the car lot across the street, told us they were very supportive and thanked us for trying to do something about the problems that they have in the neighborhood. Officer Danks, who would be their liaison officer with the Police Department was at the meeting at the church, he assured the neighbors that what we were trying to do would make their neighborhood safer, not more dangerous, and he had a number of reasons. One, he had a computer printout, which I still have, and in this neighborhood in a four by six block area, from January of last year until October 31st of last year, there were 287 reported crimes. The Sweetser Projects are near the neighborhood. I understand there's a trailer court in the neighborhood, and he said that the people that we're talking about putting there are not violent. He also said that the Police Department welcomes something like this because they are quite frustrated with the way that these chronic drunks are being just processed through the system now and essentially being sobered and put back out on the street. What we're doing now, obviously, isn't working for this particular population. Let's try something else. He said that they would have every shift stop in on the house to check on it. There would be increased patrols in the neighborhood. I thought he was very candid and made a good presentation.

A lot of the neighbors were obviously upset by how the Police Department on response times and other things that weren't related to the shelter. Alan Rogers, the gentleman who started the homeless shelter or is attempting to in Princeton spoke, he assured the neighbors, he had opened a shelter in a church in Princeton. I went there for a Thanksgiving fund raiser in this organization they had, and it's more residential than the neighborhood than we're talking about which is zoned commercial. None of the neighbors up there objected to it. He had the shelter open at that time about six months, he had about fourteen individuals there. He has no experts involved with him. He does not have Southwestern Indiana Mental Health on his board, he does not probation officers, counselors at the Corrections Complex, people at the Mental Health Center who are willing to provide professional help to the people we're dealing with. And the only incident he had had is one of the gentlemen who was staying at his place had gone down to a local pantry and was panhandling. And that's the only problem that he had. Again, I can't speak for Reverend Essett except he's a very -- seems to be an honest, credible young man and he told us that he thought that this fit into his mission and I didn't know whether it was a mission that was sent down here from somewhere else. But he showed me that he is buying this church on contract from a Nazarene Church, I think they were in Bedford, Indiana, and that -- and I told him because the constitution would not allow us to court order people at this location and also order as part of their treatment to be ministered to. But he had a number of volunteers in this church that wanted to volunteer and I certainly saw no problem with that and any kind of treatment that I have seen that's been successful, a lot of the people rely on God. If you're familiar with the Twelve Step Program, it's fundamental. And I told him certainly, if the church is next door and if they wanted to be involved in that, I saw no problem with it. We just couldn't force them to do that. And he was fine with that. I think I've addressed all of Mrs. Evans concerns.

Councilmember Smith: I have a question.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a comment.

President Wortman: Judge a minute, Judge. Probably what we're going to do, Betty and Phil, ask your questions and then we're going to proceed with two other speakers out there, see, and then we'll address rebuttal. Betty Knight?

Councilmember Smith: Judge, we are supposed to add, I think, 25 beds to the SAFE House, isn't that what we got a project going? Who is on that committee?

Councilmember Raben: I don't know who is on the committee.

Councilmember Smith: And you said they didn't want to go but they are court ordered to go, what would be wrong with spending the money there and then at the SAFE House, because I think they have the room out there.

Robert Tornatta: They do have the room, that's correct, and certainly the folks we're talking about would be less likely to cause a problem than the people that I am sentencing to the SAFE House every day who are felons and --

Councilmember Smith: Because if they are chronic alcoholics, they're going to go back out and get in trouble again.

Robert Tornatta: I don't think there's any question about that. I --

Councilmember Smith: And if they are ordered out there, then why not put them at the SAFE House and make a separate area for them?

Robert Tornatta: I think it could be possible, I would want to be careful when the magistrate told them, you're sentenced to 180 days in jail, suspended so long as you completed this program at HAALTS, or whatever it's called, but then would be careful when they said by the way, this is at the Corrections Complex which quite frankly, is one step from prison. Again, I deal with this sort of problem every day but I do not have any degrees and I am not a counselor and I am not an expert with rehabing alcoholics. But the people I've spoken to says that when you have success at this, it's in a residential, more or less like they have at Stepping Stone. There is a Supreme Court case that I reviewed before I went before the Board of Zone Appeals called Oxford House and this exact thing happened where this entity called Oxford House, which has 140 homes that are somewhat similar to what we're trying to start here, and the Supreme Court said that you could not prevent it from going in the neighborhood and their point was it's proven successful when it's in a residential area, that type of setting. But when it's sort of akin to incarceration, there's no --

Councilmember Smith: How many bed --

Robert Tornatta: I suppose we could put the folks in jail. Now that's a whole other bag of worms.

Councilmember Smith: How many bedrooms in that house?

Robert Tornatta: There -- that's another thing that I am glad you brought up because I would love at some time it is convenient to go out there and show you the house because Reverend Hoy last week said that he didn't think it was large enough. I really think it is large enough for eight --

Councilmember Smith: But it's probably three bedrooms?

Robert Tornatta: I don't know the square footage, but it's got a full basement and it has, the first floor has -- what we intended to do is have the person that lived there on the left side. There is a very large room and on the right side there is a large family room. There is a bathroom, a dining room, a kitchen, and then upstairs there is another bathroom and three large bedrooms. What we intended to do is in two of those rooms have three persons and in the other have two, and then use the downstairs area as like a family room, rec room, and quite frankly, I think it's plenty large enough.

Councilmember Smith: From the outside it just doesn't look that big. I haven't been inside, but I did go.

Robert Tornatta: I really don't know, I saw the square footage when we had the plat, but I don't want to represent because it would just be a guess. But I'd love, anytime that you want to go out, we can...Mr. Locke has a key and we can get Reverend Essett, but I think

you'll find that it's large enough.

Councilmember Hoy: Judge, I am not -- we have not talked about this not fundamentally against the program itself. I have some concerns and I -- I have to interject this about the operation in Princeton, that operation is so poorly run. I can tell you this, I would never, never sign them up for food at Tri-State Food Bank. And when you talk about fourteen residents in Princeton, four, at least four to five of those residents are the family of the Minister of Music of that church and the other residents are the minister and his family. And when you start adding those numbers up and deducting them from fourteen, you don't have many people left who are really homeless in Princeton. Plus, you're talking about homeless people versus chronic alcoholics and homeless families and this is my area of expertise, and I can tell you that those two populations are distinctly different. The other thing that bothers me, that's why I was glad you deferred, is staffing.

Robert Tornatta: And I agree. We talked. There is an entity called Work Able that has a lot to do with Welfare to Work, ideas and finding jobs and because of the economy, there simply just aren't enough people that want to work for the jobs that are available. There are a couple ladies that are involved with that named Kathy Daywalt and Angela McElhiney. They were very excited and felt, as Mr. Bassemier said, this is a humanitarian, something that just really the community needs. And they sat down with us and said look, you need to be realistic. You're talking about paying your person about forty cents an hour and Councilman Hoy was right, you need to rethink this and I agree and I can't disagree with any of your criticisms last week. On the other hand, when you go to boards like this, it's a lot easier to ask for \$10,000 than it is for \$50,000, and I would welcome you to be on our board and bring your expertise to what we're trying to do. And I know when I spoke with you in the past that you were, I thought, quite excited about the whole concept and idea.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm excited about the concept, I'm not sure about the location and the staffing. Those are my concerns --

Robert Tornatta: And I appreciate that and I truly want to apologize to anyone that I offended last week who has constituents in the fourth ward and I stand corrected. Where is the northern boundary of the fourth ward? My point is there are pockets where this problem exists in the city and the fourth ward is not immune to it and when I spoke to the residents in Princeton, and some of them I have seen repeatedly in Misdemeanor Court, and quite frankly had wondered why we hadn't seen some of them, and they were living up in Princeton. One of them was a former Henderson Police Officer who told us that he had not drawn a sober breath in like 29 years and had been sober with Reverend Rogers for like three or four months. But he said that he went to an area in and around, it was north of the Lloyd Expressway and I am not sure what district that is quite frankly, and he said that's where he was finding most of the people and actually got involved in it because some restaurants on North Main were tired of these folks congregating. They weren't really causing any -- there were patrons that had gone to restaurants on North Main for years said that they were just fearful and didn't want to cross these gentlemen who were begging for money and whatnot to go in. And I'm sorry, I think maybe my comments, I either misspoke or they were misconstrued and I do apologize for that. And I would submit to you that you're going to find the not in my backyard syndrome no matter where you try to put this. And I have no motive other than it's a population that Superior Court right now is failing. Something needs to be done about it, whether it's done at New York and Riverside, I don't particularly care other than I don't want to appear wishy-washy with Reverend Essett and I am open to your expertise and your suggestions and I really appreciate your input.

Councilmember Hoy: I assume when you went before Area Plan, too, there is a city ordinance that group homes, which this would be, the ordinance this would be under, this is far enough away from other group homes.

Robert Tornatta: We looked into that and they said there were like three categories that we could go under and I couldn't tell you the specific category.



Councilmember Hoy: Because we service a lot of those mental health center (inaudible) and I know they have to be so far from each other.

Robert Tornatta: And it was zoned properly but we needed a special use permit and there were restrictions on it: only eight beds, only alcoholics and we have to go back every year and I told them I didn't know when I would get it opened and they agreed that it would be up for renewal one year after it was opened.

Councilmember Hoy: You mentioned special use, was that the zoning they granted, special use rather than --

Robert Tornatta: The zoning, it was actually zoned C-4. And I think, with all due respect, it is a neighborhood, but it's not like this is a house with other houses on the other side.

Councilmember Hoy: No, I am familiar, but my question is, if let's say this program grows and has to move or...for any reason, things happen, and let's assume for some reason the program has to move, I'd like to know whether or not they zoned it just for this use or if they completely rezoned it?

Robert Tornatta: No, no, no, it was just for this use. Yes, sir. That was my understanding.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay.

Robert Tornatta: And quite frankly when we talked about this, this as exploratory for a long, long time and Sheriff Ellsworth was very interested in the whole notion at some point getting the jail out of the detoxification business which I think the county would be interested in that also. But that obviously cannot happen at that site. It would have to happen maybe at Welborn Hospital or someplace like that.

Councilmember Hoy: And that's where they have the detox.

President Wortman: Okay, Judge, if you don't mind --

Robert Tornatta: I'm sorry for your time. I do appreciate --

President Wortman: Yeah, we're going to have to keep moving. I am going to call Reverend Wayne Oldham up, please and then right behind will be Mary Kixmiller.

Wayne Oldham: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, distinguished members of the Council.

President Wortman: State your name please.

Wayne Oldham: My name is Calvin Wayne Oldham and I live at 1408 Covert Avenue. That's right at the corner of Covert and Lodge. I am pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church at 722 Waggoner Avenue, which is at the corner of Waggoner and South Evans, one block north of Riverside. I am very sympathetic with any ministry to help human beings better themselves and to find the Lord, but I have to rise in opposition to this particular ministry on three basic points. The first is location, location, location. When I was growing up at home with us seven kids, in order not for us to spoil our supper, our meals, the kitchen was out of bounds, and you're putting this home in an area where there are nearby taverns and liquor stores. The judge mentioned it should be a residential setting, I agree with him one hundred percent and this is not residential enough in my opinion. Secondly for location, our church just recently was burglarized. They didn't take a single bible or Sunday School quarterly, or church bulletin, or publication. Instead, they took everything that could be easily pawned and hocked to buy alcohol and drugs and I just regret that you're going to infiltrate our area with some unfortunate people with a problem and it's going to make the likelihood of us being burglarized again even greater and if we turn in too many insurance claims, it would be either difficult or impossible to get insurance or we will have to expend tremendous sums of money which we, as a very small inner-city congregation, do not have in order to install burglar alarms and fence gates and all these types of things, which we

don't want our church to have to look like a prison but that's what I fear would happen if our area continues to be the "ideal spot" to put these people in. The second point that I am in opposition to this is the fact that I am not at all convinced about the success of these type of ministries. Quite frankly, I didn't take time to look it up, I came straight from work here. I am a bi-vocational pastor, but I would assume there are an arm's length number of programs that are available for these people and probably most of them have been through them and none of them have helped them. I don't think a group home is going to be an answer either and I think this group home as shared is not adequate anyway because of it's size limitations. My wife and I live in two bedrooms, a full basement and one bath and we fight each other constantly to get ready for work. You know, I don't know what these folks are going to do with only two bathrooms. But anyway, let me move on to my third and final and, as far as I am concerned, my most important point. I believe that it's one thing to have a non-profit or Christian group or religious group operate a ministry, but I think it is an entirely horse of a different color to begin to come and ask for public tax funds to support this ministry. This is a violation of church of state, separation of church and state. If I would stand up in my pulpit on any given Sunday morning and tell my congregation that they should go out and vote for Phil Hoy and not vote for his opponent, charges could be filed and this county would no doubt and rightfully so, re-vote our religious non-profit status and our tax abatement. I just think that, you know, when I was pastor in Kentucky at our expense, it wouldn't have cost of the state of Kentucky or the federal government a single dime, we offered to put up just a printed copy of the ten commandments in every school classroom in that state and everything was fine -- and this is where I learned this lesson, it burned it in my heart -- and we spent the money and you know what, those things are -- I don't know where they're at because the first one was put up and stayed up about ten seconds before a civil suit was filed and it went to the courts and that's a violation of separation of church and state. Well, I agree with that. I agree with that. I am not in favor of vouchers or anything else. In my own opinion, I think the school system should continue, the public school systems, should either reform themselves or continue to go down in flames just like they are and people who want their children educated should correctly either do it themselves like my daughter is doing with our two grandsons or the churches should sponsor and operate safe and good schools if that's what's required. But we shouldn't ask the government, Uncle Sam to pay for it or the taxpayers. So those are the three reasons that I am opposed to this particular ministry as it's been presented. I will only add a final note that other than a couple of very poorly written and almost no real information articles in the newspaper, I was totally unaware of this until some folks who do attend my church asked me if I knew what was going on and how it was being done and so that's why I am here. And once I found out, I would have been at that zoning meeting had I known this was being considered. But now that they are coming and asking for public funds, for public tax monies, I for one, am adamantly opposed if for no other reason than the principal of separation of church and state. Thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you, appreciate your time. Mary Kixmiller, 904 Taylor, would you step forward please? Thank you. And state your name.

Mary Kixmiller: My name is Mary Kixmiller, I live at 904 Taylor. Our neighborhood is not part of this program but what happens in one neighborhood spills into another. Really and truly, I am sorry this is on your docket, and it's on your docket because others did not do their homework. In our world anymore, we're not asked what we need, we are told what we need. And we're becoming second class citizens because we're not smart enough to know what we need. I came here to tell you that we are opposed to this and they've said they have good backers and I bet anything none of these backers live in our neighborhood. We question whether this could not be part of the state hospital program. This money should come from the state, not from us. You start giving this year, what are you going to give next year? Where is it going to stop? This is our money and we should have the right to say how we want it spent. And I thought it was fortunate that the judge said that Officer Danks was going to have a patrol car stop every shift and check. He's very lucky, because sometimes there's not a patrol car in each beat. Are you aware of that? We know. The beat that this is in covers from 41 -- no I'll take that back -- from Kentucky to Weinbach over to I believe it's Bellemeade. This takes care of the University and all in between. Isn't he fortunate that he's going to get a patrol to stop on each shift. I am not naive to

alcoholics. My grandfather was an alcoholic. He loved whiskey. It was something to see him come home at night. He rode his bicycle to the tavern, but by the time he'd come home in the evening, this man almost seven foot tall was carrying his bicycle because he couldn't ride it. We lived in another city. We moved in a neighborhood that a couple had started the AA. It wasn't long we lived in that neighborhood that they adopted our children as grandchildren and they were having AA meetings in their home, but it wasn't long they called and they said, Mary, on account of your poor kids, we're not having meetings in our home anymore especially for the girls. So I hope that you consider what you're doing this evening to the people. Thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you for your comments, Miss Kixmiller. Okay, we'll move right on and --

Councilmember Hoy: There was a motion to defer.

President Wortman: We've got a motion on the floor to defer. Do I have a second from anybody?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Royce Sutton. Okay. Any more discussion? No discussion, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Are we voting on to defer it? Is that what we're voting on?

President Wortman: Yes.

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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: I would say this, this is in your motion to defer one month?

Councilmember Hoy: Who made the motion?

Councilmember Raben: I made the motion.

President Wortman: Oh, you did, Jim. I am sorry, I thought it was Mr. Hoy. I'm sorry.

Councilmember Hoy: It was Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I don't think it really matters that I state for how long.

President Wortman: Okay, good enough. Is that alright with you, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: Can I ask a question? I'd like to ask the judge something. I've talked with the judge over this and he's wanting to -- he's wanting some time and whatever. Judge, do you know -- do you want to talk to some more people? How much time do --

Robert Tornatta: Defer at your convenience, whatever works for you, I'll work with you.

Councilmember Smith: I think the people ought to know, the people that have taken the time to come up here, how long this is going to be deferred so they know if it comes back to a vote.

President Wortman: Well, I've got their names here and I think we would possibly notify --

Councilmember Smith: Notify them?

President Wortman: Yes ma'am, if that's alright.

Councilmember Smith: Because if we defer it, then they may want to come back, so how long are we deferring it for? Did you say?

Councilmember Bassemier: Judge, will next month be okay?

Robert Tornatta: That's fine.

Councilmember Bassemier: Is that okay with you?

Councilmember Raben: That's fine with me.

President Wortman: Alright. I haven't voted yet but I am the last one. Go ahead, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: I was going to say, so it will come back again next month?

President Wortman: Yeah, is that agreeable with everybody now before I --

Councilmember Smith: Next month? Come back next month?

Councilmember Bassemier: You can tell them right now.

President Wortman: Okay. I am voting yes to defer.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-3934	HAALTS, INC.	10,000.00	DEFERRED
TOTAL		10,000.00	DEFERRED

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Smith: They should be told the first Wednesday at 2:30 of the month, I mean 3:30, I'm sorry. The first Wednesday of next month.

President Wortman: Did everybody understand that, to come back next month? That will be in the month of June, the first Wednesday at 3:30 and you can all come up and then

we'll go.

Councilmember Lloyd: That's June 2nd.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, this is an appropriation, so we'll actually hear this the last Wednesday of this month and --

(Inaudible -- microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Raben: But from a standpoint of discussion, it may be a better meeting to have them attend because it is a --

President Wortman: That might be a good point because --

Councilmember Raben: -- a lighter schedule and we could allow for more time.

President Wortman: Well, that's right, for discussions, because we do run through the appropriations with no vote. That might be the most appropriate time to go with the last Wednesday of this month to get ready and then we can vote or do what have you at the first Wednesday of the next month.

Councilmember Lloyd: May 26 is that date and June 2nd would be the official meeting.

President Wortman: That way we divide the time up because see, we've got to get going. If we don't, why the Area Plan gets here pretty soon. We're going to change tapes here.

**(Tape changed)**

President Wortman: May 26th of this month, if they would come up and we'll have our discussion, pro and con, and Judge Tornatta come up and that way we'll spare the time and have a little more time because the regular meeting, just like this, we've got quite a few things on the agenda. So if everybody on the Council agrees more or less, give me a little hand raising if everybody agrees to that effect.

Councilmember Sutton: We were just waiting on your vote, Mr. President. We've already voted. We're waiting on you.

President Wortman: No, I've voted too, but I just wanted -- if that's agreeable with all the people so we can get this clear now, May the 26th of this month you all come back and then we'll have a little more discussion. Okay? Thank you very much for all your time and everything. You too, Judge, appreciate it. Everybody can get back to work now. Okay, we'll get on with the next thing and we've got one more for the Judge, Garage & Motor. Mr. Raben, will you proceed?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of 1370-2230 Garage & Motor in the amount of \$1,500.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Hoy. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-2230	GARAGE & MOTOR	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOTAL		1,500.00	1,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

G) CONVENTION & VISITOR’S BUREAU (TWO REQUESTS)

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben, Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, let’s take both of these at one time, 3570-3994 Matching Grants in the amount of \$15,000, 3570-3994 Matching Grants in the amount of \$10,000, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Second Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Councilmember Sutton: Just real quick, is there anybody here from the Race for the Cure? No, no one here? Okay. Go ahead.

Councilmember Hoy: The only thing I wanted to say was, as I said last week, and to get it on the record, I am for the Race for the Cure. I do think we need to look at each one of these fund raising efforts because we need to be careful that we’re not voting a lot of money just for fund raising and not for tourism. I am certainly not against the event, cancer has visited my family more than once but that is the only warning I would issue to Council is that we need to look at each one. I am a little dubious that this is going to bring that many tourists in and that much money, but maybe it will.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess my question I was going to ask, really the people who do a lot of running, I am not a heavy runner but I do some running, they travel around to all the events in the Tri-State area, I mean, you get people come around, they just like to run. They go to all the events, so if you get a big event, popular event, people are going to come around, but generally is the case, you come and you run your race, you get a bottle of water, get something to eat and you go home. You don’t stay around, you usually don’t get a hotel or anything like that, so tourism-wise, you probably don’t get a lot of spinoff in that direction and I guess my concern is what the number of races, I mean, there is a race every weekend here in this area even in the winter months, how many other events are they going to be able to fund or how many requests are they going to get and

how you make a determination of who is actually bringing in people who are staying overnight, so that's probably the concern that I have and they need to be attentive to that.

President Wortman: I think they'll have a report for us, possibly, Royce. If you request that, to report how effective it was, see.

Councilmember Sutton: Because that other race, the Arts Fest Run, they probably do get some overnight stays there, but you aren't necessarily getting a lot of overnight stay, but that's probably the other major race that we have here, so we just want to be conscious of that issue.

Councilmember Raben: I might add one thing for Councilman Sutton: twenty percent of their funds that they use to allocate for events has to be used on one-day events, so one hundred percent of it isn't allotted for heads in beds. Eighty percent goes for two or more day events, twenty percent are for one day only events. So they are going to have periodically one day events that they fund.

Councilmember Sutton: I understand, I am just saying that it could become an issue as they get a number of people with these type of events and how you make that decision is going to be a tough call for them and you can't fund them all, obviously.

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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3570-3994	MATCHING GRANTS	15,000.00	15,000.00
TOTAL		15,000.00	15,000.00

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU	REQUESTED	APPROVED
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3570-3994	MATCHING GRANTS	10,000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL		10,000.00	10,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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- A) AUDITOR
- B) TREASURER
- C) COMMISSIONERS
- D) COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
- E) LEGAL AID SOCIETY
- F) COUNTY HIGHWAY
- G) COMMISSIONERS (LATE TRANSFER)

President Wortman: Now the Transfers, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of the Auditor's transfer -- is anyone opposed if I take all the transfers at one time?

President Wortman: Any Councilmember opposed to take them all at once? No comment.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'll move that all transfers are approved as submitted.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.



AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1020-3401	MICROFILMING	1,000.00	1,000.00
TO: 1020-4210	OFFICE FURNITURE	1,000.00	1,000.00

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1030-3410	PRINTING	2,200.00	2,200.00
TO: 1030-2700	OTHER SUPPLIES	2,200.00	2,200.00

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1300-1140-1300	ADMIN. ASSISTANT	5,000.00	5,000.00
TO: 1300-1970	TEMP. REPLACEMENT	5,000.00	5,000.00

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1361-1360-1361	WK. RELEASE OFFICER	7,429.59	7,429.59
TO: 1361-1970	TEMP. REPLACEMENT	7,429.59	7,429.59

LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF EVANSVILLE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1460-3450	YELLOW PAGES	170.82	170.82
TO: 1460-3600	RENT	170.82	170.82

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2010-1053	SECRETARY	10,199.41	10,199.41
TO: 2010-1038	EQUIP. OPERATOR	107.00	107.00
2010-1930	UNEMPLOYMENT	92.41	92.41
2010-1850	UNION OVERTIME	10,000.00	10,000.00

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1300-3140	TELEPHONE	10,667.00	10,667.00
TO: 1300-3270	CHANGE OF VENUE	10,667.00	10,667.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>GENERAL FUND REPEAL REQUESTS</b>
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**A) ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Now we'll have the General Fund repeal from the County Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, we will gladly accept the repeal, I'm sure, and I'll move approval of 1090-1160-1090 in the amount of \$3,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Money back for the taxpayer, yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1090-1160-1090	BUSINESS/PERSONAL PROPERTY DEPUTY	3,000.00	3,000.00
TOTAL		3,000.00	3,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

OLD BUSINESS

President Wortman: Okay, old business? No old business, go to new business.

JOHN SCHRODER, DIVISION OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES  
(DISCUSSED AT APRIL 28, 1999 PERSONNEL & FINANCE MEETING)

President Wortman: Number ten, John Schroder, we excuse him. No use coming back up, so we cross that off.

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Wortman: Now we’ve got the resolution denying the County Option Income Tax Distribution to the Solid Waste District. I’ll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I need to go over the Salary Ordinance first. Item number eight, I would move that for the Commissioners Temporary Replacement, which would be 1300-1970 be set in as previously approved with the starting salary to be \$8.00 per hour; Community Corrections, Temporary Replacement 1361-1970 be set in as previously approved with the initiation salary at \$10.3189 per hour, and benefits are not paid to Temporary Replacement personnel; County Highway, we have union overtime which is 2010-1850 be set in as previously approved; County Assessor, should read

Business/Personal Property Deputy which is account 1090-1160, account line be accepted as previously approved.

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

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RESOLUTION DENYING COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX DISTRIBUTION TO SOLID WASTE DISTRICT</b></p>
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President Wortman: We had no old business. Now new business, and we're going down to B, the Resolution Denying County Option Income Tax Distribution to the Solid Waste District. I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<p><b>ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF BARRETT LAW BONDS AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR OLD STATE ROAD SANITARY SEWER BARRETT LAW PROJECT</b></p>
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President Wortman: Go to C, Ordinance Authorizing Issuance of Barrett Law Bonds and the Consideration of an Additional Appropriation to Provide Funds for the Old State Road Sanitary Sewer Barrett Law Project, second reading. Do I have a motion?

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Wortman: 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<p><b>RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN ORDINANCE OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY INCOME TAX COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE PERCENTAGE CREDIT ALLOWED FOR HOMESTEADS FOR 2000</b></p>
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President Wortman: Now we go to D, Resolution Proposing an Ordinance of the Vanderburgh County Income Tax Council Establishing the Percentage Credit Allowed for Homesteads for 2000. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval, Mr. President.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: We have a motion and a second. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: This credit for the Homestead is money back for the taxpayer. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

President Wortman: Now E, the ordinance and Mike Robling, would you step forward please on this last one?

Councilmember Sutton: How many times have they been before us? We've seen these guys so many times. At least twice.

President Wortman: Hold on just a second, the County Attorney says we've got to make a --

Jeff Ahlers: I'd go ahead and just so it's clear, you just passed the resolution proposing an

ordinance. I would suggest that you go ahead now and move to pass to cast your votes on that ordinance.

President Wortman: On the ordinance and then...Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Hoy: I move we approve this ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Wortman: Any discussion on this? Everybody understand it? Call the roll please.

(Unidentified - microphone not turned on): Homestead, right?

Jeff Ahlers: Yes.

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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<p><b>ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VANDERBURGH COUNTY, INDIANA AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF VANDERBURGH COUNTY, INDIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS OF 1999 (CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE, EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES PROJECT) AND TO LOAN PROCEEDS THEREOF TO THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE, AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING OTHER ACTIONS IN RESPECT THERETO</b></p>
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President Wortman: Okay, now we go to the -- Mr. Robling or the gentleman there want to appear before the microphone, on the bond?

Rick Hall: Hello, my name is Rick Hall. I'm from the law firm Barnes & Thornburg and we're serving as bond counsel on the financing before you for the diocese of Evansville. I also have with me today Tim Hubert who is the general counsel to the diocese. As you may

recall, last fall the diocese came to the county and asked for their assistance in providing some tax exempt financing for two renovation projects for Mater Dei and Reitz Memorial High School, two high schools in Evansville. At that time last fall, the Council and the Economic Development Commission approved the issuance of \$5,000,000 in bonds for these projects. The bonds are payable solely from revenues of the diocese and no tax dollars are at stake. At the time of the original approval, it was indicated that the total of \$5,000,000 would take place in two separate issues. Last fall you approved the first issue which was closed in October for 1.75 million dollars. Now the diocese would like approval for the remainder of the financing, \$3,250,000 and that's what the purpose of this ordinance is. The Economic Development Commission last Thursday approved the terms of the bonds that are before you now, the \$3,250,000 in bonds and by statute the Council needs to approve that as well before they can go forward.

Councilmember Smith: I make a motion we approve this. We approved the first one and I don't think there's anything against it, that anybody has anything against it.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second that motion.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith made a motion, Jim Raben seconded it.

Jeff Ahlers: The only thing I wanted to point out was, and I spoke with Mr. Hall, but in Section Twelve of the ordinance it says copies of financing agreements are on file in the Office of the Auditor and I am advised that they are not.

Suzanne Crouch: They just brought them down.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay, so that's taken care of. And if you could, Mr. Hall, we had talked about also, as far as any sort of notice or publication. It's your opinion that this ordinance does not require any prior publication before this passage today. Is that correct?

Rick Hall: No, that's right. The Council and the Economic Development Commission, on behalf of the Council held a public hearing required by statute last fall and they don't need to do so again at this time.

President Wortman: Alright, 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: I want to explain my vote. As the Baptist minister explained earlier, I was raised in that denomination and I am a staunch supporter of separation of church and state and for that reason, I vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Hoy opposed)**

President Wortman: Okay, thank you gentlemen, appreciate your time. You too, Mr. Robling, for your attendance. Okay, if no other business to come before the Council, I want a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Everybody has got something to sign before you go, so the meeting is adjourned.

**(Meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.)**

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Curt Wortman

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Vice President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Phil Hoy

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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**  
**JUNE 2, 1999**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 2nd day of June, 1999 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:36 p.m. by County Council President Curt Wortman.

President Wortman: Vanderburgh County Council is now in session this June the 2nd. We'll open up the meeting. Would the secretary please call the roll?

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

President Wortman: Mr. Raben is out of town, so he won't be here today. Okay, would we all stand, the Council and attendants, and pledge allegiance to the flag, please.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**APRIL 28, 1999 AND MAY 5, 1999**

President Wortman: Number four is the approval of the minutes for April 28th, a special meeting, and May 5th of the regular Council meeting. Do I have a motion to that effect?

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy and over here Mr. Sutton, we've got a second. Any discussion on those? No discussion. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

**A) COUNTY CLERK**

President Wortman: Okay, we'll go right on into the appropriation ordinance. Number A would be County Clerk. Please come forward please.

Marsha Abell: I'm Marsha Abell, County Clerk.

President Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Go ahead, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: For County Clerk I would like to make a motion 1010-2600 Office Supplies \$39,043 and Cash Fund 1010-3360 \$100. Total \$39,143. That's a motion.

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

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a second. Now discussion, any discussion on that?

Councilmember Hoy: What was that first amount?

Councilmember Lloyd: It's \$39,043.

President Wortman: \$39,043. Any discussion? 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: Here. Yes, I'm sorry.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, thank you Mrs. Abell.

Marsha Abell: Is this divided any certain way or do we just use it as we need it to get by?

President Wortman: I guess--

Councilmember Lloyd: I could go through what you gave us and kind of tell you where it was divided. For the support checks one lot, so you would subtract \$11,500. The others would be as is on that page. The order books subtract \$3,000 and then the fee books subtract \$1,000 and then the last page, miscellaneous office supplies subtract \$4,000. And then, I mean, if you know if you need to come back to Council for that we'll be happy to see you.

Marsha Abell: Okay, I'm sure we will.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you.

Marsha Abell: I'm sure Judge Heldt would like his orders in an order book.

COUNTY CLERK

REQUESTED

APPROVED

1010-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	58,543.00	39,043.00
1010-3360	CASH FUND	100.00	100.00
TOTAL		58,643.00	39,143.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

B) SHERIFF

President Wortman: Okay, the next on the appropriation would be B. Would the Sheriff please come forward.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: I would like to make a motion Sheriff’s Department 1050-1540-1050 Process Server for \$5,000.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second, Mrs. Knight. 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: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Thank you, Sheriff, appreciate it.

Sheriff Ellsworth: Thank you all very much.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1540-1050	PROCESS SERVER VACATION COVERAGE	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL		5,000.00	5,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

C) CORONER

President Wortman: Next on the agenda will be the County Coroner. Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: County Coroner account 1070-2600 Office Supplies \$4,100. I would request approval for that amount.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith second. 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 Raben? Oh, I'm sorry. Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Thank you, yes.

Dennis Buickel: Thank you.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1070-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	4,100.00	4,100.00
TOTAL		4,100.00	4,100.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

#### D) PROSECUTOR

President Wortman: Okay, the next on the agenda will be the County Prosecutor.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President, County Prosecutor account 1080-3901 Witness Fees I would request \$15,000 as a motion.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second, Mrs. Smith. Okay, 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: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Thank you very much.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-3901	WITNESS FEES	15,000.00	15,000.00
TOTAL		15,000.00	15,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

E)     **CIRCUIT COURT**

President Wortman: Next on the agenda is Circuit Court.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President, account 1360-3943 Pauper Expense I would request \$65,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second, Mr. Sutton. 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: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, thank you, Judge, appreciate it.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-3943	PAUPER EXPENSE	65,000.00	65,000.00
TOTAL		65,000.00	65,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

#### F) SUPERIOR COURT

President Wortman: Next is Superior Court which you want to set that in as zero, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: Superior Court 1370-3934, set that in as zero; that's a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any 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: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-3934	HAALTS, INC.	10,000.00	0.00
TOTAL		10,000.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS
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#### A) WEIGHTS & MEASURES

President Wortman: Okay, that completes the appropriations and we've got three, four transfers and one was from the County Coroner listed. Would you take those, Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes. First transfer request, Weights & Measures. I would move that we approve that as submitted a total from seven accounts to Computer Data Management for a total of \$4,205. That's a motion.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: We’ve got a second. Any 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: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

WEIGHTS & MEASURES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1302-2210	GAS & OIL	500.00	500.00
1302-3130	TRAVEL	1,500.00	1,500.00
1302-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	200.00	200.00
1302-2700	OTHER SUPPLY	500.00	500.00
1302-3700	DUES	200.00	200.00
1302-3540	MAINT. CONTRACT	305.00	305.00
1302-4250	MISC. EQUIPMENT	1,000.00	1,000.00
TO: 1302-3370	COMPUTER (DATA MGT)	4,205.00	4,205.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Wortman: Continue, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: The next transfer, Weights & Measures from 1302-3120 Postage to 1302-3140 Telephone \$100. Make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do we have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith second. Any 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: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Next on the agenda is Pigeon Township.

Councilmember Lloyd: The last one--

Loretta Townsend: May I say something?

President Wortman: Yes, ma'am.

Loretta Townsend: We may have made a mistake that I didn't know about on this last transfer.

President Wortman: Okay.

Loretta Townsend: What this all pertains to is the computer in one way or the other and we've had a problem getting a little bit of cooperation from the computer data outfit and I just talked to him again down there. This may...this last \$100 may not go into Telephone. We were not aware that they have an Internet account that is separate from Telephone. If it is, that's where we need to put that, not into Telephone. I was just going by what I had at home, you know, so what can we do? Put it in the Telephone and then--

President Wortman: Transfer it out.

Loretta Townsend: There is another--

Suzanne Crouch: Does she have the account number?

President Wortman: Yeah, you work with Sandie and we can work that out.

Loretta Townsend: Okay.

Councilmember Lloyd: Unless you have that account number with you.

Loretta Townsend: I didn't even know we had one until a little while ago. Suzie, are you not on the Internet?

Suzanne Crouch: Uh-huh.

Loretta Townsend: Do you have any idea what that account could be?

Suzanne Crouch: I don't off the top of my head, but I can call down and get it if you don't mind setting it aside.



President Wortman: Yeah, we'll set that aside.

Loretta Townsend: That would be fine. It's our mistake, but we wasn't aware of it.

President Wortman: You just sit tight and she'll come back with it.

Loretta Townsend: Okay.

Councilmember Lloyd: We can change that account number on the floor, so as long as we get the right number.

Loretta Townsend: That's fine, thanks.

President Wortman: Alright, I tell you what. We'll need a motion to set it aside to redo it, so if you'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, I'll make a motion that we set aside that 1302-3140 until we get the correct account number.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second, Mr. Hoy. No discussion. All those in favor raise your right hand to that effect. Thank you very much, there are six. Now Pigeon Township.

Councilmember Lloyd: Six to zero.

## **B) PIGEON TOWNSHIP**

Councilmember Lloyd: Pigeon Township from 2492-1150-3310 Training to 2492-1150-3370 Computers in the amount of \$1,000. Make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

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

President Wortman: Yes.

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2492-1150-3310	TRAINING	1,000.00	1,000.00
TO: 2492-1150-3370	COMPUTER	1,000.00	1,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<b>LATE TRANSFERS</b>
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### C) CORONER

President Wortman: Now the County Coroner, late transfer.

Councilmember Lloyd: Account 1070-1170-1070 from Deputy Coroner to 1070-1200-1070 Deputy Coroner \$2,322.26. Make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith second. Any discussion? Call the roll please. Excuse me.

Dennis Buickel: I know normally the transfers take affect like the next business day. Is there any way that the Council can legally hold the transfer off until the 11th of June? The reason is that the figures that you see here are based on what will be left in the 1070-1170 line item account. It's based on what would be left in the account after the paycheck is issued on the 11th of June.

President Wortman: I see. June the 11th then?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, what does it matter? You don't have to spend it until then.

President Wortman: You don't have to spend it until then actually.

Dennis Buickel: Okay, that's fine.

President Wortman: You're in good shape.

Dennis Buickel: Okay.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. 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: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM:1070-1170-1070	DEPUTY CORONER	2,322.26	2,322.26
TO: 1070-1200-1070	DEPUTY CORONER	2,322.26	2,322.26

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Mr. Buickel.

<b>AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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President Wortman: Okay, amendments to the Salary Ordinance. Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, amendments to the Salary Ordinance for the Sheriff, amending the Salary Ordinance as previously approved set line 1050-1540 Process Server Vacation in at \$5,000. Knight Township Assessor, I would like to make a motion to allow hiring an additional part-time employee at the rate of \$7 per hour.

Councilmember Smith: Is that a motion?

Councilmember Lloyd: That's a motion.

Councilmember Smith: I'll second that motion because you can't find someone to do the job for much less than that if you are lucky enough to get them at \$7 an hour.

Councilmember Sutton: What do they want them to do?

President Wortman: Did you want to do the County Coroner in that, too?

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, the Coroner is to amend the salary ordinance as transfer previously approved.

President Wortman: Okay, I got a second to that effect Mrs. Smith. Okay, any discussion?

Councilmember Lloyd: I have a question on Knight Township.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Folz--

President Wortman: Does everybody want to be clear what we're voting on?

Councilmember Sutton: Just for clarification sake if you could maybe come up. I have a question about that summer help. What all are you going to have this summer help do?

Al Folz: Okay, I've got one out measuring schools now. That's one of the guys that I've got. He is a sophomore at Purdue in engineering. Anything that comes through on additions and such we have to be able to pick all this up and I've got about 5,000 business personal property records that are in that we've got to beat a deadline, so that is what the other two will be doing and are doing, let's put it that way.

Councilmember Sutton: So skill level wise how much experience or skill does a person need to fill these positions that you're looking at?

Al Folz: Well, you need to be able to be quickly trained in being able to read all these

forms, 103's, 101's and so forth as business personal property schedules. Since we do have and were able to give businesses an extra 30 day extension on these they are starting to pile in now. We've got boxes sitting around like you wouldn't believe. So this will relieve this in being able to meet the deadlines, of course, that we have to meet. By the way, the legislators have moved up the deadlines on us so that, you know, it is pretty hectic right now.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess I'm just trying to gauge in relation to the pay scale and the requirements--

Al Folz: Oh, certainly.

Councilmember Sutton: --of the position. I'm just trying to get an idea.

Al Folz: Every one that I have is nothing less than a sophomore in college. In fact, one is a student teacher and she is getting ready to graduate out at USI, so they are very, very efficient.

Councilmember Sutton: And how many weeks are you going to need them?

Al Folz: They'll probably work till I would say August. Maybe a little bit before August.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Al Folz: One will be going back into Purdue I would think, oh, probably the first week in August.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Al Folz: And two of the others that go out to USI.

President Wortman: Any other questions for Mr. Folz?

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

Al Folz: You're welcome.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Mr. Folz. Okay, we've got a motion and a second on the floor, so now call the roll please. Yeah, a little clarification to make sure everybody understands the motion, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: The motion is to allow hiring an additional part-time employee at the Knight Township Assessor at the rate of \$7 per hour.

President Wortman: Okay, any questions? Call the roll please.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Now, you say hire an additional person. I thought it was just increasing the...okay. Just increasing?

Councilmember Lloyd: Increasing that part-time person to \$7.

Councilmember Sutton: Right, so it's not adding a person it's just increasing. I think that's what you said in your motion.

Councilmember Smith: They're adding one, aren't they?

President Wortman: No, increasing the salary I think.

Councilmember Sutton: That's what I thought. It was just an increase in salary not adding a person. It's just increasing the pay only, it's not adding a person, correct? Before I vote here I want to make sure because in our motion we said--

Al Folz: It's to be able to pay so that all are on the same scale of \$7 an hour.

Councilmember Sutton: So it's not adding a person it's just increasing the pay?

Al Folz: Well, I have added a person and that's why I want to be able to do this.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Wortman: Go ahead, Sandie.

Sandie Deig: Aren't you paying this employee \$5.15 an hour?

Al Folz: I sure am. We slipped up on this thing because I thought the Salary Ordinance that we had before covered this. If I can't she is gone and I sure hate to lose them.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess that's a long yes. Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: The person is already there.

President Wortman: Okay, alright. Everybody understand? Call the roll please.

Charlene Timmons: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes, the second time.

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: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>CONTINUED TRANSFER REQUEST - WEIGHTS &amp; MEASURES</b>
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President Wortman: Now we'll go back to the Weights & Measures.

Loretta Townsend: We need from 130.2 and you have 3140, it should be 3141 which is Communications instead of Telephone.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, we'll amend the motion from 1302-3120 Postage to 1302-3141 Communications \$100. Make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion on that? 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: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

WEIGHTS & MEASURES			REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM	1302-3120	POSTAGE	100.00	100.00
TO:	1302-3141	COMMUNICATIONS	100.00	100.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Wortman: Okay, thank you Mrs. Townsend.

Loretta Townsend: Thank you.

<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
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**A) APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH CITY ON TAX ABATEMENTS**

President Wortman: Okay, old business. Council's last meeting, the 28th, they asked me to appoint two members to the tax abatement to share with the city and Betty Knight-Smith and Jim Raben is the two and we'll get with them and see how they're going to do it so we can report back to the Council.

**B) DISCUSSION REGARDING OPERATING COSTS FOR THE CENTRE**

President Wortman: And then on the construction over there I'm assuming that would be

Steve Utley in charge of the construction. I haven't got a hold of him, but on the budget on the Commissioners they are working with Ogden and they haven't got no figures due to the fact that they've got to see what is income and what is expenses and all that to work that out, so if any Councilman wants to call the Commissioners they said feel free to. Any questions on that? We'll go from there. I think that was requested by Mr. Hoy there. Okay, if there are no other questions.

Jeff Ahlers: Did you do the Coroner? We didn't do the Coroner did we?

President Wortman: Yeah, we did the Coroner. Now then first on the new business Jeff Lake which reported last week if you'll recall.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, before you move on.

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Sutton: We're asking the department heads to begin to prepare budgets and the request last week on The Centre, Councilman Hoy requested some figures or budget of where we stand. How far away are we from getting something prepared?

President Wortman: The report I got, the information I got, that they're working on it and they've got to work some details out because they've got to figure their expenses and expenditures and they are working with Ogden to work this out. It will be ready at budget time. I said, just feel free if any Councilman wants to call them and get it straight from them they can do that. Feel free to, okay?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess I'm wanting to try to know whether I am going to find out in August what the budget is going to be or whether I'm going to, you know, something we'll hear pretty soon as the other departments begin to submit their budgets. Along that time we'll find something out as well.

President Wortman: They'll submit at the same time as the rest of the departments so we can have plenty of time for review.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, we want to stay on top of that so if we can get that information as soon as possible since that is a really totally new budget and expenses we haven't seen before and things maybe we haven't anticipated. I just want to get a real good feel of what we're getting into here on that.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, and I just want to make sure the record is clear. I did make the motion, but it was a unanimous vote to ask for this. It wasn't just my personal request. It was a Council vote. I'm still having trouble understanding why they can't get these figures to us fairly soon. It seems to me it has been a long enough time.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you.

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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**A) JEFF LAKE, EVANSVILLE SMALL BUSINESS CENTER**  
**(Discussed during May 26, 1999 Personnel & Finance Meeting)**

President Wortman: Other discussion, I would like to say that Jeff Lake appeared.

**B) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES' SALARIES FOR 2000**

President Wortman: We'll go on to the next. It would be B, salaries for the county employees for the year 2000. If the Council would be agreeable to have Sandie Deig to send a memo and the county department heads could submit a salary of four percent, would that be agreeable with the Councilmembers? Is everybody kind of interested in that? Does anybody have any questions on that if she sends a memo to department heads?

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, I guess last week I guess when we had some initial discussion on this--

Betty Hermann: There are several of us here, may I come up?

President Wortman: Yeah, okay. Let Mr. Sutton here respond and then we'll...go ahead. Just stand up there and then we'll get to you.

Councilmember Sutton: It won't take me long. I was hoping that we could shoot for a five percent figure. I think the county employees deserve a figure of that size. You know, I know last year that we looked at a variety of different figures to try to come up with what was most doable, most feasible for the county and I think if we can I think I would be willing to revisit it, revisit my thoughts on that if we could look at that four percent figure. I think I could be convinced to go along with that figure. I think when you look at industry around and the CPI index and everything I think four percent might be a good figure for the department heads to work with.

President Wortman: I might add this, as far as the expenses coming up for the county, of course, we've always got to think number one of the taxpayer. You've got the auditorium over there, you've got roads, you've got the jail, you've got all these factors to consider so when you take that into consideration and I think I spoke to you last time that the AIC Chairman said that the state is considering lowering the freeze. Not this year, I think the budgets are already set, but for next year maybe from five percent down to four or four and a half. Now the reason for that we've got all these user taxes like the county option income tax, the two cents on the motel tax, the food and beverage tax. All these taxes add up, see, so that's why they said it. We've got all these taxes and before, if you remember, we almost had to beg, borrow and steal to give anybody a raise here years ago, so I think we've got to consider that. But being a conservative I think that's that. Does anybody else want to comment? Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Without seeing any numbers yet as you know we haven't seen anybody's budget for next year, I have no problem right now of okaying a four percent. You suggested that, right?

President Wortman: Yeah, I think--

Councilmember Bassemier: I have no problem with that.

President Wortman: --if the Council is agreeable. Four percent, no guarantee, but I mean it may come to it. Maybe we can and maybe we can't.

Councilmember Smith: Last year we tried for five and then we tried to negotiate down to four and we ended up with three. That's been three percent since 1993 and I know we've got the auditorium, but it always has been a white elephant and will continue to be and I think that to keep employees, the right kind of employees, we need to give them a decent salary. I lost 33 employees for better salaries when I was in the County Clerk's Office. I didn't fire those 33 that was implied, 33 went for better jobs. It's hard to get employees to work when they can get better jobs somewhere else. I'll go with the four percent. Hopefully, when we get through we can give them five, but four percent is better than three.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mrs. Smith.



Councilmember Hoy: Well, my...go ahead with Mrs. Hermann.

President Wortman: Mrs. Hermann, okay.

Betty Hermann: Betty Hermann, Vanderburgh County Recorder. Mr. President and members of the County Council, I am here today representing the employees of Vanderburgh County, Chuck, I'm not trying to take your job, including the Sheriff's Department. I'm asking for a consideration of a five percent raise. It has been many years since the employees of this county have received more than a three percent raise. They deserve it. The employees work very hard and I think all of you would like to keep the wonderful employees that we have. Now you all think about it very seriously, how could you replace Sandie Deig? I want to keep the ones that I have. Each office...many offices have come to me because I was a representative one other time for a five percent raise, so I would really like some consideration for a five percent raise for our employees. Thank you.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy now.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, I agree with Mrs. Hermann. Speaking of The Center, the Auditorium and Convention Center, this is why I wanted that figure early so that we could see how big of an impact that was going to have on the total budget. My estimate is when you couple what we usually budget for that with the Innkeepers Tax that is allocated to that also we're not going to have as big an impact there as we've imagined. I reemphasize I sure wish we had those figures now. I think we should have them now. I can't understand why Ogden and the Commissioners and the Building Authority cannot come up with those figures now. We expect everybody else to be timely, but I agree with Mrs. Hermann. I believe that we should do more than just a little bit above a cost of living. You know, COLA, cost of living is sometimes deceptive anyhow. If you've got a young person who is just starting out in employment and they're buying housing for example, they're going to pay a whole lot more than what the cost of living would indicate because houses cost more money than they did five years ago or ten years ago. You know, once you lock a payment in on your major purchase which is generally your living quarters that makes the cost of living more acceptable it seems to me than somebody starting out fresh. The second thing I would say in connection with that is that these employees deserve more than three and more than four. I sure hope we don't go back to three percent again. That would disturb me greatly. Thank you.

President Wortman: I think the 2.1, I believe, midwest is the cost of living if I understand or read it right.

Councilmember Smith: Isn't that a national figure?

President Wortman: Midwest. Midwest, I think. I don't know what the national is. That might be higher or lower, I have no idea, but I know the midwest. Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: That's what I was going to say. I had given Council that Federal Reserve survey that indicated that inflation 2.1 percent in 1999 and the forecast was 2.3 percent in 2000. You know, the increase for the county employees it has been three percent for what, seven or eight years? Private industry are running two to four percent so we'll have to see where the budget ends up. We've got to remember our goal of we need to cut the budget requests enough so that we can lower the property tax rate for all taxpayers. I mean, that's what my goal would be during the budget process, so we have to balance, you know, with the employee increases versus cutting that budget to do that goal.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't think anyone is advocating doing something that we can't afford. I don't think anybody is...even with the five percent I don't think if the county cannot undertake an increase of that nature no one is going to get on the Council floor and push for something that is beyond what the county...I think we're already assuming what the

county can and cannot do before we've seen any budgets. I think we need to allow that process to work itself out before we start ruling out what the county can and cannot do. I think we just really need to look at this carefully and really think about what our employees do for us on a daily basis here in the county. When I do say a daily basis that is 24 hours because we've got the Sheriff's Department that never does shut down, so we've got to just keep that in mind in terms of what we're doing there. When we talk about cost of living type of things there are a number of different measures you can use for a cost of living. You can look at the CPI, the Consumer Price Index, which the most recent year over year figures puts it right at about 2.8, but that's nationally based so you look at a number of different things. Housing costs, food costs, it varies from area to area. However, if you are keeping someone at the same salary and the cost of a loaf of bread goes up, you know, it just makes it awful tough. I think we just really need to look carefully at this.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: A couple of other points. One is I know that you view yourself as a taxpayer's friend which means you've got to be a friend of mine because I pay taxes, too. Everybody around the table pays taxes. Every county employee and city employee and state employee pays taxes. I run a non-profit agency. We pay taxes on our employees. Everybody pays them. So we all represent the taxpayers, but I think it's important to remember that our employees pay the same rate of tax as anybody else. They also pay property tax. They also pay county option income tax. If they stay in a hotel they pay the Innkeepers Tax and so on. It's not as if we have taxpayers versus non taxpayers. The second thing is I'm like anybody else, I like for my taxes to go down, but to be honest with you with the way property taxes are figured if there is a small percentage decrease in my property taxes, and I don't pay a whole lot I'll be honest with you because I have an inexpensive home, but I don't see much reduction in my tax bill. It's hardly noticeable when that happens. I know it's a popular thing to say, but a small percentage decrease in my tax doesn't mean a whole lot. One more point, there is a person sitting in this room that I think deserves a lot of credit for our taxes staying the same and that's the Assessor who has done a very assertive and aggressive job on ensuring that taxes are more fairly distributed to some entities that weren't paying taxes before. Then we also have the addition of new buildings and new industry and so on that is bringing in more taxes, so while I would like to take credit for keeping property taxes level I have to be honest and say there are a whole lot more people responsible for that than me or this County Council. Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I would just like to add I talked with Mr. Whobrey and we were kind of trying to get some numbers out and he is out there now, he can verify this. Of course, his people would like...the people he represents would like to get a five percent raise, but he says, you know, that he feels like his people would be happy with a four percent. I just wanted to add that. I know we've got a five percent here. We've got a four percent.

Councilmember Smith: I think they would be a lot happier with five, I agree, but the four is something that--

Chuck Whobrey: Just for the record my name is Chuck Whobrey. I'm president of Teamster Local 215 and Ed I said four is better than three, is what I said. I certainly think I said, thank heaven we're getting off three and that's what I said and what I mean. Certainly, I don't want to turn it into any circus, I prefer five over four, but I did say and stand by it, four is a heck of a lot better than three. I have something that I consider an even more serious note than the raises that I want to touch on. I've mentioned probably to every member of Council we've got some real concern over what is taking place at The Centre. I have attempted to head this problem off in quiet ways by talking to people and

say, hey, let's not have any fight over there. We're going to have a nice facility. We're part of that. We've represented those folks since 1972. I had some meetings with County Attorney Harrison concerning the situation. I first was picking up some rumors, strictly rumors, through our members that we represent at Roberts Stadium who are supervised by Ogden that the county initially did not intend to rehire those five people who were laid off a year or so ago when the auditorium underwent its renovations. Through that I initiated some conversation and said, look, those folks have recall rights under our contract with the county and we finally got to the point where they said they'll recall them. Now the Commissioners have signed a contract and they're saying that those folks are only going to do custodial work and all the work that our members did before in terms of setting up for events or setting up for events if they had something in the Gold Room and all of that type of work they're going to hire full-time Ogden employees. Folks, we believe that is a violation of our contract. I don't really want to have a fight. This is, I think, the easiest problem we've got out there to solve, but if the county insists on trying to take our jobs away where we would grow, you know, whenever we had....whenever there had to be a layoff our folks took the lumps and five people for the last year plus have been laid off and haven't had the county health insurance and haven't had the benefits. When there was no work to be done we took the lumps. Where there is going to be additional work to do we think we should grow with this county. We're part of it. We try to be a cooperative part of it, but if we go down this route and I know you folks don't have total control over that, I understand that. This is in the Commissioners' bailiwick, but you folks have a way of inserting yourself in labor contract matters and you have to fund contracts and I am just trying to head off a problem that if the county insists on saying these are going to be Ogden employees we're going to be for a fight because we're not going to have an operation where we have represented those folks for 25 plus years right across the street from our union hall where they're going to say now it's a non union operation and we're going to take those jobs and you're not going to grow with it and all you folks are going to be custodians. We're not just going to accept that lying down. Back to your comments about the raise, I am pleased to hear the Council talk this way that you're saying that employees should be a priority because, quite honestly, for too many years I feel that this body has said, well, whatever we have left over we'll give in the form of raises, so I'm glad to hear the comments from the various Council people saying that the employees deserve a raise because we have been just fixated on this three percent and it's a good thing to get off of it. I'm asking for cooperation from the county. I've thrown out a suggestion that we could even work out something with the county where they could utilize the employees from Roberts Stadium and the Victory that are managed by Ogden if the city is agreeable with it. We often want to talk about how we will have the cooperation between city and county government. The Teamsters Union is not going to stand in the way on that if we can facilitate that to make that operation work we'll do it and we'll do anything within reason other than just watch our jobs go away. I hope we're not in September or October when they have a grand opening in the middle of a fight. We've got plenty of time to resolve any differences, but it takes time and effort and it can't just be a one way street. It can't just be me attempting to try and solve a problem.

President Wortman: Thank you.

Chuck Whobrey: Thank you very much.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, Chuck.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else then? We'll go onto the--

Jayne Berry-Bland: President Wortman.

President Wortman: Okay, Mrs. Bland.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Hi, Jayne Berry-Bland, Vanderburgh County Treasurer. I would just like to comment on behalf of the employees basically what Ms. Hermann has stated, but I would also like to say I for one as a taxpayer I do appreciate very much your concerns

about watching our tax dollars and as a county employee I appreciate that even more because I work hard to earn a lot of interest for the county so hopefully that you will have extra money from year to year because I don't always put in the budget what I earn. I always exceed the budgeted amount of income. I'm thrilled to death to hear you get off of the three percent and talk about four. Obviously, we would like to hear you talk more about the five percent. There is a couple of concerns that I have. One you've touched briefly with earlier about the part-time help. I have eliminated one position this year. I would love to get a very good dependable part-time person in there that I could rely on. I can't find one. They come and go and I've not had a lot of luck, so I really hope that you will look at the part-time pay as well. The other thing is I've been around probably long enough, 1993 I became an officeholder and that's the year we got a five percent raise. Since that time we have gotten three percent. What that has done for myself, as an officeholder because I'm at a higher rate, I keep expanding so much further from the chief deputy and, you know, the main county offices the chief deputy and the officeholder were all paid at the same level. The officeholders are all paid at one level and the chief deputies are paid at one level. During this time I've seen it spread farther and farther apart. My suggestion would be, and Lord knows I haven't talked to anybody about this because I was afraid I might not make it up here today, but I feel like that my chief deputy is as important to that office or very close to as important to any office as the officeholder. They're almost the heartbeat of that office and I would be willing and I hope a lot of my counterparts and my peers would be willing, too, to forego my raise to help give the other county employees their raises. That would also help...in a small office like mine it would help considerably. In the larger offices it's not going to help, but in the big picture you're going to see where the chief deputy in my personal opinion should not have that type of spread from the officeholder.

President Wortman: See, that happened years ago that's why the \$500 across the board to keep things in line and the office small. Three percent on \$20,000 is \$600.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Certainly.

President Wortman: Well, \$40,000 is double that, see, and that's why. We're getting...like I say, the officeholder...we've got one appointed position here that is getting in the \$50's, see, and making probably more than anybody, elected official, see, on that.

Jayne Berry-Bland: I think maybe while we're looking at all this this would be a good time to even look at those percentages. You know, there is a lot of good to percentage raises. I still have a real problem with percentage raises. In my opinion the Job Study it was wonderful because it put so many of the offices to the same level. You had different levels in your offices and they were all basically you had some in each level. What has happened now over the years is, you know, you've had this big spread, you've had a lot of people change. I think it has probably spun out of control on increasing some of these job classifications and my feelings get hurt. I'm not saying this is political at all, but what I'm saying is I've sat here since 1993. I have never gone over my budget. I have reduced employment. I use used copy machines. I use...believe it or not I've used used copy paper. I've just received two used PCS from Cheryl Musgrave's office. I don't ask for a lot. You know that because you've been here longer than I have and you know that I don't come up here. A lot of you know that I don't ask for anything extra. In my personal opinion I feel like when an officeholder tries to meet or even reduce their budget from year to year they need to be rewarded for that. I just feel like we can't continue to take it out on the employees to hold at a three percent raise. I don't think it's fair.

President Wortman: The only thing is if we get all these budgets in and all these increases we've got to put it all together and see what's left. We've got to operate, see. Like you take security. It's very important with the Sheriff's Department out there, see. Now we're hearing this school business carrying on and that's going to increase their load, I'm sure. There are going to be more requests to be careful, see.

Jayne Berry-Bland: But as maybe Mr. Whobrey had said earlier--

President Wortman: Excuse me, we're out of tape please.

**Tape change**

President Wortman: Thank you very much, continue.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Maybe it's time that we not put the employees last when we start talking about budgets. Maybe it is time that we put them first and start trying to reduce heavily in some other areas. I don't think the employees should always take the brunt of what is left over for the budget.

President Wortman: I agree with you. We've got some good employees and I agree, but the government normally cannot compete with the private sector, see, because basically it's all this going on now, see, and I think we've got to consider that, but I think the Council can take into consideration, no guarantee, but I think we'll consider it with an open mind. We've all got a job to do and sometimes it gets rough, I know.

Jayne Berry-Bland: One final comment, just keep an open mind to the five percent.

President Wortman: Thank you for your comments. Okay, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, if Jayne could take no increase and then put that money to her Chief Deputy in your budget request if that's what you're wanting to do.

Jayne Berry-Bland: I would be happy to do that.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

President Wortman: Okay. Going to move on down to the resolution on the--

Jayne Berry-Bland: Wait a minute, wait a minute.

President Wortman: Okay.

Jayne Berry-Bland: My office can't be treated any different than the next office, so every other office would need to do that also. That's what I'm telling you. I would be more than willing not to take a raise next year. I do not have a problem with that if it would help not for you to spend money somewhere else down the road, but to give it to some of my employees. My employees deserve it, you're absolutely right, whether it be the Chief Deputy or any one of the other 12 employees in that office. But my office cannot be treated any differently than any other office.

President Wortman: Right.

Councilmember Lloyd: I mean, that was your suggestion.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Right.

President Wortman: Thank you.

**C) RESOLUTION CORRECTION PRELIMINARY TAX ABATEMENT FOR ANCHOR INDUSTRIES, INC.**

President Wortman: Now we've got this resolution correction here for a preliminary tax abatement on Anchor Industries. Does everybody understand that and if it does why I'll entertain a motion to the correction to the resolution. Mike Robling, does anybody want to question him first?

Mike Robling: I think the resolution fairly well explains the situation.

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

Councilmember Sutton: That's, as I understand it, 40 additional new positions with this increased investment in their facility?

Mike Robling: Yeah, the primary thing is approving the September 24th statement of benefits instead of the September 15th statement of benefits. The September 15th statement indicated \$12,900,000 in salaries instead of \$11,000,000 because they had counted their Florida payroll in the original number, but I believe that employees are the same or were the same on both.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else? I'll entertain a motion to accept this correction to the resolution.

Councilmember Lloyd: I'll make a motion to approve the correction.

Councilmember Smith: I'll second it.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd and Mrs. Smith seconded it. Okay, no discussion? Call the roll please.

Councilmember Hoy: Uh--

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: --we're just approving the correction, is that correct?

Mike Robling: That's right.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

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: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, thank you Mr. Robling.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

President Wortman: No other business to come before us I'm going to hear a motion for adjournment.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

President Wortman: So moved, do we have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. All those in favor say aye. The ayes have it. Thank you. I appreciate your time and effort here today.

**(Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.)**

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President Curt Wortman

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Councilmember Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember Royce Sutton



**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**JULY 7, 1999**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 7th day of July, 1999 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by County Council President Curt Wortman

President Wortman: The Vanderburgh County Council is now in session this July the 7th. We'll stand if you will please...no, first let's have the opening of the meeting and have a roll call first, please. We can have a sheriff open the meeting, that would be fine.

(Meeting opened by Sheriff Brad Ellsworth)

President Wortman: Okay, now would you call the roll, please?

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

President Wortman: Okay, now would we stand, all of us, and pledge allegiance to the flag, please.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**JUNE 2, 1999**

President Wortman: Now then, I'll entertain a motion for the approval of the minutes from the June 2nd regular Council meeting.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben, then got a second. Any discussion on that? If not, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

**A) SHERIFF**

President Wortman: Okay, we'll get right on in to the appropriation ordinance. Number five, the Sheriff will be the first one.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of 1050-1510-1050 in the amount of \$12,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Bassemier. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, seven to nothing.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1510-1050	COLLEGE REIMBURSE	12,000.00	12,000.00
TOTAL		12,000.00	12,000.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

## **B) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

President Wortman: Next on the agenda will be the County Commissioners. That will be the Patient/Inmate, \$500,000. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of 1300-3050, Patient/Inmate, in the amount of \$500,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Second, Mr. Hoy. Okay, 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

C) SUPERIOR COURT

President Wortman: Now then it'll be the Superior Court.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of 1370-3790 in the amount of \$5,000, 1370-3903 in the amount of \$40,000, 1370-3944 in the amount of \$10,000 for a total of \$55,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second, Ms. Smith. Any discussion on that? 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-3790	PROFESSIONAL SVCS.	5,000.00	5,000.00
1370-3903	PETIT JURORS	40,000.00	40,000.00
1370-3944	SPECIAL REPORTER	10,000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL		55,000.00	55,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

D) COUNTY COUNCIL

President Wortman: Next on the agenda County Council, Office Machines.

Councilmember Raben: Move approval on 1480-4220, Office Machines, in the amount of \$2,250.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: We 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	2,250.00	2,250.00
TOTAL		2,250.00	2,250.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

E) CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

President Wortman: Next on the agenda will be the Cumulative Bridge, \$80,000. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of 2030-3930 in the amount of \$80,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion on this? 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-3930	OTHER CONTRACTUAL	80,000.00	80,000.00
TOTAL		80,000.00	80,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**F) COUNTY ASSESSOR / REASSESSMENT**

President Wortman: Okay, now then the next one would be the County Assessor's Reassessment. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of 2492-1090-3530 in the amount of \$400,000 and 2492-1090-3370, Computers, in the amount of \$100,000 for a total of \$500,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion on this? Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I have a problem with taking this out for... I just don't feel like this is reassessment. If you look at your bottom page, Curt and I went over this, for the first phase it comes to \$3,209,994.

President Wortman: Okay, now if you remember I think unappropriated balance there's over \$2,000,000 right now. And the budgets that the eight assessors submitted for the County Assessor is one million something. If we take \$500,000 out of that, that's going to leave \$590,000 left if there's additional money needed for the reassessment. So, I'll just say that, throw that out. And then the first of the year there would be more money put in the Reassessment Fund. So, hopefully this will be alright. I would say, I have been going over this a little bit, I think the city should kick in, I had this down...my suggestion is the county 25%, the city possibly 35% to 40%, and the private sector should kick in maybe 35% to 40% too. And that way... of course forcing anybody to do it. But to start off, you're going to have all the utilities that are going to benefit from this. I'm talking about in the city the water and the sewer, the safety, the Fire Department, the Police Department. In the county you're going to have the reassessment, but that's going to be down the road, probably two or three years. Then the private sector, you've got the realtors, you've got SIGECO, you've got the telephone, you've got cable TV and any other utility. It's all going to help, but it's going to take time to work this thing together. The other money is committed the way I understand, so we can't take it out of the General Fund because we've got quite a bit coming up there, computerization and all of this. So, anybody else have anything to say? Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: You said next year we'll get more money in the Reassessment Fund. What assurance do you have that we'll get more money?

President Wortman: I think that's automatic, or not?

Suzanne Crouch: No, there will be no more money coming in to the '99 Reassessment Fund. There will be monies going into the 2003 Reassessment account. But there will be more money for reassessment in the year 2003.

President Wortman: Okay, I'm sorry. I stand to be corrected.

Councilmember Smith: I have no problem with the project, I just have a problem of taking it out of the Reassessment Fund. I think there should be another way to fund it.

President Wortman: The only thing is if we don't fund it now, it's like everything else, we wait too long and it's going to be too late. Then it's another five years and everybody is going to be ahead and then it's going to cost double and triple to catch up. Now, that's my opinion, but everybody's entitled to his opinion. Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I agree that we should go ahead and approve this money. In fact, it's my opinion that we're behind even at this point, Mr. President. As I understand it also, should we run shy in the Reassessment account, that money can virtually be mandated for the reassessment if that happens. I agree with you, I don't agree to reduce this

amount, but I agree with you that the city eventually should bear more of the cost because the city is going to benefit more. They also have more money than we do. It remains to be seen whether we can get the private sector, you know, to put some money in, but that's not a bad idea either. I've been to a lot of meetings discussing GIS. I'm a supervisor with the Soil and Water Conservation District, and we have been wanting this for a number of years. There are so many issues that it will help us to address. One of my pet concerns, as you know, is urban sprawl and it will help us do even better planning of our land use and all of that.

President Wortman: Thank you. The only thing here is we divide this up. Right away the utilities are going to benefit from it, we know that. This lady here, Liv Watson, she's putting this package together. She's not making any decisions, she's putting this together for the officeholders to make a decision. It's just that simple. She was hired, she's done a good job. She has a proven record from San Diego to Philadelphia to Indianapolis. So, I mean, she's not guessing at it, that's another thing. So, hopefully we can do this. Now, how we force the private sector into it, I don't know. I think we have to use that. But the city...and also, I'm trying to get a meeting with the eight assessors, the County Assessor, three Council members, Liv Watson, and possibly one or two City Councilmen. Hopefully shoot for 15th of this month at 1:00, we're trying to get a room here. We're going to iron this thing out. We're going to sit down and try to work it out so we can get on with it. And that way maybe we can work something. That will give Mrs. Watson a chance to talk to the city and the private sectors, and if we can work this out then we'll get the show on the road. Does that make sense to everybody?

Councilmember Sutton: Well Mr. President, if I could?

President Wortman: Go ahead.

Councilmember Sutton: I think there's no question that the merits of the project are there. I mean, it's a very good project that will benefit the city and the county in a lot of different ways. There's been some excellent presentations about how it does benefit it. But I guess the thing that really comes before us that we have to address is how you fund it. We do have the motion on the floor that we are considering now, but the motion that we have on the floor only addresses part of the cost on the funding. I've got a couple of questions that I'd like to ask Mrs. Musgrave and whoever that might be able to answer, maybe it's you Curt, related to that. That is, number one, where do we stand, well first, where do we stand with the city in terms of their position in stepping up to adding the funding that is going to be needed? Because what we're doing here, if we take it from the Reassessment or General Fund, whatever, Local Roads and Streets, it's still not going to be enough to complete this project as we're looking at least at this particular stage. Where do we stand with the city?

President Wortman: Would you state your name please and then explain that to Mr. Sutton? Good question.

Liv Watson: Liv Watson, the City/County Coordinator, GIS Coordinator. Thank you Council for having me. I can address that issue. I just came from speaking with the city and they are committed to funding the project. They will, within the next week, have their budget balanced and they will come forward to say exactly. We have asked them for \$400,000. They have not committed to that, but they are...I just came from Becky Dixon's office and she is balancing. So, they are committed to providing funds, but have not said the exact number of funds. We will know that within the next ten days, she said, to the exact commitment.

Councilmember Sutton: Mrs. Watson, who's making that commitment on behalf of the city?

Liv Watson: I spoke with Becky Dixon, but obviously this is the Mayor's issue and not a Becky Dixon issue. But she's balancing the budget and giving the recommendation.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, with that said, we don't have an assurance with the city making a commitment. It sounds like there's been discussions, sounds like it may be making some progress. If the city, for some reason or another, decides they don't want to fund it even to this level or even at all, where does that leave the project?

Liv Watson: The project as far as creating a base map to start utilizing GIS would still capable of doing so because of aerial photography. But you will not have a full blown GIS unless you create the parcel lines, the parcel maps, the roads, the streams and then eventually query databases to these maps. Now, yes, you could create for \$500,000 the aerial photography and work on partials of this county, but that would benefit very little unless you have a full blown map of this county. It would serve very little purpose. So, yes, that would be, in my opinion, not the right way to go unless this project is fully funded.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess what I'm maybe edging toward is until we have the commitments there, you know, we wouldn't begin spending the county's money, I'm assuming, until we have the dollars in place. You know, I've heard private dollars even discussed here and we're discussing city dollars, but we wouldn't begin to spend the county's money on this project without it being fully completed. At least, that would be concerns that I would have and I would hope that we wouldn't move in that fashion if we didn't have all of our ducks in a row, so to speak.

Cheryl Musgrave: If I might address you. Cheryl Musgrave, County Assessor. The \$500,000 in the Reassessment Fund that I'm asking for today would fund the parcel line layer, which by itself is perfectly useful. It is enhanced immeasurably by the addition of the aerial photos which we are asking the city to fund. However, it is still very useful by itself. So money spend digitizing the parcel lines is by no means wasted without the city's contribution. It is simply not as useful as it would be with it.

Councilmember Sutton: The other thing related to this, still that concerns me. The other concern related to this is this is not the only cost related to this, we've got some costs that will be going forward with this, staffing, programming updates, software. Where are those dollars coming from? And I know we've been talking about trying to keep the tax rate low and things like that and what we're talking about is spending some more dollars here.

Cheryl Musgrave: As we've spoken to this point a couple of times, the map that we are going to create has a long process in its creation. I didn't want to ask you for any funds today to maintain a map that wouldn't be in our hands to maintain for a year to 18 months to 24 months. When that map comes back is when we need to begin to address the maintenance cost for it. So it was premature for me to ask you those costs. But Mrs. Watson has given you a document, which she can more fully explain, with the figures for map maintenance in it. And I'll let her take it from there.

Councilmember Sutton: I'll let you go ahead and address it, but we've got budget coming up here very shortly. We may as well prepare to plug in some figure on this. What we're doing here today is not the only cost associated with this. And I don't think she's ever presented it in that fashion. So, I don't know what thoughts we may have here on where that money is going to be drawn from? How much that's going to be? We need to really give that some real concern, some thought there. What estimates are you coming up here with, kind of the annual maintenance cost associated with this?

Liv Watson: Well you are talking about a few different issues here. You're talking about a professional staff to maintain these maps when they come back. And in the budget, it is kind of difficult to budget until you hire somebody and sign a contract, for the figures that are in the budget. When the maps come back they have to be updated or these maps will not be current. They will already...the day something is sold. The ongoing cost that was given by MSE in a study that the county and city funded a few years ago says that the cost is \$191,280 per year. Now, I am speaking under MSE's numbers here and have not had time to actually within the time period that I had been requested to put this proposal together to say exactly what those numbers are. I think it is one issue to consider here is



that even computers that we buy today are half the price of what they were five years ago. So, if these numbers are accurate or not, I don't know. I would need more time. But you do have in your possession, the county and the city, from a study from the MSE report and in the handout that I gave you here today some figures about what the cost would be per year. But I want to address an issue here that this almost becomes per department issue. The more innovative and the more a department realizes that they can utilize GIS, it becomes a department issue of how much can they afford per year. So I assume that each year they're going to come and say that I want this for my GIS. You can then issue that per department as to what their needs and concerns are. You have the salaries which is included in this \$191,000. Then you come to issues of upgrades of computer systems which will be addressed on a regular basis. I know that most, in the private industry, would reinvest in computers every three to five years.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, I guess my question, I guess, in terms of what thoughts we may have with our ongoing cost with this since this is not the end of the...this is not the only bill associated with this.

President Wortman: No, I think you're going to have ongoing cost, but I think it could be accounted and put in place. But what I'm thinking, the main thing is somebody has got to get the bull, in plain words, bull by the horns and get this started and then I think down the road because there should be some way to do it.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess the question also is, you know, until we get those other commitments, if we're talking about private commitments and the city commitments, do we really want to go and begin to spend the county's money knowing that it's not going to be enough to complete what needs to be done?

President Wortman: Well, I think we've got to be the first ones to do it.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I mean, we could put the money up, but I'm saying before any money is spent.

President Wortman: Spent, I see. Yeah, and that's a good question. Any other Councilman want to answer or talk to Mr. Sutton, address his point?

Councilmember Raben: A couple things, Royce, you had raised a question as far as what do we have to look forward to in upcoming budgets. I think the time frame of getting this information together and the maps drawn, like Cheryl had said, we're talking a year and a half to two years. We're probably not looking at anything over the next twelve months outside of this. But secondly, we do need this from the standpoint of reassessment. The information that our half million dollars will buy today will be beneficial in the year 2003 for reassessment. The only shot that we've got at having this material in place for that is to act on this as soon as possible. And secondly, or thirdly, as far as fronting our money now, I think that's the only way to really get the city to act anyway. They see that the county has appropriated their money, their funds are in place, you know...if we back out of it today when they discuss this as a council they're going to say well what happened to the county? How come they haven't put their money up front? So, I think that this will make them act quicker as well.

Councilmember Sutton: And I guess that's really what I'm saying though, Councilman, that is we can put our money up, but don't start incurring costs until you've got all your money. Use our money to encourage the others to get on board, but if we begin to spend and then the money doesn't come in place then there we are with less than what we really need.

Councilmember Raben: Well, but the maps that...our funds that we're putting in place today, I mean, it won't be money down the tubes. I mean, this is money that we'll use in the year 2003.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, who do you think is going to pay for the rest of this if the city

does not decide to pay for it?

Councilmember Raben: Well, exactly, the other departments aren't going to realize the information that our assessors are going to realize. I mean, it's going to be good for them, but not good for everybody else. So, you know, the city, that's a decision the city is going to have to make. I think there's enough people out here in audience pressuring the city that they'll probably go through with it.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, my reading of the way the city operates is that if the Mayor has Mrs. Dixon studying this and looking for money, he's probably already made his decision. That's typically the way the Mayor responds, and I'm not knocking the Mayor. I just think it's a statement of fact. I think the money will be forthcoming. I also think it's a good chance for us to take the lead as a council on something that's overdue. Every time I go to a AIC meeting and go to the booths, I find, you know, rural counties with a whole lot less money than we have and they already have this up and running. They've found it extremely useful. I'm a little tired of hearing about the new millennium and all that jazz, it's just another year for me. Well, I'm a theologian, he was born in 6 B.C. anyway so figure that. At any rate, it does prepare us for the new age of computerization and what these marvelous instruments can do for us. I think it's time to go with it.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: The proposal, at least the recommendations from MSE calls for joint city/county, or at least the sharing of this software and hardware. It calls for, you know, a GIS coordinator and two technicians. I share Mr. Sutton's concern about the city. The project will move along a lot faster if they would put up the \$400,000 to do the aerial mapping, and I'm hoping that they would. I mean, this is a place where the government can really get things rolling and provide a great service for ourselves in a number of different ways and also for the private sector too. So, I think it's a worthwhile project.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't want to give you the impression that I'm putting a wet blanket on it, I just want to make sure we have our eyes open related to this. I think it's an excellent project, and I stated that last week. I think it is a good project, but we've had so many surprises, I just don't want this to be another of those surprises. We've got a beautiful building across the street that's going up and the surprise hasn't fully unfolded on that yet, so I just want to make sure that this isn't another one of those surprises.

President Wortman: I appreciate your comments, Mr. Sutton, and they're well taken I think. Okay, no other discussion? I'm going to have the secretary to call the roll please, to approve the motion.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I'm going to vote for this, but I feel bad because I still think it should be coming from some other form of money rather than the Reassessment Fund.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I asked that they speak with all of the assessors last week, they did do that, spoke with everyone. I appreciate your efforts on that. I think it is a very good project and I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Seven to nothing, it passes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1090-3530	CONTRACTUAL SVCS	400,000.00	400,000.00
2492-1090-3370	COMPUTERS (DATA MGT)	100,000.00	100,000.00
TOTAL		500,000.00	500,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Hoy: It looks like the choir just left.

President Wortman: Now, I hope all those city slickers remind us when it comes to this money now, chipping in.

Councilmember Hoy: We'll go down and picket the bleachers on the riverfront if it doesn't come through.

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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- A) CLERK
- B) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (2)
- C) DADS
- D) CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Raben: Are we ready to proceed?

President Wortman: Yes sir. We're ready for the transfers, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move that all transfers are accepted as submitted.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Now, on the transfers listed, that would be the Clerk, the Commissioners, Commissioners, Drug and Alcohol and Cumulative Bridge. Is that correct? Okay, a motion and a second. Any discussion on those? We're taking it all at once. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM:1010-1430-1010	DOMESTIC/CIVIL CLERK	4,938.00	4,938.00
TO: 1010-1970	TEMP. REPLACEMENT	4,938.00	4,938.00

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1300-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,250.00	2,250.00
TO: 1300-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	2,250.00	2,250.00

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1300-3610	LEGAL SERVICES	28,542.00	28,542.00
1300-3603	RECORD STORAGE	33.00	33.00
TO: 1300-3140	TELEPHONE	10,667.00	10,667.00
1300-3330	RECORD STORAGE	3,804.00	3,804.00
1300-3020	SW MENTAL HEALTH	14,104.00	14,104.00

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1371-3770	TREATMENT COST	250.00	250.00
TO: 1371-3930	OTHER CONTRACTUAL	250.00	250.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2030-4374	HECKEL RD. BR. #76	70,000.00	70,000.00
TO: 2030-3930	OTHER CONTRACTUAL	70,000.00	70,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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President Wortman: Now we'll go into the amendments to the salary ordinance, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, we have three items today, Sheriff's, Clerk's and Recorder's office. I move that we amend the salary ordinance as previously approved for the Sheriff's Department. The Clerk's office, same motion. The Recorder, I move to approve a position job, job title name change for line 1040-1160 to Microfilm Technician. That's all we have today, and I make that in the form of a motion.

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

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith second. Any discussion on that? 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
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President Wortman: Okay, number eight, old business. Any old business to come before this council?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, before we go any further, I know you set a meeting date for June 15th with the Assessors and Commissioners and Council and Liv, or for July 15th, I'm sorry I'm a month off. We've still got to deal with our reassessment that begins this year and prepare a budget that we would really need to appropriate the first week of August. If possible, I don't know that we can lump all that in on a July 15th meeting. I think there's going to be a lot of discussion on GIS and the City Council are going to be there.

I don't think they're really concerned with how we plan to address reassessment for this year. I don't really feel like Liv is really going to be there for that either. If possible, if you would be willing, could we set up a committee of maybe myself, and one or two others, to have a separate meeting to address reassessment with the assessors?

President Wortman: Would this be classed as a private meeting, would you say? Who would be invited, Jim? I guess that is the question.

Councilmember Raben: I guess, you know, if one or two of us could meet jointly or individually with the County Assessor and the township assessors. We're going to need to work out how much money we need to put in place next month for them to begin reassessment for this year.

President Wortman: Well that's what I intend to the 15th, see. They want money for six months and I thought we could work it out. After we work it out and get their input, what they think percentage wise and what have you, that way they could hire their people. Then, we could call a special meeting, wouldn't have to wait until after the 15th. The 15th, that will be the deadline to have to wait until the next month 15th. That way we could get things in motion. They could go. We could send a questionnaire, if that's what it is, to answer questions for the satisfaction of the council. Then we could go from there. Does that sound right? I mean, it's up to the council, I want input from all the Councilmen here.

Councilmember Raben: This is the last meeting that we'll all be together before July 15th. I'm just concerned that July 15th the topic of discussion for that meeting is going to be GIS and not budgets for this year.

President Wortman: No, I think GIS is pretty well settled, to me.

Councilmember Sutton: Who's setting the agenda for the meeting?

President Wortman: Do what?

Councilmember Sutton: Who's setting the agenda for the meeting?

Councilmember Raben: My point is exactly this, if the City Council is going to be there and several other department heads that don't necessarily pertain to reassessment, I just want everybody to be aware that the township offices are ready to start working towards reassessment today.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, put that at the top of your agenda and then the other issues can follow. Take care of what you need to...

Councilmember Raben: This body, next month, we're going to have to appropriate funds for them to start using in August. So, if you think we can work it all out on the 15th, that's great. But the first Wednesday of August we're going to have to have funds in place or ready to act upon it.

President Wortman: I'd say we'll have it before then, see. If we have it the 15th, I'd say we give them a couple of days to digest that, what our meeting is. Then I think we go from there. Effective January 1st is when their really starting date, the state said they could do it. But they don't have any guidelines yet and the Manual is out. So there are a lot of things undecided, but we could get them started. They could get their data processing going and things like this, hire some people to get everything in motion. That's the idea, to get this thing rolling and give them some money for six months. Then the other takes effect after the first of the year. The state doesn't have any problems with that, you know, to get them to get started, you see. Now that's my opinion. Now, if anybody else has got anything different, let me know.

Councilmember Raben: Well, let me clarify something with the County Assessor. I mean,

we're right in assuming that as it stands now, or effective July 1st, we have to proceed with reassessment, correct?

Cheryl Musgrave: That's the statutory start date. I had given to Mrs. Deig a copy of this document and if you turn it over to the very back page there is a time line listed there. If you'll note that the Manual, which is the third highlighted or third bold thing down, they propose to have a proposed version of the Manual out in August. That proposed version will maybe be modified a little, but they never get modified very much. That will tell the assessors exactly what they have to do in order to get working. The assessors, if they got in their cars and went out into the field today, might have an idea of what to do, but they don't know exactly what to do. So, while they've been statutorily mandated to begin on July 1st, we're really cooling our heels until August when the State Tax Board sends us the definitive word on what to do.

Councilmember Raben: Means if we don't have some type of funds in place August, then we're looking at September before this body would appropriate monies again.

Cheryl Musgrave: Right.

Councilmember Raben: But if everybody is comfortable that we can hash all this out during the other meeting, July 15th, then that's fine.

President Wortman: Are the Councilmen comfortable with that, ladies and gentlemen?

Councilmember Smith: I don't see why it couldn't be hashed out if that's the only thing you're going to discuss the 15th.

President Wortman: Get it out on the table--

Councilmember Smith: You've got all afternoon, I mean...

Councilmember Raben: I was under the assumption when we were inviting City Council and Liv and the other departments that the meeting was primarily dealing with the GIS. I think if those bodies are here I don't think we're going to get this issue worked out, but we'll do it. I just want this body to understand that before we leave the room we need to hash this other issue out and not just the GIS.

President Wortman: No, that will be on the agenda, getting this reassessment appropriation.

Councilmember Hoy: What time is the meeting?

President Wortman: At 1:00. Everybody will be informed on that. That way if we're not done at 5:00, we'll stay until we get it done. Does everybody agree with my suggestion? Mr. Sutton, Mrs. Smith, Ed, Mr. Hoy, Jim Raben and then Russ?

Councilmember Lloyd: Suzanne's correct, we can only have three members, so.

Councilmember Hoy: Aren't you going to appoint a committee?

President Wortman: Yes, I'll just appoint three. That way we won't get in any legal entanglements or nothing like that. Okay, everybody agree? Let's move on so we can get going.

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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**A) PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION - TAX ABATEMENT FOR WARREN SPURLING  
FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3401 N GREEN RIVER ROAD**

President Wortman: Next is new business then. Preliminary resolution for tax abatement for Warren Spurling for property located at Green River Road.

Mike Robling: Mike Robling, Department of Metropolitan Development. Mr. Spurling is seeking tax abatement to construct a new apartment complex consisting of 300 affordable housing units for senior citizens. The project has a total budget of \$10,000,000. He proposes to hire three full time and two part time employees upon completion. He has signed a commitment that at least 20% of the units will be made available for low and moderate income individuals. It is the recommendation of the Department of Metropolitan Development that this economic revitalization not be approved because this is located within the Burkhardt Road economic development TIF area. You have previously denied three earlier applications in this area, one for Bernardin Lochmueller and two for Frank Richardson on two separate projects. The increase value from new developments in this area are the sole source of revenues to pay off the bonds that have been issued in this TIF area.

President Wortman: How's he coming on the last tax abatement, Mr. Robling? Has progress been made on that, keeping up and everything?

Mike Robling: I believe he has finished that.

President Wortman: He did finish that.

Jeff Ahlers: Has there been an approval by the allocating area, which I guess in this case you are saying is the Vanderburgh County Redevelopment Commission, have they approved this application?

Mike Robling: No they have not. It was on their agenda for last week. They just happened to have a meeting on the Phoenix Industrial Park matter. Mr. Spurling indicated that he could not attend that meeting and ask that action there be postponed.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, based upon my reading of the statute it would seem that this body can't act until he does that. In reading--

Mike Robling: I think it could happen either way because there is still another step in the process. It would still have to be confirmed.

President Wortman: You are referring to a second reading.

Mike Robling: Right.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, but it says, I mean, the statute states that an application for the property tax deduction provided by this chapter may not be approved unless the commission that designated the allocation area adopts a resolution approving the application. I guess I read that to say that there needs to be an approval by them first.

Mike Robling: What we're doing here is not approving the deduction application. What we are doing here is designating the economic revitalization area. The application for the tax deduction does not occur until the property has been reassessed. That's an application made to the Auditor's office after the project is finished.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, even if it were to be interpreted that you could go either way first, the concern that I have is that if they don't approve it we're not getting anywhere anyway, right? So to a certain extent we may be exercising in futility until that is done.

Mike Robling: Right. You could approve it and they could turn it down, in which case it wouldn't come back to be confirmed or it could happen the other way. The commission does not have another meeting scheduled at this time.



Jeff Ahlers: That would be my only suggestion to the Councilmen is whether or not you want to wait to see if they...because if they don't approve it, according to the statute, I don't know that we get the opportunity to approve it. So it's a matter of whether or not you are..

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman.

President Wortman: Yes ma'am?

Councilmember Smith: I'm under the impression that he thought it was going to be delayed because Bill isn't here. Who told him, somebody told him that it was going to be delayed.

Mike Robling: His attorney contacted our office and asked that it be taken off the agenda for Redevelopment Commission and that was done.

Councilmember Smith: So, he's under the impression that it is going to be delayed and I don't think we should even hear it unless he knows he's supposed to be here.

President Wortman: How are long would we, talking about time element, getting that approved?

Mike Robling: Well, we could call a special meeting of the Redevelopment Commission, but in the past we have come here first because...

President Wortman: It might be in the best interest of Mr. Spurling, in fairness, to have a motion to defer it and go from there. Does that sound--

Councilmember Smith: I make the motion that we defer it until the next council meeting in August.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy, okay. Anymore discussion on that? Yes sir?

Councilmember Lloyd: I understand what Mr. Ahlers was saying, although it's council that has the final authority. I mean, we could still grant that regardless of whether the Redevelopment Commission meets or not.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, but if the Redevelopment Commission does not approve it, then I don't think we can.

Councilmember Smith: We make the final decision on whether it's approved or not, that's just a recommendation coming from the commission.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, but in this particular instance the statute indicates that it cannot be approved unless the commission that designated the allocated area adopts a resolution approving the application.

Councilmember Smith: But the appointed board doesn't make the final decision, the elected board makes the final decision.

President Wortman: We would make the final decision, but in there it has go through the proper channels before it gets to us. I guess that's what you are saying?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, no. I mean, I'm saying that it says it has to be approved, adopts a resolution approving the application.

Councilmember Bassemier: I think we play it safe and postpone it.

President Wortman: We got a motion on the floor.

Jeff Ahlers: I mean if they approve it, we can turn it down. So we have the final authority to the negative, but we don't, I don't think, have the final authority if they don't approve it because it's in a TIF zone. We have to have their approval first and then it comes here. Do you agree with that?

Mike Robling: It's my interpretation that you could take action concerning the designation of the ERA. Their approval is not of the ERA but is of the tax deduction itself which can only take place after an ERA--

Jeff Ahlers: In other words they're not getting an abatement until that happens, right?

Mike Robling: Well, it's my understanding that unless the Redevelopment Commission--

Councilmember Smith: Call to the question, there's a motion on the floor.

President Wortman: There's a motion on the floor and a second to postpone it, and that way it will go through the proper channels. Mr. Robling?

Mike Robling: I want to know what you're postponing it...you want the Redevelopment Commission to act on it before it comes back? Is that what you're postponing it for?

President Wortman: I would say whatever procedure is necessary to get it to come before us with the right credentials.

Councilmember Hoy: I would accept that statement as the seconder of the motion if Mrs. Smith would accept that, that it go through the Redevelopment Commission first.

Councilmember Smith: I thought it already had, but I didn't know we had to wait for their approval because we make the final decision and he's saying that it hasn't been approved there.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, but what I'm saying is that I'd like to see us set a deadline on this, and the deadline would be after it goes through the Redevelopment Commission. But I can't change your motion.

Councilmember Smith: Then I will amend my motion to that.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you, and I'll second.

President Wortman: Okay, and he seconded it. Everybody understands that? The secretary, when you get a chance, could slip over here and we'll have her call the roll please. Then, Mr. Robling, we'll see you next month, hopefully.

Mike Robling: If the commission acts negatively on it, it will never get back to you.

President Wortman: Okay, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: This is a motion to delay?

President Wortman: Yes, ma'am.

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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**B) COMPLIANCE WITH STATEMENT OF BENEFITS - CF-1 FORMS**

President Wortman: Okay, next is compliance with the statement of benefits, CF-1 forms.

Mike Robling: You've got a substantial packet of compliance forms and a summary sheet. Looking down the summary sheet there are a number of businesses that have met or surpassed their projections for investment and/or employment. Those businesses being AmeriQual Foods, Industrial Filter Manufacturing, Koester 41 Properties, Shoe Carnival, Perfection Hydraulics, E.H. Seaman III, Indiana Tube, TNT Holland Motor Express and QTR, Inc. I would think that you would find that all of those businesses have substantially complied with their statement of benefits.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes sir?

Councilmember Hoy: Some questions to ask Mr. Robling beginning with AmeriQual. Do you know if their employment figure includes full time jobs or are some of these temporary jobs? The reason I ask is that we've been hiring at our place and we've discovered that a number of people are working there as temporary employees under a temporary employment service. I'm wondering if that is something that your department checks out?

Mike Robling: No, the form does not ask. It just says the current number of employees and salaries.

Councilmember Hoy: I see because I called the employment service and the temp service and I'm quite concerned because a few years ago there might have been maybe four or five temporary services in this city and now there are 24. The largest employer in this country is Manpower. I'm not against them employing people, but when we hire temps at our place it's because somebody is on vacation. We pay \$11 per hour and that temporary worker gets \$6. I would be disturbed if I found out that we were approving something where they were hiring temporary employees rather than the full time employees since you can't make much of a living out of \$6 per hour. Is there any way to get that information?

Mike Robling: We can contact them.

Councilmember Hoy: My second question has to do with Azteca Milling because they have hired 66% and looking over the records they were at 74% as of 1997. They had 130 employees and now they're down to 116. When we approved this abatement they promised a minimum of 175 new jobs and perhaps 190. From what I've read they're saying the Mexican peso has been devalued. I find that difficult to understand since when they registered with us they registered as a corporation located in Texas. The U.S. dollar is in rather excellent shape right now. Do they give any explanation for not having meet their goal? We've been giving them abatement. They said they would meet that in two years and we've been giving them an abatement since 1996.

Mike Robling: When me met with them I think Frank Hererra came last year and spoke to the council and they were attempting to solve the odor problem. Their explanation at that time was that because of the odor problems they were having they were not in a position to complete the investment that they had anticipated. Because of that, some of that investment was made at plants elsewhere. Until they knew that the odor problem was resolved they would not make any additional investments here. That had caused, for some reason, their employment not to reach the total. We did contact them because their jobs were actually down from last year. Currently, they have 23 positions that are open and they are having difficulty hiring people. Several businesses on this list have their employment down somewhat from last year, and I suspect that's the reason because of the stable labor market.

Councilmember Hoy: I did some figuring on what they are paying per hour and it's no wonder they have trouble hiring people because it's less than \$8 an hour. I feel like that this company needs to make a stronger effort. We as a council gave them, this will sound like a pun, we gave them the farm to say the least.

Mike Robling: That's right.

Councilmember Hoy: Abatement, TIF and anything else we could find to give them and then they brought the hellacious stink to our area and we couldn't get that solved until we twisted their arm and they cried uncle. They're still polluting the stream out there. I'm not real happy with this outfit at all. I'm not happy with the wage level. I have problems approving that one. My question of Koester is that when they applied, or in their compliance form rather, the 1998 compliance review, they were still paying a beginning salary to some people of \$6.50 an hour and then it goes up to \$24 an hour. It averages out to about a whole lot less than I think it should. I think we need to know how many \$6.50 an hour jobs that are there. They've gone way over their goal, but if you're not paying very much money it's fairly easy to do that. Then about Mr. Spurling, since we've already discussed him, the question I have about Spurling is how he's counting his employees because the last time he was before us he was counting the lawn care people with whom he had a contract. Is he still doing that? I mean, at the Food Bank I have a contract with Shekell and Action Pest Control and a lawn care outfit and two or three others and I don't count those as employees at Tri-State Food Bank. I don't think he should be allowed to count that as employees. Do we have any figures on how many people he's really hired?

Mike Robling: No, the only figures we have are those that are on the form that we received-

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Councilmember Hoy: There's no way to check those?

Mike Robling: We can contact them, but unless there was some major deficiency shown toward their goal we did not contact them about the data that they submitted.

Councilmember Hoy: I thought his admission last time of those deficiencies should have been adequate alarm enough to see how he counts his employees. I also had calls from his renters who said that he was not giving us the straight scoop on the rents, that he was charging a good deal more rent than he said he was charging. So, I'm not real happy with

that one. The next one that I have questions about, this PROLAM because if you take their salaries and lump all of them together, and I'm sure some people make a whole lot more than this, their average is only \$7.69 an hour. Let's see, my question about McCullough/Haller is where are they on their project. They have as yet hired no one. What's holding them up, do you know?

Mike Robling: They only started construction earlier in the year so they have not gotten very far along.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, they've only spent 2%, \$123,000 out of a projected \$5,771,000.

Councilmember Raben: They don't even have the first phase of it under roof yet.

Councilmember Hoy: They don't have a roof yet for a hundred and--

Councilmember Raben: No, they're about 30 days into that project is all they are.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, well I --

Mike Robling: And they submitted this report on April 30th.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay. And then I have two more questions. I really don't expect a lot of answers, but I mention this for the council's benefit and that I'm just really concerned that we approve these things too easily. The Matrixx/Replas is at 12% and they spent 108% of their real estate investment and 112% of the new manufacturing equipment, but they're only showing a 12% hire.

Mike Robling: There's an explanation at the bottom of their review form. They were delayed in moving in to the new facility, essentially.

Councilmember Hoy: That sounds plausible. And then the last one is Rexam and they're showing 42 employees, in '97 they showed 34, and in '96 they showed 52. What's happened there?

Mike Robling: They do state something about market conditions on there. We could ask them.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, could I ask a question of Mr. Robling?

President Wortman: Yes sir.

Councilmember Raben: Mike, you know these questions come up from this council quite frequently. I know I've asked time and time again what can we do to actually audit these businesses or at least have a better understanding of what we really are looking at in terms of full time and part time and average hourly rates. What would it take for your organization to, in terms of staffing, to be able to do that? I mean, what would this body have to do, or both city and county...

Mike Robling: The State Board of Tax Commissioners prescribes the form that they report on. We would have to create a secondary form that asks them to break out information. This year we've had extreme difficulty getting people to answer questions because of the review that's been going on by the City Council. People have become very defensive. Even though we're asking the questions and attempting to answer your questions ahead of time, they've become very defensive in not wanting to supply this information. This is a fairly burdensome activity because all of these...part of these forms dribble in from January through April and then all the manufacturing are due on May 15th, unless you get an extension from your township assessor on your personal property and then they're due on June 15th. So, we have a very short window in which to deal with these things. I

attempt to contact the ones where there are obvious discrepancies or where we remember there being problems from the past. There are a number of these such as Rexam which identifies that they currently are trying to fill 28 positions. That could explain the employment differences.

Councilmember Raben: Let me increase your burden somewhat, and I'm sure I would have the blessing from the rest of this council, but what if we ask you to get back with us in the next 30 days, get back with us and let us know what your department needs to better audit the information that's given to you from businesses that are benefitting from tax abatement. I mean, if you need another person or two people--

Mike Robling: We can look into that, I'm not sure what...I can come back with some sort of an answer for you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, because I think that is important because we ask these same questions time and time again. I know you're kind of at their mercy that the information provided to you is accurate. You just stated that they're not very cordial to you when you ask that information. So, I think this body, and I'm sure the city would even entertain the idea of if it took an extra person or two or any ideas you have to, I like to use the term bird dog, these businesses or at least be able to audit the information that's given to you. So, is it okay with this council that we ask him to provide us, come back to us in 30 days and let us know what he thinks their department can do to better gather this information?

Councilmember Sutton: Jim, I don't know if there's been a change in the past Jim that I use to know, but it sounds like Santa Claus is over there. We gave away \$500,000 I guess earlier and then we're talking about him looking at positions. I understand the burden--

Councilmember Raben: You save your pennies and the dollars take care of themselves is what I was always told. We're talking about millions and millions of dollars here and I know Phil asks the question every time and I do too, you know, what do we do to insure that the information you're given is accurate?

Councilmember Sutton: They're a city department. On the county we don't have--

Councilmember Raben: That's why I said both city and county, if we could split whatever it takes to give them the personnel or whatever is needed to insure that the information that they're being given is accurate. I mean as it is now, any business here fills out a form and he has to take it for granted that the information that they're providing is accurate. What Phil is asking and what I am asking is can we take it a step further? Can we actually do an audit to insure that information is correct? When they say they have five full time employees, do they in fact have five full time employees on their payroll? Would we have found out in the case where we had the lawn care company as part of the five or six employees, could we have found that out for ourselves? Had he not told us, would we know today that he only had two or three?

Mike Robling: As a part of the review that the City Council is doing the issue of auditing has come up primarily for businesses that people think are cheating. They're not talking about potentially auditing everyone. As I see it there are only a few points that you really have the legitimacy to ask for an audit on. You could go to the forms that they file with the Social Security Administration quarterly or whatever on FICA and so forth, and see how many employees they report they have and what the salary levels are that they report. I think that you could do something like that.

Councilmember Raben: I think it's important on the hourly rate. I could pay myself a quarter of a million dollars and have five employees and have an average hourly rate of \$25 per hour and the other guys are making minimum wage.

Mike Robling: I think getting into that kind of detail would be very expensive and I'm not

sure we would have the legal right to do that because of confidentiality concerns. To determine actual pay rates you'd almost have to get into their payroll records which I'm not sure that's possible.

Councilmember Raben: That's what I'm asking you. Why don't you find out what you can do?

Councilmember Hoy: I know that's confidential, but they've somewhat opened the door by asking us for tax abatement. The other thing, I did pass this out to the council because I am crusading about this issue and everybody knows that. What I passed out, Mr. President, are the 1999 HUD income guidelines, not for New York City, not for San Francisco, not for Chicago, not for St. Louis, but for Evansville. If you're paying \$7.88 an hour that equals 50% of the median income, \$16,400 a year, which HUD concludes in this community is a low income person. Now, a family of four at low income would have \$23,450 which is \$11.27 an hour. A low to moderate...by the way these are the guidelines we use at Tri-State Food Bank. We can serve families low mod and below and qualify to serve them. One person would have to make \$26,250, just a one person family. That's \$12.62 an hour and they still qualify to go to a food pantry according to the feds for this area. Four persons, a person would have to earn \$37,500 or \$18.03 an hour. I'm having problems giving abatement when there's anything less than \$8 an hour plus benefits. I mean, that's a struggle. If you make \$8 an hour and you have all your benefits paid, you have \$83 a week left for groceries, gasoline, clothing, medical costs and everything else. I think that's an absurd financial picture. I doubt that anyone sitting around this table lives at that level. I don't and I'm not as highly paid as some heads of charities are. My figure is public anyway, somebody asked the newspaper. But it bothers me that we have no way of checking on them. You're looking at companies way out on 41. You've got to have a car to drive there and a lot of jobs pay \$6.50 an hour. You can't afford an automobile.

Councilmember Smith: I have a problem when they say it's confidentiality. Back in the '70's we had a lot of bonds at that time when I was on the City Council and we asked if they did a check back and see if they kept their word on employees and whatever and they said no they didn't do that. Well, you know, you could come up here and tell us anything, but if there's no way to check back on it, and I don't believe that it's confidential when you ask the taxpayers to give you a tax break. I think then it ceases to be confidential.

Mike Robling: The confidentiality is having a public employee get into a private company's records.

Councilmember Smith: But that public employee is the one that helped to issue that tax abatement to start with. So it's not the same as me going out here and checking into yours when I'm not asking you for anything.

Mike Robling: Council does have the right to determine the business is not in compliance and call them in for a hearing. That's where you can get them is when you call them back for a hearing.

Councilmember Sutton: I will say that the burden of proof of that is on the employer to show that they are or are not in compliance. I mean, if based upon what they show us, which is what we're depending on, it appears that someone is outside of what they had committed themselves to do then they are not living up to their obligation which is what they signed off on when they requested tax abatement be it a year ago or four years ago. So therefore it places them in a different light. I mean, there are certain standards and certain things that your office requests of them. How much of an investment are they going to make in the community? How many employees are they going to hire? Are they going to have an affirmative action plan? A number of things that in the normal course of business they wouldn't have to disclose that information. But they open themselves up in requesting tax abatement to requirements and reporting that they ordinarily would not have to make. So really the ball is back in their court. You want tax abatement, you want to continue tax abatement, you want to show you are in compliance, we need information to

support that.

President Wortman: Excuse me, we have to have a tape change here please.

**Discussion continues during tape change**

Councilmember Raben: ...different incentives from both state and federal government, that's when they were allowed to step in and drop the hammer on all the problems that had existed forever there. You're exactly right. Once you receive an abatement or a tax break or grants or what have you, you do open your doors to any type of audit or anything like that to insure that you are in compliance.

Councilmember Sutton: How fair is it to the taxpayer, if you want to look at it that way? We give you the money, but then there are no responsibilities.

Councilmember Raben: See like with Big Rivers, there was nothing illegal until they received assistance from the state and federal government. There was nothing illegal whatsoever, but once they accepted that federal money and state money and assistance, that's when everything that had taken place was unlawful.

Councilmember Sutton: As I go down through that list, and I think Councilman Hoy has done an excellent job in kind of highlighting many of the ones that I had highlighted myself, I think that there are some that do stand out that would be...I'd really be interested to hear some additional explanation and bring them in like we have done in past years from those that are outside of compliance for whatever reason that is outside of what we may consider things outside of their control. I think Azteca is a primary example of that. Spurling, Temme Investments, Inc., McCullough/Haller, though they are relatively new, I think it would serve them well to come in and visit with us. You know, Temme shows up actually on the list two times but under Temme Mold and Engineering the second time. Matrixx Group/Replas they're new, but again I think the message is still needed there. And then the last one, Rexam, we've got some repeat companies on here from last year that we called in and asked them to come in and talk about some things. I know I met with some of these and talked with some of them and they shared some things with me in terms of why they were where they were and things they were going to do try to improve it, but they're back on the list, in some cases. I think it would serve us well, the public well and those who have received abatements that they need to be responsible for what has been given them. If it's in order, I would make a motion that those companies that I have mentioned, that we do call them in for a...what's the formal wording that we use?

Mike Robling: Preliminarily found them to be in noncompliance.

Councilmember Sutton: Prelim..prelim...what Mike said.

Mike Robling: Preliminarily found them to be in noncompliance.

Councilmember Sutton: And ask that they appear before this body.

Mike Robling: Can you name those businesses for me again?

Councilmember Sutton: Azteca Milling, Warren Spurling, Temme Investments, Inc. and Temme Mold and Engineering, McCullough/Haller, the Matrixx Group/Replas and Rexam Closure. I don't know if I missed any.

Councilmember Raben: On Matrixx, that's still a new company as well. They're really just now in operation, is that correct?

Mike Robling: Well it's not a new company, Replas has--

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah they've been around, with this new investment--



Councilmember Raben: The new investment, that's...they're fairly new and up and running.

Mike Robling: They were late in moving into their new plant is why they haven't expanded their job force yet.

Councilmember Sutton: And more so because they are new, I guess three years down the road I'd hate to bring them before us and they'd say well how come you didn't call us in before. Granted, I know they do have some issues that are different, maybe, than some of the others, but I still think it's important that we send the message that we are interested in this and we want them to be equally as interested. That's my motion.

President Wortman: Okay, I've got a motion on the floor from Mr. Sutton. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy. Discussion? Mr. Ahlers would like to address the issue.

Jeff Ahlers: In referring to the Indiana Code on what we're to do today in terms of whether there's compliance or noncompliance with statement of benefits, the statute provides that within 45 days after the receipt of the information, which I think most of these are stamped in June so we are within the 45 days, this body can either find that they are in substantial compliance with their statement of benefits, that's easy enough. If you want to find that they are not then you must do a little bit more. You must state that, it says that if the designating body determines that the property owner has not substantially complied with the statement of benefits and that the failure to substantially comply was not caused by factors beyond the control of the property owner, such as decline in demand for the property owners products or services, the designating body shall mail a written notice to the property owner. We have to set another hearing within 30 days. In your notice you have to set forth the reasons explaining this body's determination. So what I'm getting at is that if you don't find them in substantial compliance and if you're going to make a motion, you're going to have to, I think, go a little bit further to state that they are not substantially in compliance with the statement of benefits and that you find that it's not due to factors caused beyond their control, and then we have to set another hearing date and then notices will have to be sent out. So, I just wanted to make sure that you all understood that it's a little bit more than just making a motion if you go to the negative that they are entitled to know what the determination is.

Mike Robling: I think those reasons have probably been stated.

President Wortman: I am going to refer to Azteca, as Mr. Hoy did. I met with Mr. Herrera from Texas last year. Two things, if they don't comply that effects their debt service, of course that's all companies, you know, it does that. The second one he mentioned, they come in and thought, I think, the employment would be about 175. He said well we just made a projected guess based on our other companies in other locations. Okay, what happened is the workers in this area are more productive and then we cut back. I said, well that don't help our debt service. We have to make up that slack there, see. So, that's what maybe has happened to some of these people. The workers are good, maybe they find new technology, I don't know. I'm just throwing this out, but that's what Mr. Herrera told me out at Azteca.

Councilmember Sutton: I'd be interested to hear what they have to say, you know.

Councilmember Raben: Jeff, let me make sure I understand you. You say we have 45 days from June 15th to vote on whether or not these are in compliance?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, actually it's from the date that they receive them. I just happened to look and it looks like Azteca was received on June 15th.

Mike Robling: They do come in at various dates.

Jeff Ahlers: But they've all come in on various dates. On some of them that the 45 days has passed that could be an issue.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so do we need to vote on some of these?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, what needs to happen is one of two things. I guess someone could make a motion to find them all in substantial compliance, or you can take them one by one or someone can make a motion finding them...if you're going to make a motion to the negative then it needs to be a little more detailed. If you're going to find that they're not in substantial compliance with the statement of benefits you need to also state that the failure to comply was not caused by factors beyond the control of the owner. We just need to have some issues, I mean record as to why we're--

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Well I guess my motion, maybe I didn't go into it to the full extent, but I guess what the intent was to bring them before us so that we could actually hear what issues may have arisen. But the ones that I named off, I named those off...maybe I could make it a part of my motion that those are the companies that I find that are not substantially complying with their statement of benefits as they had indicated when they applied for tax abatement. So that's what my motion was. The reasoning behind that, if we want to go one by one to amend my motion, if we could do that? Do I need to give a reason for each one?

Jeff Ahlers: Well I'd suggest, I mean it doesn't have to go into great detail, but I suggest that some reason be stated. And I think as Mr. Raben brought up, you know, on some of these I don't know if some of these that you pointed out whether or not 45 days have passed and whether or not that creates an issue. I mean, the statutes says that it needs to be done within 45 days.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, but it's the first time that it's been brought before us for discussion.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, there's certain ones that look like they're well within compliance that we need to vote on today.

Mike Robling: The ones that were in Mr. Sutton's resolution all are below their employment goal, so that would be a--

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, do you want to take them one at a time?

President Wortman: It's up to Mr. Sutton. He's got a motion on the floor.

Councilmember Sutton: My motion, all the ones that I named were below their employment on the statement of benefits.

President Wortman: And then you seconded it? Mr. Hoy is that agreeable with you?

Councilmember Hoy: I'll accept that motion.

President Wortman: Okay, now is that agreeable with all the other councilmen? Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Don't you think there ought to be a point when you call these people back, you know, looking over here at the percent? Or do we go 50% for not in compliance, and call them back, or is it 75%? I kind of remember, I'm just going to point one out that Mr. Sutton...Warren Spurling, I believe when he got up here he proved us

wrong. He was below that but his projection was over 100%. You remember that Betty? So don't you think we ought to have a cut off point to call these people back? I'm seeing 75% with compliance, 83%. Shouldn't there be a...

Councilmember Raben: That's what his motion is, you're asking that we--

Councilmember Bassemier: No he named of four--

Councilmember Sutton: Well Mr. Spurling has had abatement since 1994 and I can only go with what the figures we have here. If he has some other figures that we wants to present to us...I'm not aware of anything besides what we have before us.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well I'm just pointing out that you've named off four, and I'm seeing 83% here, 75% on one of them you named off. I don't know. I'm just saying, do we have a cut off point when we call them back? Or do we call them all back when they don't meet it?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Sutton's motion is to ask them to come in before we vote on theirs. Do you understand?

Councilmember Bassemier: The four he named.

Councilmember Raben: Just the ones he named. I was going to mention to you, I had mentioned the McCullough/Haller one prior, I drive by that everyday. They couldn't have an employee yet. I mean there's wood stud walls up. I mean they haven't even set windows in the first two or three buildings. When it rains it's raining inside, there's not even roofs on those structures yet. So there's nowhere to work. So we can call him in if you'd like, but we may be jumping the gun on bringing him in.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, he is still relatively new. I mean he just received--

Councilmember Raben: Like I said there are stud walls on two or three buildings. They're nowhere close to hiring people.

Councilmember Hoy: If the motion may--

Councilmember Sutton: Are you requesting that I amend my motion to exclude McCullough/Haller?

Councilmember Raben: Well, yeah. I mean, calling those people in and asking them why their employment why their employment still looks low may be asking them to come in for no reason at all. Because like I said, an employee doesn't have a place to go to work yet.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I will accept that amendment to the motion.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll accept as seconder. Mr. Robling, we will get to review them again next year will we not?

Mike Robling: You'll be reviewing them for three, six or ten years.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, I'll accept that, yeah.

Councilmember Raben: Reread the motion.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton would you read off those companies please, again.

Councilmember Sutton: Azteca Milling L.P., Warren W. Spurling, Temme Investments Inc., Temme Mold and Engineering, the Matrixx Group/Replas and Rexam Closures.

President Wortman: That's eight, is that correct? Six, okay. Now is that agreeable with you, Mr. Hoy? Okay, agreed with the councilmen? Okay, any other discussion?

Councilmember Bassemier: All I'm saying is I just want to be consistent. Next year from now we call other companies in and if we're going to question them on 83%, we call them in. If it's 75%, we call them in.

Councilmember Sutton: My motion is those that are below 100%.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well we are...it's a dream world there.

President Wortman: Any other discussion on that? If not, please call the roll.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I will agree with Bassemier that there should be a limit because there's a lot of times when there's a variation. But to call those people in I'll go ahead and vote with Royce, but I think we need to set a limit.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: I would say that's good, but I'm a little like Mrs. Smith. The only problem is, you can call them in, we just want to ask them a few things. I'd say not get too rough on them, but they could explain their situation to us. So with that, I vote yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Mr. Robling, would you plan to please send a note to these companies?

Mike Robling: Set the hearing for the next regular Council meeting?

President Wortman: That would be fine.

Councilmember Hoy: I'd just like to make a comment about this. What bothers me is I receive a little in excess of \$30,000 from the State of Illinois for a contract we have and they come in and do a two day audit on us every year. The State of Indiana gives us a grant on commodities, they come in and do a two day audit. The State of Kentucky does. My national is coming in next week to do a two day audit. We get audited eight times. I'm

not knocking your department, Mr. Robling, so don't misunderstand me because I know you've got a tough job. But when I submit a grant to DMD as a private charity, I have to list the wages of all of my employees on that grant, every last one of them. That's a requirement. Our assumption as a charity is since we're asking for federal dollars then they have a right to ask for what we're paying. And I don't see a great deal of difference between doing that and private companies because we're all asking for the same tax dollars. Thank you.

President Wortman: I think we need a motion on the floor now for the rest of the companies.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, Mr. President, I was going to offer a motion on the rest of the companies--

Councilmember Raben: And I'll second that motion.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben seconded. Everybody understand that? Call the roll please.

Councilmember Sutton: To approve that they are in substantial compliance. Let me go ahead and name them just to be on the safe side. AmeriQual Foods, Evansville Tool and Die Inc., Industrial Filter Manufacturing, Koester 41 Properties, Shoe Carnival, Wabash Plastics, Perfection Hydraulics, PROLAM Products Inc., E.H. Seaman III, Indiana Tube Corporation, McCullough/Haller, TNT Holland Motor Express and QTR, Inc. That's in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Raben: And I second that motion.

President Wortman: Okay, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: That was everyone that he named off is over 100% compliance, is that right?

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

Mike Robling: Except for McCullough/Haller.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion approved unanimously 7-0)**

**C) JOB STUDY CONSULTANT CONTRACT**

President Wortman: Okay, that completes that. We go down to C, the Job Study Consultant Contract. This is the same contract as it was last year, no increase in fees. I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Hoy: I move approval, sir.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy approved it and Lloyd seconded it. Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Councilmember Sutton: Do recognize this is the same contract that we had last year, but we're not an extremely wealthy county. We've been doing pretty good, but do we need to have someone here everyday of our budget hearings? I mean, that's costing us \$800 per day. Do we need to have somebody here every day on those budget hearings?

President Wortman: I think on the final week...how did we do that last year, Sandie?

Sandie Deig: Mr. Deisher was here at all budget hearings.

Councilmember Smith: The whole time, and I don't think that's necessary.

Councilmember Sutton: That's \$3,200 and I don't know, most of his work is done prior to our budget hearings. I think if there's questions that come up I know that it's pretty easy to usually get a hold of him. But, you know, that's \$3,200 that...well, that's a pretty hefty amount.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: One question might be important. If he's not here we'd have to call him, so I think we need him. Just like we need an attorney everyday, you know. I say we do because we don't know what questions are going to be asked.

President Wortman: Anybody else got anything to comment on this?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, if then we feel like we need him everyday then? I mean, maybe the second week since we're actually taking action on the budgets in the second week, or even maybe on the first week since we're actually considering the different ones. I don't think both weeks would necessarily need to incur \$800 per day.

President Wortman: Go ahead Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: What are the game rules this time, the second half nobody's going to be able to ask any questions of anybody? We're just going to vote?

President Wortman: I think within reason.

Councilmember Bassemier: There would be maybe one question that we could ask if we're not clear of. I say we need him.

Councilmember Lloyd: We have questions the first week and then they answer them the second week a lot of times.

President Wortman: We run into a lot of legal things especially these job descriptions and all of that, that's the only thing.

Councilmember Smith: That's legal, we've got an attorney.

President Wortman: But he don't do job descriptions.

Councilmember Smith: Yeah, but \$800 a day is a lot of money.

President Wortman: Oh yeah.

Councilmember Smith: And I don't think that we need him for eight days because if you've got four budget hearings and then go through the next week of the same thing, I don't think we need him then.

President Wortman: Yeah, okay. It's up to the council. Like I said, it's the same as last year. It's up to the council. I'll entertain a motion to the same or if you want to make adjustments.

Councilmember Lloyd: We already had a motion to approve it as submitted.

Councilmember Sutton: There's already a motion on the floor.

President Wortman: Okay, did I have a second? I think you seconded, okay. Any more discussion on it? If not, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I'm going to vote yes because it isn't going to do any good, but \$800 a day is too much money.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I vote yes. I wish I was an accountant.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion approved 6-1; Councilmember Sutton opposed)**

**D) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION CONCERNING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REGARDING EXPENDITURES OF TAX INCREMENT FOR VANDERBURGH INDUSTRIAL PARK PROJECT.**

President Wortman: Okay, now D, consideration of resolution concerning agreement between the Vanderburgh County Council and the Vanderburgh County Redevelopment Commission regarding expenditures of tax increment for Vanderburgh County Industrial Park project. I'll entertain a motion to that effect for the floor.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd, do I have a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: Second, Mr. Bassemier. Is there any discussion on this? Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: I had spoken with attorney Rick Hall who's the bond counsel for the county just to make to sure to address the council's earlier concerns with regard to making sure that the bond could be repaid earlier. I think Mr. Hall can answer the question that he's doing by agreement, which is referenced in the resolution, but that it is his opinion that there would be no provision in the bond that would prevent the early repayment that's required by the agreement, is that true?

Rick Hall: That's right. The Redevelopment Commission--

President Wortman: Could you state your name please.

Rick Hall: My name is Rick Hall, I'm with Barnes and Thornburg. The bonds would be prepayable no later than ten days after their date of issuance. This agreement would require that the excess TIF revenues be used to prepay the bonds. The final terms of redemption will be determined at the time the bonds are sold.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody got any questions? Thank you. Would you please call the roll, we've got a motion and a second on the floor.

Councilmember Raben: You have a motion...now, I move approval.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: We've 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?

Councilmember Hoy: No.



Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion approved 6-1; Councilmember Hoy opposed)**

**E) CONSIDERATION OF BOND ORDINANCE RE: VANDERBURGH INDUSTRIAL PARK**

President Wortman: Okay, we go to the next then, consideration of the bond ordinance for the Vanderburgh County Industrial Park. I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

President Wortman: So moved, Mr. Sutton. Do I have a second? Mr. Lloyd?

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?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion approved 6-1; Councilmember Hoy opposed)**

**F) SHERMAN GREER RE: PRESENT INFORMATION FOR THE PHASE II FUNDING OF THE MOBILE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (MEOC)**

President Wortman: Okay, that completes that. Now, last on the list is Sherman Greer. He wants to make a presentation on the phase II of the funding of the Mobile Emergency Operations Center. Would you step forward please?

Sherman Greer: My name is Sherman Greer. I'm the Emergency Management Director for Evansville and Vanderburgh County. I'm here today to ask you about appropriating some funds to finish the Mobile Emergency Operations Center that we have for the city and the county. The Mobile Emergency Operations Center will serve as a backup system for the 911 system that we have now, Central Dispatch. It also will help out in any type of emergency or disastrous situation that we may have. It's also used for special functions around town. Like this weekend we used it down for the Thunder on the Ohio and other functions that it is requested to come to.

President Wortman: Okay, could I have your attention here to Mr. Greer. Does anybody have any question here for him on this emergency management situation? Looks like they understand everything.

Sherman Greer: That's good. Will they explain it to me now?

Councilmember Lloyd: Now, is this going to be presented at the joint meeting, the joint City/County Council meeting?

Sherman Greer: We were hoping to be able to appropriate this for this year so that we could get this project at least functional and up to where that in case there was any problems at the end of the year from this infamous Y2K thing that we would have something to back up our systems around the city and the county.

Councilmember Raben: You say that you were hoping that we would appropriate it this year?

Sherman Greer: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. During a regular meeting, okay.

Sherman Greer: Yes sir.

Councilmember Lloyd: And it would be half of what he's requesting.

Sherman Greer: It would be half of the \$34,000 that we're requesting, or \$33,400.

Councilmember Lloyd: Has the city indicated that they seem willing to approve that? Have you talked to them?

Sherman Greer: Yes, we met with Mr. Jackson. He told us to come to City Council and when City Council approved it then they would--

President Wortman: That will be brought up at the joint City/County Council meeting too.

Councilmember Lloyd: That's for next year's budget.

Sherman Greer: That's for next year's budget. We're talking about doing it this year so that we can get the radios and getting everything in it and get it finished by the end of the year. Our hope is to get it operational by the end of the year.

Councilmember Lloyd: So we need a request before this body to approve that amount, right? I mean, that should be brought up for our next meeting.

President Wortman: Yeah, we'll submit that for the next meeting then.

Sherman Greer: Okay.

President Wortman: That will be ample time so that we can...anybody got any questions for Mr. Greer? Okay, thank you Mr. Greer. We appreciate your time and effort and long wait.

Sherman Greer: This one problem you were talking about with the abatements, guys, GIS would help out with that.

President Wortman: Okay, no other business to come before this council on July 7th, I'll entertain a motion for adjournment.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you everybody for your time and effort.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.**

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Curt Wortman

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Vice President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
AUGUST 2, 1999

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 2nd day of August, 1999 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President Curt Wortman at 2:04 p.m.

President Wortman: I want to open the reassessment appropriation ordinance this August the second is now in session and we are going to have a roll call vote, please.

(Inaudible)

President Wortman: I mean, attendance, I am sorry I looked at the wrong line.

(Teri Lukeman called the roll.)

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

\*(Councilmember Hoy arrived after attendance roll call)

President Wortman: Okay, we’ve got, one, two, three, four, five, six, one absent and what’s on the agenda so that we get to moving is what I would like to do is take a motion from the floor and then a second and then we don’t have to read anything as what we are going to do as listed on this paper. So, that a way we won’t be interrupting anything and everybody can get back to work. So, I will take a motion for that effect.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that we approve as set in on our meeting that we had last week.

President Wortman: As listed.

Councilmember Smith: As listed.

President Wortman: As listed and do I have a second?

Councilman Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: Second. Any discussion.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I apologize for the past 9 or 10 days that I have been away. (Inaudible) I still am not comfortable with quite a few of these. I think that we are still talking about way too much money for a five month period. Some of the smaller ones, they seem like they are extremely reasonable requests. There is even a few of the larger ones, for instance, I think that Perry’s request is somewhat reasonable although I questioned the Extra Help. Some of the other large ones I think, at this point in time, is still too much money, we are talking \$600, let me find my figure, \$ 680,000 in total requests for a five month budget.

President Wortman: I think it was \$450,000 if I remember right.

Councilmember Raben: No, it is \$680,000. Our total budgets for 18 months for the last reassessment was roughly 1 to 2 million. I just think that we are being a little too generous at this stage of the game with these requests or with the amounts that are being requested and what I would like to ask this Council to do is maybe not act on this today and give us until Wednesday and we can act on this during our normal meeting.

President Wortman: No, this is a special meeting and we have to act on it and it's their money and they got to get to going. They were supposed to get started July 1 but I have talked to McIntyre and he said that they can go out and collect their data and they want to get going and they got a chance to get some help and there might be some accounts that is a little over funded and some are under funded and we've got to get it a-going. We all met and hashed this all out and we are all ready to go. So, if there is any other questions.

Councilmember Raben: I do. I want to...let me finish.

President Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: I think that it would be far more responsible for this body to consider the fact again that we are dealing with five months. A lot of this five months we are going into the wintertime so you will not be in the field as much as you would during the spring and summer.

Paul Hatfield: Oh, what are you talking about?

Councilmember Raben: There's certain requests here, one township office is asking for \$ 5,000 in Travel/Mileage. That equates to 17,857 miles (inaudible) I think that two more days to have a little more equitable budget certainly makes sense.

President Wortman: Well, what they don't use they will turn back in and they realize that. Just like these books, there are not going to use them, order them books, until we got them at once. They all understand that and everything kind of worked out and that's why we got everybody together. So, has anybody else got...?

Councilmember Smith: I just wonder, Jim, why didn't you make the issue of this when we were sitting over there in that room when we had the public hearing? Why wait to the day of the vote to bring it up?

Councilmember Raben: Betty, I think if you remember correctly, I argued probably too much on this same point. In fact, some of these, one particular assessor was even yelling at me for trying to make just this point.

Councilmember Smith: But, you should have made your motion then to have cut anything you wanted and brought it to a vote and not wait until we get here ready for the final. If you have a question about it then just vote against it.

Councilmember Raben: What you need to realize is that this is not the type of fund at the end of the year, comes back to our discretion. I mean-

Councilmember Smith: But I question the \$500,000 that we put, when it really wasn't for reassessment. I questioned that because I don't think that it was reassessment money. I mean it was reassessment money but it wasn't for reassessment.

President Wortman: We just can't keep postponing this because we keep postponing it and we are late now and they have to get to going that's the whole thing.

Councilmember Bassemier: Just one-

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, I know that you brought up Travel/\$5,000, looks like that is Knight Township. I am the liaison officer for that department, Mr. Folz is out there. Al would you come forward please and explain why that \$5,000, so that, I just don't want something to be up in the air and I would like to know the reason why.

Al Folz: Okay, which one?

Councilmember Bassemier: Oh, that's the Travel and Mileage, Mr. Raben mentioned \$5,000 and he thinks that is too high and I was just...

Al Folz: Al Folz, Knight Township Assessor. Well, Mr. Councilmember, this is my fourth reassessment and I do know what it takes to run one. I have to get people out in the field and we have to have a field coordinator to go out and check them and they do get paid because of their mileage. This is something in fact that was cut and I think you cut it.

Councilmember Raben: Are you going to travel 17, 857 miles over a five month period in your township?

Al Folz: I don't know what they are all going to be doing yet, but I have to have enough money in there to be doing it. What I can't see is that we are going to be out here reassessing and we've got almost 26,500 going on 27,000 parcels out here and we've got maybe 1200 subdivisions and people have got to get out there and do it. Now, if you can do it any cheaper, sir, then why don't you come over and I'll hire you and you go out and do this dog gone thing because I do need something to operate on. I can't spend it if we don't use it just for that.

Councilmember Raben: Let me ask you a question. On your \$26,000 Extra Help request. How many people is that?

Al Folz: Eight.

Councilmember Raben: Eight.

Al Folz: Eight and you approved it.

Councilmember Raben: How soon would they come aboard?

Al Folz: Well, I am going to get some of them already this month and get more of them out there. I have to run about 60,000 copies to begin with also. These people that I can get used to and I have to be able to train them.

Councilmember Raben: That's exactly right. Before they go out in the field you also have to train them.

Al Folz: And they will be out with an experienced person also.

Councilmember Raben: Another one is Unemployment. I don't think that you are going to run into that situation....

Al Folz: Well, you should have voted against it. You didn't and you were there.

Councilmember Raben: I argued enough on that day. This is where my vote counts.

Al Folz: You know you never did even call me to discuss any of these things.

Councilmember Raben: I went out of town on the very next day.

Al Folz: Okay, that's fine but I didn't. I was here.

Councilmember Raben: Again, I would like to ask this Council, I know that Royce and Ed weren't present. I know that Russ and Phil weren't present and I will take a lot of the heat and I planned a year ago to be gone and it just worked out...

Al Folz: I understand, I understand.

Councilmember Raben: Actually, at the time, I thought that we were going to vote on this Wednesday of this week anyway. It wasn't until, actually yesterday (inaudible)

Al Folz: You know actually we have a big job to do. We have to be able to reassess everything in this county and to take and nickel and dime us to death to be able to get a good job done it just really doesn't hold with me.

Councilmember Raben: I am not saying that we nickel and dime you, it's just \$ 680,000 for a five month budget...

Al Folz: Well, you just gave out \$500,000 just like that not too long ago.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, that's true, but that was for geographical information...

Al Folz: I understand that but it still came out of the reassessment fund and we can't use that right now even.

Councilmember Hoy: I know that but it is unfair to compare those two expenditures because that is comparing apples to oranges and in my estimation that is all that I am saying.

Councilmember Raben: You know today would be a good day to actually, I am sure that some of these other individuals have some questions. I know that last reassessment I am looking at Training, and Glen, you were responsible for organizing the training and I know that there were several requests for \$ 3,000 and there is one in here for \$ 5,000 and we could probably train everybody through another two or three sessions for four or \$5,000.

Al Folz: Well, if you can set it up like that then by golly we can try it.

Glen Koob: Glen Koob, Perry Township Assessor. The reason for the training this time is because we're doing the reassessment differently as far as pricing. We are going to market value so therefore we need IAAO training classes and I am not going to be able to train them this time because we are going to have depreciation the way the market looks at depreciation and not the way, the state is not going to give us a manual, that is why the cost of the \$435 per manual per office or whatever it is per manual and that is the reason why because the state is not giving us a per se manual which was free last time. But, the training, we have to go to IAAO classes and also the legislature passed, I believe it was in 1983 and 1998 that the assessors for sure have to have so many hours of training, like 45 hours of training and I think that it is 16 or 18 that have to be tested in a two year period. That is the reason why for the training.

Councilmember Raben: Glen, is it not possible again to have group training?

Glen Koob: Oh, sure but it costs \$315 or \$320 per person to go to a week IAAO class.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, but before did you not bring those people in here?

Glen Koob: Yes, we are bringing, Ms. Musgrave has been paying out of her budget, a year or so ago, for that IAAO training and I believe that it was over \$3,000 for 23 of us to go.

Councilmember Raben: That might be a good idea, if we put the training into the



assessors' budget, what kind of money would we be looking at?

Paul Hatfield: That is a different type of training.

Glen Koob: That's right. I mean there's different training.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I mean to do the training, we need to do in house.

Glen Koob: We also, the State Tax Board also gives us training classes, once a, four times a year in Vincennes, and we have to travel to Vincennes and we have been trying to get them down here in Evansville, but they haven't given it to us in two years, so we have to go four times a year to Vincennes. Also, we just had our conference, the township assessors conference, at the Executive Inn, which was luckily in Evansville, which didn't cost the Council or Vanderburgh County any money, other than per diem I guess, also the County Assessor has a couple of schools a year so this year they are going to have a couple. So there is more than, I wouldn't put it all in one, I don't believe.

Councilmember Raben: Let me just ask this question to Al. Now, last year for this year in your reassessment we budgeted \$7,000.

Al Folz: And you cut it down to \$5,000.

Councilmember Raben: No, we allowed \$7,000.

Al Folz: Uh-uh. Uh-uh.

President Wortman: Training is \$5,000, what's listed.

Al Folz: You cut it down from seven to five at your motion.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, of that \$5,000 what has been expended out of that account?

Al Folz: I beg your pardon?

Councilmember Raben: How much have you spent of that \$5,000?

Al Folz: Well, we haven't spent anything because we don't have any money. I can't spend something that I don't have.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I said that we allowed, on your reassessment budget last year, \$ 7,000. You said that we cut it to five, then you just stated that you haven't spent anything because we didn't give you anything.

Al Folz: You didn't.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible)

Al Folz: You are talking about two different budgets.

Councilmember Raben: I am talking about reassessment in '99.

Al Folz: Shirley, how much did we spend out of our training budget?

Councilmember Raben: According to my budget book, we allowed \$7,000. (Inaudible) Well, this is what was budgeted for last year. This total reassessment budget was \$34,135.

Al Folz: Um, Um.

Glen Koob: They gave us the money for the maps and the plats, Al.

Al Folz: What?

Glen Koob: When they gave us the money for the maps, they gave us money for training and something else, four things.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

Al Folz: Again, she would have that...

Councilmember Raben: But again, in the last thirty days we have been given the go ahead on what or how we are going to assess this year and I know that \$7,000 hasn't been expended yet.

Al Folz: Well, do we have that in our budget? Can you tell by your book?

Councilmember Raben: Well, that's what...

Al Folz: Well, remember we hassled this around at the three man meeting I think also quite a bit.

Glen Koob: If you did not encumber it last year then you don't have it this year.

President Wortman: Anytime you encumber something it is on a contract or specify what you are doing.

Councilmember Raben: I don't believe that is correct on this account.

Glen Koob: On the reassessment account.

Suzanne Crouch: I believe in the past you all allowed it just to continue to roll forward, I am not sure that is acceptable, I will check with the state. But, the monies should not be encumbered unless there was a contract or a P.O.

Councilmember Raben: But, again this was budgeted in '98 for '99, so those funds would not have even been put in place until January of this year, so those funds would be in that account this year.

Councilmember Hoy: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Raben: No, they were budgeted last year for this year.

Glen Koob: We encumbered ours last year in '98. We encumbered four funds, training, maps, computers, remember you gave us those computers, hardware and software, so we had to encumber those, well I did, I encumbered my accounts and rolled them over to this year. So, we did get them sometime in '98 and rolled them...

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Glen Koob: It was a budget hearing in '98 that we got them.

Councilmember Raben: Correct and I assumed that we got them after the first of this year.

Glen Koob: (Inaudible) in the past reassessment because it was an ongoing, it is not a year time period, it is a five year period. So, that is why I understood that we could roll it over or encumber it.

Al Folz: That's what I understood.

Glen Koob: I don't know.

Councilmember Raben: From a personal standpoint, as I look through here, I think that Armstrong's budget is very suitable, I think German's, although I think that their, let me find it here, their's looks suitable...

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, Al.

Councilmember Raben: Perry is, outside of the Extra Help, I think that, you know, we can always come back and reappropriate later this year, but I think that figure is a little higher than what we need right now. I think Pigeon is the same way, I think there is a lot of, you hate to use the term fat, but I think that there is a lot that could be cut from that. Scott, we are giving Scott a new Field Coordinator, yet, \$25,000 in Extra Help. I mean that to me seems like that is far too much. Union looks good. I mean..

President Wortman: I talked with Scott today and told them, and that was my fault that I made a mistake and they should have had about ten but it was overlooked and I made a mistake and they are not going to spend it and they guaranteed me and just like them Assessors out there, they are not going to spend more than this, it is their money, and they have to get to going and I don't think that there is anything that, whether it is over funded or under funded, we have to get them going and we can't be perfect with this.

Councilmember Raben: We meet two days a month and we are going to do that for the next five months. So, to me I just think that we are crazy to jump in this deep, this quick, for five months work.

President Wortman: Paul, do you want to say something? He wants to say something and then Glen wants to say something.

Paul Hatfield: This is a very, very simple problem, your 600 and something is wrong and..

President Wortman: That's what I told him.

Paul Hatfield: Now this is the problem. The problem is that we are meeting here today for you to vote on this budget for the remaining part of 1999 and then it has to go to the state for approval and that's gonna take probably two weeks. Now, that throws us in, instead of starting July 1, I have six people hired, very good people, for field work. They are going to be coming to work on August 23, with the help of God and an expeditious state approval. Now, that is the main course of getting us going. We have about 20,000 parcels, of various kinds. I have got to get these people in the field. Now, Mr. Raben, can argue with me all he wants to about what figure, what figure, so forth and so on down the line but let me tell you there is not a salary spot or Extra Help spot in any of these budgets that I have seen, the fact is, in one township that I have looked at, their Extra Help is low, depending on the number of parcels that they have and that is what you have to keep in mind. You can compare Scott and German but you're talking about apples and oranges if you are talking about Knight and Pigeon. Now, it has been said here and it is true, we have gleaned this thing down. I could tell you exactly where you could cut my budget today and I don't give a damn as far as the \$453 for manuals, but by the time when we get them ordered, and I will give you a suggestion, order them through the County Assessor's office. Let her order all of the manuals, if we don't spend it all then it will be there. A budget is not spending. You are not putting out the dollars on a budget, you have to wait until they are spent until you are hurt. Remember this, we are your cash cow and you keep bringing us up here like orphans and I am going to tell you now that you may not have this money to spend the next year, or the year after, or the year after that. If we don't have the help to do the job then you are not going to get the money to spend. It is just that simple. If it, I tell you what, we don't spend a damn dime that we don't need to spend. Nothing. I can show the figures on my sheet back there is my, in a file. The \$42,024 for Extra Help is and will be spent. It will be spent. Now, when you consider what we have to do when making these inspections, you are gettin' off cheap. You don't have anything else to consider but

to get us off the mark. Just remember, it was supposed to start July 1, through no fault of yours, we are not starting July 1 and because of what has to happen now on August 2, we are going to have to almost wait until the end of August to get started. But, I have people in place to go to work on August 23. I don't think that you have, that is a no-brainer, now the rest of this stuff, let me tell you. I don't know what your opinion is but I don't know of any township assessor that is sitting in their office saying we've got \$3,000 to spend, let's spend it. Nobody does that, nobody does, I know that we don't and I know that everybody sitting in this room doesn't do it but when we need the money it has to be available. The fact is, I lost two very, very good people that I would have loved to have hired instead of the two that I did, who are also very good, simply because I couldn't start them, in my opinion until August 23. Now, if the state backs up on us it would be longer than that. We have to get into the field. Now, you are talking about winter months, we don't have that cold of winter months. These people will be in the field in the winter. I have talked with every one of them. In my case, you have no problem here, just get us started, by God. Because I am going to tell you it is going to be one hell of a job to get it done in the time period that we are supposed to get it done in now because of what the State Tax Board has done. So, all that I have to say is, have a little faith. We are not lying to you. We are not lying to you.

President Wortman: Thank you, Paul.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: First of all, I have to apologize that I was not at the hearing and most of us sitting around this table have other jobs and my national charity was in for their two day audit and I simply have to be there for that and could not be here for that. I have a question that I think will help me today and that is can, okay. I am looking at Center's budget and it is \$51,490 and Knight is \$135,000 and Pigeon is only \$107,000 and I am assuming, Mr. Hatfield, that you have as many parcels as Knight has or maybe more or you do not.

Paul Hatfield: No, what we have down here is double of what Center's got. That's what I have been talking about.

Councilmember Hoy: I would like for somebody to come to the mike so that I get this on record. I would like to know how many parcels. My question is, how many parcels does each township have because that will help me look at this in a more factual way. There is one thing that I would vote against right now and I tell you because I can't understand at all, nor do I want to put \$30,000 or \$25,000 into Scott Township for Extra Help. I think that figure is completely out of line. You mentioned that ten was more in line, and I would feel just on one line, I would feel more comfortable with ten there than 25 since that seems like a fair thing.

President Wortman: Excuse me, Mr. Hoy. You probably wasn't here when I mentioned that was an oversight on me. It was supposed to have been ten and I didn't.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, I did hear you say that.

President Wortman: Okay, okay, I called them and they are not going to spend it. It is already in place.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, why can't we just change it?

President Wortman: Well, we got to get going here and open up everything, we are never going to get something done. We wanted to fax this up-

Councilmember Hoy: Let me hear the answer to my first question, how many parcels?

President Wortman: Okay, let Cheryl Musgrave, she will give that to you.

Cheryl Musgrave: I feel like I am being ganged up on here. Cheryl Musgrave, County Assessor. If you will look at the little spreadsheet that I gave you today.

Councilmember Hoy: This one?

Cheryl Musgrave: Yeah, underneath the annual totals line, which is underlined there near the bottom of the page, there is a line that says parcels and as you go across it will show a number. Do you see that, Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, parcels.

Cheryl Musgrave: That is the number of parcels that existed I think at about a year, 12 months, 18 months ago, and as we all know parcels go up and down over time. So you just view that as a guide not a fixed in stone number.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay.

Cheryl Musgrave: Now, there was some confusion earlier about the total amount of requests whether it was \$600,000 or \$400,000. This spreadsheet lists all appropriations requested from the Reassessment Fund. I am not clear as to what is on the table today whether it is the Auditor, the Assessors, the Board of Appeals and the Townships or just the Townships.

Councilmember Raben: They are just referring to Townships.

Cheryl Musgrave: Just the Townships.

Councilmember Hoy: Townships.

Cheryl Musgrave: So the Townships may be at 400 and some number and then when you add in the other three requests...

Councilmember Raben: They make it 600.

Cheryl Musgrave: Right, they make it go up. So, does that clear up your question?

Councilmember Hoy: It clears up my question, but it does not give me time to do the math on it but it looks like they are fairly close in line with those figures.

Cheryl Musgrave: Now, if you look underneath.

Paul Hatfield: No, they are not.

Councilmember Hoy: They are not?

Paul Hatfield: No, I tell you what.

Cheryl Musgrave: Mr. Hoy, if you look underneath that, if you are wanting to do the math you have the cost per parcel. You can see that kind of jumps up and down. There are of course certain economies on scale that you get a larger township that can do more parcels more cheaply just because they are bigger and then when you get to a very small township like Union you have to have certain things to get the job done but the number of parcels is low and so it drives that bottom line up a little. But you need to reflect upon those numbers and just come to your own conclusion.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you. Because when you come in here as a Council person and this is sitting on your desk we do not have time to digest everything that is on this

sheet and the, I know that you all don't like this kind of session, but it is also our job to look this over and to make sure. You have already mentioned that the Extra Help for Scott is too much but there is \$15.70 compared to Center which looks to be the lowest at \$3.80. So, naturally I do wonder why there is, well I know why there is that wide of a variation because that figure is wrong in there. In Scott, that is a no-brainer, all I want to do, and I don't want to pick this thing to pieces, Mr. Wortman, but it just seems that it would be an easy thing to change from 25 to ten without wrecking the whole budget for everybody else, that is not a big deal and bring that more in line. But, I see a great variation there and if you could shed some light on it, I would appreciate it.

Paul Hatfield: Well, first of all.

Councilmember Wortman: Paul, excuse me but we are going to change tapes right quick.

### **Tape Change**

Paul Hatfield: The parcels that are shown for Knight is just damn near 3,000 low. He is very close if not there at 26,000.

Al Folz: That's a year...a year and so ago when those things came out.

Paul Hatfield: Yeah. Now, in my case Cheryl is showing 17,375. We're now actually close to a little over 19. You might ask, why is that? Well, I'll tell you why. It's because there has been a lot of parcels in my township that were never taxed. We've caught them. We have put on a tremendous effort to check, to check, to check. We have an ongoing inspection program. So, I mean, the main thing is just remember a budget is not spending the money. You know what, as far as I'm concerned, yes, I'll say it right out loud: Center is too low. She's got 13,000 parcels. I don't know what your problem is. I know this, we've been in here now about 35 minutes. We should have been out of here ten minutes ago. It's--

Councilmember Raben: Paul, let me--

Paul Hatfield: Let me say this to you guys. You're talking about you've got time to work to look these over, well, by God you're going to have to take time. Now today is not the time to peruse this and question them. You should have been questioning us long before now or last week in our offices. You would have a lot of information that you didn't have when you came in here.

Councilmember Hoy: I just found this on my desk today.

Councilmember Raben: Let me raise one question. Again, this is a five month budget.

Paul Hatfield: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: Yours is \$135,000.

Paul Hatfield: No, \$107,000, I beg your pardon.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, I'm sorry, excuse me.

Paul Hatfield: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: It's \$107,000. What would you speculate would be an 18 month budget? I mean, if we're going to spend \$107,000 in five months.

Paul Hatfield: Probably next year's budget probably a couple of hundred.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, because that's what you have is \$215,650 as a request.

Paul Hatfield: When next year?

Councilmember Raben: For 2000, yes.

Paul Hatfield: Yeah, you're right.

Councilmember Raben: Which would be roughly \$320--

Paul Hatfield: Now, let me stop you. Just remember this budget we will...it's an ongoing thing with me. At the end of this year or before August I'll be able to gauge what we're going to have or what we're going to encumber. Now you might save a lot of money on that \$215,000. Part of next year's spending is right here. We may not spend it all. It's a budget. It's not expenditure.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President.

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to speak on my behalf and only my behalf. I understand what you're saying. I never said you don't do a great job because I really feel like it's as if you do, but this isn't the only meeting we're going to have. From my perspective, I don't feel comfortable--

Paul Hatfield: Jim, with all due respect to you I've only got one big concern. I've got to have people ready to go on the payroll August 23rd, period.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and with some adjustments to this--

Paul Hatfield: Because you don't realize how much time it's going to take--

Councilmember Raben: --we can still do that.

Paul Hatfield: --to inspect this number of properties.

Councilmember Raben: With some adjustments to these I think we could do just that and still be comfortable for the next 60 days.

Paul Hatfield: Well, I'll tell you what you do. I'm kind of tired of fooling with this stuff. Give me a buck and I'll see how far I can make it go. I don't care what the hell you do.

Councilmember Hoy: I would ask from all of you...it bothers me that we are in a public meeting, and I'm not saying this to you, but as Council people we are sitting here and I feel like we're asking proper questions and we've been respectful. I give respect to officeholders and I expect it back and I would like to have a little more decorum in this meeting simply because I think we are here to deal with this as adult people, you know, and as people who will reason with each other. I just resent those kinds of outbursts. Thank you, sir.

Councilmember Sutton: There is a, Mr. President, there is a motion on the floor and it has been seconded. I don't know, Mr. Raben, if you are intending to ask the maker of the motion to accept an amendment to the motion. If so, I think it might be appropriate. If not, then I will call for the question.

Councilmember Raben: What I would like to ask the maker, if the maker would accept, is that we defer this until Wednesday.

Councilmember Sutton: But we have a motion on the floor.

President Wortman: No, you've got to have...it's too late to advertise it. You can't do it.

Councilmember Sutton: We have a motion on the floor.

President Wortman: So we've got a motion on the floor, as Mr. Sutton said, and a second. If there is no other discussion I'm going to call for a vote. Call the roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: I just want one question. That Scott, now is that staying to \$25,000 or is that going back to \$10,000?

President Wortman: Well, they're not going to spend it. I called them this morning and they're going to be comfortable with it. They promised me they wouldn't spend it, so that's as good as that. It was my mistake I left it in there. It was an oversight, but they're not going to spend it, okay?

Councilman Bassemier: Okay, I'll have to take their word for it.

President Wortman: Yeah, that's right.

Councilman Bassemier: I'm going to vote yes. We need to get this on the road.

President Wortman: That's right, thank you. Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No, and I would ask the last two to also vote no. I think, again, you're dealing with a half million dollars here. What in the heck is two more days? I think a lot of these are more than far-fetched. I think they're asking for blue sky and, you know, I don't think that we're acting as we should if we vote in favor of this today, so my vote is no and that's that.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I vote no.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay.

**(Motion fails 4-3/Councilmembers Hoy, Raben and Lloyd opposed)**

Suzanne Crouch: What about the salaries?

President Wortman: It takes five votes.

Jeff Ahlers: So it is defeated because it didn't get five votes because you've got salaries in here.

President Wortman: Yeah, yeah.

Jeff Ahlers: So I don't know if you guys want to make another motion or what you're going



to do.

Councilmember Lloyd: Can we go department by department?

Councilmember Hoy: You can bring it back to the floor with a two-thirds vote and make some amendments and pass those parts today. That's legal.

Councilmember Raben: Or we can advertise today...we can call another special meeting within 48 hours.

President Wortman: That's what the meeting was called for now, for a special meeting.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, I make the motion that we bring it back to the floor and vote on it if it takes two-thirds of the vote or whatever and go ahead and let's get it finished today.

Councilman Bassemier: I'll second that.

President Wortman: Alright.

Jeff Ahlers: What are we doing?

President Wortman: She made a motion to bring it back on the floor and seconded by Mr. Sutton. Any discussion on that?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Bassemier seconded it.

Councilman Bassemier: I seconded it.

President Wortman: Ed seconded it. Okay, I'm sorry. Any discussion on that?

Councilmember Hoy: So the vote now is to bring this back to the floor, correct? And you need two-thirds.

President Wortman: Right, okay. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Okay, now I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I can call some figures. I'll make motions. Again, I would rather have time to work on this over the next day and a half, but I would like to call the County Assessor up. I hate to bring her into the hot seat. I had raised the question earlier about training. Can we have an organized effort on bringing training in to this facility?

Cheryl Musgrave: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: And could you give me an amount on what to appropriate.

Paul Hatfield: What kind of training and on what basis? On the manual?

Cheryl Musgrave: Whatever you would want.

Paul Hatfield: Well, that's the manual. That's what you have to train them is the manual.

Cheryl Musgrave: Tammy, how much do we have right now, five? I would need a minimum of another \$5,000, I believe, to bring in the classes that I believe we could all agree upon needing.

Glen Koob: We're going to Louisville to ProVal in September. They can't bring it to Evansville, not all of it.

Cheryl Musgrave: That's on the understanding that the travel and per diem and hotel for certain conferences that they're discussing comes out of the Commissioners' budget. Alright, this \$5,000 that I'm discussing would be solely to pay for IAAO instructors to come here to do different classes than the one you're talking about now. Okay?

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, she said it would come out of the Commissioners' budget. Whatever has been spent or to be spent on this reassessment shouldn't come out of the Commissioners, it's coming out of the reassessment budget.

Cheryl Musgrave: I'm more than happy for you guys to have the Commissioners make an appropriation out the Reassessment Fund to pay that travel, but traditionally the travel and per diem and hotel comes out of the Commissioners' budget.

Glen Koob: It does for everything I've ever--

Councilmember Raben: Let me--

President Wortman: I think reassessment should come out of...the travel should come out of the reassessment budget.

Councilmember Raben: Do you have a line item in your current budget?

Cheryl Musgrave: For?

Councilmember Raben: Training.

Cheryl Musgrave: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: In reassessment?

Cheryl Musgrave: I do.

Councilmember Raben: There may not be any money in it, I haven't looked.

Cheryl Musgrave: There is about \$5,000. We've committed some of it to certain classes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so we can make an appropriation into that account.

Cheryl Musgrave: And we're counting on another \$5,000.

Councilmember Raben: We can make an appropriation into that account, so we would need to make an appropriation for \$5,000 into that account?

Cheryl Musgrave: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, unless somebody else wants to throw out figures I'm going to roll with it. This is crude because I'm not prepared to do this today, but I would move down to Center Assessor--

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Raben, before you start reeling off numbers.

President Wortman: Just a minute, hold up.

Councilmember Sutton: Before you start reeling off numbers, Mr. Raben, I think you had indicated that you had not met or discussed this with them prior to this meeting that we're having here today, exception of the meeting. Now I guess before you begin to do that I guess I maybe want to get an idea, the basis maybe for the numbers before we maybe get

into the numbers. I mean, obviously we've got one set of numbers here. Is this based upon what you feel is appropriate for them or is this based upon...just trying to get an idea here.

Councilmember Raben: This is...I'm just trying to get something in place for the next 30 or 60 days.

Councilman Bassemier: Mr. President.

Councilmember Raben: So they can hire their people. We still don't know the number of man hours, we don't know the number of personnel. You know, we don't have that information.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess what my point is if there is some key pieces of information that you would like to have and then we're saying that we want to set in numbers aren't we doing the same thing that was just voted down? We're setting in numbers without really having a true sense of what those numbers represent. So if there is something specific, items that you feel this Council is overlooking my suggestion is that you would clearly outline what those issues are to each of the areas, each of the Assessors here, and say, you know, these are my concerns and I would like you to answer these concerns in terms of how these monies will be spent for line item X, line item and on down the line so that if we're talking about really making a sensible budget here that we can then go back and say, okay, this is based upon what we feel is appropriate for this office rather than arbitrarily putting in some figures that maybe we feel are best since none of us are going to do the reassessment.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Yes.

Councilmember Smith: Did you say that you were going to put \$5,000 in the County Assessor's budget for training? What if the other Township Assessors want to train their own their way? I mean, are they committed then to having it all done there?

Councilmember Raben: I tell you what, I would leave that to Glen. I know she organized the training the last time and it probably went very smooth.

Glen Koob: Yes, but it...it did go very smooth, but it's a different type training this time.

Councilmember Smith: Come to the mike, Glen. Okay, they're elected to do the assessing and Glen might have a way that she wants to train hers.

Glen Koob: Right.

Councilmember Smith: They might each one want to train them different, so I don't understand why you would want to take one figure and put it--

Glen Koob: Well, the reason why I don't disagree with putting that figure in one lump sum, the IAAO money, because that comes out of all one account and there is like 23 of us or 30 of us that go. That's one way to train and it's something like critique mass appraisal, depreciation, they way they--

Councilmember Smith: But is there other training that has to be done besides?

Glen Koob: Yes. We're going to, for instance, you were talking...Cheryl was talking about ProVal a while ago. That's our software company. That's our software system that we put all of our data into. It's priced and that's how we price out. We draw our photographs in there. Okay, they are having a school to tell us and teach us different things in September for four days. So that's what we kind of want to know. We usually send it to the

Commissioners. The Commissioners okay that travel and then they pay our per diem, our hotel and our mileage out of that.

Councilmember Smith: Right.

Glen Koob: So, you know, if you want that to come out of reassessment that all can't go into the County Assessor's budget because she is going to be broke by I don't know. If you figure there is--

Councilmember Smith: My point was before we do that we might have to think what each one of the Assessors wants to do.

Glen Koob: Right. I mean, it's commendable that the County Assessor puts that money in her budget and trains and calls up this IAAO and brings these classes down to Evansville because it saves money for Vanderburgh County for all of us traveling out of town, okay. So it's good that we have that. So, yes, she needs money in hers to have IAAO classes. I think she has two of them set up, our a one week one. We have to test those things. She has one week and then she has a couple of day training sessions set up. It costs \$315 or \$320 a person to go to those things, plus the books. Last time she bought the books to go with. So, yes, she needs that money in there for that, but we also need money someplace else.

Councilmember Smith: That was my question.

Glen Koob: For each individual Assessor's office to go to this to learn how to do our software because it's going to be different and to learn different technics and ways to do it. Because you've got to understand, Jim, they're reassessing totally different. By reassessing I mean figuring it. They're not going to cut it into a third anymore. It's going to go to 100 percent of the value. Last time if it was, for an easy one, if it was a \$10,000 assessment it's going to be a \$30,000 assessment because we just have different ways of doing it and the state and the legislature has put on us, look, you Assessors with Level II, all Level II people, and I've got three Level II people in my office, or four including me, and two Level I, they all have to, the Level II, have to have 45 hours of training in two year's time. So, I mean, we're going to have to get the money someplace and we have to travel to Vincennes to do that, to get that training from the state. That's just part of it. We have to travel to Louisville to get it for our software. The IAAO is coming down here. We just had a conference over at the Executive Inn. They brought in IAAO and trained us for \$60 a person for a seven hour class. Yeah, it's expensive and, yes, she needs some money in hers, but, yes, we also need some unless you're going to send up the General Fund and give the Commissioners some money out of the Reassessment Fund to pay our training. I don't know how you're going to do it, but I just know that we need it.

Councilmember Smith: That was my question because I know there is certain things and if Cheryl could train all of you at one time for some things, but you're still going to have to have some training money in the other with all the changes.

Glen Koob: Yeah, and I don't know how you're going to do it.

President Wortman: Well, I want to tell the Council I met with all the Assessors two and three times and we all set down individually and we had them to a meeting and for somebody to come in here and pick it apart that don't know what they're doing it kind of bothers me. This is a good example on the training. Now if they understood that they would have went down there like I did. I spent a lot of time.

Glen Koob: Yeah.

President Wortman: And you know it. I went around to all the Assessors and they had the same opportunity that I did. This is what bothers me is to pick something apart that you don't and we worked hard at it. Like I said, it may be some accounts are under funded and

over funded, but there have been reasons and we had no direction from the state. That was one thing that is wrong, the Assessors here, so you can't blame them and we're in disarray a little bit, but they've got to get to going here and this delay stuff is just going to postpone it and then we're going to get in a mess and then we'll say, well, I don't know.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: You were the only Councilmember that met with all the Assessors, is that correct?

Glen Koob: No.

President Wortman: No, I didn't say that I did. Some of them didn't. Everybody had an opportunity like I did, Mr. Hoy.

Glen Koob: You and Betty.

Councilmember Raben: Here at the meeting, what was it a week ago Thursday?

Councilmember Hoy: The hearing.

Councilmember Raben: The hearing, right.

Councilmember Hoy: But the preparation for that meeting was done how?

President Wortman: I went around and talked to all the Assessors individually. I just kind of went over their budget and everybody else had the opportunity. You probably did too, didn't you, to meet with them?

Councilmember Hoy: Usually, with all due respect to you, Mr. Wortman, you expect the President to lead and to bring together perhaps a committee from the Council and do something like that. I think it would be ill-advised for each one of us to do our own putting together the budget and that seems to be a very clumsy way to do it. I have a question on the training, what differences are there?

Glen Koob: In the training?

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I mean what would be different in German Township from what you would do?

Glen Koob: Since it is all new, nothing.

Councilmember Hoy: That's what I mean. It's the same state, it's the same county, it's the same system.

Glen Koob: Right, right.

Councilmember Hoy: Is there not some way, you know, to bring, it would seem to me, bring all that together for the whole county would just make sense.

Glen Koob: Well, that's what Ms. Musgrave is doing with the IAAO training. The training for the software is all in Louisville, Kentucky.

Councilmember Hoy: But that is...do you all use the same software?

Glen Koob: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: So that could be brought together as well?

Glen Koob: Well, that's where the training is, is in Louisville, Kentucky.

Cheryl Musgrave: May I?

Glen Koob: I have to tell Jim one thing first.

Cheryl Musgrave: Okay.

Glen Koob: And then you can have it all by yourself.

Councilmember Hoy: What I didn't understand about the training is Mrs. Smith said, well, each one is different. I can't understand how each township could be different.

Glen Koob: No, she meant each one needs different...each one needs money for different training sessions like, okay, say for instance when we're going to Louisville, Kentucky--

Councilmember Hoy: That I understand what you're saying. So you're fine.

Glen Koob: I'm sure Mrs. Musgrave is not going to want to pay all of us out her reassessment account for us all going to Louisville because she won't have enough.

Councilmember Hoy: But we're talking about standardized training, the same training for everyone?

Glen Koob: Yeah. Yes.

Paul Hatfield: No it is not. No, it is not! IAAO training is on--

Glen Koob: He means don't everybody get the same training, Paul. You misunderstood the question.

Paul Hatfield: Yeah, you're right. We're talking about reassessment is based on reproduction costs, IAAO training is on market, market. We're not on market. Now as far as training goes we have it in there for the various reasons that she just expounded. When it comes down to training the inspectors I'm going to do it. I'm responsible for assessing a property in Pigeon. Nobody else. You guys are making a--

Councilmember Hoy: But you still use the same standard of training for each township. That's the only point I am making.

Paul Hatfield: But training on what basis? Market, that's the IAAO.

Councilmember Hoy: I understand that, but what I am saying is that we have the same state laws that apply to every county and every township.

Paul Hatfield: I understand that.

Councilmember Hoy: That's the only point I'm making is a while ago I did not understand why each township would be doing different kinds of training since you're going to follow the same standards.

Paul Hatfield: They're talking about one thing and I am talking about another. I'm talking about training on the manual that which we will receive based on reproduction costs.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, Mrs. Koob made it real clear to me and I understand what she is saying. I'm not confused about that any more and would like to move to another point.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President.

Paul Hatfield: I think that’s good.

A)     **ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT**

Councilmember Lloyd: I would like to make a motion to approve Armstrong Township Assessor Reassessment Fund \$8,890 as submitted.

Councilman Bassemier: I’ll second that.

President Wortman: Okay, we’ve got a motion on the floor for Armstrong as \$8,890. 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: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

ARMSTRONG TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1100-1990	EXTRA HELP	6,000.00	6,000.00
2492-1100-1900	FICA	460.00	460.00
2492-1100-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	400.00	400.00
2492-1100-3120	POSTAGE	430.00	430.00
2492-1100-2700	OTHER SUPPLIES	400.00	400.00
2492-1100-3130	MILEAGE	200.00	200.00
2492-1100-3390	PLAT MAP UPDATE	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL		8,890.00	8,890.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**B) CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT**

President Wortman: Okay, now I'll take a motion on Center Township, next in line.

Councilman Bassemier: I make a motion to approve Center Township.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a motion and a second. Any discussion? That is for \$51,490.

Councilmember Raben: Let's go back to training, to the training issue again. If we leave a figure lesser than \$3,000 in there and we're going to use either monies from the Commissioners' budget or from the Assessor's budget do we leave \$3,000 in place?

Cheryl Musgrave: This is the point I've been wanting to make.

Glen Koob: Oh, your turn.

Cheryl Musgrave: Thank you. The numbers that don't exist on this spreadsheet are the ones that you've been trying to insert all along and that there has been some stated confusion on. Mrs. Smith, they do have some money in their budgets already that was appropriated last year for this year to meet some of these costs. So that's the point that I wanted to make. Even if you zero out, and I am not suggesting this, even if you did they would still have some money that you gave them for this year already.

Councilmember Raben: See, currently under Center they have \$3,000 in training that was budgeted last year for '99. So if we grant another \$3,000 we're giving them \$6,000 to use over the next five months.

Rebecca Galey: Rebecca Galey, Chief Deputy, Center Township Assessor's Office. I do not have \$3,000 left. That money that is in Reassessment Training I have had to use because you took out, deleted my General Fund Training, so I am using that for all the training that we have to have and we've had several sessions. So we're using our Reassessment for General instead. So I have to have that money. We just spent \$2,000 for registration for ProVal. ProVal is not just reassessment. It is every year ongoing we have to have those classes every single year. Registration, \$2000. It has to come out of our budget.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Rebecca, you also have a request for an Office Coordinator and a Field Coordinator. Last year we put in place Land Coordinators, correct?

Rebecca Galey: Right.

Councilmember Raben: So back to the extra help. Given those two individuals yet you still have a request for \$15,000 Extra Help for five months.

Rebecca Galey: Right.

Councilmember Raben: Would \$10,000 be appropriate?

Rebecca Galey: This is what it was suggested by those at the meeting for me to have for Extra Help plus the coordinators. It was suggested that that's what I needed.

Councilmember Raben: What do you need?

Rebecca Galey: \$15,000.

President Wortman: You were there, Jim.



Rebecca Galey: You were there. You were also the one that suggested it because I didn't have any Extra Help in there and you were the one who suggested that I needed \$15,000 and that's for four people which isn't quite enough. We have 13,500. We expand. We go way, way out, so we've got a lot of traveling to do, but this was the way my budget was set up by the suggestions of that meeting.

Councilmember Bassemier: What do you think, Jim, did you change your mind?

Councilmember Raben: I don't care. We can give them...there is a million six, let's give them a million six today and be done with it. I mean, I don't care take the vote. I'll go on to the next one.

President Wortman: Alright, anymore discussion, Mrs. Smith? Call for a vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CENTER TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1110-1120	OFFICE COORDINATOR	9,659.00	9,659.00
2492-1110-1140	FIELD COORDINATOR	9,659.00	9,659.00
2492-1110-1900	FICA	2,626.00	2,626.00
2492-1110-1910	PERF	1,111.00	1,111.00
2492-1110-1920	INSURANCE	8,000.00	8,000.00
2492-1110-1990	EXTRA HELP	15,000.00	15,000.00
2492-1110-2600	OFFICE SUPPLY	1,000.00	1,000.00

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2492-1110-3130	TRAVEL & MILEAGE	1,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1110-3310	TRAINING	3,000.00	3,000.00
2492-1110-3700	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	435.00	435.00
TOTAL		51,490.00	51,490.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

C)     **GERMAN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT**

President Wortman: Okay, we'll go into German Township.

Councilmember Raben: I move that we approve this as submitted.

President Wortman: \$16,426, do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith second. Any discussion? No discussion. Call the roll.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

<b>GERMAN TWP. ASSESSOR</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
2492-1120-1140	FIELD COORDINATOR	9,659.00	9,659.00
2492-1120-1900	FICA	2,461.00	2,461.00
2492-1120-1910	PERF	556.00	556.00

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2492-1120-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	850.00	850.00
2492-1120-3120	POSTAGE/FREIGHT	300.00	300.00
2492-1120-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	600.00	600.00
2492-1120-3310	TRAINING	1,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1120-3380	PHOTOGRAPHY	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL		16,426.00	16,426.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

D) KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT

President Wortman: Knight Township.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I have a question. Al, of that \$56,000 how many people is that?

Al Folz: Eight.

Councilmember Raben: Eight.

Al Folz: We're paying \$8.50 an hour.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Al Folz: To be able to get them started, get them out there.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now who supervises those individuals?

Al Folz: There is a Field Coordinator and myself. Again, just like the rest of them it's on our back. We're the one entirely responsible so I'm out in the field, but you also have a Field Coordinator because he has to schedule where each group goes. Everybody is out there, so he has got to schedule that in the morning or that evening so that they have it in the mornings where they know exactly which subdivision they're going to be in.

Councilmember Raben: How many hours is that figured on?

Al Folz: I believe that...Mr. Wortman figured it for all of us and you was sitting there, what did he do?

President Wortman: Yeah, I think it was 153 days at eight hours a day at 1,224 hours times \$8.50.

Al Folz: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now these individuals, I mean, bad weather. What do they do during bad weather?

Al Folz: They work. They've got umbrellas, they've got rain jackets. They did it the last three reassessments. Why aren't they going to do it this time? I mean, you know, we're not new at this.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Al Folz: They're out there.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I would like to throw a figure out, okay. Again, we

can come back and address this issue in November. We can come back in December.

President Wortman: Now when you say throw a figure out is this just a guess or what are you basing it on?

Al Folz: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: This is a guess, that's exactly right.

President Wortman: I don't like guesses myself, I like facts.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, then let me address another issue. Back to travel and mileage.

Al Folz: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Based on that, that's over 17,800 miles.

Al Folz: We said 17,000 just a little bit ago.

Councilmember Raben: Those aren't going to be real?

Al Folz: Well, if not I can't spend it. I mean, I've got to be able to pay this out. If not, all I've got--

Councilmember Smith: Take that at 28¢ a mile.

Councilmember Raben: Divide that into \$5,000. It's 17,800 and some odd miles. I gave that figure earlier.

Councilmember Smith: But if they don't use it and they don't put in for their mileage then it is going to be left in the budget.

Al Folz: Why sure that's the only thing I can use it for.

Councilmember Raben: Training, we're back to that issue again.

Al Folz: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Dues and Subscriptions. For those of you that weren't at that meeting let me explain what that is. That is a manual that is \$435 a manual. A lot of the townships have maybe purchased one. Some of them, from what I understood, did not even purchase any. They ran copies of the other manuals.

Councilmember Smith: I don't think they purchased any. None of them have one yet because it hasn't come out.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, their intent is to run copies. Now I do know that there is some township offices that have ran copies of this manual already.

Councilmember Smith: Jim, that manual is not out. The state hasn't sent it out yet and Glen said when she got it she could make copies of it.

Councilmember Raben: It is available.

Glen Koob: Yeah, it is. Marshall &--

Paul Hatfield: No, it's not.

Glen Koob: Yes, it is.

Councilmember Smith: Oh, I thought you said--

Councilmember Raben: It is too. We've had this discussion.

Glen Koob: Marshall & Swift now--

Councilmember Hoy: Would you come to the mike?

Glen Koob: Oh, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Raben: Now this request is for ten manuals.

Councilmember Smith: That's too many.

Glen Koob: Okay Marshall & Swift presently make a manual but they're going to make a manual especially for Indiana that is not out yet. Some of the Assessors apply to the Marshall & Swift service where they get updated sheets every so often whenever they change a pricing in that manual, so, yes there is presently a Marshall & Swift service, but, no, we don't have the Marshall & Swift manual from Indiana yet.

Councilmember Smith: Glen said she needed one and she could make copies, but--

Glen Koob: Betty, don't say that out loud, I don't know if they've got some kind of copyright law or whatever. The attorney is here. The attorney is here, Betty.

Councilmember Smith: But Curt agreed to let the county or someone buy them all and then split them up. Buy all at once.

Glen Koob: I don't care. You can put it all in one fund because let me say this, it said on that paper that I gave...Jim was asking me that day how much they cost and it said on that paper that if they get so many purchases of this manual you may, you may, get a \$140 rebate. If the state gets so many orders they may at Marshall & Swift may give them a \$140 rebate. I don't know if that means per manual because they are \$435 a piece. That's for a set of residential and commercial and we've never had to do this before, never. The state always made...went through Purdue or whoever or Sabre & Company and made these manuals up and gave them to us.

President Wortman: Now, Mr.--

Glen Koob: When he comes to me can I tell you something about my part-time, my help?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Wortman: Let me ask Mrs. Musgrave to come the microphone just a minute.

Cheryl Musgrave: Hello.

President Wortman: You and I and Mr. McIntyre of the State Tax Board talked and what was he saying about running copies, it wouldn't infringe on the patent, if it's a possibility.

Cheryl Musgrave: Okay, each hard copy of the manual comes with a CD-Rom and a CD-Rom license as far as, gosh, Mr. McIntyre understood, allows you to print off the page. It's no infringement upon the copyright to print this page one time, ten times, whatever. His suggestion to us, and he is a State Tax Board Commissioner, is that we buy one copy of the manual, take the disk per office and then print off the pages, you might need them all, for the rest of the folks in your office, no matter how many times you might need them.

President Wortman: We're still not going to order any books. I think everybody, Mr. Hatfield and Al Folz all agreed to it, and Glen, until we find out where we're at and then we can order one time. It depends on the books or the copies on what we're going to do, so I hope that explains it.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Wortman, do we treat any other budget this way though? In August when we do budgets and there are requests for \$30,000 and we say you only need \$10,000 do we accept when they, well, if I don't spend it I'll bring it back? No, we don't treat any budget like that. We never have, not while I have been on this Council. So if there are adjustments to be made we need to make them today. I mean, we've never done that in this room before and I just I'm not comfortable with giving...I don't care if it's the Pope up there. If he asks for more than I think he needs I wouldn't give it to him.

President Wortman: You would be excommunicated then, probably.

Councilmember Raben: I probably would. I let the--

Councilmember Hoy: That's okay, Jim, we would accept you in the United Church.

Councilmember Raben: I let the local Bishop have it.

Al Folz: What about a Cardinal?

Councilmember Raben: Well, I let the local Bishop have it at a City Council meeting one night that I attended. But I think adjustments can be made to this budget. I think \$35,000 would be a lot of money in Extra Help to get them up and running. In 60 or 90 days if they need more money we can address it then. Office Supplies, I think \$3,000 is a lot for a five month budget. Back to Travel and Mileage, I know damn good and well that they're not going to travel almost 18,000 miles in that township. Training we have already had that until we're blue in the face. Okay, Extra Help \$35,000; Office Supplies \$1,000; Travel and Mileage \$2,500; Training \$1,000; Dues and Subscriptions \$435. That would be my motion. All others as listed except for Unemployment zero.

Councilmember Hoy: Could...do you have that down so you can read that back?

Councilmember Raben: No, no.

Teri Lukeman: Me?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Do you want the line numbers or just the...?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, please.

Teri Lukeman: Twenty-four...I'm sorry.

Councilmember Raben: Unemployment zero; Extra Help \$35,000; Office Supplies \$1,000; Travel and Mileage \$2,500; Training \$1,000; Dues and Subscriptions \$435.

Councilmember Hoy: Everything else the same?

Councilmember Raben: Everything else the same?

Councilmember Hoy: And that's a motion?

Councilmember Raben: That's a motion?

Al Folz: How can we buy manuals on...may I say something?

Councilmember Hoy: We need to get a motion on the floor first, sir.

Al Folz: Okay.

President Wortman: You've done made the motion, Jim.

Councilmember Hoy: You need a second to get it on the floor.

Councilmember Lloyd: I'll second.

President Wortman: You second it.

Al Folz: Looking at Dues and Subscriptions, \$435. We can't buy anything.

Councilmember Raben: That was the figure given to us was \$435 for a manual.

Al Folz: There is two different manuals. There is one also I think for industrial/commercial and also for residential.

Cheryl Musgrave: It's the same.

Councilmember Raben: It was our understanding--

Councilmember Hoy: It's a set.

Al Folz: So we get a set for \$435? But you know, only one manual for my office?

Councilmember Raben: Well, you didn't listen to the prior explanation.

Al Folz: I've heard about it, I heard you. But that's it? One manual for that?

Councilmember Hoy: Mrs. Musgrave said that comes on a disk and--

Glen Koob: That disk is separate.

Cheryl Musgrave: No, it comes with it.

Councilmember Hoy: The disk comes with the manual and off of the disk you can make copies without infringing on copyright?

Cheryl Musgrave: Correct.

Al Folz: Well, who is going to do this? Who is going to do this?

Councilmember Raben: Your staff.

Al Folz: What do you mean, my staff? I don't have enough people now. What about your staff?

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Bassemier, you have something?

Councilman Bassemier: Yeah, this is to everybody, I guess. I've been Al's liaison officer for seven years now and he has never asked for anything he didn't need and you're cutting him. I'm not going to embarrass him up here. I'm going to vote no on it, I'm just saying that right now. Al says he needs, I'm going to vote this down, so I just want that on record.

President Wortman: Yeah, okay I feel the same way. Okay, got a motion on the floor. Any other discussion? If not, call for the vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: No. Motion defeated.

**(Motion fails 3-4/Councilmembers Smith, Sutton, Bassemier and Wortman opposed)**

**(Tape Change)**

Councilmember Hoy: I move we bring the Knight Township Assessor's budget back up for reconsideration.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Motion and a second, Mrs. Smith. Any discussion on that to move it up for consideration? Okay, all those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Okay proceed, Mr. --

Councilmember Hoy: I'd like to make a motion that we approve the entire Knight Township Assessor's budget with the exception of Unemployment and I would place that at zero, Extra help at \$35,000, Office Supplies at \$1,500, Travel and Mileage at \$3,000 and Dues & Subscriptions at \$1,500.

Councilmember Sutton: One more time, Councilman.

Councilmember Hoy: Training I put at...I believe I put that at \$2,500 instead of a thousand.

President Wortman: Would you repeat that, Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Sutton: And Extra Help \$35,000?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, I will repeat that. Unemployment at zero, Extra Help at \$35,000, Office Supplies at \$1,500, Travel/Mileage at \$2,500, Training at \$2,500 and Dues & Subscriptions at \$1,500, which would allow for three of those training books.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.



President Wortman: Got a motion and a second on the floor. Any discussion on this?

Councilmember Sutton: Outside of the fact that for \$435, they can have a thousand copies if they want, so --

Councilmember Hoy: I just want to give them a head start, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

President Wortman: Any more discussion? If not, call the roll.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I'm going to vote no because I don't think Al would spend any money that isn't necessary to be spent and I feel like they need to move on it and I am going to vote no because I think it should be left as it is.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Before I vote yes, my motion I hope is not construed to mean that I don't trust the Knight Assessor. I do, I just think this is more realistic and I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: No. You've got to have five votes so it's defeated.

**(Motion fails 4-3/Councilmembers Smith, Bassemier and Wortman opposed)**

Jeff Ahlers: It takes five votes because of the salaries. If you want to pull the salaries out you can split that in half.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I make a motion to bring up the Knight Township Assessor's budget one more time and it takes a two-thirds vote.

Councilmember Smith: I second it.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I make a motion that we approve and that we divide the Knight Township Assessor's budget up and that we, first of all, approve all of the salary section which would go from 2492-1130-1120 down through 2492-1130-1920 Insurance and I move that we approve those as listed.

Jeff Ahlers: Did you include the FICA and everything?

Councilmember Hoy: FICA, that's the whole thing, FICA, PERF and Insurance.

Jeff Ahlers: This will only take a majority, instead of two-thirds.

Councilmember Hoy: No, this is wage -- these are the wages.

Jeff Ahlers: I thought you meant to reopen, it only take a majority.

Councilmember Hoy: To reopen?

Jeff Ahlers: Right, because we didn't -- okay, because we never adopted Robert's Rules and the rules we adopted just call for a majority. I was just going to remind you.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Hoy made a motion on 1120, 1140, 1900, 1910 and 1920, stop there on those five items.

Glen Koob: (Inaudible -- comments not made from microphone)

Councilmember Hoy: That will be another motion.

President Wortman: We stopped at the end of Insurance. Okay, who seconded it?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Raben.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: No.

**(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)**

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, starting with line 2492-1130-1930 I vote that we pass it in it's entirety except that Unemployment be set in at zero, Extra Help at \$35,000, Office

Supplies at \$1,500, Travel/Mileage at \$2,500, Training at \$2,500 and Dues & Subscriptions at \$1,500. That's my motion.

Councilmember Raben: And I'll second that motion.

President Wortman: Any discussion?

Al Folz: Can I say something?

President Wortman: Mr. Folz.

(Inaudible -- several Councilmembers speaking at once)

Councilmember Hoy: It was voted down but we took the salaries out because it takes a two-thirds vote.

Jeff Ahlers: You still have Extra Help in there so it's still going to take five.

President Wortman: We got a motion on the floor, now. Mr. Folz?

Al Folz: Yes, I'd like to call your attention again, \$35,000 as far as my Extra Help is kind of unrealistic. And what you were saying was, I am just pulling a figure out of the air just because I thought it was too high. We went over this and over this. Mr. Wortman came down to the office three times and we went over and over and over and he brought up some hours, \$35,000 is not a realistic figure in being able to do all of the parcels that I have in Knight Township. We have a certain amount of time, a time limit that we have to be done. If I can't do anything and all of a sudden I am out of money, those people quit. That's it, they do not go any further than that. Nobody is going to be able to work with nothing.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, could I ask for a recess for five or ten minutes here?

President Wortman: Yes, sir. Mr. Sutton requested a recess and it's granted to the Councilman.

Councilmember Hoy: You have a motion on the floor, sir. We have a motion on the floor and a second, but we're going to call a recess.

Councilmember Raben: We have to vote on this motion.

President Wortman: We're going to recess for ten minutes.

### **Meeting resumed**

President Wortman: We've got a motion on the floor.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I would like to amend my motion if the seconder will agree with the amendment and take line 2492-1130-1990 Extra Help and make that \$40,000. That's the amendment I'd like to place and I don't know who seconded my motion. Will you accept that?

Councilmember Raben: Are all the other figures the same?

Councilmember Hoy: All the other figures are the same.

Councilmember Raben: That you had mentioned earlier?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll second that motion.

Councilmember Smith: Are you, Mr. Chairman, are you saying that the Supplies is still going to be at \$1,500? Is that what you're...

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, and then \$2,500 on the Mileage?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I'll read the whole thing.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: That would put Extra Help at \$40,000, Office Supplies at \$1,500, Travel/Mileage at \$2,500, Training at \$2,500, Dues & Subscriptions at \$1,500, and everything else as it's printed.

President Wortman: Okay, got a motion on the floor and a second. Any more discussion? Call the roll.

Councilmember Raben: Unemployment is zero?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, Unemployment was zero.

(Inaudible -- several Councilmembers speaking at once)

Councilmember Hoy: Would you like for me to read that back, Mr. President? Mr. President, would you like for me to read that again?

President Wortman: Yeah, one more time.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, starting with the Unemployment line, that's zero; Extra Help, this is the amended motion, \$40,000; Office Supplies \$1,500; Color Film \$3,000 as it's printed; Travel/Mileage \$2,500; Training \$2,500; Plat Sheets \$8,500; Equipment Repair \$2,000; Other Contractual \$10,000; Dues & Subscriptions \$1,500 and Office Machines \$1,000.

Councilmember Raben: And I'll second the motion.

President Wortman: Any other discussion on that?

Councilmember Sutton: Is that doable, I mean workable? What he presented in his motion, Mr. Folz?

Al Folz: Well, we'll try to do the best we can and if it isn't I am just going to have to come back to the Council and request more. I think, again, that the Extra Help is low at \$40,000 because we went over this thing with a fine-tooth comb and I think Mr. Wortman and I got in a pretty heated discussion about this thing.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes sir. I talked with Mr. Folz and he will know in a timely fashion, too, ahead of one of our meetings if he needs more money and he can come in. I am very concerned that we do not jeopardize the money we voted out of Reassessment for GIS. It's absolutely essential that we protect that money and that's one reason for exercising caution here.

President Wortman: Okay, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: No. One, two, three, four.

**(Motion fails 4-3/Councilmembers Smith, Bassemier and Wortman opposed)**

Councilmember Hoy: You still need five votes for your Extra Help.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, let's make a motion that we set in Extra Help in the amount of \$40,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Why don't we make some time and make it \$56,000. I think we'll get it passed.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I wouldn't count on it.

Councilmember Bassemier: As listed, and we'll save some time. Betty is not going to change her mind, I'm not changing mine and Curt is not going to change his. I am telling you that right now. And now you are starting to piss me off!

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Bassemier, I have asked for decorum in this body and I think we ought to maintain that.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, don't test our intelligence.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I tell you what -- again, I am somewhat put out with this. I think, again, there's corrections here that this body needs to make. I think we're being reasonable. --

President Wortman: No, you're speaking for yourself, not for everybody.

Councilmember Raben: We can give them everything they're asking for here, but this body is going to have to be prepared in August to do some chopping on the requests that's in there for next year, so what do you want to do? The only thing is, if you give them everything they're asking for today and they go out and fill the barns up with people and

we don't allow them money based on this five month figure in August, that means they're going to have to cut some people, and that is sometimes hard to do. So decide right now what the heck you want to do, but I'll pass the whole darn thing, but everybody needs to understand, in August there's going to have to be some adjustments made to the other budgets.

Councilmember Smith: Then we will face that when we get to it.

President Wortman: Well, like I say, I've been up here for twenty years and I think all these budgets are within reason. I think we've got some good Assessors and they will not overspend and they'll turn the money back in and I think that's a reasonable way to do it.

Councilmember Raben: Do you want to take the Extra Help and leave it as it is?

Councilmember Hoy: I don't have a motion on the floor now at all.

President Wortman: Because we've got to get out of here in a little bit, so we've got a bunch of others to do here, so..

Councilmember Raben: I had one question. I don't recall, what was Other Contractual? Is there a quick explanation for that?

Al Folz: Oh yes. That's copy machine.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, is that a lease?

Al Folz: No, we buy ours.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I am going to move Extra Help be set in at \$56,000, all other accounts as listed with the exception of the corrections made on Unemployment, zero; Office Supplies \$1,500; Travel/Mileage \$2,500; Training \$2,500; Dues & Subscriptions \$1,500; and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Is that \$56,032 or \$56,000?

Councilmember Raben: I don't -- \$56,032.

Councilmember Sutton: That's a motion.

President Wortman: Who seconded it? Nobody seconded it.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll go ahead a second it. We've got to, like I said, Al wouldn't be up here if we didn't need it. And I know I've got to bend somewhere. I apologize for getting mad a while ago. I'll go along with that and apologize to you, Mr. Hoy.

President Wortman: Okay, 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: No. Okay, motion passes.

KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1130-1120	OFFICE COORDINATOR	9,659.00	9,659.00
2492-1130-1140	FIELD COORDINATOR	9,659.00	9,659.00
2492-1130-1900	FICA	5,765.00	5,765.00
2492-1130-1910	PERF	1,111.00	1,111.00
2492-1130-1920	INSURANCE	8,000.00	8,000.00
2492-1130-1930	UNEMPLOYMENT	3,000.00	0.00
2492-1130-1990	EXTRA HELP	56,032.00	56,032.00
2492-1130-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	3,000.00	1,500.00
2492-1130-2710	COLOR FILM	3,000.00	3,000.00
2492-1130-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	5,000.00	2,500.00
2492-1130-3310	TRAINING	5,000.00	2,500.00
2492-1130-3390	ASSESSORS PLAT SHEETS	8,500.00	8,500.00
2492-1130-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	2,000.00	2,000.00
2492-1130-3930	OTHER CONTRACTUAL	10,000.00	10,000.00
2492-1130-3700	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	4,350.00	1,500.00
2492-1130-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL		135,076.00	122,726.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

E) PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Wortman: Next, Perry Township Assessor.

Councilmember Hoy: I move passage of everything as listed except for Training, Training set in at \$1,000 and Dues & Subscriptions set in at \$500.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and a second. Any discussion on that? Call the roll please.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm sorry. What was it again?

Councilmember Smith: What was the Training?

Councilmember Raben: \$1,000.

President Wortman: Training \$1,000, that's 3310, and 3700 Dues & Subscriptions \$500. The rest remains as listed. Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Now what is that figure based on, this Training figure. I mean, I know I see what was presented. How do we get to a thousand?

Councilmember Hoy: I tried to make my motions as equitable as I can, Mr. Sutton, so that they are in relative agreement, all the Assessors are.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: No.

PERRY TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1140-1120	OFFICE COORDINATOR	9,659.00	9,659.00
2492-1140-1140	FIELD COORDINATOR	9,659.00	9,659.00
2492-1140-1900	FICA	3,622.00	3,622.00
2492-1140-1910	PERF	1,111.00	1,111.00
2492-1140-1920	INSURANCE	17,844.00	17,844.00
2492-1140-1990	EXTRA HELP	28,016.00	28,016.00
2492-1140-3310	TRAINING	2,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1140-3700	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	935.00	500.00
TOTAL		72,846.00	71,411.00



**(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)**

**F) PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Next is Pigeon Township Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, Unemployment zero, Office Supplies \$2,500, \$1,500 on Travel/Mileage, \$1,500 on Training --

Paul Hatfield: (Inaudible -- comments not made from the microphone)

Councilmember Raben: We discussed the Training, what we were going to do there.

Councilmember Hoy: Jim, you have the floor. You're a Councilman.

Councilmember Raben: And Mr. President, \$2,300 on Dues & Subscriptions.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: 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: Same question, what are we basing the cut on?

Councilmember Raben: Just trying to keep them --

Councilmember Sutton: Equitable?

Councilmember Raben: Keep them close to the same. And again back to Training, there are funds, I'll look that figure up, unless it's been used on something other than Reassessment Training, there was \$2,000 put in this year for Reassessment Training that may be there, may not be, but we did budget for that this year, so there should be \$2,000 there in that account right now.

Councilmember Sutton: If there haven't been any expenditures. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: No.

PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1150-1120	OFFICE COORDINATOR	9,659.00	9,659.00
2492-1150-1140	FIELD COORDINATOR	9,659.00	9,659.00
2492-1150-1990	EXTRA HELP	42,024.00	42,024.00
2492-1150-1900	FICA	4,693.00	4,693.00
2492-1150-1910	PERF	1,111.00	1,111.00
2492-115-1920	INSURANCE	7,000.00	7,000.00
2492-1150-1930	UNEMPLOYMENT	2,638.00	0.00
2492-1150-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	3,000.00	2,500.00
2492-1150-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	2,500.00	1,500.00
2492-1150-3160	RADIO/PAGERS	500.00	500.00
2492-1150-3310	TRAINING	3,000.00	1,500.00
2492-1150-3372	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	3,000.00	3,000.00
2492-1150-3380	PHOTOGRAPHY	4,250.00	4,250.00
2492-1150-3400	PRINTING PLAT SHEETS	8,500.00	8,500.00
2492-1150-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	2,000.00	2,000.00
2492-1150-3700	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	4,350.00	2,300.00
TOTAL		107,884.00	100,196.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

G) SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Wortman: Next, Scott Township Assessor.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, on Scott Township, Field Coordinator, FICA, Insurance all as printed, Extra Help \$10,000 instead of \$25,000, Office Supplies \$1,000 instead of \$2,000, and Training \$1,000 instead of \$2,000 and that's my motion.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second that motion.

President Wortman: We've got a motion and a second on the floor. Any discussion on Scott Township? Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: You cut that \$25,000 down to \$1,000 for Extra Help --

Councilmember Hoy: Ten thousand.

Councilmember Smith: I thought you said -- oh, I misunderstood you.

President Wortman: Office Supplies was \$1,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, that's correct.

President Wortman: Okay, 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: No.

SCOTT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1160-1140	FIELD COORDINATOR	9,659.00	9,659.00
2492-1160-1900	FICA	2,652.00	2,652.00
2492-1160-1920	INSURANCE	4,000.00	4,000.00
2492-1160-1990	EXTRA HELP	25,000.00	10,000.00
2492-1160-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1160-3120	POSTAGE/FREIGHT	825.00	825.00
2492-1160-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	1,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1160-3310	TRAINING	2,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1160-3400	PLAT SHEETS	3,500.00	3,500.00
TOTAL		50,636.00	33,636.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

H) UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Wortman: Union Township Assessor.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I make a motion that we approve this budget with the change in Training from \$1,000 to \$500 and that is my motion.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second that motion.

President Wortman: Got a motion and a second on the floor. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: No.

UNION TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1170-1900	FICA	230.00	230.00
2492-1170-1990	EXTRA HELP	3,000.00	3,000.00
2492-1170-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1170-3310	TRAINING	1,000.00	500.00
2492-1170-3370	COMPUTER (Data Mgmt)	1,500.00	1,500.00
2492-1170-3390	ASSESSORS PLAT SHEETS	900.00	900.00
TOTAL		7,630.00	7,130.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

President Wortman: Okay, that completes the Reassessment budget to be sent to the state for five months to the end of the year, so I'll entertain a motion for adjournment.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Wortman: All those in favor say aye.

(Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.)

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Curt Wortman

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Vice President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Phil Hoy

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Councilmember Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 4, 1999

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 4th day of August, 1999 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m. by County Council President Curt Wortman.

President Wortman: The Vanderburgh County Council is now in session here this August the 4th at a few minutes past 3:30. So I'll open the meeting and we'll have the secretary call the roll please.

(Attendance called by Teri Lukeman)

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

President Wortman: If we all would stand and pledge allegiance to the flag please.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
JULY 7, 1999

President Wortman: Number four on our agenda is approval of the minutes from July 7, 1999 Council minutes. Would I have a motion from the --

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Wortman: Motion Mr. Lloyd and then Mr. Raben second. Any discussion on that? No discussion? Raise your right hand, all in favor. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Smith: Are you going to have the Sheriff to open the meeting or did you forget?

President Wortman: Yeah, it wouldn't hurt.

(Meeting was opened by Sheriff Brad Ellsworth)

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. Appreciate it. Thank you, Betty.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

President Wortman: Okay, now we'll go in to number five, the Appropriation Ordinance and

the first on the agenda is the County Treasurer.

**A)     TREASURER**

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of in the amount of \$5,000.

Councilmember Sutton: 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL		5,000.00	5,000.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**B)     RECORDER**

President Wortman: Next on the agenda, Mr. Raben, Recorder.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of the Recorder 1040-1160-1040, 1040-1170-1040, 1040-1990, 1040-1900, and 1040-1910 in the amount of \$3,868.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

RECORDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1040-1160-1040	MICROFILM TECH	755.00	755.00
1040-1170-1040	RELEASE DEPUTY	755.00	755.00
1040-1990	EXTRA HELP	2,000.00	2,000.00
1040-1900	FICA	270.00	270.00
1040-1910	PERF	88.00	88.00
TOTAL		3,868.00	3,868.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

C) JAIL

President Wortman: Go to the next, Mr. Raben, the Jail.

Councilmember Raben: I move approval of 1051-2200 in the amount of \$30,000.

Councilmember Smith: 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?



Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-2200	JAIL EXPENSE	30,000.00	30,000.00
TOTAL		30,000.00	30,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**D) PROSECUTOR**

President Wortman: Now we go to Prosecutor, Return of Fugitive.

Councilmember Raben: I move approval in the amount of \$10,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-3900	RETURN OF FUGITIVE	10,000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL		10,000.00	10,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

E) COUNTY ASSESSOR

President Wortman: Next is County Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: I move approval of 1090-2600 and 1090-3310 in the amount of \$2,500.

Councilmember Sutton: 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?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1090-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,500.00	1,500.00
1090-3310	TRAINING	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL		2,500.00	2,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

F) AREA PLAN COMMISSION

President Wortman: Next is Area Plan, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval in the amount of \$20,000.

President Wortman: Got a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded. Any discussion? I might add, while we are going through this fast, we had a little preliminary last week and that's why we kind of rehearsed this here. So you might say, well how come we're going and not studying it. But we did study it, hopefully. Okay, now we'll have a vote. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1240-3610	LEGAL SERVICES	20,000.00	20,000.00
TOTAL		20,000.00	20,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

G) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

President Wortman: Next is County Commissioners.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of 1300-3210 Emergency Management in the amount of \$16,721.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second, Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? No discussion, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: This project is very important, he’s been working on this for quite some time and it’s good to see that we’re finally getting this vehicle. It’s very important for the safety of our community. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I second Councilman Sutton’s speech and vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3210	EMERGENCY MGMT	16,721.00	16,721.00
TOTAL		16,721.00	16,721.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

H)     **CIRCUIT COURT**

President Wortman: Next is the Circuit Court. Now that one item there is 1971 Termination Pay, will be set in at zero, Mr. Chairman. I spoke with them on that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Mr. President, I will make a motion to approve 1360-1620-1360 in the amount \$3,775; 1360-1900 in the amount of \$427; 1360-1910 in the amount of \$335; 1360-1971 be set in at zero; 1360-3260 in the amount of \$6,000, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Have I got a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, actually we kind of moved through the question pretty quick, but during the Job Study recommendation committee's last meeting, we had mentioned that these positions be inserted in our budgets for the year 2000 and they've kind of jumped the gun and brought them before us today. I would certainly support it during our budget sessions this month, but today I am going to vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-1620-1360	LAW CLERK	3,775.00	3,775.00
1360-1900	FICA	427.00	427.00
1360-1910	PERF	335.00	335.00
1360-1971	TERMINATION PAY	1,808.00	0.00
1360-3260	LAW LIBRARY BOOKS	6,000.00	6,000.00
TOTAL		12,345.00	10,537.00

(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Raben and Lloyd opposed)

I) SUPERIOR COURT

President Wortman: Next is Superior Court. Now the first two items, Clerical Assistant withdrawn and the Small Claims Secretary withdrawn. Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: So will the others. The other requests would be withdrawn. Yeah, the entire request.

Rosemary Norbury: Not the Other Insurance.

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me. Yes, that's right.

Rosemary Norbury: I'm Rosemary, I am representing Superior Court, Rosemary Norbury. Judge Dietsch couldn't be here.

President Wortman: Say your name.

Rosemary Norbury: Rosemary Norbury, I am the Administrative Assistant for Superior Court. We would like to keep the request on the agenda for the Other Insurance, that's that judicial liability insurance.

Councilmember Raben: Right. Rosemary, I'll correct that. I overlooked that item.

Rosemary Norbury. Okay, we will repeal that if we don't need it, but right now we don't know. We're waiting for the insurance company for the county to give us an answer

whether or not we need it.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, let me clarify my motion: 1370-1770-1370 down through 1370-1910 be set in at zero and 1370-3010 Other Insurance \$2,825.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second Mrs. Smith. Any discussion on that? 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-1770-1370	CLERICAL ASSISTANT	3,120.00	0.00
1370-1801-1370	SM CLAIM SECRETARY	3,120.00	0.00
1370-1900	FICA	239.00	0.00
1370-1910	PERF	180.00	0.00
1370-3010	OTHER INSURANCE	2,825.00	2,825.00
TOTAL		9,484.00	2,825.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Okay, Local Roads & Streets. John Stoll is not going to be here today. He called, but I didn't think there was going to be any problem. We hashed that last week, so you go ahead, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, and I am certainly not trying to pick on Circuit Court today, but before we move out of the appropriations, there was one item that we briefly hit on and zeroed out the Termination Pay. But I just wanted everyone on this Council to be

advised that that request does not coincide with our county personnel policy and that's something that may want to address at some point, but that is strictly their policy and not the county's personnel policy, so...

President Wortman: That's right, Mr. Raben. Yeah. Circuit Court has got their own personnel policy and the county has got theirs and by law the Circuit Court judge can have his own personnel policy and that's why we request the Termination Pay be paid out of a User Fee or something, as Mrs. Angermeier there stated, see. So that's fine. Thank you, Mr. Raben. Now we move right on.

Councilmember Smith: Superior Court is with the county personnel policy, but Circuit hasn't been with the policy for years and years.

**J) LOCAL ROADS & STREETS**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Local Roads & Streets. I move approval of 2160-3930 in the amount of \$300,000.

Councilmember Lloyd: And a second.

President Wortman: Second 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: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2160-3930	OTHER CONTRACTUAL	300,000.00	300,000.00
TOTAL		300,000.00	300,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

K) CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

President Wortman: Now we'll go to Convention & Visitors Bureau. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of 3600-4062 in the amount of \$1,500,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Hoy. Any discussion on that? We discussed that before. Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I am going to vote for this even though I don't think it's right, but we're stuck with a problem or two at the Auditorium and we have to correct it. But I don't feel that they really did a very good job at estimating what the cost has been when they have to come back and ask for 1.5 million dollars.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: This is a rather large project and 1.5 million dollars is quite a bit of money, but I am definitely appreciative of the Convention & Visitors Bureau being cooperative with us in this effort and I am voting yes, but I probably have already made enough comments on how I feel about this. So, yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I guess since we're making speeches, I am in support of this. It's really only a four percent cost overrun. I remember that Roberts Stadium was to be six million and it was eighteen million. We're not anywhere near that. The other thing I want to correct on here, it says furnishings, these are not furniture. These are for walls, for the conference rooms, part of it goes to escalators, the Building Authority has a whole list of about a dozen things that must be completed now. So I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Motion passes.

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3600-4062	AUDITORIUM FURNISHINGS	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00
TOTAL		1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)



**GENERAL FUND REPEAL REQUEST**

President Wortman: Now then, we'll go to the Transfers. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: First, Mr. President, we have a repeal request in the amount of \$3,500 under account 1090-1180-1090 and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: That's \$3,500, correct?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second on it. Any discussion on this? 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1090-1180-1090	NETWORK SUPERVISOR	3,500.00	3,500.00
TOTAL		3,500.00	3,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**TRANSFER REQUESTS**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, does anyone care if I lump all the transfers as one motion?

President Wortman: Just a minute. Excuse me, Mr. Ahlers.

Jeff Ahlers: The only thing I'd point out is whether or not you want to leave the Sheriff's

separate. That’s a late transfer because I was thinking that you may want to consider taking under New Business the salary agreement first before we approve the transfer to fund those salaries. So with the exception of that one and then maybe take the agreement and then the late transfer.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Mr. President, I’ll move approval of four transfer requests: Pigeon Township Assessor, Union Township, the Highway and CCD/County Commissioners. I’ll move that we accept all four transfers.

President Wortman: As listed. Fine, got a second to that?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith got the 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?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1150-3410	PRINTING	2,000.00	2,000.00
TO: 1150-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,000.00	2,000.00

UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1170-3000	BOND & INSURANCE	150.00	150.00
TO: 1170-3370	COMPUTER (DATA MGMT)	150.00	150.00

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2010-1053-2010	SECRETARY	10,625.59	10,625.59
TO: 2010-1850	UNION OVERTIME	10,625.59	10,625.59

CCD/COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2031-1300-4386	FULTON AVE. BRIDGE	500,000.00	500,000.00
TO: 2031-1300-3530	CONTRACTUAL SVCS	500,000.00	500,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**SALARY AGREEMENT FOR COUNTY SHERIFF  
RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAM  
AND LATE TRANSFER REQUEST**

President Wortman: Now we'll bring that salary agreement up to there on the new business with Brad Ellsworth on that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, are you wanting a motion on the contract as written? Does everyone have that? Just to get it on the floor, Mr. President, I'll move that we accept this contract.

President Wortman: Okay, and I got a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second Mrs. Smith. Now discussion. Now Mr. Brad Ellsworth and the County Attorney is available if you want to ask any questions on this contract. This is in reference to the SAFE House. Everything should be copacetic, I'd say.

Councilmember Smith: I just have a statement to make because I think that Sheriff Brad Ellsworth will do a good job. I have all the confidence in the world in him and I think this is one of the ways we should go.

President Wortman: I think you're right. He's tough as a box of nails. He's good. Okay, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: And I agree. The SAFE House has been a problem area for county government and so I am looking forward to him taking it over. I just wondered, the two Chief Deputies, were they going to be rotating like the oversight of that facility or roughly, how were you going to have their responsibilities?

Brad Ellsworth: At this point, it will probably, because it is a pretty huge undertaking that hasn't been under the Sheriff's Department since its inception, I really envision myself and the two Chiefs spending full time over there just about for several months and that would get them in line and in a position with the Executive Director's salary where they could go in with my authority and like I said, it's more than a one-man job. And so that was the reason we brought that to that number. I, again, if I could make a quick comment -- if that didn't answer your question, I'll go back to it -- but I appreciate the Commission's confidence in this, the Council has been fully supportive and I am going to try to live up to what people are saying. Mr. Hoy came in yesterday and spoke on our behalf and Mrs. Smith, and we appreciate -- we're going to try to give you your money's worth and lift this dark cloud that's been hanging over that for a while. I think you can see, we had a two and a half hour meeting today with the Circuit Court Judge and the staff at the SAFE House and it was already a very productive meeting and I think we can look for really good things out there.

President Wortman: Thank you, Sheriff.

Brad Ellsworth: Mr. Lloyd, did that answer your question on that? I think we'll be spending a lot of time out there, all three of us.

President Wortman: Anybody else got 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I would like to make a motion that we approve the late transfer for the Sheriff's Department as listed.

President Wortman: Okay, got a second for that?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM:1050-1920	INSURANCE	24,322.00	24,322.00
TO: 1050-1110-1050	SHERIFF	14,404.00	14,404.00
1050-1130-0001	CHIEF DEPUTY	3,405.00	3,405.00
1050-1130-0114	ASST. CHIEF DEPUTY	3,405.00	3,405.00
1050-1900	FICA	1,623.00	1,623.00
1050-1911	SHERIFF RETIREMENT	1,485.00	1,485.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Wortman: Okay, now amendments to the salary ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, allow me just one moment here. We have a total of five today. First I would move approval of the County Recorder, move to amend the salary ordinance as previously adopted; the Circuit Court as previously adopted; the County Assessor as previously adopted; the County Highway as previously adopted; and the Sheriff’s Department as previously adopted. And I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Okay, do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<p><b>PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION FOR TAX ABATEMENT WARREN SPURLING - 3410 N. GREEN RIVER ROAD</b></p>
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President Wortman: Next on that Number 9 would be Old Business, which is a preliminary resolution for tax abatement for Mr. Spurling at Green River Road and he has quite a few people coming in, taking their time off from watching their soap operas. Maybe they're going to miss some of that maybe, I don't know. But otherwise, Mr. Robling.

Mike Robling: This is Michael Robling, Department of Metropolitan Development --

President Wortman: Excuse me. We want to change tapes, Mr. Robling.

**Tape Change**

Mike Robling: Warren Spurling is seeking tax abatement to construct a new apartment complex consisting of 300 affordable housing units for senior citizens. The entire project has a total budget of \$10 million. The number of employees to be hired upon completion is three full-time and two part-time. Mr. Spurling has signed a commitment that at least 20 percent of the units will be made available for low and moderate income individuals. It is my recommendation that this economic revitalization area not be approved. This area...the area in which this apartment complex is located is in the Burkhardt Road Economic Development Area for which Tax Increment Financing Bonds have been issued by the county. The increase in tax revenues which are realized from new assessed value in this area are the only resources which the county has pledged to repay the bonds. No tax abatements have been allowed in the area since the designation of the economic development area and TIF district. I would like to point out that according to the tax abatement law even if this body does approve this tax abatement designation that the Vanderburgh County Redevelopment Commission who set up the TIF district has the opportunity to still take action to approve or disapprove the actual deduction, tax deduction, that would be required for this project. I will also remind you that Mr. Spurling's previous apartment project is included as a part of the subject matter of the next item on the agenda concerning a compliance hearing for the second year in a row.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

President Wortman: Yes, ma'am.

Councilmember Smith: Mike, you mean to tell me an appointed board can overrule the elected board that's elected by the citizens of Vanderburgh County? You have an appointed board that can...if we vote for something they can turn it down?

Mike Robling: Your action is to approve the Statement of Benefits and designate the area. The law gives them the authority in the statute to approve or deny the actual tax deduction. Mr. Ahlers, I believe, can verify that.

Councilmember Smith: Those are kind of bad rules when the elected body sits here, we go in front of the people and ask them to vote for us and we make a decision and an appointed board goes and turns it down. I don't know who made that law, but I think that should be changed and I think I'll talk to the legislators about changing it.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Did you say this is a Tax Incentive Finance Zone already or not?

Mike Robling: Yes, it is part of the Burkhardt Road Economic Development Area which is also a tax allocation or TIF area.

Councilmember Hoy: So Mr. Spurling is receiving some benefits under TIF, is that correct?

Mike Robling: He is not receiving any benefits under TIF. His previous project was designated before the TIF district was put in place so therefore the TIF designation isn't retroactive to go back and take benefits like that away, but it does provide this other option in the case that after a TIF district is in place.

Councilmember Hoy: He could apply for TIF for this project then or not? I'm confused.

Mike Robling: No, the TIF that was done was done to provide financing for the Burkhardt Road project.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay.

Mike Robling: It is not specifically financing any specific development. It was put in place to make infrastructure available for the development of the Lloyd Crossing Shopping Center at Burkhardt and the Expressway, but none of the funds directly went to that project or its developers. In fact, the developers of that project, Gershman Brown of Indianapolis, had to make certain guarantees that the bond payments would be made in early years in the event there was not adequate TIF revenues to make those payments.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, I'm still confused. What connection does TIF have for this or does it have none?

Mike Robling: If an abatement for this project were approved--

Councilmember Hoy: Okay.

Mike Robling: --you would be taking away...if it's not approved, we'll start there. If the abatement is not approved the increase in assessed value resulting from this project will create additional tax revenues that will go towards paying off the existing TIF bonds. If this project is approved those additional assessed values will be abated and therefore there will not be as high an increment of additional taxes to go towards those bond payments.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, and do this for me one more time. You are not recommending this project and give me those reasons again, please.

Mike Robling: My primary reason, the only stated reason is because it is in a TIF district and the only pledge the county has made to repay the bonds issued under this TIF district are the TIF revenues. There is no County Option Income Tax or any other stream of tax funds that have been set aside or pledged to make those bond payments. The Council has turned down two or three other projects that have applied for abatement in this TIF district since its creation and I have talked a lot of people out of applying and not putting themselves through this.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Mr. Robling, now years ago the Council approved this tax abatement for out there, how do you account for that?

Mike Robling: That was a different project. His earlier apartment project was in a different location, although it is in what is now the TIF district. At the time that abatement was approved the TIF district did not exist.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: I was just going to say they have an indirect benefit from the nice roads driving to get to their property. The one that was approved before, as you stated, the TIF district wasn't in existence because when...that was put into existence what, '96?

Mike Robling: I think so.

Councilmember Lloyd: Or '97.

Mike Robling: The earlier abatements were in '92 and '94.

Councilmember Lloyd: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: So, Mr.--

Councilmember Hoy: As I--

Councilmember Sutton: Go ahead.

Councilmember Hoy: Go ahead, Councilman.

Councilmember Sutton: So, Mr. Robling, as I understand it if you carve out a section of this TIF district and no longer have that available to apply towards your bond payments how do you make up that shortfall if something were to occur? Do you stretch out the payments? Obviously, I don't know if you--

Mike Robling: The bond holders are at total risk in the matter. I mean, it could delay the payments, could delay the payoff on the bonds. It could theoretically result in a default if things got really bad. This TIF district is doing quite well as I understand it, but there is always that potential.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, when the TIF district was created primarily we just had farming and ag in that particular area. We didn't have very much commercial development in that area at that time.

Mike Robling: There was already a--

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, there was a beginning.

Mike Robling: K-mart, Builders Square, some of those places were already in place and a number of these other things were in line, specifically the Lloyd Crossing Development.

Councilmember Sutton: So I guess in terms of what these properties generate now obviously it's more than what was projected initially?

Mike Robling: Well, at the time the projections were done a number of these projects were known about and were considered in the potential TIF revenue stream. For instance, Lloyd Crossing was not in place at the time, but it was known to be under contract and the assessed values from Wal-Mart SuperCenter and Home Depot and all those things were considered as a part of the calculations that made the sale of those bonds possible.

Councilmember Sutton: So if you were to give us kind of a general rough estimate of the size of the TIF district south of Morgan--

Mike Robling: The TIF district is bounded by the city limits on the west or Green River Road



whichever is further west. The city limits do some strange things along Green River Road.

Councilmember Sutton: It's just east of Burkhardt, the city limits come along there?

Mike Robling: No, the city limits go in some places it's Green River Road and some places are west of Green River Road, but Green River Road is the western boundary.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Mike Robling: Unless the city limits fall east of Green River Road. The city limits are basically the Lloyd Expressway, from that point north, and Hirsch Road is the northern boundary and I-64 is the eastern boundary. A large area was identified that had a lot of development potential so that there would be sufficient assessed value captured to repay the bonds on this or any future projects that might be required within the area.

Councilmember Sutton: Is there any other, I guess in that area, residential development within that TIF district?

Mike Robling: There is probably some in the area north of Morgan Avenue. It's not substantial I don't think.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: The Auditor would like to say a word and then, Phil, you're next.

Suzanne Crouch: Correct me if I am wrong, Mike, but this is kind of a very simple way to explain the impact of the TIF area on the property taxes as they relate to all other citizens or taxpayers within a township or a county. When a TIF area is established any additional tax revenues that are generated from that point forward end up going back into the TIF area. They do not go out there to benefit other taxpayers in the township and other taxpayers throughout the county, so TIF areas in a sense raise the tax rate to a certain extent for other taxpayers.

Mike Robling: Until such extent as the obligations are repaid.

Suzanne Crouch: That is correct or if another obligation isn't put in place.

Mike Robling: Right.

Suzanne Crouch: So an abatement then in turn also takes away the tax revenue that benefits other taxpayers within the township and within the rest of the county. Would that be a simple way to--

Mike Robling: That's correct.

Suzanne Crouch: Very simple.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you, I appreciate that. When Mr. Spurling applied for the first project did your department recommend that or not? I thought you did not recommend that one.

Mike Robling: He has been before us before twice on that first project for different phases of it and both times I recommended against that abatement based on the fact that the North Green River Road corridor was not an area in need of revitalization assistance.

Councilmember Hoy: My other comment is one that has been touched on and I know there are a lot of people here who look like they're supportive of this, but we're entrusted with county funds and we have spent a lot of money on the area with infrastructure. Tax money

that could have been spent elsewhere. Roads cost a lot of money. Keeping the roads and so on, so it's not as if we've spent nothing in that area in my estimation.

Mike Robling: I would also like to comment that if this abatement is approved it will be very hard to turn down any other abatements that come in within the TIF area.

President Wortman: Any other discussion? Okay, I'll call for Mr. Spurling to come forward, please. Thank you, Mr. Robling.

Bill Spurling: Hi, my name is Bill Spurling. I own and manage Lakeside Manor, the apartment community that we are talking of. In 1992 I came before this body and asked for and received tax abatement and I want to thank you and the folks that were here before you for being patient in allowing us to phase in our taxes because without that help Lakeside Manor would not exist today. I would like to give you a little rundown of what is out there right now and what we've done and provided so that you know what you got for your patience. There are 302 apartments, a real nice community center where the residents meet and have parties and gather. There is a two acre park where we built a bandstand. It kind of looks like something you would see from the 1930's. We spent \$7.6 million on the project. We estimated \$7.2 so we were over on that. We have been brought down here in the past because of employee/job creation and I'll deal with that later. Right now we have 19 full-time and 22 part-time employees. We've had a waiting list ever since the day we opened. We rarely ever have anyone move out for other than health reasons. When we went out there there was no sewer in this area. Spring Valley Road was not there. We put in a lift station, we brought sewage service to not only our 45 acres, but to the 35 acres to the south and the 110 to the north. We extended Spring Valley Road. We paid for the widening of Green River Road for a deceleration lane across the entire property. Since the sewer and roads were in place from the apartments being built we built two office complexes, The Park 1 and 2, which there is 75,000 square feet of office space that is leased. It's paying taxes. It would not be there today if it weren't for this tax abatement. Those two office complexes pay this year \$52,000. We have 385 residents that enjoy living at Lakeside and this year as we've been phasing in our taxes. The county will collect over \$100,000 in property tax from us this year. So there is 150,000 bucks that's coming to the county right now that would not have been there if it was still laying there in farmland because farmland doesn't pay anything to speak of. (Inaudible comments made away from mike.) I might add that I am very proud of Lakeside and what we've been able to do and the fact that we received tax abatement was the only help that we received on this project and that we have all these folks living out there that are living independently without being on any type of government subsidy which today I think that's commendable. This notice was in the paper about a month and a half ago and the City of Evansville and United Way and some other organizations conducted a community needs survey and it identified the top need that is needed in our community is independent living for disabled and elderly people. That's the very top need that they just determined through this survey. The reason this was in the paper was because there is some funding available for people to provide this type of facility and it's the Department of Metropolitan Development who you contact for this. So we're not asking for any funding. The only thing that we're asking for is to phase our taxes in so that we can keep our rentals low for our people. I was quite surprised that DMD would recommend against this again in light of the fact that they'll advertise that they need this type of facility and then recommend a very inexpensive way of getting it. This abatement, this project, will cost in the neighborhood of \$10 million and will provide 300 more apartments for the elderly. The rent will be in the range of \$380 to \$400 a unit. Without abatement we're talking \$450 to 470 which I don't think that's in the market. Again, we will be providing an extension of the sewer to the 45 acres to the north of us. We'll be extending Spring Valley Road and all that stuff will be at our expense and it will be dedicated to the county, you know, be a public road and public sewer. Along with this, and I think this is really important because this kind of answers some of the questions that Mr. Robling brought up about, you know, we're not going to do anything to help. We're taking money away from the county by getting an abatement, well that's simply not so because if we wouldn't have built the first apartments then we wouldn't have the two office complexes, we would have an assisted living place that is going up next door to us because they wanted to be there because there wouldn't have been any sewer

for them to tap in to. That church out there, I don't know what they would have done for a sewer because they had to get into our sewer. Bethel United Church of Christ got into our sewer out there. They wouldn't have sewer service because their sewer went down Green River Road across to The Timbers somehow. So, I mean, all these things hinge on somebody doing something. When somebody does something then somebody else does something else and along with this apartment expansion we have 30 acres of commercial development ground in front of this. Well, we're going to develop that, so all that stuff is going to be generating tax dollars. You may wait a little while to get your taxes out of the apartments, but it's going to come back to you big time in the rest of the stuff that will be out there. You'll have 800 people living out there. There will be a lot of stuff go up out there. I think one thing that would really help our area out there is if we could get Lynch Road tied into I-164. I think that would really be a big help for that area. This property that I'm talking about here is bringing you guys 350 bucks a year. That's what the taxes are on this 29 acres that is back off the road where we're going to be building these apartments. True, if we can't get abatement then we may end up not building apartments. We may end up building town homes or something and it will take us longer to do it and you probably still won't get the money any quicker anyway, but if we can go ahead and fulfill this need that the community needs for more apartments for independent living for the elderly then it's a win/win deal for everybody. It doesn't cost the county anything. I mean, my residents are of no impact on schools. They're not going to impact the roads. Now the roads that you spoke of that have been built out there were built out there in '92. They widened Green River Road. There is really nothing else built out there. This TIF district...let's get back to this TIF district. Actually, this TIF district took our property in and we did not know about it. We were not notified of it or anything and, you know, why does the TIF district take dollars, tax dollars, from our area to build a road over on Burkhardt? We're a mile from Burkhardt. We don't use Burkhardt. Burkhardt is a parallel road for us. What they actually did was take our tax dollars and give them to our competition, Gershman Brown, so they could widen their road over there. I mean, that's kind of the long and short of it. Our area out there has had very little built other than what we've built out there. Like I said, that wouldn't of happened without the tax abatement. We built the apartments, we built the offices and because of them this assisted living business is going in next door on Earl Harp's land. Earl participated in getting sewer to his land through our sewer system, so it's kind of like, you know, everybody helping everybody else to make things happen. This won't cost you guys anything. What I am asking you to do if you will, please, is grant an abatement so that we can phase in the tax on this new apartment community expansion.

President Wortman: Okay, does anybody have any questions for Mr. Spurling? Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: I don't have any questions, I just have some statements. It's one of the nicest apartment complexes in the city of Evansville. Royce and I went out there the other day and we went through the apartments and I tell you it would be a pleasure to live there. I think the elderly people do not need a lot of little children running around. That's their own private domain out there and I think we need more of them. I would like to ask this Council to vote for this to give us 300 more apartments for elderly people. I'm getting that age and so is some of the rest of you here that we may need them.

President Wortman: Don't you look at me.

Councilmember Smith: And if I do I'll probably call Bill and say I need an apartment. But anyway, I think this is needed and I don't think it's any cost to anybody and without it we may not have those apartments and I think it's well worth the project to do it and let's get with it and get it done.

Councilman Bassemier: I've got a question.

President Wortman: Okay, go ahead.

Councilman Bassemier: Counselor? Question for counselor. Now what I just heard that if we do approve it we can be overridden by the TIF Board?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, what actually happens is...I've got that statute here handy. Under Indiana Code right now what the resolution is for right now is to approve this as an economic revitalization area, okay, but in order for them to get the actual tax deduction there has to be an application for a tax deduction which I believe goes to the Auditor's Office. Before it goes there it can be approved for the taxes to go into effect and the Economic Development Commission has to approve the application for property tax deduction, so essentially what you're saying is correct. If it is approved here today if it is also not approved by the Commission the effect is they would not get the tax deduction.

Councilman Bassemier: That's kind of why I deferred it last week. I don't think Mr. Spurling knew about it last month and I talked with Mr. Spurling. Do you think we should defer this and see what they're going to vote on first? Is that what we're...I mean, are we wasting our time here voting now if our final approval...I mean, if this approval don't mean anything why are we having it now because it sounds like to me they're going to vote against it. Why would they vote in favor of this?

Bill Spurling: Well, can I address that? What I would like to do is get your preliminary approval today and then I'll appear before the Vanderburgh County Redevelopment Commission and if they turn it down well then I'm sunk, but if they don't I could come back here for final hearing next month and we would still be able to get started this year before winter sets in. I don't think that this is a waste of time at all.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question of Mr. Robling. On this procedure, Mr. Robling, if we deny this abatement then is the issue dead here or will it go to the Redevelopment Commission anyway?

Mike Robling: If you deny it today the issue is dead. I will point out that it has twice been on the agenda of the Redevelopment Commission.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm sorry?

Mike Robling: We have scheduled it twice before the Redevelopment Commission. They had a meeting scheduled after Mr. Spurling's application came in. We had it on the agenda for that meeting because it was already scheduled. He said he couldn't be there so we took it off. After your request at last month's meeting we scheduled a special Commission meeting for last week. Mr. Spurling again called and said he couldn't make that meeting so it was canceled as well. There is another meeting of the Commission scheduled, we just happen to have activity right now, for the 25th and it could be on the agenda for that meeting at that time. If you approve it today and it goes to them it will still have to be advertised as a public hearing and come back to you for a confirming resolution.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a couple more questions of you, Mr. Robling. This body can say no and that's the end of it?

Mike Robling: That's the end of it.

Councilmember Hoy: So in one sense the major decision is on our backs and we are the ones who are to look at the tax situation in our county, is that right?

Mike Robling: Well, yeah. You have the chance to approve it or deny it today. If you deny it today it's a dead issue.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay.

Mike Robling: If you approve it today it will go forward to the Redevelopment Commission.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, I want to go back to this public notice and this study because I had dealt with your department and with the CAC and I believe that the monies you're looking for here under DBG and ESG and so on, are those not funds for lower income persons? I mean, housing for lower income persons?

Mike Robling: That's true, but those needs were identified through a community rights survey.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, and the three needs are not one, two and three, but they're on par with each other, I believe.

Mike Robling: Well, they are somewhat ranked, but they represent a number of things that relate to that subject matter. They sort of meshed and mashed things together. I will also point out that this survey was done about the same time that the Visiting Nurse Association appeared to be in great jeopardy which I think had reason to cause that priority to be on top.

Councilmember Hoy: I filled out one of these surveys and it is subject to a lot of variables.

Mike Robling: There is nothing scientific about it.

Councilmember Hoy: Nothing scientific about the survey. In fact, I may as well go on record and say that at my agency we may get three or four copies of this same survey, you know, that several of us can fill out so it can be skewed very easily and I would not use it as a scientific tool. I think Mr. Spurling knows my feelings on this. I frankly think that your company has done very well. I think that you're in a position to offer good rent to older persons without our abatement. You've demonstrated recently that you have money to give away, I think, to other causes and the other thing that bothers me is the denigration of the farmland because we are eating up our farmland so rapidly that we're going to miss it. It is economic development. Whether it brings in fewer taxes is not the point. It brings in \$16 billion from Japan alone because they can't grow anything there and there is a lot of land within the city that could be developed into very fine apartments. I would be much more inclined to be for it if you were using some of the older land where some of us choose to live. I'm old enough to qualify for your apartments and I live in one of those older areas in the city and I don't see much development taking place there and I live in a very safe neighborhood. I just have lots of problems with this. I wanted to ask you about your employees. You're promising three full-time and two part-time and the salary range is \$8 to \$12. Your benefits are personal days, vacation days, holidays, but you give no health insurance and no retirement to your employees, is that correct?

Bill Spurling: That's correct.

Councilmember Hoy: And you do not have to have an affirmative action plan in a staff that small and you do not have a plan as I understand it.

Bill Spurling: That is true.

Councilmember Sutton: I have a couple--

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: Currently now Lakeside Manor did you say that was 300 units?

Bill Spurling: Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: And that's the one that this Council approved abatement in what, 1992?

Bill Spurling: That's right.

Councilmember Lloyd: So this resolution is on your planned expansion which would be basically another 300 units very similar in size to what you have?

Bill Spurling: That is correct.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilman Bassemier: Mr. Spurling, now these are all from addresses that we helped out last time, right?

Bill Spurling: Those folks live right there at Lakeside Manor. We asked them if they would help us because this is important to them. Mr. Hoy, in response to some of your remarks, I guess you are talking about my political contributions to someone other than yourself and that really has nothing to do with this. It has nothing to do with these folks. I can't absorb several hundred thousand dollars of property tax. I have already in this project that is already completed the only rent increases that we've had in the six years that I have owned that is just enough to pay for the property tax phase in. I haven't taken one doggone cent of an increase myself. I have commercial property that I make my money on. I don't make money on those apartments. They'll make money some day, but they don't now.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I'm not going to argue your business with you, Mr. Spurling, but I grew up in business and most of us go into business to earn money and I think you do, too. I don't think there is anything wrong with that whatsoever, that's what you go into business for. The other thing is as you phase these taxes in you have just admitted that as the taxes phase in then the folks that rent from you are going to pay those taxes anyhow.

Bill Spurling: How can I not do that?

Councilmember Hoy: That's my point and so you're really only granting them a reduction that phases in and that's all.

Bill Spurling: For the six years or ten years or whatever it takes, you know, it's gradual.

Councilmember Hoy: It's gradual.

Bill Spurling: Without the abatement then the rents start out at \$450 or \$470. With the abatement the rent starts out at \$380 or \$400. You all just approved a tax abatement for an apartment complex on the west side and their rents are \$515 for a one bedroom and \$615 for a two bedroom.

Councilmember Hoy: I know and I voted against that abatement.

Bill Spurling: I know you did.

Councilmember Hoy: I vote against most abatements, Mr. Spurling.

Bill Spurling: I understand that.

Councilmember Hoy: Because I do not believe--

Bill Spurling: I won't take it personally.

Councilmember Hoy: Please don't. I do not believe that abatements are fair to the general taxpayer. I don't single you out, but I think they just are unfair and they spread out, you know, over the rest of us. The bank just did that to me. I live in Pigeon Township, you know, and we pay the highest rate in the city. The highest per hundred in the city and we pick up a lot of tax abatement in our property taxes. It's not a personal thing.

Bill Spurling: I understand.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I've got so much to say and I'm going to try to condense it here, but in terms of paying taxes and who needs a break I consider my youth and I look

out there and some of the members in the crowd and they're the people that have been paying the taxes. I mean, they've paid it a great number of years. I voted for the center prior and I voted for the one on the west side. As a matter of fact, I was somewhat promoting that project as well because I knew at the time Golden Towers was taken over by USI and there was a great number of elderly people on a fixed income that had no place to hang their hats anymore. There is a lot, you know, you can think tax abatement in terms of business and jobs or what you're doing on the flip side for what you're doing for elderly people. You look at what we spend in taxes for the school system. They're not cluttering our schools, our parks, our golf courses, very little on our streets. I mean, we're paying for a lot of stuff that these people aren't costing us for. I mean, they're not causing us any grief. We're not spending more at Burdette Park because they're there. I mean, they get very little for the tax dollars that they pay or have paid in the past. You know, being on a fixed income if we can provide a break on their rent for five years I think it's worthwhile because, again, show me a sign of hands of the people out there that have condos in Florida. I mean, this isn't a second home for these people, I'm sure. This is their primary residence and, you know, where else do they go? I know the cost of nursing homes or Solarbron on the west side, it's gives them a break and I think it's a worthwhile project.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier or Mr. Lloyd.

Councilman Bassemier: I'll go after Russell.

Councilmember Sutton: And then I'll be after you.

Councilmember Lloyd: I am trying to finish this line of thought here. One thing now, this is on a new project adding 300 units. Everyone in the audience that lives at Lakeside Manor, this abatement that we're considering right now it would have no affect on them whatsoever. This is on a new project. The residents now in Lakeside Manor they've had abatement on that project since 1992 which was something that was voted by a prior elected Council. I respect what a prior elected Council does and that is something we're going to consider in our next item.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Lloyd. We'll change tapes, please.

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Councilmember Lloyd: So, this abatement that we are considering now has no effect on these residents unless one of the residents wanted to move to the new building for some reason, the rents may be different, I don't know. Then finally, I just feel we've not granted tax abatements in the TIF area and that is something that the County Commissioners set up and we've had to wrestle with this as a Council, but the property taxes in the TIF area are going to road improvements and I just feel that we should be consistent with that. We've voted down good projects because they are in the TIF area and I think that we need to be consistent with that. We can look at the other units that have had prior abatements, I don't think that we should change the rules in the middle of the game. But on these new units to vote to abatement in the TIF areas I think is a bad idea. Thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Lloyd. Mr. Bassemier and then Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Spurling, now if this is voted down would it affect any of these renters out here? Will their rent go up if this is voted down? This should not have any affect, am I correct?

Mr. Spurling: Well, it will not have an affect on these folks that are in the existing--

Councilmember Bassemier: Because I really think--

Mr. Spurling: Here is what will happen. I won't build the rest of them because how am I going to have these folks here that are paying \$360 a month and tell a guy over here for

the exact same thing that he is going to have to pay \$450?

Councilmember Bassemier: I see.

Mr. Spurling: You know, I don't think that the bank would go for it anyway. You know, I mean and then we all lose because what will happen then is the sewer won't get extended and the road won't get extended and you know it is a snowballing thing like what I went through a while ago.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Robling, I need to ask you a question. When is the next meeting for TIF? How is that set up? You said that we could be over, if we vote for-

Mike. Robling: The next meeting of the Vanderburgh County Redevelopment Commission is scheduled on the 25th of August.

Councilmember Bassemier: The 21st of August?

Mike. Robling: The 25th.

Councilmember Bassemier: The 25th. I hate to vote on this and then turn around and somebody else is going to vote it down. I am kind of thinking, I don't want to make a motion yet, but, I want to throw it to the other Councilmembers. Can we defer this until we find out? I think that it should have went before their board before it went to us. I would like to have the final say on it. I would like to throw that out. How do you all feel about that? Open meeting, defer this until he goes before the other board and they rule it out and it didn't come to us.

Councilmember Smith: Didn't Mr. Robling say, Ed, that then it would come back to us if they vote it down? Isn't that what you said?

Mike Robling: It will only come back to you if they approve it.

Councilmember Bassemier: And, see if we vote yes I think it is a good project and I am not against it. I just would like to have the final say on it. Because, if we say yes and they say no, then why are we here today? I would like to hear what they have to say. I tell you what, I am going to make a form of a motion to defer it (inaudible).

Councilmember Hoy: I will give you a second to get it on the floor.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, sir.

President Wortman: I have a motion and a second from Mr. Hoy. Now, discussion.

Councilmember Smith: Bill, how do you feel about that? How about your opinion?

Bill Spurling: Well, if you defer this, it is going to push us back another month because we will have to come back here after that for preliminary, which we could accomplish today. And then I will have to wait a month and come back for a final and that will push us into October and we are going to end up losing, getting our foundations and stuff in where we can get going this year. You know--

Councilmember Sutton: Can we not have preliminary and final resolution on the same agenda after that or do they have to be two separate agendas?

Bill Spurling: Mr. Bassemier, what does it really matter if we go ahead and get the preliminary out of the way? Then on the 25th I will go before the Redevelopment Commission and hopefully get their approval and then I can come back to you the next week at your next meeting here and it will be finished. I mean--

Councilmember Bassemier: The only reason that I was thinking, I don't...I just don't think,



I am trying to think in my mind. Why would they approve this? I would like to hear what they have to say. We have to wait until the 25th anyway so that's my way of feeling. Why I was feeling that way was because I would like to hear what they have to say about it.

Bill Spurling: But, it is going to push us back another month, because then we will have to come back to you again and go through this preliminary again. I mean, you will still get a final, you know, okay, if they say yes and I believe they will. I believe this so firmly that this is a good project for the community, they are not getting anything out of that bean field now anyway. That is not helping them pay off their bonds. And without this, this thing will create commercial development in front of these apartments that will more than make up the difference. The money will start coming in on the apartments too.

Councilmember Smith: You already own the property, don't you?

Bill Spurling: Yes, I do.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, are you--

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton--

Councilmember Hoy: We have a motion on the floor.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton there might be next in line.

Councilmember Sutton: At last, I finally get my turn.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I would like to call for the question on this motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I didn't get a chance.

Councilmember Hoy: I will withdraw that, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: I know that there is a problem with ministers behind the microphone and everything but allow the parishioners a chance to speak. A couple of things, I know I in the past and I don't know if, Councilmember Hoy, I might not be too far behind him in reputation as a tax abatement buster so to speak, but it's been something, it's been an issue for me quite some time. I am not opposed to tax abatement at all and maybe it is a little bit different than Councilman Hoy. I am not opposed to it, but I firmly believe that as an economic development tool, that we should use it wisely and we should think carefully before each and every abatement request and not just loosely provide abatement for every request that comes before us. And in light of the state statute that give us specific requirements of what meets tax abatement requirement, I want us to respect that, and at the same time I want to ensure that at the same time, that whatever the development is that it truly does provide economic stimulus for the community. When this request came before, well when the original request came before Council before '92 on the existing property I voted against it at that time and when it came back for approving resolution and I voted against it again and when the west side request came in I voted for that as well and my reasons were that I did not feel that the area was one, a depressed area. I didn't feel that the apartment units created economic development in that particular area. I think that it is always important that if you...if an issue is raised and you find yourself in error, and I think that in some ways I don't fault maybe the way I voted back then, I felt very comfortable with that, but you know I guess I have had a chance to take a look at the development and look at what's out there and I guess I question myself, what is economic development? Who am I to say that the only thing that has economic development has a smoke stack sitting on top of it and I look at the things that are taking place in and around my particular community. A lot of housing development things are occurring. Things are building and that is economic development in an area and it is not just hundreds and hundreds of jobs. You know, I am still very careful about abatement but it has made me reexamine what economic development really is. A top quality with the apartments, as Betty has indicated, and I like the area and who says that housing has to

be clustered all in one area, industry has to be clustered all in one area, commercial has to be clustered all in one area. You know, this is an area that isn't hurting necessarily. Economically, it is an area that is developing but you do not have this type of housing at this type of price anywhere in our county and you just, the quality is definitely there and I get an opportunity to see affordable housing projects all over the four state area in fact and this is really a quality project. So, it has been somewhat a struggle for me to come to a decision on what is best for the county, not this project, but what is best for this county. One of the questions I posed when I came out to look at the project was how many people that live in this development would be considered low to moderate income persons?

Bill Spurling: I have that answer. Last year, as you will recall, Mr. Robling, we raised the rent last year to take care of some of our tax abatement and phase in of taxes. I was called down here by Mr. Robling too because he has been against me every step of the way since day one. But, anyway, he thought that maybe I wasn't falling in the 20% that is reserved to low or moderate income units. So, we went through our records and pulled the incomes out of every one of our residents and 82% of the one bedroom units and 74% of the two bedroom units, the residents that live those units fall within the low to moderate income level. Seventy-four percent and 82% of the one bedroom, so I mean that tells you right there that we have folks there that want to live there and they love the place and they are not living in some kind of public government high-rise somewhere and so on you know.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, the other issue I look at is the original abatement that you received is for ten years. What happens to the rent levels when that abatement is no longer applicable to this particular project, this first project?

Bill Spurling: What we have done, we have figured this out. We have had two rent increases in the six years that we have been open. The consumer price index has gone up about 16% and our rents have gone up about 12% and like I said before, every bit of that has been used to pay the increase in the property tax. We are not raising our rents and we will not...we will, I will have to keep raising them enough to offset the phase in of the property tax. The property tax is the biggest bill that we have. You know, it is by far the largest amount.

Councilmember Sutton: We don't often get a lot of people to come to Council meetings so it is really good to see folks to come and to even just to hear us and see our faces. Maybe you read about us but you don't see us. How many of you are here in support of this project?

President Wortman: Yeah, I was going to have attendance there to stand up or raise your hand, that's good.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you. There is a motion on the floor and the motion is to defer--

President Wortman: Yeah, right. He called for a vote and Madam Secretary will you call the roll to defer.

Councilmember Smith: This is to delay?

Councilmember Lloyd: So, if you vote yes it is to delay, it is to defer.

Councilmember Bassemier: It is to--

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier, would you fix your motion now so that everybody understands it.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I would like to make a motion to defer until (inaudible) has a chance to hear it and I would like to hear what they have to say about it.

President Wortman: Would that be for one month?

Councilmember Bassemier: For one month and they are going to meet on the 25th. Right, Mr. Robling?

President Wortman: Do you accept that, Mr. Hoy? Okay, he seconds it. Okay, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I am going to vote no then it gives him a better chance to get it. So this is something that they'll have on their record when it goes in front of them.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: We just need to act. We shouldn't depend on another body to really influence our decisions. It must be based upon our personal judgements as to what we feel is best for Vanderburgh County. So I vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I am voting yes because right now we do not have the final word.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I seconded it but I vote no because I wanted to get the motion on the floor to see if it was going anywhere and obviously it isn't, Mr. Bassemier, so that is why I am voting no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: No, so now we need another motion.

**(Motion fails 1-6/Councilmembers Smith, Sutton, Hoy, Raben, Lloyd and Wortman opposed)**

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I have a question for Mr. Robling. I deal with the same figures that you deal with in your department on low/mod. What is low to moderate income per year, isn't that 80%?

Mike Robling: It is based on 80% of family income by households.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay. So--

Mike Robling: And it varies from year to year.

Councilmember Hoy: So what would that be for one person? I don't have my chart with me.

Mike Robling: I don't know specifically. It changes annually and I don't bother to remember it.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, I know and I am not trying to put you on the spot. I don't--

Mike Robling: It is a fairly substantial number.

Councilmember Hoy: It's a...I think that council needs to know--

Mike Robling: We are not talking about poverty--

Councilmember Hoy: We are not talking poverty level here we are talking about 80% of the median family income. The median family income and the median family income in the county is in the \$40,000 range.

Mike Robling: The mid-forties per family.

Councilmember Hoy: That is true.

Mike Robling: For a family of four.

Councilmember Hoy: That is for a household of four people. The median family income is \$40,000 and that's in homes where people work two jobs. Median means half or above or half or below and that is what this chart is based on.

Unidentified: You need a new chart.

Councilmember Hoy: It is not mine it is the government's.

Unidentified: What is poverty level?

Mike Robling: Poverty level is 70% of the median income level I believe. Our department doesn't deal with poverty level as a criteria, so I am not aware of those numbers but they are substantially lower.

Councilmember Hoy: One person is about \$9,000 something, isn't it Mike?

Mike Robling: I think that it is a lot higher than that.

Councilmember Hoy: Is it?

Mike Robling: Eighty percent or better.

Bill Spurling: (Inaudible.)

Mike Robling: One person at 80% was \$23,000.

Councilmember Hoy: One person, is that last year's chart?

Mike Robling: This is the 1998 chart so it has gone up slightly from that.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, one person is \$23,000 a year. That is 80% of what one person has.

Royce Sutton: Now, keep in mind when he says median income, if you have a lot of individuals that make a lot of money that pushes the average up a whole lot--

Councilmember Hoy: We are not talking average, we are talking median which means half make above and half make at or below. It is simply a guideline but it is a guideline that is used and it is one that we have to use at the Food Bank for food distribution. A lot of people think that the guideline is poverty level and it is not. That is my only point.

President Wortman: Okay, I will entertain another motion.

Councilmember Knight: I make a motion that we approve.

President Wortman: Can I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: We have a second. Okay, no discussion? I'll call the roll for approval of the motion.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion carried 4-3/Councilmembers Bassemier, Hoy and Lloyd opposed)**

President Wortman: Motion passes four to one...two. Did you vote yes, Mr. Sutton?  
Motion passes four to three.

Mike Robling: I would like to make a clarifying statement for the record.

President Wortman: That's right.

Mike Robling: Mr. Spurling indicated that I called him before the Council last year. I will note that except when Mr. Spurling or any other business taxpayer has applied for a new tax abatement that anytime we send a notice to that taxpayer requesting their presence at a meeting of this Council it is at the request and direction of the Council not my own prerogative.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: One more thing, Mr. Robling, I might ask when this TIF, when you guys meet--

Mike Robling: The Redevelopment Commission.

Councilmember Sutton: Redevelopment Commission and when they discuss the bonding and the TIF, I would like to get, if you could bring back for us, what the estimates were when the TIF district was created and if we look at what development is now, what the projects may be if--

Mike Robling: I am not aware, the projections would have been done last year when the second issue was done. The Auditor's Office would have current numbers or the current revenues generated by the TIF but I don't keep the county tax records and do not have those figures readily available.

Councilmember Sutton: Is that public information, though?

Mike Robling: It is public information held by the--

Councilmember Hoy: The Auditor's Office.

Mike Robling: The Auditor's Office.

Councilmember Hoy: The Auditor has that.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, Suzanne, is it possible that we could have some information like that? Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you everybody. We are going to take a seven minute recess and get back in here because we have time problems here. We have to get out of here for when Area Plan comes. So, I think that completes that for all of the ladies and gentlemen that filed down here. We appreciate your attendance and come on down any other time. You have to come to the microphone.

Unidentified: I have a big mouth, but I'll come to the microphone anyway.

President Wortman: Yes, we will take a recess but this gentleman wants to say something but then we'll take a recess. A short pause for a good cause.

Joe Bradley, Sr.: I will try to speak fast. My name is Joe Bradley, Sr. and I am a retired construction worker or Boilermaker, 77 years old. I would like the record to show that I have been living at Lakeside Manor, it will be four years in December. Never in my lifetime have I lived in a more comfortable surrounding than I live right now. Nobody bothers us. Mr. Spurling does everything that he possibly can to make us comfortable in our environment out there. What bothers me is that I don't know what TIF is unless it is an acronym for something, but it has been kicked around here all day. My philosophy is that if it ain't broke don't fix it and nothing needs to be fixed out there and this man can be allowed to build another group of 300 apartments that will help people like us then by God let him do it. Thank you for your time.

President Wortman: Thank you for your time.

Councilmember Smith: Thank you, Joe.

President Wortman: Okay, we are going to have a seven minute recess and then come back because we have the compliance and everything else. So a short pause for a good cause. Thank you all for coming down.

### **Tape Change**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AZTECA MILLING</b> <b>COMPLIANCE OF STATEMENT OF BENEFITS - CF-1 FORMS</b></p>
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President Wortman: We'll reconvene to our recess here. Next is compliance of statement

of benefits for Azteca Milling, Warren Spurling, Temme Investments, Temme Mold and Engineering, Matrixx Corp and Rexam Closures. The Council Attorney will read a statement affecting this.

Jeff Ahlers: I'm going to outline here a good way, I think, to proceed and put notice on those present. As you probably know, at the July 7th meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council those six companies that Mr. Wortman named were sent notices from that meeting that there had been a motion made and unanimously approved to make a preliminary finding that your business was not in compliance with the statement of benefits due to the failure to meet the job creation goal stated on your statement of benefits which was approved by this Council at the time that your property was designated as an economic revitalization area and that said failure to comply was not caused by factors beyond the control of the property owner. A notice was sent to you of the Council's action on July 7th notifying you of the hearing today on August 4th to further review your compliance with the statement of benefits. Based upon the information presented at today's hearing by each business there will be a determination by this Council as to whether or not you substantially comply with your statement of benefits, or if you do not, whether or not that failure to comply is due to factors beyond your control. One of the things that I would suggest to each of the businesses in order to comply with the statute is I would suggest that when Mr. Wortman calls each of the businesses up that obviously the County Councilmembers will have some questions for you, but one thing that each business should do would be to address the following points. State what efforts your business has taken to substantially comply with the job creation goals included in your statement of benefits. State what factors beyond the control of your business, say for example such as declines in the demand for the business' products or services, that may have caused this failure to meet the job creation goals. Thirdly, if you have unfilled job openings at this time due to employee resignations or inability to attract qualified applicants to fill new positions, please identify what efforts you have taken to fill these positions. Also then identify any other extenuating circumstances that may have caused your failure to meet the job creation goals stated in your statement of benefits. Upon the conclusion of the Councilmembers asking questions and your presentation, what we will need to do is a Councilmember will need to make a motion stating something substantial. If they're going to find that you are in compliance or that the failure to comply was due to factors beyond your control, a Councilmember would need to make a motion something to the effect that I move the Vanderburgh County Council finds the business has made reasonable efforts to substantially comply with the statement of benefits and that any failure to substantially comply was caused by factors beyond the control of the business. If someone wants to make a motion to the negative or if that motion does not pass, then a Councilmember would need to make a motion that the business has not substantially complied, and state that the factors were not beyond the business' control. I don't know if Mr. Wortman, if you want to take them in alphabetical order or if you have some other order you'd like to take them in?

President Wortman: I'll take the first, but I might remind you now, the Area Plan...we've got to be out of here at 5:30, so we've got 20 minutes. So we don't want to talk excessively, but we want to make our decisions very quickly. I think, you know, the companies here represented are good quality companies. I think we've got to be careful here on that, and I think we'll go from there. So the first on the agenda that I will call forward will be Azteca Milling. Would the representative please step forward and state your name.

Marco DeLucio: Thank you Mr. Wortman, members of the County Council. My name is Marco DeLucio. I am an attorney on behalf of Azteca Milling Company. With me today is Jorge Trevino, the Corporate Plant Superintendent for Azteca's corporate offices in Edinburg, Texas, Ronnie Cantu who is the Plant Controller here in Evansville, and Mark Jennings who's the Director of Human Relations at Azteca. We're here to answer any questions that you may have. The first thing I'd like to note, Mr. President, is I delivered to each of the Council people a copy of a memorandum that basically outlines our presentation. I realize we're short on time. This contains everything that I would say had I had enough time to speak today. What I would like to point out, however, is just briefly run through a couple of the facts as Mr. Ahlers was indicating. The compliance form which

was submitted in June on behalf of Azteca listed that they had 116 employees. That number was correct as of December 31, 1998. Today, and I think today is what we should be looking at, Azteca has 130 employees. It has capacity and has positions open for 145 employees, and I'll talk about what efforts we've made to attract people to those positions. I would submit to you that if we were able to fill those 145 positions we would be at 83% of our projected goal which was 175. We think that is substantial. I think factoring in on top of that is the salaries because it's really salaries that we're concerned about, I think here, because that's where the taxes are generated. The salaries that we projected back in 1994 were \$3,900,000. The compliance form that we submitted in June showed that we paid wages of a little over \$3,200,000 which is roughly, I think it's 87% of our goal. What I would point out to you is today, through July, we have paid wages of over \$2,200,000 and the projected wages to be paid during calendar year 1999 is \$3,845,000 which at 98% of our goal. That does not include, these are just wages, that does not include the package of benefits that are provided to the employees at Azteca including health insurance and a 401K plan. So, we have benefits on top of that. Tax abatement also is not just about employment goals, that's why we're here today, but it is also about the investment that Azteca has made into this community. Total improvements that we projected to make on our statement of benefits back in 1994 were \$43,000,000, \$32,000,000 was in equipment and \$11,000,000 of that was for real estate improvements in that area. The records reflect that I submitted here today that Azteca has invested close to \$42,000,000 or 98% of what it thought it would have invested back in 1994. Again, we believe that is in substantial compliance with our statement of benefits. One last thing that I would like to point out in trying to show you that I think we're in substantial compliance before I get into reasons why we haven't fully complied is we took a look at the county ordinance which would have made Azteca or any other business eligible for tax abatement if it would have come before you and estimated that it was going to spend \$5,000,000 on improvements and equipment and employed 50 people. Azteca has spent eight times that amount in improvements and equipment and employees three times the number of people that were the minimum threshold requirements that this Council has set forth in its resolution. So maybe the mistake was that we over estimated, we should have come in and said it was going to be 50 people and \$5,000,000 and we wouldn't be here today. But we tried to give you a good faith estimate back in 1994 as to what we were going to do. Now, we haven't fully complied with everything that we said, so what factors have caused that? Why are we below the projected 175 people? Foremost, and probably the most important factor or problem, I'm not sure it's a problem, I think it's a good thing, is the productivity of the local workforce. When Azteca came to town and made its projections, it knew how much flour it wanted to produce at its facility here in Vanderburgh County. It based the number of employees it would take based on historical numbers that it had at its other plants located in the southwest. It knew how many people it took to produce flour down there and assumed that it would be the same thing up here. What they found however, and on their productivity reports and we've looked at productivity reports for as early as the six months this year and compared it to their plant down in Edinburg, Texas which produces roughly the same product in the same quantities, is that the local workforce is approximately 28% more productive here. To produce 100,000,000 tons of corn flour in Edinburg it took 86,000 labor hours to produce that quantity in Edinburg. It only took 62,522 hours here in Vanderburgh County. So I'm very proud to say, I live here in Vanderburgh County, our workforce is much more productive than what they had been use to elsewhere. That probably led, I think, to a large extent to their over estimation of the number of jobs that would be created back then. I don't think they could have reasonably predicted that. They weren't from this area, they weren't familiar with the local workforce. I think they've been pleasantly surprised that the local workforce has been as productive as it has been. I hope that they're not penalized because the local workforce is that productive. As I indicated before we currently have 130 employees. We have positions available for 145. We've hired, I think, 36 people, Mark, so far this year. We are continuing to try to hire that. We have 15 positions which if qualified people would present themselves we'd have positions available for them today. The problem we've had is a turnover problem and also attracting new people. In the local economy there's 3.1% unemployment, that's probably the lowest level in recent memory. You talk to any employer in this town and they'll tell you their number one problem is finding workers, qualified workers to fill positions. We've gone a long way in the last four or five years from trying to find jobs for qualified people, now we're



trying to find qualified people to fill these jobs that have been created. The Council, the local government has been very successful in creating jobs. Look at four years ago, five years ago when Azteca came here we didn't have a Toyota, we didn't have an A K Steel, we didn't have the GPC plant in Washington, Indiana. I mean, all of those have created a real strain on our labor market here which makes it difficult to keep positions filled and we're doing our best that we can. As Jeff indicated, he wanted to know what we had done to try to attract jobs. Well, we've run ads in newspapers both here and in Princeton. We've worked with and spoken with the Metropolitan Evansville Chamber of Commerce. They have workforce people who have counseled with us on that. We have an open order for employees at the local workforce development office here in Evansville and also in Vincennes. We're getting applications in, I'm not saying we're not getting applications in, but what we want to do is make sure that we hire qualified people only that are going to stay because we want to keep those people. We spend money on training them. We want them to stay when they come. Very briefly...just switching subjects for a moment, but another factor that caused a loss of jobs somewhat is at the time when we made the statement of benefits, or made the projections in the statement of benefits, the Mexican peso was trading at around three pesos per dollar, three and a half pesos per dollar. Immediately, they were getting ready to start construction of their facility in January of 1995, in December of 1994 there was an international monetary crisis in Mexico and the peso was devalued. Now the peso is trading at roughly nine...it takes nine pesos to buy a dollar. It made it extremely and significantly more expensive for Azteca to build its facility here. I think they did a great job in completing their facility here because it was substantially as they wanted to. They did eliminate a corn storage facility, they eliminated a railroad spur and a couple of other areas that costed them, in their estimates, around five to ten jobs because they weren't able to build the facility as they wanted to build when they projected to do it when the peso was around three and a half pesos per dollar. Finally, the other factor that I think was reasonably beyond our control, it comes to no surprise to anyone here that we've had trouble with our water treatment facility. Azteca hadn't developed a water treatment facility itself in this kind of climate up here, and it hired an entity which it thought had that experience, could build the facility and run the facility efficiently. Unfortunately, that did not work out. Last summer they terminated that company. Since then Azteca has spent a lot of money, not to mention the time and talents of their own people to jump in and try to make the necessary repairs, the necessary improvements to its water treatment facility, not the least of which was the \$500,000 that they spent to put a cover on the anaerobic lagoon in order to attempt to eliminate the odor problem which was being experienced in the northern part of the county. We've come a long way in completing that. We are continuing trying to tweak that to make sure that we don't have a problem. One of the things that we have done and not been able to do as a result of the problem is to increase production to the full levels that are capable of being produced out there until we get this problem with the water treatment facility fully solved and we're satisfied that it is solved. So, once that gets done that's going to help us to increase production out there and keep employment at high levels. Two other things I'd like you to consider as you make your decision this evening is that Azteca has a significant local economic impact. It spends roughly \$500,000 a year on purchasing local goods and services and since its opening it's purchased roughly \$75,000,000 worth of corn from tri-state area farmers and producers. So it has a significant economic impact in this area and we hope and we believe that we have substantially complied with our statement of benefits, or if you feel that we haven't, that we've done everything and will continue to do everything that we can to meet, to live up to that with the possible exception I'm telling you today that probably the 175 number that we projected in 1994 is probably not a realistic number for us to reach. I think the realistic number which I'm communicating to you today is 145. We would ask the Council this evening to not take away the tax abatement which was a substantial economic incentive for Azteca to locate here. It's a substantial economic incentive for other companies. We think that it is very valuable to us and would ask that you keep that in place for Azteca. I'm here as is Mr. Trevino, Mr. Cantu and Mr. Jennings to answer any questions that you might have.

President Wortman: Okay, Councilmembers we've got to keep moving here. We've got to be quick.

Councilmember Sutton: A couple of questions real quick, I know we're running short on time. What is the pay level for an entry level person?

Marco DeLucio: The current average out there is \$13.20 an hour. The entry level position starts at \$8.50 an hour. We have increased that substantially and that's one of the other things, I'm glad you brought that up Mr. Sutton, that we have done to try to attract and retain our employees. We had a substantial wage increase in May across the board. So it's \$8.50 and if they're there 90 days and get through their probationary period that goes up to \$9.00.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I met with Mr. Jennings last year and I know he was having some difficulties in being able to attract people at the wage that they had at that particular time. But yeah, this is definitely an increase over, at that time, it was just a little over \$7.00, \$7.13 I think, something like that is what it was.

Marco DeLucio: They've made a real effort because they've realized that they've got competitive pressures out there as well, and they know that's a key to attracting and retaining employees.

Councilmember Sutton: So that's a significant step. The other thing is, this is kind of for the productivity of our workers here locally, in light of the fact that they are producing more, how is their pay in relation to those down in Texas? If they're producing more shouldn't they be getting paid more?

Marco DeLucio: I think they are paid more. If you'll look at our projection on our statement of benefits which is included in the packet I've given you it was estimated at \$9.60 would be the average wage and we're at \$13.26. So, I think we've recognized their productivity by increasing their wages substantially.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, and I've been one of the ones that have asked a lot of questions about all of the abatements and one important one I think we want to hear what the rationale is behind the shortfall in the numbers. Everything is not within your control, we recognize that, but unless there is some discussion about that, you know, we can only make assumptions. You've gone through really eloquently so I won't go through a litany of questions.

President Wortman: Anybody else? Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: A question on your, I'm looking at your health benefits.

Marco DeLucio: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: A single employee's health benefits, the company pays 76 cents an hour. If my calculator is right and I'm right, that's about \$1,580 a year. What's the employee's share of health insurance, do you know?

Marco DeLucio: Mr. Jennings, you'll have to come to the microphone.

President Wortman: Yeah, you'll have to come to the microphone please. State your name please.

Mark Jennings: Mark Jennings. Single coverage is \$4.62 a week.

Councilmember Hoy: So what's that, annualized is...?

Mark Jennings: A little over \$200 I'd guess.

Councilmember Hoy: That's what the employee pays?

Mark Jennings: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay. The company pays \$1,580 and the employee pays about \$200. And that same percentage was obtained with a family as well?

Mark Jennings: Those numbers came from our corporate office so I would assume so.

Councilmember Hoy: Do you all pay anything into a retirement fund?

Mark Jennings: We have a 401K retirement fund which the employee does not have to contribute to. If they are on the payroll at the beginning of the year and at the end of the year with no break in service the company puts a contribution into a 401K account in the employee's name.

Councilmember Hoy: And that becomes theirs?

Mark Jennings: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: Which is one of the nice things about a 401K.

Mark Jennings: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: You're saying here that in your projection originally, because I was President of the Council when we arranged this, that you were going to have 175 employees in two years, that has not happened. In fact the original application said 175 to 190. Where do you think you're going to top out on employees? And when?

Marco DeLucio: What I'm telling you is I think that number is 145, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: And that's it?

Marco DeLucio: Yes, sir

Councilmember Hoy: We're not going to get 175?

Marco DeLucio: We hope we can top that tomorrow, but with people coming and going we don't know. But 145 is the number I believe.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I would just like to state that I've had an opportunity to look through this, it's a very impressive document. I believe that the company is making substantial efforts to comply. So I'm going to go ahead and follow the format here. Mr. Ahlers, I was going to follow the format and go ahead and make a motion that--

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, let me make the motion that the Vanderburgh County Council find that Azteca Milling Company LP has made reasonable effort to substantially comply with its statement of benefits and that any failure to substantially comply was caused by factors beyond the control of the business.

President Wortman: Very good and do I have a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier second. Just a second, the County Attorney has some discussion.

Jeff Ahlers: The only thing I was going to say, Mr. DeLucio did you give a copy of this to

the secretary and ask her to make it of record?

Marco DeLucio: I gave it to the County Auditor and I think opened my remarks by saying I'd like that to be made part of the record.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay that's fine. I just wanted to make sure that if you wanted to that this was placed in the record.

Marco DeLucio: Yes.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay.

President Wortman: I think Azteca has been very good, they've got the smell under control. I think they're a very good company. They're out in the promised land, out there in Scott Township. We welcome them out there and we'd like to keep them out there. So we've got a second, I call for the vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: One thing, I might ask that since this is going to continue to come up and since they are saying that they can't meet what is in their projections, is there a way to make a notation in their material some kind of way or another so that next year we don't again assume that they're short when they've already indicated that the 145 is the top figure?

President Wortman: I think, Mr. Sutton, what we need to do is Mr. Robling needs to go out and check on these people, these companies, and they'd be glad to give him some information and Mr. Robling can report back, you know.

Councilmember Sutton: Well he's not here, so...

Councilmember Hoy: Yes he is.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, I thought you were sitting over there.

President Wortman: No, he's kind of hiding from us. But I think that would be the thing, he could go out and do this. You know, sometimes you don't have to call them in if you've got information in front of you, see. It's good.

Marco DeLucio: Mr. Robling did that with us and he talked to us about that.

Councilmember Smith: I feel like that each one of these that they should go out and talk to them and it wouldn't take one day to do them all that we've got. And I think Mike should be the one to go out there because he knows all about it.

Councilmember Sutton: I may have gotten something started, we're doing a roll call vote here.

Mike Robling: I would like to note that--

Councilmember Sutton: Just a second here, we're doing a roll call vote. So, perhaps maybe after we get done with our vote. Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: And I vote yes.

**(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Hoy opposed)**

President Wortman: Now you want to comment right quick?

Mike Robling: I would like to note that on a number of the compliance forms there were comments made at the bottom of the form indicating these kinds of answers that we did contact the companies and give you these answers. You did not appear to be looking at them next month when you selected six businesses. In response to Mr. Sutton's question a while ago, I think we could come back with a simple resolution to amend the statement of benefits for Azteca to reduce that number so that it would be lower and not come up as a compliance issue as long as they've met the 145 in the future.

President Wortman: I'm into these businesses and I'll tell you what they're very impressive. They've done a good job. Everybody, you ought to just go out and take a look. They would be glad to take you through. And that's Temme Mold, Azteca, Matrixx all of them, they've done a good job. Now we've got to keep going and the next one --

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: Did you have a contract on this plant, electrical? Did you have an electrical contract on this plant?

President Wortman: On the water treatment plant out of Texas. I had nothing to do with Azteca.

Councilmember Hoy: But you did have a contract on the water treatment plant?

President Wortman: Right, and I fair bid it and everything.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Yeah, good.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WARREN SPURLING</b> <b>COMPLIANCE OF STATEMENT OF BENEFITS - CF-1 FORMS</b></p>
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President Wortman: Now we are going on to the next on the agenda is Warren Spurling. Mr. Spurling please come forward.

Bill Spurling: My name is Bill Spurling. I've been here before you before concerning the number of jobs. I would like to start out by reading a comment from Mr. Robling in the September 7, 1994 meeting of this body. It was under new business and you were discussing a resolution on the Spurling housing development length of deduction. Mr.

Robling stated that it is a housing project for the elderly which was basically the reason that it was approved. Job creation was really not the reason that you approved it to begin with. It was a provision of lower income housing for the elderly. I'd like to go through, I'll hurry here. You have a sheet here that's a summary sheet it says totals for the entire project. When I came and applied initially I had three full-time employees and two part-time on that first application which tax abatement form it says the original application. If you'll look on the second page I promised to hire seven full-time and six part-time employees for a total ten full and eight part-time. I made one mistake when I applied for that first abatement, I didn't allow myself enough time to finish the construction. I only gave myself two years. The bank, the lenders, insisted that we build it in phases because it was a new product and they wanted us to test the market. They didn't want to put all that money out and then find out that there wasn't a market there for what we do. Of course it was very successful and we continue to build, but my time period ran out. So, DMD had me refile the tax abatement for the remainder of the project. At that time I had ten employees full-time and eight part-time which we hit our target from the first one. Then if you'll look at the reapplication, 1994, on the second page, I had ten full and eight part and I promised to hire three full and three part-time additional which would have brought me to a grand total of 13 full-time and 11 part-time employees. What got confusing was that in the application it was very easy to keep them separate, but when it came time to fill out the statement of benefits form they overlapped and the numbers got added together. Instead of keeping those two applications separate they got added together. So, on the statement of benefits it looks like we were...like I say because there were two of them, you have the first one and the second one and it gets very confusing at that point. Anyway, the first application was for the entire project. I estimated that I would have ten full-time and eight part-time and it was passed. Through the reapplication was where things got confusing. Anyway, today we have 19 full-time employees and 22 part-time employees which puts us well over the...even with the mistake on the CF-1 Form we're still over the number of employees that are required.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody got any questions for Mr. Spurling?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Spurling, the last time you were before us there was some confusion on where some of your employees worked. I'm looking at this list here that you gave us. All of these folks that are listed as full-time, they work full-time at this complex, is that correct?

Bill Spurling: Not at just that complex.

Councilmember Hoy: They work other places as well?

Bill Spurling: Occasionally.

Councilmember Hoy: The last time that you were here...these are all your employees though? The last time you included contract employees. These are not contract employees right?

Bill Spurling: The part-time folks or the full-time people are all my employees.

Councilmember Hoy: The part-timers are contract?

Bill Spurling: Right. They would be like cleaning people, lawn people, techs like heating and air conditioning repair.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, they work for other companies and you employ them to do certain tasks at your place?

Bill Spurling: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: That's, as you know, a problem I have with this. Because I would say to Council, I don't know where you all work, but where I work we contract with a number

of companies to do pest control, refrigeration, fork lift contracts, etc. and we do not count them as our employees of Tri-State Food Bank. And I don't think most businesses do. Those are contracts rather than employees. Also, my comment is that even the full-time employees they do work at other projects and while I think this still will pass I think it's worthy of noting that this project did not in and of itself create all of these jobs. It helped create these jobs.

Bill Spurling: This project, and I never presented this project as being a big job producer.

Councilmember Hoy: No you didn't.

Bill Spurling: You know, it was for the establishment of senior housing, living--

Councilmember Hoy: No, I will grant you that. I just wanted to clarify the employees in question.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else? We've got to keep moving here. So, Mr. Lloyd do you want to make a motion since you did before?

Councilmember Lloyd: I'd like someone else to make a motion.

Councilmember Smith: I make a motion we approve.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, I've got a motion and a second. We're talking about Mr. Spurling on that and he's made reasonable efforts to comply with the statement on that. So, okay, 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: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Thank you Mr. Spurling, we appreciate it.

Bill Spurling: Thank you very much for your time.

**(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Hoy opposed)**

**Tape Change**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SECOND AND FINAL READING VANDERBURGH INDUSTRIAL PARK BOND ORDINANCE</b></p>
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President Wortman: Okay, we're going to skip for just a second here. We're going to go down to the Vanderburgh Industrial Park bond ordinance second and final reading. I would like to have a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: So moved, Mr. President.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben. Do I have a second?

Councilman Bassemier: Second.

Councilmember Hoy: Question, Mr. President. Is this the Phoenix project? The old Phoenix project?

Jeff Ahlers: VIP.

Councilmember Hoy: Huh? I know, but it was the Phoenix project originally?

Councilmember Raben: This is the same.

Councilmember Hoy: The same one? Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Ed, you seconded it?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

President Wortman: Okay, call the roll please. This is for approval. Mrs. Smith, pay attention.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.



Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Hoy opposed.)**

<b>FILING DATE FOR SEPTEMBER 1999 MEETING</b>
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President Wortman: Now we're going to move the filing date for September, 1999 will be August 13th. Sandie will send a memo out.

<b>ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS IN MONEY MARKET MUTUAL FUNDS</b>
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President Wortman: Okay, now we've got an ordinance authorizing and approving the investment of public funds in money market mutual funds. I'll have a motion to entertain that from Councilmembers.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of that.

President Wortman: Alright. Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I'll give a second to that.

President Wortman: You'll give a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Lloyd: I was going to say and maybe Mr. Sutton could help, but, I mean, I did read the ordinance and looks like...I mean, it's different types of investments than what our Treasurer is doing now, but it's AAA rated and it looks like the state would also recommend these vehicles so just looking at it I didn't see any problem with it.

President Wortman: Alright, any other discussion? Call the roll please?

Councilmember Sutton: Whoa.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Sutton: Now, this particular item is something that has come up in other public bodies. Can we get them to quiet down just a little bit I guess.

President Wortman: Can you be kind of quiet, please? Continue, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. The other public bodies have taken up and I don't know in terms of the extent of all the number of investments and I don't in any way present myself as any financial wizard or wonder when it relates to how public entities may invest their funds, but there is a certain level of risk involved with any investment. I guess when we look at something like this I don't know if the public has had an ample opportunity to really consider this issue. I mean, this is not something that you really want to take lightly per se. I think though we do have it on the agenda and we didn't really have any discussion last week in our other meeting when you talk about investing public funds in some instruments where there is volatility the public really needs to have an opportunity to really have some input on those types of things. You know, we've seen some issues out in California, this is probably about four or five years ago, where some cities went belly up and you really had some real issues there, so before proceeding forward in something like this I would really

caution that we really take...I would rather go on the side of caution and take it slower rather than jump right in this. I mean, we're not going to miss out on necessarily a whole lot right now. The market is down a little bit anyway, but I guess my concern is that perhaps maybe we may give the public a better opportunity to respond on this issue.

President Wortman: This is the first reading. There will be a second reading also. This is just for a year, I think, Mr. Sutton, if I understand that right.

Councilmember Sutton: What was that?

President Wortman: It would be just for a year.

Councilmember Sutton: Now why would we only invest for a year? I mean, that wouldn't--

Jeff Ahlers: The ordinance itself just says that it expires one year from its adoption. As I read this and I looked at it, this all falls under a new law and all it is doing is modifying. Most of this stuff is money market mutual funds, you know what I am saying, so you would be bringing it in and out every day. There is going to be though you will have a second reading so you'll have a month to investigate. I'm not telling you...you guys can do whatever you want with it today, but to respond to you it will have to have a second reading and the ordinance itself expires in one year in terms of long-term--

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, whoever is going to be the principal over making these investments, I mean, I would like to hear something from that person or department, what have you.

Councilmember Lloyd: The County Treasurer.

Councilmember Sutton: The County Treasurer. I mean, I really would like to hear a presentation from that group before we would proceed forward in this so that we would have an opportunity to ask questions in addition to the public as well before we would really move forward on this.

President Wortman: Okay, we've got a motion on the floor and a second. Any other discussion?

Councilmember Raben: Other than the fact that I would certainly agree with Councilman Sutton. I made the motion to get it on the floor and then I realized she wasn't here. I had plenty of questions myself. I would like to withdraw my motion at this time.

President Wortman: Who made the...you withdraw yours?

Councilmember Lloyd: I would be happy to withdraw my second. I would like the Treasurer to come in and talk to her about it.

President Wortman: Alright, you want to defer it one month?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yeah, I'll make a motion to defer the ordinance until the next Council meeting.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second that.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben seconded it. Any discussion? Okay, does that kind of blend in with you, Mr. Sutton? Okay, thank you. Call the roll please.

Councilmember Smith: For a delay?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yeah, motion to defer to the next Council meeting.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Okay, now then we've got three more here. Temme Engineering, would they step forward, please.

Councilman Bassemier: Wait a minute, Mr. President.

President Wortman: Excuse me just a minute.

Jeff Ahlers: First of all, back on this ordinance you'll need to give direction to the Secretary to advertise this ordinance.

President Wortman: Madam Secretary and Sandie, will you advertise?

Sandie Deig: Teri does that, but it was going to be advertised for the September 1 public hearing, am I not correct?

Teri Lukeman: Does it need to be advertised for the first reading or just as a second and final?

Jeff Ahlers: Alright, but that is now going to change, I think is the point. What would have been the second and final reading is now not going to.

Suzanne Crouch: But they can change it. It will be one month later.

President Wortman: We don't need a motion.

<b>TEMME MOLD AND ENGINEERING and TEMME INVESTMENTS COMPLIANCE OF STATEMENT OF BENEFITS - CF-1 FORMS</b>
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President Wortman: Okay now, Mr. Temme, would you step forward please. We've got

to get out of here. We've only got ten minutes here so we've got to go and I've got to go eat supper yet.

Stan Temme: Okay, my name is Stan Temme and I am representing...what I would like to do is cover Temme Mold and Engineering and Temme Investments. Those are really two entities that make up the same abatement. They were acquired under Temme Mold and Engineering. It's a tool and die shop. We make injection molds. Temme Investments is the owners and caretakers of the building that Temme Mold and Engineering rents from. Three years ago we came to you for a tax abatement. Temme Investments built the building about \$560,000 on the building. We've done that. Temme Mold and Engineering is the company that hires the employees to make injection molds. We had projected 20 people. Currently we are at 15. We've been in operation for two years. The jobs that we have created are very highly skilled jobs. I would say our entry level rate for apprentices is maybe \$7 to \$8 an hour. Our top lead men are making \$23 an hour plus time and a half for overtime. We offer full medical and dental, a 401K plan with company matching funds, paid holidays and vacation. At this point, I guess, the reason for not reaching the 20 is really just under estimating or maybe over estimating what we thought we could do. The tool market has been slow, particularly in Evansville. I would say about 75 percent of our customers and work comes from outside the Evansville area. Houston, Boulder, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, areas outside of Evansville. We plan to continue to grow. The facility that we have, we have 15 people all on first shift. We are trying to start a second shift. It is very difficult to do when you need skilled employees, people with 10 years or 15 year experience in the industry to get them to work the night shift. So we're probably going to have to go outside the Evansville area to get those people, to find those. We are advertising in the Evansville Courier to obtain those positions. Right now we have two to three position for night shift open. I am looking to hire another mold designer and after that a programmer, so that would eventually get us to 20. We submitted a paper after we were requested to come here, a letter, and I guess what we are requesting is that maybe we over estimated three years ago that we instead place the number of jobs at 15 initially with the attempt to try to grow to 20 over the term of the abatement. As far as our salaries go last year we predicted salaries of \$1 million. Salaries last year were just under \$800,000. This resulted in I would say our average salary is just over \$50,000 per employee. This was all done just with \$1.5 million of tax abatement so we feel like we've been making every effort we can to comply with the projections that we made three years ago.

President Wortman: And technology has entered into this picture, too, with the latest equipment, I am assuming, and all that.

Stan Temme: Yeah, as far as Azteca mentioned, as far as productivity that we probably finally invested in...we're currently around \$980,000 in equipment that we have purchased. I think we estimated \$1,060,000. We have kind of exceed our productivity. Not really based on the worker, but just based on the machinery that we've purchased.

President Wortman: I think all the Councilmen received a letter to that effect, too. Now, do any Councilmen got any questions?

Councilmember Hoy: I've got a question, sir.

President Wortman: Go ahead, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Temme, I'm a little confused from the paperwork here. You have...there are two abatements here that we're looking at and there are 20 employees listed on each one. Are we talking about 40 employees or 20 total?

Stan Temme: No, we intended 20.

Councilmember Hoy: Twenty total?

Stan Temme: Yeah. Mr. Robling had us split up the applications because one was a company that had to do with real estate and the other was company that had to do with the

hiring of employees, so we submitted them on two different forms, but we intended them to be together.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, in our minds then it would be helpful to us if we merged these two and saw them as one.

Stan Temme: Yeah, you can call it Temme Mold and Engineering.

Councilmember Sutton: So the realistic figure that you're talking about rather than 20 is what?

Stan Temme: Well, right now we're at 15 and I guess if I had to put the number on a paper three years ago I would have said 15 with the effort to grow to 20. And that's our effort. I mean, we would like to get up to 20 employees with this current facility.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess as you see it now, are you still seeing 20 or are you seeing 15?

Stan Temme: I would like to see 20, it's just next year if I'm at 17 am I going to be called back to try and explain why I don't have three additional employees, so for the record I would like to say 15 and growing to 20 over the terms of the abatement.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any questions? If not I'll entertain a motion for approval. Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

President Wortman: So moved. Anybody second it?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd seconded it. Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Normally I would vote no because I do feel that we were looking originally at 40 employees, but apparently there was some confusion there. I'll vote a qualified yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Temme.

Stan Temme: Thank you.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MATRIX GROUP</b> <b>COMPLIANCE OF STATEMENT OF BENEFITS - CF-1 FORMS</b></p>
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President Wortman: Now, Matrixx representative, would they come forward, please.

Mike Robling: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make sure that the record reflects both.

President Wortman: Both divisions, right.

Kirk Wright: I'm Kirk Wright, with the Matrixx Group. I think you all received a letter from me stating what our position is. Our major position is we made a few errors on our SB-1 and our CF-1. The bottom line is we just moved into our facility just about a week and a half ago with major problems not to our factory, mainly our material handling company, which we have fired, kind of left us high and dry and delayed us a total of 12 to 15 months. Our crew numbers are we've added 25 people since we were granted tax abatement and we've added over \$1,100,000 in salaries. Unfortunately we lost out on our first year of tax abatement to being delayed, so the county kind of caught up and got one on us on that one. We feel that we'll still meet our projection. Within three years of completion of the facility we'll hire 67 people and we'll more than match and exceed the salaries that we mentioned.

President Wortman: I think we might take note here, when they was in the enterprise zone here in town, in Evansville, they projected 22 employees and ended up with 98, is that correct?

Kirk Wright: We ended up with 90. We counted eight guys twice, so actually, you said 22 and we ended up with 90. So we have a track history.

President Wortman: They're moving right along. They're only two years old so we've got to give them credit. Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I was in support of this request when it came before us before and I also was the one who made the motion to call Matrixx before us, not the Department of Metropolitan Development, so that is why you're here today.

Kirk Wright: I understand.

Councilmember Sutton: But I just want to bring to your attention I think all the Council may have had in their packet, I think as we are working with companies it is truly our effort to create a partnership and work with companies. I read through the letter that you submitted to Mr. Robling and frankly I was quite concerned about the content of the letter. If I might, for the record, point out just a few things that was indicated in the letter that you had written to Mr. Robling. It says:

"Mike,

I was extremely upset to read a Courier article that was blasting the Matrixx Group for its poor performance concerning tax abatement compliance. You have jumped the gun with your assessment status of our tax compliance. The following outlines our position concerning our current status."

Now, given that you have just begun perhaps maybe you have not gotten to that point and I think this forum provides you an opportunity to talk about some of those things that may have factored in to you falling short just as the others have come forward. And then as I

might read forward onto the second page you indicate:

“You (talking about Mr. Robling) have tarnished our company’s image with no warrant. This is blatant disregard for your office, the Department of Metropolitan Development. It will surprise me if any company will from this day forward ever choose to relocate or build in Vanderburgh County. It is becoming quite apparent that this county is not pro-business.”

I’ll go down further in the letter:

“Maybe Ray (speaking of Raymond Wright) would have been smarter to relocate to Henderson, Kentucky when afforded the opportunity, but Mayor McDonald talked him out of relocating. I am sure if we would have relocated I would not be writing this letter today.”

The content of this letter, I think it’s very important that we state that when we grant tax abatement it is not our intention to be anti-business to anyone. I think we are pro-business when we take a stance like that and Mr. Robling was only doing as he was directed by the Council to do.

Kirk Wright: Sure.

Councilmember Sutton: To write a letter of this strong content really does concern me. You guys are a quality company and you guys do an excellent job.

Kirk Wright: May I explain myself?

Councilmember Sutton: I would think that this letter is not reflective of the type of approach that this company has had in this community--

Kirk Wright: Sure, right.

Councilmember Sutton: --over this point in time and I don’t think this body has ever received a letter written this strongly criticizing really the stance of the county’s position in creating jobs. I think we’re all interested in that and we’re interested in your development as a company, but we have responsibilities as a Council. He has responsibilities as Executive Director, but like I say when I see letters like that it really makes me recoil rather strongly.

Kirk Wright: Sure, if you would allow me to explain. We had no notice whatsoever. We read an article in the paper and we assumed all along that Mr. Robling knew of our progress. And, you know, we see an article in the paper that is basically saying we are not in compliance and we said all along it would be a three year process and then we just assumed that everyone knew that we were delayed in the project, so for that to come out with us getting no background whatsoever. I have apologized to Mr. Robling, once I got the minutes and understood what the content of your meeting was, but no one explained to me what the content of the meeting was. We just got a letter saying, show up, you’re not in compliance. We thought all along we had a good partnership going and everyone knew where we kind of stood on it. And then to read the minutes and Mr. Robling was trying to explain why we were not in compliance you guys even you cut him off in mid sentences, alright? So I apologized to Mr. Robling and I apologize personally to him now. I apologize for any of my comments that were misconstrued. Basically, we went through a very frustrating move and maybe some of that rubbed wrong in this letter and I apologize for it. My life has been pretty hectic since making this move, so I apologize if I have offended the Council in any way, it was not my intention to do so. I just want to make sure that everyone knows that we are very proud to be in Vanderburgh County. We’re very proud to be putting this investment in it and being part of the economic growth in Vanderburgh County. We’re very proud of the facility that we have built and welcome any of you to come out to take a look at it.

President Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you, sir. You really said what I had hoped you would say about Mr. Robling because all Mr. Robling did was to bring--

Kirk Wright: Sure.

Councilmember Hoy: --the figures to us and I didn't blast you either, but I'm the guy who brought up about a dozen of these because I am Mr. Anti-Tax Abatement.

Kirk Wright: Right, we had no idea. We were in the dark.

Councilmember Hoy: I appreciate what you've just said because Mr. Robling certainly was just doing his job and doing it fairly.

Kirk Wright: Sure, and like I said I apologized to him even before I stood up here.

Councilmember Hoy: I want you to know I appreciate you apologizing because a lot of people would never do what you've just done. I appreciate that.

Councilmember Smith: I make a motion for approval.

President Wortman: Have I got a second?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Wortman: Second, Mr. Raben. Any discussion? Call the roll please for approval.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I still will vote my no because I am patently against tax abatements, as you know, but not against your company. Thank you.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Hoy opposed)**



President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Mr. Wright.

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President Wortman: Okay, now we've got one more. Rexam, would they come up, please. We've got to get out of here. The Area Plan wants this for zonings.

Larry Drennan: Yes, thank you all for letting me address you. My name is Larry Drennan. I'm Vice President of Rexam Closures. In answer to your compliance issue we originally said we were going to spend \$18 million in a two year period to retool the Evansville operation. We have done that. We spent over \$18 million. On top of that we spent an additional \$4 million for new tools and equipment each year since that point, since 1993. We also said at that point we were going to retain 292 jobs and create 100. We have not been successful in that. Right now we have 340 people on our payroll. We have 37 temporaries currently working in our workforce while we are attempting to recruit people. We have 44 openings at the present time on it. We probably will not reach the full 100 number for the end of this year on it, but we will come probably in an area of 385 at this point. Do you have any other further--

President Wortman: Yeah, could you state your name, please.

Larry Drennan: Larry Drennan.

President Wortman: Okay, do we have any question for--

Councilmember Hoy: Excuse me, sir. We're trying to get ready for the next meeting and I didn't hear what you said. The last thing about how many employees you think?

Larry Drennan: We think we'll probably be someplace in the neighborhood of 380 by the end of the year. Right now we have 37 temps which are not in our numbers because we are employing those from temporary agencies. We've got 44 current openings at this point in time that we are currently recruiting.

Councilmember Hoy: May I ask what is the reason for using temporary employment versus--

Larry Drennan: To get qualified people. We've had problems, we had a real turnover. Toyota has hurt us very badly in the number of people they recruited from us. It's something like 20 people in the last eight months that they have taken of our workforce that we've had problems replacing qualified people.

Councilmember Hoy: But if you bring a temp in and you find a good person, then do you move that person over?

Larry Drennan: We do have temps that do go ahead and qualify after a period of time and we do put them on.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions?

Councilmember Smith: Motion for approval.

President Wortman: Motion for approval. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd seconds. Any discussion? Call the roll please for approval.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Hoy and Sutton opposed)**

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. Motion for adjournment.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to adjourn.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, ladies and gentlemen. Sorry for the delay.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.**

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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Councilmember James Raben

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VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
BUDGET HEARINGS  
AUGUST 10, 1999

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 10th day of August, 1999 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President Curt Wortman at 9:10 a.m.

President Wortman: The Vanderburgh County Council will start their budget process here on August the 10th, 9:00 to 12:00 and we gotta be out at 12:00. Keep your questions brief and of course ask questions because that is where we find things out, but we do have to be out of here. So we have to move on, we have a long agenda. I would like to welcome everybody to the Vanderburgh hearings and this is one of the most important jobs that we got here in the Council and we are here to represent the taxpayer. I believe the taxpayer deserves the most efficient county government operated as possible. Our goal in this Council is to keep the general tax rate levy at, if at all possible, where it is. I would like to remind members that I would like to recognize the speakers, officeholders, department heads as we request them to state their name when coming to the podium. The tax rate levy is a real challenge this year and it is going to take a lot of hard work from the Council to get this goal accomplished. The Council will hear the request next week, the Council will hear the request. Next week the Council will do the necessary cuts, so with that in mind I will have a roll call please.

(Teri Lukeman called roll)

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

President Wortman: Would we all stand and Pledge Allegiance to the flag, please?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Wortman: Also, there will be an I-69 meeting at 10:00 a.m.--

Unidentified: That’s tomorrow.

LEVEE AUTHORITY

President Wortman: --tomorrow, okay. Well, forget that then. Alright, now then we are going to start off and if everybody is ready the first on the agenda will be the Levee Authority. Kelly, would you want to step forward, please?

Kelly Lawrence: My name is Kelly Lawrence and I’m the Superintendent of the Levee Authority. I am here to answer any of your questions.

President Wortman: Right, this is remember a joint thing. No, it’s not.

Kelly Lawrence: We are a separate entity.

President Wortman: Separate item, that’s right.

Kelly Lawrence: We have our own tax base.

President Wortman: Anybody got any questions? I think all of the Councilmen were here at the city-county combination budget sessions. Anybody got any questions for Kelly? Answers for Kelly, there? Evidently, you are doing a pretty good job.

Kelly Lawrence: I will warn the Council that I am going to have to have a reappropriation that might change the tax rate on the Ohio River shoreline project. We are going to need an additional \$40,000 this year for that. So I don't know how that will affect the county tax rate budget. And this being in process now, the Corps underestimated the job by about \$300,000.

President Wortman: Is the city going to help on that, too?

Kelly Lawrence: Yes, it's coming out of my cash-

President Wortman: Oh, I see. Okay, okay.

(Inaudible)

Kelly Lawrence: Forty.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Kelly, we appreciate it.

#### ***EVANSVILLE-VANDERBURGH AIRPORT AUTHORITY***

President Wortman: Next, on the agenda is the Evansville Vanderburgh Airport, page 144.

Bob Working: Good morning, I am Bob Working, Airport Manager. I do have a couple of revisions to what you have in your printed material. I also have a copy of the ordinance and budget justifications for each of the Councilmembers, if you care for those.

(Inaudible)

Bob Working: Alright, which of those do you want first? Give you the revised numbers on your printout?

(Inaudible)

Bob Working: The revised number on your printout? Alright.

President Wortman: That's the appropriate thing to do.

Bob Working: Alright, under account, the first one, 1100-2140 Salary and Wages, that item needs to be revised to \$1,662,105.

President Wortman: Would you repeat that, please?

Bob Working: \$1,662,105. Then account number 1900, four down, FICA would be adjusted to \$140,203. PERF contribution \$140,063. One, four, zero, zero, six, three. Then on the total at the bottom of the page, the total budget of \$3,829,304.

(Inaudible)

Bob Working: No, 800, just a second, \$3,819,304. Three, eight, one, nine, three, zero, four.

President Wortman: That is the total of his budget.

Bob Working: Yes.

President Wortman: Okay.

Bob Working: Those were some just minor revisions in what we had negotiated with the Teamsters. I will now pass out the justifications and the Airport's ordinance.

President Wortman: Alright, has anybody got any questions on the other items that's listed as Mr. Working submitted?

Bob Working: The budget as a whole is up about 3.6%. Again, as has been for many years, the Airport anticipates revenues that will exceed our expenses so we will not be on the tax rate to operate. We will be on the tax rate for the Cumulative Building Fund which we have every year.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Working, would you explain to them the little bit of difference on that, your Safety Officers and your Administrative now, you are just asking for a one percent raise for them and the other ones with a payment for their PERF.

Bob Working: Right. Last year, as you know, late in the year you all came back and adjusted and paid PERF for the employees and what we have done is followed suit with it on those employees, the Airport Safety Officers and the administrative staff and then instead of a four percent raise, we have a one percent raise and are going to have PERF paid for.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Working, on line item 2240 Medical, it was raise \$5,000.

Bob Working: Yes, sir that is institutional and medical, that really is our toilet paper, hand towels, cleaning materials for cleaning the terminal building and various buildings of the airport. We bid that out each year and this increase is just to try and reflect what we are seeing in a bid.

President Wortman: Well, medical is a misleading word.

Bob Working: It is misleading but I guess if we bought first aid supplies it would come out of that account, too.

President Wortman: Okay, the next item is 3140 Telephone is up \$12,000.

Bob Working: \$12,000?

President Wortman: One forty-five to \$157.

Bob Working: I'm sorry, which?

President Wortman: Line item 3140 Telephone.

Bob Working: Alright, hold on just a second. Alright, \$10,000 of that is, again, your accounts and my accounts get crossways and they put different words on them. That actually covers five accounts, telephone and telegraph, postage, freight and express, travel expenses and promotional expenses and \$10,000 of that increase is under Promotional Expenses and the other \$2,000 were under Telephone, but they all get grouped together there and that is how you come up with such a large figure for Telephone. We are looking

at that because, again, of experience and carrying out the programs that we wanted to as far as marketing the airport not only to the community but to the airlines, and I would say to that the airlines review and they have input into this budget and they did approve that increase this past week.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you and then the following item is-

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: He said \$10,000 was for promotions. Shouldn't that be under a separate line item so that you would know...we would know exactly what we spent for promotions?

Bob Working: I--

Councilmember Smith: Instead of putting it under the telephone item?

President Wortman: I think that years ago that your advertising and all was grouped together under communications, if I can recall.

Bob Working: I believe that is correct. That is...we established the account we felt that it should come under that general heading. I do agree with you in that it is confusing and you caught me off guard when you are sitting there saying \$12,000 increase in telephone. I am sitting here going, I didn't think that I raised it that much.

Councilmember Hoy: That division is, I believe, on that handout that you just gave us. On the first page if you will look under Services Contractual, 21 Communications and Transportation, then those figures are split out, the telephone, telegraph \$ 21,000 and so on. That is confusing though.

Councilmember Smith: Yes, it is. It should be on a separate line item.

Bob Working: I would be happy to report it anyway that the Council wants it. Again, we have used the ordinance and form and we try to spell it out very detailed as to what each of those accounts are. However you want it shown on your records would be fine with us.

President Wortman: Well, that is something for the Council to consider.

Councilmember Smith: Well, he explained it, but you know that is just my opinion.

President Wortman: That's fine. Thank you, now the next item you are a little less there in Contractual Services 3530. Is that maintenance or possibly something?

Bob Working: Contractual Services are made up of a variety of items. Things which we have on a regular basis, such as spraying the building for pests, trash removal, rentals. Under our new service accounts, we did not increase those. We felt that was fine. Our Other Contractual, I don't believe that we increased that. Did that go up or down?

President Wortman: It went down.

Bob Working: I was going to say we removed some, we had some engineering, one time engineering expenses, which we no longer felt that we needed to carry.

President Wortman: Thank you, that's all I have. Does any other Councilmen got any questions? Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: I was just going to say or ask what the revenues were for the year, like compared to last year? Like whatever the current figure you have through July because I know that we have seen increases.

Bob Working: We have been growing, the passenger levels have grown and our revenues have grown. I know from a bottom line standpoint, and we just had the report yesterday and I don't think that I have a copy of it in front of me, but our General Fund account balance on whole has increased about \$400,000 this year over the same time of last year. Without the airline's revenue we were looking at \$2.7 million and then they pick up the balance of it. So, again, we are into what you would call, I guess, a modified single cash drawer with the airlines in that their rates and charges become adjusted as we sit there and make money. We will see their rates go down and I was pleased to see that this year for 1998, for calendar year 1998, we will be able to credit back to the airlines about \$213,000 in revenues that they have paid to us.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Your traffic is up and do you have a figure on that?

Bob Working: Uh, eight and a half percent in 1997 and nine and a half percent in 1998 and year-to-date I think that we are up about 5.6, does that sound right? It is slowing down and July wasn't real pleasing for us, it was only 1.1, but it was still up in a record breaking July, you know, history. June was very good. We broke 25,000 in planements for one month. We have never done that before so I am real pleased with what we are seeing there. The way the airlines have been responding, we hear that US Air Express may be going to 30 passenger aircraft and we are continuing to see jets being filtered into the regional carrier system and hopefully they will filter on down to us and I think that things look very bright at the airport right now.

President Wortman: Okay, any other Councilman got any questions?

Councilmember Lloyd: What did you say the '98 increase was for?

Bob Working: Nine and a half percent--

Councilmember Lloyd: Nine and a half, that's good.

Bob Working: --over '97 and '97 was eight and a half percent and then we are up about five and a half or 5.6, I think.

President Wortman: Does that hold true during the summer haul? Like in the past years at that time, say from June to July and August.

Bob Working: Yes, it is very cyclical, you know. You have to compare June to June because each month has its own trait and so when I give eight and a half and nine and a half that is for calendar years and but, yes sir, in July, again, was up only 1.1 percent, but it was the best July that we have ever had.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible, microphone not turned on)

Bob Working: Well, that's true, and I appreciate you bringing that up, Ed, and for domestic travel in the United States this year they are looking at about a one and a half percent increase and so while we are at 5.6 we are almost four times the national average.

President Wortman: That's good.



Bob Working: We had a lot of ground that we had to make up.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions? If not, then I appreciate your time and effort.

Bob Working: Thank you.

President Wortman: Yes, sir. Next will be the Health Department. Mr. Elder.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Sam Elder: My name is Sam Elder and I am the Executive Director of the County Health Department.

President Wortman: Okay, page 138 and you got any questions for Mr. Elder?

Councilmember Raben: I would like to just make one statement. Good morning, Sam.

Sam Elder: Good morning.

Councilmember Raben: While this doesn't really affect our General Fund it does have somewhat affect on our overall freeze. So if anybody sees any cuts that are of interest they may address it with Sam now, but we have never really paid a whole lot of attention to this in the past because our mission is generally to protect the General Fund, but this does affect the overall freeze. So, Sam, I had a few questions. Let me...I think it would be on page 142, I would start with Travel. I know that we budgeted \$16,000 last year but it looks like the history on this account is maybe at a high of \$12,000. Might that be reduced?

Sam Elder: Well, you know you are correct on the history of the Travel. Most of the meetings that are attended, the Health Department personnel, are mandated meetings by the state and a lot of it is training. Now, the state has a training program and they conduct it at Jasper at the Holiday Inn there and they have about every two or three months they have a training program there and I like to see as many people as they can attend these because they learn some of the new developments at them. A lot of them have as mileage, we don't have as many vehicles as we have had in the past and we are down two vehicles, so this means that we pay mileage for the Restaurant Inspectors, for the Venereal Disease Coordinators that drive, you know, different places. Now all of the out of county driving is paid for by the grants, that is not paid for, you know, we have some area AIDS Investigators and Epidemiologist. But I would hate for that to be short, you know, on it. But, you are correct it is. We try to be conservative with it and I can assure you that there are not any unjustified trips.

Councilmember Raben: Can we move down to 3510 Other Operating? That is...who is to say what that is?

Sam Elder: Okay. Well, you know, of course 3510 is like Mr. Working explained, it is kind of a catch all. Peggy, didn't have this 3510? Oh, I'm sorry. It slipped my mind, it is a new account and it is like if someone takes out a permit for a sewage system and then it is an error if someone had already taken it out under a different address. We refund that and every year the Auditor has to set up an account for that and it was felt and I think the Auditor agreed with me that it would be better to put it in there. It actually will take in the money before we refund it. You know.

Councilmember Raben: It looks like, as I was looking back...

Sam Elder: The numbers...I don't normally try to remember numbers, but that account we don't spend that unless we have an emergency. If we had been in the midst, oh like

Marion County has an epidemic of syphilis and if we had that we would need some help and that is what primarily that is in there for. If you'll look at the history of it, it originally was more money than that. I don't think that we spent anything out of it this year.

Councilmember Raben: I think that last year you transferred out \$20,000 actually and that a lot of times I base maybe the need in certain line items by the amount that is transferred out and that line appeared to be heavy just based on transfers.

Sam Elder: We did finish the end of it this year, you know, the vital records and we did that because we had to change the computers in there and we bought new furniture and if you'll look at it as you go in it was getting a little shabby and we have done each section a little bit at a time from the back, from the nursing section, and we have replaced practically all of the furnishings that initially that came with the building.

Councilmember Raben: Did anybody have any questions on that line? I don't mean to steal the mike here. Sam, Professional Services, what is that line?

Sam Elder: Well, in the TB clinic for example we have a position that comes each week on Tuesday morning and we don't treat any of the patients in the TB clinic, you know, it is drug therapy now without them seeing the physician. The nurse x-ray person x-rays a person that is positive on the skin test and Dr. Benson, I don't know if any of you know him or not, he is in the building in Deaconess, he is a specialist in this type of work and he is there and we pay him out of that. We pay a pharmacist, we feel that it is necessary to have a pharmacist go over our drug inventory about every two months and we pay him out of that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I was wondering why, there again, it is another one of those budgets that is just under, the expenditures was just under \$12,000 a year and your requests has basically doubled what history states that it has been needed.

Sam Elder: Now, you are correct. We have not spent it. If we would have a problem and the health officer was not available in the VD clinic then we would have to hire a clinician to work in there.

Councilmember Raben: Okay and my last questions would be on 3930 Other Contractual. Again, that is another one that appears as if the request is twice as high as the highest average. One thing that I was unclear on and maybe you can answer is that last year there was a transfer for (inaudible). What is the actual balance in that account?

Sam Elder: Do you know what the balance is?

Peggy Groves: Well, according to the budget book we've expended almost \$17,000 out of it this year. So, whatever the difference is...would that be 33? That money still has some of that ventilation money in it for the TB clinic.

Sam Elder: That, you know, was initially for the ventilation in the TB clinic and even when we don't spend that money the tax rate adjust it. I mean, we don't get to keep it.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and we may go over Motor Vehicles.

Sam Elder: What?

Councilmember Raben: You have a request for motor vehicles.

Sam Elder: One vehicle.

Councilmember Raben: That's all the questions that I have, Mr. President.

President Wortman: Okay, to follow up on that you have Vehicle Equipment \$5,000. Does that go with the new vehicles?

Sam Elder: They are recommending that you use natural gas in that and we have never done it before, but that is the recommendation that you put that in with the request for vehicle.

President Wortman: Probably, you're a good suspect for putting on the piggy back deal like we do with the Area Plan and the Sheriff, see. Keep that in mind, hopefully you can do it in the fall this year.

Sam Elder: We normally have bought vehicles off of the state bid.

President Wortman: Do you get it cheaper than piggyback?

Sam Elder: Yes.

President Wortman: You do?

Sam Elder: Yes, you can get one if you buy it off of the state bid that they have what you want, you're going to get a car fully equipped a lot of times for cheaper than a stripped model if you bid it.

President Wortman: Would you be to piggyback style?

Sam Elder: I don't know.

President Wortman: It is something to check then, I will check with you.

Sam Elder: Well, we will look at it and see.

President Wortman: Okay, does anybody have any questions for Mr. Elder? He has been down there a few years so you know everything, don't you Sam?

Councilmember Raben: Thank you, Sam.

President Wortman: Thanks a lot, Mr. Elder. Next is the Surveyor. Page 29.

## **SURVEYOR**

Bob Brenner: Good morning. Curt, thank you for putting me after Sam. He is the only guy that has been here longer than me.

President Wortman: Okay, have you got any questions for the County Surveyor, Mr. Brenner?

Bob Brenner: We requested exactly the same thing we requested for 1999. You trimmed it a little bit and we lived with it but we put four percent on the salaries.

President Wortman: Yes, he normally always submits a pretty tight budget and doesn't vary from it very much. Does anybody else got any questions for Mr. Brenner, otherwise it looks pretty realistic. And I think you answered--

Bob Brenner: We've got three of them.

President Wortman: Are you going to go with the next one? The Map Fund will be page 148.

***SURVEYOR MAP FUND***

Bob Brenner: Okay, we spend \$2,000 a year and that is for the copy machine that we share with the city and make our maps off of and for paper and we take in \$4,000. We have about \$23,000 in the account. That is not a General Fund item. Okay, does anybody have any questions for Mr. Brenner? Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Brenner, on what you take in on the copy machine what is that? What does it go toward?

Bob Brenner: It goes straight into this fund. We don't touch the money and it goes to the Auditor and it goes into this fund and it is for sale of plano metrics. One time I sold all the CDS of the county maps for like a \$1,000. It goes straight into this fund. You can't spend it except for more maps or whatever. It would be like another office selling copies.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess if it has built up \$ 23,000--

Bob Brenner: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: --I mean the likelihood that we would spent that much money is probably pretty low I would think.

Bob Brenner: Yes, it is. But there is not a lot that I can do with it. You could get, that is the kind of thing, when the County was in trouble, I had some funds that had been put into ditches and I brought it to their attention and they reached in and snagged it out. Which you can do with this fund. The next one, which is the perpetuation fund, is by state law, I have to spend it on corners. But this one it is your prerogative, do what you want with it.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: The Perpetuation Fund is page 171 if we want to turn to that page.

***SURVEYOR - CORNER PERPETUATION FUND***

Bob Brenner: This covers our Special Deputy, Carl Hansert. We spend right at \$10,000 and take in \$20,000. We have about \$28,000 in the fund now.

President Wortman: It is classified as miscellaneous revenue.

Bob Brenner: Yes, it is.

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Bob Brenner: And we can't get to that because by state law it has to be spent on corners. When we get enough money in it and it gets \$30,000 or so then I would suggest that we take another one of the surveyor's employees and put him in there for a year or so.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: The county has taken money from the Reassessment Fund and looked at spending it on a GIS system like computerized mapping. I didn't know what your opinion was of that. I know that the City is looking at doing that also.

Bob Brenner: Well we have supported it since the beginning. There is a lot of good things, it will increase the maps. The one thing they think that it will pay for itself in reassessment. I kind of doubt it because nothing ever does. But it is an improvement, an expensive improvement.

Councilmember Lloyd: I mean, we will have a lot less paper eventually, but you guys will have to go out and provide the maps, stake out the ground and things like that.

Bob Brenner: That's true.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions? Thank you, Mr. Brenner, for a realistic budget. The next on the agenda is the Area Plan Commission. Mrs. Barbara Cunningham.

(Inaudible)

President Wortman: Page 74, yes, ma'am.

### **AREA PLAN COMMISSION**

Barbara Cunningham: My name is Barbara Cunningham and I am the Director of the Area Plan Commission.

President Wortman: Okay, have we got any questions for Mrs. Cunningham on the Area Plan?

Barbara Cunningham: While you are thinking I might also say that I did not put in the budget this year any budget requests for GIS equipment because I did not know how much we need, what we are going to need, or anything like that. But I am in strong support of it and I am sure that it is something that our office will, everything that we have been doing with the CAD system and such that you have allowed us to have are working toward the GIS and are all going to be compatible when and if the county goes GIS. So we are in strong support and the other thing that I wanted to say was that all of our revenues that we take in go into the General Fund. This year, as of July 30, 1999, we have turned in \$201,000 plus and if you recall and I keep telling you and you are going to be tired of hearing this, but we raised fees not last year but the year before to take care of some of our legal expenses that have gotten high. The cases that we have had to follow and we have raised funds for that and we have also raised funds for some equipment that we needed. So that is why we went from \$88,000 or \$80,000 some for the year so it looks like if we have \$201,000 now we will at least get \$350,000 up to \$400,000 for the year. So any questions that you might have.

President Wortman: So that will fall under miscellaneous revenue again and I think that all of the officeholders that are for GIS should try to get the private sector involved because they will benefit tremendously.

Barbara Cunningham: Oh, I think so. You know, if we come on that it will be a great service to the community at large and it is going to be a lot of work to get everything into a GIS system and it takes a lot of money, but it is well worthwhile with the records that you'll have.

President Wortman: Okay, any questions, Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Do you know what your '98 revenues were approximately?

Barbara Cunningham: My '98 revenues? Gee, I don't know Russell. I have what I was at this time last year. I was at \$135,000 at July 30, 1998 that I had taken in. July 30, 1997 I was at \$50,000 so at July 30th this year I am at \$ 201,000. We have been busy.

President Wortman: Any one else got a question for Mrs. Cunningham?

Councilmember Hoy: On your 3610 are you still facing as many...it looks like you are still facing as many lawsuits this year.

Barbara Cunningham: We do and may I tell you that we win them in most instances.

Councilmember Hoy: But you still have to pay.

Barbara Cunningham. What we are paying more is legal fees to defend those filed against us, is what we are doing.

President Wortman: And then 4230 Motor Vehicles, that is another possibly piggyback style with the Sheriff's Department.

Barbara Cunningham: Last year in those accounts, and we do want to do that, last year if you might recall we asked for I think \$25,000 in Equipment and with that we bought...we updated our computers and we updated our CAD and got a new CAD station, etc., etc., etc. This year we are asking to have that money, \$10,000, go into new equipment that we need with software, etc., and we also, it is time to replace a vehicle that is nine years old.

President Wortman: Thank you. Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: The Auditor informed me that last year's fees were...revenues were \$263,781, so you are well above that with all of the development going on.

Barbara Cunningham: That's right.

Councilmember Lloyd: Everybody is wanting to use your office.

Barbara Cunningham: I'm glad that we raised them before all of the development hit.

President Wortman: Alright, anything else? If not, then thank you Mrs. Cunningham. We appreciate it very much.

Barbara Cunningham. Thank you very much.

## **TAPE CHANGE**

## **COUNTY CLERK**

President Wortman: That will be page one. Does any one have any questions for Mrs. Abell on her account? You'll notice she passed out two memorandums. One on this here Incentive Fund, would like to have it built so that she can use it to install automatic service for the answering of questions in child support. And it would only be used for that, is that correct Mrs. Abell?

Marsha Abell: Yes, this year the legislature changed that law and now we can only use it for child support issues.

President Wortman: My next question is that your staff has located two employees to move the files to the office, are those employees your employees or his employees?

Marsha Abell: I'm sorry I didn't understand the question.

President Wortman: Those file cabinets, he said we want to remove down there from his office to yours --

Marsha Abell: Oh, Juvenile.

Councilmember Lloyd: You're talking about Judge Lensing.

Marsha Abell: That's Judge Lensing. Those are my employees. They are housed down there at the current time. I haven't been able to talk to Judge Lensing because he hasn't been available since I wrote that memo. I don't know if he still of the mind that he wants them in my office or not.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: On line...have you figured that expense into your budget?

Marsha Abell: No, I haven't because that memo came to me after we presented this.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay. But it looks like that will save us some storage money, is that correct?

Marsha Abell: To move them?

Councilmember Hoy: Uh-huh.

Marsha Abell: Well actually it will --

Councilmember Hoy: Say more about that if you will.

Marsha Abell: Well to move the files...we'd have to move the files with the staff. The staff is no problem, I can make room for two more desks in my office. Thirty more file cabinets I don't have room for, that's going to be a problem. And that was why I contacted the gentleman with the storage units, with the file cabinets that move. We could in fact get all of the files in my office with that type system. But with the file cabinet type system that we have now I can't get 30 more file cabinets in there.

Councilmember Hoy: I read this last night and it was late.

Marsha Abell: Okay, that's fine.

Councilmember Hoy: And that's not in your budget, correct?

Marsha Abell: No, it is not in my budget.

Councilmember Hoy: And maybe we should discuss this at another time, but just one more question then, it seems to me that if you move those files then you'd also be moving files from the storage we're renting now, is that correct?

Marsha Abell: We could move some back, yes we could.

Councilmember Hoy: That would be some savings there.

Marsha Abell: Yes, in the files that we store off-site.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: And have you contacted...go ahead.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm sorry, I thought I was finished, Mr. President.

President Wortman: No, go ahead.

Councilmember Hoy: That also would make those files much more convenient for you to use.

Marsha Abell: The procedure that we use now with our files at, we say Willard Library but they're not at Willard Library, they're actually at the Garvin Park Industrial Center, is not working. I have staff that goes over at least twice a week to retrieve older files. They're not in a secure area and Willard staff refuses to, we bought them a fax machine for them to fax them to us, but they refuse to retrieve any small claims files. Well, small claims are an enormous part of the claims that we have to retrieve. So, we're going back over there at least twice a week to get old files. Of course, one of the problems when you go over and get an old file as you can imagine is it doesn't get put back. It gets set in a box of stuff that needs to be filed when you have the time, and we never have the time. It's really a very bad situation. It's not working very well with this agreement with Willard at all. They refuse to allow us into our own storage area unless they're with us. Well, they're not always with us when the Judge needs a file. We can't wait for them to get there if they've got a court case the next morning and they don't tell us until 4:00 in the afternoon that we have to have this file by in the morning. If we can't get a hold of Willard's staff, they tell us we can't go in there. Well, we have a key and we go in anyway because we have to have the file. But it's not in the agreement that we go in by ourselves, and it's really not a good situation.

Councilmember Smith: She's right. When I was Clerk when they moved them over there we had a key. Then we got a notice from Mr. Hager that we could not go in. Those are the County Clerk's files. We had to call to Haubstadt or somewhere up there to get someone to come down here to let us in. If the Judges needed the files you have to go get them. That is one of the worst places I've ever seen to have storage. It's dirty, you've got to go up 15 dozen steps, and it's so dirty up there that when your girls go over there it's a shame. So the county needs to find someplace else to store places.

Marsha Abell: Plus they can't go over in this heat because it's so hot in there you can't be in there for 30 minutes.

Councilmember Smith: That's true.

President Wortman: Does that roof leak too?

Marsha Abell: Oh yeah. Oh yeah. We've put plastic over all of our files.

Councilmember Smith: And I told you all about it at the one time when I was Clerk, I think it was in '96, and Mr. Hager came and spoke against me. But it's the truth, it's terrible.

President Wortman: Okay, have you approached the storage with the Commissioners on this?

Marsha Abell: I've been here, I've been there, I've been back here, I've been back over there. I feel like I've played musical chairs on this issue. I've been everywhere. You know, I just can't seem, you know...and I know that when Mrs. Smith was Clerk that this was a huge problem and a big issue. When I took over Mr. Hager contacted me and said well we just couldn't work together, but I'm sure you and I will work together. I can assure you, I don't work with him any better than she did. It is an impossible situation. He doesn't understand that these are not dead files that somebody just wants to know their genealogy. These are court cases that have come back up, somebody has come back from prison. They're going to be in court the next morning, they have to have that file. It's not just a matter of walking over there, opening up a box and pulling it out. It may not even be there. You may have to search for an hour or two looking for it. When it's over 100 degrees in that room, you know. Now my staff is going last thing in the day because they're so wet when they get finished they can't come back to work. It's a terrible situation.

President Wortman: Unpleasant situation. Mr. Hoy?



Councilmember Hoy: Yes, I know we've discussed this a million times with Mrs. Smith and with you, some of these records can be stored in computer, it's never been clear to me what can and what can't, have we made any progress on that or is that a place where we could make some progress?

Marsha Abell: Well yeah, if you go to scanning documents in, but I think all of us know we're several years away from that. I will tell you since he's sitting behind me that the Sheriff was kind enough to offer to work out an agreement to build a facility on his property for housing of these documents. He is still here, he's not still here. Well, then he also offered to pay for it. I don't what kind of arrangement, but honestly a steel pole barn with a concrete floor, proper shelving, water sprinklers and just a little climate control on property that the county already owns to me makes a lot more sense than continuing to pay thousands and thousands of dollars to store documents in a place that's not accessible.

Councilmember Hoy: I have one more question, what is the explanation given to you... I mean we pay rent, we're tenants.

Marsha Abell: Oh yeah.

Councilmember Smith: We also supply an employee.

Councilmember Hoy: What is the explanation given to us as a county as to why we need someone else there to access the space that we lease and pay for? I mean I can understand the landlord having a key, you know, to whatever, but why would you need some one else there? I don't understand that. Explain that, maybe there's a reason.

Councilmember Smith: He told us that he was in charge of those records over there and if we went over and destroyed them then he would be held responsible. So he did not want us in there unless one of his employees was with us. I informed him that they were court records and when the Judge wanted them he couldn't wait until someone got down here from Haubstadt or Fort Branch or wherever. So we did have a clash in personalities.

Marsha Abell: So do I. So when two people can't get along with one person maybe the problem is on the other side of the fence. It's just a matter that these are important documents.

President Wortman: County Auditor?

Suzanne Crouch: Doesn't the county pay about \$58,000 a year? Isn't that the contract to store these documents?

Marsha Abell: Yes, right. And when this contract was originally entered into, actually it was Willard Library who approached the county and said we'd like to have your historic documents. There was no money involved at that time.

Councilmember Smith: Judge Lensing is the one that set that up and there wasn't supposed to be any money involved. He was the one that negotiated with Welborn...with Willard.

Marsha Abell: That's right and they make copies of marriage licenses and charge for them and they keep that money. So they're not being hurt on this deal by any stretch of the imagination. But the documents that we need that are now stored over there that no one else cares about, that they don't get to make copies on, that's the big question. You know, I don't care if they want the old marriage licenses and they want to make copies of them. They've microfilmed that stuff and I don't think we should pay them to keep something that they store because they want to.

President Wortman: Now, how about the old courthouse, there's room in what the second floor over there, was that ever pursued?

Marsha Abell: Well, you and I looked at it but it just died on the vine.

President Wortman: Maybe we ought to pursue that. That would be better over there and then be occupied and get some rent--

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, isn't that the Commissioner's responsibility to furnish the storage?

President Wortman: Yes ma'am.

Councilmember Smith: Then I think we ask them to look into that.

President Wortman: Yeah, yeah, I'll make a note of that and see if we can't follow up on that. Okay, anybody else got any questions for Mrs. Abell? Okay well listen, thanks for your time.

Marsha Abell: Okay.

President Wortman: We appreciate it.

Marsha Abell: I might as well hang around, you're going to do the Election budget next.

### ***ELECTION OFFICE***

President Wortman: Okay, we'll go to page 68, the Election Office.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes sir.

Councilmember Raben: I had a few questions. Marsha, on the Canvassing Board there's a large increase there.

Marsha Abell: What line item is that, can you tell me?

Councilmember Raben: That would be 1140-1210.

President Wortman: Would that be due to the election this fall?

Councilmember Raben: Oh, there's an election.

Marsha Abell: That's a huge increase. This next year is a county election.

Councilmember Sutton: It's a city election, last year we had a county election.

Marsha Abell: Well, but this budget is for a county election.

Councilmember Hoy: This is for 2000.

Marsha Abell: This is for 2000, 2000 is going to be a county election, presidential year.

Suzanne Crouch: Marsha, the city pays 100% of the cost in the '99 budget this year, correct? That is billed.

Marsha Abell: That I don't know.

Suzanne Crouch: Yes, I believe that is correct that we bill the city for 100% of the costs this year because it is a city election. Next year those costs will be allocated between the city and the county, so you will get some money back from that election.

Councilmember Smith: And you don't need \$18,000 where you've been getting \$1,800.

Marsha Abell: Right, I agree. I think that's a typo. I think it meant to be \$1,800, the same as the year before.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, because '98's figures should be ample to reflect on, correct?

Marsha Abell: Yeah, and my hand written notes don't reflect \$18,000. I think that's an error on our part. So I think that's supposed to be \$1,800, not \$18,000.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Wortman: Councilmen ought to make a note of that, will you please.

Councilmember Raben: I think that was, no I'm sorry, Printing, 3410.

Marsha Abell: Okay. In the Printing includes sending the information off and having it all assembled instead of doing it in-house.

Councilmember Sutton: What information are you referring to, Mrs. Abell?

Marsha Abell: The ballot setup and they put it in the ballot books. They punch the holes in them and put the booklets together that you flip when you go into the--

Councilmember Smith: They're contracting that out where we use to do it in-house.

Marsha Abell: Yeah, we're contracting it out to E S & S.

Councilmember Sutton: What's the advantage of contracting it out? I mean there's a significant increase in cost there. What advantages are we seeing by contracting it out?

Marsha Abell: Well we have a machine that was bought in the '60's and no one else uses it. E S & S doesn't produce it any longer, nor supply any service for it, nor has any parts for it. If we were to break down that late in the game we have no one who could do the ballots. We have no one who could fix this machine. We've had people look at the machine, no one knows anything about it except E S & S and they don't make the machine any longer. Because no one does their own anymore, they all send it out for the very reason that if it breaks down that late in the game, you can't get it sent off to E S & S to do at the last minute. So, you would be here with no ballots.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, but is that figure right? I mean, that's double of what it was last year, more than double. And I think we did this last year, didn't we?

Marsha Abell: We did it in '98. I've lost my line again.

Councilmember Raben: The line number, Marsha, is 3410.

Marsha Abell: This is based on a quote that we got from E S & S. Sue, do you know why it went up?

Sue Hall: (Inaudible)

Marsha Abell: That's right, we didn't get it all paid in '98 and it came out of the '99 budget. But this is what was quoted to us by E S & S, the vendor that provides this service. You're charged by the frame and we're going to have to have more frames, a lot more frames, next year because we don't just have the simple election. We have got a presidential, we've got congressional, we've got state, we've got county. So, we're going to have, probably almost every precinct will have a different frame to vote on. So we'll have to have more of them produced.

Councilmember Raben: I might ask you to double check that.

Marsha Abell: We will.

Councilmember Raben: It still doesn't look right because '98 was \$400, '99 was \$30,000 and 2000 will be \$62,600. There could be a typo in that one too.

Marsha Abell: Well I know the \$400 is not right in '98. There's no way we got all that done for \$400. We paid some of that when the bill came in '98 and '99.

Councilmember Smith: Marsha, didn't the Commissioners pay that out of their budget at that time?

Marsha Abell: I don't think so. I think what we did was in '99 we split it between some left over money we had in Printing Costs and some left over money we had in Other Supplies and spent it out of there. Because see in '99 for Other Supplies we budgeted \$40,000 and it says we spent \$64,000, I think we picked it up in there.

Councilmember Smith: I believe that the Commissioners paid that out of their budget at the time and then you made the change after that.

Marsha Abell: I don't remember it, but that's very possible, that's very possible. We can get the quote from E S & S and submit it to you so you see it.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions for Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Marsha, on line item 3570, Janitorial Service, there's a decrease there, but what is that for?

Marsha Abell: That's for places that we use for voting and they have to be cleaned up afterwards, some of the places that we use.

Councilmember Smith: The school corporation is one of them.

Marsha Abell: Yeah.

Councilmember Sutton: And how is that...so we pay that particular polling place a certain amount of money for their service or we actually having someone go out and do clean up?

Marsha Abell: No, we pay them. It's like \$50 a precinct.

Councilmember Hoy: I take it then that all places don't charge you for that, obviously.

Marsha Abell: No, all places don't charge. Well, some places have, like Plaza School has four precincts at one area so we only have to pay one clean up charge.

Councilmember Sutton: Then I guess my last question is revenue on your office, on fees and things like that, would you have some figures that you could share with us on that?

Marsha Abell: Are you talking about in the Clerk's office?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Marsha Abell: Yeah.

Councilmember Smith: We're in the Election Office.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, well, she's there.

Marsha Abell: That's okay. I knew he didn't mean Election, because if I take any money in on the election we're all in trouble.

Councilmember Sutton: No, no, no, no, no. I meant to ask you back in --

Marsha Abell: We take no money in on the election, that's for sure. I have some figures. It looks like to me, and the Auditor of course has better judgement on this, but to the General Fund it looks like to me we took into there a little over \$3,000,000 from last year. Does that sound right?

Councilmember Sutton: And that would be from --

Marsha Abell: For 1999.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, for 1999.

President Wortman: That would be classed as Miscellaneous Revenue again.

Marsha Abell: Yeah, and a lot of that is copy fees and since I don't know what the Commissioners are going to do about a copy fee, they have to pass an ordinance this year on copy fee costs. We charge a dollar a copy now and we're allowed to charge a dollar a copy for court documents, but this Public Information person would like to see all other documents charged at 15 cents. So, that's going to be a drastic reduction in income if that's what the County Commissioners adopt.

Councilmember Smith: But they're going to have to change the state law because the state law says you have to charge a dollar a copy.

Marsha Abell: Well and they did amend it to...still court documents, so docket sheets, but marriage license copies, copies of anything that are not court related they can go down to...it is supposed to be actually only the cost of making the copy, not the labor to do it or to hunt the document up or any of the other things. So that may change my income level for next year. I don't know what the Commissioners are going to do. It is up to them to adopt an ordinance.

Councilmember Sutton: Licenses and things like that all that money, for the most part, goes on to state or do we see any of that money retained here?

Marsha Abell: We keep some of it. There are some monies, big monies, that go to the state. One of the problems that we seem to have is they're doing a lot of bond forfeitures, and when you forfeit a bond the state gets that and it goes into the school fund. However, when you take their filing fees and their court costs out of it we get to keep that. So, you know, I've been talking to the Judges and telling them that I sure wish they'd quit forfeiting these bonds because that's money that they're taking out of our county budget. They have their reasons for forfeiting them, but I still think it's a major amount of money.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, now the property tax takes care of half of the budget and miscellaneous revenue takes care of the other half, basically in round figures see. We're talking like \$39,000,000 half and half. I think everybody understands that. So hopefully the miscellaneous revenue keeps coming in see, and then you won't have to charge the property tax so much, see.

Marsha Abell: There are some issues before the State Legislature to increase the filing fees on some of the cases. That will generate some more income for us. There are some other issues regarding the ten years that you have to send the money to the state if it's not claimed as to whether or not... There's some changes in the works. I don't know that they're going to happen, but it would certainly help us.

President Wortman: But your Incentive Fund is getting lower and lower all of the time.

Marsha Abell: The state's going to take that entire procedure over within the next three, four years.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any question for Mrs. Abell?

Councilmember Smith: I think I told you all that a long time ago that you were depending too much on the Incentive Fund and the state was going to quit giving it to us.

President Wortman: Yeah, we drained the former Clerk there pretty good. See she did pretty good.

Marsha Abell: And it is, it is going to the state. That's the reason for a state-wide computer system so that they can do it in Indianapolis rather than us doing it here. When they start doing it in Indianapolis you won't see that money anymore.

President Wortman: See it was divided up three ways, Prosecutor, the Clerk and the General Fund. See and it's just dwindled down. The Prosecutor and the Clerk, we drained them pretty good and they was real good, I have to say that. I appreciate that. Anybody else?

Councilmember Hoy: Has anybody identified where that black hole is in Indianapolis where all that money goes to?

Marsha Abell: Well, an employee of FSSA stole \$750,000 of it this year.

President Wortman: Okay, well thanks Mrs. Abell. We appreciate your time. We're going to change tapes again.

## **TAPE CHANGE**

### ***SUPERIOR COURT***

President Wortman: Okay, we'll proceed with Superior Court. Judge Dietsch?

Judge Dietsch: Thank you Mr. Wortman. If I may --

President Wortman: State your name.

Judge Dietsch: Terry Dietsch, Senior Judge, Vanderburgh Superior Court. I would like to make a comment on what Mrs. Abell presented in terms of the storage and efficient retrieval of files. This has become a critical problem for the Clerk and for the courts.

Unfortunately, these problem that the Clerk has and that the court has tend to become compartmentalized. We have this problem today. She has this problem today or tomorrow. I like what you said, Mr. Wortman, and if Mrs. Abell is in agreement, this is just a suggestion, but I think we need to remedy the problem of appropriate storage and efficient retrieval of files for court purposes once and for all. It seems to me in order to do that we should have a representative from the Council, maybe Mrs. Smith together with one other representative, Mrs. Abell and the courts identify those problems, find out the possibilities of storage, what needs to be retained what doesn't need to be. Let's get that done once and for all so that this isn't a recurring problem. If a couple of people from the Council would be willing to do that and if Mrs. Abell would be willing to do that, I'm sure that I can represent on behalf of the court that we are more than willing to do that.

President Wortman: I think that's very good and I think that's what we'll do after we get this session over with. We'll pursue it and stop the passing of the buck.

Judge Dietsch: That's good, that's good.

Councilmember Smith: I feel like they should go in front of the Commissioners, it's the Commissioners responsibility to provide the storage.

Judge Dietsch: I think, Mrs. Smith, that's one of the problems that needs to be discussed and that's a potential solution.

Councilmember Smith: I think so too. And I think that we need to have maybe one of the Commissioners on the committee, or two.

President Wortman: Exactly, I think that's a good thing there, Mrs. Smith. Okay, we'll pursue that and get you--

Councilmember Hoy: Certainly though, I think it would be wise for us, even though that responsibility belongs to the Commissioners, there's nothing wrong with us initiating it from this Council because we're the ones that end up looking at how the money's spent and how inefficient the system is. I just am sitting here thinking about how much time, how much money we're robbed of just by employees having to go there and drive there alone and plus take the time to find something.

Judge Dietsch: We shouldn't be spending so much time on this problem. We should resolve it.

Councilmember Smith: She said that the Sheriff had volunteered to give us space or whatever so maybe he ought to be on that committee too. He's sitting in the back.

Judge Dietsch: My goodness. Brad, you're going to be on everything pretty soon.

Brad Ellsworth: Why not.

President Wortman: Okay, well we'll get some action on it. I'll get something started.

Judge Dietsch: And one other matter before we get into the budget. Mr. Wortman and members of the Council, I believe I owe you an apology. Those two people that I had in the small claims office, I was not aware that matter was not to be taken up until the 2000 budget. That was entirely my mistake. When I was informed of that by Mrs. Norbury I asked that be withdrawn. So I do apologize for that.

President Wortman: It's accepted, thank you.

Judge Dietsch: I would like to call your attention to a few matters and then I would be happy to answer any questions. Account number 1803 on page, it looks like 103, I can't

recall, no I think we asked for the same amount of money last year as we did this year. We think that we are going to need that. One reason we are going to need it is because a part of that is used for payment on appeals and that number is increasing over past years. Another matter of concern is account number 3010, Other Insurance. I would like to point out to the Council that if it turns out in fact that we do not need those funds for the year 2000 then we intend to repeal that figure. On account number, it looks like 3620, Copy Machine Lease, was it yesterday, Mrs. Norbury talked...that is the maintenance contract on our big copier and we were told specifically that was going to be the amount of the maintenance contract. So we can't afford to cut that. Number 3790, Professional Services, that use to be paid out of one of our big accounts and I think you'll recall last year, or perhaps '98, we asked the Auditor or asked the Council to make a new line item account because we wanted to keep track of how much we were spending on mental exams and interpreting services. For some reason or another the interpreting services that we have been using for the hearing impaired and also for foreign language translators has increased dramatically. Don't ask me why, but it has. We asked for this amount because last year we asked for \$3,000. Then we had to come back to you folks not too terribly long ago for an additional \$5,000. We're simply hoping that additional appropriation is going to get us through this year. So, we don't anticipate that we can get by on any less for next year. Also, in 4220 on page 104 in Office Machines, you'll notice that figure requested was \$36,000 which is well out of line.

Councilmember Raben: What line is this?

Judge Dietsch: Line item number 4220. Mr. Wortman and Mr. Bassemier and Mrs. Deig were good enough to come over, when was it last week or the week before, and we spent most of the afternoon going over this budget. The one thing I want to make sure of, Mr. Wortman, is this, it is not clear in my mind whether we were supposed to have included those miscounted computers by SCT in our budget, or whether there was money in the Commissioners' budget or some other budget to handle that. My point being that if there is other money to handle that, we do not need \$36,000. We only need \$6,000.

Councilmember Sutton: That's good.

Judge Dietsch: If there is not money and it must be in our budget then that's the \$36,000.

President Wortman: Right, I've left word with the Commissioners and they're supposed to get back with me whether that \$30,000 is in their budget and we take it out of there or if not we'll have to leave it in here.

Judge Dietsch: So we will know that?

President Wortman: That was four terminals and two printers.

Judge Dietsch: Whatever you and Judge Knight came up with.

President Wortman: Yeah, we worked it all out, right.

Judge Dietsch: Okay, okay.

Councilmember Hoy: Judge, going back just to comment, 3790 Professional Services, you know with more demand there, we loan space at the Food Bank to Resource Agency for the deaf and hard of hearing and I'm just guessing since ADA has come in people will increasingly use that service. It does cost to have an interpreter there. My guess is that's why you're seeing that increase is because the law was passed and then people who could make use of it weren't aware of it right a way and they're going to use it increasingly. I think you're probably on target.



Judge Dietsch: We have also seen a dramatic increase in the need for Latin interpreters, whether that's bona fide or not I don't know, but if they say they don't understand you have to assume that they don't understand.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I'll comment on that being in the food business and watching that. I've been there 12 years, Judge, at the Food Bank and when I went there I think you'd have trouble finding a migrant worker in this area and now there are a large number. Eventually some folks settle and that's going to be... I think you're going to see that too.

Judge Dietsch: I think that's true. And believe it or not we've had the need for, well you've read in the paper, for Chinese interpreters. We've also had the need on two occasions for Russian interpreters. So, I just expect that this is going to continue to increase.

President Wortman: Line item, on your Extra Help, 1990, vacation fill in, you might make a note of that. I think everybody else is \$8.50 and I had \$8 down here, so that might be something --

Councilmember Hoy: Which line item was that, sir, I missed that.

President Wortman: That's Extra Help, 1990.

Councilmember Smith: We put what in there.

President Wortman: I'm at \$8.50, that would be in line with everybody else on Extra Help. Does that sound right?

Sandie Deig: That's just Reassessment.

President Wortman: Was that just Reassessment? Okay, well just leave it at \$8, I'm sorry then.

Councilmember Sutton: The request is \$5,000.

President Wortman: I've got \$8 now, see, \$8 per hour.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, per hour, okay.

Judge Dietsch: You weren't talking about the total figure.

President Wortman: No, no.

Councilmember Bassemier: Judge, you're just paying them \$7 now, aren't you? Is it \$6.50 now, you were just paying \$6.50 and we suggested --

Judge Dietsch: No, I think...well, it's been several years ago and I don't know, someone on the Council made the suggestion that perhaps the figure for the courts should be changed and it was changed. It might have been \$6.50, I'm not sure.

Councilmember Bassemier: The only reason that I'm pointing it out, Curt went along with that \$8 and I was surprised. You know how tight he is. He went along from \$6.50 to \$8. Are you listening Curt? You did good on this one, give that raise. Normally you don't do that.

President Wortman: Now the next item is the 1370, a Counselor, \$25,000. That was down in Judge Lensing's office there on that.

Councilmember Smith: What's the number?

President Wortman: Line item 1370, started out 1610-1370, Counselor, on page 102 in the middle of the page.

Judge Dietsch: On my sheet it's page 102 about half way down the page.

Councilmember Sutton: Line 1610-1370.

Judge Dietsch: Right.

President Wortman: We'll have to discuss that with Judge Lensing on that to see what happens there. Okay, anybody else got any questions for Judge Dietsch?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I had one on, let me turn back to page 106, and it would be account 3944, Special Reporter. There's a pretty hefty increase on that one.

Councilmember Smith: What's the number, Jim, I didn't hear you?

Councilmember Raben: Line 3944, page 106 in the big book. Judge, I don't know what it will be on yours.

Judge Dietsch: Pardon.

Councilmember Raben: In the big book it's page 106.

Judge Dietsch: That new name, Mr. Raben, for whatever reason was determined through the State Board of Accounts. We use to have this in another line item and the problem was that this is a pauper fund and what was not being taken out?

Rosemary Norbury: Well the State Board of Accounts wanted to keep a record of how much they were paid, each reporter was paid.

Judge Dietsch: Oh yes, that's right, and it had something to do with the taxes too, did it not?

Rosemary Norbury: Right, but they're paying their own taxes on this now and their own PERF.

Judge Dietsch: That's what it is. It was changed for two reasons because they wanted to keep track and also now the people have to pay their own taxes and all that stuff out of this. It was just an accounting from the State Board of Accounts.

Rosemary Norbury: We've already had to have a second appropriation on it.

Judge Dietsch: Yeah. It's one of those, Mr. Raben, it's one of those large non controllable accounts that have to do with pauper expenses for indigents and, you know, we don't have any control over that. As a matter of fact, when Mr. Wortman and Mr. Bassemier were down we discussed the dramatic increase. If you would look you would see that where as before we usually ask for \$35,000 in those accounts, now we're asking for \$80,000 and we're lucky if we're going to get by with less than \$110,000 or \$120,000.

President Wortman: We went over pretty thoroughly with this budget and he explained everything to us pretty good. It's pretty realistic on that, but some of this, like he said, is out of control. He doesn't have any control.

Councilmember Hoy: We've already spent...in six months you might as well say you've spent \$20,000 so you're going to need \$40,000 for the whole year, this year.

Judge Dietsch: Oh yeah. We've been back once or twice?

Rosemary Norbury: Once, and we're--

Judge Dietsch: And we're going to be coming back again. My point is this, just like every year if the Council needs to do something to get down to where it is supposed to be for the State Board of Tax Accounts, we're willing to cooperate. You just simply have to understand that if that is done we're going to be coming back for additional appropriations.

President Wortman: That's like the old advertisement for oil change, pay me now or pay me later.

Judge Dietsch: Right.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any questions for Judge Dietsch and Superior Court? Yes sir, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Line item 3010, Other Insurance.

Judge Dietsch: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess we've been going along at a pretty consistent amount there and now we're seeing that rise up there pretty sharply. What does that cover?

Judge Dietsch: It encompasses two more people, Mr. Sutton. Also, the underwriter, or the insurance company that was handling it before, is out of the business. We shopped around, the only people that would pick it up was Lloyds of London. For some reason or another they have one of their lovely surcharges attached. What we are exploring at the present time, and we're awaiting an answer right now, is if the Judges here are adequately covered under the county policy then there would be no need for this in the future and we could, as I said, we could repeal this and then we could get it out of our budget.

Councilmember Sutton: What type of insurance is this, Judge?

Judge Dietsch: It's liability insurance, you know, for malpractice and all of that.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, that's what I was... okay.

Councilmember Raben: Judge, you mentioned that was two more people, what lines would the other two individuals fall under?

Judge Dietsch: Magistrates. The magistrates do not appear in our budget, Mr. Raben. They're paid by the state.

Councilmember Sutton: Are these positions that are approved positions, or positions that presently are filled on those two additional ones that you are accounting for here?

Judge Dietsch: One will be filled shortly, the other one is filled.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. And I had another question on 3310, Training.

Judge Dietsch: Pardon?

Councilmember Sutton: Line 3310, Training.

Judge Dietsch: Yes?

Councilmember Sutton: What type of training are we talking about there and who would

that be for? Yeah, page 105 in the big book.

Judge Dietsch: Alright that is the amount of money that we request each year for continuing training for probation officers, okay, and public defenders. About the only funds that we expend on behalf of public defenders are those funds that are necessary in order to incrementally keep our public defenders qualified for capital cases. They have to undergo training, well, yes I suppose you could call it training. But they do have to complete a course, they have to keep current in that. And what we have been doing is we have been staggering that by sending different people so that eventually everybody is going to be capital case qualified. But even when they're capital case qualified, they still have to go back periodically for the training sessions in order to continue to have that status.

Councilmember Sutton: And the probation officers, is this required training for them? Of course on the public defenders I understand that.

Judge Dietsch: There are certain things that the probation officers attend that I think are required. There are also other training sessions that are available and generally what happens is they are sent on a rotating basis. For example, if probation officers A, B, C, D and E go this year, they won't go next year, F, G, H and I will go.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, and then on a couple of line items, 3932, CASA, we have something there in that first line, but the second line where we had the GAL-CASA, 3933, we've zeroed that out. Is that rolling into another area? It's page 105 and 106.

Judge Dietsch: I think it was assigned another number, but I don't know.

Rosemary Norbury: No, no it's a grant fund.

Judge Dietsch: Oh, that's what it is.

Rosemary Norbury: A state grant.

Judge Dietsch: And it's dried up?

Rosemary Norbury: No, we have money in it, but we don't ask for money because the state gives us money.

Judge Dietsch: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Judge Dietsch: That's a state grant, juvenile... We have money in that and we don't ask for any money. We keep that line item, but we don't ask for money. That's why that's zero for 2000.

Councilmember Sutton: So we've got sufficient funds in 3933 and we don't --

Judge Dietsch: We hope.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, I guess I'm just trying to get information about maybe potential surprises that may come or arise during the course of the year, maybe an additional request for appropriation since it was zeroed there.

Judge Dietsch: I don't think so, Mr. Sutton. I don't recall ever having to ask for an appropriation in that, do you?

Councilmember Sutton: Then the last one I had question on, I know this is an area where you never know what the expense will be on it, it's just kind of one of those things that's just kind of meet the need as it comes, on the Pauper Expense.

Judge Dietsch: Unfortunately, you know, you've been discussing this for years and years and years at budget time and there is just no way that we can predict accurately what is going to be expended. You know, we can always hope that we're going to get by on the monies that have been appropriated. If we can that's fine. If we can't, unfortunately, they have to be expended and we have to come back for an appropriation.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Judge, when you look at Pauper Expense and some of these other items like that, are they going up considerably more than just an inflation percentage in your estimation? I'm asking this for a reason, not to change your budget.

Judge Dietsch: No, except if you're talking about those big noncontrollable accounts. No, they're only going up in terms of the number of trials, appeals, depositions that you have, except in one area, and we've gone through that last year, that's in the area of jurors meals and lodging. As you know because of relatively recent legislation that line item has more than doubled. Well, we were paying \$7.50 if you come in and \$17.50 a day if you served. We are now paying \$17.50 a day if you come in and \$40 a day if you serve. Some simple math right off the top of your head shows that's going to more than double, and the more trials that you have, obviously, the more that line item is going to increase.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I was trying to work out some math here. So we've got the two new magistrates coming in --

Judge Dietsch: No, one.

Councilmember Lloyd: Oh, you've got one. We've got one on board and one coming in.

Judge Dietsch: Yeah.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay. But looking at the budget, some of the request for the new employees, is that related to servicing the magistrates?

Judge Dietsch: The request for the new reporter is for this reason, yes. One we're going to have another magistrate. But in addition, we have one, two, three... three and once in a while four Senior Judges. We also have out of county judges coming in on cases where a special judge is needed, okay. We have only one reporter to handle all of those people and it's becoming impossible. Also, what we like to do is we like to stagger vacation periods during the summer because we always need a minimal number of reporters available to cover the court in its entirety. If we don't have that other one I don't know how we're going to continue. For example, this is just me alright, since the beginning of the year, since I've been functioning as Senior Judge, I have been down a total of four times for purposes of trial, either in Divorce Division or Criminal Division or in a Civil Court trial, where either a courtroom was not available or a reporter was not available. Now, you know, four times since the beginning of the year is not that much, but it means a lot to the people that are involved in the litigation, you know. We have to have personnel to handle

that. Mr. Ahlers I'm sure will agree with this.

President Wortman: Anything else?

Judge Dietsch: Court reporters are the lifeblood of the courtroom scene. I mean we have to have them.

Councilmember Lloyd: Right, so you've got twelve court reporters and then one request for a new court reporter.

Judge Dietsch: That's right.

Councilmember Lloyd: Now, I mean, those reporters work for various judges, right?

Judge Dietsch: Right, plus three of them work in Misdemeanor, okay, a high volume. With the two new people in Small Claims if you see fit to approve, they work in Small Claims, high volume, okay. That means the other reporters are working for their judges, going with them different places, plus we have one court reporter, as I said, to take care of all the Senior Judges and the out of county judges who come in on special cases.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Lloyd: I have more, one more. Then I'm going to assume we've got six bailiffs and you want to add a bailiff. Is that related to this also?

Judge Dietsch: I'm going to be perfectly honest with you. When I discussed this with Mr. Wortman and Mr. Bassemier and I put that in there, I said that would be a very nice thing for us to have. It would help the Sheriff's Department a bit because we sort of rely on the Sheriff's deputies that are up there to help us keep control and help sort of bailing up there. But they're not always available, obviously, because that's not their primary duty. So if we had a part time bailiff up there they could make sure that the people were there where they were supposed to be, get the cases in line and all of that, okay. That would be very nice, but I told Mr. Wortman that it is not absolutely essential. And I'll be honest with you, it is not absolutely essential.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else? If not, we'll turn to page, and then we're going to have a break, 168. Before we do, Judge Pigman here is going to replace Judge Dietsch here one of these days so he's in the audience there. Recognize the Judge, just a newly elected judge.

Judge Dietsch: I'm sure you all know Bob. We'll be working together for a while and then eventually I'm going to turn this over to him.

President Wortman: Right, he serving his apprenticeship now and then he's going to be a journeyman.

Judge Dietsch: Well he's had some experience in the past with this.

President Wortman: Okay, he's a good one.

### ***SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION***

President Wortman: Okay, page 168 and then we'll take a short pause for a good cause.

Judge Dietsch: All of that is the Supplemental Fund and as you know those are the court's monies. We appropriate those, a certain amount, each year to augment probation services and pay for other things that we need. We simply submit that to you as a matter of

courtesy so that you understand what we are doing. We have been having a problem with a copier machine in the Probation office. We put a little extra in there this time because I am going to determine, I think, that the purchase of a copy machine out of these funds is appropriate under the statute because in fact it does augment probation services. I don't know what some --

President Wortman: Anybody got any questions for Judge Dietsch on this?

Councilmember Lloyd: Is that in the Other Contractual line, the copier?

Judge Dietsch: Yeah, yeah.

Councilmember Sutton: How much does that account for in that Other Contractual line for that copy machine, Judge?

Judge Dietsch: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Sutton: How much does that copy machine account for in the Other Contractual line? Do you know?

Judge Dietsch: Well let me see.

Councilmember Sutton: The total request is \$15,000.

Judge Dietsch: Probably, Mr. Sutton, depending on if we really have to replace it we're probably talking maybe in the neighborhood of \$8,000.

Councilmember Sutton: And the rest of that --

Judge Dietsch: And the rest of that is to provide services that they use in the Probation Department. They take all kinds of things, photos and this and that that they do with the probationers. And that's what we pay all those expenses out of.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: You said \$8,000 for a copy machine, but you've got a contract for \$8,000 for the other copy machine. Is there that much difference?

Judge Dietsch: No, no that's a maintenance on --

Councilmember Smith: I mean the contract is for \$8,000.

Judge Dietsch: When they tell us what --

Councilmember Smith: (Inaudible)

Judge Dietsch: Well that's a much larger machine. The machine that we have in the Misdemeanor/Probation is a smaller machine. We've been having it repaired, but the person that's repairing it is going out of business and he says he doesn't know who else could do it or whether the parts are available. So shortly we're going to have to make a decision on what we're going to do.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody got any questions? If not, we'll have a ten minute recess. Thank you Judge, Rosemary and Judge Pigman.

**Tape Change**

***DRUG AND ALCOHOL***

President Wortman: Okay, we'll resume where we left off. Our ten minutes is up and some and we're going to start off with page 107 the Drug and Alcohol Deferral Service.

Bill Campbell: Good morning, Bill Campbell, Director of Drug and Alcohol Deferral Service. Knowing that you'll have...feel compelled to make a cut or two on every budget that comes, I've already made a couple for you, modest, but never the less, cuts. I raised one so that we could get the rug cleaned on an annual basis. That's about the only material change in this years budget from last.

President Wortman: Okay, does anybody got any--

Bill Campbell: Excuse me Curt. I have...everyone has a concern regarding the expenditures. Our purchasing habits have grown like top seed through the years. While we've not spent much in printing thus far, we're about out of printing material so we will be using that printing money the rest of the year so it works out pretty well but we don't spend it equally through the year.

President Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Other contractual?

Bill Campbell: That's cleaning.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Bill Campbell: The reason it was bumped up was so that the people who do the cleaning...I think the same one's do councilman Hoy, they don't do rugs and carpeting and once a year we'd like to have our carpet cleaned.

Councilmember Smith: I think we okayed a supplement to that.

Bill Campbell: That's correct.

Councilmember Sutton: You guys were doing your own.

Councilmember Smith: They were doing their own.

Councilmember Raben: Right, I remember.

Bill Campbell: Not well, but--

President Wortman: Okay, anybody got any questions for Mr. Campbell? If not, why thank you and we appreciate your time.

Bill Campbell: Thank you.

***SHERIFF***

President Wortman: Next on the agenda is the Sheriff and we got one hour to get out of here, so we have to keep a moving now.

Brad Ellsworth: So don't ask me anything.



Councilmember Smith: Why? What's going to be in here this afternoon?

President Wortman: Something is scheduled.

Councilmember Smith: Are you in a hurry?

President Wortman: Oh yeah, I'm in a hurry. I got a lot to do.

Brad Ellsworth: Can I say something before we get started? I just wanted to thank the Council for making my first eight months a pleasure and especially Mr. Wortman and Ms. Deig for their help in preparing our first budget and I'd like to thank the whole Council, especially those two.

President Wortman: That's what the system is all about, is cooperation. I think that's--

Councilmember Sutton: You haven't been through budget yet.

President Wortman: No.

Councilmember Sutton: Let's hear him say that next week.

Brad Ellsworth: Well, that's why I wanted to get it out of the way now.

Councilmember Hoy: I appreciate your deputy not stopping me when I was--

Brad Ellsworth: He told me about it though, Mr. Hoy.

President Wortman: Okay, page 14. Mr. County Sheriff.

Councilmember Hoy: On the wages 1130-0002, I assume that's a step increase or something there? It's a captain.

Brad Ellsworth: You'll have to give me a second, this is like I said my first time in dealing with your budget book.

President Wortman: What page are we on here?

Councilmember Hoy: Page 14.

Councilmember Sutton: It's 14, 1130-0002.

Brad Ellsworth: I think that's going to deal with when I appointed the chiefs and the incumbent who was Captain Woodall who was making lieutenant's pay and then I had to raise him a third captain.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you, I remember that now.

Brad Ellsworth: I think we had an agreement that when one of those three vacated that we wouldn't obviously replace that person.

President Wortman: Okay, we'll continue on down--

Councilmember Lloyd: I have a question.

President Wortman: Yes sir, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: On the contract for the Sheriff, is that increase reflected in another budget? Is that in Community Corrections?

Brad Ellsworth: I'm not sure where they put it actually, Mr. Lloyd. It was a separate contract--

Councilmember Raben: I think that's on page 22. Is it not? Isn't that the salary adjustment line?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Chairman? I had a few questions if you don't care.

President Wortman: Okay

Councilmember Raben: Brad, without...well, let me skip on down, 2640 Narcotics. What's in that account right now? Do we have a balance?

Unidentified: Zero.

Brad Ellsworth: Zero.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Unidentified: There's zero in the appropriated account but that money has been transferred out of Narcotics for day to day use.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Brad Ellsworth: Oh, you mean the balance on it? Yeah, I transferred \$5000. The second \$5000 out to Lieutenant Bequette and he is in possession of that money. I couldn't tell you how much they've spent out of that right now, if you need that.

Councilmember Raben: I might call upon you to get that in--

Brad Ellsworth: Certainly.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Brad as you know there will be some cuts made somewhere in this budget I'm sure. If you had your say, are there any accounts that you think...that you know of that you would see fit any cuts to be made?

Brad Ellsworth: Well, when we were working with Mr. Wortman on that, we have made several cuts. Although they may seem minor, we tried to look at what we've actually spent over the last five or six years and what we received and the true costs and cut where we felt like we could. I know in the pamphlet that I sent out we made some pledges to look at some accounts we might be able to cut. One was college reimbursement and funds like that we're going to take a look at that seem to be going up, we need to get some control on that. It's hard to say right now, Mr. Raben, where I could say we'd cut first. It's kind of like a diverse issue. Do we get away from cars or do we get away from, you know, what I feel, and my staff feels that they deserve in personnel wages? We can talk about that but right now I'm not sure, you know, it's hard to weight out apples and oranges on that one.

Councilmember Raben: That's fine. Thank you. I might also compliment you on your commissary reports they're coming in on a timely fashion.

Brad Ellsworth: I hope that's cleared up. At least any misunderstanding, and I hope that also reassures you that the money definitely helps, is being spent in the right way for the department, including the jail, in that there aren't a lot of extras that are being spent out of that. I think that monthly reporting system, like I said, clarifies that for the entire Council and makes you trust that account. I think it's good. It does nothing but supplement and cut what

we have to ask for during budget time. And I hope they keep eating Bama pies and drinking Double Colas.

President Wortman: Okay, I'd like to direct your attention to page 20, New Patrolman that's 1130-0115. You might say what's that for. It was just suggested that possible...Brad you back me up on this, unless I get off here a little bit.

Brad Ellsworth: You know I will Curt.

President Wortman: Put a patrolman...pick one out to work with kids in these five rural schools and possible parochial schools to go around not on schedule but check that. So we approached the School Corporation and come up with the idea a percentage of 80/20 they're the 80 and we're the 20. They're going to run it by the School Corporation and they will get back with us. With all the incidents happening...unfortunate happening why, we thought that might be worthwhile. But of course, I'm only one and there's six other Councilmen that's why that's in there. If anybody is going to ask Brad, he can explain it a little more, if there are any questions to be asked. If it would be a deterrent for this violence we're having, it's worth it. And of course, it's up to the subject of open discussion. Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Would you say more about that? Mr. Wortman you said the School Corporation approved that they would put 80 percent of the cost in of that?

President Wortman: They're going to run it by the School Corporation. I think that they've been approached on it, but they're going to run it by and see what the answer would be. If they would go along with the 80/20.

Councilmember Hoy: This represents the officer's wage though?

Brad Ellsworth: Yes, we put in the entire amount, like I said, Mr. Wortman and myself will both be in contact with Mike Duckworth, He's the President of the School Board. We've been approached for several years now for...we have the DARE officers in those same schools that actually teach DARE in 26 schools, regardless of what some of these studies that the University of Louisville says. The DARE program is effective. I am living proof of that. I can give you hundreds of examples of what our local people, you know your constituents and mine, feel about that program. School Liaison is a different thing. Like I said, I've been contacted even under the last Sheriff about us being able to put a person in the schools as the liaison person, a contact. Let's face it. The schools are very sensitive about what goes on in their halls. They want to feel very comfortable with an officer. The DARE program is a drug and violence prevention program specifically on a 17 week basis. This School Liaison Officer would actually be the contact person who they'd go between from our department and the schools when they needed somebody to investigate a case, when they needed somebody to send these kids to. The Liaison between Juvenile hall and the Schools and like I said, it would reach another factor in the schools that the DARE officers are actually told not to do. They are told not to do enforcement duties in the schools. That takes away from their effectiveness in drug prevention education.

Councilmember Hoy: Actually this would parallel with what the Evansville Police Department does. The schools that are located within the city limits. Is that not correct?

Brad Ellsworth: Yeah, it would be fashioned similar to their program, this will only address the county schools. Like I said, I wrote Mr. Duckworth a letter for him to present to the School Corporation. He is actually...he approached us and said, you know, I think we can get a percentage of funding, you know, like I said, every principal in the county has called me and asked for this person. And that's why I bring it before you, I think it could be a very useful tool. Like I said, in light of the violence, there is nothing that's going to stop that from happening here, possibly that presence, and that early communication intervention could do so.

Councilmember Sutton: Brad, are you saying the schools that are outside of the city but inside the county? Because when you say the county, the city is in the county.

Brad Ellsworth: Right, this person would not be going into the city schools. Now, the DARE officers they do--

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Brad Ellsworth: --because a DARE office can actually teach in ten schools per year and we set that up on a first come first serve basis. Like you said, the city is in the county and we got hundreds, not hundreds, but numerous requests to present the DARE in that, so we obliged and have the two officers. But this person would concentrate and split his time between the nine county schools, middle and elementary.

President Wortman: Let me add this to it. Brad, you back me up on this if I say it right. The event that when school is not in session he could take this officer and have him fill in somewhere, whether it's a patrolman or what have you, to utilize and try to eliminate some overtime cause they have their snow days and other days they're off.

Brad Ellsworth: That's what we do with the DARE officers now. On their summers they do fill into the road patrol and the busier area and wherever we need them. We just know that they are freed up full time during the school year.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Sheriff, when will you know about the 80/20? Will we know before the end of the budget hearings? Do we appropriate this or do we go ahead a appropriate their part and you give it back to the general fund?

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier, I can maybe answer that. Mr. Duckworth told me a couple days ago it would be the 16th when they will meet and have an answer on it hopefully.

Councilmember Bassemier: August 16th?

Brad Ellsworth: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Could I--

President Wortman: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Can I raise a question? Does anybody know what percentage the School Corporation now pays on the city officers?

Brad Ellsworth: I sure don't. I think it's a flat dollar figure. I'm not sure it's a percentage on their salaries, but, I'm not sure.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, being the...Curt had mentioned parochial schools. You mentioned public schools. So is it both or is it just--

Brad Ellsworth: We have only contacted...and we found out that they seem to have the deeper pockets. Right now we've only got the proposal from the public EVSC and not from the catholic schools.

Councilmember Raben: I do know that the Catholic schools are addressing this issue. I know that there's a member of the city department that is going to work for the Catholic Diocese to head up that program.

Brad Ellsworth: That's going to be larger than the Vanderburgh County area right?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, that will be for the local Diocese, right.

Councilmember Hoy: Who is paying for that Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Catholic Diocese.

Councilmember Hoy: Catholic Diocese.

Councilmember Sutton: Brad, the question that has to be asked though is addressing this issue and trying to allocate a person to this issue, couldn't we look at someone that's already there rather than a new position to handle these responsibilities, the same split, you know, if that is...if that is favorable to EVSC, using someone that we already have for that rather than create a new position?

Brad Ellsworth: I think that's obviously the first question. I really feel like with the growth that we are having, even though it's not in population, our number of runs that are going up, that we're pretty strapped. To pull a person out right now and put him full time in the schools...it's hard to say. We can't take him out of courts, we've got 13 committed to that. It would be tough to pull another person out and do it. Now the person we put in there will be a seasoned officer. It will not be the new person. I know that's not what you're getting at, but we'll replace him with the new patrolman. If I felt like we had that person around, we could do it, I'd certainly do that at this point. I feel like we could almost justify asking for more, but his seems to be an important issue right now. It's the loudest request we're getting from a department member and I don't know where we'd pull him from right now, someplace else would suffer.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, well I think it's a fair question--

Brad Ellsworth: Absolutely.

Councilmember Sutton: I think it's something that we have to evaluate--

Brad Ellsworth: Sure.

Councilmember Sutton: The merits on both sides of it.

Brad Ellsworth: You're absolutely correct.

President Wortman: You'd be surprised of the parents of children in schools that would like to have something like this, the kids that are in grade schools...and then we... parochial schools there's the only Catholic, I think there's Lutheran School. I forget how many there is besides the public schools.

Brad Ellsworth: It's a total of nine schools between middle and private school... the Day School, one catholic and then the seven, I think, EVSC schools.

President Wortman: Right, then you got a Lutheran school in Darmstadt.

Brad Ellsworth: Right, Trinity Lutheran, I'm sorry I forgot about that one.

President Wortman: Right, that famous town out there in Darmstadt.

Brad Ellsworth: Where is that?

Councilmember Raben: I think...I'm still somewhat confused as to...if this individual just dealt with the nine schools, I mean that's a lot of schools to split your time in. I'm confused

as to what exactly would he do. I mean, is he...give us a little detail on that.

Brad Ellsworth: Sure. If we mirror this similar to the city's program, the school liaison officer would be the direct point of contact with all the school's administrators. So, they have a trusting, growing relationship with that person. That's who they call when they got a law enforcement problem or they get a tip that somebody brought a gun to school or a knife, or whatever, or if they're having...they get a tip that requires law enforcement at the child's home that the school hears about and they want to get involved in that. Right now they are more comfortable with one person. Right now if they were to call our detective office they have a chance of getting one of twelve and this is what they are asking for, is one point of contact and that person is there. Also, nine sounds like a lot but in the city police, there officers take care of a high school and their feeder schools, so you've got a huge amount of people even though that's less schools, probably one high school and maybe five elementary schools. By adding that high school you're adding a huge number of kids and a lot more problems. Fortunately, we do not have a high school out in the county and we'd be dealing with strictly middle schools and elementary. They'd also be presenting the programs along with the enforcement duties and also training him in the program such as the old Officer Friendly program, which is more K through three and those type education preparing them for the DARE program which is offered in the 5th grade and 6th grade. So he would be a combination of education at the much lower levels preparing them for DARE and them also the enforcement duties and the stuff that would revolve around actual enforcement.

Councilmember Raben: How many officers actually work the DARE program?

Brad Ellsworth: Two.

Councilmember Raben: Two?

Brad Ellsworth: It's two full time.

Councilmember Raben: I don't remember if the question was raised, but what percentage does the School Corporation pay on--

Brad Ellsworth: Zero.

Councilmember Raben: Zero?

Brad Ellsworth: Yes. That was the flagship program, if you want to call it that, of the former sheriff. I can't say enough good about that. I was the first officer...I started in nine schools. We got so many requests from both city schools and county that we added a second officer several years...a couple years later, and like I said, we are still getting request from usually city schools. We do all the county schools now. We're still getting and have a waiting list if someone would drop out of the program that they would like to pick that up. That's a very popular program in our system.

Councilmember Raben: I think it is too. I've heard nothing but good things about it as well.

Brad Ellsworth: The salaries of those two officers obviously are in the general budget. All the other expenses that are picked up by that program includes the cars the two officers drive, and all the work books. Everything else is paid for out of drug seizure money. That's when we bust a drug dealer and seize the assets we've been able to purchase everything. We don't do any grants for that. We don't do any corporate, you know, contributions. Everything is paid for by the drug dealers themselves, which we are very proud of that fact too.

President Wortman: I've always said if this would save one life, money wouldn't mean a

thing.

Brad Ellsworth: Well, that's my point on...I just read an article the other day from the University of Louisville, you know, they're doing a ten year study and saying that it...long term effects and that's really hard to say, I mean, we all got spankings when we were kids and did that last forever and we were never bad again? No. You need to build. A police officer is very effective to a fifth grader and a sixth grader, seventh and eighth, it's peers, it's kids their own age. In high school, it's definitely kids their own age. You know, things like Youth Resources and that where those type programs are more beneficial than a uniformed officer. It's just one tool in the tool bag. You have to have...this is something that you start at a very young age, you know, if it's in kindergarten, it's a clown or a duck or whatever it is and then at fifth grade the uniformed officer or real person and at high school kids their own age that are, you know, peers. It's a big picture. That's just one cog on that wheel, but it's an important one. I had a school when I was teaching that actually had me give the health grade based on their 17 week DARE program and it was an EVSC school that actually was so impressed with the program that they had me give the health grade for the kids. That's pretty good trust in the program when they base it on that.

President Wortman: We even talked about security like you have here in the courts building. You'd have getting off the bus, the crowding and all that procedure and we just thought we'd try it for a year, if that's possible, the council? One year and then we'll evaluate it and if don't work, fine. If it does, continue it. Like I said, you never know, if it just saves one life it's worth the venture, money wouldn't mean a thing.

Brad Ellsworth: Mr. Sutton, your point is well taken. At this point we evaluated that and looked where we could pull them from. You know, like I said, court security is one of those things, and we are looking at every program that we have on the department. The court officers are extremely busy in the mornings, you know from nine to early afternoon, late afternoon we might be able to get rid of them, but you never know when there's three or four trials going on, everybody is gone, and we need more officers in there. That's a hard thing to regulate that. On road patrol, we have a minimum man power of five cars have to start out for the entire county. Sometimes we have as many as eight. We don't start with less than five. When you get something on, you know, a plane crashed last night on Strueh Hendricks Road and something going on 64 whatever, five cars doesn't go very far for a long time. So I don't know where else we'd pull them from. But we feel like, you know, and like I said, we're getting enough requests that we felt it was legitimate request at this time.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else want to continue to ask Mr. Ellsworth?

Councilmember Smith: I have a question. Brad, you didn't ask for any new cars at all this year.

Brad Ellsworth: Yes, yes we did. It's in a different place.

Councilmember Smith: Oh, okay because right down here motor vehicles it's zero.

President Wortman: Betty, what we did there we elected to do the same thing that we did last year, take it out this fall and get some piggy backs and the equipment that goes along with them and that way we'd try to get everything lined up and save a lot of money.

Councilmember Bassemier: How many cars is that?

President Wortman: I think we talked about ten, didn't we Brad?

Brad Ellsworth: Looking at the cost of ten.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

Brad Ellsworth: Let me quickly give you my philosophy, I've talked about it with Curt, on cars. We've polled every police agency in this state and really the average that anybody makes a police car go is usually less, but 100,000, people talk about they never drive them. The State Police turn their car in between 70 and 100,000 miles. Very rarely do you hear a police agency using their emergency vehicles past 100,000. We have squeaked a lot of miles out of a lot of cars. Another thing that's been done in the past is gone, to the practice of keeping unmarked cars and assigning them. My philosophy is that an unmarked car, unless it's a detective or a narcotics' agent, doesn't do me or the public any good. That officer can't pull anybody over. If it's sitting in his driveway or it's sitting on the road or whatever, an unmarked car doesn't do anybody any good at all. So, you'll probably get a letter in the next week that I'm retiring, I think, six cars, I believe four of those are unmarked and want to replace that...if we're going to keep cars on the road I want them marked with lights and that because it is truly a deterrent...I was a perfect example today. I started driving a car with lights and sirens and markings. I could tell on the Lloyd and on 41 this morning that people were pretty angry with me because they were having to drive the speed limit, just for the fact that I was going down the road at the speed limit. I'm getting all the looks...I pulled two over this morning, one passed me at a pretty quick pace. But I couldn't have done that in an unmarked car. So we are going to, like I said, make the push for marked cars where only our detectives, when they need them, will be driving unmarked and the narcotics' agents, and try to...like I said, that's the practice that we're going to get out of, at least under my administration.

Councilmember Sutton: What time do you generally come to work in the morning?

Brad Ellsworth: Which way do you drive?

Councilmember Hoy: I'll describe his car for you later. Then you won't be looking for my van.

Brad Ellsworth: I already know which one it is.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions on the sheriff? Yeah, Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Let's see, on the...I'm looking on your budget rationale, the college reimbursement. He had mentioned that you are looking at re-evaluating the program to limit the number of eligible participants. I just wondered...I'm trying to figure out what you are meaning there.

Brad Ellsworth: Sure. What we've done here is when we started this program we went from probably four or five people having college degrees and under the former sheriff he made it mandatory for new recruits that within...that if they did not have a college degree that they would receive a college degree within the first eight years of their employment, thinking that a better educated person is more receptive to training and learning and it makes a better officer. We still believe in that. What we also got into the practice of was reimbursing the officers, not only these officers, but people who were wanting to continue their education through masters programs and even officers that were already on the department. What happened was that people, you know, more and more people are getting their degree obviously. We have more college graduates now than we've ever had. Also, the way we want to do that and base it for cost savings is look at the classes they are taking and make sure that they are related and going to benefit our department and this county. You know, if it's commercial art, and I shouldn't pick on commercial artists, I going to be politically correct here. If the class they're trying to take will not benefit this department or, let's just say they already have a masters degree in criminology and they want to go back and get their...a second masters, we might decline that so that we could pay the guy who's trying to get his first degree or first bachelors. That's what we want to do. Actually pick and choose what we're going to reimburse based on the class and the amount of money we have left so that it does benefit us and benefit you all. Does that clear it up?



Councilmember Lloyd: Yeah, so like if they want to go back and get a degree in ancient civilizations or something like that--

Brad Ellsworth: That we'd put the priority on the degree in criminology over, you know, we might tell him no, the ancient civilization person and tell the criminology person, yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: Right. Okay yeah, that makes sense. I mean, I think that's something a lot of private industry does.

Brad Ellsworth: I think we got into the habit of, they registered and whatever the class was. If it was going toward a degree, we went ahead and reimbursed and I think, with the increase we've had, you know, from \$5,000 originally and now looking up at \$17,000 but we do need to start looking into that and trimming that back if necessary.

President Wortman: The one thing I think that don't show here, and that's the buyouts, but I think that procedure is going to slow down. We've had quite a bit, but that's in the Council's budget. Am I right, Sandie?

Sandie Deig: Pardon me?

President Wortman: On that buyout, it's going to be slowing down, I think, because a lot of them was bought out. It's in our Council budget, a line item, you know, for the buy outs. Because we've had quite a few there for a while, right now, I think it's kind of slowing down, especially in the Sheriff's Department.

Brad Ellsworth: I think that goes in, you know, it goes in cycles. Right now we're looking ahead and don't know of anybody right now, I think we have one just tender his resignation or retirement. Like I said, our department is really quite young, on the average, and we won't see that for a while, the big numbers, the five and six at a time.

President Wortman: Right. I think that'll be a factor too. Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Just...I know we're kind of pressed for time, so I'll just omit my question.

### **SHERIFF JAIL**

President Wortman: Okay, anything else for Mr. Ellsworth? If not, we'll jump over to the Sheriff Jail, page 25.

Brad Ellsworth: Don't omit too many questions, Mr. Sutton.

President Wortman: Okay page 27, toward the end of the page, a paramedic \$27,272. This would be on the third shift and Mr. Ellsworth can explain that, how it's going to save the county money.

Brad Ellsworth: One thing we're trying to do and, like I said, that's kind of one of the things that we pledge to do, the staff and I, is try to save money. Medical costs in the jails across the state and across the country are just...they go crazy. One thing we we're able to do and we really cut some costs was with the pre-existing condition clause, the law that was generated in Allen County and we've exercised that. We haven't been the most popular people in the world with the local hospitals but we're using that law to the best of our benefit. One thing we have found though, over the last couple of years, is that we are able to staff first and second shift adequately, but third shift is when a lot of the intoxicated people, a lot of the people that are injured in car wrecks, a lot of the people that get into fights are coming into our jail. When the medical people...when the jail staff is not trained medically and the triage and they're deciding, they're using caution as the best thing to do and they're sent to the hospital. What we'd like to do is obviously have third shift coverage

as much as possible so that person, you know, we've got 300 something people up there on a nightly basis, on a daily basis and, you know, we are responsible for doing their medical care. If something happens and we don't...we've been pretty lucky so far, that if something slips by and somebody would pass away in the jail or something like that, you know, we could be liable for a law suit or whatever. So, what we are thinking by having a trained person on third shift for the majority of the time, that if nothing more than their simple treatments that they can perform, the paramedic and the triage they can do, it's going to save us on the ambulance runs at \$300 or \$400 per trip. It's going to take some of that liability off the jailers who are making the decision and, like I said, they're just using caution and saying send them. So, that's the basic premise for us requesting a paramedic to work thirds, to staff third shift a majority of the time.

President Wortman: That would affect the city police bringing people in too, correct?

Brad Ellsworth: Well that's, I mean, we don't accept them if there's an obvious sign and they're obviously...if they have a BAC, a blood alcohol content of over .30 we don't accept them until the city police take them to the hospital, that doesn't always make the city police very happy, you know, we refuse them if they obviously need medical care, but a paramedic would be able to definitely discern that.

President Wortman: Make that decision, and that's what we're looking for.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Mr. Ed?

Councilmember Bassemier: Sheriff, how do you work your shift now. First shift you have a paramedic and a nurse?

Brad Ellsworth: Right, we try to keep a nurse on duty, day shift. Actually with the grant that Governor O'Bannon gave us, we've got a paramedic who is also the jail...we upped his salary a little bit. He's the department liaison to the medical. He's in charge of writing policy and making sure...keeping all the paperwork, so he is on days. We keep at least a nurse on days, and then second shift we usually have two and two and the fifth person rotates. We've got a total of five. The jail doctor, who we contract with, comes in two or three times a week as specified by the contract.

Councilmember Bassemier: Would you need a paramedic, as long as you have a nurse there? Could that paramedic you have on the first shift go to the third shift, where you can eliminate this third shift paramedic?

Brad Ellsworth: Well,--

Councilmember Bassemier: If you're trying to save cost?

Brad Ellsworth: It's pretty busy, like I said, we're trying that. They stay extremely busy. There's days where we'll pull the second nurse in on days just to keep up with the paperwork and the paper trail. Because if we...when we get sued by an inmate which happens quite often, the first thing they ask for is medical records and that's probably the first area we get sued for is medical care. You know, short of...we've looked at different schedules, going to twelve hour shifts up there for them to try to cover that. A lot times the employees aren't real receptive of those 12 hour shifts. We need to get some retired fireman who is used to those 24 hour day shifts.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, the reason...I know things have changed since I was over there and worked in the jail 30 years ago. I just didn't know. I knew third shift, especially on Friday and Saturday night, I'll agree with you, the alcoholics and whatever.

They're coming in injured and you're only protecting yourself. I just didn't know if you could...it's just asking questions.

Brad Ellsworth: No, and I appreciate that. It's...we all know that one person doesn't take a whole...with days off and vacation and that. One person can't cover a whole shift by himself, so it takes several to cover one. So, we try to break it up as much as possible, and it's just going to give us--

Councilmember Bassemier: Your EMT works what shift? Just day shift also?

Brad Ellsworth: No, the EMT is working second shift.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second shift?

Brad Ellsworth: Right.

Councilmember Smith: Is that a new girl? The EMT? Is that a new person?

Brad Ellsworth: Yes, somebody quit and we just replaced her.

Councilmember Smith: Linda Oldham, that's the reason I--

Brad Ellsworth: That's right.

Councilmember Smith: Would the starting salary be the same?

Brad Ellsworth: Well, it would...the salary is set. Linda, I think, coming from another office had several--

Councilmember Smith: Years.

Brad Ellsworth: --longevities, and she had ten or eleven years.

Councilmember Smith: I noticed the salaries were the same here.

Brad Ellsworth: I think the base salary is the same for that position.

Sandie Deig: You put the budget in before--

Councilmember Smith: Before Linda quit.

Brad Ellsworth: Okay.

Brad Ellsworth: Okay, so it'll actually be a reduction.

Councilmember Smith: Yeah.

President Wortman: We're going to change the tapes here, just a minute.

#### **TAPE CHANGE**

Councilmember Smith: Can the EMT, the EMT can't do the same as a paramedic.

Brad Ellsworth: No.

Councilmember Smith: So you couldn't use an EMT on the third shift.

Brad Ellsworth: That's things we're looking at. The EMT is trained basically, and Ed might

be able to tell you a little bit better than I can about the difference between training a paramedic But I think a paramedic can actually do some procedures and --

Councilmember Smith: They can --

Councilmember Bassemier: -- that an EMT cannot do over the telephone.

Brad Ellsworth: Right. So we call the doctor at three in the morning, which we do quite often and he can instruct that paramedic to actually --

Councilmember Bassemier: And an EMT cannot on some drugs. Now EMT's can now administer some drugs, but a paramedic.

President Wortman: I think this position is definitely going to save a lot of money, I think. This is the purpose behind it see and solve a lot of problems, see. Anybody else?

Councilmember Raben: I have a question. It may be more of a comment, but I guess I would tend to be somewhat concerned about the decision making of a paramedic in terms of real medical needs. It almost seems to me as if the county could in some sort of trouble if an individual was denied medical attention because of a paramedic's decision making in lieu of a doctor. I don't know what kind of trouble we could ever get in there. I mean, if this guy says well there's nothing wrong with you and six hours later you walk in his cell and that guy is in a coma or has a seizure of some sort --

Brad Ellsworth: That's why we stepped it up to a paramedic versus an EMT because I think -- Ed, help me on this -- a paramedic and an ambulance driver, usually they --

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, a paramedic has a protocol that they can do without permission from a doctor and then there are things that he can do through the telephone with a doctor's permission. EMT's cannot do some of those things.

Councilmember Raben: So again, I still would question, I mean, in the event of needed or medical care, I mean, the only one that's really suitable to make that decision is a doctor.

Brad Ellsworth: And we wear the doctor out in the middle of the night, I can promise you. We wake him up quite a bit. But like I said, if you take it out on the streets, the ambulance driver would get to a point, he'd do his assessment of the -- his patient assessment, and then they have the little radio that goes back to the hospital where they talk to the emergency room doctor -- I've got this, what do I do? Here's his vitals, what do I do here? And that would be no different than the jail, the paramedic who is trained to a point and when he feels uncomfortable would contact that doctor and say should I send him, should I not? Can I do this here, and so they fall under the umbrella of the doctor while they are up there, which is our umbrella, but that's pretty standard.

President Wortman: But if he's drinking, he won't know the difference.

Brad Ellsworth: That's true most of the time.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'd like to raise one other suggestion, and maybe I need to address this question to our Counsel, but I am sitting here wondering why any of these positions associated with paramedics or nursing, why we could not put these under the Health Department's budget?

President Wortman: I don't think that was ever done that I know of.

Brad Ellsworth: I'll welcome that.

Jeff Ahlers: Legally, I don't know. I mean, we can look into it. I am not sure that there's any legal difference. I guess the real question would be in terms of who would have a right to control them in the sense of whether or not they are under the Health Department budget, is that going to make a difference on whether or not they are there when they need them or they answerable to the Sheriff and that kind of thing.

Councilmember Raben: I don't think that would probably be as large a concern as if in fact we can do that -- would you look into it?

Jeff Ahlers: Sure.

President Wortman: Okay, we've got one more question. Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: I do have a comment on the few things we discussed earlier and I commend you on diminishing the number of unmarked cars because I don't think they are effective at all and I've been sitting here thinking, Mr. Wortman, about the school position and how our society looks for one answer to a problem. I think with school violence and things like that, you are going to have to look at a number of responses to that problem and I think this is a very positive response. I hope nobody expects that one officer is going to solve the problem, but you don't solve problems just with one decision usually because these are multifaceted problems. But I've seen the success of that, we work with one of the officers very closely at the Food Bank in assisting with some things. I am happy to see you do that.

Brad Ellsworth: Prevention, you know, everybody is always saying in anything is prevention, the medical, and if you can prevent it, it is a lot cheaper than the reaction after. It's going to be a preventive measure and it's going to cost something at first, but like I said, if it saves one person or stops one event like this, it's well worth the money.

President Wortman: That's right. If there's no other questions, we'll go to the Jail Misdemeanor Housing, page 173.

### ***SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING***

President Wortman: Anybody got any questions? Doesn't look like they've got any questions so, Mr. Ellsworth, I expect that completes you today. I think you did a lot of explaining and appreciate your time and effort --

Councilmember Bassemier: Wait a minute, Curt. I just wanted to remind everybody of our meeting Friday. As you know, I am your County Council rep for the Community Corrections advisory board and the ground a building committee is going to meet Friday the 13th at 10:00. There will be a couple people coming in from out of town. We're going to go through the Green Convention Center and the Annex, maybe a possible future site for a new Community Correction building and the new jail. These gentlemen are going to explain how it could save the taxpayers millions, so you all are welcome to be there. Our committee will be there and the Sheriff is on that board.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Bassemier. Brad, thank you for your time and effort, you and Eric, and all your associates.

Brad Ellsworth: Thank you very much.

### ***THE CENTRE***

President Wortman: Next, the Centre, page 109.

Sandie Aaron: I am Sandie Aaron, Executive Director for Ogden Entertainment in Evansville.

President Wortman: Okay, she represents Ogden. So on 109, has anybody got any questions for Sandie?

Councilmember Hoy: On the budget here, I am looking for the line item. The two sheets you gave us earlier on reimbursable versus income, that has to do with that one million dollar budget --

Sandie Aaron: Correct.

Councilmember Hoy: And if things go as you all feel, then we would be not only at a break even, but maybe perhaps ahead.

Sandie Aaron: Exactly. We feel this budget is very conservative. We're projecting both on (inaudible) revenue side, we're projecting 1.2 million in revenue.

Councilmember Sutton: One more time.

Sandie Aaron: We're expecting --

Councilmember Sutton: Right here. Revenue wise, what was that number again?

Sandie Aaron: One point two.

President Wortman: Yeah, I think things are falling in place over there. She's got quite a few scheduled coming in that's going to be very productive, I think. I think she has really, the first time she has appeared here and looks like she'll be back, but when I went over it with her, she has a projection that we won't see none of these high figures after a while. I think that's what we can look forward to as a Council and the county.

Councilmember Hoy: Actually on this budget, if you look at the total, \$1,367,684, you're looking at bringing in at least a million of that on income, is that correct?

Sandie Aaron: Oh, at least.

Councilmember Hoy: At least. So, I don't know about anybody else, but that is good news to me because I know we all took a big gulp when we approved that facility and I am happy to see those figures.

Sandie Aaron: I'll tell you all but the facility is not only a showpiece for Evansville, but for this whole entire Midwest area. And if any of you have not seen it recently, I invite you to tour it. By all means, give me a call, I'll be glad to take you in there. They're actually painting and beginning to lay carpet and it's really, really beautiful.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions.

Councilmember Smith: There's five maintenance people over there, One, two, three, four, five, there's six, is that all the maintenance you're going to have to have for that whole building?

Sandie Aaron: Those are custodial workers and yes in that our HVAC and chiller equipment is very, very sophisticated and we will have a pretty large outsourcing where it will be preventive maintenance through Johnson Controls.

Councilmember Sutton: Kind of along the same lines, Sandie, with Betty's question, are these maintenance people, are they going to be responsible for -- since this is a large facility -- larger than what we've had before, are they going to be responsible for setup and tear down of the different events and things as well? Who is going to be handling that

responsibility?

Sandie Aaron: No. They will be responsible for the day to day custodial work within The Centre. Anything that is event related would be hired according to that event and passed on to that promotor.

Councilmember Sutton: Hired through you guys -- your management contract?

Sandie Aaron: Right.

Councilmember Smith: I don't know where it was that I heard that you were going to hire the five that we asked them to take back and then they were going to hire some more.

Sandie Aaron: We have some other positions -- I'll have, for instance, I'll have a -- I am trying to think of his title, it's a facility services manager which would oversee those employees as well as site coordinators, if you will, that are involved in the event themselves, but not to do custodial or day to day maintenance work.

Councilmember Sutton: How many people actually do this setup and tear down type of thing?

Sandie Aaron: It depends on what the call is and right now, we don't have pipe and drapes, so there is outside decorators and that would be their employees, it would not be ours. Most of those people involved in that would be part-time workers and strictly driven by the event. I think we are budgeting eight full-time employees.

Councilmember Sutton: Eight full-time and --

Sandie Aaron: But of that eight, you've got a general manager, you've got two sales people, the facility services manager and the site coordinators.

Councilmember Sutton: And so, I guess I am trying to get a hand on maybe on that part-time, what we are looking at there. I guess maybe I had the understanding since the responsibilities that are -- I know it's a different facility, but are responsibilities that the maintenance crew had, the custodial crew, part of their responsibilities were setting up and tearing down under the old structure, I guess, in terms on what we're looking at here, it's different.

Sandie Aaron: I believe that as far as the actual events were concerned, it was mostly stage hands on the stage. Now whether or not they did some setup in the Gold Room, I don't know that.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, they did do setup, they did do setup before all of the events and tear down and they had that worked out on a rotating staff situation for the Auditorium. So I guess that's maybe I am trying to get an idea if their responsibilities are changing here, the one's that are going to be called back.

Sandie Aaron: It's my understanding that this is custodial and day to day maintenance and that their job descriptions have nothing to do with events.

Councilmember Sutton: I think that's maybe a little bit different than maybe what we've had before with our custodial staff. I guess we didn't necessarily just consider them just in a custodial capacity, but they were very much involved with the events, and so if we are looking at some part-time folks, I don't if that will pose some issues for us in going in that particular direction.

Sandie Aaron: I will tell you that at the stadium we have probably 250 part-timers and we also work with the city Teamsters and I don't see why there could not be any harmony. Our

intent is not to take away anything from those employees. This is a different facility in that it is much bigger and the scope of it is much different. It's not just a meeting room event for 600 to 800 people. There could be as many as 7,000 people at any given time.

Councilmember Smith: Well, that's the reason I asked. I don't think five people or six people is going to be enough for maintenance, so if they were going to hire some more, are they going to hire people in this capacity instead of part-time?

Sandie Aaron: If we get into this and the day to day custodial is not enough, then certainly we would go back to the county and say we need more.

President Wortman: Okay, have we got any other questions for Mrs. --

Councilmember Hoy: On line -- on Overtime 1300-1440 is that union overtime?

Sandie Aaron: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: For those five union workers that are listed here?

Sandie Aaron: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: My understanding was the same as Mr. Sutton's, that those workers did do setup in the old Gold Room and things like that and that's why we had that figure for overtime in --

Sandie Aaron: Well, I think there will be some overtime still. I mean, custodial work, but it will be for the upkeep of the facility, not because there's a Broadway show in the auditorium or a meeting in a meeting room.

Councilmember Sutton: On I guess line item 2300 through 2730 which is Uniforms, Laundry Cleaning, etc, etc, on down to Sanitary Supplies, are those things that are also covered under the management contract as well? Are you guys picking that up, because we didn't have anything appropriated in those areas so --

Sandie Aaron: Right.

President Wortman: Any other questions for Sandie? If not, thank you, Sandie. Appreciate it. Okay, now we'll go right into the Convention & Visitors Bureau, 177.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Whobrey wanted to speak.

Chuck Whobrey: May I say something?

President Wortman: What do you want to speak about?

Chuck Whobrey: On the Auditorium situation.

President Wortman: Now you know you've got a contract with the Auditorium and the Commissioners which don't affect us. Am I right or am I wrong?

Chuck Whobrey: May I speak?

President Wortman: Just a few minutes.

Chuck Whobrey: I won't take long. I just wanted to say this: you just made the comment that this contract doesn't affect you. I can't tell you the number of times over the years that you folks have said you want to be involved in the process because you have to fund these



contracts and I have been attempting since January to head off what is going to be a big train wreck because the Commissioners have signed a contract with Ogden that is in violation with the contract that they have signed with Teamsters Local 215 and I have attempted to have meetings. In fact, I had one meeting involving the County Attorney and Sandie Aaron and I am not holding Ogden responsible for this. This is the county that has a collective bargaining with this local union that has signed a contract with Ogden that is in violation of this collective bargaining agreement. And Ms. Aaron is correct, there is no reason that we couldn't have a harmonious relationship because quite honestly we do on the city's side that Ogden is involved in. But I believe the Commissioners are attempting to force a confrontation and that is where we are headed and you folks are being asked to fund that and you are a part of this.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you.

### **CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU**

President Wortman: Okay, we'll go right on in to Convention & Visitors Bureau, 177.

Dolli Kight: Dolli Kight, Executive Director for the Convention & Visitors Bureau. I thank Mr. Raben for meeting with me last night to go over our budget. Can I make a couple points before we get started? Just to point out that our role with the county is to promote tourism in our community and just to give you some highlights on the results of our efforts, we did a study on seeing what the results of our efforts in 1998, visitors left behind \$250,000,000 in our community. That's a 15% increase over '96. Seventy-eight percent of their dollars were spent in retail, restaurants and on entertainment. The tax revenue left by visitors was \$44,000,000 in our county that would go to the state, \$24,000,000 in local taxes which saved Vanderburgh County residents \$150 in taxes in 1998. The CVB only spent \$830,000 to generate that \$250,000,000 in 1998.

Councilmember Hoy: Looking at your budget, I am very pleasantly surprised, when we cut your wages loose from the salary ordinance that -- I think I am concerned about one or two employees that they didn't get a three percent to be honest with you. But we were afraid that those rates would be considerably more and they are not. I know you are doing a merit system, is that correct?

Dolli Kight: Correct. We also made some other changes along those lines. Our staff only has 11 holidays, we dropped that from 14. We have five sick days compared to the eight we had previously. They can only bank up to 35 of those and we put a cap on four weeks of vacation after ten years of service. So we made some other changes because we want to make sure that people are there when the visitors are calling and needing our assistance.

Councilmember Hoy: Did you say five sick days a year?

Dolli Kight: Five sick days a year, yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Don't you think that's -- I feel -- I won't say don't you think, I'll say what I feel, I think that's a...that's not very many. I would like to --

Dolli Kight: We compared ourselves a lot to both the private sector as well as our industry and what they offer and other Convention & Visitors Bureaus, this is in line with what they offer. Now they can bank those days if they don't use them, --

Councilmember Hoy: How many can they bank?

Dolli Kight: Up to 35, which would give them six weeks.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, well, if you can get by with that, I guess it's okay. It's half of

what -- maybe I'd better go back and change my policy. We give ten days and find that some -- my employees don't use those. They're very good about that, but if someone has some extraordinary situation, you have a valued employee then, they can use the ten days.

Dolli Kight: We do offer them unpaid leave as well. We just had that instance with a maternity leave, we had a maternity leave and we did grant her unpaid leave, extended unpaid leave. So we do look at those on an individual basis.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

President Wortman: Betty Knight-Smith and I might want to have a party over there, are we still welcome?

Dolli Kight: We don't have the first rental. I will tell you that. Since we instituted it, we have had zero rentals.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got anything for --

Dolli Kight: It may change.

Councilmember Lloyd: I know it's probably impossible to forecast, but you're trying to factor in the effect of the Centre being open.

Dolli Kight: Correct, I know that there is a substantial increase in our budget and there are a couple of areas that I can point out. We are taking money out of our reserve. Our reserve is about \$387,000 and over the years we just have not spent that money in the areas that I think are important and that's attracting the visitors and the conventions here to Evansville. So we are taking a big jump in our advertising budget. We also are expecting our sales persons to be out on the road selling this. They can't sit by the phone, they need to be out face to face with those people throughout the Midwest region and Sandie mentioned that the Centre is going to attract that business throughout the Midwest so we put a little bit of an increase in our travel expenses there as well as in our convention sales efforts, that's going up somewhat. But \$150,000 is coming out of our reserve and that money will go to -- \$80,000 of that is going to our advertising, \$10,000, we do need a phone system. Our is over ten years old, we brought it over from our old offices and we are at capacity and also extraordinary printing needs which I expect to be a one time expenditure as well as grants which we are budgeting for this year whereas in the past we've always come on an as needed basis and asked the Council to approve those grant requests. Spending got quite high in that area. We spent about \$75,000 in grants last year. We do feel they were worthy but this might help us take a little critical look at some of those and maybe reduce some of those request amounts and help us focus on addressing those things that are going to bring visitors in.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: And I was not against the funds that were advance for the Walk or Run for Life or whatever it was called, but I had a call the other day from another group that is going to do a walk and wanted to know if they could come and you -- I think you'll need to be careful with that. On our advertising, I understand -- what is your plan, not in detail because we don't have much time --

Dolli Kight: I will be honest with you. We are going out for bid. Our current contract with our ad agency is up at the end of this year, so we really haven't sat down and formulated a plan for year 2000 advertising. I do expect that we will be placing larger ads in the various convention trade magazines. We also are trying to make a bigger presence in the state tourism publications. We're taking out a full page ad to compete with cities such as Ft. Wayne and South Bend that do this on a regular basis. We occasionally get calls from our

local residents that receive those materials and say well, how come Evansville doesn't have as big an ad as Ft. Wayne so we're trying to match our competition in those areas.

Councilmember Sutton: As I understand it, you guys are undertaking an effort next year or intending to undertake an effort to try to promote and attract the African-American tourism market.

Dolli Kight: Whether it's African-American or we look at all cultures, we're exploring that as we speak. I met with Connie Robinson and Wayne Crowe who is with the Black Chamber of Commerce and they have expressed an interest in us working with them.

Councilmember Hoy: What are your yellow pages expenditures about?

Dolli Kight: That's actually public relations. I guess in the inventory of line item choices, it was assigned that years ago. But it actually goes for our public relations efforts working with travel writers and trying to get stories put out, we host --

Councilmember Hoy: So it's really not yellow pages?

Dolli Kight: It's not yellow pages. It's public relations.

Councilmember Hoy: I love those budget items that are confusing. On your Contractual, you have an increase there.

Dolli Kight: Right, the majority of that expense, we actually grant make a grant to Evansville Visitors Center which owns and are building for use of our space and that is the only source of revenue for Evansville Visitors Center to maintain the Pagoda. We've been in there over two years now. We're out of contract -- warranty contract with the contractor and just like living in a house and especially an older house, the longer you are there, the more maintenance costs you incur, so we're just trying to be prepared. I did not plan on any revenue for rentals and looking over the past two months, it doesn't look like I am going to have any revenue as of yet, so any revenue that we realize from rentals we will be able to plan for in the subsequent years.

Councilmember Hoy: You've updated that rental policy, I don't need it today or tomorrow during budget, but I would like a copy and I think that might be good for Council to see as an informational piece. Going on to the next page, what is the \$10,000 for research for?

Dolli Kight: Research, that is a new line item. Historically, we've kind of taken it out of where we could. We did the economic impact study which was some of the figures I just gave you earlier. We've also done a conversion study and that is where we go and contact those individuals that requested materials based on seeing our ads in Midwest Living or Better Homes & Gardens, other publications, to find out did they get the materials they requested and did they turn around and visit. And 25% of those did visit and in '98 when we did the study 75% were going to return this year, so we are looking at doing a visitor profile study for 2000 and both that conversion study and the visitor profile study, we did receive 50% grant from state tourism in covering those. The visitor profile study will be a \$17,000 study of which we will be responsible for \$8,500 if that grant goes through state tourism. I think it's important to find out if we're spending those advertising dollars wisely, we need to research, make sure we're hitting the markets that we need to.

Councilmember Smith: Dolli, what is \$32,500 for Furniture?

Dolli Kight: That is an increase and historically we have not spent any money out of there, but we are in need of brochure racks. We currently have one rack in the visitor center and we have a lot of brochures that we can't get out or we can only get a minimal supply out there, so we're looking at putting in some additional rack space.

Councilmember Smith: Isn't that what you intended to do rather than rent it out, is put those racks in?

Dolli Kight: We can put them on wheels this time so it can be available to move out of the way for --

Councilmember Smith: \$32,500 is a lot of money.

Dolli Kight: Also we were going to put up some display racks. We get a lot of people that ask us about the river commerce, so we thought if we had a board explaining barge traffic our historic area, and those, there are four columns in that building that we thought we could build those around so they really wouldn't interfere with the space that would be available for rentals.

Councilmember Smith: What is the \$16,000 Office Machines?

Dolli Kight: \$10,000 of that is for a phone system that will come out of our reserve account, our phone system is ten plus years old. We moved it over. I currently have two individuals that are responsible for entering information on our attractions to state tourism's data base and they are sharing an Internet line, so I am not getting double the work that I would like out of them, so we need to add some more lines, update our phone equipment. We all are using answering machines which isn't easy to access messages when you are out of town.

Councilmember Hoy: I am doing the same thing in my place, we are taking bids. I hope, because this market has changed and I hope for the better because I don't know how many systems were at the Food Bank before I went there, okay, but the one we have now, you can't fix it. There are no parts or anything. And the bids that I am taking now, they are telling me that business is changing so that I can buy a system now where I'll be able to in the future plug the phones in to it and also replace these phones and they are going to carry them for a lot longer time. Is that what you are hearing also?

Dolli Kight: Right. I received two quotes so far and of course those could change between now and 2000, but it's around \$8,500 for the phone system.

Councilmember Hoy: Going back to Office Furniture, when you say racks, you're looking at obviously something more than...

Dolli Kight: Right now we have a gray piece that stands about this high, it's about this wide and two sides you can put brochures in.

Councilmember Hoy: But you are not looking at wire racks hanging on a peg board, you're looking --

Dolli Kight: I don't have any walls to hang them on.

Councilmember Hoy: I know. I have a suggestion of something that you might want to look at. Maybe Evansville isn't that large but certainly our streets are that confusing, and that is, I am a tourist, I love to -- and I'll heard straight for your type office in another city, okay. And what they are installing now is little computerized map machines so that when I ask directions, they punch the numbers in there and I get a printout of a map that will take me right to the attraction. I can't tell you how valuable that is when you are in a strange city and when you -- Evansville, I know every shortcut in this town just about because I have been here so long, but our street names change. The street I live on, there's Cherry Street, which is three blocks from you and you make that bend and they start numbering, you know, East Cherry. You talk about confusion. It's incredible. And I would just suggest that you all look in to something like that for people who are looking at that. How do you find the zoo? How do you tell somebody to get somewhere? It is not easy, given the age of this city.

Dolli Kight: And we would like --

Councilmember Hoy: I am sure that's expensive, but I think it might be a --

Councilmember Sutton: Phil, the way technology has kind of advanced here, for the most part with Internet access, you plug in an address where you are starting and where you want to go, it will tell you which route you need to take, how long it is for each turn, which way you need to turn, and it gives you pretty close directions. I can kind of -- in fact, I just used it here recently and it took me right to the doorstep of where I was going.

Councilmember Hoy: I have that on my computer at the office, but I am talking about some thing that is faster than that. I am talking about the person at the desk simply punching the Mesker Zoo button and without going through what I have to go through with a fairly sophisticated program at my office. I use that all the time.

Councilmember Smith: They've got that in Washington, D.C. It told us from where we started to where we got there and they just punched it out on the Internet.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, it comes out immediately on a little map and I just think that might be neat to look into as an added feature of what you are doing.

Councilmember Raben: What Phil is referring to, you see them, they are becoming ever more popular in rest areas and truck stops, but it's a kiosk that has certain points of interest and that's what he is stating. You know, you could hit Mesker Zoo and it will give you a map from that location, not from your home or where you are staying but from that location and there's other businesses and they pay certain businesses, we actually are on some truck stop kiosks and I think you may spend like \$600 a month to have our nearest location to that truck stop and it will give an illustrated map from that truck stop to where you are going.

Dolli Kight: We'll certainly look at that.

President Wortman: We better keep moving on here because we're getting late. Does anyone have any more questions directly?

President Wortman: If not, we'll turn to page 181.

Dolli Kight: I don't think that's falling under mine. Is that you?

### **Tape Change**

### **CONVENTION CENTER OPERATING FUND**

Sandie Aaron: Sandie Aaron, Executive Director for Ogden Entertainment in Evansville.

President Wortman: Anybody got any questions for Sandie Aaron? It's on page 181.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Sutton: Sandie, when you were referring to Johnson Controls and some of the things that they'll be doing is that reflected here like in line item 3202 Energy Savings Contract? Is that what you're referring to?

Sandie Aaron: No.

Councilmember Sutton: No?

Sandie Aaron: I've got that back in the other budget. This is a conglomeration of various things. Some of it on the contractual services, some of it was fees related to the Building Authority. The county does have a very big energy savings contract and it is involved with SIGECO. That's why you see some of the utilities in here, too. It also takes care of coupon and bond expenses towards The Centre.

Councilmember Hoy: When you say Building Authority expense, and I have not looked through this whole budget, so if someone has and there is something in another budget I would love to have that information, but we do have to put some funds into the Building Authority pot for major things that could happen.

Sandie Aaron: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Hoy: Where do we find that budget? Is that here or is that elsewhere? Is like on this building we're in we pay rents and then when something needs to be...like the water tower. The Building Authority had the whatever million dollars or whatever it took to build that thing. That's got to be in the budget some place, I don't know where.

Sandie Aaron: It is in the budget and I'm not sure that it totally covers it within this, but I know that there are some fees associated with the Building Authority that relate to that, but whether or not it--

Councilmember Hoy: I think that's in...Mr. Raben just reminded me it's probably in the Commissioners.

Sandie Aaron: Probably so.

Councilmember Hoy: What, as a Councilman, I am looking for as I think everybody else here may be, too, we're looking for everything that is not covered by what you're going to be able to raise in renting the place and all of that because we are going to, I'll say it the way I usually say it when I talk to people in public and that is for example the building of this building is going to be paid for by everybody who eats out and I have no problem with that. I voted for that. I supported that, but I think to be honest with the public I think we need to say that whatever we do over here is subsidized by that tax because it is amortizing those bonds because the complaint I get, Mr. Wortman, is well, you know, you've got the Philharmonic over here now but when it was over here, you know, I don't like classical music, but if you like country music--

Sandie Aaron: No, they've got a couple of dates over there now.

Councilmember Hoy: You know, but I mean people have different tastes.

Sandie Aaron: Sure.

Councilmember Hoy: My only point is that we are going to subsidize this, you know, in a couple of ways and that's a quality of life issue so that everybody has access to the kind of entertainment and relaxation that they enjoy.

Sandie Aaron: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: The public needs to know that. They feel better when we are straightforward and honest about that. I'm looking for that bottom line figure, you know, of the General Fund money that is, you know, going to go into this place. So I guess that is in the Commissioners' budget then.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: You've got the \$659,000 and then plus what is in there that is going to be that hunk.

Sandie Aaron: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: Besides paying for that facility.

Sandie Aaron: Right.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: I had one question and you may have answered it and I didn't understand. Contractual Services, is that Johnson Controls or is that something else?

Sandie Aaron: That is not Johnson Controls. Those fees are related back to what I was referring to with the Building Authority. The county has contracted with the Building Authority or the Commissioners have and that is what these relate to.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, so that is fees to the Building Authority for operations?

Sandie Aaron: Right.

Councilmember Lloyd: Thanks.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions? If not, well thank you, Sandie.

Sandie Aaron: Thank you.

### ***TOURISM AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT***

President Wortman: We'll go on to page 180, Tourism and Capital Improvement. Anybody got any questions for Dolli on page 180, Capital Improvements there? Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: Just on the time line, Dolli...let me get my trifocals adjusted here. On the Pagoda when will we see that paid out?

Dolli Kight: Actually, we just restructured the loan. We paid off the loan on the Pagoda with that and right now we're paying on the furniture and fixtures so that will be five years.

Councilmember Hoy: The Pagoda is paid off then?

Dolli Kight: Yes, the loan we took out we paid off the Pagoda. Now we're paying on the furniture and fixtures. It's just kind of technical.

Councilmember Hoy: You refinanced it?

Dolli Kight: We refinanced it.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else on that? Okay. Thank you. I appreciate your time.

Dolli Kight: Thanks.

### ***BOND DEBT PAYMENT***

President Wortman: Next is the Bond Debt Payment, 187.

Suzanne Crouch: If the Council would go to line item 5597 Azteca that should be set in at zero. There will be enough TIF revenues to make full payment next year.

Councilmember Lloyd: That's a nice chunk of change.

Councilmember Hoy: On USI is that for the overpass?

Suzanne Crouch: That's correct.

Councilmember Raben: That's actually USI and Union Township.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, and the Union Township Bridge.

Suzanne Crouch: Correct.

President Wortman: Mrs. Crouch, would you state your name.

Suzanne Crouch: Suzanne Crouch, I'm the Auditor. Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay.

#### **AUDITOR**

President Wortman: Okay, the next then if there are no other questions we'll go to the Auditor. State your name again, please.

Suzanne Crouch: Suzanne Crouch, County Auditor.

President Wortman: Page 6 first and then 49.

Suzanne Crouch: Forty-nine for the Reassessment our request there for \$50,000 for the scanning needs to be set in at zero.

Councilmember Hoy: Where is this at, what page is that?

Suzanne Crouch: Oh, I'm sorry.

Jeff Ahlers: Are you talking about page 149?

Suzanne Crouch: Yes.

President Wortman: One forty-nine, okay.

Suzanne Crouch: Page 149 that's line item 3401 Microfilming/Scanning. That should be set in at zero.

Councilmember Hoy: And that's out of Reassessment?

Suzanne Crouch: That's correct.

Councilmember Hoy: Is that what's found on page 8? That's where it moved to?

Suzanne Crouch: That is correct. After the appropriation of this past Council meeting I didn't feel we had the money to take it out of Reassessment. I had put it in both funds, so I zeroed that out and I'll take my chances with the General Fund.



Councilmember Hoy: You have a lot of courage, don't you?

Suzanne Crouch: No.

President Wortman: Okay, now we'll go back to page 6 for the Auditor. Anybody got any questions for the Auditor and her budget?

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Sutton: On line item 3310, Suzanne, what does that training involve?

Suzanne Crouch: That training is for computer classes basically. We have Lotus classes, Word Perfect classes that employees take. Internet, some very minor Internet for the people who deal with that training. It's all specifically for computer training.

Councilmember Sutton: And have you...how many people have gone through that already? I mean, do you have quite a few who are going to be going through that next year or is it just...how many do you have left from your office that need to go through that training.

Suzanne Crouch: We have an exact number. We try...and I could get that for you. Out of our 26 employees how many have and what classes they've attended and then what we have scheduled. I know I have some scheduled for the Exemption Department towards the end of this year. We schedule departments and employees based upon their busy and less busy times, but I can get that for you.

Councilmember Sutton: Then that line item 3401 that Microfilming/Scanning at \$50,000 on page 8.

Suzanne Crouch: Correct.

Councilmember Sutton: Are we zeroing there as well?

Suzanne Crouch: Only if you decide to.

Councilmember Sutton: Oh, okay.

Suzanne Crouch: I understand that's always an option.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess that's always just kind of wishful thinking there. That's all I have. Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, does anybody else got anything? If not, I'll say you never witness such a complete detailed budget preparation literature as she submitted to us. I've been up here 20 years and that's the first time that I have ever seen anything like this and I really appreciate this and I'm sure the other Councilmen did too.

Suzanne Crouch: Thank you and most of that has to go to Teri Lukeman.

President Wortman: Teri Lukeman, okay fine. And I know Sandie Deig has had an input. Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Are you getting ready to adjourn?

President Wortman: To recess.

Councilmember Raben: Or to recess. I'm going to throw something out to the other

members and this may not be very popular with a lot of you, but the last several days I've spent countless hours reviewing this budget and trying to make an effort to come up with some ways to cut to reach \$2 or \$2.5 million in cuts and it appears to me and this may be somewhat early coming out, but it appears to me that it is going to be very difficult to do if we go crazy with allowing new employees. If you look at the requests the number of new employees that are in there it amounts to somewhere between \$850,000 and \$900,000 in just overall requests for new employees, so I think it would probably be in the best interest of the county that we not allow government to grow any more than it exists today and to keep our personnel freeze in place. Again, I know it is not popular with everyone, but it is something that we, as the fiscal body, need to strongly consider doing and that's to leave our freeze in place.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any comments? If not we'll adjourn.

Councilmember Sutton: I think the figure on the 26 requests when you include in the benefits along with that is right at \$974,914 so that is--

Councilmember Raben: There will be some insurance adjustments and whatnot, but it amounts to a great sum of money. The city has done this for what, the last three or four years? They put a hiring freeze in effect and our goal, I think, as a Council this year is to grant a four percent salary increase where the city has maintained their three and in an effort to accomplish that and to meet our freeze, you know, we're going to have to keep our hiring freeze in place. You know, if anybody has got any comments I would love to hear them, but that is my suggestion.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I hope that we can stay with that four percent. I think it is not exactly the figure that I might want us to have, but I think at four percent I think it is a good figure for our county employees and I think they deserve it. I think it would be well within our reach to meet that. Given on the other side I think there are some other things I think would have to be done to maintain that, but I think we are willing to do that to get them at that four percent. I think it's the fair thing to do. One more thing I was going to add, too, in relation to where we are on the budget. We had a number of other requests, I think we do need to talk about this issue and perhaps maybe this isn't the time right now. We need to talk about this issue with the new center and what those employees will be doing responsibility wise. Chuck, though he didn't speak very longer, he did bring up a very good point in terms of what issues contractually may be presented if there are some changes in those responsibilities and who will be doing what. We already have a contract that was signed quite a while ago, so I think that's something we're going to have to really revisit and take a look at that.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: I feel that on the number of employees if we stick to that we also should put that they don't be working overtime because we've had a lot of people having a lot of overtime for the last year. So if you don't give them their employees and you still let them work overtime then I don't think it's quite necessary and, again, it's just like the Clerk has asked for three new employees. I never had one hour of overtime in the whole time I was there. The only time we ever paid any overtime to our employees was when they put in the new computer system and they asked my employees to do it. So you can cut the employees, but then you're going to have to make sure that they don't work them overtime either.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else?

Councilmember Smith: Because that costs money.

President Wortman: Thank you.

Councilmember Lloyd: I would just kind of echo what we're saying here that we really need to look hard at these new employees given that we want to keep the tax rate where it is or lower it slightly and we're going to have to make some hard choices here.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. Okay, no other business we're going to recess until tomorrow at 9:00. Thank you.

**MEETING RECESSED AT 12:30.**

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
BUDGET HEARINGS  
AUGUST 11, 1999

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 11th day of August, 1999 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President Curt Wortman at 9:08 a.m.

President Wortman: Vanderburgh County Council will reconvene from the recess from yesterday which was the 10th and this is the 11th today. It starts the second day of the budget process and we'll have a roll call vote.

(Teri Lukeman called roll)

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

President Wortman: Now we'll all stand please and pledge allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

President Wortman: Okay, yesterday I didn't read a letter that I wanted to enter into the record, which you all got a copy, Council people. Then next we are going to take the County Commissioners first because they have some scheduling conflicts. Please accept this letter as a request to amend the budgets as submitted for the Jail 1051 and Misdemeanor Housing 2780. It says:

“All Detention Officers salaries for 2000 should be set in at 4% above the 1999 approved salaries. Have the Clothing Allowance 1051-1750 line item set in for \$2,000 as the same amount set in for 1999. Uniform line item 1051-2300 set in for \$2,000 as the same amount set in for 1999. Have PERF, Insurance, FICA adjusted accordingly.”

I want to enter this letter into the record. Okay, now first on the agenda will be the County Commissioners. Will the representative from the County Commission please come forward? Turn you budget book to page 80 and then the second will be 134 and while they are here under their jurisdiction we will do the Drainage Board. We will take all three and then they can be excused. Proceed.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Thank you for permitting me to go. We have a meeting with the Commissioners from surrounding counties, the INDOT officials and with Kentucky personnel at 10:00 and we want to be represented.

President Wortman: Okay, we will start off with the first page, 80. We will go down to the 1260-1300 Soil Conversation Education person set in at \$17,000. If you recall that paid half of that and does anybody have any questions for that line item? Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: Will this person be eligible for their insurance and fringe benefits?

It will be, won't it?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Benefits are in there.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, since it's in there.

Councilmember Hoy: Mrs. Jerrel, that's actually what we are adding, is it not? I mean we have been paying her \$17,000 already. It was in another...

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Half of it was grant.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: That was given to us--

Councilmember Hoy: State is still giving that, isn't it? It's a--

Bettye Lou Jerrel: --we don't get it but it will go to Soil and Water.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, but I mean the state put that in as the \$8,000 or \$8,500 as a line item.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: So, Council needs to know that. The name has been changed to and I can't remember...the Job Study changed it because she is assisting Mr. Wathen with all of the development going on.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: We did also increase their supply account. They had requested that their supply account be increased and we did increase it. The only change on that, it's 3040 under Supplies. The only change on that, in the past, and I believe that maybe Councilman Hoy could help us on this at your next meeting. They normally just sent a blue claim and take all of that money out and put it into a bank account and if it is appropriated and approved by your Board we need to have it run through Welfare to Work and everybody else. They just send the claims down here.

Councilmember Hoy: We could do that.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: Just so that the rest of the Council knows, I am on that Board and I am a supervisor and we meet every month and go over all of those claims. But I think that is a good idea.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: That was just something that the State Board of Accounts mentioned.

Councilmember Hoy: No, I don't see any problem with that.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: But I would be willing, if the other Councilmembers have any questions about this shift. Basically, what we are doing is giving her benefits. She has been working without benefits for about three years now. A very valuable employee.

President Wortman: Okay, has anybody else got any questions on page 80? If not, then we will turn to page 81. Anybody got any questions on page 81? We will, I don't hear any remarks--

Councilmember Hoy: I have a--

President Wortman: Excuse me.

Councilmember Hoy: --just a clarification on 3021 and Mr. Schroder is here from Welfare. The Hillcrest Washington, that budget is in addition to the Welfare budget, is it not?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yes, that budget, we get some reimbursement. We have a contract with Southwest Mental Health and we receive a reimbursement, I think it is for up to 19 placements per day and we have a per diem charge that we receive and then anything above that they keep.

President Wortman: Yeah, that contract has been in effect for what about four or five years now?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: A little longer than that.

President Wortman: Longer than that.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: It runs -- it was one of those contracts that was made for ten or 15 years and we really need to watch that so that we do them for shorter time spans.

President Wortman: Oh, I see. Okay. Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Hoy: My question just so that nobody -- it's not that I am suspicious of that whatsoever, it is sort of a personal interest of mine in knowing how much it costs to take care of these kids who aren't being taken care of by their own family.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: And we will now have some options open to us for reimbursement if we complete our Public Defender Ordinance for juveniles. That may help us in the long run.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, that's a good point, thank you.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: Line item 3050 Patient Inmate Care at \$1.5 million. Is that going to be sufficient?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Probably not. We are really not talking about a large number of placements, but it is just very costly. I hope that the state will begin to look at these costs that are passed on to the County and give us some assistance. They seem to be going in that direction and I hope that it continues.

Councilmember Raben: Since you are on that subject, Bettye Lou, what do you anticipate will be needed in that account yet this year?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Well, probably another half a million.

Councilmember Raben: That will need to come out of the General Fund yet this year?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: We get the bill late and that would be my prediction.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: These are just clarifications and Mrs. Jerrel, Commissioner Jerrel, 3330 Record Storage. Is that connected with the Clerk?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: It is, yes.

Councilmember Hoy: That is what that's for.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: That is Willard and another unit of storage. It is the Willard contract and another unit. We are working on a long-term storage plan that at this point I am not at liberty to publicly -- where we might have an option but it would clear up forever the problems that Betty is aware of and the City is aware. It would take care of all of us and as soon as we get some more information I will get it to you.

President Wortman: Yes, ma'am.

Councilmember Smith: Bettye, yesterday this was discussed. Marsha was here with the Clerk's problem over there and it is a problem Brad had offered the property to build a place out there so we had talked about getting with the Commissioners and maybe get something moving and I think that we need to do that. Hopefully, we could find a place closer to downtown.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: We've got a place, Betty.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Close.

Councilmember Hoy: Good.

Councilmember Smith: That's good because it is a problem.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: It hasn't been -- it is in the talking stages and it would be easy to get to.

Councilmember Smith: Well, over at Willard, it is not an easy process there and we discussed that yesterday too. So I am glad we are working on that. Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay. Anybody else got any? Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Just line 3532 Garage Remediation. We are coming to the end of that, aren't we?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I don't know. I reduced it this year. I thought that by reducing it, it would be a signal to us, not to, if we have to come back to you, if they won't, if it costs more, I will. But I reduced it purposely and I have been out there several times in the last few months and Erik Bentle the Garage Superintendent is here. We are mounding and turning that dirt constantly and we do have dirt now that we are going to be able to move after they do another analysis. But down deep we still have dirt that needs to continue to be turned and it is very costly for the environmental engineer contract. I am going to go and revisit that with them. You know, I am going to take a look at the charges and see if I can. I thought that just by lowering the number we'd get everybody's attention.

Councilmember Hoy: You got mine.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Anyway I lowered it. I may have to come back but I am going to try to--

Councilmember Hoy: I thought that maybe we were near the end of this thing.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: No, we are not near the end, probably in our lifetime.

Councilmember Hoy: Oh, jeez. Anyway you may not cry over spilled milk, but you can sure cry over some other things that are spilled. I have a question of clarification on 3850 Building Commission.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: That's our joint contract with the City.

Councilmember Hoy: With the City?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody got any questions? No more on 81, we'll go to 82. Line item 3230 Judgements and Refunds. That's okay, about \$100?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Well, no but we work with the Auditor's Office and that account runs in the red if there are judgments that have to be, you know, if someone appeals and they have to make refunds it runs in the red and we settle up at the end of the year.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. Now, we will go to page 83 and Mr. Hoy had that 3532 Garage Remediation. Does anybody have any questions on page 83?

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Yes, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Back on page 82, on Urban Transportation. Bettye, could you talk about that just a little bit in terms of what we are looking at for Urban Transportation? We are increasing that line 3090.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: That is--

Councilmember Sutton: We are steadily increasing there and I am just trying to get an idea of--

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I believe that's EUTS, that is a joint contract with them.

Councilmember Sutton: --our proportion?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yes, that's what our share is. Yet this year though it doesn't look like a huge increase, it's much larger than that because they have included over a \$200,000 study of the northern part of Indiana and I don't know but maybe some of this project that I am going to, in just a few minutes, will make that obsolete and we might not have to do as much with that particular study. But that was one that Rose Zigenfus submitted and the City did approve it and their portion is a lot more than ours.

Councilmember Sutton: And the same thing then with Emergency Management? Is that only just our proportional share only?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Because we are seeing some increases in our proportions in those budgets where we have the splits.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: And they have, in that case, they approved some additional equipment. So it is probably a one time increase or at least one time for that particular piece of equipment.



Councilmember Hoy: If I may comment on that I am on the Local Emergency Planning Committee. I mentioned this before, but this may have some connection with the fact that we are a showcase city. I don't know whether we should be comfortable, but we should be honored. The Feds -- we are the only city recognized as a showcase city for earthquake mitigation. Consequently, we are spending some more money in order, we hope anyway, to reduce the damage that may occur should the New Madrid Fault cut loose on us and it could.

Councilmember Sutton: Line item 3310 Training. I know that it is just a \$1,000 but what is that line item used for?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: That line item is used for training Sarah and Tony and myself. We have some new programs that we are initiating, I take training and I am going to learn just like they do and that reminds me if you will turn back to the very first page, and I don't know if this is something that you want to wait and do next week or just let me tell you individually but we, at this point, do not want to eliminate the salary that appears, Administrative Assistant, but we have not filled that position and I think that when you get ready to reduce if you wanted to take \$20,000 out of that line item and if you would permit me to keep the line open, because I work full-time as a Commissioner, but that doesn't mean that it's going to be forever. There may be another Commissioner that doesn't spend full-time. We don't need that employee with me down here, but I would like to keep a little money in there so that we can have someone come in during -- you know we used university students for summer because they cover for, we help work with the Council and we help cover your phones and you guys cover ours and we just have one and a half employees to be in that office but when you get ready to reduce if you want to take \$20,000 out of there that would leave us \$4,300 to do something with and keep the position open for the future.

Councilmember Smith: Are you talking about 1140-1300, that position there or the one?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: No, I am talking about -- yes, 1140-1300.

Councilmember Sutton: Now, Bettye, I guess when we had our City-County budget hearings there were some adjustments made to some of those splits, do you have those corrected figures?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: They are, for the most part, they balance out. If there is a few thousand dollars Becky gives me before she really finalizes them so one or two of them are a little bit over and one of them is a little bit under and if you add them up it balances out.

Councilmember Sutton: Do you have, which areas, which ones were maybe a little--

Bettye Lou Jerrel: You got them, if you just look at your sheet you got it, the joint meeting you will find that I think that Building Commissioner is a little over and Central Dispatch is a little over -- under, and they balance.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, I didn't catch on, this is back on that Training 3310, did you say for you and Tony?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: We are going to be.

Councilmember Sutton: Is computer training or what kind of--

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. That's all that I have on that page.

President Wortman: Now, we will turn to page 83, if there is anything there? If not, then turn to page 84.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Did you notice that we reduced the Legal Services?

President Wortman: Yes, I was going to mention it.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Sorry, Jeff, that's Joe Jr. not you.

President Wortman: Yeah, you reduced that considerable on that. Now we go down to the Contractual Computer line item 3820. I mentioned it to you about the Courts there is those computers, those six.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: To the best of my knowledge they are not included in that budget. The \$4,800 budget is for all the contracts that we have. All of the contracts that we have. We run 23 servers and equipment that has been requested. I will ask Bill Cottun if there is any in there, but you know we spent \$1.7 million for the Court's project and that was about all we felt that we could afford to spend on Courts.

President Wortman: Yeah, well down there in Juvenile Division, I think there was four, six of them, see, and we would want to know if it was in your budget or their budget. It was \$30,000. So we will have to leave it in their budget then?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Well, it depend on--

President Wortman: You will find out.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: --yeah, I'll find out. It also depends on, you know, the need.

President Wortman: Okay, that's fine. Yes sir, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: On 3600 Rent, we have a slight reduction. What's the cause of that?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: If you'll notice, not really, it's just placed differently. The Health Department's rent is pulled out so that they can get reimbursement in their fund, which we can't co-mingle with ours. But in SCT, we pulled their rent because we want to give the City and we want to be able to bill them and the only way we can bill them back for their share is to have that as a separate line item.

Councilmember Lloyd: How much was Health Department rent?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: It is \$163,000 or \$164,000.

Councilmember Lloyd: So, rent went up?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yes, everything goes up.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else on page 84 for anybody?

Councilmember Sutton: On line item--

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: --3604 The Centre. Last year we had budgeted almost \$680,000 for The Centre--

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Uh, \$697,000 or \$679,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Are we expecting a repeal since we have only used \$16 through

this budget period? Are we expecting a repeal or are we anticipating that we should see some heavy spending here before December 31?

Betty Lou Jerrel: Well, they won't start spending until September, see, when they get ready to open. They will be hiring back people and getting their system up. So they really haven't, except for small things, they really haven't had anything to spend.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess that, recognizing that we will be open, are we anticipating that the amount they have left in there that they'll actually use all of, you know, what's available to them or are we expecting them -- there might be some carried over?

Betty Lou Jerrel: Well, if I can get any of it back I will do it. This was a budget submitted to me by Steve Utley.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess that I am hopeful that we can get some back.

Betty Lou Jerrel: Well, I will promise you that.

President Wortman: Alright, anybody else got anything on page 84?

Councilmember Sutton: Oh, oh, one other thing. Line item, this is kind of a SCT thing, you have been working a lot with this, Betty, the Y2K issues. How are we proceeding there in terms of our county offices with our preparations? I know there are some offices, even now, there are maybe some requests on some terminals that won't be Y2K ready. Are we getting a report or anything?

Betty Lou Jerrel: We are getting a report and every computer that needs to be Y2K compliant is Y2K compliant. There are some that are used as word processors and they simply can be rolled over and there is no need to be. They are not online and they don't have any other use other than primarily as a word processor. We have done, and you probably have already had this information, but we just entered into a contract with Ameritech, we are upgrading a year ahead of time, the Central Dispatch. We are putting in new lines, new equipment, and that is approximately \$1.45 to \$1.5 million expenditure. We have paid for that by cash. We have saved the 35¢ that we get from all telephone users until we accumulated that money, so we have been able to save \$200,000 on that contract by paying cash for it and it will be up and running by October and I know that makes Patti Wazney and everybody feel better, because there were some concerns that the problem out there was that there were two delivers of service. Ameritech deals with everything, all of the lines up to the facility, but there was a different server that had a hard drive had all of the residents and locations that 911 deals with burned into the hard drive and it was very old and that is all being replaced and will be completed by October. So we feel like everything is under control.

President Wortman: Anybody got any questions on page 84? If not, turn to page 85, last sheet. Does anybody have any questions there? No questions.

Councilmember Hoy: Just a clarifications 3931 Youth Services, that money goes to Youth Resources, correct?

Betty Lou Jerrel: Right, right. We ought to change that name.

President Wortman: Okay, if not, that completes the Commissioners--

Councilmember Sutton: Well, just one more, I didn't know if Phil was done. On line item 4231 Transportation Services, Betty, who is that contract with that provides that?

Betty Lou Jerrel: I think it is called ASAP.

Councilmember Sutton: Do you know when that contract is up for renewal?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I think it has another year. Our emergency ambulance contract we will have for renewal at the end of this year.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Bettye, on that YMCA how is that working out over there? Are County employees using it? Do you know?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Well, some do and some don't. It is a real benefit for people that want to exercise because it is so close and we are putting in a small amount, Council is, by putting it into our budget. We help as a perk for the employees and pay a portion of their dues so that they will be able to go over there and be able to use the facility.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, I was just wondering. I know that it is a good program, I was just hoping that the County employees are using.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Well, I think that they are, but I will get an update for you on total membership.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, thanks.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any question on the last page?

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, now some of our numbers were not settled out with the City, so I don't know if you could get with the City Clerk on those splits, if you could get that to us so that we can plug those in.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: We haven't gotten them. They distributed to you all at your joint meeting, the correct numbers, and we couldn't change the budget--

Councilmember Sutton: Right, right.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: --you know at that time, we can change it next week.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, actually if we take the figures from the joint hearing we would have the exact figures on those.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: That's correct.

President Wortman: Now, that completes that and we will go on to 134 and that will be the road projects and all. Has anybody got any questions on that? Burkhardt, Phase IV and Lynch and I-64 interchange. Has anybody got any questions on that?

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question. We earmarked a half million for Burdette. Is that still?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Sure, it is still earmarked and we also -- well Steve can speak to that, but we are beginning some landscaping. He will speak to it.

Councilmember Hoy: Jim just reminded me.

Councilmember Raben: We reappropriate that in December.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody got any more questions for Bettye?

Councilmember Smith: Where is the line item for Burdette Park listed here, I don't see it?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: It isn't here. We come back in December and you reappropriate it.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, because we have \$500,000 laying there.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: We do that every year, Betty. We reappropriate it in December just to keep it open.

Councilmember Smith: Well, I think that we need to add to it. I don't think that we just need to let it stand at \$500,000 because that has been going on for two or three years now. We need to do something at Burdette.

Councilmember Raben: They actually just added \$150,000.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: We got a grant this year from the Legislature and Steve can speak to this, but we anticipate getting a sizable additional grant again this year. Our legislators can designate Burdette as one of their chosen Build Indiana Funds and two of them did this year and we received \$145,000 and the other four can do so this next year and we can add to that. We are doing site work and we have entered into a contract so we are moving.

Councilmember Hoy: Actually, would we not, when things are paid down with Convention and Visitors money, can Burdette apply for some funding there as well?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: We might be able to accomplish this without borrowing money. That would be an incredible feat, wouldn't it?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Well, they are doing a very good job, the planning process. Steve Craig is doing a very good job on that.

Councilmember Hoy: I just wanted to comment on that Central Dispatch. That 35¢ is probably one of the best bargains for taxpayers.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: And we are the lowest in the state.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, because that is an incredible system. We used that when my mother and stepfather were at home and you can enter information so that when that call comes in they knew exactly what illnesses he had, what illnesses she had, how to respond immediately. It is fantastic.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: It is an Enhanced 911 and a marvelous insurance policy.

President Wortman: Nobody got any more questions on that, let's go to page 77, Drainage Board, while you are here.

Councilmember Sutton: Before you go to Drainage Board, on the Burdette Park, that \$500,000 that we have been reappropriating, we need to figure out what we are going to do on that and I know that we have talked about some different thoughts and ideas and we--

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Well, I think that Steve--

Councilmember Sutton: --state, well, I guess that what I am thinking is that if we continue to reappropriate it we aren't really getting a lot of use out of that money, I guess in our personal budget if we had that kind of money just kind of laying around on the table, you know, either not being used for a project or gaining some interest or whatever the case may be, you know, I guess just kind of get an idea you know if we continue to kind of leave it there, you know we need to make a kind of, get a decision process going, what we are going to commit to that, because \$500,000 won't really buy you much in terms of what we are looking for--

Bettye Lou Jerrel: You have done a lot of grant work so you'll understand this. In order to receive many of these grants you must have a sum of money that you are committing and that is how we use that \$500,000. When we prepare a grant we have to say what is available and that is what we use as our, you might say, side of the in kind contributions.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, that's true. You really need to show that there is some commitment on the local level to a particular project or whatever it is that you are undertaking but given that we are talking about or we have talked about a facility of some type, the \$500,000 is a good start but it won't really get us to where we are going. So if we can't get there you know at the rate that we are going, I think that we probably need to come back to re-examine what we want to do with that money. If it is a facility we need to commit in a direction and we decide that it is going to take us five, six, seven, eight years to do it that is a pretty good distance out to keep that money just sitting on the table.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Well, we are spending some of it. Steve is using some of it on that project.

President Wortman: Okay, let's turn to page 77, Drainage Board.

### ***DRAINAGE BOARD***

President Wortman: Does anybody have any questions on page 77?

Councilmember Smith: Let us find it first.

Councilmember Lloyd: The only question that I have is FICA and PERF are going down. I just wondered.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Well we are getting more accurate.

Councilmember Lloyd: Oh, so that last ones weren't accurate?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Well, I tried to get these numbers. When you all are looking for money, I may not be talking to you but I know what you are going through, so I try to make these numbers as low as possible.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, we are so anxious we are glad to see \$45 in reduction.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I know it.

President Wortman: Anybody got any questions, then? Now, Mrs. Jerrel, let's see does the Riverboat come under your jurisdiction? Let's keep a moving here. That's page 121.

### ***RIVERBOAT***

President Wortman: Okay, the Riverboat, 121. Anybody got any questions on that?

Councilmember Hoy: I have one. I have not followed this. The revenue stream, I know

that they have had some reductions. Are we still within those boundaries?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: We have this under, and you know, Council made the decision that we couldn't spend anything until it had been collected. So, we are not -- I mean we are safe. A lot of places depend on this money, we've got it in the bank before we use it and it is going down.

Councilmember Sutton: Bettye, I know in past that you guys have assigned some different objectives for the economic development side of this for 2000. Do we have some thoughts in mind with the economic development and infrastructure dollars from the Riverboat money in terms of plans of how long? Welfare to Work, that is pretty much committed, but the others, it is a little bit different and changes from year to year. What kind of thoughts do you guys have?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Welfare to Work has made some changes in their mission also. They have very -- some problems finding people that were interested in the training side of it, so it has been used as a safety net in many cases and that has been very successful. But they have had changes to make. Infrastructure, drainage, we have been, for instance, we're trying to solve and hope that we have, we need a good rain to test it, some of the drainage problems on the north side, particularly Ward Road was one, and we did get that completed and now we have to see if that works. Some of this funding is also going to the Lynch Road project and the Burkhardt project. The Morgan Avenue/Burkhardt intersection will be paid for by INDOT's air quality mitigation fund. So if we can get all of this together we should be able to start that during the next construction season, about August. We will be completing Burkhardt all the way to I-164 and Lynch Road. We have done things with the economic development side, like Replas Road, what is the name of the facility now, it's not Replas--

Councilmember Lloyd: Matrixx.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: --Matrixx. We are completing Virginia, so hopefully, that will be completed before the Christmas season so you will be able to take a lot of the stress off of the Lloyd and drive straight through to the other shopping centers. It will be primarily road projects, and we have a few, and you are informed just like I am when Vision 2000 has projects that they bring to us for help.

Councilmember Hoy: Going back to Welfare to Work, I am not clear on that. They are shifting some funds from job training to something else?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: To the safety net program. They have found that companies want to train their employees and so there really wasn't a lot of option for that side of Welfare to Work. They had it divided into different units but the biggest thing that they can do to help someone if they have a job and they are working on education that will improve their job status, when they have a car breakdown and they can't get to work, and so we provide, if they meet the qualifications, we provide a one time--

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Hoy, initially they probably had some ideas of what they felt were the most appropriate uses and kind of divided that out proportionately and found that over time there were some that weren't being utilized and some where there were heavier pressures to utilize. That safety net has really been a great assistance to a number of families. Whereas, the transportation, there is some use there but not as much as had been anticipated there. But it is being utilized. Child care is one that still continue to be an issue, but I think it is really just a national regression of taking the resources to match the need.

Councilmember Hoy: I support the shift and didn't say anything is the beginning. I didn't give my biases but as an employer, which I am, if you send somebody to me with a good work ethic and, you know, a fairly good IQ I will train them. The thing that I see, the

struggle I have with employing people, is just going through batches and batches of people who don't understand that when you open at 7:45 you expect them to punch in at 7:45. You can't, I don't think you can train that in a program. You can only train that by experience, perhaps, I don't know. But we would much rather train on the job because I think that every job site has a uniqueness about it except for some occupations or professions.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Well, Royce was absolutely right in that the child care side has been very successful.

Councilmember Sutton: I think that when you talk about training there is some things within the Department of Family and Children and some of the things that they have been doing, they have been assisting with those job readiness type of preparation issues. Got a tape change there?

### **Tape Change**

Councilmember Hoy: Tell me when the tape is rolling, because I have a comment about the time.

Suzanne M. Crouch: It's ready.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, because I just want this on record that this is the third time this year, that the tape has been changed when Mr. Sutton has been speaking. It's only happened to me twice.

President Wortman: Good timing.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Thank you very much.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you Bettye.

President Wortman: Bettye, do you handle the Superintendent of County Buildings?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yes, I do, and there's no changes. That's for the...by the way, we're getting out of the building business rapidly. Now, we still have things that we take care of. That's what the \$10,000 is for. The lots...city lots and things that we've had to spend so much money mowing, we're down to about, I don't know, I think it's between 20 and 30 lots, and we used to have over 140.

President Wortman: Okay, alright. So, that's no change, and the highway, are you going to handle that? John Stoll will handle that.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Is John Stoll here?

President Wortman: Yeah, there he is.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: He's a lot better at it than I am.

President Wortman: Alright. Well, listen, that's alright. We'll go ahead, thank you, we appreciate it.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Thank you very much.

### **COUNTY WELFARE**

President Wortman: We're going to have a pause at 10:00, if...whoever wants to go over



next door. I said that yesterday, but they didn't...wasn't a drink. So, lets move on right away to the Division of Family and Children Services.

John Schroder: I'm John Schroder, the Assistant Director of the Vanderburgh County Office of Family and Children.

President Wortman: Page 136.

John Schroder: Which fund is that?

Councilmember Smith: It's 2042.

John Schroder: I would strongly suggest that we start with the Welfare Fund.

President Wortman: Okay, turn to page 135 then, please.

John Schroder: The reason I suggested that is, there's been a major change made by the State Legislature this year. I passed out some information we received from our division director in Indianapolis concerning the legislation. What in fact is happening is, that the state of Indiana is taking over all payments for what we know as the Welfare Fund, currently affective July 1st of 2000. It was passed this past legislature. We have submitted a budget on that as we were requested to do. You might notice, there's a bit of a conflict here, and I'm sorry I can't...I have a suggestion on it, I cannot clarify it. According to the information we received, Indiana Code section 62 IC 12-19-1-21. It says, the authority to impose a proposed tax levy for either the Welfare Fund or the County Administration Fund has been removed. However, the forms that I submitted that were completed in Indianapolis and signed by our division director up there, requests an \$848,000 tax levy. I can't clarify that other than the fact that if...we will...we are to ask you for the appropriations, because without the appropriations we can't spend the money during the first half of the year because it's to come out of the remainder of the Welfare Fund, the working balance that might still be in the Welfare Fund. Then at July 1st, any money remaining in the Welfare Fund is to be transferred to the state of Indiana, and from there forth, they are to be paying those bills. Actually, most of these accounts are actually...the checks come from the state of Indiana to our clients, our TANF clients, temporary assistance for needy families. It used to be AFDC. Then the county is asked from the Welfare Fund to reimburse the state for its portion of it. They will no longer be doing that. My recommendation on this is, if you would, the accounts that we have requested, 30011 Assistance to Families with Dependant Children, \$620,000, 30012 ADC, for Unemployed Parents \$34,500, Healthy Families \$268,000, Burial Allowance for AFD, \$6,000, Destitute Children, \$8,500, Child Welfare Services, \$288,000, be appropriated and go ahead and approve the tax levy. Were it not to be levied, I'm sure the State Board of Tax Commissioners will remove it at their hearing. I don't have a clarification other than that on there. But, because these...this fund is being removed from the county tax rolls and, I assume, in the future, from county appropriations, they have decided to move three of the funds, which we actually do Child Welfare Services out of, to the Family and Childrens Fund. They're moving them and adding them to the County and Childrens Fund, However, as it says here, please remind local officials that these expenditures will be paid 100 percent by the central office, meaning the state of Indiana. The Center of the Universe, at least it is for us that work for the state, and that there will be an advance of monies to cover those accounts. So, we're asking you to appropriate for three accounts, twice. We're asking for you to appropriate for the Welfare Fund, for the next six months of next year until it moves over, and then in the Family and Childrens Fund, they're asking for the appropriations and I'll go through those one by one, in a little bit, so that after July 1st of next year, we will actually be paying for those, but it will be reimbursed locally again, but it will be reimbursed at 100 percent by the state of Indiana, for those accounts.

Suzanne Crouch: Mr. Schroder? At the direction of the State Board of Tax Commissioners, we did not advertise a levy for Welfare and for Welfare Admin.

John Schroder: That's great, because what I have received indicates a tax levy, so...and that's what I filed and all I have is the information I received from that side. So, if it wasn't advertised, it can't be approved, can it? That answers that question. However, we still will request the appropriations. Then on the Family...are there more questions on that?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, let me go back. You had mentioned that there is a levy not to exceed \$820,000?

John Schroder: Well, apparently that was what I received on my information that I was to file, that came from our central office. However, the State Board of Tax Commissioners had informed the Auditor not to advertise that, so there will be no tax levy for the Welfare Fund this coming year.

Councilmember Raben: How can we make an appropriation without an advertisement?

John Schroder: Okay--

Councilmember Raben: I guess why I'm still concerned is if the levy is for \$820,000, and the request is for \$1,200,000, we're exceeding the levy by \$420,000.

John Schroder: We had a working balance at that time.

Suzanne Crouch: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: So, you have a working balance in excess of \$420,000?

John Schroder: I'd have to look and see what our working balance is.

Councilmember Raben: Because would this not fall under most levies if it's...of the budget is in excess of the levy, that has to be made up by General Funds, right?

Suzanne Crouch: No, this fund is like a lot of other funds. They have a cash balance at the beginning of the year from expenditures that aren't expended and from other revenues, and what Mr. Schroder is saying, which I concur with, they will be able to make that appropriation without a property tax levy, because of their balance within the fund.

Councilmember Raben: So, their balance would actually exceed--

John Schroder: Also, there's one other part to the law, and that is, and this is what I'm reading off of this first sheet, and what I was told, is that the Welfare Fund will be paid beginning with service states as of July 1st, or at an earlier date when the fund balance has been exhausted by state funds.

Councilmember Raben: So--

Councilmember Hoy: Either way, we're covered.

John Schroder: Correct.

Councilmember Raben: So, you have enough...you have a hefty enough balance to basically cover your budget up until June 30th? At which, that time the state will start paying everything. Is that--

John Schroder: I can't absolutely say that for sure, but according to this, the state will start paying it when we run out.

Councilmember Raben: Which hopefully, is not before July 1st, correct?

Suzanne Crouch: If it is, the state will pick it up.

John Schroder: If it is, they pick it up.

President Wortman: In plain words, the state controls it?

John Schroder: Yes, and they're going to be paying the bucks for it.

Councilmember Lloyd: You're requesting that we leave this budget alone, this County Welfare \$1,225,000?

John Schroder: The appropriation, correct.

President Wortman: Okay, any more questions for Mr. Schroder?

John Schroder: Do you want to look at the Family and Childrens Fund?

President Wortman: Yeah, we want to take that next.

John Schroder: Okay.

President Wortman: We've got a few minutes there, before we have a recess. Anybody got any questions on page 136?

Councilmember Hoy: I have one question, because you know I track this, just as part of my interest in what happens to children. How will we know then...I'm looking at this...or is that where we're going next, Mr. Schroder? No, we just did that. I'm always curious about what it costs, you know, the taxpayer, to take care of children that somebody else ought to be taking care of and aren't. It's just a personal interest of mine. I'm looking at this page where we're...the Child Services budget, that will be with the state also?

John Schroder: The Family and Childrens...are you talking about...in the Welfare Fund?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah.

John Schroder: The Child Welfare Services account?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

John Schroder: 30090?

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I'm looking at the whole page that you gave us, that came from the state, from James M...I'd hate to try to pronounce his last name, and mess it up.

John Schroder: James Hmurovich, It starts with an "H", but it's pronounced "murovich".

Councilmember Hoy: Oh, well that's easy. We're looking at \$11,465,750 for the Child Services budget.

John Schroder: That's the Family and Childrens Fund, that's the next one.

Councilmember Hoy: The state is going...that's where we're going now?

John Schroder: Yes, that'll be the next thing we discuss.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you. I'm just trying to...I feel like I was lost in the woods along the line.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions for Mr. Schroder? It's 10:00, we're going to call a 10 minute recess for everybody, if they want to participate, otherwise it'll be a short pause for a good cause.

John Schroder: Do you want me to come back and discuss Family and Childrens Fund after your break?

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Lloyd: Thank you, Mr. President.

**(Meeting recessed)**

President Wortman: Okay, the 10 minutes are up, and I don't know where everybody is at, but Mr. Schroder would you come forward please and...got to keep this...got to be out of here at twelve again. So we got to keep moving.

***DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN***

John Schroder: The other fund that I am here to discuss, and this one is not being taken over by the state of Indiana, although, they are moving some accounts to it, which they are going to pay, and we do get an amount...quite a bit of reimbursement for some of these accounts from either state or federal funds. The Family and Childrens Fund, is what used to be called Child Welfare or Child Welfare Services and these are the funds that we use for children who have been made wards of the court or wards of the agency, who could possibly be made, because of child abuse, neglect, or exploitation. The Care of Wards in Foster Homes, 32500, we've requested \$1,880,000 in that. The Care of Wards and Therapeutic Foster Homes, 32510, \$437,000, Care of Wards and Institutions, 32520, \$4,950,000, Independent Living for Wards, 32530, \$10,000, Preservation Services, 32540, \$710,000, and--

Councilmember Raben: Could you explain that line?

Councilmember Smith: Yeah, I'd like to know what that is.

John Schroder: Okay.

Councilmember Smith: Preservation Services.

John Schroder: These are costs that we pay for children who are probably to be returned to their parents because they are under our care, or have been brought to our attention, because of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of some form. These services are normally counseling services, parenting services, where the agency is interacting with the family and trying to get them...the family...where we're sure that the family can take care of the child appropriately, and actually, we think we've been...this is one of the few accounts that we have that we have discretion over where we are going to spend it. We feel that, and you might notice that this has grown a little each year, for the past few years. We feel that this is one of the reasons why we're being able to reduce the budget, where we're putting kids in foster homes and therapeutic foster homes and institutions. So, it's one of those...it's an area I would say is...that we would call preventive services, even though the children have been brought to our attention and we call...there's a official term for that, called Children In Need Of Services, we call them CHINS. Those children may not be out of the home, but we and the courts feel that the families and the children need additional services to maintain that relationship, and that's where we pay for most of the...out of this account.

Councilmember Smith: I have never heard of a fund named Preservation Fund, so that's--

John Schroder: What it's really trying to do is preserve the families--

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

John Schroder: --and keep the kids...keep us from having to put the kids in some type of other care, such as institutions or foster homes or things like that.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: This is another one of those budgets that really does not affect our General Fund rate, but again, it's part of our overall freeze. John, this budget in the last four years has gone up \$4,000,000.

John Schroder: Correct.

Councilmember Raben: Is there any explanation for that?

John Schroder: We are spending more and it costs more to keep the kids in the institutions and foster homes plus, we are also trying to spend more to preserve the families. However, you might notice that we are actually...this fund...we are not requesting anywhere near the maximum tax levy. We're beginning to remember Forest Gump here, and the noise is something, PA system. The...we are asking actually over \$2,000,000 less than our maximum tax levy could be, actually \$2,200,000 less than what we could ask for--

President Wortman: Excuse me a minute--

Councilmember Hoy: I move that we spend money on a new PA system.

President Wortman: Yeah, Does anybody got their speaker on?

Councilmember Sutton: They're no more than three years old.

Councilmember Bassemier: I keep mine off.

John Schroder: Okay. Here again, what I was...do you want me to try this one to see if that does it? We are actually asking for over \$2,000,000 less than our maximum levy, because a lot of the funds have reimbursements and we seek any type of federal and state reimbursement that we have. There's a lot of things that are coming down in that area. One other area though, that it's increasing considerable and I hadn't got to that yet, and that is Adoption Services. The attitude toward adoption assistance has changed something...somewhat over the last few years, and we are actually being required to pay more for adoption...I don't know if it's this one or not, I haven't been touching it until just now.

Suzanne Crouch: That's the problem, it's yours.

Councilmember Raben: It's mine, if you turn mine off, mine is doing that.

Suzanne Crouch: It's his.

President Wortman: You're going to have to apologize for that, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: I was the good boy, I had it turned off, like I was supposed to.

President Wortman: I think that thing has been trouble before. Sandie, remind...call down there to Building Authority and tell them to service these mikes up here and check them

all out so that they operate, when you get a chance this afternoon, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: For instance, on this 32510, Out of Home Placements, judging by expenditures in the past, okay, it looks as if in '98 you spent \$173,000, in '99 you spent \$130,000, but yet, there's a \$127,000 increase in that line.

John Schroder: Which one are we speaking of now?

Councilmember Raben: Out of Home Placements.

John Schroder: Are we talking about Care Wards and Foster Homes, or Therapeutic Foster Homes?

Councilmember Hoy: Therapeutic.

John Schroder: Therapeutic Foster Homes.

Councilmember Hoy: It's Out of Home Placements.

President Wortman: Sorry for the inconvenience, Mr. Schroder. Now, continue Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Well again, I was asking why would we want to increase that line, when it looks as...in the past we've not even come close to spending what's been appropriated.

John Schroder: Well, because we expect that to be increasing in the future. That's been the best projection that we could make at that point in time, and honestly, if in fact, we don't have...this is not something that we decide whether we want to spend or not. If there are children placed in these situations, we're going to have to pay it. If they are not placed in these institutions or therapeutic foster homes, we don't pay it. We need to have the money available, should that happen.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Anybody else?

Councilmember Hoy: There's no way you can make an accurate...I know you...I'm not asking this question, I'm making a statement. There's absolutely no way to make a totally accurate projection on this because you do not know what's going to happen in this field.

John Schroder: Well, any budgeting process is an educated guess. We're looking at the future, and so far, my crystal ball hasn't been all that great, but also, one of the things we try to do is be conservative in trying to figure out what our expenses are going to be and make sure we have enough money for them, because if we don't and we then have to go back and actually get additional funds through a bond issue or a loan, that becomes expensive money for the taxpayers and we don't want to do that if at all possible. We've had to make a short term loan back in the mid '80's one time, and we had to have one here a few years ago when they split these accounts and maybe didn't get them quite accurately split. Actually that was an excess levy, I believe, not a loan. As far as that is concerned, when I say conservative, we try to make sure that we have the money to pay for these. If we don't have the children...if those children are placed in institutions, if children aren't adopted, and the court says we have to make some payments, we don't go out and spend the money. We only spend it on those things that are required, because of child care placement. The area where that might not necessarily be the case, and I'll be quite frank with you, is in Preservation Services, and in the account called Child Welfare Services, and as an example in Child Welfare Services, they try to pay for some of our wards that are in foster homes and things like that, to go to a summer camp once in a while, not necessarily

all of them, but some of them. There again, in Preservation Services, we try to get counseling services for families we think are in danger of having problems with child abuse, neglect, or exploitation, those kind of things, and also in getting the children and their families back together again.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions for Mr. Schroder? Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: You may have commented on this, and I was busy with something else, out in the hallway. The adoption services \$2,760,000, that's going to be enhanced. What are some of those things you are going to be doing there?

John Schroder: Well, those there...this is actually a combination of what used to be two accounts. It used to be Adoption Aid for hard to place, children who are older, or who have physical or psychological problems, things like that, and then the states Adoption Assistance program, where children are placed for adoption, the court decides that assistance needs to be granted to the families that are adopting these children, and we're required to make those payments. Those are the two things in the Adoption Services, but they are in fact, growing probably more rapidly than any of the other services that we're paying for.

Councilmember Hoy: The Adoption Assistance sometimes helps with special problems.

John Schroder: Correct.

Councilmember Hoy: Having adopted a child 30 some odd years ago, we ran into hellacious medical bills--

John Schroder: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: --and these funds weren't there. I am still glad we adopted him, but when you take a heart to adopt a child, which we did, you can face some real economic difficulty--

John Schroder: Correct.

Councilmember Hoy: --and this expenditure, I consider a good expenditure, because it assists that adoptive family. It makes it easier for them to go ahead and, for lack of a better phrase, take a risk with adopting a child, and not having their budget absolutely wrecked by medical...exorbitant medical expenses that they didn't know were coming.

John Schroder: There's a lot of medical and psychological--

Councilmember Hoy: Exactly.

John Schroder: --service that come out of this account, correct, we get larger bills on that.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any questions?

Suzanne Crouch: Mr. Schroder, on the Family and Children, does the Council need to add those new line items of 30020 for Healthy Families for \$134,000, 30080, Destitute Children, \$4,250, 30090, Child Welfare Services for \$144,000, and that would increase that budget for the year to \$11,465,750, is that correct?

John Schroder: Correct.

Suzanne Crouch: Alright.

John Schroder: That's correct. Now, those last three accounts, those are the same as the

accounts in the Welfare Fund that are now being moved over to the Family and Childrens Fund, and it will increase the appropriations, but should not increase the tax levy at all, because they're to be funded 100 percent reimbursed to us by the state of Indiana.

Suzanne Crouch: So, we need to reduce those line items by this amount?

John Schroder: We need to what?

Suzanne Crouch: Reduce the line items in Welfare, by this amount?

John Schroder: Not according to what they had me file.

Suzanne Crouch: Okay, so we just need to add these new line items for Council's approval?

John Schroder: Correct.

Suzanne Crouch: Alright.

John Schroder: They were...if you have a copy of what was submitted from our central office, they were, on fact, included in there.

Suzanne Crouch: Right.

President Wortman: Thank you Mrs. Crouch, anybody else got any questions--

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Just looking at the Family and Childrens Fund, through six months you had spent approximately \$4,000,000, and now...I don't know, maybe you can tell us how it's going to go for the rest of the year, or look at it approximately, you know this...in 1999 we had budgeted \$10,581,000, and now we're going up to \$11,000,000. It just seems like a large increase. I know it's a different budget, but--

John Schroder: Actually, we are increasing it considerably in Adoption Services. Most of the rest of them are close, Preservation Services is being increased, and the others are...some of them are going up as we see the need for those.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

John Schroder: But there again, we're asking for actually over \$2,000,000 less than what our maximum tax levy can be under that. We get a lot of reimbursements from the state and federal programs.

Councilmember Raben: I understand that, but again, I mean a tax is a tax, and this budget since '98 has gone up over 50 percent. So, I still would like to exercise some caution on the request.

John Schroder: I showed our request in '98 to be \$9,400,000.

Councilmember Raben: Here we have \$7,300,000.

Councilmember Lloyd: No, that's expended.

John Schroder: That's probably expenditures.



President Wortman: A lot of them items are uncontrollable.

President Wortman: Anything else, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: I'm still looking for that \$9,000,000 figure, I don't...my book doesn't reflect that.

Councilmember Lloyd: That was budgeted.

John Schroder: That was budgeted.

Councilmember Lloyd: Yours show expenditures.

John Schroder: The budgeted amount.

Councilmember Lloyd: On adoption, is that state mandated? Did they change some of that? The state, did they change the adoption procedures?

John Schroder: I'm not aware of that. I know that they have combined the two accounts on us, and we do get considerable amount of reimbursement on part of that, and the Adoption Assistance program, I believe, it's federally reimbursement, and the Adoption Hard To Place Children, that's mostly county funded.

Councilmember Sutton: So, Mr. Schroder, most of the adoptions, I guess...I take it, either hard to place or special needs, is that the ones that tend to be more expensive? Is that what we're seeing here, percentage wise?

John Schroder: Normally the most expensive ones are those with medical or psychological problems, where we have to pay a lot of medical bills. However, as I said, the trend has been...it appears, the trend has been to provide assistance to more adoptive families over the last few years, and I can't say that this is particularly negative because it, as a matter of fact, I have a...personally, I think it's a positive approach that if a child can no longer stay with his parents and there's no chance of returning the child to his parents, we probably would want to try to seek some adoptive situation, as opposed to let them stay in an institution or foster home for the remainder of their youth.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess I'm just trying to get a sense...is that...those type of cases make up the majority of what you guys deal with, very few are probably just the ones without the issues?

John Schroder: To answer that in-depth, I'd have to review it on a case by case basis, but yes, a lot of them are older children who already have psychological problems. We also have children with physical problems, and there are a lot of expenditures on that, along with the day to day expenditures of looking after those children.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, in...I always ask you about the institutional costs, but they have gone up considerably too, I mean it's a 100 and some odd dollars a day, so if the child is in that institution for a year, you're talking 40 some odd thousand dollars for one child.

John Schroder: That's expensive.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I mean, this is the debt we pay for wrecked homes, just to be honest with you, I mean, that's what the majority of it comes from, you know, people who can't seem to get along, or they don't want to take care of their kids, or can't.

John Schroder: Having difficulties.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any questions for John Schroder? If not,

thanks a lot John.

John Schroder: Okay I do have a question.

President Wortman: Sure.

John Schroder: I have two places to be next week, one of them is here, and the other one, I'm a great supporter of I-69, which happens to be in Indianapolis. So do you feel you will have questions for me next week? As far as I'm concerned, this is priority.

President Wortman: From my standpoint, I think you've answered them well. But, there are another six councilmen.

Councilmember Raben: I have some questions, but I'll probably get with you this week on those.

John Schroder: Okay. If not...this is priority, as far as I'm concerned.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm fine with what you said today.

Councilmember Smith: I have no problem.

John Schroder: Thank you very much.

President Wortman: If it is, they can call you, you know, the end of this week maybe, before you go, if they want to contact John Schroder over and then he could answer a lot of questions.

John Schroder: If anything comes up, just give me a call by Monday, and I'll be here.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you for your time, we appreciate it.

Councilmember Smith: John, don't you have someone else that could come in case you're gone?

John Schroder: Probably not.

Councilmember Smith: Oh, okay, because you usually handle it.

John Schroder: The director could, if he's here. Actually, they have him scheduled this week I know, for a state wide director's meeting in French Lick, I believe.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you John. President Wortman: The County Recorder has yielded her time and position to the Co-op Extension right away, they have an appointment. So, if that's the case, why if they would make their presentation, and turn to page 72.

## **Tape Change**

### ***COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE***

President Wortman: Page 72. The Co-op Extension is located in the famous town of Darmstadt, I might add. So you can state your name and proceed.

Susan Plassmeier: I'm Susan Plassmeier, Director of the Extension Service here in Vanderburgh County.

President Wortman: Thank you. Have we got any questions for Mrs. Plassmeier? Like line item Area Extension Agent that was hired last year, if I recall, and a part-time professional, that's a question mark. Extra Help is okay. Anybody got any questions on page 72?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I do. What is that part-time professional?

Susan Plassmeier: The Paraprofessional line item?

Councilmember Raben: Paraprofessional, okay.

Susan Plassmeier: Is that 12?

Councilmember Raben: It's 1220-1230.

Susan Plassmeier: Okay, that is a line item that we had in our budget and it was surrendered last year when we were trying to maintain the five educator positions. I would like to put it back in since there is only four of us now. Our time is limited when we're trying to do the work of five individuals and this position, as a matter of fact, a few years ago used to do the Have a Healthy Baby Program which is targeted to pregnant teens to help reduce the incidents of low birth weight babies and we go into schools, maternity homes and work with the pregnant teens on proper nutrition and healthy choices like the affects on the pregnant woman and her fetus and the affects of that so that we can make them aware of how dangerous that is for them and their baby because that is a contributing factor of low birth weight. Every girl that we can through and can get them convinced that they need to take care of themselves and they need to gain the proper weight because many of them don't want to do that because they are concerned about their figures at that age and don't want to put on any more weight than what they have to, then we can help reduce the incidents of low birth weight babies. Every day every baby that is...every day they are in the hospital with a low birth weight baby that is \$2,000 that it costs. A lot of that comes out of taxpayer's money.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, but don't you think their doctors kind of coach them on that as well as, you know, there are Lamaze classes and probably counseling through the schools if they're teens.

Susan Plassmeier: As a matter of fact many of the counseling services at the schools request that we come in and do this program because we can do it much more effectively and in greater detail than what the nurses, they're the ones we work through in a lot of the schools, have the time to do and to work with the teens.

Councilmember Hoy: Do you work with programs in that there is a program down at First Presbyterian Church called Little Lambs where they have an incentive program.

Susan Plassmeier: Yes, we do. We use their vouchers.

Councilmember Hoy: With the voucher system.

Susan Plassmeier: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Hoy: That's good.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, the next question was on Computers 3370.

Susan Plassmeier: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: You have a large request there.

Susan Plassmeier: Yes, that is. This is for contractual services. It would be three years

we would receive the computers at \$700 per computer. The contract that Purdue has worked with, Compaq, and at the end of three years those computers will be replaced and put in new computers. We have four, five, six, seven, I'm asking for seven computers and a printer. Those are our full-time people that use computers a great deal in their jobs. Actually, the computers we educators have are pretty well dinosaurs. They're not even Y2K compliant. I called Computer Services here in the county and we're not under a contract so they couldn't assist us with that, so we really need to get those upgraded.

President Wortman: Have it qualify for the Y2K, too.

Susan Plassmeier: Uh-huh.

President Wortman: Right.

Councilmember Raben: That's how many computers?

Susan Plassmeier: Seven.

Councilmember Raben: Seven?

Susan Plassmeier: Seven hundred dollars a year for the contract agreement per computer which equals out to \$2,100 for the cost of the computer over the three year time which is a pretty medium priced computer and \$500 for a printer. Also in that line item there is allowed some money for an Internet service.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, the seven computers and printer would be \$5,400, right?

President Wortman: No, four PC's time seven would be \$2,800 is what I've got down here and a total package for three years would be \$9,900.

Susan Plassmeier: In the original request we had asked for the money for seven computers.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm a little confused. You have how many staff?

Susan Plassmeier: Seven full-time.

Councilmember Hoy: Full-time, okay. I misunderstood you and I wondered why you needed seven computers.

President Wortman: Now this is originated by Purdue?

Susan Plassmeier: Well, we've had computers for years, but this contract deal is through Purdue, yes.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions for that line item 3370?

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, so do you have to pay that, the whole three years, up front, is that how they do it?

Susan Plassmeier: No. It's just \$700 per computer per year plus the \$500 and then that would just maintain in the budget for--

Councilmember Lloyd: Right, three years or whatever.

Susan Plassmeier: Yeah, whatever. Then at that three year rotation those computers would be replaced and upgraded then.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, and that's part of what Purdue does with other Extension Services?

Susan Plassmeier: They're trying to get that established in the state.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, right now you don't have Internet service?

Susan Plassmeier: Yes, we do.

Councilmember Lloyd: Oh, okay. I was going to say I would think that would be very valuable for you.

Susan Plassmeier: Yes, and that line item is to help for those costs also.

President Wortman: Jim.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I've got a question.

Susan Plassmeier: Did I confuse you?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Councilman Bassemier: Curt?

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilman Bassemier: Yeah, I just want to ask a question. Now the county employs four employees, but you're asking for seven computers, is that right?

Susan Plassmeier: Well, three of those are in contractual services of the employees through Purdue.

Councilman Bassemier: Okay, thanks.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any questions? Go down to 4220 Office Fee that is a copier. That figure should be \$9,500 instead of \$11,000 is what I've got here.

Susan Plassmeier: Yeah, when we put that in there we kind of were given a rough estimate. We didn't know what our cost would be.

President Wortman: Right, okay.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm always curious as to what you're looking for in a copier for that much money.

Susan Plassmeier: We're looking for something that can handle the quantity that we copy. We've cut it down because we were able to get a Risograph to do newsletters and things that we send out, but we have this gentleman from the copy company machine that we bought it through I bet he is out there every two weeks servicing it. It's always one thing or another. We've got a lot of lines. It's just wearing out.

President Wortman: Also I might add, Phil, this here includes a maintenance contract, too, in their \$9,500 on that copier.

Susan Plassmeier: No, no it doesn't.

Councilmember Hoy: I guess I just...maybe I should introduce you to our purchasing person.

Susan Plassmeier: Well, this is through the county.

Councilmember Hoy: I know. I don't mean that, I mean at the Food Bank. We run an incredible amount of copies and newsletters and our bill doesn't come close to that.

Susan Plassmeier: How old is your machine?

Councilmember Hoy: It's got some age on it.

Susan Plassmeier: Does it?

Councilmember Hoy: But we shop, too. We bought a \$10,000 machine for \$4,000. It had been used two months. I mean, I think that's the thing that I have to remember that I am contrasting a charity with government and I'm not knocking government, but we have no choice but to...I have no place to go to ask for that kind of money except donors, but we use a copy and it collates, it staples, it you know dances for you.

Susan Plassmeier: Well, where did you get it at for that price?

Councilmember Hoy: I would rather not advertise for the company. We're talking a Xerox machine.

Susan Plassmeier: If we could get a machine to do that we would be more than happy to find that.

Councilmember Hoy: You're not the only people I question on copy machines and on computers because we use computers. We're tracking in our computer program. This year we will track four million pounds of food. We have to track every case, everything. I have to be able to tell Nabisco where every carton went and all of that. We just don't spend that much money on computers and we have very...they're all linked. We're on the Internet, you know. We have two fax phone lines. I mean, it's a very sophisticated system. We have four buildings and all kinds of things and my bills just do not run as much as I see them run. I have this problem with every budget I see. It's not just you, okay, and I think it's just because we are pushed so hard where I work. We don't have any choice but to be very, very thrifty.

Susan Plassmeier: That copy machine, that is just comparable to what we have now. I mean, it's not anything fancier, you know. It just collates and staples.

President Wortman: Okay, does anybody else got any questions for Ms. Plassmeier? If not--

Councilmember Lloyd: I was going to say maybe she can get with Mr. Hoy after the meeting.

President Wortman: Okay, well thank you, Ms. Plassmeier.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't want to be the shopper for the county.

Councilmember Smith: Well, I think we ought to appoint you as the shopper for the county if you get a \$10,000 one for \$4,000 I know we need to.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Ms. Plassmeier. We appreciate you and your troops coming up.

Susan Plassmeier: Thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: My gun permit has nothing to do with it either!

**COUNTY RECORDER**

President Wortman: The County Recorder, Mrs. Hermann please. Page 12.

Betty Hermann: Betty Hermann, County Recorder. Phil Hoy, you're going to love my budget.

Councilmember Hoy: I do.

Betty Hermann: You do, okay.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody got any questions for Mrs. Hermann on page 12? I don't hear anything, so we'll turn to the next page 13 and look at the totals. Not too bad.

Betty Hermann: As you'll notice, the maintenance agreement, service agreements and all of 200 is zeroed out. We pay for that out of our Recorder's Perpetuation. I would like to make a statement on 11...let's see, 1160. That has been changed from an Entry Bookkeeping Clerk to a Microfilm Technician.

Councilmember Sutton: Was that again through Job Study?

Betty Hermann: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: I was asking if that had been done--

President Wortman: That's 1160?

Betty Hermann: 1160, yes.

Councilmember Hoy: What was it again?

Betty Hermann: It has been changed from an Entry Bookkeeping Clerk to a Microfilm Technician. That is working very well in our office.

Councilmember Sutton: Same person?

Betty Hermann: Same person, uh-huh. Just change of title and change of duty.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any questions for Mrs. Hermann?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Ms. Hermann, could you give us an idea what we're generating on fees?

Betty Hermann: I surely will. As of July we have taken in already \$400,000.

Councilmember Sutton: How much?

Betty Hermann: \$400,000. That's way above last year and last year was our largest year. As you all know, we took in almost \$700,000 so my budget is only \$387,879 and we have already taken in \$400,000 so you'll have any extra \$400,000 to play with because we will take in another \$400,000.

Councilmember Sutton: And those fees are for...the listing, I guess, of the type of fees are for abstracts and things of that nature?

Betty Hermann: They are for deeds. There is so much for our recordings, is that what you are talking about?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Betty Hermann: Yes. Think about it. These are all \$9 and \$10 recordings, so we have taken in a lot of recordings. Someone made the statement we can't let county government grow. Ladies and gentlemen, it has already grown. You can tell by our office. It has grown.

President Wortman: When you take all she has took in that affects that Miscellaneous Fund and helps pay the bills.

Betty Hermann: Yep, it does.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: Did you say, Betty, that last year was the largest year that we had in fees?

Betty Hermann: It was the largest year that we've ever had. An average in comparing with like Marion, and we do compare with Marion County, we're second in recordings right under Marion County. Last year was the largest that we have ever taken in and for the size of Vanderburgh County we actually should be taking in about \$400,000 a year if that tells you anything and we took in almost \$700,000. We will take in eight this year, \$800,000.

Councilmember Lloyd: That just tells about the growth of this area.

Betty Hermann: That's why we have so many people wanting to run for my office when I am through next year. It's all in tip-top shape.

Councilmember Raben: Are the fees the same across the state?

Betty Hermann: Yes, they are and we do not set our fees. The state sets them. It's a constitutional office and the state sets all of our fees. We get blamed for it a lot, but we don't set them.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Smith: Betty, keep it in good shape will you?

Betty Hermann: I know. It's in good shape. Y2K ready and everything.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Mrs. Hermann. Yeah, thanks, Mrs. Hermann. We appreciate your time.

Betty Hermann: Alright, thank you.

### ***VOTERS REGISTRATION***

President Wortman: Next on the agenda is Voters Registration, page 70. Anybody got any questions for the representative?



Susan Kirk: It's the prettiest budget here, so no one has a question other than good job--

President Wortman: Yeah, would you both state your names and where you're from.

Susan Kirk: Susan Kirk, Voters Registration.

Jon Hill: Jon Hill, Voters Registration.

President Wortman: Thank you. Anybody got any questions on page 70?

Susan Kirk: Everything is the same except maintenance and we now have the Indiana Voter Registration Association that we will be paying dues out of every year \$100.

Councilmember Hoy: You've really created a lot of excitement, I want you to know.

Jon Hill: It was worth the wait though.

President Wortman: Okay, nobody got any questions? Looks realistic, so thanks for your time. I appreciate it.

Susan Kirk: Thanks.

### **BURDETTE PARK**

President Wortman: Next on the agenda Burdette Park, page 112.

Steve Craig: My name is Steve Craig and I am the Manager at Burdette.

President Wortman: Okay, does anybody have any questions for Mr. Craig from Burdette Park? He is the manager out there, the head dog out there. On page 112, does anybody got any questions on that page? Let's turn then to page 113. Okay, if no questions we'll turn to page 114.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Craig, on 3440 Advertising we have seen that reduced considerably and I think you're doing some creative things working with businesses and sharing billboards and things like that, is that correct?

Steve Craig: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: How has this change affected your attendance? I mean, you don't see a reduction in attendance do you?

Steve Craig: Well, it's hard to tell when the weather is one of the determining factors of the aquatic center and that, but I think we've done well with it. We tied in with, you know, Grandy's and other places and we work with them on picnics and that and they give us advertising and we do trade-offs with passes and that plus we distribute a lot of stuff to the schools. I guess if you phrase it right it's creative advertising, but it's hard to judge is the attendance is down overall in the park. I know the rentals are way up and the Day Camp sold out, so the only thing that we can judge it by is the aquatic center and I think, you know, the weather plays as much as the advertising does. I do think that the more advertising you have the better it would be, but I think the \$10,000 the last two years has been adequate.

Councilmember Hoy: That's really my question. Is that working for you?

Steve Craig: It is. I think right now that it is.

Councilmember Hoy: And factoring in what the weather does to the aquatic center you feel that things are going well?

Steve Craig: Yeah.

Councilmember Hoy: I know you're sold out. I know how far in advance I have to rent anything out there.

Steve Craig: Yeah.

Councilmember Hoy: You know, shelter house or chalet or anything. So obviously that stuff is booked.

Steve Craig: Well, we have hot days during the week and that and our crowds are as big as they were, you know, five or six years ago. We're still filling the parking lots up and filling the pool up.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I'm fine with the \$10,000 figure. You know, I don't want to increase that, I just wanted to do a spot check with you and make sure it is working for you.

Steve Craig: I was happy with it and it has brought out some new ways to advertise.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, good.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody got any questions on page 115?

Councilmember Sutton: Question.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, earlier...let me just kind of pick up where Councilman Hoy was, Steve. If we were to compare our numbers from last year in terms of at this point on the aquatic center, usage of the facility overall, what are you looking at in terms of dollar wise revenue that we have generated at this point this year compared to where we were last year.

Steve Craig: On the buildings I would say that we're probably running about the same because we're at capacity of what we can rent during the some and that. The Day Camp may have went up some because I think there was a slight increase in the cost of it so the dollar figures would be up and the swimming pool is way up over what we were last year. I don't have an exact dollar figure on it, but I know that in May and June we were approximately \$10,000 over last year, but July I know has been extremely better than what we did last year.

Councilmember Sutton: I would be really interested in seeing those numbers, the dollars that we are taking in and if we could factor in also what fee increases we may of had along there, but the Day Camp obviously is something that is quite popular and something that we may need to revisit, I guess, at some point in time how we handle the demand on that Day Camp because of just how things have changed with families and what activities are available here locally. Obviously, it's a great day camp. I was going to also ask you it was mentioned earlier, Commission Jerrel mentioned about the \$500,000 that we reappropriate each year that there had been some usage out of those. What are we using out of that fund? I thought that was going to be designated and just earmarked for a building only. What are we using it for?

Steve Craig: That's what it has been. We were appropriated another \$145,000 from the Build Indiana Fund which gives us approximately \$645,000 now in that account and I am presently working with a local engineering firm to come up with a site plan and as soon as we're done with this we intend on doing the dirt work, the drainage plan, the excavating of the land to accommodate the parking lots and the buildings. We want to locate the utilities and hook them up. The running of the electrical service to the site. We have to get water lines to the site and we are looking to run the sewers to our closest sewer main and presently I am in the process of getting core samples taken for the building and the sediment pond that we probably need up there to make sure that the site is, you know, conducive to the building and the drainage. We're also in the process of getting drawings and blueprints made up of the complete site so that when we request grants that we have a visual idea of what we are requesting these funds for. All of the money, which has not been much spent, has been on site plans and that for that area up there. None of the money has been spent in any other area.

Councilmember Sutton: How close are we to some kind of architectural rendering of this facility? Any idea on square footage because I guess up to this point I know we had talked about some type of nature center/day care type of facility. Does that appear to be the same?

Steve Craig: We have a primitive drawing of it. That's what we're doing right now. We're trying to get a site plan made up so that we can get a blueprint drawn up of the building and the support buildings and, like I said, the parking area because a building that size will need quite extensive parking up there.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions?

Councilmember Raben: Steve, you and I had talked about two accounts. I don't know if you've had a chance to look into those. One was Telephone and the other was Utilities. I meant to ask you earlier when I saw you at break, but I forgot to.

Steve Craig: Yes, I did. They were kind of a shock to me, too. The Telephone last year I think we spent \$1,150 for the whole year and nine years ago we spent \$10,600 for the Telephone.

Councilmember Raben: That was probably for a system.

Steve Craig: No, the year before it was \$9,800. It just kept going down every year and it's down to \$1,150 and the \$4,000 will probably be kind of high. I don't know if they made a mistake on our bill or not, but \$1,150 for the whole year seemed extremely cheap to me.

Councilmember Hoy: How many lines do you have?

Steve Craig: I think six outgoing and a fax.

Councilmember Hoy: And it's costing how much?

Steve Craig: Somebody from the telephone company is here and it will probably go up, but you're right. I mean, the \$4,000 I didn't know that it was only \$1,100 last year. My home bill was more than that.

Councilmember Raben: What did you find on utilities?

Steve Craig: In the Utilities you had \$90,000 that we had spent at the end of the year, but that was not including December which was paid in January, so it was right at \$110,000. I also found out something interesting on that. Nine years ago our utility bill was \$96,000,

so it's the same now as it was approximately nine years ago. When we rebuilt or remodeled our buildings and built the chalets and that and we insulated them and did all of our work on them it's done us good.

Councilmember Raben: I might...if you go to page 115 and, again, I am bringing this up today Steve and I had discussed...he has three requests, Pool Improvements, Land Improvements and Buildings. If possible he would like to file an appropriation for this year for those because what happens is this gives him the fall, good weather you know. The pool closes down on Labor Day, so he has September and October and a little bit of November which is good weather to do that type of work. If we budget then, you know, he basically has to wait until fall of next year to do it because you know in January and February the weather is typically too wet and too bad to do that type of outdoor work. He said he would be perfectly comfortable with us taking this out if we have room to give him that this year.

Councilmember Hoy: Would you name those lines again?

Councilmember Raben: Pool Improvements which is 4080, Land Improvements 4110 and 4120 Buildings.

(Inaudible.)

Councilmember Raben: We possibly could, but we better not push it too much with our operating balance for this year because we are going to be playing it close anyway. We could leave that in for next year, you know, as part of this budget.

President Wortman: Your Park and Playground, isn't that repairs and stuff?

Steve Craig: That's for playground equipment and picnic tables and that. We had went around with our insurance man this year and a lot of our playground equipment is no longer considered kosher with what they think and we've got to do some taking out and putting some new ones in.

President Wortman: And then you want a car or a truck?

Steve Craig: We wanted a truck.

President Wortman: Pickup or what?

Steve Craig: Pickup, three quarter ton heavy duty or one ton four by four truck with the utility boxes and bed and the reason I want this is, well, right now we have a 1978 pickup that is wore out. We got it used from the county and we still use it daily. It needs constant maintenance, but with the utility bed tool boxes and our maintenance man can keep his tools and stuff in that truck and I think it will save us an immense amount of time. Now he throws them in the back of the truck, drives to the job site, drives back to the shop to pick up another tool and, I mean, you know, you're in construction and that. You know if you've got your tools on-site you save a lot of time. We've never done this and I think we've been around long enough that we ought to wise up and have a truck that can be taken to the site.

President Wortman: Okay, does anybody else got any questions for Steve Craig on Burdette?

Councilmember Sutton: Steve, the chalets continue to do well?

Steve Craig: The chalets?

Councilmember Sutton: Uh-huh.

Steve Craig: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: I know pretty much we have built as many as we have planned to build. Any thoughts about any additional chalets since they have been so popular and they have been a pretty steady revenue stream for us year round.

Steve Craig: It's real steady and I have just recently did, I guess, a little study on it, you know, to see what we made and how much the expenses were compared to what we took in and that and I do have on the drawing boards to add another one and maybe another one, but I was going for alternative sources for funding.

Councilmember Sutton: Those have really been a really good source for us and have really paid for themselves with the type of interest that people have in those chalets. I was going to note I have used them myself, so a couple of them need a little bit of updating here and there, so I don't know if you had something in your budget here.

Steve Craig: We just put new furniture in them this year. We asked for \$5,000 last year added to our building account because the oldest one is going on six years old and the youngest one is four years old. We replaced couches, chairs, different, you know, lamps and end tables and stuff and brought them back up to what I consider snuff. I had a couple of people on the board here who stayed in them recently and commented on the new furniture and that.

Councilmember Sutton: Good deal.

Steve Craig: We do want to keep them as nice as they were when we built them.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else.

Councilmember Hoy: Your BMX event is still a large event?

Steve Craig: Not as large as it used to be. We had a new group take over this year. They have a national there every year and it has been done in the fall, but I don't know if this new group has got the national. They had applied for a spring and summer one and didn't get it. The last time I talked to them I don't think they had a national, but they still have a practice night and local races every Wednesday and then every Saturday they have open races to the tri-state area. They still have good participation, but not what it did in its heyday. It's not quite as big.

Councilmember Hoy: That was one of the Convention & Visitors Bureau favorite events. It filled a lot of rooms.

Steve Craig: Yeah, they had told us that it was the largest day and then I think the Frog Follies passed it a few years ago and it's the second biggest drawing date when they have nationals here.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody got any questions. Mr. Bassemier.

Councilman Bassemier: Mr. Craig, what is the attendance this year compared to last year at this time?

Steve Craig: The pool?

Councilman Bassemier: Pool, yeah, aquatics, I'm sorry. People using aquatics.

Steve Craig: I don't have the exact figure, but it is way up. Like I said, the money was up

in June, but we haven't got a running total. We've been so busy that Jamie, the girl at work, she is working on it right not to get a conclusive figure up-to-date for August, but we are running way ahead of last year at the pool.

Councilman Bassemier: I was curious, if you would probably look back in the '80's when a feasibility was done with Burdette Park, and Bill Harrelson did that study, he recommended every so many years you should add some kind of a water attraction. I also did a feasibility study on Vanderburgh County of what a wave pool would do for Vanderburgh County. Of course, for Vanderburgh I think you was doing about \$92,000 and a wave pool would take it to probably about \$135,000. Now that was a study done about six years ago. Are there any plans in the future to add any more, maybe a wave pool? I know Mark and I talked about the property where you put your boats was going to be a nice location for a wave pool. Is there anything in the future for adding any kind of...we were going to do it at around \$500,000. Is there anything in the future for maybe a new attraction out there?

Steve Craig: At the pool I have nothing in mind right now. It's a major job keeping the attractions that we added, you know, kept up because some of them like the original slides are getting quite old and need addressing. The last report that Harrelson did and a matter of fact the one you're talking about I have with me. He had suggested putting in a lazy river, but he also suggested taking one or two of the ones we have out to make it fit. In my opinion, once we had put the bumper boats back on the beach area we pretty well filled the areas up with what we can do without, you know, tearing into our old pool and making new pools. At the present time I have no plans to expand it, but just to keep it as nice as I can keep it.

Councilman Bassemier: You probably don't know this, you can look into it, but the pool you have out there right now can be converted into a wave pool. I didn't know if you knew that. I mean, we're competing with Santa Claus Land and, you know, I have been to several water parks throughout the United States and the wave pool is like a turkey at Thanksgiving. In fact, that is what I was told.

Steve Craig: Yeah.

Councilman Bassemier: It's the main piece of the pie, so I just wondered if maybe in the future I know that \$500,000 that we have there I know there is future plans for that, but maybe in the future maybe you should check that out and see what Mr. Harrelson recommends for maybe a wave pool or whatever, another water ride. You do have, I know for a fact, every so many years, I think every three years, you should add a water attraction to keep attendance up. I do know that.

Steve Craig: That was Mr. Harrelson's suggestion. Every year that we did add a new water attraction our attendance did go up.

Councilman Bassemier: Yeah, because kids nowadays are more sophisticated. They want something different. You know, that's why the games and everything are changing so rapidly.

Steve Craig: Yes.

Councilman Bassemier: Thank you.

Steve Craig: Thank you.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

Councilmember Hoy: Kids are spoiled. They're not sophisticated or they would be reading

Tolstoy.

Councilman Bassemier: Oh, I see.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody got any...Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: I know this is not new for anybody, but the city has a demand for another ice rink and I think we need to put a roller rink back out there because I think the west side needs it. I know they've got all these ideas and the water thing is fine, but the ice rink they could use year round, so I think that is something they need to think about. If there is a demand on the east side I am sure there is a demand on the west side.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Mrs. Smith. Anybody else got any? Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: I think we kind of beat around the bush with this question, but do you know what were your revenues for either year-to-date or for 1998 roughly?

Steve Craig: Was this for the aquatic center?

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, for the whole park.

Steve Craig: Yeah, I have the '98 here. The General Fund income for 1998 was \$645,223.21 and for 1997 it was \$579,621.28. Last year the swimming pool or the aquatic center was down \$41,709.88 from '97 and that was due to the fact that we was fiberglassing the swimming pools and the wet weather prevented us from opening both pools until almost July. Our rental facilities were up \$83,959 in one year. That was due to just an increase in the attendance at the park and people using the rental facilities. Our Day Camp was up \$17,618 for '98 over '97. The miscellaneous was up \$5,733.55 from '98 to '97.

Councilmember Lloyd: Do you know where revenues are now approximately for '99 or do you have any?

Steve Craig: We're in the process right now of doing the whole thing, but like I said the pool is way above from the daily totals that I've watched and I know the rentals are equal or above because you can't rent them any more than what we are renting them. The Day Camp was sold out, so it should be in the same area as it was last year because we're running at capacity. It's a shame that we turn away the kids that we turn away, you know, with the situations we've had in our schools. You know, the kids don't need to be turnkey kids sitting at home, you know, with no parent or parental...my mind when blank. You know, when the kids find these guns and that in their things and their parents don't know about it because the kids are at home by themselves. We don't need turnkey kids, we just need things for kids to do in the summer when they're off and I think that is what Burdette is trying to offer them.

Councilmember Lloyd: So you think '99 you will have either the same or an increase in revenues?

Steve Craig: We'll have an increase in revenues.

Councilmember Lloyd: Increase, good.

Councilmember Hoy: Would you give me '97 again, I didn't get that. I've got \$579, but I didn't get the rest.

Steve Craig: It's \$579,621.28.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any questions? Got to keep moving here.

Councilman Bassemier: I would just like to add one thing. If you remember this, Mr. Craig, when they put those water slides in I think they paid for themselves in three years, am I correct on that?

Steve Craig: The first set did, yeah. That was because at the time we didn't have a general admission. We had an admission to get in the pool and then they charged on the side if you wanted to use the slides, so that's how they could determine that they did pay for themselves because of the slide passes that they sold in three years. They had predicted that it would take six years, I think, and we paid for them in three.

Councilman Bassemier: Right, and I would like to agree with Betty on that, too, with what she said about the skating rink. I wish we had one out there and that is a year round use, too. But anything we can do out there is an improvement. Thank you for the good job you're doing out there, too.

Steve Craig: Thank you, Ed.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. Anybody else? If not, thank you, Mr. Craig, I appreciate it.

Steve Craig: Thank you, Curt.

President Wortman: Okay, we'll move right on to County Highway, page 122.

## **TAPE CHANGE**

### **COUNTY HIGHWAY**

President Wortman: State your name and where you're from and you've got your sidekick there. I say then you've got your sidekick too.

John Stoll: John Stoll, County Engineer.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody got any questions for page 122? No questions, turn to page 123. Any questions? Page 124.

Councilmember Raben: On 124, Secretary, 1053, is that a new request?

Erik Bentle: Excuse me, I didn't hear you.

Councilmember Raben: Line 1053, Secretary, that's not a new request, is it?

Erik Bentle: No, that's a position that we haven't got filled right now. We've got a union employee doing that job right now, but we'd like to keep it open if possible.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions on page 124? If not, turn to page 125. No questions, turn to page 126. No questions, turn to page 127. Don't look like there's too many questions, must be a pretty good budget.

Erik Bentle: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: There is a question that I had on the Equipment Lease. Do you have a new piece of equipment that wasn't in last year's budget?



Councilmember Lloyd: Page 127.

Councilmember Raben: The request is \$20,000 higher there. Equipment Lease, 3630.

Erik Bentle: Right now we have a tractor, a mowing tractor, that we lease. We do it every summer to help do the medians and things like that there, but other than that that's the only thing we lease.

Councilmember Raben: The gradall lease and everything, didn't we have a lease on the gradall?

President Wortman: I think that's paid off now.

Erik Bentle: That's paid off I believe, yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Wortman: It was on a three year deal if I recall.

Councilmember Raben: So the only lease is on a tractor?

Erik Bentle: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Raben: Well then that can't be the right amount.

Erik Bentle: Yeah, other equipment we do lease during the year periodically, but not very often.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Is that \$90,000 correct then if we have few leases? Then is that too high?

Erik Bentle: That's probably a little bit high, yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Well you've used \$43,000 in six months. So, it might be a little high, but that's still, I would assume --

Erik Bentle: It's still within range, I believe.

Councilmember Hoy: And I would assume since that is stuff you only use on occasion then its cheaper to lease it than it is to own it.

Erik Bentle: It's cheaper to lease it than to buy it.

Councilmember Hoy: Sure.

President Wortman: Alright, you remember this budget now is funded by the gasoline tax and the state comes down and they may cut it again. So, it's up to them, see. It's out of our jurisdiction on that, it's based on that. So, anybody got any question other than that. Okay, well it looks like thank you, Erik, we appreciate it.

### ***CUMULATIVE BRIDGE***

President Wortman: Now then we'll go to the Cumulative Bridge, page 129. Anybody got any questions on page 129? No questions, we'll move on to page 130. No questions, we'll page to 131.

Councilmember Raben: I have a couple. First, Other Contractual is up \$50,000.

John Stoll: That's to cover culvert projects that we end up contracting out. We've already appropriated additional funds here in '99 up above what was originally requested in '99. So, we bumped that up \$50,000 to try and take into consideration doing more culvert contract jobs.

Councilmember Raben: And what's the vehicle for?

John Stoll: That's to replace a Chevy Caprice. The Caprice just isn't too good for hauling around the density gauge that we've got that tests soil compaction and it's not too conducive to hauling the survey equipment around either. So, we wanted to get rid of that and get a pickup truck or a sport utility type vehicle, something that we could haul the equipment around in better.

President Wortman: Any other questions on page 131?

Councilmember Smith: I really don't have any questions because I can't hear a thing the man says.

Councilmember Sutton: Come a little closer John, you're a little soft spoken.

John Stoll: Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: Are we on page 130 or 131, or both pages?

President Wortman: Page 131, and then we'll proceed to page 132.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, what about 130, did we address that 3520, Equipment Repairs? They've only spent \$1,236 up to this point.

President Wortman: Some of those bills may not be in too.

Erik Bentle: Yeah, they're probably outstanding still.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, we've got \$39,000 out.

Erik Bentle: Whether it's out right now I'm not for sure, but quite a bit of it is, yes.

President Wortman: Just like I say, remember that the state will cut that based on gasoline tax and then they'll set their priorities, what they need and what they don't need. But this here is on the bridge count though, that is at 15 cents, see, on that.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, but I was referring to we budget \$40,000, six months have passed and you've used \$1,200.

Erik Bentle: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Raben: Actually looking back on the history too, the all time high was in '96 at \$12,000, so that line is a little bit high, or quite a bit high.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions on page 130? If not, turn to page 131. Line item 4230, Motor Vehicles, is that for a new truck, possibly?

John Stoll: Right, that's the one I was talking about with Jim.

President Wortman: Okay, that's fine. Okay, move on down to the bridges, 4399 on down.

If you recall 4403, Mt Pleasant, we've set in \$150,000 on the road widening out there with all those residents and this will be used for that bridge there, out there.

John Stoll: That's correct. The bridge was a separate list in that cost estimate from when the original appropriation was made.

President Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: John, the Old Henderson Road Bridge that's not the main overpass, is it? Are we doing more to that or is that for one of the bridges further down Old Henderson Road?

John Stoll: This is one of the bridges down on Old Henderson.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

John Stoll: There were about five bridges that were called for replacement or delineation based on bridge inventory, and that's one of those five bridges.

Councilmember Raben: I assumed it was, but I was just concerned as to whether we were having problems with the big one again.

John Stoll: Thankfully, no.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, now in reference to the Fulton Avenue Bridge, 4389, that's already been let and is under construction and everything. So, there's nothing in there appropriating anymore.

John Stoll: Correct.

Councilmember Hoy: What's the completion date for that?

John Stoll: The original date was December 31st and INDOT extended it to January 7th. There have been some delays associated with some utility problems and some other things, but no additional time extensions have been granted as of yet.

Councilmember Hoy: Now that's going to be joined into Fulton Avenue eventually?

John Stoll: Right, part of that project... the approach to the bridge actually begins at the corner next to L. B. Jones and starts running northward up to there. It goes through an S curve and then across the new bridge and ties into Diamond Avenue.

Councilmember Hoy: But when you say it goes by L. B. Jones you are talking about the east side of L. B. Jones.

John Stoll: Correct.

Councilmember Hoy: And it's going to swing around there. But I mean, we are really going to complete that project?

John Stoll: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: Good.

President Wortman: Okay the city, I think they've done their part already, haven't they?

John Stoll: They did the portion from the railroad track up to L. B. Jones. They've got another segment they've got to do from the tracks south down to the Lloyd Expressway.

President Wortman: And now that bridge, you'll have a 500 foot on each end for approach that you're allowed in the contract?

John Stoll: Correct.

President Wortman: Yeah, okay. Anybody else got any questions for the two gentlemen up there? If not, thank you. We appreciate your time.

### **LOCAL ROADS AND STREETS**

President Wortman: The next will be Local Roads and Streets, page 146. Roads and Streets, anybody got any questions on that?

Councilmember Raben: John, just on the Lynch Road Extension, Bettye Lou had even hit on that earlier, is this to go from Burkhardt to 164?

John Stoll: Right.

Councilmember Raben: So that's just the cloverleaf or whatever is put in, that's all the state's funding, right?

John Stoll: Right, but we'll have a substantial local match on that project as well because depending on where we stop the project on the next phase, whether it's the east ramp and the interchange or if it is Old Boonville Highway, the cost will range around \$8,000,000 or so, not sure exact numbers as of yet. So, 20% of that, we'll still have a big chunk of money we'll have to come up with here locally.

Councilmember Raben: What do you think, in terms of the state, how fast they'll act on anything like that? Is it in their --

John Stoll: Based on talking with Rose Zigenfus at EUTS, she said that the state would allow us to accumulate several years of our federal aid allocations and lump them together to pay for the federal aid portion of that project. I don't have anything in writing that indicates that as of yet, but she did say they would work with us in doing that. So, even though it's not scheduled as of yet, she says they will allow us to do the federal funding that way.

Councilmember Raben: Is the state even so far as like in the engineering phases of it?

John Stoll: Yes, it's all designed. It's all been designed with all local funds and we're in right of way acquisition right now. We've made some offers on several of the parcels and we've made some progress, but the right of way hasn't all been acquired as of yet.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: A question about Eickhoff-Koressel the \$500,000, what's that expenditure for?

John Stoll: That is to cover right of way acquisition. The consultants told me yesterday that the right of way engineering, which is the legal descriptions, have been prepared and they said the next phase would be to get an agreement to actually start doing appraisals for acquiring the right of way. So, that's what that money is for.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, is that amount of money going to complete the acquisition or

just advance the acquisition of land?

John Stoll: That would just be to purchase it. So, I didn't hear all your question, but --

Councilmember Hoy: Well, my question is will the \$500,000 purchase all of the land that we're going to need for that, that corridor or is this only part of it?

John Stoll: This is the first two miles up to Upper Mt Vernon Road and until we get the appraisals done we won't know exactly what dollar figure we're looking at. So, this may cover all of it, this may be a portion of it. We just don't have the numbers in from the appraisers as of yet.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a concern about this because it's not going to have overpasses, the road is not. Is that correct?

John Stoll: Correct.

Councilmember Hoy: There are some folks across the hall discussing I-69, where it's going to come through. It just would seem to me that we might learn from the State of Kentucky when they put their highways in before the feds did because they knew the feds weren't going to. I hate to see us eat up two hunks of land out there if I-69 is going to come down the west side of Evansville, A. And B, I hate to see it not have overpasses and decent intersections because I know what's going to happen to it. You know, it will be sabotaged. We will have traffic lights. And we will not have what we really need. You know, we do this to ourselves all the time. I'm not blaming you. But as an engineer, would it be possible, and how could we do this, how could we change this so that if we build this we build so that there aren't any traffic lights? I know we're talking about more money, but we haven't built it yet. It would just seem to me that if we looked ahead we'd be a lot smarter, you know, to build this with limited access, with proper intersections so that we aren't creating what we see all over town. I mean as an engineer, I'm not talking about the money here, okay, I mean that is in the realm of possibility?

John Stoll: It could be done, but the cross streets that are out there are going to be low volume streets, basically, and to spend the money, I know you said take the money out of the picture, but the funding to build the interchange really wouldn't be warranted because it will be low volume intersections. We're looking at five intersections: Marx, Upper Mt. Vernon, Hogue, New Harmony and Diamond. Diamond would be the only one of those five that would really have a high enough volume on the cross street that might warrant an interchange, but the rest of them would be lower volume that it really wouldn't be justified.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, is it going to be limited then to those five intersections?

John Stoll: The right of way is being purchased as limited access right of way. There are some locations where field accesses will have to be left so that we can avoid buying 40 acre parcels of land and things like that.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, I understand that, but the project that comes to mind is Covert Avenue between Green River, I think this is a city project, maybe not, I'm not sure, between Green River --

John Stoll: And the Interstate.

Councilmember Hoy: The Interstate. And the promise was made on the north side of that corridor, you know, there would be no additional cuts other than, I think, Fuquay Road. Well, you know, somebody twisted somebody's arm and they got a little subdivision put in there and so you've got a second curb cut. Now the owners of the cemetery are putting in, you know what's happening, and you've got another curb cut.

John Stoll: Out there they didn't purchase the access rights is where they had a problem in trying to deny those additional streets from coming in. If the access rights would have been purchased then they would have been able to stop those, but --

Councilmember Hoy: Can we do this in Eickhoff-Koressel?

John Stoll: We will be buying the access rights, but there will be parcels like those out there that --

Councilmember Hoy: Would you mind giving me those intersections again because I...this is a cause for me, John.

John Stoll: It's Hogue, Upper Mt. Vernon, Marx, New Harmony and Diamond.

Councilmember Hoy: Because, and I know we're getting close to the witching or the warlock, I want to be fair... Nobody knows what a warlock is in this room? I need to provide dictionaries. Because what's going to happen, you know, we're looking at traffic today--

John Stoll: Well the design was based on 20 year traffic projections so that --

Councilmember Hoy: I know, but I don't think, sometimes I don't think those are very accurate. I know what building is taking place. I happen to have a personal interest. I have family building out there, building homes right and left, selling them right and left, you know. And then, you know, already they're so happy to see certain businesses move in so they don't have to drive as far. I don't think you'll see out there what you see on the east side, but I think you're going to come real close. And I think, you know... I'm just going to harp on this until, as I said about another issue, I die or --

Councilmember Raben: Or walk.

Councilmember Hoy: Huh?

Councilmember Raben: I think they all want me to take you for a walk.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I know. But it needs to get, the public needs to hear about this because we are doing ourselves in one more time.

John Stoll: Out there on the west side one thing that will be different is there's not a whole lot of sewers out there. And until there's a substantial amount of sewers serving those areas the density of the subdivisions won't be nearly as great as what we've seen on the east side.

Councilmember Hoy: See the subdivisions that my in-laws, my daughter's in-laws are building all have city sewers. They have paid the money to put in city sewers because people don't want to mow two and a half acres anymore on Saturday. They want to go home and mow a smaller lot and live on a nice plot of ground. I'm telling you this is where the market is going, I talked to these people. I may not live to see this, you know, maybe somebody won't let me live to see this, but I just want it on record and somebody can look back and say well Hoy said and "dad gummit" he was right. Because you've already got a mess, a major mess at Red Bank and the Lloyd. I mean that is...if there's a definition of insanity, that certainly is the definition of traffic insanity. I'm not blaming you guys, I'm just saying, you know... You have to do what you're told to do, I understand that.

John Stoll: That will be corrected once...there's a lawsuit pending out there.

Councilmember Hoy: You've got a right angle turn down on Red Bank when you go north and a right angle when you go south and if you start correcting that you're going to buy how

many houses? You're going to buy tons of houses. I'll stop because Raben is going to kick me under the table.

President Wortman: Okay, we've got to get going.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

President Wortman: Yes ma'am.

Councilmember Smith: I just have a statement to make. Going back with the County Highway and the bridge and roads, they are leasing \$148,000 for leasing for equipment and trucks and whatever, and you know when you pay a lease and rental, why can't we buy and have it rather than to lease it?

President Wortman: Some of that equipment might be leased to buy, see.

Erik Bentle: Yeah, some of that equipment we only use a couple of months out of the year so there's really no purpose in having it the whole year and having it sit there not being used.

President Wortman: Snow removal would be one example.

Councilmember Hoy: Because the purchase price, \$150,000 is not going to buy much in heavy equipment anymore.

Councilmember Smith: Well at one time they had 12 snowplows out at the County Garage that the city took out there and hid.

President Wortman: Okay, alright. Okay, thank you Mrs. Smith. Okay, that completes the Local Roads and Streets. Thank you gentlemen, appreciate it.

### **LEGAL AID**

President Wortman: Next was Legal Aid, page 116. We've got a few minutes here yet.

Sue Hartig: Did you say 116?

President Wortman: Page 116. Okay, any questions on page 116? Notice the Executive Director there went from \$45,708 up to \$51,581. Can you explain that please?

Sue Hartig: Sure, that's my 20 year seniority step. Previously, and I'm passing around two memos that have a few corrections, and they are reductions, there was a request for a salary supplement and I think when that was removed the fringe benefits were not reduced accordingly. So I think there are maybe a couple of other reductions that can be made. But there is a 20 year step on the Executive Director and a five year step on the Junior Legal Secretary. Other than that there should be no changes or increases in salaries other than the job study.

President Wortman: Okay, everybody understand that? Okay --

Sue Hartig: In fact, we have a new attorney with less seniority and new secretary with less seniority. Were it not for our computer requests, this budget would be basically the same as last year's.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions on page 116? If not, we'll turn to page 117.

Councilmember Raben: Okay question, Sue on the Computer Hardware and Software is it necessary to replace everything?

Sue Hartig: According to Mr. Cottun it is because we're not on the mainframe. He called our current computers boat anchors. They're not Y2K compliant. They are the kind that we can turn them off when we go home and roll them over the first of the year. So, there's no way any of that equipment could be used to hook into the mainframe. But if you'll look at the two page memo that I passed out to you dated August 3rd, I've given you all of the specifications and I've also got a major reduction on that figure. The whole cost of the system still remains \$31,000 plus, but we have been given a grant from United Way of \$7,500 that we can use toward that. We're going to use our distribution this year from the State Civil Legal Aid Fund which is \$9,800. So, the balance we need from the city and county is \$13,785.

President Wortman: That's what I had down here. I think you got that at the city/county meeting the other night.

Sue Hartig: Okay, so we have \$5,000 in Software and \$8,785 in Hardware.

President Wortman: Everybody understand that? They got that marked down last week at the city/county meeting. Okay, any other questions on that page?

Councilmember Raben: That \$8,785 is the total appropriation or is that just our share?

Sue Hartig: For Hardware and then \$5,000 for Software, and this is a 50/50 split.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: I've got a question.

President Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: The question I have is how selective are you on taking clients? What are some of the guidelines? I'll give you an example, I knew a landlord that had a tenant. This tenant quit three jobs before she violated her lease. She tore up the house, she had a dog she wasn't supposed to have, ruined brand new carpet and chewed up the doors and all of this. She went to Legal Aid and you all represented her. She lost the case, but I know it cost the taxpayers a few thousand dollars. I was just curious how selective you are on taking cases. Do you do a background check on these people?

Sue Hartig: We take an application from them and see if they qualify financially. But the point of our justice system is that you should have the right to have an attorney with you to explain to you what the law is, to protect your rights and make sure the case against you is proven properly. So, we do not investigate a case and say, gee, we think this client is going to lose their case and they don't deserve an attorney.

Councilmember Bassemier: I was just thinking that there should be more questions asked. Maybe call the landlord, maybe ask to see the lease, maybe save some time in the courtroom.

Sue Hartig: I would hate to take the word of the other side to prepare my client's case. And again, we do not judge our clients. I think you could compare that to the discussions that you've been having on the Public Defender issues. You know, whether the defendant is eventually convicted or not, whether that defendant is guilty or not, our system is set up that they deserve to have their rights protected.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I understand that. I was just kind of curious why on that...if you gave this person a questionnaire. She had three jobs, but she didn't want to pay her rent anymore and she didn't want to work so she quit. That was just probably a month before you all took her case and then paid for all of her legal. Of course, the



landlord is out a couple thousand bucks. I didn't know, I was just maybe giving you an idea or maybe giving you some information.

Sue Hartig: I think we would know all of those details until we were actually at the hearing and the case was heard.

Councilmember Bassemier: I just wanted to pass that on to you because I think we ripped off the taxpayers on this deal and I was very upset over it. So, I just wanted to put that on the record.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm not a lawyer and I don't play one on TV, but you have...ethically, you could not talk to that landlord since they would be the adversary in that case, could you?

Sue Hartig: If they were not represented by an attorney I could call them and ask them, but--

Councilmember Hoy: But if they were you could not call them.

Sue Hartig: Uh-huh, but if we didn't have a dispute where one party says X and one party says Y we would never be in front of a judge, if the two sides agreed on what the facts were.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions?

#### **LEGAL AID - UNITED WAY**

President Wortman: Okay, now then we'll turn to page 185, United Way Legal Aid.

Sue Hartig: United Way is now on a two year budget cycle so we do know for sure that this figure of \$51,852 is what we will receive from United Way. Usually, I'm here telling you that we don't know that yet and we'll come back and modify things in January. But we do know that's what the figure --

President Wortman: When would you know that possibly?

Sue Hartig: We do know.

President Wortman: You do know, okay I'm sorry. Anybody else got any questions on that?

Councilmember Hoy: Next year will we, since they're on that two year cycle, will we be a little more in the dark next year, or is that going to work out fine?

Sue Hartig: I think it will work out fine. Normally our guesstimates are pretty good.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, no other questions? Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, so the budget request of \$56,852, that's been approved by the United Way?

Sue Hartig: It's \$51,852. There was a \$5,000 salary supplement in the Executive Director's salary that was not approved by the job study and should be deleted.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, so that --

Sue Hartig: So that figure should be \$8,136 instead of \$13,136.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, sorry. Alright, thank you.

President Wortman: Yeah, no other questions? Thank you Mrs. Hartig, appreciate it. Okay, next will go to the Circuit Court, page 90.

### ***CIRCUIT COURT***

President Wortman: Okay, we're ready for the Circuit Court. Judge Heldt, we welcome you here.

Carl Heldt: Carl Heldt, Vanderburgh Circuit Court. Good morning.

President Wortman: Thank you, how are you doing?

Carl Heldt: Fine, how are you doing?

President Wortman: Good.

Carl Heldt: If I may take a minute to speak to this. I've got a request for three additional employees, Public Defender, Probation Officer, Court Reporter. I read in the paper where the Council isn't too exited about new employees, so let me tell you about the one I need the worst and hope to convince you that it should be approved, and that is the Public Defender. First of all, if we can get this public defender I feel fairly certain that we can reduce the Pauper Expense probably by about \$25,000 because you won't have to be appointing so many special public defenders. But secondly, our public defenders are handling I think too many cases and I think it would be beneficial for the court and for the people that are represented by public defenders to spread that case load around to another public defender rather than to a special public defender especially. And I also point out that we have five public defenders in Circuit Court. Superior Court also has five public defenders, the same number and they need them. Circuit Court, of every felony case that's filed, I am talking about felony public defenders, of every felony case that's filed, by court rule, Circuit Court gets four, Superior Court gets three. That's by rule. So if Circuit Court handles 33 1/3% more felony cases and Superior Court has the same number of public defenders. The same kind of cases, five public defenders for us, five for them. If Circuit Court had the number they needed in proportion to Superior, I should have seven. I am asking for six, which is one more. And with that being said and I would also point out that once again I think I can save you some money on the Pauper public defenders budget. The other items, we're asking for an additional \$15,000 for Special Reporters and that's simply coincides with what we're needing to spend. There's no control over that. Their reporter's fees are what they are depending upon how much work they have to do. We're also asking for \$8,000 for Office Machines and that are two transcribers and two recorders. I am told that the ones that are in these courtrooms now are broken and the cost to repair is more than the cost of a new one. Isn't that right?

Karen Angermeier: Yes.

Carl Heldt: Other than that, I think the budget is pretty much the same.

President Wortman: Anybody got any questions for Judge Heldt on his budget here on page? Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Do you have magistrates in your court?

Carl Heldt: I have one.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: If you had that additional public defender, I guess right now caseload wise, your public defenders that you have, what is the average caseload for your public defenders right now?

Carl Heldt: One hundred twenty-eight per year. The recommendation is 60. I think that's too low to be honest with you, but 128 I believe is too high.

Councilmember Smith: If think if you read the paper, they are retrying a case because the defenders had too many cases.

Carl Heldt: That case is before me now and what is, is they petitioned for post conviction relief and the defendant is claiming that the public defenders had too many cases. That has not been ruled on. That's the defendant's claim.

Councilmember Sutton: Caseload, I guess it varies from year to year, but on the whole it's tended to increase and by adding say an additional public defender position as you are requesting, what other areas does this place additional pressure on? For example, I am thinking maybe the Clerk's Office or even the Prosecutor's Office with them being able to handle more cases, does that have a multiplying effect on other offices as well?

Carl Heldt: One more won't. It won't have much of an effect I don't think at all because it will just give the attorneys less people that they will have to deal with but I don't think the cases will particularly move any faster or cause the Prosecutor or the Clerk's Office any problems because the number of cases will be the same, we'll just have more people to process them or one more person to process them. I think if we get into -- if for instance, we get into this public defender board which is going to be subsidized by the state, my understanding of the numbers is they will require me to have 13 public defenders of which they will pay 40%. If that is the case, then I think the workloads are going to -- at least the Prosecutor's Office is going to increase substantially because I'll have 13 lawyers trying cases instead of six.

Councilmember Smith: The Clerk's Office will suffer from it too because when you have that many cases, there's quite a workload on the Clerk's Office.

Carl Heldt: You would know that much better than I.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess that's why I am trying to get a sense here, you do for one and I guess the others say hey, you know, what about me? You know, we've got some -- so I guess that's maybe what we're trying to balance in a way here.

Carl Heldt: I understand your problem on that. I just can't feature -- the number of the cases will be the same, we'll just -- there will be less cases per lawyer is what I am saying which I think will be helpful.

Councilmember Raben: I can't really see where that would increase the Prosecutor's workload. They are still going to file the cases as they come in.

Carl Heldt: As I say, I think one more would have a negligible effect. I think if we had a lot more public defenders, you'd have I think more energy and more time spent on each case and that is going to require a response from the Prosecutor.

Councilmember Sutton: They have to -- well, we don't have time.

Councilmember Raben: I think what's important here though is what this Council needs to remember is just Monday night, the Commissioners did pass an ordinance to establish this committee and I think we need to give them a year or so to kind of let that thing take it's

course. I think we might be jumping the gun if we start appropriating money for a new public defender when in fact this committee will make that decision.

Carl Heldt: I respect that. All I can say is the need is not going to -- the need is only going to get worse. And there is a lot that needs to go into this state public defender thing, a lot of thought and discussion that has, in my opinion, has not been gone into. And that may be years down the road if at all. I think that this Council runs a real danger of losing control of it's budget if this county has to do what the state public defender's commission tells it, it has to do beginning with doubling the number of public defenders which is what is going to be required. And then as the caseload goes up, you are mandated to hire another public defender. You won't have any choice. They will tell you to and if you don't do it they will pull your funds. So there's a lot of thought that needs to go into that but in the meantime I've got five public defenders, Superior has five and I've got 33% more cases.

President Wortman: The ratio is a little different there. That's right.

Councilmember Lloyd: I agree that a lot of thought needs to go into that and what you're looking at here is the year 2000. The judges are going to have to work with the Commissioners on that and the state on the public defender office. Would the two courts, the Superior and Circuit, would there be any different treatment for a public defender office? I mean like they wouldn't have to differentiate the way they handle each court or would there be different treatment?

Carl Heldt: The courts operate differently. Do you mean could one public defender work in both courts? Is that your question? I think you can. The procedures are different. It would be difficult because what we do now is for instance, I'll have one public defender in court for one entire week and each public defender knows what his week is to take new cases. And it really is more efficient to have Circuit Court public defenders and Superior Court public defenders but I am not sure it is a problem that couldn't be resolved, I don't see it as any big problem.

Councilmember Hoy: Judge, I apologize, I was out of the room. In this new position at \$31,885, what kind of time are we looking at? I know this is not full time.

Carl Heldt: Are you talking about Public Defender? I'd say the percentage of that lawyer's time that he spends on public defender work? It's more than 50, my guess would be 55 to 65 or 70% of his time. Probably 65% would be my best guess.

Councilmember Hoy: Because with this wage also comes the benefit package which is worth about \$9,500 and so we're looking at for someone working 60% of their time, we're looking at a total package being well, about \$41,000 just as a ballpark figure.

Carl Heldt: And the people that are being paid that are highly skilled and experienced attorneys that are able to handle cases from D felonies all the way to capital murder cases. So to be honest with you, I think the county is getting a good bargain for the quality of representation these people get.

Councilmember Hoy: One of the problems, I agree with you, but sitting in this chair, one of the problems we run in to, that I run in to, is people saying well I'd sure like to earn that kind of money. They are not attorneys, the people saying that of course. But the package is nice.

Carl Heldt: I understand. That's one of the reasons the job is attractive to the people --

Councilmember Hoy: In fact one of the -- in the discussion that the Commissioners had the other night, one of the public defenders came up and he said I wouldn't do this if I didn't get that package. I understand that.

Councilmember Raben: Judge, are there any stipends paid to them above and beyond this?

Carl Heldt: They get extra money for appeals. They get paid separately for their appeals which is on top of their trial work.

President Wortman: Got any more questions for Judge Heldt? Okay, Judge, thank you. Now we'll go to Community Corrections.

Councilmember Sutton: Before you move on, I've got one more question just real quick. Line item 1920 Insurance for \$177,000. That's a pretty big jump from last year. Is that malpractice insurance? Is that what we're looking at there? Page 92 in the big book.

Karen Angermeier: That would be the health insurance for the three new employees requested.

Councilmember Sutton: Where is the -- is the malpractice insurance in there someplace or another? That's not in you guy's budget. Okay.

### ***CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION***

Carl Heldt: Mr. Chairman, will I be called upon later to talk about my probation account? I think it's maybe two or three down?

President Wortman: Yes, and while you are here --

Carl Heldt: Can I do that?

President Wortman: Yeah, proceed with that, Judge, and that a way you can be excused then see.

Carl Heldt: I think Misdemeanor Offender also is going to be -- so drop down to the probation account.

President Wortman: Okay, let's turn to page 172 then right away.

Councilmember Sutton: 165?

President Wortman: I'm sorry, 165. Okay, do we got any questions for Judge Heldt on that sheet? Got Shift Differential down there of \$10,000, line item 1800-2600 on that.

Councilmember Raben: Now we've not had that before. Is that a new contract or --

Karen Angermeier: That's in the union contract. We appropriated money in that account in January of this year.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions on page 165? If not, turn to page 166. No questions on that, let's turn to page 167. No other questions for Judge Heldt...Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Sandie wants to ask a question.

Sandie Deig: I just wanted to know if that was five employees for that Shift Differential. Is that five employees \$10,000?

Karen Angermeier: No, actually we can reduce that amount to \$5,000 because of the Shift Differential change.

President Wortman: Okay. Anybody else got any questions for Judge Heldt? Okay. Thank you, I appreciate it.

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

President Wortman: Okay, page 94. Anybody got any questions on page 94?

Harris Howerton: I think quickly that I could mention to you all that the only extra items that we're asking for, monies that we're asking for is approximately \$23,550 more dollars for the food account because of the price change. We went from a dollar and a dime to a dollar nineteen per meal.

President Wortman: What page are we on Mr. Howerton?

Councilmember Lloyd: 97.

President Wortman: Okay, now what item are you talking about?

Harris Howerton: The food, 2260 the food account.

President Wortman: 2260 Food.

Harris Howerton: Yeah, we were budgeted \$191,450 for the current year and we're asking for \$215,000, an increase of \$23,550.

President Wortman: Okay, now is this on the -- how many employees? I mean, feeding them prisoners out there?

Harris Howerton: A whole bunch of them!

President Wortman: I was trying to get the cost per meal.

Harris Howerton: Yeah, I'm sorry. It's a dollar nineteen per meal.

President Wortman: Does any of the other people eat out of that food?

Harris Howerton: Pardon me?

President Wortman: Out there? Any of the other people eat out there?

Harris Howerton: No, the employees are fed by the Jobs Program Inc. They are not included in the food count for this budget.

Councilmember Hoy: Do you also have a -- I think you have -- do you have a food budget for Jobs, Inc. as well for the participants?

Harris Howerton: No, everyone that's in the Community Correction Complex is --

Councilmember Hoy: Is fed out of this budget.

Harris Howerton: Yes sir, whether a community service or residential.

Councilmember Hoy: Or whatever.

Harris Howerton: Uh-huh.

President Wortman: Anybody got any questions on starting from 94, and then 95 and then

96...and then of course 97 --

Councilmember Raben: Could we go back --

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, on --

Councilmember Raben: Could we go back just to page 96, Union Overtime. It looks like last year that was \$26,000, you've requested \$45,000 this year. Is that --

Harris Howerton: Is that 1850?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Harris Howerton: We had budgeted \$40,000 for the current year; we've expended through April \$14,425. This appears to be about a \$5,000 increase. Ms. Angermeier explained to me earlier that she thinks that \$40,000 mark is going to be very, very close if not going over.

Councilmember Hoy: We're showing through June \$18,236.18.

Harris Howerton: Through June?

Councilmember Hoy: Through June, and you're seeing that possibly going up?

Harris Howerton: I think so, at least Karen thinks so.

Councilmember Raben: See, that would be almost double what it's been the last two years, in '97 and '98. That's why, I mean, it's looks like in '97 we expended \$21,000, in '98 \$26,000 and this year you are requesting \$45,000. But that could be cut to \$40,000, though, you say?

Harris Howerton: Well, I think sure we could cut it and if we need it we can come back and ask you. Sure, we can do that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Harris Howerton: And hopefully, you know, we won't have to do that.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any questions?

Councilmember Hoy: I just have a comment and I think Mr. Howerton knows this, that sometimes to get under the state limit we have to do that and then you have to come back and we understand and I think you understand that mechanism we have to use.

Harris Howerton: And we'll do our very best to try to stay within our budgeted amount.

Councilmember Raben: Like Phil said earlier, we're getting exited our \$45 now.

Councilmember Lloyd: I just wondered, did the Sheriff have any input into this budget or had this been prepared before the agreement?

Harris Howerton: This was prepared before the agreement but I am pretty sure that you had a chance to talk. I mean, I can't speak for the Sheriff.

Brad Ellsworth: Yeah, I just looked at it for the first time in the last couple of days and we'll work together to try to bring these things down. But not a lot of input, but just reviewed it for them.

President Wortman: I think the Sheriff is going to feel his way through this and work his way through it with the cooperation of Mrs. Angermeier and Mr. Howerton on that. Okay, anything else on this budget?

Councilmember Raben: On Miscellaneous Equipment, 4250, that's a new request?

Harris Howerton: Yes, it is. We're asking for one additional computer terminal, Courtview 2000 license and two dot matrix printers and a typewriter. And I'll tell you what, we're going to save you six hundred bucks on that typewriter because the Sheriff says he's got one for us.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Howerton, I am in the room, my mind wasn't. Would you go over that again please.

Harris Howerton: I'm sorry.

Councilmember Hoy: It's not your fault, it's mine.

Harris Howerton: Okay, that was one additional computer terminal, Courtview 2000 license, two dot matrix printers and we also were asking for a typewriter and Ms. Angermeier had suggested about \$600 for that typewriter but you can scratch \$600 off that.

President Wortman: No copier though? If we was, we was going to get Mr. Hoy.

Harris Howerton: Mr. Hoy, if you want to go buy this stuff for us, that will be fine.

Councilmember Hoy: I could get you a typewriter cheaper than \$600.

Councilmember Smith: If Harris can save \$600 and you can save all that we've got to set up an office for you two to do the purchasing.

President Wortman: What we ought to do is have him designated as a purchasing agent of the County Council.

Councilmember Hoy: I am not coming before this body for my wages, let me tell you.

Harris Howerton: So if you want to make that line item \$5,600 instead of \$6,200, that's fine.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions on the Community Corrections? Okay, I guess that's about it then for Community Corrections --

#### ***CIRCUIT COURT MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER***

Harris Howerton: I'm sorry, I don't mean to interrupt you Mr. Wortman. Did you want to go over the Misdemeanor account as well? Misdemeanor Offender fund?

President Wortman: Yeah, page 172.

Harris Howerton: These monies come through the Indiana Department of Corrections. They are basically a fixed amount of money, \$161,000. We split that between the Community Correction budget and the Sheriff's Department. And of course the Sheriff has his own budget and we have ours. Our total budget comes to \$80365 for our request for 2000 and of course the balance of the \$161,000, the Sheriff will ask for. I don't see any changes on that budget whatsoever with the exception of the 4% raise.

President Wortman: Anybody got any questions?



Councilmember Smith: Harris, line item 19602760 Teamsters, Ed, Train...what is all this?

Harris Howerton: That is in accordance with the union contract. That's on all of our budgets and we do -- and because we do have an employee in this Misdemeanor budget, that is his share.

Councilmember Hoy: That's the standard education, training, --

Harris Howerton: It's on all your contracts.

Councilmember Hoy: On all the contracts, yeah.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions on page 172? Okay, thank you Mr. Howerton, Mrs. Angermeier, Mr. Ellsworth. Thank you. Now then, this completes the second day of the budget process and we're going to recess till tomorrow and 9:00 and --

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, I was going to ask you, I know we are trying to find ways to get down under our freeze and reduce, but as we look at that line item Insurance, all throughout our budget book we've got some pretty significant increases in Insurance facing us for next year and I don't know if there are some efforts that are being undertaken to review additional options that we may have but we really need to look at our options there because that cost is just spiraling out of control and it's increasing every year. And this year it's way up there.

President Wortman: Yeah, Mr. Sutton, I think Mrs. Deig is working on that and she will get with you and kind of explain it to you, what's happening there. Okay, anything else, anybody? If not, we'll recess till tomorrow till 9:00. Thank you.

**MEETING RECESSED AT 12:30.**

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
BUDGET HEARINGS  
AUGUST 12, 1999

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 12th day of August, 1999 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President Curt Wortman at 9:11 a.m.

President Wortman: The Vanderburgh County Council is in session from the recess of yesterday. This is the last day for listening and discussion of the budgets. Before we get started with the Coroner could we have the attendance called please?

(Teri Lukeman called roll)

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

\*Councilmember Hoy arrived shortly after roll call.

President Wortman: Okay, before we get the Coroner, I want to set this in with the record here from the County Commissioners on the 1300 account, page 82, 3100 Animal Control, this is joint City-County, \$122,430. This is the correct figure.

Councilmember Smith: Wait a minute, what page?

President Wortman: 82. Okay, I won't go so fast then, 3100 Animal Control. Everything that I am going to read is joint.

Councilmember Smith: And how much is it?

President Wortman: \$122,430. Same page, line item 3210 Emergency Management, \$76,711. Page 83, line item 3500 Human Relations, \$29,819. Page 84, line item 3750 Purchasing, \$81,024. Page 84, same page, line item 3850 Building Commission, \$328,064. Page 85, line item 3890 Central Dispatch, \$738,057.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I don't--

President Wortman: \$738,057.

Councilmember Raben: That's not correct. I think that you are factoring in the \$150,000 from the 911 budget.

President Wortman: I'm sorry, that's the total.

Councilmember Raben: It would be \$606,806.00

President Wortman: Okay, it should be \$606,806. Okay, now you got that? \$606,806. The next one is page 146, line item 2160 Local Roads and Streets.

Councilmember Smith: Hold on a minute.

Councilmember Raben: There is no 2160.

Councilmember Smith: 146?

President Wortman: 2160 line item.

Councilmember Raben: That is an account number.

President Wortman: That's an account number, I'm sorry, just page 146, Local Roads and Streets. Alright line item 3481 Traffic Department, \$150,569. Everybody got that down? Okay, then that's in the record. Mr. Sutton got this up for us and I appreciate that very much, Mr. Sutton. Now then, we will start off right away so that we can keep a going and the first on there is the Coroner, Mr. Buickel, please. I tell you what, before we do anything, let's Pledge Allegiance to the Flag and all of us stand.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

### **COUNTY CORONER**

President Wortman: Now, Mr. Buickel.

Dennis Buickel: Yes, sir.

President Wortman: Page 31, anybody got any questions for Mr. Buickel? If not, then the next page is 32.

Councilmember Hoy: I have one question on page 33? Oh, you are not to 33 yet.

President Wortman: Any other thing on page 32. If not, let's turn to page 33 and Mr. Hoy has a question there.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Buickel, we have done this to you before, so, we are going to have to cut 2 million out of this budget someplace.

Dennis Buickel: I know.

Councilmember Raben: Out of yours.

Councilmember Hoy: And all of it's coming out of your budget. I made arrangements with the Almighty that nobody will die this year in the county, it's really incredible. But, seriously, we have trimmed autopsies on occasion and wanted to mentioned that if we have to trim someplace, we would restore that.

Dennis Buickel: Well, and having been through this before, the only thing that I am pointing out and taking exception with what you are saying. Under the explanation it looks like we are asking for more money for next year, but we are really asking for about \$15,000 less for next year than the actual money that we have to work with this year, so as long as we know that.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I know that. Just wanted to bring it up because we are beginning to look at where we can get this under the state line.

Dennis Buickel: Well, sure.

President Hoy: Any questions anybody, other Council persons, for Mr. Buickel?

Councilmember Raben: There is really not a whole lot of fat in this budget. But to get our two million we are going to have to shut you down for about five years.

Dennis Buickel: You know, now I am not going there. Never mind.

President Wortman: Well, thank you, Mr. Buickel, I appreciate your time. Next is Weights and Measures, Mrs. Townsend.

**WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

President Wortman: Page 86. So, if you would state your name, please.

Loretta Townsend: Oh, I am sorry, Loretta Townsend, Weights and Measures.

President Wortman: Alright, thank you. Anybody got any questions for--

Councilmember Hoy: Do I have to claim conflict of interest since she checked my scales?

Loretta Townsend: No, because I already checked this year. You made a mistake there, that's our mistake.

Councilmember Hoy: Should have held off.

Loretta Townsend: That's right.

President Wortman: Here is another tight budget too and she does pretty good too, so you will have to give her credit.

Loretta Townsend: We gave you back \$875 and that is just about all we can afford to give you back.

President Wortman: Okay, has anybody got any questions for page 86 for Mrs. Townsend? Okay, if not we will turn to page 87. Miscellaneous Equipment 4250, that's just things that you might need.

Loretta Townsend: Yeah, we take from that, like these carts that we put, that's the last thing that I can remember that we bought out of them were carts that we haul the gasoline back to the under storage and that type of thing. You know, that is something that costs more than what we can take out of other supplies and we take it out of Miscellaneous Equipment.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions for Mrs. Townsend? Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: The rent is the same. So, that's been negotiated the same.

Loretta Townsend: Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: That's good.

Loretta Townsend: A toll free number to Dallas took care of that.

President Wortman: Well, Mrs. Townsend.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman.

President Wortman: Yes, ma'am.

Councilmember Smith: Loretta went to Chicago on a trip for the Weights and Measures and she talked to another county and by going together, one was \$6.00 and the other was quite a bit more and the man told me that she has never paid him that \$6.00.

Loretta Townsend: I sent it back by one of the fellows from Gibson County who works for the Drug Enforcement Agency, the combined deal and I sent it back by way of him.

President Wortman: Well, that's all--

Loretta Townsend: The debt is paid out of my pocket.

Councilmember Raben: Betty, are you wanting a motion for Suzanne to payroll deduct \$6.00?

Loretta Townsend: Well, I bought six bucks worth of beer at the FOP club, if you gotta know the truth, that's exactly what happened. So, now they have been paid back.

President Wortman: If I recall that was bought up last year.

Councilmember Smith: Yeah, he paid the bill and she owed him \$6 and that's all her trip cost.

Loretta Townsend: Well, the man let me make the arrangements, so what does he expect?

President Wortman: Well, that's fine, Loretta.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm proud of you so, what the heck.

President Wortman: Well, listen, thanks very much. I appreciate it. Next on the agenda will be the County Treasurer, page 10.

### **COUNTY TREASURER**

President Wortman: The County Treasurer might be on vacation.

Sandie Deig: She is on vacation, but you can still call her Chief Deputy.

President Wortman: Okay, you call the Chief Deputy.

Councilmember Sutton: Cut it all. Cut it all.

President Wortman: Okay, let's take the, while the Council Secretary is getting her, let's go to Veteran's Administration, page 78.

(Inaudible)

President Wortman: Okay, let's go back to page 10. Just minute then.

Councilmember Raben: She mentioned Extra Help 1990, there is a large increase there.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, she cut a position, did you know that?

President Wortman: Yeah that is 1210-1030 Counter Posting Clerk.

Councilmember Hoy: She feels that with the Extra Help she can take care of that. I feel that it is a good trade off. I think she is also doing that by attrition and not somebody not having a job. So that is my explanation on that.

Councilmember Raben: What about Office Machines.

Councilmember Hoy: Office Machines has to deal with--

President Wortman: Y2K.

Councilmember Hoy: Y2K, yes, and we might want to talk with her about (inaudible) when we finalize it (inaudible)

President Wortman: Well, you can take care of that.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, I will.

Councilmember Sutton: Phil, okay, also on that budget, trying to get an idea on Training. What kind of training is going to be used. That is item 3310. So, then.

Councilmember Hoy: She explained that to me. Oh, thank you. I won't repeat everything that I just said because I don't think it is that significant. I can't recall that but I will check that with her too because she has a reason for that. Generally, she does, she runs a pretty good budget.

President Wortman: Okay, that's fine. Mr. Hoy is going to be busy having additional duties as purchasing agent, you know what I mean. Right, Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: What?

President Wortman: You are going to have additional duties with being a purchasing agent for the Council. Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: This is gonna be a special appropriation in the December meeting. Okay? Right before I Christmas shop.

President Wortman: Okay, then let's go to Veterans' Administration, page 78.

#### **VETERANS ADMINISTRATION**

Mark Acker: Mark Acker, Veterans Services, Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Raben: Mark, I have only one question, 3310/Training is up.

Mark Acker: Yes, it was increased, the previous Assistant Service Officer was not well enough to travel so he was not included in the training sessions that were done. I asked that it be increased because of the new Assistant Service Officer and he also attended training last year to be certified. I had to ask for money from the County Commissioners to subsidize my, that particular line item. That is why I am asking for a \$1,000 this year for next years training. That can be transferred to the Commissioners travel account and subsequently draw it from that, if that is what you wish. But that is approximately what is needed for the training program.

Councilmember Raben: We have had problems all week.

Mark Acker: That's quite alright. Because of the random they travel and the school is never in one specific place, IDVA, the director finds that it could be in Bloomington, it could be in Fort Wayne, it's wherever the state wishes to hold the training program and it is five days long.

President Wortman: They just rotate around different--

Mark Acker: Yes, sir. I would like to get them in Southern Indiana and it would be a little cheaper. I'd like to go home them five days but sitting in a hotel isn't very pleasing, believe me.

(Inaudible)

Mark Acker: No, it's not.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions for Mark Acker. Okay, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: On the 3930 Other Contractual. Is that cleaning?

Mark Acker: That is cleaning. Yes, sir, we used southwestern program for our cleaning services. I think that it runs \$15 a week.

Councilmember Lloyd: So that is going up slightly.

Mark Acker: Yes. They have sent us a slight increase.

Councilmember Hoy: And that is an admiral thing that you do. That's their jobs club from the Mental Health Center. We use them also and our rate went up and it hadn't gone up in a long time.

Mark Acker: A couple of bucks. It isn't a lot.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any questions for Mr. Acker? Okay, thank you, Mr. Acker. Next, we will take the Prosecutor, page 34.

### **PROSECUTOR**

President Wortman: Okay, if you would state your name and where you are from.

Doug Brown: Good morning, Doug Brown, Prosecutor's office.

President Wortman: Okay. Alright, this represents the General Fund and grant budgets on 34 and 35. Has anybody got any questions on page 34? Okay, I don't hear a thing. How about 35?

Councilmember Raben: Other than, Mr. President, there are two new requests here. This department has had a lot of growth over the last few years and as we go further through the budget there will be some other items that are of concern of mine and probably some others where there's some grants that we are being asked to make up. In a lot of departments, we just crossed one with the Treasurer's office, where they are actually cutting back and a lot of departments have cut back in the last few years and there are some departments, just one that comes to mind, which would be the Recorder's office, which we discussed that office, was it yesterday, and how much their work has increased and the fees that they are bringing in and yet they are doing it with the same number of people. This is another one that I would just ask that we exercise caution as to whether or not we want to expand and bring in new employees.

Councilmember Smith: Uh?

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: In line item 1200-1080, Director of Finance, is that a mistake because it is a lower budget in the, \$2,000, is that a new person? Is that a new person, Doug, or what?

Doug Brown: Yes.

Councilmember Smith: Oh, okay, because it is less money than it was last year.

(Inaudible)

Councilmember Smith: I thought that maybe it was just a mistake.

Doug Brown: It's a longevity issue. The new person coming in had not worked for the County as long.

President Wortman: I think we, in reference to Mrs. Brown, Mr. Brown, I think that some of the departments you gotta watch so that they don't get too far behind and can't be efficient. We have to consider that to a certain extent, I think. In other budgets we have to let government function so they don't get four and five months behind and then we create more problems because then the first thing you know, is that the state legislature will mandate things and then we really got problems. Anyway, these are all under consideration, I guess you could say. Okay, any other questions on page 35? If not, then we will go to page 36.

Councilmember Sutton: Return of Fugitive? That is an area where you never know what that is going to be and Witness Fees is kind of in the same area.

Doug Brown: That is an area where we usually come back and ask for more. The last couple of years you've knocked it down and we have come back and asked for more. So our request basically reflects what we have asked for when we came back.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, that might be an area for some trimming.

Doug Brown: I don't think that your books reflect it but from a, I know that spoke with Mr. Wortman and Mr. Sutton, there is good news here on page 36, 3371 and 3372, we have actually lowered those requests for Computer Hardware and Computer Software significantly, but we have changed our hardware requests to \$16,556 and our software requests is down to \$6,000 instead of \$14,000 and that had to do. The state worked with us on a grant we had upstairs with our Adult Protective Services and we were able to get some more computers and software through there that would help the whole office. So, we lowered our request there.

President Wortman: I think that line item 3371 Computer Hardware, was requested at \$48,000, that included six units and I think the former requests cut it down from 17 if I recall.

Doug Brown: We are just trying to get, the whole idea behind the new computer system was that it would improve things and it will. But, we still have a lot of people in our office that don't have computers at their desk and we do a lot of work over the phone and we can't answer questions for the public. I, myself, still don't have a new terminal and anything that has been filed since May I really can't answer without searching out a different terminal. So, we are just trying to back where we were before this computer system started.

President Wortman: I think the next item, Computer Software, that for \$6,000. That is for the license, three licenses.

Doug Brown: Right.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any questions, for Mr. Brown. Okay, we will go then to page 45.

Councilmember Raben: You forgot 38.



Councilmember Smith: You forgot 38.

**PROSECUTOR IV-D**

President Wortman: Well wait a minute, I'm sorry. Let's just go to 38, this is the IV-D program and child support enforcement and this is where the incentive money can only be used in the IV-D program.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I have a question. Since incentive money is used for this and we were told, is that going to dry up? You had commented, please comment.

Doug Brown: I mean, it has in the last two or three years, it has really dried up. Apparently as of July 1, the law has changed and that money can only be used for child support matters but they are also going to come up with a new way of recalculating it and we don't know what the results are going to be. We could get a little bit more than we have in the past but we don't, it's too soon to tell right now.

Councilmember Hoy: That will help with this budget.

Doug Brown: That is, our hope would be that any incentive money, since now the three percent is going to the County fund it really, you could use that toward our, continue paying for our IV-D.

Councilmember Smith: They told us at the Clerk's workshop a couple of three years ago that when this new federal child support system gets into effect nation wide then it will be eliminated. So, I don't know how much they like on that because I don't know how many more states they have to go on line.

Councilmember Hoy: Well and as usually, as it usually, I will get this sentence right in a minute. You never know what the state is going to do--

Councilmember Smith: The feds was going to pay 90 percent, the state going to pay ten and the counties do the work but it didn't work out that way.

Councilmember Hoy: This budget will have some support from that, I think.

Doug Brown: Well, as it used to, from years past, I mean it wasn't that unusual to get a couple of \$100,000 in incentive money, for 1998 we collected, our share that we received was \$33,642. So, that is way down.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, way down.

Councilmember Lloyd: Was that year-to-date or last year?

Doug Brown: That's for '98.

Councilmember Lloyd: \$30,000.

Doug Brown: Year-to-date is, January to May this year it is \$10,588.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, this is another one of those budgets that based upon what we are hearing here again that we would really be acting irresponsibly if we try to grow this department another six employees. We did, what last year, add two to this department.

Doug Brown: I think two years ago you added two.

Councilmember Raben: : But in light of what we don't know, I certainly hope that we do the

right thing here to.

Doug Brown: If I can address that to a certain extent, this is a unique situation in that you are reimbursed two-thirds by the state and I know that I have spoke with Councilmember Sutton and Councilman Wortman and we had a couple of different scenarios. In the budget we have actually asked for six new COMOT V or is it five new COMOT V's and we could actually do it a couple of different ways. We could use COMOT III' s, say a couple of new COMOT V's and some COMOT III 's but we are so far behind that the American bar Association and the State of Indiana set the standards for enforcement agents and how many cases they should handle and it is one, the ABA says that they should have one per 500 cases and the State of Indiana says one agent per 1,000 cases. By those standards, the Bar Association Standards, we are 44 employees short and by the State of Indiana we're 22 employees short and if you look at, we have two attorneys up there and they said the current goal of the public defenders is one, one public defender has 120 cases in our office we have one attorney and each attorney has 11,000 cases using those same kind of standards. I mean, that sounds crazy, and it is crazy. Last year, was the first time that we ever actually had more case filings and took in less money because we don't have the people to even process the paperwork. We are so far behind in processing paperwork, just because of our lack of employees that we are actually not being as efficient as we have been in the past.

Councilmember Sutton: Doug, when I spoke to you about this, you indicated that when a person comes in and they want to file an application, not an application, a claim. How long is that process taking now?

Doug Brown: I would say maybe three to four months before we even get to it and that is not even getting it into the system. You know it is hard to say once it gets into the system how long it takes, there's too many factors. But, it takes us a while to get the paper processed and get to it. We are that far behind. I think was really be an efficient use of the county's money because of the state reimbursement and because the more employees were gonna have , hopefully, the more incentive money we will generate and with your folks incentive money now needing to go back to child support, these would almost support themselves. I think that you should have the paperwork, I don't know if you have it in front of you, but we have provided packets showing scenarios where this almost pays for itself. I don't know of a cheaper way to get this many employees.

President Wortman: I think it was \$20,000 difference there if I remember right.

Doug Brown: Essentially, yeah.

Councilmember Hoy: I just wanted to get this clear in my mind because I have seen your paperwork and I left it at home, unfortunately. On this budget, you get two-thirds of this is reimbursed by the state plus incentive money can go into it as well.

Doug Brown: Incentive money has to go.

Councilmember Hoy: Has to go.

Doug Brown: Has to go in that direction.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Again, there are no guarantees with any of those reimbursements or grants though, correct?

Doug Brown: There is guarantees on the 66 percent

Councilmember Raben: We are going to run into that again.

Doug Brown: -- on the 66 percent. That's a certainty that we get that back from the state. The incentive money is the thing that we don't know for sure what it's gonna be.

Councilmember Raben: Alright.

President Wortman: If you go to those sheets, the last sheet, he has that all broken down with option one and option two and the amount the County will fund would be \$20,673 on that and the other one is \$34,570 so there are what about three or four months behind. Are you?

Doug Brown: Just and actually when someone walks to our window before we can even look at their case, it takes that long.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: I am trying to weed out a lot of things in my own mind--

Doug Brown: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: --so I appreciate your patience. Because, when these claims are filed we are taking about money that is going to go to support a child.

Doug Brown: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: So, here with our, in the age of family values, which is a bad joke as far as I am concerned. Telling people that they have to get off of Welfare and go to work but you have a six, how long?

Doug Brown: Three or four months.

Councilmember Hoy: A three to four months waiting period before you can actually go after the parent, be it a male or female, because there are females that pay child support--

Doug Brown: Absolutely.

Councilmember Hoy: --before you can starting getting money for a child who is in need of money. It is just a sad--

Councilmember Sutton: That's just to--

Councilmember Hoy: -- state of affairs.

Councilmember Sutton: Phil, that's just to get the process started. You are not getting the check for four months.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah and thank you. You are driving home my point even more. I mean, you know what I do for a living and we see folks in this jam all of the time and there is something wrong.

President Wortman: And a lot time when he is late, you can echo this here what I repeat. Mr. Brown to the rest of them, as they catch up with them they will just quit working and then they have to trace them again if we wait to long. See, if we wait too long, am I right?

Doug Brown: They look good paying jobs because they don't want to pay child support.

President Wortman: See, just a cat and mouse game is what it amounts to.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Yes, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: I just wondered, you know the Enforcement Officer, what are some of the things that they work on.

Doug Brown: Do you have the break, I don't know if you have it or not, I can provide you with one if you don't. You should all have them but if you don't I have a few extra here. If you could pass them around. This is the scenario with getting the six employees, with four COMOT III 's and two COMOT V's and--

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Brown, I'm sorry, go ahead.

Doug Brown: No, you go ahead.

Councilmember Hoy: In that package that you gave us, which I left at home, does that have the standards of the ABA in it?

Doug Brown: It has, it doesn't--

Councilmember Hoy: I can't recall.

Doug Brown: --it gives the numbers, it doesn't outline what the actual standards, the criteria for rating this is. But it does actually give, per their standards, what we would be.

Councilmember Hoy: How much of a tree would I kill to have a copy of that? How many pages is it?

Doug Brown: I would have to, Nancy Long prepared those stats, I would have to ask her. I don't think it would be a horrible--

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, digest would be enough really.

Doug Brown: I will see what I can find.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, I think is one program, the IV-D that we do get assistance back and some recovery I think that's more than some other departments from match funds on what they do. I think it is kind of important that we take a good hard look at this, you know and consider some of these options and see. Like option two, where you got the COMOT V verses the COMOT III, so that \$20,000 is not too bad when you think about what you are going to do and the work you are going to do.

Doug Brown: The paper I passed out, I'm sorry that I didn't bring one for everybody, but the highlighted areas, the positions would be what we would do if we received those new positions. Then the ones that are not highlighted are the people that are in those and it pretty much, it is self-explanatory, it just gives you a one sentence line as to what those jobs are doing right now. I could try and explain those jobs if you had a question about any particular one.

Councilmember Lloyd: Did you say how many cases a Child Support Officer, I mean an Enforcement Officer works on now?

Doug Brown: Let's see here. I would have to do the math backwards I guess. You know, I don't know if I could tell you that off of the top of my head. We didn't even use the, when we made these statistics we didn't even use employment or just Enforcement Agents, we used every employee in the office, so that even, it's even worse than it sounds here actually. I could figure that out but not here off the top of my head. I would be happy to do it and show you what it breaks down to and get you the information.

Councilmember Lloyd: Just provide it to Council.

Doug Brown: I am not a math wizard, sorry.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else? Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: There is one other thing. I think this is an important area in terms of collecting what is due to a family. I think is something that I think a lot of families in this community would appreciate of, our increasing efforts of trying to get this done. I don't know how we are going to get it done. I guess it is an area of debate but I think it something that we really need to focus some attention on. Now, a question that I did ask Mr. Brown, I think it is a very fair one, and I did pose it to one of the judges yesterday and that is, say for example you are granted these positions and you suddenly are able to turn out more cases and there is multiplying affect here and there is more than one office involved with the child support area. How will the Clerk's office be effected by this?

Doug Brown: I think--

Councilmember Sutton: Possibly the courts.

Doug Brown: --there is no question that there will be more traffic in the courts and there's no question that we will actually be bringing more paperwork to the Clerk's office to file hopefully, the end result of that is, they'll also be collecting more money and handling more money to pass out to the people who need it. So, there will be more work down the line as there is a ripple effect to this. I don't know and can't speak for the courts, I mean I know they are in the process of employing two new magistrates, I don't know how that will lessen the burden, if it will help with this or not. But it is just something that needs to be addressed, it is just too big an issue.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, and in defense of parents who don't pay, and I will step on toes here, but I will go ahead. There are many pieces to this. When we sit here as a Council and approve for tax abatement, jobs that pay less than \$8.00 an hour we have demonstrated at the Food Bank that if you have \$8.00 an hour you end up with \$83 a week for everything. If you extract \$51 a week for child support, it is no wonder that somebody jumps from job to job. I mean I don't defend a father or mother who does that, but, you know, do the math. Everything we do here, almost everything we do here, impinges upon the whole system and then the taxpayer wants us to lower taxes. What are you going to do with the children? Which is a morally and absolute immense problem in the richest nation in the world. It is a very convoluted situation and that is the shortest sermon that you will hear from me, Councilman Sutton. Royce likes my sermons.

President Wortman; Okay, Councilman Lloyd.

Councilman Lloyd: I have a kind of management question and this is the child support area. Are there any other areas of the Prosecutor's office assist this area or is this completely segregated?

Doug Brown: Physically, it is segregated and it is upstairs. As far as assistance, yeah, we help out. I mean, I myself will go up there and help in times of need. We always have different attorneys that help out up there. They handle all of their own filing as far as felony cases. They do their own trials. Not many of these cases actually go to trial, but yeah, we

assist them.

President Wortman: I also asked him about creating more space but he said they would find space for them. Whatever he gets.

Doug Brown: That's a problem we would like to have.

President Wortman: Okay, has anybody else got any questions on 38, 39 and 40? If not, we will go to page 41.

Teri Lukeman: I need to change the tape.

President Wortman; Okay, let's change the tape.

### **Tape Change**

### ***PROSECUTOR FEES - CHECK RECOVERY***

President Wortman: Okay, 41, this is a self-supporter on Check Recovery Fee, anybody got any questions for Mr. Brown?

### ***PROSECUTOR DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM***

President Wortman: Okay, if not, we'll go to page 42.

Doug Brown: If I could interject here. We made a good mistake for you guys on this one. It should actually be our request, I don't think your book will reflect this but on our matching grant for the 2000 requested, instead of the 155 number, it should be \$118,941.

President Wortman: Everybody got that? It's \$118,941.

Councilmember Hoy: I have another, I'm going back to IV-D, with just one more question, and that is, when the state...you have to spend the money before you can be reimbursed, I know that, from the state. So, you have to have up front money to spend in order to recoup the two thirds? I've worked with them before.

Doug Brown: Yeah, that's my understanding of how it's supposed to work.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, you have to have...yeah, the council needs to know that. It's not one of those situations where you get that two thirds up front.

Doug Brown: Right, we're not just paying--

Councilmember Hoy: No, you have to have the cash in the bank and then you get reimbursed. The wisdom of the state, at work.

### ***PROSECUTOR VICTIMS/WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM***

President Wortman: If there's no other questions we'll turn to page 43, that's Special/Matching Grants, that is two employees. Does anybody got any questions on that, for Mr. Brown?

Councilmember Raben: Should that figure also change on this one?

Doug Brown: On page 43?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

President Wortman: Yes 43.

Doug Brown: No, it has gone up. Last year we had three employees in that position and that grant was cut 33 percent by the state, and right before that was cut or right after, I can't remember, we actually lost an employee in that position, and then realizing that we had the cut, we wisely didn't rehire that position. So, now operating with two people...this is really one of the most important positions in our office, they're all important, but this is a position that has direct contact with the public on every case regardless. We send out victim contact letters on every case. We contact the victims personally on a number of cases, and the director handles a great deal of this. Her assistant, not only does she do this job, she also is the backup receptionist, which in our office, there's an incredible flow of people, so we need both people. The increase is due to our funds being cut 33 percent.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any question on page--

Councilmember Lloyd: Why did the state do that?

Doug Brown: There's a specific name for that grant. It was a federal grant, and there was a name for them, and they cut them all. It affects our Adult Protective Service too, as you'll see in a second. I'm not sure why that is.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Raben: You remember a lot of these...I'll tell you, a lot of these people pertain to people that have been hired since I've been on Council. Betty, you were probably in the audience when we argued this point six, seven, or eight years ago that every time you hire someone under a grant in most departments or most offices around the state or other states, they make it known that when the grant expires or dries up, you're off the payroll. This county tends to marry these people, you know, you never get rid of them. This is a...all these are examples of just that, we're making up for the grant that's been lost. That particular, this one on page 43, if we give four percent above what was granted last year, it would actually be \$15,554.

President Wortman: Yeah, I think we look at...it's probably a good point, but at the same time, if these people are doing a good job and they would continue to do a good job, I think, we have to look at that too, from that perspective myself.

Councilmember Raben: But again, in terms of grants, it seems like once a grant becomes available we create needs, you know, we didn't need them until that grant became available then all the sudden, we find a need and we hire the people, but when the well dries up, they stay on our payroll, I mean, that's the way I feel about them, you know, and again, I'm one vote.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: You touched on what this person does, they relate to the victim?

Doug Brown: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: Would you say more about that as to what they do or for what the victim needs?

Doug Brown: From a variety of...they do a variety of things. The most general thing is, every single person is a victim whether it's a misdemeanor case or a felony case and now, even juvenile victims are getting them, we send a contact letter saying explain a little bit, saying give us a call if you have any questions, or whatever. They often times contact

these victims when we have plea agreements to get their feelings and let, you know, that's very important, so we can how to maybe handle the case. They also have personal contact with them, they will take interviews to try and explain things better for people who just...some people over the phone isn't enough, they want to come in and see you face to face. They're also available for the various trials we have. They will often times almost be a hand holding type person who will go and stay there and wait for the verdict and stay with these people. This is a grant. I understand what Mr. Raben is saying, but a grant like this was actually created to address a need, it filled a void when this position first started. I think it started maybe nine years ago, eight years ago. That's exactly what this is. It is a big need, I mean, these are the people...this is why our office exists, is to help these people, and these are the people who have been hurt.

### ***PROSECUTOR STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE***

President Wortman: Okay, no other questions on page 43? Let's turn to page 44, Domestic Violence. Anybody got any questions on page 44?

### ***PROSECUTOR ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES***

President Wortman: Okay, if not, let's go to page 45. On 45, that's the Adult Protective Service, that's four people.

Doug Brown: This is the other grant that was cut by 33 percent, and this is also...I don't know what the outcome is going to be, but this is the one I worked on where we have commitments from the other counties that are services by this grant. They're going to be requesting monies from their councils. Now, whether they get the money, I don't know, but we have...they have requested it, we'll just have to wait and see what happens, I guess. I don't know if their budget schedules are the same as ours or they're doing it right now or not. We'll find out soon what's going to happen with that.

Councilmember Sutton: How many counties are you talking about here, Doug?

Doug Brown: Is it six total? Yeah, it's six total.

Councilmember Sutton: How are you making that request in determining how much each county will be responsible for?

Doug Brown: I think it's in one of the packets here. We actually broke down the number of cases we did, I think, for '98. We made this request two years in a row, and we didn't have success the first year, we couldn't...people just didn't get back with us. This year, we just hunted everybody down essentially and had personal contact with the Prosecutors in these smaller counties. They did put it into their budget requests. We just did the math as to how many cases each county had, I think it's in here somewhere. For '98, the breakdown was, Vanderburgh, 396, Warrick, 35, Gibson, 32, Perry, 22, Spencer, 9, and Posey, 15 cases, and these are just the actual cases that have got to the stage where you had to file a formal report on them, I mean, there are numerous phone calls that these employees may take from counties that don't ever arrive to the level of a formal report. We've been providing this service to all these counties and never requested anything. So, hopefully, they'll help out.

Councilmember Sutton: Doug, I guess what I'm thinking here, is because your case load will vary from year to year, from county to county, and if we are able to get some funds from these other counties their contention may be, you know, well, we didn't have the case load we had last year and so we don't really want to pay what we paid last year. I don't know if we might take this by the size of the county population wise, and break it down proportionally that--



Doug Brown: That's a good idea.

Councilmember Sutton: --then you know, you know, basically what your percentage would be.

Doug Brown: I hope it's something, once we get our foot in the door that it'll be an ongoing thing, and that may be a more fair way to do it actually to account for changes each year. Again, this is another problem. Most of these are elderly people and the elderly population is continuing to grow, it's not going to get any smaller, so this is going to be an ongoing problem.

President Wortman: We started that, what, three or four years ago, trying to get this lined out?

Doug Brown: Finally this year, they finally--

President Wortman: Right, get the percentage and figure, you know, it was worthwhile even if we collected eight or \$10,000, is worthwhile.

Doug Brown: Oh, that'll be great, I mean, that would make up the difference in our request from this year, to last year essentially.

Councilmember Lloyd: Could you go over those counties and case loads again, I didn't get them all? This was '98 total, is that right?

Doug Brown: Right. Here in Vanderburgh County, 396, Warrick, 35, Gibson, 32, Perry, 22, Spencer, 9, and Posey, 15, and again, I'd say...again, these are formal reports. This doesn't count all the phone calls we take from everybody that we may not generate a report for.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any more questions on page 45, if not--

Councilmember Raben: Well, I have a question.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Doug, you have a vacancy in this account. You have a secretary vacancy. Do you intend to fill that?

Doug Brown: I don't think we actually do, do we?

Unidentified: Yes.

Doug Brown: I don't see it. Which page you got?

Councilmember Smith: Page 45.

Doug Brown: There is a vacancy. There is a...the receptionist...that's right. The receptionist just took a position as an investigator. She'd been there for several years. We have a vacancy that we haven't filled yet, and we do plan on filling that, I'm sorry. We had an ad in the paper about two weeks ago, and we've been doing interviews this week.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got anymore questions on page 45?

Councilmember Sutton: Is that on the...Jim?

Councilmember Raben: There's four employees paid out of this account.

Doug Brown: Right.

Councilmember Raben: One of them is vacant.

Doug Brown: That's a recent vacancy.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, and this is another one that, I mean, we're being asked to fund with General Fund money. Use your own judgement on it.

President Wortman: Okay, if not...no more questions, we'll turn to page--

Councilmember Smith: Page 170.

President Wortman: --170, Pretrial Diversion. Do you got any questions on that?

Doug Brown: This is another self supporter.

President Wortman: Okay, no other questions. I would assume that would complete the Prosecutor. Thank you Mr. Brown, and your assistant there.

### **ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Now, we'll go into Township Assessors. The first on the agenda is Armstrong Township, page 50.

Joyce Kron: I'm Joyce Kron, I'm Armstrong's Chief Deputy. Randy couldn't be here today, but I'll attempt to answer any questions you might have.

President Wortman: Alright, that's fine...page 50.

Councilmember Raben: There's not much to pick at here.

Councilmember Hoy: You ought to do something.

Joyce Kron: No, that's alright.

President Wortman: Any questions on page 50 and 51, for Randy's right-hand gal? Okay, let's go...no questions, let's go down to 152, Reassessment. Anybody got any questions on Reassessment, which is for the year 2000?

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes, sir?

Councilmember Lloyd: This assessor's office has no full time employees so, I mean, that extra help figure, is that a number you've used in prior years.

Joyce Kron: Basically, it's just an estimate. We're not sure what we're going to have to do, so we just guessed based on last time.

President Wortman: Yeah, we've got to think about this, the assessors. They got no direction yet, it'll possibly be the end of this month, if then. They've been doing this, and data collecting is what they're going to do, and it's going to be a complicated reassessment, I think, I think we're going to be faced with that, they are and of course, we've got to help them because if they don't bring the money in, we won't get paid.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, on these Reassessment budgets, we can look at

all of them today, but I would recommend that we actually take more time on making adjustments on these and we'll set these in when we finalize our budget in September.

President Wortman: Well, I think--

Councilmember Raben: We don't have to do that this month.

President Wortman: No, but I think just to question and answer...go through all the townships, but I think that's possibly true it just depends on the total requests and what have you, whether there has to be adjustments or something. Okay, if there are no other questions for Armstrong--

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes, sir Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: When we look at these Extra Help, we did raise that, the rate, did we not on...what is it now, Mrs. Deig?

Sandie Deig: It's \$8.50 per hour.

Councilmember Hoy: \$8.50, thank you.

President Wortman: That's a good point, Mr. Hoy. We raised that to attract a better group of people. Okay, Mrs. Kron, why I think you can go, Thank you, we appreciate your time.

Joyce Kron: Thank you.

### **CENTER ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Next, will be Center Township, 52.

Rebecca Galey: Rebecca Galey, Center Township Assessor's Chief Deputy.

President Wortman: Alright, do we got any questions for the regular budget for Center Township, on page 52? No questions, let's go to page 53.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Bassemier: Hi, Rebecca. Would you explain that 3310, on that Training, why you're asking for \$3,000.

Rebecca Galey: Simply because it was taken out of the regular budget last year, and we do need training, whether it be reassessment or ongoing, you have to have training.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, I met with you, I just wanted to make sure that--  
Rebecca Galey: Right.

Councilmember Bassemier: --everybody knew.

Councilmember Sutton: Do the...now, we set in some in the Reassessment budget a week or two ago.

Rebecca Galey: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: We set in some figure there, I mean, with what we have set in

there, does it...can we offset it?

Councilmember Smith: We set in \$3,500 there.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, do we need this here, if we've already put in some figures there?

Rebecca Galey: Right, because you have regular training for your office. When your reassessment is here, you have to train for reassessment. This just doesn't mean you're going to train the people in your office. You have to train your reassessment people that you hire. So, regular...your general office budget, you have to have training, all the time.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't disagree with the need for the training in light of the assessment. I guess I'm just trying to get an idea in terms of--

Rebecca Galey: I understand what you're saying, right.

Councilmember Sutton: --if we put in an amount, at this point, are we duplicating what we have here.

Rebecca Galey: I really don't think so. I think every office is going to have the same thing. You're going to have to have training in both budgets.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't want to beat a \$3,000 horse to death here.

Rebecca Galey: That's okay.

Councilmember Hoy: How many people are you talking about training with that money approximately?

Rebecca Galey: In our office?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Rebecca Galey: We have ten people.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I could have done that in my head, it's only \$300 a piece.

Rebecca Galey: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm not minimizing, you know, what we're dealing with here, but I know what my training costs me.

Rebecca Galey: Well, like our ProVal classes that are every year, that's not just for reassessment. We have to have those every year. That's just what it's for.

Councilmember Hoy: I pay for plane tickets that are more than that, you know, for each person, it's just not cheap to do.

Rebecca Galey: We try to double up on everything.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any questions on page 53? Of course, the total is on page 54. So if not, we'll turn to page 153, Reassessment. If you notice in Training there, I think it was \$3,500 in Training in reference to Reassessment. Anybody got any questions on page 153, as you glance down through there? Okay, nobody got any questions? Well, thank you Rebecca.

**GERMAN ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Next on the agenda is German Township, page 55.

Deirdre Van Allen: I'm Deirdre Van Allen, the Chief Deputy.

President Wortman: Alright, welcome. Does anybody got any questions for the young lady from page 55. You got no training in there, on your--

Councilmember Sutton: You took the words out of my mouth there, Mr. President.

President Wortman: Go ahead, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: How are you doing that?

Deirdre Van Allen: We've taken some of it now through the Reassessment Training.

Councilmember Sutton: I'm sorry, we couldn't hear you, just a little bit louder.

Deirdre Van Allen: We've taken some of it out with the Reassessment Training. There's just two of us, right now.

President Wortman: She's got \$1,000 in the Reassessment. So, possibly that might cover you then. Any other questions on page 55, for the young lady? On 56? Okay, if not, we'll turn to page 154.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, an important point on training, and I'm not saying all of them, but it looks like practically all of them, at some point in time last year, transferred money out of Training into other accounts.

President Wortman: I think...if I recall, they're going to have to have considerable amount of training on this new thing. I hear some nodding back there and echoes in the audience. I think that's what it's all about. That's what it amounts to.

Councilmember Raben: Again, they transferred money out of Training into other accounts.

President Wortman: Yeah, that was last time, not this time. They don't anticipate anything. That's the way I understand it. Anybody got any other questions on Reassessment for the young lady? She's smiling, so she must be happy then. Okay, thank you very much, appreciate your time. Tell Tim we said hi.

**KNIGHT ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Knight Township, page 57.

Al Folz: Al Folz, Knight Assessor.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess you've gotten the flow of what's been the discussion with the previous two, you might as well go right to the Training.

Al Folz: That's fine with me, whatever you want Councilman.

President Wortman: Go ahead Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: You got seven...you're requesting \$7,000 there, what...you know, we've allocated some last year at the Reassessment Training. How's this training any different from what's been requested?

Al Folz: Well, there's rates that's been put in by the legislators. First of all \$12,500 should be deducted from some personal property schedules. We need to find out now, is that going to be per location? Is that going to be for an accumulative type thing, whatever it is. This needs training for these people that take care of our business schedules.

Councilmember Sutton: So do you train...does every person go to this training, or do you send--

Al Folz: I send the ones who are responsible in those particular positions. We also have a company called Appraisal Research, out of Indianapolis that can come down and also help us, but it costs money to be able to do it, just to be able to bring them down here, rather than send them up to Indianapolis. The State Tax Board does put these on, but since they've been having a little problem up in the State Tax Board, we lost a director, and they just got a new one. We've had some communication that by golly they are going to be able to do these kind of things and clear up what the legislators have really out in position on this.

Councilmember Sutton: See, Al since you've got several people that'll be doing similar things--

Al Folz: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Does everyone need to go to hear the same thing? Could you have one, or two people...they could bring that information back and share it with the others in terms of what the updates are in the laws and procedures--

Al Folz: Well, I'm sorry go ahead.

Councilmember Sutton: Wouldn't that be a more efficient use of your training budget, or the county's training budget?

Al Folz: This is my 13th year in office. I went along with that particular thinking when I first got into office, but I found this, it's like telling somebody something and then that person tells somebody something and then that person tells somebody something, and what it ends up it...you wonder how this started and what are they really saying? I find that's it's more cost efficient and as far as getting the job done and being able to send the people. They hear what's going on and therefore they should be on the same track. I don't know what the percentage is. Well, when I hear this, how much does the mind lose between 48 hours or whatever it may be. But, I think, there's been a pretty good study on something like this. I do find that it's more efficient to have people there that are responsible, they're both hearing the same thing rather than...but I can see your words there.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, I wasn't sure if they're giving you new laws and--

Al Folz: Certainly.

Councilmember Sutton: --new ways that they want to train you on. They're going to give you some paperwork that gives you direction on how it should be implemented, and if the person is a little misguided in terms of understanding how it should be carried out--

Al Folz: Certainly.

Councilmember Sutton: --once they get out in the field. If they're training other people wrong, they're also going to do it wrong as well. I guess the support material should help to mitigate any misunderstanding that might be there.

Al Folz: Sure. We certainly try to do that, I mean, I don't send an excess amount of people

anywhere.

Councilmember Smith: Al, you said that you could bring somebody down from state, that if we paid somebody, or you paid somebody to come down here--

Al Folz: Yeah, this is a private company. This is called Appraisal Research.

Councilmember Smith: I know, but couldn't they do it for all the Assessors at the same time? Maybe have a...reunion and...because basically the training would be the same for everybody, wouldn't it?

Al Folz: It should be.

Councilmember Smith: If you...say right here in this room, that, I mean, wouldn't that be more cost effective than it would be for each individual, to send people?

Al Folz: Yes.

Paul Hatfield: They charge you per--

Al Folz: Yes, we have...I'm trying to get this company down here in October. To be able to put on the Marshal Swift Catalog as far as the manual is concerned. Now, I know there's another company that's always being promoted, is IAAO, and all these kinds of things, but I find also, that the Appraisal Research company does a very fine job and talks on the level that people can understand. I've been through the IAAO courses and you come out of there...just some people maybe not be able to catch on just...quite as well. I need 25 people to be able to get this done. It'll run about \$100 a person. I'm trying to find a place for it that maybe isn't going to charge an arm and a leg. I've been talking to Jim Price over there at the--

Councilmember Smith: Knight Township.

Al Folz: --Knight Township, and...but I do need 25 people yet for that. Some, I'm getting good reception, and some, I'm not. I've got to let the person know pretty soon about them coming down, which would be a cost savings, because they're all going to be talking about the same thing.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think Betty's point is a good one. If you could bring someone down that could do a joint presentation. Also, it reduces the down time--

Al Folz: Oh, certainly.

Councilmember Sutton: --that you actually would have in your office, because, if you've got people traveling, you know, especially if you're going to Indianapolis.

Al Folz: Certainly.

Councilmember Sutton: You know, that's a day and a half, two days if it's a one day training that's taken away--

Al Folz: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: --but if they come down here, you don't lose as much time.

Al Folz: We've tried to explain this to the State Tax Board, that when they put on their continuing education classes. Well, they're up in Vincennes. That means you take the people out of your office, have the down time for that, to go up there. So why not come down here and have it at Ivy Tech, that a state, let's utilize these types of buildings, and

that would be more cost effective. But, you know they say, well this up here is kind of close for almost everybody. Still--

Councilmember Smith: Yeah, but you've got several counties, if they we're going to do it countywide, they would be a lot closer here in Vanderburgh County.

Al Folz: Well, that's what I'm thinking, because we're right here next to Warrick County. We're not too far from the rest of them. I'm not getting through to them, but that's what I've suggested, let's use Ivy Tech, some kind of a state building that we have down here. Well, maybe we've got some empty school buildings sitting around that maybe we could utilize.

Councilmember Raben: We've got several county buildings. We have buildings at Burdette. We've got a new Centre over here. Location, or buildings shouldn't really be a problem.

Al Folz: No, but they don't--

Councilmember Smith: No telling what the cost would be over there. So, it would be...like if they did it right in this room, there wouldn't be any cost.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, we should do it in the Pagoda, Betty

Councilmember Smith: Yeah, we could go down to the Pagoda.

Al Folz: Well, I'm not going to get in the middle of this one. That's a no win--

President Wortman: Alright, okay. Lets...anybody got any questions on...for the Knight Township, the regular Assessment, page 57 and 58?

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: I just had a question about the Second Business Deputy, new employee. In the rationale you had mentioned the state required deadline for that. I just wondered if you wanted to elaborate on that?

Al Folz: Certainly, certainly. We're pitching in...we're approaching close to 5,500 business schedules. Using a two tax value of what we have brought in up to...including up to...including '99. This would be the non-files, schedules, people who have filed their business schedule on their inventories and such, that we check. In 1998, we brought in three hundred and, let me read this thing here, my glasses aren't too hot here. \$386,000,000, that's true tax, If you'd want to take a third of that for assessed value, it's \$128,000,000. In '99, we jumped up to \$137,000,000, that's assessed value, and going up to \$411,000,000, which is a true tax value. It's overwhelming us. These are schedules that have to be checked. Each one has got to be checked, to see if there's any mistakes in them. We have found some in the favor of the businesses, I don't know who they had prepare their statements for them, or their schedules, but they did not do a very good job. We saved some businesses money. But, this is getting to the point that we do not have the personnel to really get into it, and it's going to be more this coming year. We have deadline to meet also, as you well know, if you don't, you're going to get a penalty on it, some of you have. This is why I'm asking for extra help, a full time person in that particular position, so that we can get the job done and get the job done correctly. We had a total difference of \$26,000,000 that jumped from '98 to '99. We're finding this in Knight Township, and I don't know if any of you drive through Knight Township, there's 34 square miles in Knight Township. We've got about 70,000 tax payers in there. We're running out of land as far as residential land. You know, these people are wising up, they don't want to sell that farm



land for residential land too much, you know, they want to go into the business schedules and such. This is...each one of the businesses have got to file a schedule, and it's just overwhelming us. We think we've been doing a real good job in the way that we have been doing, and the reworking of the way that it's done. But, I need another person, full time, in that position.

President Wortman: Mr. Folz, how would that affect the Extra Help, if that person was to come into effect.

Al Folz: Well, I wouldn't need as much Extra Help. I'm going to need Extra Help, but I wouldn't need as much Extra Help. I've been very fortunate of the quality of people in Extra Help that I've been able to hire.

Councilmember Sutton: Did we grant you a position a couple years ago, Mr. Folz?

Al Folz: No, I haven't had a position in I don't know how long. I've got turned down for a long time now.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, you've requested it?

Al Folz: Oh, yes, I've been requesting but have been getting turned down.

Councilmember Raben: Three years ago, we did.

Al Folz: Oh, no, no, no, no. You gave one three years ago, but it wasn't to me.

President Wortman: It don't show any, even in '97.

Councilmember Raben: It may have been '95, but we did. We have in the last--

Al Folz: No, there's been another that got another since I've got one, believe me.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

Al Folz: Who has got half the parcels I have.

Councilmember Hoy: Mrs. Deig, do you recall when that was, you--

Sandie Deig: It was '93 or '94.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any question on page 57 or 58? If not we'll turn to page 156...we're going to change tapes Mr. Folz.

## **TAPE CHANGE**

### ***KNIGHT TOWNSHIP REASSESSMENT***

President Wortman: Okay Reassessment, page 156. Anybody want to talk about any of the requests there before you on page 156?

Councilmember Raben: Other than Travel/Mileage, if you figure that amount requested by the rate per mile, it's over 39,000 miles of travel inside Knight Township.

Al Folz: Yeah, no doubt. There's 34 square miles and if you figure the number of people that we have actually going out in this, I figured up some of the figures you were throwing at me the other day. I don't know where you come up with your figures, but what we're doing here is that we put our data collectors out and I've got my field people out as far as the Field Coordinator and also my Office Coordinator go out and recheck also. That figures

like 18 miles a person. And here you came up with a big thing on this thing here and say well, I pulled a figure out of the air. But this is what is figured out. I went down and I got the figure. You kind of threw me on that just a little bit and I thought maybe old Jm is right.

Councilmember Raben: Well, we pay \$.28 a mile and \$11,000 is over 39,000 miles. I mean, that's how we arrive at that figure.

Al Folz: Well, I am just telling you what they would drive per person.

Councilmember Hoy: They are driving their own vehicles.

Al Folz: They're not only driving their own vehicles, they're paying for their own insurance.

Councilmember Hoy: I can't recall what the Feds allow, I am trying to remember what the Feds allow...

Councilmember Sutton: Thirty-three cents.

Councilmember Hoy: And we're paying \$.28.

Al Folz: We're paying \$.28, we were paying a quarter. Some of these guys, really, some of these people do not have a real nice car or a new car and they pay for repairs on these cars. They pay for the tires, they pay for repairing the motor --

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I am supposed to be arguing the other side of this being a Councilman, but the Feds will tell you that the true cost of running a car is near \$.45 a mile when you add in the various items you've just mentioned and that's why my staff would prefer to take a Food Bank vehicle anywhere rather than get reimbursed because they are not putting miles on their own car.

Al Folz: Well, I tell you, we wrote a letter to the Commissioners asking for a car that maybe somebody didn't want anymore or couldn't use any more. Of course, we got turned down with it because they said well, we didn't know where we would park it or what we were going to do with it and all these kind of good things but that's quite a burden and these people still accept these jobs knowing that they are going to use their own car, they are going to pay their insurance, going to make their own repair, going to pay for their own gas, and getting \$.28 a mile. But they travel so many miles and you've got to remember all the-- what we have in Knight Township is so many businesses. It's not like you construct a home and you go out there and measure that thing from the outside. You've got to go back to a business time and time again to be able to make sure what is going on, pick up all the things that you should be assessing into these buildings.

Councilmember Smith: Well, if it's cut out, if the \$11,000 is cut out or cut down and to get the job done that you have to get done, then we'd have to appropriate some more money. So if they cut out then you come back; when you are out of money you have to come back. So I don't see any reason for cutting it out because if he gets the job done and he doesn't use it, he's going to have it left over and he can't transfer it out without coming to this body.

Al Folz: Well, and when I come back to the body, how long does it take for me to get the money?

President Wortman: Thirty days, approximately.

Al Folz: Alright, then I've got 30 days I don't have anybody out in that field because I can't pay them. That does not seem cost efficient especially when we've got to get this reassessment completed.

President Wortman: These Assessors are good Assessors. They are good, honest, hard-working Assessors and I am proud of them and like I say, if they don't get the money in, we're not going to get paid --

Al Folz: I want to see you get your paycheck, Mr. President.

President Wortman: Yeah, cause I need it, too.

Al Folz: I understand that, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: I called my guys to get you a food order ready today.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Hoy.

President Wortman: Anybody got any questions for Mr. Folz? If not, we're going to -- thank you, Mr. Folz, appreciate your effort here on both of them. And we're going to take a short pause for a good cause. Ten minutes.

Al Folz: Thank you, Councilmen.

**(Meeting Recessed)**

***PERRY TOWNSHIP***

President Wortman: We'll move on to Perry Township. She is in a hurry because she is ready to be a grandma again.

Glen Koob: That's right.

President Wortman: Page 60. Anybody got any questions on page 60.

Glen Koob: I don't know which one is worse: labor or going to budget hearings. Just kidding, guys.

Councilmember Lloyd: There was a 60 year old that had a baby.

Glen Koob: Well, I am not 60, Russ!

President Wortman: She's only 32.

Glen Koob: Thank you, Curt.

President Wortman: The next page, then, 61. Anybody got any questions there?

Councilmember Smith: I think that she needs to get with Loretta Townsend on the rent don't you, Curt?

Glen Koob: What about the rent?

Councilmember Smith: Same amount of rent.

Glen Koob: Yeah, mine was, too.

Councilmember Smith: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on)

Glen Koob: Yeah, it is. She is teasing me.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on)

President Wortman: Yeah, she's in a good location now, so she don't have to go home and worry tonight.

Glen Koob: No, we don't have air conditioning today. The air conditioning went out but he is working on it.

President Wortman: Anything else? If not, we'll turn to page 158 Reassessment.

### ***PERRY TOWNSHIP REASSESSMENT***

Glen Koob: And if my Reassessment numbers look a little funny, it's only because I am carrying over what you gave me in '98. We encumbered it at the end of '98 to carry it over to '99 so that we're just carrying it over to 2000. If I need any more I am going to come back because I don't know what we are going to do yet. All I know is that we're going to data collect.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody got any questions?

Councilmember Hoy: This is a general question. Do we have any idea when the state is going to give you any clear signals on --

Glen Koob: Oh yeah, July first was the clear signal to start data collecting. As far as the manual, we don't have it yet from Marshall & Swift, the Indiana manual from Marshall & Swift. The other thing we don't have is our computer system that the state is still certifying which is ProVal. They are working on it. I think the only problem with it as far as I know is import/export. We got a letter from them but we'll find out more about that in September, our software. So we can start data collecting but we can't start data entering yet until we get our software system into the computers.

Councilmember Hoy: And you still don't know when you will be able to do that then?

Glen Koob: We'll find out in September.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay. It's in better shape than I thought it was.

Glen Koob: Yeah, and they told us to go ahead and data collect like we did before even though we are going to a different system. They said just go ahead and data collect like you did before. It will be priced out the same. I mean, in the Marshall & Swift book they have sidewalks and fences and driveways and all that stuff. We're not picking those up.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions for Glen? Okay, thank you, Glen. Appreciate it.

Glen Koob: Thank you.

### ***PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR***

President Wortman: Next there Mr. Hatfield from Pigeon Township, page 62.

Paul Hatfield: Let me help you. In the regular budget there isn't anything there that I see that you can cut out with the exception of probably Office Furniture. Everything else is pretty much -- well, to be quite honest with you -- other than the salary schedules, what I call the operating portion of this thing, we're exactly \$100 more than we were last year.

President Wortman: I think that's real good.

Councilmember Sutton: Paul, on 4220 Office Machines, what did you have in mind on that?

Paul Hatfield: Calculators. Every one of ours -- in fact, I'll tell you what, if I had my druthers, and it's coming, it's coming probably next year -- we're going to have to have some office furniture because all the desks we've got are original desks and they are all falling apart. I have to do more maintenance work than you would believe. And if you don't believe it, come on down and I'll show you. But that's the only -- I don't see any office furniture that we would be needing this year in the year 2000. I just picked up a file cabinet from Bennie. It wasn't in too good a shape, but I took it. And you really can't depend on that sort of furniture, believe me. But nevertheless, I don't need any right now. Do you have any other questions on that --

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions for Mr. Hatfield?

### ***PIGEON TOWNSHIP REASSESSMENT***

President Wortman: Okay, let's go to the Reassessment then, page 160.

Paul Hatfield: Okay, now here I've got some surprises for you. In the 1150-1130 Land Coordinator, when we prepared this budget in June my land was done. I had all my land prices finished because we were operating then on the point that the effective date for land was July 1, 1997. I'm finished. And consequently, then they changed. They changed the effective date to January 1st, 1999 to coincide with the improvements which will be assessed as of that date so I've got to start all over again. And believe it or not, it's just not like moving this batch over here that I can use some over here -- what you're talking about, you have to go 18 months forward, 18 months backwards and all the information that I've got is not current. We are just now getting it up to where I am talking about checking sales and land improvement ratios and so forth. So I am really starting over and it will take us probably until...well, the way they are talking, we will be able to collect data for land pricing all the way through the year 2000 because it's not going to be -- we're not going to have to present it until sometime between January 1, 2001 and March 1, 2001. I don't believe that but that's what I am told. And by the way while I am at, so let me go on here. So in 1150-1130 we have to put in the same amount as we did for -- it's the \$21,639. Now, if you are looking at what I am looking at, I think... everything else --

Councilmember Smith: Wouldn't that be \$23,181 for --

Paul Hatfield: No, that's what -- we set in \$21,639 for a base and that's it, didn't we?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, they don't even get the four percent.

Paul Hatfield: No.

Councilmember Smith: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on)

Paul Hatfield: I know, but you're going to have to change those on the basis of what we talked about in these previous meetings. This is where you folks have got to remember what in the world went on yesterday. So it's \$21,639 and I have filled that spot because I have to. I've got to have somebody out here running it. Let me explain to you what has to go on there. In all of the sales disclosure forms, we have to confirm them just like as an appraiser. You confirm it. And that takes a lot of time. We take pictures of every property that we're using as a comparable. That's just the way it is. You'll just have to take my word for it. If not, come on down and give me a hand. Do you have any other questions in regard to the Reassessment on down through here as far as what I call the salary schedules, extra help schedule, so forth?

Councilmember Lloyd: So for Land Coordinator, you want to add that back on?

Paul Hatfield: I want to put that in there, that \$21,639. But I am coming to some things that will offset that.

Councilmember Hoy: I am a little confused. I understand the --

Paul Hatfield: I knew you would be.

Councilmember Hoy: Then I'll just be harder to deal with, Paul. When you mentioned the Office Coordinators, now they are at \$23,000?

Paul Hatfield: No.

Councilmember Hoy: They are going to be at \$21,639. Same amount in each one of those.

Paul Hatfield: That's correct.

Councilmember Hoy: That's what I wanted cleared up.

Councilmember Smith: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on)

Paul Hatfield: It's answered. You just got an answer. Now you know there is one thing here and I am switching -- I am on your side now. Just remember what we did on the five month budget, remember. We knocked out the Unemployment. Do you want to do that again? Do you? The only thing I am pointing out to you, if you want to do that, sooner or later you are going to have to pay it. And like I told you before, this is a budget, it is not an expenditure.

Councilmember Bassemier: You're not going to bring that bucket out again, are you?

Paul Hatfield: That what?

Councilmember Bassemier: The bucket.

Paul Hatfield: No.

Councilmember Bassemier: What he said last week about going out front with a bucket.

Paul Hatfield: Well, I've got a better one than that, Ed. I'll just close the damn door and you guys won't get any money.

President Wortman: Okay, Unemployment stays as is. Anything else on that, page 160?

Paul Hatfield: Okay, now you're not asking so I am telling you, the Training, I'd like to leave that in there for the same reason that Al Folz, he and I just got together and we're going to put that deal on down here. That will cost some money and I can handle it out of this \$1,000. And any other training, and this is office training, now as far as field people go, I train them.

Councilmember Sutton: Paul, the discussion we've had up to this point with the others about the offices coming together to do some training together rather than having people travel, in your regular budget you didn't have any training put in there. I guess that is what you --

Paul Hatfield: I don't worry about training in my regular budget because if there's any training, I train them. That's what I am there for.

Councilmember Sutton: And this training here, you guys are --

Paul Hatfield: This is specialized training in March --

Councilmember Sutton: -- could anybody else benefit from this besides the two offices, your office and Al's?

Paul Hatfield: Well, you understand that -- and we go along, it's almost like a chess game. The six people that we will have as far as data collecting, I've hired two women in that group that are very good computer wise. Now I am putting them in the field originally and then I will supervise them and so forth. I am talking about to begin with. But then sooner or later, my idea is to pull them in for pricing and then those people would benefit from this kind of training, do you understand me? Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: I am just wondering if there are other offices --

Paul Hatfield: I don't have any idea about other offices.

Councilmember Sutton: -- that could benefit from it.

Paul Hatfield: I don't have no idea. Now, the Computers, it's \$7,500, those are for laptops and I'll tell you what, I don't think we're quite ready for that. You could knock that out and when I decide that -- let me explain to you why that would be beneficial. I've got two real good real estate deputies and when we have new construction, with the right software and a laptop they can go onsite and assess that property. Now depending on size and so forth, very beneficial, but I don't need them now.

Councilmember Lloyd: So zero that out?

Paul Hatfield: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Software, too?

Paul Hatfield: I have not put -- you can zero out Software, you can zero out Photography, you can zero out Printing Plat Sheets because you're going to pay for those, you can zero out Printing because you are going to pay for that. Equipment Repair we need. And our Dues & Subscriptions, I've left that blank.

Councilmember Sutton: He's talking about 161. That's not on there, Dues & Subscriptions isn't.

Councilmember Smith: That's on your regular budget.

Paul Hatfield: Yeah, I've got the Dues & Subscriptions on the regular budget. I don't need any here for Dues & Subscriptions. This is Reassessment. So I have tried to help you in that regard and as -- the point has been made and I agree with it and that is that we get down to a point and we need something, we'll come back and ask you about it and then we'll have the dog fight, Ed. Now get the buckets out, Ed.

President Wortman: Okay thanks, Mr. Hatfield.

### **SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Next on that will be Scott Township Assessor, page 64. He can't be here today --

Councilmember Hoy: I do have a lot of plastic buckets that we use I would be willing to loan so you won't have to buy any.

Councilmember Sutton: That's yesterday's conversation.

President Wortman: And he's in school teaching, of course, maybe trying to get an education, too. And I might announce now that we've got a replacement here for Mr. Chris Lee, the attorney. The other one had a scheduled engagement so he's the replacement, Mr. Lee. And so we're going to ask you a lot of technical questions here.

Chris Lee: I am ready to answer.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Lee, I am assuming that you guys have already worked out the financial matters and since you are really working time here.

President Wortman: Okay, page 64. As he said he is not going to be here so is there any questions on page 64 for Scott Township? If not, we'll turn to page 162, Reassessment.

### **SCOTT TOWNSHIP REASSESSMENT**

President Wortman: Any questions there?

### **UNION TOWNSHIP**

President Wortman: Okay, if not we'll turn to Union Township, page 66. Any questions on Union Township? No questions, we'll go -- any questions? Okay, if not --

Councilmember Hoy: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on)

### **COUNTY ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Alright, County Assessor, page 46.

Tammy Elkins: Tammy Elkins, Chief Deputy, County Assessor's Office.

President Wortman: Any questions on the regular budget for the County Assessor?

Councilmember Smith: Yes, I have a question and maybe I'll wait until Cheryl is here, but in the meantime, I'd like to know what this cost?

Tammy Elkins: We used all of our supplies from in-house. The only thing we actually had to purchase was the binder clips and the protective covering, but we have a digital camera that takes the pictures and puts them on a disk and we have a printer that prints them and --

Councilmember Smith: You must have an awful lot of time to put this together because there's a biography of everybody in here and this is a cost to taxpayers and I have a problem with this because I don't think we need to do that. I think everybody knows the people that are there.

Tammy Elkins: Okay well, most of the preparing for that was already done doing the rationale to the County Council and the reason for the employees was so that the Council would know who is employed in our office.

Councilmember Smith: I see that, but I still say it's wasting taxpayer's money.

Tammy Elkins: Okay.

President Wortman: Have we got any questions on page 47? I had Training down, 3310, for \$800. Does that sound about right?

Councilmember Hoy: Is that \$1,500?



Councilmember Raben: On Maintenance Contract, do you know why that's up?

Tammy Elkins: The Maintenance Contract, that would be a one-time increase. What has happened is that at one point it was paid at the beginning of the year, the end of the year payment was made at the beginning of the year and therefore, when the end of the year bills come, there's not the money to pay that because it's been already taken out at the beginning. So this would just be like a one-time catchup to get those paid at the end of the year because when we don't pay those at the end of the year when the invoice comes, they are actually not getting payment until the beginning of February when those bills go out. And I don't think we asked for \$800 in Training. I think that's still at \$1,500. We asked for a thousand last year and we asked for \$1,500 this year in our regular budget due to the law changes. We have to have 45 credit hours for a Level II certified.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions on the regular budget?

### **COUNTY ASSESSOR REASSESSMENT**

President Wortman: Now let's turn to page --

Councilmember Sutton: Just a moment, Mr. President. Item 4220 Office Machines, can you, since we do have a rather large amount there, I'd like at least on the record for you to speak to that request of \$10,000.

Tammy Elkins: That would be to purchase a new copy machine. That's what the request is for.

Councilmember Sutton: Ah, constable of copiers...

Councilmember Raben: He's being quiet.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll be glad to help you shop for a copier that you need and get you an excellent price. Uncle Bennie is real good. He lives in Chicago and he drives a Cadillac that starts with a little starter outside and he wears pinstripe suits, but it's good stuff... the serial numbers are missing.

Councilmember Lloyd: In the rationale you had \$9,500 on the new copier, did you go through Purchasing, City/County Purchasing for that or is that just an estimate?

Tammy Elkins: That was just an estimate. I think we talked to a couple different retailers that gave us an estimate of prices, but we haven't actually gone through Purchasing yet.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions on...we'll go to page 150.

Councilmember Smith: Subscriptions & Dues, how come that's \$3,500?

Councilmember Hoy: 3700?

Tammy Elkins: It's \$3,500. That's the same amount we had last year. It helps pay for our assessment data base that we have on line, our property record cards. A big chunk of that comes from that and other Dues & Subscriptions, the County Assessor --

Councilmember Raben: I think that's part of the web site, the web page, the extra is, if I remember correctly from last year.

President Wortman: Any other questions? Okay. We covered the Reassessment so I thank you. Wait a minute. Mr. Raben has --

**PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEAL**

Councilmember Raben: What do you -- that figure you have, what is the per diem figure?

Tammy Elkins: For the members? Currently, it's \$50 a day per individual person and that is Level II and citizen members, the same. They will each get paid \$50 a day.

Councilmember Raben: Why the increase?

Tammy Elkins: I think Cheryl has sent a letter to Mr. Wortman about that. Basically, two of the members of the Board of Appeals have to be certified as Level II members. She could probably go into more detail about that than I can. But we've talked to several different counties in the state that are paying a significant amount more than that so she felt that was a reasonable request.

President Wortman: They said they wasn't going to serve if they didn't get that money.

Tammy Elkins: Yeah, we have to get them here. I think her biggest concern is that we have a board to process those appeals.

Councilmember Smith: They just changed that rule a couple of years ago, wasn't it, Tammy? Before that it wasn't required but now it's required because some of the people that served on that board couldn't serve on it anymore.

Tammy Elkins: That's right.

President Wortman: Okay. Anything else on page 49?

Councilmember Smith: I just wanted to tell Tammy that I wasn't picking on her, but to take the message back.

Tammy Elkins: I will.

Councilmember Smith: Thank you.

**PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS REASSESSMENT**

President Wortman: Alright, no more on 49. Now how about 151, Property Tax Board of Appeals? Any questions on page 151?

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, back on page 150 which is the Reassessment, how many people are going to be trained in that training area 1090-3310 for \$5,000. How many people are we talking about there?

Tammy Elkins: What we've done in the past is have the IAAO courses which include 23 students for a price of approximately, I think, \$4,595. We had, I think last year we had course II which was like an income class. The year before we had a basic course 101. We're looking to bring like a fundamentals of mass appraisal or like a standards of ethics and practices, that's what we're looking at right now for courses to have for that. So each year we've been trying to do that and that's -- we will pay for that for the entire Vanderburgh County employees and then we also asked other counties if they want to participate, then they can participate for like \$315 in addition to that. So if we don't have a total of 23 students, then they still pay that and that just gets added back to the budget for later use or to be put back in.

Councilmember Sutton: And do we have a certain amount of slots that we want to use just for Vanderburgh County?

Tammy Elkins: Right, the 23 are totally dedicated to Vanderburgh County unless there is not that many.

Councilmember Sutton: How many for surrounding counties?

Tammy Elkins: We don't know. We don't take that amount into our contracted, that's above and beyond. They have to pay \$315 no matter what. It's just kind of a break to us. If we only have 20 Vanderburgh County employees who want to take advantage of that, then we still get their money. We don't just say that they don't have to pay.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions? Okay, if not thank you very much. Appreciate it. We'll turn to 911 Emergency Service Fund on page 176.

## **TAPE CHANGE**

### **911 EMERGENCY SERVICE**

President Wortman: Any Councilmen, people got any questions on page 176, Emergency Service? Don't hear none.

### **LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION**

President Wortman: Now, Local Emergency Planning Commission, 174. Got any questions on that?

Councilmember Hoy: I'm on that committee, Mr. Wortman. I'm not sure I could answer every question, but I could make a stab at it if anybody has a question.

President Wortman: Okay, are there any questions? No questions.

### **LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY**

President Wortman: Let's go to the Local Drug Free Community, 175. Stays the same pretty well all down through there.

Councilmember Lloyd: I've got a question on 174. The Emergency Management, is that approved by the joint? I guess it was. The line number 3210.

Councilmember Hoy: That is separate from the other budget. It has to do with the interfacing between this committee and EMA and a number of others. It's kind of strange breed of cat to say the least, okay. Part of that also, Councilman Lloyd, has to do with the special work that's going on now with the fact that we've been chosen as a showplace, that's a strange term, showplace community for earthquake mitigation. We're the only community in the whole country. We're coordinating work there with the business community. The business community raised, I think, three times the amount of money we thought they could. So the cooperation has been excellent. But what this is aimed at and all of this is the safety of citizens.

President Wortman: I think you mentioned that before.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, there are some extra costs involved in the projects we're involved in. That's what that's about. But it's certainly a fair question.

Councilmember Lloyd: Yeah, it looks like he cut his Computer budget and put more emphasis on that.

Councilmember Hoy: Actually, the computer budget was for purchase of a computer and of, I think, some software that went along with that. All we need now is some money for maintenance and for some more software, yeah.

President Wortman: Any other questions? If not, we'll turn to page 119, the County Council.

**COUNTY COUNCIL**

President Wortman: Anybody got any questions on page 119?

Councilmember Raben: Can we put a roll of duct tape in that budget somewhere?

Councilmember Hoy: I wouldn't take that if I were you, Councilman Sutton. I would not take that at all.

Councilmember Sutton: I'm just looking at the direction of his eyes, they weren't looking across here when he made that request.

Councilmember Hoy: But I go on record again as stating that I have only hit the end of the table once during these budget hearings and Mr. Wortman has hit it about five times. So, he's ahead of me.

Councilmember Sutton: So you're taking up space at the beginning of the tape and then there's only a little bit left at end.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Raben: I was going to offer one suggestion. I don't know if it... I mean we're certainly, probably an hour or an hour and a half earlier than we've been the other days, but we may want to move next week, just in an effort to speed some of the other days up, if we can move one or two of the other budgets like into today's session. Maybe take, you know, a large one like County Commissioners, or something, and move them into Wednesday and that would get us out of here a little quicker on maybe one or two of those days.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

President Wortman: Yes ma'am.

Councilmember Smith: What is this Meeting Allowance for?

Councilmember Raben: What is what?

President Wortman: What was that?

Councilmember Smith: The Meeting Allowance?

Councilmember Sutton: It's our budget.

Councilmember Smith: It's in the Council's budget that's what I was... Page 119, it's 1210-1480.

President Wortman: That is when we have to go different places, right Sandie?

Sandie Deig: It's for the Area Plan Commission.

President Wortman: Oh, I'm sorry. The Area Plan per diem, \$35.

Councilmember Smith: You mean you get paid \$35 a month to serve there?

President Wortman: Yeah.

Councilmember Smith: I served there five years and never got one penny. I mean, when did we start doing that?

President Wortman: Oh, we've done that for...

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible)

President Wortman: Yeah.

Councilmember Smith: The city never ever paid a dime.

President Wortman: It's more complicated now.

Councilmember Smith: Well, no it isn't.

Councilmember Lloyd: They've been paying for a number of years, but...

Councilmember Sutton: I did have a question on the Council budget. What's the Consultant, 3460? Is that job study related?

Sandie Deig: Yes it is.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, and then one other issue that I don't know if there's been any progress on it, but Sandie's space... I mean she's in an awful small space. We've been talking about this for a while. I don't know if there's some things that have opened up here somewhere on this floor or somewhere in the vicinity that we can open up. But the Council, we really do need more space than we have now that's allotted for our Executive Assistant. That just is not sufficient for the amount of paperwork and things that she has to try to keep track of. I don't know where you're putting all this stuff. I'm having problems keeping track of all my paperwork, so I don't know how you keep track of it all.

Councilmember Hoy: I would, Mr. President, echo that. The other thing that, you know, we finally got keys for these file drawers so we can leave some things here. I don't think that we as Councilmen should ask for very much, but in connection with that it would be nice in that space, you know, to have a place that didn't infringe upon Mrs. Deig's space so that we could, you know, hang a coat or, you know, lay an attache down or sit down, you know, there's only two chairs in there. That is just awful that this body and our staff has to deal with that sort of cramped space. And while I'm at it, and I'll say one more thing, Mr. Sutton, and the tapes not going to run out, I wish we could do something about these chairs. I don't care if we don't buy new ones, but it would nice if we could adjust these things again. I'm sure City Council would feel the same way.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

President Wortman: Go ahead, Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: I brought this up and I think we all agreed that we would ask the Building Authority to do something about that. I talked to Curt about it this morning. If they move that wall back just one door of that closet it would give her enough room and it would also give a closet. It can be done because a lot of that's wasted space. Now this has been

going on for a couple of years and I think it's time that we ask our President to go down there and tell them you want it done.

President Wortman: Right, remember I said that a while ago. I said we're going to get it and we'll get him up here and we'll see and then I'll report back to the Council. Hopefully I'll have something for next week.

Councilmember Lloyd: When this happened last year, because I was President, and Mrs. Deig can verify, we did bring Mr. Utley up here and we looked at whether we could move that wall out and there was reason we couldn't. Whether it was a steel beam --

Councilmember Sutton: They said something about a beam or something like that, but they're moving those bathrooms. They changed all of those around.

Councilmember Lloyd: Right. The other thing he mentioned for the whole Civic Center there's a critical shortage of meeting space. So, you know, whether that was the real reason or not I don't know, but he... you know, making that room in there smaller when it's used all of the time. He said engineering wise you couldn't move it out.

Councilmember Hoy: You know, and maybe not, I wonder because in those bathrooms you've got plumbing fixtures and all kinds of expensive stuff to move and they seem to be able to move everything else but what we need. I think I'm in order since we're not talking about an appropriation here at this point, Mr. President, and I would like to move that we officially overture the Building Authority to address, as soon as possible, the space needs for our staff as County Council.

Councilmember Smith: I second that motion.

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

(Motion unanimously approved)

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. Any other to come before us? Alright, Mrs. Deig?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, put both of those on there and that will give us more time next week for that given day.

President Wortman: Okay, alright, if not we're going to adjourn, I mean recess, excuse me, until August 17th at 12 o'clock noon.

**MEETING RECESSED AT 11:27.**

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
BUDGET HEARINGS  
AUGUST 17, 1999

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 17th day of August, 1999 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President Curt Wortman at 12:12 p.m.

President Wortman: The Vanderburgh County Council will reconvene from the recess of last week, that would be August 12, I believe. We will convene and so we will open the meeting by calling the roll call to see who is present and who is not. Madame Secretary.

(Teri Lukeman called roll)

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO
Councilmember Smith	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Lloyd	X*	
President Wortman	X	

\*Councilmember Lloyd arrived shortly after roll call.

President Wortman: Would you all please stand and Pledge Allegiance?

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

President Wortman: Okay, we will start off and the first on the agenda will be the County Clerk and we will proceed with the Finance Chairman reading them off. If there is any clarification I think the Finance Chairman should or might ask for it. Or if anybody asks, we will ask the Finance Chairman. Otherwise, if everything is pretty well, I hope, was hashed out last week. With no further things to do, I think finally, Mr. Raben, will you proceed with the County Clerk, page 1?

COUNTY CLERK <sup>1</sup>

Councilmember Raben: I sure will, Mr. President. Turn to page 4 line 1680-1010, line 1690-1010, line 1700-1010 set in at zero. All other salaries, FICA, PERF and insurance adjustments will be made at our September 1st final hearing and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Okay, that's the first on the salaries. Do I have a second to that motion?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton seconded. Any discussion? No discussion, have a roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

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Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1680-1010	Deputy Clerk	-0-
1690-1010	Deputy Clerk	-0-
1700-1010	Deputy Clerk	-0-

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Now, we will proceed to the next account, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 2600 Office Supplies \$50,000. Page 5, 3120 Postage and Freight \$250; 3540 Maintenance Contract \$20,000; 3700 \$500. All others as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

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

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton seconded. Any discussion on this, on the Clerk? 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

2600	Office Supplies	50,000.00
3120	Postage and Freight	250.00
3540	Maintenance Contract	20,000.00
3700	Dues and Subscriptions	500.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

President Wortman: Yes?

Councilmember Smith: I just wanted to remind you all that this is a \$554,064.89 increase over four years.

President Wortman: Okay. Thank you, Mrs. Smith. Okay, now we will go to the next office. It will be page 68, the Election Office.

***ELECTION OFFICE***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, 1140-1210 Canvassing Board \$1,800; 1210 \$1,500. All other salaries, FICA, PERF adjusted at our September 1st meeting. Skip down to 2290 \$600. Page 69 line 3410 \$52,600. All other items as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

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

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd seconded. Any other discussion on this for the Election Board? 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1140-1210	Canvassing Board	1,800.00
1210	Ballot Aids	1,500.00
2290	Election Board Meals	600.00
3410	Printing	52,600.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

President Wortman: Yes, ma'am.

Councilmember Smith: That's a \$122,750.66 increase over four years.

President Wortman: Okay, alright. Excuse me, do we have somebody keeping track of these figures? We ought to keep, so that we know what our cuts are.

Councilmember Raben: Yes, we'll--

President Wortman: We ought to be adding them up so that we know where we are at here.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we will do that at break.

President Wortman: You want to do that later? Okay, I didn't want to over cut.

### ***THE CENTRE***

President Wortman: Okay, next on that is The Centre, page 109.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, all salaries, FICA, PERF and insurance to be set in at our September 1st meeting. All 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts 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: Got a second. Any discussion?

Marsha Abell: Did you say page 109?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, we are finished with you.

President Wortman: Yeah, you can be excused, Mrs. Abell.

Marsha Abell: Well, do I get to make a comment on the cuts that you made or is that not allowed?

President Wortman: Well, you can comment if you want to. Yeah, go ahead. I just didn't think that you had any, but go ahead.

Councilmember Raben: Uh, wait just a second, let's finish this motion.

President Wortman: Okay, let's finish this and then we will come back to you.

Councilmember Raben: Let's stay in order here.

President Wortman: Okay, go ahead. We've got a motion and a second. Any more 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Okay, now without any other interruptions, we will go back to the County Clerk, Mrs. Abell, and you want to make some comments, please.

**COUNTY CLERK (Continued)**

Marsha Abell: I wanted to make some comments about my supply budget. I see that you

have drastically cut that down to \$50,000. I don't think there is a person in this room that truly believes that the Vanderburgh County Courts can operate on \$50,000 a year. I passed out one purchase order that will show you that our fee books cost \$310 a piece. That is an invoice, that is not a quote. Last year those very same books from the very same vendor cost \$220 to \$230 a piece. Our child support checks have gone up \$3,000 for every time that we order them. We order them four times a year, that is a \$12,000 increase over that. We made up 44,359 new files in '98. We are going to hit 50,000 easily in the year 2000. If I only spent \$1 a piece to make a new file that is the entire \$50,000 budget. Files alone costs more than a \$1 to make up. We have to do all of the notice, all of the files, all the copies. I know that you know I am not going to be able to operate on this kind of money. I think it is ridiculous to expect that I have to return again this year and ask for more money just because you don't want to agree to fund it here when statutorily you have to fund the supplies in the Clerk's Office. It seems like it has become a game to just -- I wasn't surprised that you cut out the employees, but you can be assured that if you keep adding staff, Judges and Magistrates, you will have to increase my staff. There is no way that we can keep up with it. But there is absolutely no reason for cutting my supply budget down to \$50,000. There is no possibility that I can get by on that.

President Wortman: Do you have any comment, Mr. Raben, on that?

Councilmember Raben: The only comment that I have, Marsha, is that there is, along with this cut, there will be several others today and the rest of this week. I am sure that will be argued at some point. Our mission this week is to submit a budget that falls within our freeze limitations. We understand that several of the cuts that we will make in the next two days, or three days, we'll probably see these folks again, but we have always understood that and that's the way this Council has always operated. In making the cuts that I am going to attempt to make over the next three days should leave us a healthy operating balance for next year. If we see you, you know, we all understand that. You know, we are quite aware that we may see you and several other departments over the course of the next year or so. That's really all that I have to say.

Marsha Abell: It just doesn't seem like an annual budget, because it is not an annual budget.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mrs. Abell. Next, we will keep moving here, the Convention Center Operating Fund, 181, please.

### **CONVENTION CENTER OPERATING FUND**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'll move that this entire budget be approved as listed.

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

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Second, okay. Any discussion? If not, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: We're on 109, right?

Teri Lukeman. 101.

Councilmember Sutton: Oh, 101, excuse me. 181?

Teri Lukeman: 181.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, 181.

President Wortman: Hold on just a minute for Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***LEVEE AUTHORITY***

President Wortman: Okay, now we will turn to page 182, the next page.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I will approve of this budget as listed. Again, I have to emphasize that the salary, FICA, PERF and insurance will be set in at our final September 1st meeting.

Councilmember Hoy: I second the motion.

President Wortman: Second, Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman, were you going to make note of the change to Insurance and Workers Compensation as changed in the--

President Wortman: Adjusted accordingly, I think he mentioned that.

Teri Lukeman: Okay, but this was part of the joint budget hearings with the city.

President Wortman: This is part of the joint budget, but I forget what percentage it is, but Mr. Lawrence--

Kelly Lawrence: It's not a percentage. We are a separate entity and separate tax base. I didn't hear your question.

Teri Lukeman: Do you want to change the amount for Workman's Compensation from what was submitted into the budget? I have \$13,871.

Councilmember Raben: Teri, what I intended to do was make those adjustments, all salary, PERF, insurance, FICA, Workman's Comp--

Teri Lukeman: During the September 1--

Councilmember Raben: --all that in the final September 1st meeting.

Teri Lukeman: Okay.

President Wortman: That will be the same on all the budget -- departments,

Kelly Lawrence: But the city is self-insured on their side of the Workman's Comp--

Teri Lukeman: Okay, but then there was also a change in the Telephone account, in the 3000 accounts, is that not correct?

Councilmember Raben: I have not been brought aware of that.

Councilmember Smith: Where would those changes come from because they are not changed here?

Teri Lukeman: In the joint budget meetings there was a handout. I have some different figures that were in there because these were preliminary figures that were submitted.

Councilmember Lloyd: Would we like someone to read those off?

Councilmember Bassemier: Kelly, have you made any changes?

Kelly Lawrence: No. You have \$13,871 for Workman's Comp?

Teri Lukeman: Right, Mr. Raben said that he would adjust them on September 1.

Kelly Lawrence: The Telephone account?

Teri Lukeman: That was account 3140 and I had -- they had submitted \$9,000 originally but then there was supposed to be a \$6,000 change, I believe.

Kelly Lawrence: Right.

Teri Lukeman: Is the \$6,000 the amount that you agreed on in the joint budget hearings?

Kelly Lawrence: I believe so.

Teri Lukeman: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: From 9 to \$6,000? Or \$6,000 in addition?

Kelly Lawrence: We were appropriated \$9,000 in 1999 and we have used \$6,000 because of some changes in phone service that we were through last year. I don't handle that account, it comes out of the Auditor's Office.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, just a minute. Mr. President, I will amend my motion to read, once again, all salaries, FICA, PERF and insurance, workman's comp will be set in at our September 1 meeting. All other line items, with the exception of 3140 Telephone should read \$6,000 be approved as submitted.

President Wortman: Okay. Mr. Hoy, do you accept this amendment?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

President Wortman: Okay, we have the amendment to the motion. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3140	Telephone	6,000.00
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**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Thank you, Kelly, I appreciate it.

Kelly Lawrence: Thank you.

### ***AIRPORT AUTHORITY***

President Wortman: Next, will be the Vanderburgh County Airport, page 144.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I move that all salaries, wages, FICA, PERF, unemployment insurance will be set in September 1st. All 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, second by Mr. Ed. Okay, 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Mr. Working.

### ***HEALTH DEPARTMENT***

President Wortman: Next, on the agenda is the Health Department, 138. Mr. Finance Chairman.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I will move that all salaries, FICA, PERF, insurance and workman's comp be set in at the September 1st meeting. The rest of the budget 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, 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***SURVEYOR***

President Wortman: Okay, we will move right on to the Surveyor, page 29.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I move that all salaries, FICA, PERF and insurance be set in at our September 1st meeting. Line 2210 Gas and Oil be set in at \$800; 2220 \$300; 2230 \$500. Turn to page 30, those accounts 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 by Mrs. Smith. Any discussion on the Surveyor? 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

2210	Gas & Oil	800.00
2220	Tires & Tubes	300.00
2230	Garage & Motor	500.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION FUND***

President Wortman: Let's turn to page 171, Surveyor Corner Perpetuation Fund.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, salary and FICA adjustments for the September 1st meeting, all other accounts as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: 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?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***MAP FUND***

President Wortman: Now we will turn to page 148, the Map Fund.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I move approval of this budget as listed.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second, Mr. Hoy. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***AREA PLAN COMMISSION***

President Wortman: Okay, that completes that now and we will go to the Area Plan Commission, page 74.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, all salaries, FICA, PERF and insurance will be set in at our September 1st meeting. Page 75, line item 3130 \$1,500; line item 3610 \$60,000. Turn to page 76, line item 4230 zero; and 4250 \$5,000. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Second. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3130	Travel/Mileage	1,500.00
3610	Legal Services	60,000.00
4230	Motor Vehicles	-0-
4250	Miscellaneous Equipment	5,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**SUPERIOR COURT**

President Wortman: Superior Court, page 168. No, I'm sorry, page 199.

Councilmember Raben: Mr, President, turn to page 100. Line 1302-1370 zero; line 1350-1370 zero. Page 102, line 1610-1370 zero. All other salaries--

Councilmember Hoy: Are you leaving that Public Defender in?

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me.

Councilmember Lloyd: 1661, we approved that.

Councilmember Raben: 1661 is already in place. All other salaries, FICA, PERF and insurance -- excuse me, before I go on, skip down to 1990 Extra Help \$2,000. Now all other salaries, FICA, PERF, insurance will be adjusted at our September 1st meeting 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.

Councilmember Smith: Jim, did you say 1990, what's the bottom line figure there?

Councilmember Raben: The 1990 Extra Help, \$2,000.

Councilmember Smith: \$2,000, okay. Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, any other 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1302-1370	Court Reporter	-0-
1350-1370	Bailiff	-0-
1610-1370	Counselor	-0-
1990	Extra Help	2,000.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Okay, continue, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: On page 168, Supplemental Adult Probation.

President Wortman: Did you finish?

Councilmember Raben: Oh, no I did not. I am sorry. I broke that one up, I'm sorry, excuse me. Let's stay on page 104, line 2230 Garage and Motor \$2,000; 2270 \$7,500; 2600 \$18,000; 2700 \$4,000. Page 105, line 3520 \$10,000; line 3932 \$29,700; line 3943 \$40,000; line 4210 zero. All other 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: I have a second. Okay. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

2230	Garage and Motor	2,000.00
2270	Juror Meals/Lodging	7,500.00
2600	Office Supplies	18,000.00
2700	Other Supplies	4,000.00
3520	Equipment Repair	10,000.00
3932	CASA	29,700.00
3943	Pauper Expense	40,000.00
4210	Office Furniture	-0-

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION**

President Wortman: Okay, that completes Superior Court and let's go to page 168.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, all salary line items and benefits will be set in at the September 1st meeting. All other lines 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, 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Now, we will turn to page--

Councilmember Smith: Pardon me.

President Wortman: Excuse me, Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: On the -- I have a notation here this was a copy machine at 3930 Other Contractual.

Councilmember Raben: What page is that?

Councilmember Smith: It is on 169. It was in there, the copy machine, we had cut that down to -- I don't know where I got it, \$8,000.00, and it is \$15,000 here.

Councilmember Raben: I don't remember any discussion on that, but if you are asking--

Councilmember Smith: I am asking is it left at \$15,000 or \$8,000? I didn't know.

Suzanne Crouch: Right now it is at \$15,000

Councilmember Raben: Right now it is at \$15,000.

Councilmember Smith: You are going to leave it at \$15,000? Because I think they told us that was for a copy machine.

Councilmember Sutton: The copy machine was seven on that and some other items, I didn't list them on there, photos were in there as well.

Councilmember Raben: I don't have my rationale with me.

Councilmember Smith: So, it is \$15,000?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I have copier at seven and other things--

President Wortman: It was a combination of things, if I recall, like Mr. Sutton said. Okay, any other discussion?

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

President Wortman: Call the roll, please.

Suzanne Crouch: You already did that.

Councilmember Smith: We've already done that.

President Wortman: Oh, it already passed, I'm sorry.

#### ***DRUG AND ALCOHOL DEFERRAL***

President Wortman: Let's go to 107.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, all salaries, FICA, PERF and insurance will be set in at our September 1st meeting. Skip down to line 3370 \$500. Page 108, 3930 \$1,000. All other items 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 seconded. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: One more time on that last one.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 3930 \$1,000. I will slow down, Betty, I'm sorry. I didn't realize I was going too fast.

Councilmember Sutton: I just didn't get the page flipped.

President Wortman: 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman. That \$1,000 was for the contract for cleaning his office. So he may have to come back if he has a contract with those people that cleans -- that is cleaning his office over there in the Courts Building.

Councilmember Raben: I have a note that I thought he had adjusted it.

Councilmember Smith: I think he has got somebody that comes in and cleans your office. Bill, isn't that \$2,000 for--

Bill Campbell: Yes, it is. One part of it--

Councilmember Lloyd: We need him to come up front.

President Wortman: Mr., would you come forward, please?

Bill Campbell: You didn't name off who you were doing. I was sitting there trying to keep up.

Councilmember Lloyd: That's the way we like to do it.

Bill Campbell: I am Bill Campbell--

Councilmember Smith: Line item 3930 and it was \$2,000 and I think that was the contract that he had to clean those offices.

Bill Campbell: There were two of them. One to clean the office and the increase was to cover the cleaning of the carpets, that they no longer provided that service. The ones that we have the contract, and still do for weekly cleaning, Mrs. Smith, they don't clean carpets. We have never had them cleaned and we were hoping to do that on a reasonably regular--

Councilmember Smith: We can come back after the first of the year, but we will have to put more money back in that one.

Councilmember Raben: That's fine. I had a note, I thought that you had told us to decrease it.

Bill Campbell: I'm sorry.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: That \$1,000 will cover your normal cleaning and you need the other \$1,000 for the carpets, is that correct?

Bill Campbell: Yeah, but we will come back. I don't have any problem coming back. I am here every day anyway. But now can we back up to the other cuts, I'm sorry, I didn't get them.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, we really need to finish our vote.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President, we need to vote.

President Wortman: I knew that we stopped somewhere over the line.

Councilmember Raben: We stopped over there.

Councilmember Sutton: You didn't get to vote.

President Wortman: You three voted, didn't you?

Councilmember Sutton: Everybody voted but you, it stopped with Russ.

Councilmember Lloyd: I voted yes.

President Wortman: I have to vote yes then.

3370	Computer (Data Management)	500.00
3930	Other Contractual	1,000.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now--

President Wortman: I wasn't sure where we stopped off at. Now repeat that for Mr. Campbell so that he understands that, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, the cuts were 3370 \$500 and then the last cut that we just had discussion on for \$1,000.

Bill Campbell: Okay. What about 3700?

Councilmember Raben: I'm sorry?

Bill Campbell: 3700?

Councilmember Hoy: Didn't cut it.

Councilmember Raben: No change, just those two cuts.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Campbell, you accept like Betty Knight Smith said for next year possibly.

Bill Campbell: Pardon?

President Wortman: You accept the idea from Mrs. Smith on coming back possibly?

Bill Campbell: Oh, yeah, no problem.

Councilmember Smith: Well, I didn't think that it was enough because when he came and explained it to us when we gave him some money, he said that they were having to have somebody come in and clean it and he needed the money and I remembered that is what it was for.

Bill Campbell: It is and I don't know how many times we will have to have the carpet cleaned. We just had it for the first time ever about a month ago.

President Wortman: Just tell them to keep their feet clean before they come in. Thank you. Okay, next on the agenda will be the Sheriff and we are going to change tapes.

**Tape Change**

**SHERIFF**

President Wortman: Okay, Sheriff, page 14. Proceed, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President. Turn to page 20. Line 1130-0115 Patrolman zero.

Councilmember Smith: Jim, the school is not going to fund part of that?

President Wortman: They're still working on it, so right now we'll have to set it in at zero and we've got until September 1st.

Councilmember Smith: Oh, okay.

President Wortman: Yeah, thank you, Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, line 1210-1050 \$45,000.

Councilmember Lloyd: You weren't supposed to do that were you?

Councilmember Sutton: Where at?

Councilmember Raben: No, never mind. I am looking at the wrong thing.

President Wortman: What page are you on, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: We're going to page 22, I'm sorry. Let's skip down to line 1550-1050. This is the Community Corrections Salary Adjustment. Set that in at \$20,000. Now there are other -- there are commitments made to the Sheriff and two Chief Deputies, which we will make those adjustments in their salary lines in September. We'll shift that to their salary accounts in September. All other FICA, PERF, insurance, benefits will be adjusted in the September 1st meeting 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. Everybody understands that now?

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

President Wortman: Yes.

Councilmember Smith: At the time when they set up the contract and everything I think Joe Harrison wanted that amount of money put in and if you're taking it all out you're taking out \$240,000.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Smith: Or \$230,000.

Councilmember Raben: No, we're not actually taking that. We're shifting the eight percent onto the salary lines for two Chief Deputies and the \$35,000 onto the Sheriff's salary line.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, okay.

Councilmember Raben: We're going to put those amounts where they should be with their salary.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: Why don't you go ahead and mention what those are, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: I don't have those figures.

Councilmember Hoy: I have the Sheriff's line, if this is correct, at \$103,579.

Councilmember Raben: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: Instead of \$68,579 and the Chief Deputy is at \$59,994, I believe.

Councilmember Raben: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: If I have these correct.

Councilmember Raben: And then you would have to go to page 20 and on 1130-0114 that corrected figure would be \$57,391. Again, we'll make those adjustments in September.

President Wortman: Okay, any more discussion? If not, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Jim, why do we want to wait until September on that? I mean, it's the same affect.

Councilmember Raben: That's when we set in all salaries and FICA, PERF and insurance.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: We actually, for instance like insurance, the insurance companies don't even have any finalized numbers to us, so they're under the gun to have it by September the 1st. That's how this Board has always done it. We've always set salaries and benefits on September the 1st.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Raben, as I understand it your motion is for setting these in at a four percent increase generally speaking with some exceptions, so that is really the intention of the motion, is it not?

Councilmember Raben: Well--

Councilmember Lloyd: Until September 1.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, September 1--

Councilmember Sutton: I guess what my thought process is, I know I need to take a vote, but my thought process here is we're cutting it out of the one line item and didn't add it to the other, you know. At some point in time we're coming back and we're going to put money back in there.

Councilmember Raben: The actual cut as it is, okay, the actual cut from that \$250,000 line

item is \$192,070.

Councilmember Sutton: Just contractually I want to make sure we--

Councilmember Raben: That's really not the appropriate line number for their salaries, so we'll just--

Councilmember Smith: You said you had moved the \$35,000 into his line item. That's taking that out of the \$250,000.

Brad Ellsworth: Brad Ellsworth, Sheriff's Department. I think what happened was in preparation of this takeover, this transfer, Mr. Wortman and Mr. Harrison thought that I might need an amount of money thinking that I might have a lot of staff going over there, Lieutenants, Captains or whatever, so that was kind of a preparatory move to put money over there in case I did. The agreement that we came to was let me and the Chiefs get in there first, dissect the place and then at a more appropriate time probably come back and say here are my staffing needs and this was that money there and we're not opposed at all to reducing that because it may take us a year to come back and say, you know, we need some different staff. Is that the way you understand it, Mr. Wortman?

President Wortman: That's exactly right, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: It still leaves \$20,000 for unforeseen emergencies that they may run into. Brad, you and everyone is clear on the other?

Brad Ellsworth: Absolutely.

Councilmember Hoy: And you're okay with this?

Brad Ellsworth: Yes. It was more than generous and hopefully we won't need any of it.

President Wortman: Okay, everybody -- Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, okay.

President Wortman: Everybody understand that then? Yeah, see like I say you took the three salaries out of that and put them in their perspective line items and then left \$20,000 in there for operating, so okay, call the roll please.

Councilmember Sutton: It falls with me, so I am voting yes.

President Wortman: Okay, I'm sorry.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1130-0115	Patrolman	-0-
1550-1050	Comm. Corr. Salary Adjustment	20,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Okay, proceed, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Line 2220 \$12,000; 2230 \$65,000. All other line 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, Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

2220	Tires & Tubes	12,000.00
2230	Garage & Motor	65,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**JAIL**

President Wortman: Now we'll turn to page 25, the Jail. Proceed, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 27 line 1130-0406 Paramedic zero. All other salaries, FICA, PERF, insurance will be adjusted and set in at the September 1st meeting and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Second, Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion on this?

Councilmember Smith: Question. We're cutting out the paramedic, but he needs that and before this budget is finished I want to make sure that he gets that paramedic.

Councilmember Sutton: And the costs too that are related to what we are already spending in other line items because we don't have this position, I guess that is my concern that we are not just really essentially shifting what will be a burden on the county to another line item in expenses we are incurring by having the service occurring other places. We can easily show some cost savings here by putting in that position.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions?

Councilmember Smith: Maybe they don't understand what a paramedic is. A paramedic can get on that telephone and talk to that doctor and give a shot or do whatever is necessary to be done and I feel like Brad needs that in the jail. I talked to him. I went down and talked to him to see if the EMT -- maybe he could eliminate the EMT and he said the EMT was very busy along with the nurse because at the time -- but the paramedic would be on the third shift when there wouldn't be anybody else around, so I just want you to know we're going to keep after that one.

Brad Ellsworth: If I could make a quick comment about our medical staff. Things are changing a little bit in what is acceptable practice and what is not any more. When I came on 17 years ago it was not uncommon for me to take the medicine tray that was set up by the nurse or doctor coming in and pass that around and administer medicine myself as well as everybody else in here and that basically is illegal for a corrections officer, a jailer, sergeant, no matter what cannot administer medicine, so that has to be by a medical person now. This doesn't have a whole lot to do with it, but times are changing and we have to keep up with that. The paramedic, we asked for that because we think an inordinate amount of our hospital runs are culminating or generating from third shift and we don't have medical people onboard trying to look at it as a person who can assess that patient, do they have to go to the hospital or is there something I can do on the phone and hopefully save some of those ambulance runs. It's about \$400 a pop or more.

Councilmember Raben: Betty, I had brought up last week and again I had mentioned it, Sam Elder was not, and I think he had already left the room last week when I brought it up, and I mentioned it to him this morning about the possibility at some point moving all these four, and at that time if you want to add a fifth one, but moving those nurses and paramedics to the Health Department budget.

Councilmember Smith: Who are they going to answer to, the Sheriff or the Health Department?

Councilmember Raben: Well, they would answer to the Sheriff.

Councilmember Smith: Not really if they come under the other budget.

Councilmember Raben: Well, it's just like the Ozone Officer answers to the County Commissioners, but he said he would be willing to look into that and he thought there was a strong possibility that shift could happen and that would alleviate, you know, \$100,000 plus off of our General Fund budget and put it on a separate levy. He said that he would look into that.

Brad Ellsworth: I mean, as long as I have the people doing the job you can pay them anywhere you want to. That doesn't matter to me. That's for you fiscal people.

President Wortman: Yeah, okay. Thanks, Brad, I appreciate it. Okay, any other discussion? That was a good thought about the paramedic. Okay, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Just as long as we can get some word back from Sam on that. The final word on that.

Councilmember Raben: Again, he and I just discussed it a little bit ago.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Brad, we're going to try to work that paramedic in sometime down the road. We feel like you need it. I'm going to vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I'll echo the sentiments of Mr. Sutton and Mr. Bassemier. If we can't work it in through the Health Department we will work it in because he has got to have it. But I'll vote yes at this time.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Yes, and I think the same thing. I echo the same remarks. I think that's a very needed position.

1130-0406	Paramedic	-0-
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**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben proceed.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I did state that all other -- in that motion that all other salaries, insurance, benefits and whatnots will be addressed September the 1st. Page 28 line 2300 Uniforms should read \$10,000. That's an increase of \$7,500. 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: I've got a second. Discussion? Just a minute, Mr. Ahlers. He is going to state that we have to have five votes on this.

Jeff Ahlers: Six, because it takes three quarters to increase a line item, so I just want everybody to know ahead of time.

Councilmember Raben: No, to increase a budget.

Jeff Ahlers: No, to increase a line item above that which was placed in their preliminary estimate to the Auditor's Office. I just wanted you to know in case you wanted to take it separate or to make sure everybody knows it takes three quarters which is six because that is 5.75 or something like that.

President Wortman: I don't think we'll have any problem with this.

Councilmember Smith: I think we've got the six.

President Wortman: Yeah, yeah. Go ahead and call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: There could be some jokes about who is the .75, but yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Definitely yes.

2300	Uniforms	10,000.00
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**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***JAIL MISDEMEANOR HOUSING***

President Wortman: Okay, now we'll go to Jail Misdemeanor Housing.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, all salaries, benefits, FICA, PERF will be set in September 1st and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Second, Mr. Sutton. Any suggestions or discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU***

President Wortman: Okay, now we'll go to the Convention & Visitors Bureau, page 177.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, all salaries, benefits will be set in at our September 1st meeting. All other lines as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and a second. Discussion? The only thing is they're not set under the salary direction of the Council.

Councilmember Lloyd: Yeah, the fiscal body has to approve their budget.

Jeff Ahlers: Including salaries, but what I didn't know is we had this discussion a year ago whether they get an automatic four percent increase. I didn't know if you dealt with that separate or do it the same as what they put it in at.

Councilmember Raben: We'll deal with it in September.

President Wortman: Okay, got a motion--

Councilmember Smith: Don't they come under the same four percent increase that ours does?

Councilmember Sutton: It's a different levy.

Councilmember Raben: No, last year we voted to let them go on their own. They introduced a points or incentive program.

Councilmember Smith: But I thought Joy came back and said that they were going to try to go back with us. Maybe I misunderstood it.

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

Councilmember Hoy: Some of these listed here are less than four actually and some are more than four. It's a merit system that they have, but as I recall when we cut this loose it virtually gave us carte blanche on doing whatever we want. I don't think we're going to slice them.

Councilman Bassemier: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilman Bassemier: Jim, you say you let them go on their own. That part is true, but the other part still takes final approval by the County Council.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, exactly, right.

Jeff Ahlers: Right, I just wanted to point out that it may or may not be an automatic four. It could be four, it could be less or more. I just wanted to make sure that in your motion it wasn't assumed.

Councilmember Raben: Ed, I didn't let them go on their own, this body did. I will say this on their behalf and I had actually showed this to Councilman Hoy that I was fearful when we did that that we were basically giving them a blank check that everyone in that office would receive a seven percent increase and that wasn't the case at all. Some of them received two, some of them received less, some of them received four, so I guess whatever they're doing they are doing it right.

Councilmember Smith: Well, now some of them is lower than it was last year. Are they new people?

President Wortman: Yeah, if you would come up to the podium, please. Your name and everything.

Dolli Kight: Dolli Kight, Convention & Visitors Bureau. Yes, we do have some new staff members. Average, it was about -- our salaries were about two percent, I think, under what we had budgeted for overall because we had new people come onboard. That reflected the salaries, too.

Councilmember Smith: Like the Director of Sales, her salary this year or whoever it is, is \$31,394 and for 2000 it's \$31,030. That's less money.

Dolli Kight: Right, we had budgeted at the seven percent increase for '99 and we had that staff person leave and the new staff person's current salary is \$29,000.

Councilmember Smith: Oh, that's a new person. Okay.

Dolli Kight: Yes.

President Wortman: Any other questions? Thank you, appreciate it. Okay, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT***

President Wortman: Now we'll go to page 180, Tourism Capital Improvement.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move that this budget be approved as listed.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Second, Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***BOND ISSUE***

President Wortman: Now we'll turn to page 187, the Bond Debt Repayment.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, line 5596--

Suzanne Crouch: Ninety-seven.

Councilmember Raben: --as listed and 5597 zero and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Second, Mr. Sutton. Okay, any discussion on that? No smelly discussion? Okay, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

5597	Azteca	-0-
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**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

### **AUDITOR**

President Wortman: Okay, page 6 for the County Auditor.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, all salaries, FICA, PERF, insurance will be adjusted at our September 1st meeting. Page 8, line 3401 Microfilming zero and if the General Fund can bear it maybe towards the end of this year if we've got half of that she might ask that we look at giving her an appropriation for maybe half of that, you know, the latter part of this year. 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: Second. Any discussion? No discussion on the Auditor. Call the roll please.

Councilmember Smith: I'm sorry. You took out that \$50,000 in 3401? Okay.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3401	Microfilming	-0-
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**AUDITOR REASSESSMENT**

President Wortman: Now, turn to page 149, Auditor Reassessment.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, move down to line 1020-3401 to be set in at zero. 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: Got a second. Any discussion on that?

Councilmember Lloyd: I think it's fair.

President Wortman: Fair, okay. Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1020-3401	Microfilming	-0-
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Okay, that completes today's budget and we're going to recess until

tomorrow which is the 18th of August and we'll have it from 12:00 to 3:00.

Councilmember Hoy: I would like to know who sent me the gift. I would like to send a thank you note, Mr. President. It's such a lovely package.

Councilmember Sutton: Oh, you can just put it on the record.

Councilmember Hoy: I do have a duct tape repair at home that I'm going to take care of.

President Wortman: Thanks everybody. Go home safely so you can get back tomorrow.

**Meeting recessed at 1:05.**



VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
BUDGET HEARINGS  
AUGUST 18, 1999

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 18th day of August, 1999 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially reconvened by President Curt Wortman at 12:08 p.m.

President Wortman: The Vanderburgh County Council is going to be in session from the recess from yesterday, which was the 17th of August. We'll proceed now with the budget process for the 18th and we'll take attendance here for the Council. Madam Secretary, if you would please, take your time calling them.

(Teri Lukeman called roll)

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO
Councilmember Smith	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X*	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Lloyd	X	
President Wortman	X	

\*Councilmember Hoy arrived 12:15 p.m.

President Wortman: Okay, that completes all but one, Mr. Hoy, and he is on his way. I guess while we're waiting and, of course, first on the agenda will be the Division of Family and Children Services.

Councilmember Smith: Are we going to do the Pledge of Allegiance?

President Wortman: Yeah, just a minute. Yeah, let's do that now. Let's do that now. Let's all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Thank you.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

President Wortman: Thank you, Betty. Yesterday, the 17th, we had a total of \$701,015 cuts, 701,015. Of course, the PERF was \$26,183 and reduction was \$674,832. With that in mind, I'll guess we'll ask the gentleman -- he was in the front row -- from Family Services, I thought to come forward and he disappeared.

DIVISION OF FAMILY & CHILDREN

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I don't think any of us probably have any more questions, do we?

President Wortman: On the Welfare if nobody else does.

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to make a motion, Mr. President, that this budget be adopted as listed.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and a second. Any discussion? Now that's page 136 everybody. Okay, no discussion. Call the roll please for approval.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**COUNTY WELFARE**

President Wortman: Now we'll turn to account number 2041 which is page 135. Mr. Raben, if you might--

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of page 135 as listed.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, any discussion on this? I think today I'm going to insert this, when you read that, Mr. Raben, kind of go slow so the ladies can keep track. We got a little speedy yesterday and they had a little time keeping up, so if we could just kind of slow down a little bit, but I like speed, you know. But that's alright, so if you can until we get them and then we'll ask for clarification.

Councilman Bassemier: You're blaming it on him.

President Wortman: Yeah, I'm blaming it on him, see, and the girls are blaming it on me, see, which I'm alright. Okay, no other discussion then? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Mr. Hoy is present now, so you can ask for his vote and explain it to him. Mr. Hoy, what we just approved is page 135, the County Welfare. Did you have any questions on that? And the first one, the Division of Family and Childrens Services.

Councilmember Hoy: No, I'll vote yes on both.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, I appreciate it.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

Councilmember Sutton: That bag doesn't look big enough, Mr. Hoy. That bag doesn't look big enough that you brought in. No, the other bag. The brown one.

**COUNTY RECORDER**

President Wortman: Okay, now we'll proceed to page 12 the County Recorder.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I will make a motion that all salaries, FICA, PERF, insurance be set in at our September 1st meeting. All other budget items as listed and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second, Mr. Lloyd. Okay, any discussion on that? No discussion, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***VOTERS REGISTRATION***

President Wortman: Now we'll turn to page 70, Voters Registration.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll move approval -- well, excuse me. I move that all salary items, benefits, FICA, PERF will be set in at our September 1st meeting. All other items as they appear and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a second, Mr. Sutton. Any discussion on Voters Registration? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***COOPERATIVE EXTENSION***

President Wortman: Okay, now if you'll turn your book to Cooperative Extension Service, page 72.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, move down to 1220-1230. I move that it be set in at zero. Extra help \$6,000. All other salaries and benefit packages will be set in at our September 1st meeting. Skip down to line 2600 \$5,000; 3130 be set in at \$6,000; 3200 \$4,000; 3370 \$3,300 and that would be for four computer packages; 3530 \$55,718,

that would be at a four percent increase; and line 4220 \$8,000 and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

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

Councilmember Smith: (Inaudible) on 4220 they had asked for \$41,000.

President Wortman: Turn your microphones on everybody, thank you.

Councilmember Smith: I'm sorry.

Councilmember Raben: My book shows \$11,000 request.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, so you cut that to what?

Councilmember Raben: \$8,000.

Councilmember Smith: \$8,000?

Councilmember Raben: You are talking about Office Machines, correct?

Councilmember Smith: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, any more discussion from any Councilmembers? If not, you secretaries have your written down figures, so let's call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1220-1230	Part-time Paraprofessional	-0-
1990	Extra Help	6,000.00
2600	Office Supplies	5,000.00
3130	Travel/Mileage	6,000.00
3200	Utilities	4,000.00
3370	Computer (Data Mgmt.)	3,300.00
3530	Contractual Services	55,718.00
4220	Office Machines	8,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**BURDETTE PARK**

President Wortman: Now we'll turn to page 112, Burdette Park.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, move down to 1180-1450 Other Employees \$360,000; 1190-1450 \$45,000. All other salary lines along with FICA, PERF and insurance would be set in at our September 1st meeting. Let's skip down to the bottom of page 113, line 2550 \$4,000. Page 114, the middle of the page, 3140 \$2,000. I'll repeat that 3140 \$2,000. Skip down to page 115, 4080 zero; 4110 zero, 4120 zero; 4130 \$2,000; and 4230 zero with an explanation as I think everyone is aware that there are appropriations filed for the Pool Improvements, Land Improvements and Buildings next month, so we will be funding those this year if it receives the support of this body next month. All other items as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second. Okay, Mr. Raben, let's see, line item 4120 you set that in at what, zero?

Councilmember Raben: At zero.

President Wortman: At zero. And 4130?

Councilmember Raben: \$2,000.

President Wortman: \$2,000, okay. Okay, any other discussion?

Councilmember Lloyd: In 4080, how much was that, zero?

Councilmember Raben: Zero, correct. Those first three items in the 4000 accounts are zero.

Councilmember Sutton: Also on line item 4230, Councilman Raben, on Motor Vehicles was there -- is that coming out of this year or no?

Councilmember Raben: Well, that would be up to this body. If there are funds, I know there are several other -- or a large request for the Sheriff's Department for cars yet this year. This would probably be a request that we would have to look at after the first of next year.

Councilmember Sutton: I know they've got a pretty urgent need with this vehicle. The one they've got it has seen a lot better days and given the operations that they have out there it's a pretty good need for it.

Councilmember Raben: I won't argue the need. This is just a cut that is necessary to reach our objective and I would certainly be very supportive after the first of the year to make that appropriation.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Yes, sir. Yes, sir, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Hoy: I would like to have the Director of Burdette comment on that if you would please, on the vehicle.

Steve Craig: I had commented earlier last week that we have a '78 pickup truck that we use daily and it is shot. What we was trying to do was get our maintenance man a truck that he could work out of without running all over the park to get tools and that. We wanted to put our welder and our compressor on it and everything and we are in desperate need of a utility truck for the park.

Councilman Bassemier: Is that something that we could get in this budget?

Councilmember Hoy: If we were able to do that. I'm not sure we can this year or the first of next year. How would that sound to you?

Steve Craig: That would sound fine.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm not promising that. I'm just saying, you know, that's how it looks.

Steve Craig: As soon as we could afford it I would appreciate the help.

Councilmember Hoy: And Mr. Wortman is going to let me shop for it and it won't cost as much.

Steve Craig: That's a good idea.

President Wortman: That truck, it just drives around on the grounds, is that correct? You don't take it out of the grounds do you?

Steve Craig: Well, we would use the new truck -- if you had to run to town to get parts and that, yeah. The old truck I really don't like to take it to town because it's not that kind of truck.

President Wortman: That's what I mean. If it broke down it would be on the grounds, it wouldn't harm anything and be stuck on the road or something?

Steve Craig: No.

President Wortman: Well, we'll see how things go between now and the first of the year. If there is ample money why it might be possible to piggyback a truck on the Sheriff's cars and things like that. We'll study it over. Okay, any other questions?

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, on this truck, too, I mean that could be a used vehicle right? Used?

Steve Craig: As long as it is not in the shape of the last used vehicle.

President Wortman: We normally go one notch better.

Councilmember Raben: That is a hilly environment out there. I mean, even though it is all local or close to home they've got a lot of hills to climb so they need something pretty good.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, it sounds like you're doing a pretty good sales job there, Councilman Raben, for a new truck there or some type of vehicle. Maybe if we could take a look, I know we've got some things coming up here this year and I don't know what might be left over this year. Given that this is a 2000 budget and if we were to approve it you wouldn't be able to get it until next year anyway. If there may be something remaining perhaps maybe that is something we can put on the list of things we might be able to look at. If we can't get it in maybe this year then next year we can see where we are on our unappropriated General Fund balance and see what we can do on that end. Community Corrections, is there anything from there that might be a possibility for him as well?

Councilmember Raben: I think all they have are some vans that they haul workers out onto Highway 41 and to areas that they mow and cut. I don't know that they've got -- he is wanting a pickup truck.

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

Councilman Bassemier: Mr. President? Jim, are you sure -- I don't understand those cuts. Those three, 4080, 4110 and 4120. You're going to cut them out for next year and we're going to put something in there this year for that?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, Councilman Bassemier. He has an appropriation in place or a request for September, for next month now.

Councilman Bassemier: Okay, that's what I thought you said.

Councilmember Raben: On those three items and I think we talked about this last week. If, for instance, Pool Improvements, he has got a lot of repair work, fiberglass work to do on the slide and if he doesn't get it done this fall it's going to be difficult to get it done by the spring because temperatures have to be just right to do that type of work.

Councilmember Smith: He is asking for \$90,960 in appropriations for this fall. You know, that will take care of a lot of what you're asking for that we're cutting out now.

President Wortman: Okay, now would you repeat that motion just to make sure there are no amendments to the motion?

Councilmember Raben: Well, there were no amendments made. I think everybody is clear on it at this point.

President Wortman: Okay. Motor Vehicle was set in at zero then, is that correct?

Councilmember Raben: Correct.

President Wortman: Okay, fine. Does anybody else have any questions? Okay, if not we'll call the roll and go from there.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Without forgetting about the truck, yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?



Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1180-1450	Other Employees	360,000.00
1190-1450	Security	45,000.00
2550	Sand & Gravel	4,000.00
3140	Telephone	2,000.00
4080	Pool Improvements	-0-
4110	Land & Improvements	-0-
4120	Buildings	-0-
4130	Park & Playground	2,000.00
4230	Motor Vehicles	-0-

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Thank you.

Steve Craig: I had one question. If anybody had any questions on the summary breakdown. Several of them had asked me questions the other day and I had passed a sheet out to everyone, and if they had any questions.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Mr. Craig, I appreciate it.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS**

President Wortman: Now we'll move to page 88, the Superintendent of County Buildings.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, all 1000 accounts including FICA, PERF and insurance will be set in at our September 1st meeting. Line 4120 Buildings \$5,000. All other items as submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Second anybody?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Okay, any discussion on that? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

4120	Buildings	5,000.00
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**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

### **COUNTY HIGHWAY**

President Wortman: Okay, in reference to the County Highway I was informed by the County Auditor there would be no cuts as of now, is that correct? Yes, so that would have to stay as listed. Go ahead, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, what we've done in the past and we can do it one or two ways, we can approve it now or wait until September, but what would you recommend that we do?

President Wortman: It don't make any difference. We can wait until then in case there is something because the gasoline tax evidently has been doing pretty good.

Councilmember Raben: The state does make some cuts. We would have to go back and reopen it.

President Wortman: Let's just wait until September if that is agreeable to the other Councilmembers now? Nod your head.

Councilmember Smith: That's County Highway.

President Wortman: Yes, ma'am. Nod your head everybody.

### **CUMULATIVE BRIDGE**

President Wortman: Now we'll proceed with the Cumulative Bridge Fund, page 129.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I would move that all salary lines, FICA,

PERF, insurance will be set in at our September 1st meeting. All other lines 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, Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***LOCAL ROADS AND STREETS***

President Wortman: Now proceed to page 146, Local Roads and Streets.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, line 3481 should read \$150,569. 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 that. Any discussion on that? No discussion, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3481	Traffic Department	150,569.00
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**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

### **LEGAL AID**

President Wortman: Now then proceed to Legal Aid, page 116.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I would move that all salary lines, FICA, PERF and insurance would be set in at our September 1st meeting. Skip down to page 117 line 3371 Computer Hardware \$8,785. Near the bottom, line 3700 \$1,000; 3730 \$2,000; 4210 zero. 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, Mrs. Smith. Anybody got any discussion on this? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3371	Computer Hardware	8,785.00
3700	Dues & Subscriptions	1,000.00
3730	Continuing Education	2,000.00
4210	Office Furniture	-0-

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**LEGAL AID - UNITED WAY<sup>2</sup>**

President Wortman: Now we'll turn to page 185, United Way Legal Aid.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move that all salary lines and FICA will be set in at our September 1st meeting. All other items 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. Any discussion? No discussion, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

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<sup>2</sup>Reopened on page 50

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***CIRCUIT COURT***

President Wortman: Now we'll direct our attention to Circuit Court, page 90.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, line 1200-1360 zero; line 1260-1360 zero; line 1300-1360 zero, yeah, that's it on salaries. All other salary lines, FICA, PERF, insurance will be approved in our September 1st meeting. Let's skip down to -- we'll take it all in one. Skip down to line 2600, it should be set in at \$11,000. Page 93, 3944 \$45,000 and line 4220 \$3,000. All other budget items as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Second, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman.

President Wortman: Yes, ma'am.

Councilmember Smith: I think when the judge was here he said by state law that they did need another public defender and I guess you're aware that Circuit Court judge could mandate that he has one and before this is over I would like for us to give him that public defender because he needs it. That was the line item 1200-1360.

Councilman Bassemier: I would like to work on that, too, in the near future.

Councilmember Smith: That office is growing and growing and growing and he needs that. He could mandate it, so I would hate to see him do that when we could very well give it to him because he agreed to cut some out of the budget if we would give him that public defender and that public defender will probably only cost us \$14,000 if we do that.

President Wortman: That's right.

Councilmember Smith: I know that we have got a freeze on employees, but sometimes it is necessary.

President Wortman: Alright, let's go today and tomorrow and just see where we are at and then we can kind of make a judgement call after that.

Councilmember Hoy: Just a short comment on that. The Commissioners have set a process on changing the public defender's setup or whatever they call that and should that occur that would provide -- we would have some state funds coming back and it looks like they would put that in motion and we're not sure how long that will take. It may move fairly rapidly and if it does then that would help cover this.

Councilmember Smith: But if it doesn't--

Councilmember Hoy: Well, we could add it then. That's a position we could add if it doesn't cover it, but I think--

Councilman Bassemier: Jim.

Councilmember Hoy: --we might want to be cautious in adding it since that process has been -- it was a unanimous vote by the Commissioners. I was there. So if that goes down the road at a fairly fast speed, then, you know, we may not need to address this and we would still have time to address this if that doesn't happen, so I think we're going to be okay.

Councilman Bassemier: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilman Bassemier: Jim, on page 91 did you read that Law Clerk 1620-1360, did you read that one in at \$34,974?

Councilmember Raben: No, that's a correction that would be made in September.

Councilman Bassemier: In September? Okay.

Councilmember Raben: That pertains to a salary line. I would certainly like to echo what Councilman Hoy was saying. I think we really need to give them their opportunity to let their process run its course. We can look at this should it not work.

Councilmember Smith: If it isn't in place by September then I think we need to think about it before we finalize the budget.

Councilmember Raben: I don't think it will happen quite that fast.

Councilmember Smith: Well, then we could give him the public defender and it would still go in that pool if that came about.

Councilmember Hoy: They really have until the first of the year since this position wouldn't take place until the first of the year and I have a notion that they will have that -- I don't think they'll have it ready by September, but if they have that ready by the end of the year then this will be taken care of and if it's not we can take care of it in the December or January meeting.

President Wortman: January. I think that's a possibility, too. Okay, any other discussion on that? Okay, call the roll please. We've got a motion and a second.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1200-1360	Public Defender	-0-
1260-1360	Probation Officer	-0-
1300-1360	Court Reporter	-0-
2600	Office Supplies	11,000.00
3944	Special Reporter	45,000.00
4220	Office Machines	3,000.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Now we'll direct our attention to--

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President.

President Wortman: --Community Corrections, page 94.

### **LEGAL AID - UNITED WAY**

Councilmember Raben: Before we go there it was brought to my attention I did overlook one item back on page 186. The line number is 3990. It should have been set in at \$1,370. According to our joint city/county meeting that was the corrected figure, so I would actually like to make a motion that we reopen the Legal Aid United Way budget on page 186.

President Wortman: Okay, do have a second to the reopening of that? Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Second, okay. All the members in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Alright, now proceed, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, my motion would read on page 186, Legal Aid United Way, line 3990 be set in at \$1,370. All other items as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Jeff Ahlers: That's an increase isn't it?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Councilmember Raben: This is an increase which will take six.

President Wortman: I've got a motion on the floor. Who seconded it?

Jeff Ahlers: Betty.



President Wortman: Betty, did you second it?

Jeff Ahlers: Why are we increasing it?

President Wortman: Did you? Okay, fine. Any discussion on this? The secretary has got it all written down. Okay, that is an increase and it will take six votes.

Jeff Ahlers: Six.

President Wortman: Six votes, okay. Call the roll please.

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3990	Miscellaneous	1,370.00
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**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

### **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

President Wortman: Okay, now we'll go to Community Corrections, page 94.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, turn to page 96. Line 1800-1361 \$13,000; 1850 \$40,000; line 1980 \$4,000. All other salary lines, FICA, PERF, insurance will be set in at our September 1st meeting and I make that in the form of a motion.

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

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion? Now, did you take the whole thing, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: No, I just did salaries.

President Wortman: Down to 1990, is that correct?

Councilmember Raben: Correct.

President Wortman: To 1990, Betty.

Councilmember Smith: How much did you set 1990 in for?

Councilmember Raben: There is not a request in 1990.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, you said down to 1990 because I didn't catch that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. Now, I've got a motion and a second. Any more discussion? Proceed with the roll call on this.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1800-1361	Shift Differential	13,000.00
1850	Union Overtime	40,000.00
1980	Other Pay	4,000.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Now proceed, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, line 2210 \$8,000; 2260 \$180,000; line 2600 \$3,500; line 2750 \$15,000; line 3200 \$55,000; line 3310 \$6,000. Page 98, line 4210 zero; line 4250 \$5,600; line 4352 \$18,000. 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: Got a second, Mrs. Smith. Any discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, sir. A couple of things I would like to have in the record. I will vote yes on this, but I feel with the changes that we made with the Sheriff taking charge of this that as a Council we should ask for detailed expenditures from the Jobs Program Incorporated. Since the county purchases supplies and other items for that program we have a right to know how that is spent. We currently do not get that reporting. Secondly, I would like to see this Council overture the Sheriff that all persons who work in either program be covered by county policies so there is consistency and uniformity. Thirdly, I would like to see us have a report on the funds collected by the Jobs Program Incorporated to this Council similar to the kind of reports that we have on the commissary, so that we know how those funds are expended. The fourth thing I would like to see with the new administration is changing the cash policy so that people can pay by either check or money order, you know, or something of that nature so that there is a paper trail. They are handling probably \$900,000 a year by their own admission and I think we're the body that all of that -- we should receive the accountability on all of those things since we are the financial arm of this county. Those are simply recommendations. You don't have to do anything on them today, but I wanted to read them into the record so that we do give them consideration.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Hoy. Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: I just had a question. Jobs Program Inc., that's a private corporation, is it not? So you're asking if there are county employees that work for that corporation that you would like to see the information on that?

Councilmember Hoy: What I am saying is we fund some of that budget for Jobs Inc. and I think we're at a point where we need consistency on this whole operation and since we're in a time of change this is a good time to ask for it. The man to ask is the Sheriff.

President Wortman: Okay, everybody understand Mr. Hoy's recommendations? There was four of them and it was well taken. Alright, any more discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

2210	Gas & Oil	8,000.00
2260	Food	180,000.00
2600	Office Supplies	3,500.00
2750	Work Release Supplies	15,000.00
3200	Utilities	55,000.00
3310	Training	6,000.00
4210	Office Furniture	-0-
4250	Miscellaneous Equipment	5,600.00
4352	Maintenance & Repair	18,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**CIRCUIT COURT MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER**

President Wortman: Circuit Court Misdemeanor Offender, page 172.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I would move that this Extra Help be approved as submitted. All other salary lines, FICA, PERF, insurance will be addressed at our September 1st meeting. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Second, Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? No discussion, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION***

President Wortman: Now we'll direct our attention to page 165, Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, line 1800-2600 be set in at \$5,000. All salary lines, FICA, PERF, insurance will be adjusted at our September 1st meeting. 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 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: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1800-2600	Shift Differential	5,000.00
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**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Okay, if there was no other--

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I was going to -- today's cut should amount to \$311,271.

President Wortman: Would you repeat that please?

Councilmember Raben: Out of the General Fund, \$311,271. I'm talking pertaining to the General Fund. Yesterday's cuts were \$701,015.

President Wortman: Okay, if there is no other discussion for this budget process -- Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: I would like to ask the Auditor for some information. I think we started out on the Reassessment Fund, it was \$1.9 million. We've spent some money out of there and I would like to know the expenditures and the balance that we have now. What I can figure is that we're \$203,000 short, but I would like to have the figure on that because I questioned giving GIS \$500,000 out of the Reassessment Fund and they said we're going to have a lot of money, we don't have to worry about it. But if we're short right now in that fund that supposedly hasn't been spent yet and we need to take a look at it because the money was set aside for Reassessment and that's what it should be spent for, but I would like to have the paperwork on that. Thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mrs. Smith. I think they can come up with that number. If there is no other business to come before this day, the 18th, we'll go to a recess until the 19th, which is tomorrow, at 12:00. We'll see all your smiling faces then, thank you.

**Meeting recessed at 12:45.**

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**BUDGET HEARINGS**  
**AUGUST 19, 1999**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 19th day of August, 1999 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President Curt Wortman at 12:10 p.m.

President Wortman: The Vanderburgh County Council is now in session for this budget process for the third and final day of hearings until we recess September the first, so will the secretary call the attendance roll please?

(Teri Lukeman called roll)

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

President Wortman: Would we all stand and Pledge Allegiance, please?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

**COUNTY CORONER**

President Wortman: Okay, before we get into...the two-day session, we've cut...that don't include today, \$1,033,249. So, what we have to do today is almost \$1,000,000, if possible, if not, we'll have to...I'm assuming, the Council might have to go into the Patient Inmate care, which is not a pay right away deal, it's the only account to worry about, but it has to be paid of course, but there's a lot of times that we've delayed on it through the years and they don't penalize, that's the way I understand it. With that in mind, I guess we'll start in right away and we've been making pretty good time and everybody has been very cooperative so we'll start off with page 31, the County Coroner.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'll move that all salary lines, FICA, PERF, and insurance will be set in at our September the first meeting. Turn to page 33, line 3650 Autopsies, be set in at 110,000. All other lines as they are listed and I make that in a form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: I've got a second, two seconds over there, so it must be a pretty good shot, so that's fine. Is there any discussion on that? 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3650	Autopsies	110,000.00
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**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Thank you Mr. Buickel. I appreciate your short visit.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

President Wortman: Yes, ma'am?

Councilmember Smith: I had already talked to Dennis about it and he said he could live without that right now in case something comes up later, he may have to come back. So, that was the reason I was so fast to second his motion.

President Wortman: Right, that's fine. If people are really careful, you won't have as many autopsies.

Dennis Buickel: I know, I know. If they quit dying on me. Thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you, I appreciate it.

### **WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

President Wortman: The next on the agenda is Weights and Measures, page 86.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President. The Director has decided to work for free on this account, so...Mr. President, I'll move that all salary lines, FICA, PERF, and insurance be set in at our September the first meeting. All other lines as they are submitted, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: I got a motion and 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Thank you, Mrs. Townsend, I appreciate your short visit.

Loretta Townsend: Thank you.

***TREASURER***

President Wortman: Now then, the County Treasurer, page 10.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I move that all salary lines, FICA, PERF, and insurance be set in at our September the first meeting. Account 1990 \$1,000; account 2700 \$4,500; 3310 \$500; and 4220 \$12,000. All other items as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: I got a second from Mrs. Smith. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

President Wortman: Okay, that completes that.

1990	Extra Help	1,000.00
2700	Other Supplies	4,500.00
3310	Training	500.00
4220	Office Machines	12,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**VETERANS ADMINISTRATION**

President Wortman: Next, Veterans Administration, page 78.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move that all salary lines, FICA, PERF, and insurance will be adjusted at our September the first meeting. Line 1990 be set in at \$500; line 3310 \$500. All other lines as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Smith: Did you say line item 1990?

Councilmember Raben: Yes 1990, \$500.

Councilmember Smith: It's \$500, okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, I'm sorry, back on page 11, on the Treasurer. What did you say that Office Machines, 4220 was?

Councilmember Raben: It was \$12,000.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, thanks.

President Wortman: Okay, any more discussion on the Veterans Administration? 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1990	Extra Help	500.00
3310	Training	500.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Okay, that completes that.

***PROSECUTOR***

President Wortman: The Prosecutor, page 34.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, page 35, 1250-1080 zero; 1260-1080 zero; all other salary lines, FICA, PERF and insurance as they are listed. Line 3371 \$16,556; 3372 \$16,000 --

Councilmember Sutton: No, it's \$6,000.

Councilmember Raben: It's \$6,000, I'm sorry. Line 3900 \$20,000 and line 3901 \$25,000. All other lines as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Second, Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion? No discussion. I don't hear none, don't see none. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1250-1080	Part-time Deputy	-0-
1260-1080	Paralegal Secretary	-0-
3371	Computer Hardware	16,556.00
3372	Computer Software	6,000.00
3900	Return of Fugitive	20,000.00
3901	Witness Fees	25,000.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Okay, we'll turn to page 45.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

President Wortman: Yes, ma'am.

Councilmember Smith: I had talked with Stan and he says when we get to the salaries in September, he really needs that Part-time Prosecutor. I hope you all will think about that and consider it, because he said he could get by with some of the rest of it without...but that would really help him.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mrs. Smith.

**PROSECUTOR ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

President Wortman: Okay, now then, Mr. Levco, we've got page 45, and that's the Adult Protective Services.

Stan Levco: Oh, I'm still here, that sounds like me, yeah, okay.

President Wortman: You're not quite as fast as them others yet.

Stan Levco: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President. Line 3994 \$24,831, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I got a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Now this is page 45, the Adult Protective Services. I think there is a question mark on the fourth person there, but nevertheless, if that's the way it is...any discussion on that from anybody?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, there was a...Stan you weren't here. Doug was here. I asked a question about if we were to proportionately even this budget out among the other counties, say by population size, did you...were there...did you have any success coming up with what that would reasonably be for our share?

Stan Levco: Was it \$10,000? Yeah, we've asked all the other counties. They haven't had their budget hearings yet, but it would come up to...if we got it all, about \$10,000. I've talked to a couple of them and they seem to be optimistic. I can't tell you that everyone has promised. One of them did tell me they had a problem with it. Of the one's I've talked with, I'd say the majority felt like they could do it.

Councilmember Sutton: So, \$10,000 total of all of them toward this.

Stan Levco: Right, if they gave us everything, it'll be \$10,000.

President Wortman: It was projected at...we we're going to try and get \$8,000 out the five counties, if it could and of course, that was Warrick, Gibson, Perry, Posey, of course Vanderburgh, and then, Spencer, I think those were the counties involved on that. Okay, 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3994	Special/Matching Grants	24,831.00
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**(Motion Unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Now, we've got to go to page 38. You've got this one and another one, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: Well, let's go to page 41, Mr. President.

President Wortman: Page 41?

***PROSECUTOR FEES-CHECK RECOVERY***

Councilmember Raben: We'll finish these accounts first. Page 41, that's Prosecutor Check Recovery division. All FICA, PERF, and insurance will be adjusted at our September the first meeting. All other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: I got a second. This is self supporting, remember. Okay, alright, 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***PROSECUTOR DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM***

President Wortman: Now then, we'll go to page 38--

Councilmember Raben: Page 42.

President Wortman: Page 42. Well, you want to take the Drug Enforcement Program?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

President Wortman: Okay, that's alright.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, we'll get these accounts out of the way and then we'll go back. We actually skipped over them when we went to 45.

President Wortman: Okay, everybody's got the page turned now to 42?

Councilmember Raben: Line 3994 in the amount of \$118,941, and I make that 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.

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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3994	Special/Matching Grants	118,941.00
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**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Now, we'll go to IV-D, page 38.

Councilmember Raben: We still have page 43, Mr. President. We have 43 and 44 yet.

***PROSECUTOR VICTIMS/WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM***

Councilmember Raben: Page 43, line 3994, in the amount of 15,554.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a motion and a second on Prosecutor IV-D Program.

Councilmember Raben: No, on page 43.

Councilmember Lloyd: Witness Protection.

President Wortman: Wait a minute now, let's not get messed up here. Page what, 43?

Councilmember Smith: It's 43.

Councilmember Raben: Page 43.

President Wortman: Now, wait a minute. Let's see what happens here. You're getting me mixed up. Page 43, okay, you set that in at \$15,554?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

President Wortman: Okay, that's two employees.

Councilmember Smith: It's 554?

Councilmember Raben: It's \$15,554.

President Wortman: Yeah, okay. Any discussion? I've got a motion and a second. 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 Raben?



Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3994	Special/Matching Grants	15,554.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

***PROSECUTOR STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE***

President Wortman: Okay, now then we'll go to--

Councilmember Raben: Page 44.

President Wortman: --page 44.

Councilmember Raben: Line 3994, as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Second, Mr. Hoy. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***PROSECUTOR IV-D***

President Wortman: Okay, now then, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 38, Prosecutor IV-D account. Line 1260-1081, line 1270-1081, line 1280-1081, line 1290-1081, line 1300-1081, 1310-1081, and 1320-1081, zero. Line 1990 zero. All other salary lines will be set in and adjusted at our September the first meeting. Turn to...at our September the first meeting, what did I say? All other lines as they appear and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Got a second? Anybody got a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Let's have a correction. Repeat that Mr. Raben, would you?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, again on page 38, line 1260-1081 through 1320-1081, zero.

Councilmember Sutton: 1260?

Councilmember Raben: Through 1320-1081, zero.

President Wortman: That's the Enforcement Officers, there's six of them.

Councilmember Sutton: 1260 is an existing position.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, excuse me. It's 1270-1081, through 1320-1081, zero.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Go back...1990, I had stated earlier in my motion, zero, but that was a note that I had should we grant any of the other ones. Leave that in at \$5,000. All other items as they are listed, and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Okay, now we got a motion. Have we got a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Alright, any more discussion on that?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes, sir, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: In light of the backlog of cases and they keep adding more cases, standing right where we are, maybe six might be too many, but I guess I was thinking at least two or three positions on that Enforcement Officer situation, because it's...we're just creating, really, a pretty bad situation...well it's already a bad situation. I just can't see how we would not, you know, in light of where we are, I can't see why we would not give some consideration on those Enforcement Officer positions. That's pretty crucial and you've got a lot of people in this county depending upon the services that we provide in that particular area. We had a pretty lengthy discussion last week about the importance of this and I don't want to rehash that, but I just want to reemphasize the importance of that, and just hope that we can go back in September and give some additional thought to that. I know we're cutting it close to our freeze level and we want to try to stay within that, but I say, just...I think we should give some additional thought on at least two to three of these positions,

on this Enforcement Officer.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton, you're right on target, I think that's true. Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: In the Child Support Division, there's an awful lot of women out there and some men that receive child support, and without the help of the Prosecutor's Office, when I was County Clerk, we worked closely together, and we got a lot of money for the children, and I think it's necessary. So, in September, let's think about putting a couple of them in there. I know we have a freeze on employees, but sometimes it's an emergency, and I think that's one of them.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you Mrs. Smith. Anybody else got any discussion? Call the roll please.

Councilmember Hoy: I concur with what's been said. I want us to look at it again.

President Wortman: Thank you Mr. Hoy. Anybody else? Call the roll please now, finally.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I'm going to vote no because I do not think we ought to cut out all six of them, maybe three, but not six.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: We're going to look at it after this is all put in, so I'm going to vote yes for now, but I'm sure we're going to go back and probably give two. We're going to have to look over this budget. I'm going to vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I will echo what Councilman Bassemier said. I want to see us put some of these back in, and I think we could do it in September. I'll go ahead and vote yes today to move this on.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to vote yes, and I'm going to add that there are roughly 56 employees in the Prosecutors Office. Although they may be positioned in individual budgets, I'm sure they all kind of cross over and do one an others jobs. So, I think with the manpower that's in place, I can't see that the County needs to add any additional employees. My vote is yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes, I'm going to do the same thing, echo, Mr. Bassemier and Mr. Hoy, and Betty Knight, and Royce, that's going to have to be considered, definitely at the September meeting. I will vote yes, as I said.

1270-1081	Enforcement Officer	-0-
1280-1081	Enforcement Officer	-0-

1290-1081	Enforcement Officer	-0-
1300-1081	Enforcement Officer	-0-
1310-1081	Enforcement Officer	-0-
1320-1081	Enforcement Officer	-0-

**(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Smith, Sutton opposed)**

***PROSECUTOR PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION***

President Wortman: Okay, now next on the agenda Prosecutor Pre-Trial Diversion, page 170.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, FICA, PERF, insurance, salary lines will be set in September the first. All other items as they appear, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Levco, and your side kick there, Mr. Brown.

**ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Okay, let's get into the Assessors now. I might make a comment before we get into this and see how everybody thinks about it, Council, and maybe the Assessors too. The Reassessment has had no direction from the state, and in thinking in terms of that, if we wait until September the first, see if they can bring any direction. If not, we will just wait until maybe October or November and then evaluate them and they've got some money now and we don't have no deadline to meet as long as we keep them going and get the money in here so we can all get paid. I think that's the necessary thing. So if that's -- and then think about that. So anyway, we'll take off with the first, the Armstrong Assessor, page 50.

Councilmember Smith: Well, are you saying that we're just not going to check at all on the Reassessment today. That sounds fine till we wait and see what we've got.

Councilmember Raben: There was no deadline on that budget, on setting that budget in place.

President Wortman: Yeah, that a way they can be thinking and see how they go, but the state has got to give them some direction because they don't want to do double. You know, that happened in several townships on the land commission and, you know, they've got to get off their duffs up there and get going. So anyway, let's turn to page 50 and keep her moving.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, before I start, there is going to be some cuts from two or three accounts as we go through these budgets and the reason behind that is there are some fairly large Reassessment budgets in place with ample money in these accounts and then plus what we do for next year. That's why it is reasonable to make the cuts where we make them here. Page 50, all salary lines, FICA, PERF and insurance will be set in September the first; 1990 Extra Help \$1,500; 3130 \$100; all other lines as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1990	Extra Help	1,500.00
3130	Travel/Mileage	100.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR***

President Wortman: Now we'll turn to page 52, Center Township.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, all salary lines, FICA, PERF and insurance will be adjusted September the first. Line 1990 \$2,000; page 53 3130 \$1,000; 3310 \$1,000; all other items as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second, got two seconds as a matter of fact. Okay, 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1990	Extra Help	2,000.00
3130	Travel/Mileage	1,000.00
3310	Training	1,000.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**GERMAN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Now we'll turn to page 55, German Township.

Councilmember Raben: All salary lines FICA, PERF and insurance will be adjusted September the first; line 3130 \$400; all other lines 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 seconded. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3130	Travel/Mileage	400.00
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**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Now the next is Knight Township, 57 page.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Mr. President, line 1195-1130 zero; line 1990 \$7,500; all other salary lines, FICA, PERF and insurance will be adjusted September the first. Turn to page 58, 3130 \$1,500; 3310 \$1,000; 3700 \$600; 4210 zero; and 4220 \$8,000; all other lines as they are 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. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: 4210, what was the amount there?

President Wortman: 4210 is set in at zero.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Wortman: \$8,000 on the 4220. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1195-1130	Second Business Deputy	-0-
1990	Extra Help	7,500.00
3130	Travel/Mileage	1,500.00
3310	Training	1,000.00
3700	Dues & Subscriptions	600.00
4210	Office Furniture	-0-
4220	Office Machines	8,000.00



(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Now we go to Perry Township on the west side, page 60.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, all salary lines, FICA, PERF and insurance will be set in September first; 1990 \$5,000; 3130 \$500; all other lines as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Second Mr. Lloyd. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1990	Extra Help	5,000.00
3130	Travel/Mileage	500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Now we go to the area we are working in here, it's Pigeon Township, page 62.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, all salary lines, FICA, PERF and insurance will be set in September the first. Line 1990 \$6,250; line 3130 \$1,500; line 4210 zero; all other items as they are listed and I'll 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. Any discussion?

Paul Hatfield: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes sir.

Paul Hatfield: Before you vote, on your line item 1990, the request was for \$12,500. You have deemed fit to cut it to \$6,250. Now let me tell you where we are. Right now we have not had anybody that's checking the building permits, tear downs since July first since the person that I had in that job at \$7.00 an hour got a better job upstairs at DMD for almost thirty. Now I've got a backlog now of commercial building permits, residential building permits, and I've got 20 call backs on my desk right now for residential and building permits from January, February and March. Now this is a mistake. Now the \$6,250, because the guy that I hire, I am going to have to pay him \$8.50, you can't hire anybody at \$7.00. And at \$8.50, at \$6,250, that gives me just about eighteen weeks of work. Now, as an analogy here, in '98 in this line item we spent \$17,000 on the same basis that we are working right now. In '99 we've only spent \$3,845 but that's because I haven't had anybody in the spot since the first of July and the guy that's actually earned the \$3,845 was at \$5.15. And I'll tell you what, think about that. So you are going to cut this now in half, \$12,500 to \$6,250, I can't get the job done for that. I can't get the job done for that. Now if you are going to tell me well, when that runs out come back, no, I won't come back. I won't come back. This is -- first of all, when you cut a line item I hope, and I never hear it discussed here, as to why you cut it. What is your reasoning? Just to cut the -- the total amount you're cutting out of this budget is \$9,250. That is a hell of a short bit of money when you are trying to cut a million three. But you know what? It's like the widget factory. If you're not going to put the money in the line to produce the widgets which we're making money on, then you're bottom line goes down. I hope you get my point here. I mean, this is ridiculous. This whole budget is exactly \$100 more than last year. So what -- my point to you is, you're cutting in the wrong spots. I implore you to restore that \$12,500. I need it. I am the one that said cut the furniture out. I don't need any furniture. You're cutting Travel/Mileage, I'll work with that. But I implore you to restore the total amount of \$12,500 in that Extra Help line item. And you know what? I invite any of you to come down and I'll run you through the chairs so you really know what in the world goes on in my office. I haven't seen any of you. But you're cutting my budget. And you don't have a good reason to do it. Not a good one. Now if mine was up \$20,000, yeah, you should ask me a lot of questions. That is not the case here. So I implore you, implore you. I mean after all, we are orphans. That is the way you treat us and we're the money makers. We're your cash cow.

President Wortman: Thank you, Paul. I think --

Councilmember Bassemier: Wait a minute, Paul. Don't leave yet. I got a question mark here. Jim, I think most of us had a question mark here. Would you explain -- he needs an explanation why in your mind that --

Councilmember Raben: That's been across the board with all the Assessor's offices, but I am going to remind you that this month alone you appropriated \$42,000 in Extra Help --

Paul Hatfield: That is a different situation.

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me, I've got the mike.

Paul Hatfield: If you come down, I'll show you.

Councilmember Raben: Paul, I've got the mike. Next year there is a request for over \$100,000 --

Paul Hatfield: That's in Reassessment. That's not in the operating budget.

Councilmember Raben: There is a total appropriation of \$142,000 in Extra Help. I think that office can work with that.

Paul Hatfield: That's what you think but you don't know. I'll tell you this, if the \$6,250 is going to make your million three, you're in trouble already.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I just had a question. On the gentleman in Extra Help, the \$8.50 an hour, is he going to work 40 hours or is he going to work part time?

Paul Hatfield: He's going to work 39.

Councilmember Lloyd: So that's where the 18 weeks come from?

Paul Hatfield: That's exactly right.

Councilmember Lloyd: Would he be also working on Reassessment matters?

Paul Hatfield: No, he would not and that's the point I am trying to make to Mr. Raben. You're talking about two different cages here.

Councilmember Raben: Paul, let me ask you, when a gentleman goes out or a lady or gentleman goes out and inspects for a permit, what does he or she do?

Paul Hatfield: He checks exactly what's been done constructually.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and what else?

Paul Hatfield: Also, he'd check the property reg card to make damn sure it is correct.

Councilmember Raben: And measures, probably?

Paul Hatfield: Excuse me?

Councilmember Raben: And takes measurements?

Paul Hatfield: That's right.

Councilmember Raben: Is that not part of Reassessment?

Paul Hatfield: See, you don't understand how the train runs. We are starting up in Reassessment Monday morning up above Diamond Avenue in what I have designated as P8. Now these things might be all over this township. Now you're trying to tell me how to run my office and I'll say this, if you're going to do that, then let me come to Henderson and let me tell you how to run your tire business.

Councilmember Raben: Paul, I am not saying that at all --

Councilmember Bassemier: We're just asking --

Paul Hatfield: Sure you are.

Councilmember Raben: Maybe I am wrong and the state is wrong because the state says that when you go out to take care of a permit, that does pertain to Reassessment and can fall under that line.

Paul Hatfield: Well, the state doesn't know -- that's horse hockey.

Councilmember Raben: Call for the question.

President Wortman: Okay, I think that is something to consider, he's got to operate or what and that is regular, so anyway, we'll go there and that can be considered at the September meeting. I think we're all aware of that, so let's get to going along with this and then we'll come back. Thank you, Mr. Hatfield. Call for a vote please, well just a minute. We've got the secretary over here having a little discussion. Take your time.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Again, I would hope that we revisit that Extra Help line item in September. I am going to vote yes but I want to see that we take a look at getting that back up to the \$12,500. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes, and I think we will have to revisit that because the gentleman has got to operate and I think that we've got to consider things like this because we can't tie their hands completely, but I know we've got to meet the cuts but I think we've got to be reasonable. Okay. So that passes.

1990	Extra Help	6,250.00
3130	Travel/Mileage	1,500.00
4210	Office Furniture	-0-

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

### **SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Now then we'll jump in to Scott Township out there in the promised land, page 64.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, all FICA, PERF and insurance and salary lines will be set in September the first; line 2600 \$1,500; line 3130 \$400; line 3140 \$900; line 4220 \$750; all other items as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion?

Councilmember Smith: Did you say 4220?

Councilmember Raben: 4220, \$750.

President Wortman: Okay, 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

2600	Office Supplies	1,500.00
3130	Travel/Mileage	400.00
3140	Telephone	900.00
4220	Office Machines	750.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Now we'll go to Union Township, page 66.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, all salary, FICA, PERF and insurance will be set in September the first; line 3310 Training \$250; all other items as they are 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. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3310	Training	250.00
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**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

### **COUNTY ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Now turn to page 46, the County Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President. All salary lines, FICA, PERF and insurance will be set in at our September the first meeting; 1990 Extra Help \$8,000; line 2600 \$3,500; line 3250 \$1,000...excuse me...3310 \$1,000; line 4210 zero; line 4220 \$8,000; all other items as they are 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.

Councilmember Smith: You called off one that I didn't get. Go back, was it 42...?

Councilmember Raben: Do you want me to run back through them?

Councilmember Smith: No, come down from the 3130. Did you have any in that area?

Councilmember Raben: No, nothing in 3130, but in 3310.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, I got it. I have a question about the law books. Why would the County Assessor ask for law books when they get the code books every year that's sent down from the legislative body in Indianapolis? Any change in the code is sent down and the County Assessor gets a copy of those. It might be two books, it might be three, but why are we buying law books for the County Assessor?

President Wortman: Now then, it's discussion we're in and, Mrs. Musgrave, would you answer that question please?

Cheryl Musgrave: Certainly. We refer to those books several times a week. They are not just the changes in the law. They are Burns Statutes and they give the case law that applies to the statutes. We frequently have to go to the law library to get the case law. The law is quite difficult to sometimes grasp, particularly in exemptions. And it's necessary for us to have these in our office, otherwise, we would be walking to the Clerk's office many times a week and that would be remarkably inefficient and would cost more than the \$400 per year it takes to have the books available at our fingertips.

President Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Smith: Well, in 1999, they spent -- or this year it's \$202, and if you buy law books, you buy them one time. I don't understand the \$400. We're trying to cut pennies out and I still do not think that we should buy law books for the County Assessor because we've got a law library across in the Courts Room.

Cheryl Musgrave: We'll probably spend the balance of the fund between now and the end of the year. The books are given annual updates, little packs, little updates that come and you slip them in the back, and those come out periodically, and so that is probably why we haven't finished spending that this year. It just hasn't come --

President Wortman: It's amendments to the books, more or less.

Councilmember Smith: You get those. They send those down to...the County Assessor gets copies of them because I used to deliver them to all the offices that get them. Those come down, any changes.

President Wortman: Do they come down automatic, Mrs. Musgrave, or do you have to pay for them?

Cheryl Musgrave: The books that she's talking about are quite different than these books. Yes, they do have the changes, but if you wanted to look something up you'd have to look in this book, and then in that book, and then in that book. The Burns book, you look in one book and you're sure you've found the statute that's current and that applies.

President Wortman: So we're talking about something different, then?

Cheryl Musgrave: Yeah, it really is different.

President Wortman: I see.

Cheryl Musgrave: I would be happy to educate Mrs. Smith about that if you would like.

Councilmember Smith: I don't think it's necessary.

President Wortman: Okay. Alright, we'll check in between now and September the first and maybe have a good answer for Mrs. Smith. Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I've got a question. It looks -- I mean, based on what we have spent in this line item, those books have been there for several years, is that correct?

Cheryl Musgrave: Yes.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? Call the roll please.

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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1990	Extra Help	8,000.00
2600	Office Supplies	3,500.00
3310	Training	1,000.00
4210	Office Furniture	-0-
4220	Office Machines	8,000.00

**(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Smith opposed)**

President Wortman: Now we'll turn to page 49 -- and we're going to change tapes.

***PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS***

President Wortman: Okay, now we'll turn to page 49, Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, line 1180-1091 \$7,800; line 1990 \$3,280; 4210 zero; and all other items as they are listed and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a motion and 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?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1180-1091	Per Diem	7,800.00
1990	Extra Help	3,280.00
4210	Office Furniture	-0-

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**911 EMERGENCY SERVICE**

President Wortman: Page 176, 911 Emergency Service.

Councilmember Raben: I move approval of this budget as listed.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and a second. Any discussion? Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

President Wortman: Page 174, 176. I'm sorry.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: What page are we on?

Councilmember Raben: One seven six.

Councilmember Smith: He said 151.

Councilmember Lloyd: No, he's turned to page 176.

President Wortman: Emergency Service fund, page 176.

Councilmember Hoy: We have a motion and a second for passage.

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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION***

President Wortman: Okay, got that done. Now then, we'll go to page 174.

Councilmember Raben: I move approval of this budget as listed.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, got a motion and 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?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY***

President Wortman: Now we'll turn to page 175, Local Drug Free Community.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of this budget as listed.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and a second. Any discussion? Call the roll, please, when you get time.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes. I didn't hear her. It doesn't come through there.

Teri Lukeman: Sorry. Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***RIVERBOAT***

President Wortman: Now then we've got page 80. Have we got a County Commissioner or anybody present? Sandie went to find one of them. Let's skip down to 121, the Riverboat.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of this budget as listed.

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

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: 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?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**COUNTY COUNCIL**

President Wortman: Let's go on and do County Council, page 119.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, all salaries, FICA, PERF and insurance will be set in September first, all other lines as they appear and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Got a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion? All those in favor... 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

President Wortman: Now then we go to page 80, County Commissioners.

Councilmember Raben: Okay Mr. President, line 1140-1300 zero. Move down to Extra Help and insert line 1990 Extra Help in the amount of \$4,396. All other salaries, FICA, PERF and insurance will be set in September first. Line 2600 Office Supplies \$10,000; line 3040 \$8,000; line 3050, and I may elaborate on this just a moment, \$1,000,000. Since this is the last budget of the day, with the cuts that have been put in place with this \$500,000 cut that gets us over the \$2,000,000 mark. If we find that the insurance estimates are significantly higher than necessary in September we may want to take that extra and put it back on this line knowing that this line is going to be significantly under budgeted. Let's turn to page 82. Line 3100 should read \$122,430; line 3210 Emergency Management \$76,711. On page 83 line 3490 \$23,000; line 3500 \$29,819. Page 84, line 3750 Purchasing Department \$81,024; line 3850 Building Commission \$328,064. At the top of page 85, 3890 \$606,806. All other lines as they are listed and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: And I got a second. Jim, on page 82 at the bottom 3310 Training, did you do anything with that?

Councilmember Raben: Yes sir, I did. I thought I called that out, \$500.

President Wortman: That would be added to your motion?

Councilmember Raben: I'll amend my motion to include 3310 \$500.

President Wortman: Agree with that, Mr. Hoy? You'll go along with that. Any other discussion? No discussion, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Not you yet. One thing we talked about last week and I hope we don't forget, I know, Commissioner Jerrell, you mentioned they are pursuing some options and that is that line item 3330 there might be some reduction there. That's the record storage item that's on page 83. So there might be some costs savings there. Perhaps maybe by September we may have some additional word on what those numbers are. Yes.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1140-1300	Administrative Asst.	-0-
1990	Extra Help	4,396.00
2600	Office Supplies	10,000.00
3040	Soil & Water	8,000.00
3050	Patient/Inmate Care	1,000,000.00
3100	Animal Control	122,430.00
3210	Emergency Management	76,711.00
3310	Training	500.00
3490	YMCA	23,000.00
3500	Human Relations	29,819.00
3750	Purchasing Department	81,024.00
3850	Building Commission	328,064.00
3890	Central Dispatch	606,806.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Do you have a question, Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: In regards to what he just said, Bettye told me that they have a place they think. So she couldn't tell me exactly where it was or what about it, but she said there would be a change in that record storage.

**CCD FUND**

President Wortman: Now we'll go to page 134, the CCD Fund.

Councilmember Raben: Okay Mr. President, I'll move approval of this budget as it appears.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**DRAINAGE BOARD**

President Wortman: Now turn your books to page 77, Drainage Board.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, all salary, FICA, PERF and insurance will be set in at the September first meeting, line 2600 as it appears and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Okay, that completes that in record time, we're beating ourselves pretty good. So, I will recess the meeting unless there's --

Councilmember Hoy: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes sir.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a resolution I'd like to present if I may.

President Wortman: Okay, continue Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: If you'll pass those around.

President Wortman: If you'll recall yesterday Mr. Hoy had four resolutions or points to bring in this. So this is a copy so you'll have it for your records. He put it on record and this here you'll have. He'll read it and we'll go from there.

Councilmember Hoy: I'd like to move that we overture the County Commissioners and Sheriff Ellsworth, one, that the County Council would like a detailed report from the Jobs Program Incorporated since the county budget includes this program in its annual budget for supplies and perhaps some other things. Two, the County Council feels that all employees of Vanderburgh County Community Corrections Program should be covered by the Job Study guidelines set forth by the county. Three, all funds collected and expended by the Jobs Program Incorporated should be reported to the County Council. Four, I understand this may be in effect, Mr. President, but I'm not sure, payments by



participants in the Vanderburgh County Community Corrections Program should be made by check or by money order and not by cash.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd like to second that.

President Wortman: There's a motion and a second. Any discussion on that? If not, seven Councilmembers raise your hand if your in favor of it. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Thank you. Danke schoen on that one. Okay, any other business come before us? No, so we're going to recess the meeting until September first at 12:00. We have a County Council meeting, you know, and then the 25th we have a Personnel and Finance Meeting. Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I just have a statement to make. Mr. Diescher has sat there for six days and hasn't said one word at \$800 a day. Now, from now on I don't think that the county, the taxpayers, should pay \$800 a day for a person to sit there because if we've got a question then we could direct it to him in his office. I think if you take a look at that we're cutting out \$6,000 for a needed part-time help, but yet we're giving him \$4,800 to sit here six days and say not one word. I have a problem with it and I think you might, you all -- I know that I am only one, but I think you all ought to take a look at it and I think the taxpayers and the City of Evansville will agree with me.

President Wortman: Okay, I'm going to remind the Council prior to the Personnel and Finance meeting there will be a special meeting which you'll get notified in your packet on this resolution from the Treasurer, if I'm correct. Is that correct?

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, I'd like to say something in Tim's defense, he's over there. I was going to say he sat through the first three meetings and there might be -- I'm not saying this time we might not needed him or he didn't have to say anything, but I know he talks with Sandie afterwards and they go through numbers even though it's not brought up on the floor. But he is being really helpful there and just because he hasn't said anything it's not that he's not working on this budget after these meetings also. So, you know, if he can hear it direct sometimes that's the best source. I'm not saying it sounds like we don't need him, but believe me he's there in the background, he's there with us.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you Mr. Bassemier. Okay, no other business to come before this? We're going to recess until September the first.

**Meeting recessed at 1:05.**

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Curt Wortman

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING INVESTMENT OF  
PUBLIC FUNDS IN MONEY MARKET MUTUAL FUNDS  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 25, 1999**

The Vanderburgh County Council held a special meeting on the 25th day of August, 1999 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:25 p.m. by County Council President Curt Wortman.

President Wortman: The Vanderburgh County Council is now in session for the special meeting August 25th at 3:15, a little late, 3:25. All Councilmembers have a highlighted copy of the ordinance being considered. The public hearing for this ordinance will be held September 1st which is next Wednesday at our regular County Council meeting. The Treasurer should be present for any questions. Now this is the first reading today and next will be the final reading, September 1st. So I will open the meeting with attendance on the roll call please, Madam Secretary.

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

(Councilmember Sutton arrived shortly after roll call)

President Wortman: Okay, would everybody stand and pledge allegiance to the flag please?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS IN MONEY MARKET MUTUAL FUNDS</b></p>
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President Wortman: Okay, the business here now is the ordinance authorizing and approving the investment of public funds in money market mutual funds. This is a first reading and I'll entertain a motion and a second and then we'll have discussion because the County Treasurer is here.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved for passage.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy makes a motion and Mr. Lloyd seconded it. Any discussion? Mrs. Jayne Berry-Bland, would you step forward please with your name and where you are from.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Jayne Berry-Bland, Vanderburgh County Treasurer. I apologize for being late. I was told 3:15 but I thought they misunderstood. There has been a little bit of mixup on this, I think. I think today was just the first reading and I think the questions, hopefully, will come next week. I have made arrangements for a professional person from a bank to come and explain plus answer any questions next week, so I am hoping that it

can be held off as far as questions. But the basic idea of this is to earn the county more interest, of course. And what it is, it's strictly backed by the government, which I think you all are aware that that's the only way we can do investments. It just gives me a little more room to make investments not knowing when we are going to need the money. In other words, if I make an investment for 30 days but we need the money in ten days, they won't penalize me. I will still draw the interest on however many days I had that money sitting there.

President Wortman: Yeah, if the way I read it and understand it, you can only invest 50 percent of your holdings that's available to invest and say, normally what is a figure would you throw out say, are we talking \$10,000,000 or \$5,000,000?

Jayne Berry-Bland: Not at all nearly that much, Mr. Wortman. Most of the time, I try to keep as much invested, I think you can see on my investment reports, I do try to give us some leeway anywhere between \$100,000 to \$400,000 that I have sitting there in the bank and we certainly would want to draw more like five percent than the two and a half that we're drawing now on it.

President Wortman: You're only drawing two and a half?

Jayne Berry-Bland: Yeah. It's a sweep account. It's under our cash management contract and prior to this cash management, we drew absolutely zero. So governments, they always treat us differently it seems like on everything we go to do. And the banking industry, what had happened all these years were, we would get free accounts but we never drew any interest on the money sitting there. Well, you well know that the Auditor may write checks on Friday but they actually may not be mailed or even sent out until maybe the following Monday that they all would get mailed, so it kind of gives that leeway that we don't have to have all that money sitting there in the bank waiting for payments to be made. We can go ahead and invest it and if we run short or something big would come up that we need to pay, we can pull that money out and get it and not lose any of the interest.

President Wortman: Yeah, that gives you flexibility and you won't be penalized. Now how much guarantee or risk, whatever words you want to use, is there when investing in a money market mutual fund, which is not the stock market type thing.

Jayne Berry-Bland: I am glad you pointed that out. There is absolutely no risk. Any time you're dealing with government funds, it has to be backed by the U. S. Government. So the only mutual funds that we actually are going to be able to invest in are something that you may be familiar with, it's something like a Fannie Mae, some of those types of things that are strictly backed by the government. There is zero risk in these types of investments.

President Wortman: Okay, now the state legislators passed this law, is that correct?

Jayne Berry-Bland: Yes, and what it means is, all 92 counties are going to be able to pool their money together and get a better interest rate because the amount is going to be so much more than individual counties trying to invest their money, that we should be able to get a better interest rate also on that money.

President Wortman: Now, would you do purchases more so twice a year after you receive tax money, is that very apt to happen more so than any other time of year?

Jayne Berry-Bland: Well, it's -- in the law, I think they've kind of avoided during the heavy tax time, they're not going to hold me to that 50 percent. But honestly, I think more, I would probably invest in more throughout the year than right at that time because I normally take that money every day and so something with it when we're collecting in our heavy season.

President Wortman: And you anticipate possibly five percent, maybe? Is that a possibility?

Jayne Berry-Bland: I would think so.

President Wortman: Would you go through a bank broker?

Jayne Berry-Bland: Something is better -- you know, an increase is -- something is better than nothing. And you know, until we do this for about a year, it's really difficult to estimate what revenues this is going to generate in addition to what we already do.

President Wortman: How would you go about this now? Are you going to go through a broker in a bank or how are you going to --

Jayne Berry-Bland: We do have to go through a bank because our county is one of only a handful that is involved in a cash management system with the bank, so we will be dealing with a bank.

President Wortman: Okay, fine. Now anybody else got any questions? Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Was this law effective this year?

Jayne Berry-Bland: Yes sir.

Councilmember Lloyd: And then what you're mainly talking about is like cash on hand that is very short term because you would probably invest some of this money in like longer term?

Jayne Berry-Bland: Exactly, and the Auditor's Office tries to keep me very well informed on the particular funds. It primarily would be General Fund money because most of the other funds, we try to keep a pretty good handle on and talk to the parties that are involved and invest it accordingly to how we think the payout is going to go, especially on the larger projects like the Burkhardt construction.

Councilmember Lloyd: Right.

Jayne Berry-Bland: We have done that over almost like a year two period. The investments just kind of keep coming in at different times, anticipating payments, and sometimes we haven't had to pay, so I take that money and just reinvest it back. So on the actual funds we try to keep a pretty close hand on those. It would be more the General Fund money that we're not quite sure from week to week what is going to go out.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

President Wortman: Let me ask you this -- would bridge money, Local Roads & Streets, all that, it takes effect, too?

Jayne Berry-Bland: Yes. Any of it can be invested this way. If I have \$100,000 sitting in bridge money, we don't have to leave that sitting there in bridge money. We can invest it for 20 days or 30 days or whatever we think it will be before we have to make another payment. And it will mean probably a lot of work as far as keeping in touch with everyone and trying to keep the money invested just every day that we possibly can.

President Wortman: That's fine. You'll have a full time job here maybe. Okay, anybody else?

Councilmember Lloyd: So you had indicated right now that this money is like in a sweep account where the bank sweeps it out and you're getting about two and a half percent?

Jayne Berry-Bland: Yes, it's pretty minimal.

Councilmember Lloyd: Yeah, one thing, talking about these money market funds, they'll offer higher rates, maybe the banks will look at giving you a better rate, too, to keep the money.

Jayne Berry-Bland: I know the last time I spoke up here, I think, in regards to this I made some comment about yes, I hope the interest rates go up and everybody is going, oh my goodness! I am one of the few, but simply for the county, because we have dealt the last couple of years with a pretty low interest rate. So I think anything that we can do to make a few more dollars, we need to look at. So we have been trying to get this law passed, the Treasurers' Association, for several years, and it took a while because the local banks are afraid that it's going to take business away from them. Well, certainly we do want to do business with our local banks, but we also want to look out for the county and if we can make more money elsewhere doing it some other way, then that's what we want to do. But I do still have to do these investments with the designated depositories that are set by the state of Indiana.

Councilmember Lloyd: So the state has to approve the depository?

Jayne Berry-Bland: And they already have. They approve those depositories once a year.

President Wortman: Yeah, I can recall, I think, 15 years ago where interest rates was getting the Treasurer 15 percent, I believe. One time I believe it was 17, if I recall. And I wanted to put everything in there, but they didn't want to.

Jayne Berry-Bland: That's right.

Councilmember Lloyd: Well, and I talked to a banker today, and they said rates are going up or the Federal Reserve raised one of their rates yesterday, so yeah, you may be getting a better return here shortly.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Right, we've already seen that one improvement where they just raised them recently, so we are getting a little over five percent now on our investments.

President Wortman: Any other Councilmen have any questions?

Councilmember Lloyd: I can just offer a comment. Reading the law, they limit it to they have to be rated AAA or better which pretty well is very safe and if you recall, Orange County, California was the one that got into a tremendous amount of problems because they were investing in really junk bond stuff and it ended up costing the county millions of dollars.

Jayne Berry-Bland: We also had a Treasurer here in Indiana that did the same thing a couple of years ago.

Councilmember Lloyd: So I think it looks like the law was written to try to avoid that kind of a problem.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Right.

President Wortman: Okay, well, our local banker is here now. Mr. Sutton, would you have any questions for our Treasurer about investments here on the money market mutual fund?

Jayne Berry-Bland: I did explain that I will have a banking person that actually deals with this on a day to day basis and is very familiar with this law to be here for the second reading and when you really ask probably the more detailed questions and I am sure that they will be able to answer questions much better than myself.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, because I am running behind it wouldn't be fair for me to ask a litany of questions. I will get with her since we aren't taking final action today. So I will get a chance to talk with you, Jayne.

President Wortman: Yeah, the final reading, hearing, will be next Wednesday at the regular

Council meeting, see. And this is just a preliminary. Remember, we postponed it last month because she was told she could go on vacation, see.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Well, and I was told that it would just be the first reading and I didn't need to be here. So there was some kind of a miscommunication and I apologize very much for that.

President Wortman: You was told that. Okay, if there isn't any other discussion, why I think we will excuse you --

Jayne Berry-Bland: Thank you.

President Wortman: Let's see, I guess we'd better call for a vote, that's right. Almost forgot that, so call the roll please, all those in favor of this ordinance authorizing approval of the investment of public funds in money market mutual funds.

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 Raben?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes...Councilmember Lloyd. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. If there's no other business on this short meeting, I am going to adjourn this meeting and we'll start in to the next meeting. Meeting is adjourned.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:37 pm.**

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Curt Wortman

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Vice President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith



VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 1, 1999

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 1st day of September in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:37 p.m. by County Council President Curt Wortman.

President Wortman: Okay, the Vanderburgh County Council is now in session this September 1st at 3:30 past a few minutes. Would the Sheriff please open the meeting?

Meeting opened by Sheriff Ellsworth.

President Wortman: Okay, let’s have a roll call please.

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

\* Councilmember Sutton arrived at 3:51 p.m.

President Wortman: Okay, now then we’ll all stand and pledge allegiance to the flag.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Wortman: Before we get into the approval, the next number four, we have an announcement from our County Attorney in reference to the budget process that just ended a few minutes ago.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I made a call while we were on our break to the State Board of Accounts and I talked to both Tom Simpson and Bruce Hartman in reference to the vote taken on page 45, Prosecutor Adult Protective Services. On that vote on the motion to increase that line item back to \$33,104; after a final vote had been taken and a salary ordinance passed would then at that time, because it is an increase of salaries, would take five votes. So show that particular motion to...after the motion to reopen was granted, the motion to increase it back failed because it only got four votes instead of five, if you would show that for the budget minutes.

President Wortman: Okay, well that settles that then --

Councilmember Smith: No it doesn’t settle it because I think Jim probably knew that to start with when he asked us to vote so he wouldn’t have to go through the procedure all over again. So, I think that’s exactly the reason that it was done.

Councilmember Raben: Betty, really and truthfully that’s not the case, and --

Councilmember Smith: Then why did you ask us to go ahead and vote before we made the amendment because Royce offered to make the amendment and you wanted to wait?

Councilmember Raben: Betty, but that vote we were taking there did not pertain to the salary or salary ordinance.

Councilmember Smith: The final vote hadn't been given yet.

Councilmember Raben: You were voting on the 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts.

Councilmember Smith: That was still the final vote.

Councilmember Raben: No, I --

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President Wortman: Okay, let's go on to number four, approval of the August 2, 1999 special meeting and August 4th regular meeting. I'll entertain a motion to approve those.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE</b></p>
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**A) PROSECUTOR IV-D**

President Wortman: Now we'll go into the appropriation ordinance. First on the agenda is the Prosecutor IV-D, Extra Help.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of 1081-1990 in the amount of \$3,500.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second, Mrs. Smith. Any discussion on this? Okay, call the vote for approval.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

PROSECUTOR IV-D		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1081-1990	EXTRA HELP	3,500.00	3,500.00
TOTAL		3,500.00	3,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**B) ELECTION OFFICE**

President Wortman: Next on the agenda is the Election Office, Other Supplies.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval in the amount of \$10,540.

President Wortman: Second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion? Call the roll.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1210-2700	OTHER SUPPLIES	10,540.00	10,540.00
TOTAL		10,540.00	10,540.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**C) BURDETTE PARK**

President Wortman: Burdette Park.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of all the Burdette Park requests as they are listed.

President Wortman: And do I have a second to that?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: I've got a second, Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1450-1180-1450	OTHER EMPLOYEES	40,000.00	40,000.00
1450-1900	FICA	3,060.00	3,060.00
1450-4080	POOL IMPROVEMENTS	32,000.00	32,000.00
1450-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	5,000.00	5,000.00
1450-3550	REPAIRS TO BUILDINGS	7,900.00	7,900.00
1450-3590	POOL OPERATION	3,000.00	3,000.00
TOTAL		90,960.00	90,960.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

D) CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

President Wortman: Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation as listed in the amount of \$12,054.

President Wortman: Got 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 Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPP. ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2600-1971	TERMINATION PAY	1,808.00	1,808.00
2600-1900	FICA	138.00	138.00
2600-1910	PERF	108.00	108.00
2600-2720	LAB SUPPLIES	10,000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL		12,054.00	12,054.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

- A) PROSECUTOR
- B) ELECTION OFFICE
- C) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- D) AIRPORT AUTHORITY

President Wortman: Now the transfers please.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, if no one objects, I'll move to approve the new and late transfers as they are listed and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. All those approved. Any discussion on those? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1080-1190-1080	DEPUTY	5,000.00	5,000.00
TO: 1080-1990	EXTRA HELP	5,000.00	5,000.00

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1210-1120-1210	ELECTION ASSTS.	5,000.00	5,000.00
1210-1130	ABSENTEE TEAMS	1,000.00	1,000.00
1210-2280	PRECINCT MEALS	5,655.00	5,655.00
1210-3570	JANITORIAL SVC.	500.00	500.00
1210-1900	FICA	685.00	685.00
1210-3610	LEGAL SERVICES	1,900.00	1,900.00
1210-3600	RENT	700.00	700.00
1210-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	90.00	90.00
1210-3420	LEGAL ADVERTISING	342.00	342.00
1210-1210	BALLOT AIDS	1,270.00	1,270.00
TO: 1210-3410	PRINTING	11,200.00	11,200.00
1210-1170	ELECTION JUDGES	1,600.00	1,600.00
1210-1180	ELECTION CLERK	1,940.00	1,940.00
1210-1170	ELECTION JUDGE	700.00	700.00
1210-2290	ELECTION BRD. MEALS	269.00	269.00
1210-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	118.00	118.00
1210-1910	PERF	45.00	45.00
1210-1160	ELECTION INSPECTORS	1,270.00	1,270.00

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1300-3410	PRINTING	500.00	500.00
1300-3460	CONSULTANT	250.00	250.00
1300-3533	EAP	42.00	42.00
1300-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	324.00	324.00
TO: 1300-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,116.00	1,116.00

AIRPORT AUTHORITY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2140-3230	JUDGEMENT & REFUNDS	5,000.00	5,000.00
TO: 2140-3700	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	3,000.00	3,000.00
2140-2240	MEDICAL	2,000.00	2,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<b>AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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President Wortman: Okay, let’s go to amendments to the salary ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay Mr. President, we have items A, B, C and D. I’ll move approval of the Prosecutor IV-D as previously adopted, the Election Office as previously adopted, Burdette Park as previously adopted, and Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: I’ve got a second. Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
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**A) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS IN MONEY MARKET MUTUAL FUNDS (Second Reading/Public Hearing)**

President Wortman: Now we go into old business, the ordinance authorizing and approving the investment of public funds in money market mutual funds. This is the second and final reading. I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Motion and a second. Any discussion? I don't hear none, I don't see none, call the roll.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**B) CONFIRMING RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3401 N. GREEN RIVER ROAD / WARREN SPURLING**

President Wortman: Now we go into the resolution that was denied due to lack of approval of Warren Spurling's tax abatement request by the County Redevelopment Commission. There's no need for the Vanderburgh County Council to proceed with the public hearing and confirming resolution scheduled for September 1, 1999. I'll entertain a motion, I guess, or we don't have to do anything I guess. No, it just nixes it then.

Councilmember Lloyd: Yeah, by law it does.

President Wortman: Yeah, that's right. Okay, just nix it then.



<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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- A) **RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE TAX ABATEMENT STATEMENT OF BENEFITS FOR TEMME MOLD AND ENGINEERING, INC. AND TEMME INVESTMENTS, LLC.**
- B) **RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE TAX ABATEMENT STATEMENT OF BENEFITS FOR AZTECA MILLING COMPANY**

President Wortman: Alright, now we go into new business and the tax abatement for Temme Mold and Engineering.

Councilmember Hoy: Is Mr. Robling here?

Jeff Ahlers: Did you ever talk to him? I still don't understand what he's doing there. We need to have him here, don't we?

Councilmember Hoy: They're amending the originals and having them meet goals for fewer jobs.

President Wortman: Yeah from like, Temme was 20 to 15 and Azteca was 175 to... what was it, Phil?

Councilmember Hoy: It's down to 140 or... I don't know.

President Wortman: About 135 or something.

Councilmember Hoy: The other thing about Temme was, we had Temme listed twice originally which looked like it was 40 jobs and it was really only 20 combined. That was very confusing.

Councilmember Lloyd: Can we ask, maybe, Mrs. Deig to call him and see if he can come up? Mike Robling.

President Wortman: Yeah, if you don't mind, Mrs. Deig, we'd appreciate it. And we'll go on to...well we've got Azteca next and --

Councilmember Lloyd: That's the same thing.

President Wortman: I don't know, he may not be in town or something, you never know.

Councilmember Hoy: Well basically what they're asking us to do... see they were supposed to hit a certain goal on these jobs and they're not going to hit it, so they're asking us to amend what we approved earlier.

Jeff Ahlers: So they'll never have to hit it.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, and see the thing is, when they come around again for review of these, they won't be reviewed against that first measurement that was set in. They will be reviewed against this amended measurement.

President Wortman: Yeah, they were pretty up front with us on that and admitted to a lot of things that they...technology and --

Councilmember Hoy: Well the thing that bothers me about Azteca is, I was President of the Council then and I can remember walking from the old federal building down to have lunch, and I can't remember the gentleman's name, but it was one of the really big guns with Azteca, and he assured me that they would not only hit 175 jobs, but they'd probably double that and someday have 400 jobs here. Now they are saying 145. That's not on

record anywhere except in my memory over that lunch, but we were promised an awful lot with them that I don't think we're going to get. If you talk to farmers, generally their corn is not bought directly from them. The corn is bought out where they mix the corn because they have to because they have a certain standard on what kind of white corn flour they want. So, some farmers are happy and some aren't.

Councilmember Raben: I'll tell you another important--

President Wortman: I think what it is there, they have to buy it through a mill or broker so they've got a steady flow of corn into the plant.

Councilmember Raben: But to go along with what Councilman Hoy is saying, something else is real important here and this is so much different from Temme or many of the other abatements that have come before us, and that is that with Temme, you know, the only thing the county is out is the actual abatement. Whereas with Azteca, we've got millions of dollars tied up in --

(Inaudible)

Councilmember Raben: -- that's exactly right, in that project. There is a tremendous amount of infrastructure work and whatnot that's been done there. So we have a little more at stake here than we do with the standard abatement. I, like him, you know, I know the question was raised at some point in time during the initial phases of that project, you know, where the corn would be purchased from and oh, we're going to use the local market. And I don't know that that's really taking place.

President Wortman: I might give you a little progress report, they have been building that access road out there from Azteca south to Matrixx down there. Now then we'll proceed with Mr. Robling. Will you step forward? They want to ask some questions about Temme Mold and Die and Azteca, why you're amending it.

Mike Robling: Well when they were here last month they suggested this and it was my recollection that they got a fairly positive reaction to amending their statement of benefits to reflect more accurate job creation goals so that you would not be finding them in noncompliance in the future. They both submitted letters requesting that action take place.

President Wortman: Now, do we have any questions for Mike Robling concerning these two?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Robling, as I understand it then, if these are approved today then the next time we review these two companies we will not be comparing their progress to the initial abatement but to the amended abatement.

Mike Robling: Correct.

Councilmember Hoy: So, it will be a little easier for them to be in compliance.

Mike Robling: Correct.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any questions for Mr. Robling? Okay, if not, I'll entertain a motion to those, A and B, together.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay, this is under new business?

President Wortman: Yeah.

Councilmember Lloyd: I might have a question about the old business. We received a letter from the Redevelopment Commission and that just dies by law, there's nothing else to be done with that, on Spurling?

Mike Robling: You could still take action and confirm the designation, but it would have no real effect.

Councilmember Lloyd: Okay.

President Wortman: Okay, I'll entertain a motion on A and B, Temme and Azteca.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion that we amend those resolutions on the tax abatement statement of benefits as submitted by the companies.

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

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second. Any other discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Let me understand this, they're not obligated to anything after this? I mean--

Mike Robling: They're obligated to maintain these lower levels, if I can find it. They explained it last time. Azteca has reached 145, they may be able to add to that, but they're very unlikely to ever reach 175 because the local workforce is more productive than they had anticipated when they proposed the project.

Councilmember Bassemier: I think they ought to stick to what they agreed to when we appropriated or (inaudible) that money for them. So I am going to vote no on that. I think they ought to stay, stick to their commitments.

President Wortman: Okay, you want to --

Councilmember Hoy: We're still voting, aren't we?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Bassemier said it well. I agree with what he said and I vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion fails 3-3/Councilmembers Bassemier, Hoy and Raben opposed)**

President Wortman: Okay.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, it fails.

President Wortman: Royce is not around.

Jeff Ahlers: Well no, it fails four to two.

President Wortman: Oh, four to two, I'm sorry.

Jeff Ahlers: Right. Did Betty vote yes or no?

Councilmember Hoy: She voted yes.

Councilmember Smith: I voted yes.

Jeff Ahlers: Oh, so it's three to three then. I'm sorry. I need to count better.

President Wortman: Does anybody else want to appear before the Council this day before we adjourn the meeting?

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, on this where they go in front of the Redevelopment Commission in regards to Spurling, I talked to the Governor and his attorney was there with him. I gave them the information of the IC code and all of this and they feel that it isn't right that an appointed board has the final decision and they're supposed to get back with me. So, they're supposed to send me some information. Because if the elected body doesn't have the final decision, why does it come to us to start with? I mean, that's my opinion. If that board is going to pass something and they can vote us down, then they don't need to bring it to us.

Councilmember Hoy: Well they only have that right when there is a TIF zone, Tax Incentive Financing zone. That doesn't apply to the abatements that we've granted out on 41. They don't review those. I believe that's it, isn't it, Mr. President? They only review the ones where you have the TIF zone and somebody asks for abatement inside of the TIF zone, Tax Incentive Financing zone. We have, as a Council, turned down every one of those except Mr. Spurling's that were in that east side TIF zone. So by law they have that authority because that authority was voted to that board. That law would have to be changed for that to happen.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions? There's Mr. Sutton. Okay, we're all squared away on that then. Now then, Mr. Chuck Whobrey, he wants to say a few words here.

Chuck Whobrey: Chuck Whobrey, President of Teamsters Local 215. First, I wanted to make my statements during the previous session. I found it very frustrating sitting there not being able to say anything, but I waited for now. Just a couple of things, you folks are well aware that we have an ongoing problem at the Centre. I just want to say that we've been working trying to head this off for a while and we're going to continue to try and head it off. But what happened today I think, I'm not sure why there was an effort to change the titles, but certainly on one hand you say you're not part of the negotiations, but that was certainly at play, had something to do with our contract negotiations. Really the other thing that I just wanted to go on record is, you folks that have been on Council for a number of years recall, in the last probably two or three years, we've had a couple of times whenever we've had to come back to Council for, one time it was a shift differential that was approved and I think another time possibly longevity pay. I think the first time that happened was about three years ago and Council said at that point that they wanted to be involved in negotiations. They didn't want any, after they had approved the budget, any late surprises. We obviously represent several employees of the county, but one of the groups we represent is the Detention Officers. We used to call them Correction Officers, but now they're Detention Officers in the jail. In an effort to deal with that contract prior to Council negotiations, Council budget hearings I should say, the Sheriff and his Chief Deputy and my negotiating committee and I had some discussions. We did this with the full knowledge of the Commissioners, they were informed that we were going to have these meetings. We came and we had a meeting in late May and we had another meeting in

early June. We explained that what we were attempting to achieve was an upgrade really over a period of years for these Detention Officers because of the great disparity in their wages compared to some other employees, I'll just put it that way. We came to an agreement and the Sheriff felt comfortable enough with that agreement to submit it in his budget. He had certain things he wanted addressed that we weren't particularly crazy about, but in the spirit of compromise and negotiation we came to a tentative agreement. He submitted that to this Council. I don't really know the details, Mrs. Deig could probably tell you better than I, but somehow either she was instructed, or the Sheriff was instructed, or somebody was instructed to take out those upgrades that we had agreed to. Again, Mrs. Deig can explain because I don't really know what happened. All I know is we came to an agreement, the Sheriff felt comfortable with it in submitting it to Council so it would only take four votes and not five, and then somehow he was told or she was told to not submit that amount to Council. We attempted to do things in the right way. What I'm really frustrated with is there seems to be an ongoing effort to undermine any good faith agreements we can come up with. If we're told to involve Council or get it done prior to the budget hearings and we do that, then something goes wrong. I've just experienced that time and time again. It's going on right now with the Centre where since January we've attempted to head off a problem with great frustration. I just simply want to be on record that we're now going to have additional meetings and I assume we'll involve the Commissioners and I hope we'll involve members of Council, but I don't want the Council to say hey Teamsters, or hey Sheriff's Department or whoever, you ought to tell us about this in July or August or whenever we're doing our budget hearings. We attempted to notify you ahead of time. In fact, we did and I told some of you folks individually. I'm just very frustrated and there's an effort, in my opinion, to undermine some good faith negotiations. I'd be happy to answer any questions that you have. If not, that's all I wanted to say.

President Wortman: Anybody got any questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: Chuck, do me a favor. Next time you have a meeting or something give Sandie an invitation in my mailbox for me, would you please?

Chuck Whobrey: We'd be happy to do that.

Councilmember Bassemier: So I'll know it. I'll be more than happy to attend.

Chuck Whobrey: Okay.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: I know with the contract with the Teamsters and the members of the jail, I believe that's signed by the Commissioners, right?

Chuck Whobrey: Yes.

Councilmember Lloyd: But the Sheriff oversees those employees.

Chuck Whobrey: That is correct. And I am not saying that the Commissioners agreed to that. I'm not saying that at all. But we did...I specifically called and the Sheriff would have to speak for himself, but I specifically talked to two Commissioners to find out...because the previous Sheriff would not participate in negotiations. This Sheriff wanted to be a part of those negotiations. I called two Commissioners myself to find out if they had any difficulty and they both said that's how they would prefer it. He's the one that has to administer the contract. We understand and I think the Sheriff understands that the Commissioners sign it and we respect that. The only thing that was being submitted to Council was what Council has jurisdiction over which was the wages. If the Commissioners wanted to agree to something and the Council didn't want to fund it, I understand that on that wage portion you don't have to fund it. What I'm saying is we've attempted to do things in the right way and we keep getting undermined.

Councilmember Lloyd: Yeah, I just remember in previous years the Sheriff didn't want to deal with any contract issues.

Chuck Whobrey: You're a hundred percent right.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else? Mrs. Deig?

Sandie Deig: I would like to respond to what he said. I think both the Sheriff and myself (Parts inaudible because microphone was not on). I did call Commissioner Mourdock because I was told that they were all instructed to meet and (Inaudible). I received an e-mail and a phone call from Commissioner Mourdock (Inaudible). I did pass the e-mail out to Councilmembers, but I just wanted you to know that I did not make a decision on (Inaudible).

Chuck Whobrey: I understand that you didn't make that. All I'm going to say is I spoke with Mourdock, Commissioner Mourdock I should say, and I actually also said I believe the Sheriff is going to be contacting you. But I simply, I didn't ask if he was giving the Sheriff any authority to do anything other than negotiate the contract and I fully recognize that the Commissioners would have to sign on to...changes. But if he denied he got a call from me then... I hope he didn't deny that.

Sandie Deig: Not the call.

President Wortman: Okay.

Brad Ellsworth: My turn. Brad Ellsworth, Sheriff's office. I think most of this occurred in good faith. I did talk to Richard Mourdock briefly and expressed an interest and since I work up in the jail every day that it would make sense that I may have some input into that negotiation, things that I might like to see, some things that the Teamsters and our employees might like to see. He said he wished we would be involved and I think that's a pretty good move since, like I said, my staff and I supervise that everyday. There's some things that we would have liked to see in the contract, some things they wanted. We did call a meeting with our union reps and Mr. Whobrey and met bantered back and forth, what could we live with, what could we not, and came to that agreement. Then in good faith, like I said the first budget we ever prepared, wanting to have those dollars in place in case the Commissioners did ratify that contract that we would have the money in place. I think we acted in good faith. I received a phone call from the County Attorney saying that wasn't exactly the way that we did that. They wouldn't put the money in place first, that the contract would be negotiated first. Therefore, to make my budget smaller, which I love to do, we then pulled that out at the request of the Commissioners. That was our take on it which I think is pretty much in line with what everybody else is saying here. I don't think there's anything trying to be pulled over anybody. It was just a good faith effort on our part to have it in there in case the Commissioners did ratify that.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Ellsworth. Okay, anything else to come before this Council this meeting? If not, I'll entertain a motion of adjournment.

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

President Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: All those in favor say aye. Aye's have it.

**(Meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.)**

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Curt Wortman

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Vice President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Phil Hoy

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Councilmember Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

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VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
FINAL BUDGET HEARING  
SEPTEMBER 1, 1999

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 1st day of September, 1999 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. This meeting was officially opened by President Curt Wortman at 12:00 noon.

President Wortman: The Vanderburgh County Council final 2000 Budget Hearing is in session on September 1, 1999. I would ask that the Sheriff please open the meeting.

(Meeting opened by Sheriff Brad Ellsworth)

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Ellsworth. Could we have attendance and roll call, please?

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

President Wortman: Now would we all stand, the audience and the Council, and pledge allegiance?

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given)

Approval of Minutes

President Wortman: Okay, I would like to have approval or a motion...I'm sorry, approval of the budget minutes for August 10, 11, 12, 17, 18 and 19, 1999. A motion from the floor and approval of the minutes.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion on those? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?



Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, this is a 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 the state what would be the proposed tax rate. Now today the Chair will only recognize Councilmembers, seven of them, until after the Finance Chairman has completed his duties. At this time I am going to ask Councilman Raben, the Finance Chairman, to begin with the Salary Ordinance.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>Resolution regarding School Liaison Officer</b>
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Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President? Mr. President, could I offer something quickly.

President Wortman: What we'll do when Mr. Raben gets started we'll start from the first of the book and go through. Okay, Mr. Lloyd wants to have a statement.

Councilmember Lloyd: I just wanted to make a statement. I have supported the hiring freeze for the county employees and that's something we adopted in January. Having said that, I wanted to offer this resolution that supports the creation and funding of a School Liaison Officer position with the Sheriff's Department. I believe, you know, if we can receive the funding from either the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation or a grant that would provide 80 percent of the funding of that deputy sheriff position that I would like to offer that resolution, you know, for our approval or consideration. I believe that we...you know, we've learned that there are grants or, you know, the School Corporation it was a little late to get that in their budget however in future years we may be able to do that. There are other grant programs through other government agencies that also could help fund this sheriff liaison position. For example, the Department of Justice has a COPS Program, Community Oriented Policy Services, that funds these types of grants and according to the State of Indiana Grant Advisor Office this type of funding is offered this year and will be offered again next year. So anyway, I wanted to offer this resolution to support that for Council's consideration.

Councilmember Smith: I'll second that motion.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded. Any more discussion on what Mr. Lloyd reiterated and then with the resolution, so all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. All seven in support.

Councilmember Lloyd: Thank you, Mr. President.

President Wortman: Yes, thank you, Mr. Lloyd.

<b>Approval of Salary Ordinance</b>
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President Wortman: Now then we'll continue on and we'll go from our budget books and, Mr. Raben, would you proceed please?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, we'll turn to page one. What we'll do is we'll start in the front of the book and we'll move through. There will be a few adjustments called out for some of the 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts, but we'll make all the appropriate salary adjustments and maybe a few along the way, okay.

President Wortman: I was wondering whether we shouldn't approve the salary on each department head and then go back in the 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts...I mean, the 3000 and 4000. Do you want to stay on the--

Councilmember Raben: We can. I mean, that's fine. We can turn back into those pages then, that's fine.

President Wortman: If we go ahead and approve if that's okay with Councilmembers to go through the approval of the budget and the salary ordinance and then we'll come back on the 3000 and 4000 accounts, if that is agreeable to with all Councilmembers. Does that sound satisfactory?

**CLERK**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, turn to page 2. Line 1280-1010 Counter Clerk should read \$19,382; 1320-1010 should read \$21,304; line 1420--

President Wortman: Wait a minute, Jim. Hold up. Kind of go real slow because they've got to record all this stuff.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Line 1320-1010 should read \$21,304; line 1400-1010 \$19,382. At the bottom of page 3, line 1590-1010 \$19,382.

President Wortman: Where was that at now?

Councilmember Raben: 1990-1010 Ticket Clerk.

President Wortman: Okay, 1990, okay.

Councilmember Raben: It's \$19,382. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion on the floor. We've got a second from...who seconded it?

Suzanne Crouch: Phil.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy, okay. Is there any discussion on this, on the County Clerk? Okay, if not call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1280-1010	Counter Clerk	19,382.00
1320-1010	Counter Clerk	21,304.00
1400-1010	Minute Clerk	19,382.00
1590-1010	Ticket Clerk Misd/Traffic	19,382.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

### **AUDITOR**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, turn to page 6. There was a question raised by Councilman Hoy as to page 4, 1680, 1690 and 1700. The Council had already set those in as zero at our meeting in August. That's why those weren't read in. Okay, Page 6.

President Wortman: Your reference to the three Deputy Clerk requests.

Councilmember Raben: Right.

President Wortman: Set in at zero?

Councilmember Raben: Yes. Those have already been addressed and adopted or voted on by this Council. Okay, page 6. Midway through the page line 1200-1020 Bookkeeper/Welfare should read \$24,396 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? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1200-1020	Bookkeeper II/Welfare	24,396.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Okay, proceed, Mr. Raben.

***TREASURER***

Councilmember Raben: Page 10, line 1170-1030 Cashier/Bookkeeper should read \$24,305; line 1210-1030 we need to delete that line, 1210-1030.

Jeff Ahlers: There are two lines there, which one?

Suzanne Crouch: It's 1210 not 1201.

Councilmember Raben: 1210-1030, it's one line. Delete that line please. Line 1230-1030 Administrative Assistant \$21,278; line 1270-1030 Counter & Posting Clerk \$19,382; line 1990 Extra Help \$1,000 and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and a second. Okay, any discussion? No discussion, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1170-1030	Cashier/Bookkeeper	24,305.00
1210-1030	Counter & Posting Clerk	-0-
1230-1030	Administrative Assistant	21,278.00
1270-1030	Counter & Posting Clerk	19,382.00
1990	Extra Help	1,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben.

### **RECORDER**

Councilmember Raben: Page 12, County Recorder. Line 1160-1040 should read Microfilm Technician. Line 1170-1040 that is the correct name on that, Release Deputy. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and a second. Any discussion on the Recorder? If not, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1160-1040	Microfilm Technician	Unchanged
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

### **SHERIFF**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, page 14. First I'm going to mention that all salaries be set in at a four percent increase unless read in differently. Line 1130-0001 Chief Deputy \$61,799. Allow me to go back up one more. At the top, line 1110-1050 Sheriff should read \$103,579. Line 1130-0004 should read in place of Lieutenant should read Temporary Captain. Turn to page 17, line 1130-0048 Patrolman should read \$33,513; line 1130-0050 Patrolman should read \$38,598; line 1130-0052 Patrolman should read \$34,643; line 1130-0057 should read Patrolman. Now please turn to page 20. Line 1130-0102 Patrolman should read \$34,078. That was line 1130-0102, \$34,078. Line 1130-0114 should read Chief Deputy. The amount is \$59,960. Okay, page 22.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, what about the School Liaison that we passed up there, 1130-0115. Can't we put that in since we passed that resolution in that position?

Councilmember Raben: Well, I think again the resolution is in support of getting funding from the Evansville School Corporation.

Jeff Ahlers: We haven't got it.

Councilmember Raben: Although we're passing a resolution showing support of getting that, we've not received a commitment from them yet.

Councilmember Smith: Don't you think we ought to put it in there and it would be in there when we get the commitment and I think we will.

Councilmember Raben: But if we don't the line is in there.

Councilmember Sutton: Does the line go away if we don't put anything in there?

Councilmember Smith: If the Sheriff doesn't hire anybody it's just going to be there.

Councilmember Lloyd: We can just leave the line in there, can't we?

Councilmember Smith: That's what I said.

Jeff Ahlers: With zero?

Councilmember Smith: Leave it zero. Why not put the money in there while we're doing it?

Councilmember Hoy: I know it's just those of us speaking and we can't have people from the audience speak. My sense is that with the resolution if the School Corporation doesn't come through then this is a position we can add in January. It's not going to be added in January anyway.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: So I think what I would like to do if you're okay with this Councilman

Smith, is to go with the resolution, but also go on record as supporting this, you know, and then if the School Corporation...we'll work on them to get them to come through because if we put it in the budget now they're not likely to come through. That's my concern, but we go on record as saying that we support it and that we'll put it in January either way.

Councilmember Smith: That's fine with me because I think the seven of us held our hand up while ago that we did support the resolution, so that's okay.

President Wortman: I think originally we had sent a memo over the School Corporation to Mike Duckworth it was based on an 80/20 situation and it was presented evidently too late. They had finalized their budget, so I think it's subject to, they might consider it is the way I understand.

Councilmember Hoy: Exactly, yeah, and we're not wiping it out entirely, but we do want...I think all of us want them to help us on it. That's all I'm saying.

President Wortman: Yeah, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, turn to page 22. The third line down 1210-1050 should read College Incentive. Line 1530-1050 Shift Differential for sworn deputies only should read \$67,600. Line 1750 Clothing Allowance \$103,000; line 2220 on page 23...excuse me, that's getting out of the 100 accounts.

President Wortman: Really, you didn't want that Clothing Allowance in, 1750, did you?

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me.

President Wortman: 1750, Jim.

Councilmember Smith: We're going to pick that up later.

President Wortman: Yeah, 1750.

Councilmember Raben: That's in a 100 account. That has to be read out now.

President Wortman: Okay, alright. We'll leave it in there then.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I would like to go ahead just to go ahead and make a few name corrections while we're on this, okay. If we could move on down to 2220.

Councilmember Hoy: (Inaudible comments, mike not on.)

Councilmember Smith: Are you talking about the Tires & Tubes account?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, I was going to make a name change on that to read...2220 should read Vehicle Tires and 2670 should read Investigations and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, got a motion and a second. Any discussion on these corrections on the titles and the salaries? If not, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1130-0001	Chief Deputy	61,799.00
1110-1050	Sheriff	103,579.00
1130-0004	Temporary Captain	Unchanged
1130-0048	Patrolman	33,513.00
1130-0050	Patrolman	38,598.00
1130-0052	Patrolman	34,643.00
1130-0057	Patrolman	Unchanged
1130-0102	Patrolman	34,078.00
1130-0114	Chief Deputy	59,960.00
1210-1050	College Incentive	Unchanged
1530-1050	Shift Differential for Sworn Deputies Only	67,600.00
1750	Clothing Allowance	103,000.00
2220	Vehicle Tires	Unchanged
2670	Investigations	Unchanged

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Okay proceed, Mr. Raben.

**JAIL**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 25. Lines 1130-0300 through 1130-0337 should read Detention Officer. Is everyone okay with that?

Councilmember Smith: What was the last number, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: Uh, 1130-0337.



Councilmember Hoy: It's all the Correction Officers.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: It should read Detention Officer. Line 1530-1051 Shift Differential and this is for union Correction Officers only should read \$25,639. Line 1750 Clothing Allowance should read \$26,904 and I make that in the form of a motion.

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

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, I would like to amend your motion to add the Paramedic into line item 1130-0401 and I would like to add that Paramedic back in there at \$27,283.

President Wortman: Do you accept her amendment, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, Betty, actually I think you meant to call 1130-0406 line.

Councilmember Smith: Well, according to mine it's 1130-0401 is the Paramedic.

Councilmember Sutton: You guys are saying the same thing.

President Wortman: That's existing, Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Raben: That's the existing. The new request is--

Councilmember Smith: Oh, okay, I'm sorry. Alright. Okay, you're right. I'm sorry. That's line item 1130-0406 and it's \$27,272.

Councilmember Raben: Betty, not that I would not be supportive of it at some point in time I would still like to look at the possibility of shifting this position and maybe some of these others into the Health Department levy, so at this time...and that is something that maybe we can work with the Health Department between now and January on, but at this time I would like to leave it set in at zero.

President Wortman: Okay, the Chairman rejected that so if no other discussion we will proceed with a vote.

Councilmember Hoy: I would like to add to that discussion if I may?

President Wortman: Yes, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: My understanding is that we had an agreement that we wanted this position and that we would like to get in, as Mr. Raben said, in the Health Department's budget. I would like to follow that procedure similar to the procedure we just agreed upon with the School Liaison Officer and that is if this doesn't happen with the Health Department then we come back to this the first of the year because that is when this position will be added in and we strongly consider adding in if the Health Department doesn't. I don't know if that makes any sense or not, but I do think we ought to go to the Health Department for the money, but if we don't get it there I do think the Sheriff needs it. I'm wondering if we have some kind of consensus today to handle it that way or not before we proceed on.

Councilmember Smith: I would like to see it go in today so he could go ahead because a paramedic is necessary on that third shift in the jail.

Councilmember Hoy: I agree with you and all I'm saying is if we can't get it in today then

we ought to...I would like to follow the same procedure we're following on the Liaison Officer and that it is not dropped because we could still get it in the first of January, could we not, Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yeah, you could even go ahead and approve it today and then transfer if procedures work out and negotiations on that. Remember, after the first of the year now it takes five votes instead of four. Everything today takes four votes.

Councilmember Raben: You have to bear in mind that none of these monies will become available until after January anyway.

Councilmember Smith: We could always transfer it into the Health Department if they accept it at that time.

Councilmember Raben: I'm not real comfortable with appropriating any money in any account.

President Wortman: I'm sorry, I've mislead. We can't transfer within departments. We would have to repeal it and then put it back in there. I'm sorry for the misinformation.

Councilmember Hoy: If this--

President Wortman: Any other discussion on this?

Councilmember Hoy: I'm willing to make that into a motion to add this the first of the year if we don't get it from the Health Department following this if that helps Council at all today to get through this. I don't know whether it does or doesn't. Well, we have a motion on the floor.

President Wortman: Okay, yeah I've got a motion and second on the floor. No more discussion?

Councilmember Smith: That motion is...that motion is to add it at the first of the year?

Councilmember Raben: No, it's still my original motion.

President Wortman: Yeah, okay. Any more discussion? No more discussion, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I'm going to vote yes because I'm going to put it in at the first of the year. I think that will pass.

Councilmember Smith: You have to have five votes then.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: No. Okay, motion passes, so proceed, Mr. Chairman.

1130-0300	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0301	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0302	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0303	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0304	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0305	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0306	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0307	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0308	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0309	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0310	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0311	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0312	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0313	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0314	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0315	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0316	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0317	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0318	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0319	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0320	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0321	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0322	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0323	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0324	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0325	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0326	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0327	Detention Officer	Unchanged

1130-0328	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0329	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0330	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0331	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0332	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0333	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0334	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0035	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0336	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1130-0337	Detention Officer	Unchanged
1530-1051	Shift Differential	25,639.00
1750	Clothing Allowance	26,904.00

(Motion passes 4-3/Councilmembers Smith, Sutton and Wortman opposed)

<b>Resolution regarding Paramedic position</b>
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Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that we go on record today as adding this position at the first of the year if the Health Department doesn't add it. I make that as a motion.

Councilmember Smith: I second that.

President Wortman: Okay, now in your motion we'll get to discussion. In the event that the Health Department would be rejected by the Sheriff or the Health Department it would then go into the Sheriff Department.

Councilmember Hoy: The Sheriff Department's budget.

President Wortman: I just wanted to get that clear. Is that the understanding of everybody? Okay, that's fine.

Jeff Ahlers: Make sure that's known as a resolution.

Councilmember Hoy: It's a resolution.

President Wortman: Resolution. It's recognized as Mr. Hoy said.

Councilmember Hoy: It's not part of the budget, it's a resolution, but I want to get it on record today and see where we are.

President Wortman: Alright, okay, alright. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six. We're voting on the resolution only.

Councilman Bassemier: Okay, repeat the resolution.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, the resolution states that if the Health Department is unable to get the money in their budget for this position by the first of the year then we come back at the first of the year and add this position in the Sheriff's budget.

Councilmember Smith: And we had a second.

President Wortman: And got a second to that. Ed, do you understand that now? Everybody on the same wave? Okay, call the roll please. Done, I'm sorry. Okay. Now, Mr. Raben, proceed.

Councilmember Hoy: Was that a unanimous vote? That hand vote.

President Wortman: We raised our hands, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, but did we get seven?

Unidentified: Yeah.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you. I wanted to make sure we had that on record.

**Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***SURVEYOR***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, turn to page 29. There are no corrections. Turn to page 31. Second from the top, 1120-1060 Chief Deputy.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben. The County Surveyor, we'll have to vote on that salary as it is.

Councilmember Raben: Well, we're going to vote on the Salary Ordinance. The rest of the Salary Ordinance will be voted on after we make the corrections. There are no changes on this one. We're just going through the changes right now.

President Wortman: Well, we've got to take one department at a time.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President...okay. There are no corrections on page 29 for lines 1110-1060 through 1210-1060.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and a second. Any discussion on this? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**CORONER**

President Wortman: Okay, now Mr. Raben, County Coroner.

Councilmember Raben: Page 31, County Coroner. Second from the top, 1120-1070 Chief Deputy \$43,000 even. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second, Mr. Hoy. Any discussion on this? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1120-1070	Chief Deputy	43,000.00
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**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**PROSECUTOR**

President Wortman: Okay, now proceed with the Prosecutor, 34.

Councilmember Raben: Page 34. At the bottom, line 1190-1080 should read \$44,836.

Councilmember Sutton: What's that line item again, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: It's the bottom of page 34. It's line 1190-1080. It should read \$44,836. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second, Mr. Lloyd. Any discussion on this? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1190-1080	Deputy	44,836.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**PROSECUTOR IV-D**

President Wortman: Okay, proceed to the next one. It will be Prosecutor IV-D, page 38.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, line 1170-1081 Enforcement Officer \$24,305; line 1190-1081 Enforcement Officer should read \$24,305; line 1200-1081 Enforcement Officer should read \$24,305; line 1260-1081 Enforcement Officer should read \$24,305 and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, Mr. Raben or Mr. President, I was going to request that there be an amendment to that motion on line item...or adding in line items 1270-1081 and 1280-1081 Enforcement Officers and both of those at \$23,181 as an amendment to your motion.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll accept as the seconder.

Councilmember Smith: Can I speak to that motion before we decide? I passed out a list today that I asked Dorothy to give me. Six employees at Comot V's would cost the county \$62,020 because the city...I mean, the county would get reimbursed \$120,392. They get 66 percent which comes back into the county General Fund. If we give her four employees which she needs in that department, the four employees would only cost the county, if they were COMOT V, \$20,673, but the county would be reimbursed \$40,131. We can hire employees to do a job that has to be done and be reimbursed by 66 percent from the state then I think we're passing up an opportunity.

Councilmember Sutton: I made the motion or asked for the amendment to the motion primarily...you know, they had requested six positions for this area and, you know, six would be nice, but I don't think it's possible for us to get that many in light of other issues that we've got on the table here. Two, it's not going to totally fill the bill, but it will help to relieve the burden that they have in that office. At the same time I think that we have to address some very serious issues with some backlog back there in that office and to deal with that. It's not just what has gone on in the past, but just kind of what's going on and how things are now in that office and the number of child support cases that need to be handled. You know, that's the reason why I am just requesting because I think this is really a key...these are two key positions that I really would like to see us fund in there because I think it's very vital to the operation and function of this particular office. Just not funding that, you know, we're really...by even funding the others and not funding these would not really give them the opportunity to function at the level that really what is demanded of them really now with what the numbers are required of them. That's really what my motion is.

President Wortman: Mr. Chairman, do you accept this amendment or rejected it?

Councilmember Raben: Well, I have a few comments. What I often look at though in budgets particularly like this one is the 66 percent certainly sounds appetizing, but the 36 percent that we make up is--

Councilmember Smith: Thirty-three and a third, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, yeah, 33 percent that we make up is a large sum of money. Particularly this year it will probably grow in excess of a quarter million dollars. What we're seeing and particularly in some other budgets that we'll be coming to is that sometimes the state's commitment dwindles. Sometimes grants dwindle and the county General Fund is faced with meeting the balance of these accounts. Very often, you know, we've instructed before that as you hire people, you know, they need to be made aware that if the grant should cease or if the funding should cease that your position is in jeopardy, but I don't believe that has taken place. We're meeting that obligation through General Fund monies. So I'm not in favor of amending my motion. I do know that two years ago or last year we did grant two more employees in this account, so I would like to stick with my original motion.

President Wortman: No, okay, you're rejecting Mrs. Smith's amendment?



Councilmember Raben: Right.

President Wortman: I might add to it now remember in this here Enforcement Officer in the IV-D program they also receive incentive money, too, to add to that. That's always an important factor.

Councilmember Raben: Would you entertain one?

President Wortman: We've got a motion on the floor for two.

Councilmember Sutton: They requested six. I mean, yeah...we're clearly in agreement that six, you know, we can't do that. That's just beyond what we have the resources to be able to support, but even at two I'm struggling at the two and one is just...I just don't even think...I mean, if we said one it just means we'll be zero essentially, so two is really about bare bones about what we can really get out of this. I recognize we've got a lot of positions funded through grants here and there are some grants that do go away. This particular one, it could go away tomorrow. If that's the case the whole office, that particular operation will shut down.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I would amend my motion to read 1270-1081 in the amount of \$23,181, 1070-1081 in the amount of \$23,181.

Councilmember Smith: Are you going to accept the two?

Councilmember Sutton: That's one.

Councilmember Smith: One?

President Wortman: Now you're amending the motion to do what, Jim, two positions or one?

Councilmember Raben: One.

President Wortman: He's amending the motion. Do you accept the second, Mr. Hoy? Was you the one?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I'll accept it although I really (inaudible). But I'll accept it so we can get on (inaudible).

Councilman Bassemier: I'm sorry, Phil, what did you say?

Councilmember Hoy: I will accept his amendment. We need to move this motion on or off the floor, but I'm being honest. I really would rather put both positions in, so I'm going to vote no on this because I think we need to add both of them.

Councilmember Smith: I do, too.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't think one is enough.

Councilman Bassemier: So he is not accepting it.

Councilmember Hoy: No, I'm going to go--

Councilmember Raben: I could just--

Councilmember Hoy: See, the thing is if I don't accept it--

Councilmember Raben: Well, let's just leave the original motion.

Councilman Bassemier: If the motion carries like it is--

Councilmember Hoy: Leave the original--

Councilmember Raben: Leave the original motion and then we won't have to go through--

Councilman Bassemier: Yeah.

Councilmember Hoy: Just leave it. The original motion would include none.

Councilmember Raben: I withdraw my amendment.

President Wortman: You withdraw your amendment?

Councilmember Raben: Right.

President Wortman: And, Mr. Hoy, you withdraw yours? Okay, we're back to square one now to the original motion to set in two positions.

Councilmember Hoy: No, the original motion was to set in none.

President Wortman: Zero, yeah, okay. We understand that? We're going to set it in at zero. Both of them, right, for right now. Okay, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: No, so the motion is defeated. I'll entertain another motion from the floor.

**(Motion fails 4-3/Councilmembers Smith, Sutton, Hoy and Wortman opposed)**

Councilmember Smith: I'll make the motion that we include line item 1270-1081 and 1280-1081.

Councilmember Raben: Betty, before you finish would you also add to that my prior corrections, so that we don't have to go back through and redo those since the original motion failed?

Councilmember Smith: Okay, the prior corrections, okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton seconded. Okay, any discussion on that? As listed before by the Finance Chairman you're going to set the two Enforcement Officers, 1270-1081, 1280-1081 in at \$23,181 each. There is a total of two. Any more discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Motion passes.

1170-1081	Enforcement Officer	24,305.00
1190-1081	Enforcement Officer	24,305.00
1200-1081	Enforcement Officer	24,305.00
1260-1081	Enforcement Officer	24,305.00
1270-1081	Enforcement Officer	23,181.00
1280-1081	Enforcement Officer	23,181.00

(Motion passes 4-3/Councilmembers Bassemier, Raben and Lloyd opposed.)

President Wortman: Now we're going to change tapes, excuse us.

TAPE CHANGE

***PROSECUTOR FEE CHECK RECOVERY***

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben, page 41, Prosecutor's Fee Check Recovery.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, there is no salary line correction on that one, let's turn—

President Wortman: Okay, let's take and make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Okay, got a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd, second. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Now, proceed to page 42, Drug Law Enforcement Program.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***PROSECUTOR DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, line 3994, page 42, in the amount of \$118,941.

President Wortman: Okay, have we got a second to that?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd: 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Now page 43.

1083-3994	Special/Matching Grants	118,941.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

***PROSECUTOR VICTIMS/WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I move page 43, account 3994 in the amount of \$15,554.00.

President Wortman: Got a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion? Call the roll, please.

Councilmember Hoy: What line item are we on? I'm sorry.

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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, now page 44, Domestic Violence.

1084-3994	Special/Matching Grants	15,554.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**PROSECUTOR STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Councilmember Raben: Account 3994 as listed.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and 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?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, page 45. Adult Protective Services.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**PROSECUTOR ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

Councilmember Raben: Account 3994 in the amount of 24,831. I make that in the form of

a motion.

President Wortman: Okay, I got a motion, a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion? Okay, 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: No. Okay, that passes.

1086-3994	Special/Matching Grants	24,831.00
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(Motion approved 6-1/ Councilmember Wortman opposed)

President Wortman: We will now go to County Assessor.

### **COUNTY ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, no changes from, starting with 1110 -1090 through 1200 -1090 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? 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, page 49.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, line 1180-1091 Per Diem, \$7,800. Line 1990 Extra Help, in the amount of \$3,280.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, got a second from Mr. Sutton. Any question, 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.



Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1180-1091	Per Diem	7,800.00
1990	Extra Help	3,280.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Okay, Armstrong Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, no corrections on line 1110-1100 or 1120-1100.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and 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?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, Center Township, page 52.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Sutton: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: On Extra Help, that was included in the motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, that was what I was going to ask you. It was supposed to be \$1,500.00, correct?

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me?

President Wortman: You are talking about line item, 1990 Extra Help which is part of the—

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I know. Did you overlook that?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, I did. Can we reopen that Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yeah, reopen it.

Councilmember Hoy: I move to reopen.

President Wortman: Got anybody?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Alright. It is just a procedure.

Councilmember Raben: Actually, see we have already voted on those Mr. President. The only actual corrections we need to make at this point are on salary line items, which pertains to certain individuals with maybe name changes and figure changes. So, we have actually, we've already voted once on Extra Help lines and we will just re-vote on those. Unless, there are any corrections or changes, we are not going to address those Extra Help lines.

Councilmember Hoy: I will take my motion off of the floor.

President Wortman: Okay, remember that 1990 was \$1,500, make a note in your books, if you want to.

### ***CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR***

Councilmember Raben: Page 52, at the top, 1110-1110 Center Assessor should read \$36,244.

Councilmember Smith: What page are you on?

Councilmember Raben: Page 52.

President Wortman: Center Assessor, wait a minute until everybody gets tuned in. Okay.

Councilmember Raben: At the top, 1110-1110 should read \$36,244, 1160-1110 Deputy Assessor should read \$23,392.00 and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: We've 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?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, page 55, German Township.

1110-1110	Center Assessor	36,244.00
1160-1110	Deputy Assessor	23,392.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

### **GERMAN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 1130-1120 Real Estate Deputy should read \$19,382 and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Got a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1130-1120	Real Estate Deputy	19,382.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Okay, Knight Township Assessor.

**KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, at the top, 1110-1130 Knight Assessor should read \$37,414 and that is in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Sutton. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1110-1130	Knight Assessor	37,414.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Okay, Perry Township, page 60.

**PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: At the top, 1110-1140 Perry Assessor should read \$37,414; 1990 Extra Help, \$10,000 and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Got a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second by 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1110-1140	Perry Assessor	37,414.00
1990	Extra Help	10,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Okay, page 62, Pigeon Assessor.

### ***PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR***

Councilmember Raben: Alright, Mr. President, at the top, 1110-1150 Pigeon Assessor should read \$ 36,174; 1130-1150 Real Estate Deputy should read \$30,377 and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, didn't we discuss bringing his up with the rest of them because of his state licenses as an appraiser and all of that? You were going to bring it up to \$37,414. Jim, you talked to me about that.

Councilmember Raben: I think that we –

Councilmember Smith: That would be the same as Perry and Knight.

Councilmember Raben: I think that what we did, Betty, was aligned it with Center.

Councilmember Smith: I don't think so. You said bringing it up with Knight and Perry.

President Wortman: If I recall, Perry and Knight are, got \$1,000 through another

classification.

Councilmember Smith: Yes sir, that is true but Paul has a state certification, is a state appraiser and has been for years and years. So, I would think that would qualify him to come up here with the rest of them and that is what we talked about and that is what Jim said he would do, but, he didn't do it.

President Wortman: Okay. What do you think there, Mr. Chairman?

Councilmember Raben: Give me just a moment, Mr. President.

President Wortman: Okay, time out there for just a minute.

Councilmember Raben: Betty, what I did, and I even have a footnote here, aligned with Knight and Perry. But, I went off of the figure we adjusted Center to. Okay, so she is exactly right. That figure should read \$37,414.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: I set it to a line that was Center's.

President Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, so are you going to amend your...?

Councilmember Raben: Wait a minute, can I, Mr. President, before I amend it, just one moment okay. Can we recess and come back to this?

President Wortman: Yeah, I will grant you a recess.

Councilmember Raben: We are needing to recess anyway.

President Wortman: Okay, just so you are back here in five minutes. Okay, a short pause for a good cause.

## **RECESS**

President Wortman: Okay, our five minutes are up plus. Now, we will go back to the Pigeon Township, page 62.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President. At the top of page 62, 1110-1150 Pigeon Assessor, \$37,414; 1130-1150 Real Estate Deputy, \$30,377 and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, got 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. That was 37,400, wasn't it?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I was answering Mr. Bassemier and yes to my vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1110-1150	Pigeon Assessor	37,414.00
1130-1150	Real Estate Deputy	30,377.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Okay, proceed to page 64, Scott Assessor.

### **SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 1110-1160 Scott Assessor, \$3,957; 1120-1160 Chief Deputy, \$24,310 and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1110-1160	Scott Assessor	3,957.00
1120-1160	Chief Deputy	24,310.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, there are no corrections on line 1110-1170 or 1120-1170 and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, 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?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, page 68, Election Office.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**ELECTION OFFICE**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, item 1120-1210 Election Assistant, \$28,000 and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?



Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

Councilmember Smith: Pardon. You said the Election Assistant? What is the number again?

Councilmember Raben: Election Assistant 1120-1210.

Councilmember Smith: Oh, okay, \$28,000?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Wortman: Any more 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1120-1210	Election Assistant	28,000.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

### ***VOTER REGISTRATION***

President Wortman: Voter Registration, page 70.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, there are no corrections on line 1110-1220 through 1180-1220 and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, I mean second.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Sutton. Any discussion? Okay, 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Page 72, Cooperative Extension.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

### ***COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION***

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, we can keep going through these budgets that there are no corrections but we are going, I intend to address all other salary items in another motion after we get through these corrections, so to speed things up can we just skip over these budgets that have no corrections?

President Wortman: You want to take the remaining ones from 72 on if there—

Councilmember Raben: No, sir. Just the budgets that I had asked earlier, the budgets that have no salary corrections or changes outside of a motion that we will take after the corrections. What I would like to do is just skip through these budgets. We are going through motions we don't need to be going through.

President Wortman: Well, the only thing is that it is on record.

Councilmember Smith: It won't take long.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 1120 to 1220 as previously voted upon and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: I have 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?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Area Plan, page 74.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

### **AREA PLAN COMMISSION**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, from the top, 1160-1240 CAD GIS Specialist, should read \$25,583 and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and 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?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1160-1240	CAD/GIS Specialist	25,583.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

***DRAINAGE BOARD***

Councilmember Raben: Page 77, lines 1110-1260, 1120-1260, 1130-1260.

Councilmember Hoy: 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?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Page 78, Veterans Administration.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

***VETERANS ADMINISTRATION***

Councilmember Raben: Lines 1110-1270, 1120-1270, 1130-1270.

Councilmember Hoy: 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: Councilman Raben, in your motion, are, I am just, implying you

don't mean any changes?

Councilmember Raben: That there is not, we are not making any change at this point.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: After we make the corrections, the following motion will be that all other salaries will be set in at a four percent raise.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, the last couple of ones you didn't say that.

Councilmember Raben: Well, basically the motion is, at this time there's no changes. That's why I said that we could really skip over these budgets. We are just addressing the ones that have a concern other than a basic four percent salary increase. Some of them are figured too high, some of them are figured too low and some of them have name changes and that is what we are doing now, is making those changes.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, I understand that, but what I am saying is with your motion you are reading in the line items but we are not indicating any action, you know, so.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, basically no changes at this point.

Councilmember Sutton: Second. No, I guess that's yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Page 80, County Commissioners.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

### **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, line 1260-1300 Soil Conservation Educator, \$17,000 and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Motion and 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?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1260-1300	Soil Conservation Educator	17,000.00
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<sup>\*1</sup>(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Okay, turn to the next section.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President? We'll come back to it.

President Wortman: Page 86, Weights and Measures.

### ***WEIGHTS AND MEASURES***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, there are currently no changes in lines 1110-1302 through 1150-1302.

President Wortman: Second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Discussion? Call the roll.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

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<sup>1</sup>See page 41 for continued discussion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Page 88, Superintendent of County Buildings.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

***SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS***

Councilmember Raben: Lines 1110-1310 and 1120-1310, there are currently no changes.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion? 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Page 90, Circuit Court.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

***COUNTY COMMISSIONERS - REOPENED***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I am going to move that we reopen the Commissioners budget.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion from Councilmember Raben and a second from Mr. Hoy on a reopen for the County Commissioners budget. What page, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Page 80

President Wortman: Page 80. What line item are you directing your attention to?

Councilmember Raben: Well, we need to vote to reopen first, sir.

President Wortman: All those in favor to reopen, raise your right hand. Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, back to line item 1260-1300 should read Water Quality Specialist.

Councilmember Hoy: Is that a motion?

Councilmember Raben: That is a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, got a motion and a second 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.



1260-1300	Water Quality Specialist (name change only)	Unchanged
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

***CIRCUIT COURT***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 91, line 1620-1360 should read Staff Attorney/Administrator.

President Wortman: What line item is that?

Councilmember Smith: Are you talking about, it says Law Clerk.

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Councilmember Smith: It should read what?

Councilmember Raben: Staff Attorney/Administrator. The amount should be \$34,794.

President Wortman: Is that it?

Councilmember Raben: That's it.

President Wortman: That's it. Have we got a second to that?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd seconded. Any discussion on that? Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: I'd like to amend your motion to include the Public Defender in line item 1200-1360 of \$31,885.

President Wortman: Mr. Chairman, do you recognize her amendment?

Councilmember Raben: Betty, I do not, there has been a committee established and it is my understanding that they are going to move swiftly and I think we need to give them an opportunity to let the committee run its course and at this time I do not wish to amend my motion.

President Wortman: Okay, you reject the motion. We will go ahead and vote on it then. No other discussion then? Call the roll please.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, there is a comment.

President Wortman: Did Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No, go ahead.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I am going to vote no on this, I would, I think that they need this position and I also think that the Commissioners are going to work through this in due time but I will vote no at this time.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: No. Motion fails so I will entertain a motion from a councilman for another motion.

**(Motion fails 3-4/Councilmembers Smith, Sutton, Hoy and Wortman opposed)**

Councilmember Smith: I make the motion that we fund 1200-1360 Public Defender for Circuit Court for \$31,885.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Jeff Ahlers: You will need to put in his other correction.

President Wortman: Yeah, his addition with your motion.

Jeff Ahlers: You are putting in his other correct, with Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Smith: With his motion.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton seconded. Any other discussion?

Councilmember Raben: Other than, Mr. President, I don't understand at this point, knowing that the Commissioners are taking an active role in this, and are establishing a committee to address just this need. I don't know why we would take it upon ourselves to act over and above that at this point in time and bring on a new person.

Councilmember Smith: Well, I can justify what I am saying. I heard the Judge say that they were overloaded and they could mandate it from the State because each one of their Public Defenders are overloaded. The state has said that they are overloaded. Now, if the Commissioners come up with something better, then I am sure the Judge would work with them but, until that happens then I think he needs the Public Defender.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Chairman?

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a real problem with this from both ways. I know that the Court

needs this and I think that the Commissioners are going to move, it is my understanding from the Commissioners, is that they are going to move quickly on this to establish this new program to retrieve some state funds and to ensure that we have adequate Public Defenders. But, I mean, I could go either way on this because we could add this in January just as well. But, I think that Mr. Raben may be correct, although I will vote for this position because they need it but I don't think they will get it any sooner than they would under the Commissioners.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? I think, if you recall, he was going to eliminate some money in that one account.

Councilmember Smith: That \$25,000.

President Wortman: Right, right, and plus possibly.

Councilmember Smith: Maybe more.

Councilmember Raben: Is that in your motion, Betty?

Councilmember Smith: No, I just made the motion for the employee but the Judge did agree to cut the one line item for \$25,000 and that was for –

Councilmember Raben: That needs to be in your motion then.

Jeff Ahlers: Mr. Raben, you will need, or somebody will need to put that in the motion, the \$25,000 –

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith.

Jeff Ahlers: Mrs. Smith

Councilmember Sutton: Pauper Expense.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, then I will amend my motion, I guess, to include the Pauper Expense in a cut of \$25,000.

President Wortman: Okay, and I have a second. You got, Mr. Sutton, did you second that, then?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Wortman: And you agree with her addition to the motion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Wortman: Any more discussion on that?

Councilmember Raben: Just for clarification, Mr. President, in that motion also included 1620-1360, the original name change from Staff Attorney/Administrator in the amount of \$34,794, correct?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: And line 3943 Pauper Expense should read \$35,000, is that correct?

Councilmember Hoy: Right.

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: As I say, I am going to vote for this, I have to, I just want to get this on record, my problem with this figure is that this figure is not correct. Because these are part-time positions and they get full benefits. So, with these positions, is that not right?

(Inaudible)

Councilmember Hoy: So, you are looking at another \$9,500 on top of the 31 and I may as well stick my foot in and say, when I went down to the, and say what I am going to say now, and that is when I went down to those public hearings out in the hallway I was very dismayed by what some of the Public Defenders said not only on the floor but off of the floor. Things like, 'I wouldn't have taken the job unless I got the benefits anyway', and what disturbs me is that Public Defenders money is to help protect poor people, not to give benefits totaling \$9,500 to someone who wants county benefits. I am very, very bothered by that. I wish, I would feel a lot better if we did not include benefits in these positions because there are an awful lot of us who don't make that kind of money in full time jobs. You know, with full time benefits. I don't think that we can change that on the floor, but, while I will vote for it, I was and have to say that I was dismayed by the attitudes that I heard and saw that night in those hearings. It was, the attitude wasn't that the poor count it was that my money counts and obviously that turns me off as you well know.

Suzanne Crouch: Could you clarify what line items and the amounts you just set in, please?

Councilmember Raben: I can certainly do that. Well, let Betty, it is her motion, let her clarify it.

President Wortman: Ms. Smith, do you want to clarify that?

Councilmember Smith: The line item for the Public Defender?

Councilmember Raben: Correct.

Councilmember Smith: 1200-1360 Public Defender would be \$31,885 and then the 1620-1360 change of name for Staff Attorney –

Councilmember Lloyd: Change of salary.

Councilmember Smith: The line item 3943, Pauper Expense would read \$35,000. That was the motion.

Jeff Ahlers: Did you get the reduction?

Councilmember Raben: I stated it a couple of times.

President Wortman: You just said –

Councilmember Raben: The reductions on line 1620-1360, the amount should read \$34,794. I call for the question, Mr. President.

President Wortman: Okay, are all clear on this? Does everybody understand?

Councilmember Smith: No, I want to know why the change of salary because what is in the budget book is \$31,885.

Councilmember Raben: No, Betty, I am not changing that. She was asking for the change for the correction I made on the Law Clerk.

Councilmember Smith: Oh, okay. I thought –

Councilmember Raben: I don't want it anyway, I wouldn't have increased it.

Councilmember Smith: (inaudible)

President Wortman: Okay, does everybody understand now? We got a motion and a second. Any more discussion? No more discussion? We're going to call the roll. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, motion passes 4-3.

1620-1360	Staff Attorney/Administrator (Name change)	34,794.00
3943	Pauper Expense	35,000.00

(Motion approved, Councilmembers Bassemier, Lloyd and Raben voting negative)

President Wortman: Next on the agenda is Community Corrections.

### **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I will address this but Councilman Hoy has asked to make a statement and share some concerns so I will turn to the floor to him.

Councilmember Hoy: The, I am just going to read my statement, Mr. President. County

Council has recently learned that the Department of Corrections has contributed, that is a state deal see, far less to Vanderburgh County's Community Correction program and others around the state. Local taxpayers have provided the additional money. Council has also learned of other inequities in the salary and fee accounts. Because the Council has the responsibility of administering and funding the Salary Ordinance for Vanderburgh County, there are three areas we want to thoroughly review between now and the end of the year. One, all jobs that were not included in the Salary Ordinance before the 2000 budget should be reviewed and the correct job descriptions developed and that would go to the Job Study. Two, an evaluation to the Director's position should be completed by the Commissioners and the Sheriff and three, an explanation and job review of all job titles that are the same but receive different pay. Connected with that, I am suggesting that we, until it is reviewed by the Sheriff and the Commissioners, that we set the Director's salary in at \$1.00 until they can review that.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else?

Councilmember Hoy: Can I make that motion?

President Wortman: We've got a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: That's a motion.

President Wortman: Okay, that's a motion? Got a second to that?

Councilmember Bassemier: I will second.

Councilmember Raben: I have, okay, we will vote on that. I have some other salary corrections, but let's take this separately.

President Wortman: Okay, got a motion and a second. Any more discussion? Call the roll please.

Councilmember Smith: Wait a minute.

Councilmember Sutton: Just one.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton, I am sorry.

Councilmember Sutton: Setting that particular position in at \$1, there are several other people employed at there. I know that they are wanting to evaluate the whole process with this. I can understand symbolically where you are going with that, but I am not quite sure if we know what the timetable is on the Sheriff's plans on for the Corrections Facility and when that process will be done. Obviously, we will need to come back in and revisit that salary. If we, if it is voted favorably and the Director's, the amount for the Director's salary, like I said, since they are reviewing really the whole process out there. Are we separating one from the other? I guess that maybe is my question.

Councilmember Hoy: I think that maybe that's a, that evaluation is going on now in the Sheriff's department and that this keeps us from being tied down to a certain figure. That doesn't mean that they are going to zero it out or anything. Keeping the dollar in keeps the position on the table here.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, I just seconded to get it on the floor.

Councilmember Hoy: I think that they will have that completed on time.

Councilmember Smith: If we set that in for a dollar and then they do a, I don't understand, if they are going to do the study, Councilman Hoy, why not leave the salary as it is and then

make the adjustments for whatever is necessary after they do a job study on all of them. I agree when some of those people when different job titles is making a lot more money, I think that they should all be uniform. I agree with that.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess that is what I am saying.

Councilmember Smith: But, I can't see setting the Director's salary in at zero or a dollar.

Councilmember Sutton: Prior to the evaluation being completed, just like they are doing an evaluation in a couple of other areas county wide, we've got the Centre over there with a lot of questions with that and what we are going to do there. But, you know maybe before we separate one particular position out of that department. You know maybe just allow the process to work itself out and I think that the answers will become very clear what we need to do one way or the other whether that is evenly out the salaries on the other positions out there or if there is in effect salary wise with the Director, I think the answers will become very clear. But, perhaps maybe if we allow the Sheriff's department, and I think they are moving very swiftly on this, to work their process out and work with us so that we can communicate that across the board. But, it might be a little early to move in that direction on the process. It may end up where there might be some changes before January and I suppose that there will be but, at this point in time, I think it might be a little early for us to take those types of steps to reduce that salary down to a dollar.

President Wortman: Yes, sir, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: I wanted to point out in the Salary Ordinance right now that position is unclassified. So, I mean it has not ever been before Job Study. This is the salary that the judges set whenever they created that position.

Councilmember Hoy: This is why I, to respond to the questions, this is why I singled this one out. It is unclassified and my information from the Sheriff's department is that they will have this done long before first of the year and we will be able to process it. It is unclassified.

Councilmember Bassemier: Phil, one more, Phil, Mr. President?

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Phil, you've given three points and I might be in favor of one of these or maybe two, but I don't know. I don't think that we should vote on all three of them I mean, I don't think it's gonna, I mean you have three issues here. I think that they should go to Job Study.

Councilmember Hoy: I think that my proposal is that they all go to Job Study.

Councilmember Bassemier: Right, I agree on that. I don't have a problem with that but –

Councilmember Sutton: I guess that, I don't think that nobody disagrees with that, I guess that by saying that, if we believe they all should go to Job Study, then if that is the case, then all of them should be put in at zero or put in at a dollar and I think, I know that we are not saying that.

Councilmember Hoy: I tell you what I would be willing to do with this. Mr. President, keeping with the statement that I made, I would like to make two motions. I withdraw my motion and I will make the motion that, using, I will give a copy of this to you if you would like, or do you want me to read it? Okay, I will give you a copy. All jobs, this is the motion, that were not included in the Salary Ordinance before the 2000 budget should be reviewed and correct job descriptions developed. Two, an explanation and job review of all job titles that are the same, but receive different pay. I want both of those to go through the Job

Study because there are people, well, that's my motion and I can't comment yet, until somebody seconds. I will treat the Executive Director's in a separate motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: I seconded his last one, I'll amend my other one, I will second this one.

President Wortman: Alright now, any discussion? Everybody understand the motion?

Councilmember Raben: So, we are not addressing the first item?

Councilmember Bassemier: No, right.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I am going to address that one in a separate motion, Jim...

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: There are some employees at Community Corrections that are paid out of other funds. Is that what you are talking about as far as the Salary Ordinance?

Councilmember Hoy: My point with this motion, just to be real clear, is that since we are in, the Commissioners and the Sheriff are all reviewing this whole operation called Community Corrections, I think it is time this Council exercised its responsibility in requiring that all of those positions be treated as county positions and be evaluated in the same manner that everybody else is evaluated. I think that it is unfair for the current practices to continue. It is unfair to everybody, it is unfair to other employees at the VCCC, just for starters. It is certainly unfair to the hundreds of county employees that have abided by the Salary Ordinance for years and lived with it very well.

President Wortman: You would like to do that, run the process through the Job Study, then with final approval of County Council.

Councilmember Hoy: That's right. It is our responsibility. We are the fiscal body.

President Wortman: Everybody understand the motion and then you are going to make another motion that you talked about.

Jeff Ahlers: Now are you talking about, in terms of not giving the salary increase to all of the positions at Community Corrections, or is that a different issue?

President Wortman: Let Mr. Hoy explain one more time.

Councilmember Hoy: I am not talking about salary increases as they fit the Salary Ordinance. I am talking about supplement pay and all of those things which in my estimation is done on a very uneven basis and that needs to be corrected and I think it is time that we required this whole operation to go through the same procedure and that's what the motion is all about, that everybody else goes through. I think it is the only fair way to handle this.

President Wortman: I think that is a very good motion from Mr. Hoy. Now we are going to change tapes. So if everybody would —

## **TAPE CHANGE**

President Wortman: Okay. What Mr. Hoy in essence is saying that, you know, everything is going to be evaluated through the Job Study and take it's course. The whole system out there which was in need evidently with their irregularity and inequities that were out there is what he is saying and it makes sense to me and if it does to the rest of the Councilmembers and we had a second to that. Who seconded that? Ed, you seconded



that.

Councilman Bassemier: Yes, I seconded Phil's last two points. The first one, the salary will be later.

President Wortman: Okay, now this will not affect the first item on the agenda, see right now. His next motion evidently will, so anyway anybody got any more discussion?

Councilmember Lloyd: I'll follow up with that as Council is accepting responsibilities for correcting any inequities in Community Corrections and, you know, the Salary Ordinance is what we have to evaluate jobs and properly pay and that's what we should go by.

President Wortman: Correct, they are county employees and they're subject to the--

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, unless anybody interprets this as being punitive I think there are some employees there who may have their positions upgraded as well because of the demands of the job and they're being held down. It's a fairness issue is what it is and it's a fairness issue both ways. It's not to penalize anybody, but to correct what I consider to be inequities that have been going on far too long.

President Wortman: Okay, everybody understand his motion? I'm going to call for a vote if we're ready. Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Thank you. Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Now we'll turn to Mr. Hoy again for his second and, Mr. Raben, you can rest a little bit.

Councilmember Hoy: What?

President Wortman: Mr. Raben can rest a little bit.

Councilmember Hoy: It's halftime for him or seventh inning. I move that line item 1110-1361 be set in at \$1 at this time so that the Sheriff who is now the head of Community Corrections and the Commissioners, who are in charge of Community Corrections, we've established all legalities on this, then review that position and see where that salary ought to be. Well, that's the motion and then I'll comment.

President Wortman: That's good. Okay, do I have a second to Mr. Hoy's motion?

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Raben. Any discussion on that?

Councilmember Hoy: My comment is simply not to...this is not to abolish the job. This is to set this position in to remove it from being unclassified.

President Wortman: I think this is what we're directing. Not at the person, the job itself. I think we've got to keep that in mind.

Councilmember Hoy: No, it's directed at the job itself. They may come back with \$55,000 or \$56,000, I have no idea.

President Wortman: That's right.

Councilmember Hoy: I just think here again we're cleaning up our operations and that's my only intention here. It's not to set...to remove the job or to pay him less or more, but to get it right.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: I might point out this would take affect January 1st and that gives the Sheriff and Commissioners time between now and that to go through the Job Study with this position and decide, rate it and decide where it should be paid at.

Councilmember Hoy: I have had communication with the people in charge that this is indeed what will be done should we vote this today and it will be done with equity and fairness.

Councilmember Smith: But--

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: --if you set it in at a dollar and they're going to go through the Job Study, then all of them should be set in at a dollar. I mean, they could set it in just exactly like it is and then they go to Job Study, come back to us and we can change the figures, but if you cut one down to a dollar and leave the rest of them they're all going through the Job Study and I agree with you, Phil, they should. I think they should be under one salary. They shouldn't get money from this over here and over here and whatever. It should be where we all know what they're getting.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess that's what my point is. That's why it's important. I heard they're talking about evaluation and this is not personal, I mean, how can it not look personal if we're separating out one person in this motion being that all the individuals over there at some point in time we're going to try to give them a fair shake. I mean, by separating out one person it looks personal and I don't believe that it is. I mean, in the end if the intent is to ensure that everyone is a part of what all the other county employees go through and that is the Job Study and their job has been graded based upon some scale of what they do and their pay is based on that and their years of services, etc., and if we don't know what that pay is in relation to that scale with his salary and then the others then

the motion should affect all of them and not just one.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, the reason is because he is unclassified and his is not in any way, shape or form at all set by the Job Study and many of these are. Many of these are violated because of supplements and all of that. That's probably not the best word to use, but the ordinance is violated because what you see here is not what a lot of people get, they get more. My first motion was to cover that. This one you have a case where this is not covered by the Job Study at all and I think this position should be covered by the Job Study.

Councilmember Sutton: So if they are not--

Councilmember Hoy: I could set it in at \$25,000. You've got to set it in at some figure or you wipe it off the board.

Councilmember Sutton: That's what I'm saying not to wipe it off.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't want to do that.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't think you should clear it, but if they aren't completed with their process come January 1 you don't have a salary in that line item.

Councilmember Hoy: The assurances I've been given by the Commissioners and by law enforcement is that they will have this completed for us, that this will not go into the year 2000 at \$1.

Councilmember Raben: What he is saying does make a lot of sense. If we act on it today even the title, the job title, is not even correct so that actually has to be renamed as well.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, again, why are we taking actions prior to knowledge of what needs to be done? I mean, we just had this discussion earlier--

Councilmember Raben: As a matter of fact, you just did with the Public Defender, that's exactly right. You voted on that without...in advance without discussion.

Councilmember Sutton: No, that was based upon what we presently have and what the situation is. What you were talking about on the Public Defender issue, that is still something proposed. I didn't...the direction I voted had nothing to do with what is being proposed at all and the same thing as what I am talking about here. What I am trying to encourage is that we not move on something that is proposed or in the discussion phase until we have the actual facts in which we can then make the appropriate decisions there. That's all I am asking.

Councilmember Raben: My point exactly. My point exactly on the Public Defender issue. We have a committee established to make that determination.

Councilmember Sutton: No, what you guys are saying is that we need to act because we think something is going to happen when we don't have the information. We're voting...the motion is in anticipation that certain things will occur when we don't know what those things will be. I mean, you know, I think I've probably made my point, you know, enough, but I guess we can move on so we don't belabor this on any further.

Councilman Bassemier: Mr. President, I'm going to vote against this because this is the first I am hearing this. I'm a little hurt here. I'm the Chairman of the...or the liaison officer for the Community Corrections. I'm the Chairman of the Job Study and I knew nothing of this. I heard it about 12 hours ago that this was on some minds of Councilmembers. I'm not saying one way or the other, but fairly I could not vote to set it at one dollar. It's just not fair. I need more time to study it. I worked with Mr. Howerton here for the last few years

now and this is kind of...I'm not prepared to vote the changes right now understanding what I read in the paper and what we've talked about is they was just going to freeze that salary and not give a four percent raise until we knew some more facts about it, so I'm really in the dark on this. As I said, I'm a little hurt because being the liaison officer I bet I've been out there about 30 times in the last year. I've been to a lot of meetings here in the Civic Center about Community Corrections and just pretty well just put this man...they this man off at the first of the year whether it is him or whoever I don't agree with it. I think he has got a lot of expertise yet. He's got several years out there and Brad admitted...the Sheriff admitted in some meetings that he's got a lot to learn. I know Harris made some mistakes out there maybe, you know, we all make mistakes, but he has learned from the mistakes. If people thinks he has made some mistakes, so I'm not a preacher, Phil, so I'll get off this, but I am going to vote no on this. I think freezing the salary is just fair right now. Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay. Any more discussion?

Councilmember Lloyd: Just a point. The Job Study does a good job rating so I am looking forward to them taking a look at this position.

President Wortman: Now, the motion on the floor is to set this line item 1110-1361 in at \$1. Any more discussion? Call the roll.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1110-1361	Director/Court Services	1.00
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(Motion passes 4-3/Councilmembers Smith, Sutton and Bassemier opposed)

President Wortman: Okay, let's move onto the next then, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we have 1130-1361 \$20,564; 1170-1361 \$27,062; 1270-1361 \$25,310. Page 96, 1600-1361 zero 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: 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: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1130-1361	Administrative Assistant	20,564.00
1170-1361	Transport Officer	27,062.00
1270-1361	Verification Officer	25,310.00
1600-1361	Corporal Stipend	-0-

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

### ***SUPERIOR COURT***

President Wortman: Okay, we go now to page 99, Superior Court.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, turn to page 103. Line 1770-1370 \$24,305. Skip down to 1801-1370 \$24,305 and I make those corrections in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Motion and a second. Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1770-1370	Clerical Assistant	24,305.00
1801-1370	Small Claims Secretary	24,305.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE**

President Wortman: Now turn to page, I guess, 107. The Alcohol and Deferral Program.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, line 1130-1371 \$37,244, line 1150-1371 \$23,392.

Councilmember Smith: What did he say? Hold on.

Councilmember Raben: You want me to repeat those lines, Betty?

Councilmember Smith: Uh--

Councilmember Raben: Page 107.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Line 1130-1371 \$37,244.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Line 1150-1371 \$23,392.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

President Wortman: That's in a form of a motion. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Okay, any discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1130-1371	Counselor	37,244.00
1150-1371	Secretary/Receptionist	23,392.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

### ***THE CENTRE***

President Wortman: Okay, next page 109.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, line 1130-1440 should read Lead Custodian; line 1140-1440 and 1150-1440 should read Custodial; line 1160-1440 should read Custodial Maintenance Worker and line 1170-1440 should read Custodian. That's the only corrections and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Raben, on those changes, on those titles, now is that reflective of what their positions were before? Where does the title changes come from on this? What affect does this have on their--

Councilmember Raben: It's based on the corrections given to me by our Job Study man. I mean--

Councilmember Smith: Why would they change the titles?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, if they've got the same positions.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I didn't--

Councilmember Smith: If they've got the same positions that they had and they're union people.

Councilmember Raben: Three of them weren't changed. Just because they're new positions--

Councilmember Smith: But Custodial Worker on the 16...I mean 1160-1440 Maintenance--

Councilmember Raben: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Smith: --you've got Custodial Worker.

Suzanne Crouch: Maintenance.

Councilmember Raben: Maintenance worker.

Sandie Deig: Maintenance worker.

Councilmember Sutton: Actually, for example on the 1130-1440 Lead Man and then now it is Lead Custodian and then like the 1150-1440 went from...we'll it says Custodial, but I guess Custodian. You have a Custodial Maintenance Worker, so what was maybe one responsibility now appears to be maybe there is some added responsibilities or something. I guess since we do have a contract with this staff here before we could go in and could make any changes on that doesn't that have to come before their bargaining unit to make any changes or title changes to those positions? Those are union positions.

Councilmember Raben: That's a good question.

Councilmember Hoy: I think you're right, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Smith: There are five of them.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, that may be the proper title. It may be it may not, but if we're going to make some title changes you have to...there has to be...I mean, obviously in the contract it stipulates what their position titles are and if we're changing those there has to be something in the contract that indicates such.

Councilmember Hoy: There is a contract, you're right. There is a contract on these.

Councilmember Smith: But if we change their titles that makes a difference.

Councilmember Hoy: That's right.

Councilmember Raben: But we're still bound by the contract.

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

Councilmember Smith: Not if you change the title. We would have to redo it on the contract.

President Wortman: Do the duties change or the title, I guess that's the question?

Councilmember Raben: Well, I would think you're bound by whatever is in the contract.

Councilmember Hoy: If these are the titles in the contract then you have stick with the titles in the contract.

Councilmember Smith: That's what is here.



Councilmember Sutton: Right.

President Wortman: The attorney would like to remark on it.

Jeff Ahlers: I think it is probably more important as to what the duty classification is than probably title, but if I'm not mistaken isn't this the positions that were deleted then when they brought them back they went through Job Study? Hasn't this already been reviewed through Job Study, is that right?

Councilmember Smith: They didn't go through Job Study. They were union people.

Councilmember Sutton: They weren't deleted.

Councilmember Smith: They weren't deleted.

Jeff Ahlers: They were...well, when the Centre closed--

Councilmember Sutton: They were laid off while--

Jeff Ahlers: No, those lines were zeroed out. Those positions were eliminated and then when they were brought back they went through Job Study, correct?

Sandie Deig: No.

President Wortman: Ed, do you remember?

Councilmember Raben: Sandie?

Sandie Deig: They didn't.

Jeff Ahlers: Tim, didn't they go through Job Study?

Tim Deisher: I believe through Job Study we put the line items back in.

Councilmember Smith: Tim, did you interview those people individually as under the Job Study? That's the question.

Councilman Bassemier: I really don't remember that happening.

Tim Deisher: No.

Councilmember Smith: Okay. That's the question.

Councilman Bassemier: If they did I wasn't on it then.

Councilmember Smith: If you change those titles you're changing their description and you're changing it and it's against the contract. What's the big deal of changing the names when you can leave them like it is?

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: Maybe Mrs. Deig could go get a copy of the contract. I believe...does that contract expire at the end of this year? This would be in the Salary Ordinance effective January 1, 2000, but I mean these titles need to be consistent with what is in the contract.

Councilmember Hoy: That's right and the other point--

Jeff Ahlers: I've got the contract.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, I think the other point that we need to make is that if you go back in the minutes of this body you will find that we agreed that these five positions would continue when the convention facility reopened.

Councilmember Sutton: They would be restored in their original positions.

Jeff Ahlers: The issue here though is this contract ends at the end of the year though. This is for the 2000 budget, do you see what I'm saying?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, then we need to come back. If there is an agreed upon change on this contract then we need to come back next year and change these. We can't change these now.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, I don't think it's any big deal. I mean--

Councilmember Smith: If it's not any big deal leave it like it is.

Councilmember Raben: That's what I am talking about. I don't think it's any big deal that they be read like they were presented to me, so I would say let's just change it to the way they were originally written.

Councilmember Hoy: You want to withdraw your motion? You can do that.

Councilmember Sutton: I just don't want us to imply that we have some changes in responsibilities by changing titles--

Councilmember Hoy: That's true.

Councilmember Sutton: --when we have, you know, we've said that we were going to leave the positions as they were. If it does turn out that there are some changes in the negotiations then we can reflect that the first of the year.

Councilmember Raben: These changes were presented to me and I assumed that's what we were doing was...I mean, I thought we were correcting as they were supposed to read. If they're not correct and the way they were originally presented is correct I'm comfortable with doing that. Like I said, I didn't dream up those names. They were presented to me that was the changes that had to be made in it. I mean, I don't have a problem withdrawing.

Councilmember Hoy: I withdraw the second.

President Wortman: You withdraw the motion and withdraw the second, alright.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: There were no other changes in that.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll second the motion that there are no changes.

President Wortman: Alright, a motion and a second. Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Betty, I don't know that it matters at this point, but actually there are only three positions listed in the contract.

Councilmember Smith: Only three in the contract? What happened to the other two? There was five when they did that.

Councilmember Raben: Three classifications, yeah. That's what I meant to say. Three classifications and five people.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? Call for the roll. Mr. Raben, we stopped at you.

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Councilmember Smith: We voted to leave it as it is.

Suzanne Crouch: We stopped with Jim.

Councilmember Smith: Oh, okay.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

### ***BURDETTE PARK***

President Wortman: Okay, next page 112, Burdette Park.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, right now there are no changes in the salary lines. For now I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: And got a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second. Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***LEGAL AID***

President Wortman: Okay next is 116, Legal Aid.

Councilmember Raben: The same on that one, Mr. President. At this time there are no corrections to be made-

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Raben: --on salary lines.

President Wortman: Motion and a second. Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**COUNTY COUNCIL**

President Wortman: The next is page 119, County Council.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, there are currently no changes to be made.

President Wortman: Got a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second, Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? Call the roll.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: What am I voting on?

Councilmember Smith: Council.

Teri Lukeman: County Council.

Councilmember Lloyd: Page 119.

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

***COUNTY HIGHWAY***

President Wortman: The next page is Riverboat. Nothing there, so we go to the Highway.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, we're back on track as there are currently no salary adjustments to be made on this budget.

President Wortman: Okay, got a second to that motion on the Highway?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion? Call the roll.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

***CUMULATIVE BRIDGE***

President Wortman: Okay, Cumulative Bridge now is 130.

Councilmember Smith: Well, wait a minute. What about the County Highway?

Councilmember Raben: We just did that.

Councilmember Smith: Oh, I thought we were doing the Riverboat.

President Wortman: No, there is nothing there.

Councilmember Hoy: There are no employees there. We don't have any employees.

Councilmember Lloyd: Betty, did you want to change your vote?

President Wortman: No, you have to play the machines to win there.

Councilmember Smith: I thought we was voting on the Riverboat.

President Wortman: No, 2030, Cumulative Bridge.

Councilmember Bassemier: Curt, you're going to have to speak. You got to lively us up a little. We're falling asleep over here.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and the motion is there is no salary adjustments at this time.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion? Now remember we'll have something down the road here that the 15¢ on the \$100 later on. Mr. Raben will make that in the form of a motion. If not, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

### ***HEALTH DEPARTMENT***

President Wortman: Now, 134 nothing there; 136, Family and Children, nothing there. Health Department, 138.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, line 1130-2130 should read \$47,623. Page 139, line 1380-2130 should read Supervisor STD/HIV AIDS Programs.

Councilmember Lloyd: Which line?

Councilmember Raben: That's 1380-2130.

Councilmember Sutton: Repeat those again.

Councilmember Raben: Forwards or backwards? Supervisor STD/HIV AIDS Programs, that's a long title, and the amount is \$40,911.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Raben: Got a motion and a second. Any discussion on the Health Department? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1130-2130	Director Communicable Disease	47,623.00
1380-2130	Supervisor STD/HIV AIDS Program	Unchanged

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

President Wortman: The next is the Airport Authority.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, line 1100-2140 Salary/Wages, I move that all salaries be set in at a four percent increase. I'm going to go ahead and adjust their FICA and PERF. Line 1900 FICA \$140,203; 1910 PERF \$140,063. The correct figure on the salary adjustments are on the top line is \$1,662,105.

Councilmember Sutton: Just a real quick question. How do we know if we're giving four percent? I mean, I know you factored in a four percent in terms of number wise, but if they've got an opening, a vacant position, do you know what I am saying?



Councilmember Raben: They could divide that up among--

Councilmember Sutton: That's what I am talking about. How do we know we're giving four percent there?

Councilmember Smith: Didn't he say he figured it at three point six? I've got a note that he figured that increase and maybe that's the increase for the other...when he figured it he said 3.6%.

Councilmember Raben: I can't dig it out now, but that figure I just gave you is based at four percent.

Councilmember Smith: Right.

Councilmember Raben: I wouldn't even know where to begin to look for it actually.

Councilmember Smith: The figure that he gave us was \$1,661,551 and the other percentage would have amounted to what you gave us.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, if you do the...unless my calculator is wrong or I punched the wrong figure the figure they initially gave us was only 2.66% and this was at the four as we did every other budget.

Sandie Deig: Is that the \$1,662,000, is that the figure he is talking about?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

Sandie Deig: Is that figure there?

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, I think the only way we can--

Councilman Bassemier: Just set it in as is.

Councilmember Sutton: --that we can know--

Councilmember Raben: I understand your point. You never know if they lose one or two people.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, \$40,000.

Councilmember Raben: It averages out at \$40,000 per job what about the other \$80,000? Can that be divided up among the other employees and you're exactly right. I guess that can go on. You know, I mean, that's--

Councilmember Sutton: Outside of specifically seeing line item by line item what each position is receiving and what they actually get that's the only way that we're going to really be able to tell. Really an itemized list of those salaries.

Councilmember Raben: And we do have that. They did provide that to us prior to budget, a line by line breakdown. Like I said, I may have it in here. I don't even know where to look, but we were given that in the early stages of the budgets.

Councilmember Sutton: I realize he gave us that, but I'm just saying if we do that we're giving it to a total salary budget rather than to individuals, this four percent.

Councilmember Raben: You're exactly right and I think this is the way we've always approved this budget and I know several years ago that same question was raised, why do we do it this way, and I think we've always been at the mercy of their board which we

don't have to be, don't get me wrong. Maybe next year we ought to do exactly what you're saying just for security and vote on them line by line.

Councilmember Sutton: Whether we use our own line items or their line items if they want to come up with some we ought to do it that way rather than a big lump sum of a total of their salaries because I think we're just opening up the possibility of some inequities. I'm not saying that is the case or any hint of that being the case out there, but that is just a possibility.

Councilmember Raben: Would you like to...I guess after this budget you can make that in a motion--

Councilman Bassemier: Can we come back to it, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: --that we vote on this line by line.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, I would be willing to do that.

President Wortman: Yeah, Ed, you're the liaison out there. You could get--

Councilman Bassemier: He figures his a little bit different. I think Russ has got that spreadsheet there that can enlighten us.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, but what Royce is saying is he likes to know--

Councilman Bassemier: Yeah, I know what he is saying.

Councilmember Raben: He wants to vote on each individual so one person's salary can't...I mean, the way we're voting on it today and the way we've voted on it in the past somebody...there could be a 12% increase figured in.

Councilman Bassemier: Right, and they are. He's got in there, I think, his Market Director. I think he has upped that. I think he figures it more on a average. They figure a little bit different than just across four percent raise.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, but what he is talking about is if there is a vacancy, one or two vacancies. The original motion I made is that all employees receive a four percent, so that prevents them from giving that individual for now that eight percent increase or whatever you stated it was, but what Royce is saying is that what if in December if they lose an employee and there is a line open with \$40,000 sitting there can they take that \$40,000 and divvy it up between ten other employees and they pay those employees in excess of this four percent.

Councilman Bassemier: Well, can you look at the down side. What if he is not giving some of his employees a four percent raise, but it averages out there so if they're only getting a two and a half or three percent raise and now they're going to get a four percent raise if you raise it. I mean, he's got it here.

Councilmember Smith: I think what Royce...and I feel that it should be is those line items right in the budget book like the rest of them are. We're trying to correct the Community Corrections out there, so why shouldn't those line items be in the book, too?

President Wortman: We can correct that after the first of the year. There will be some positive corrections and we've done that before, see.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: In fact, I can, if Mrs. Smith can further carry your point that we go with the Health Department. That is a separate, that's a separate taxing district, too?

Councilmember Raben: You are going to run into that with Family and Children and a lot of other budgets. But, I mean, it doesn't have to be for all and we want just the Airport to do that, we can ask them to do that. Do you understand what I am saying? You are also going to run into that with a lot of other budgets, too.

Councilmember Sutton: Jim, maybe as an amendment to that motion then that each individual employee will get a four percent raise.

President Wortman: Employed.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: That was my very first motion, that all employees be set in at a four percent increase and then my next statement, I approved that line. So, we have actually done that, but what you were saying earlier is still exactly right. There are still no provisions that it doesn't happen if there is any terminations or vacancies. I mean, they could still shift that money around.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, they stick to what your motion is and they do something other than that, above that. Obviously, that is clearly outside of what's been asked for here.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President, the Airport Authority is a separate taxing district so are they county employees?

(Inaudible)

Councilmember Lloyd: No, I don't think so.

President Wortman: If these are not county employees.

Councilmember Lloyd: If they loose a position like Safety Officer or something I would think that they could operate with missing positions and divvy up the money. I mean, Mr. Working, I wouldn't think that they are over staffed out there that they need each position. So, it is a question. Do we trust Mr. Working? But, they are one of those authorities that I don't think that they are county employees. So.

President Wortman: They are not county employees.

Councilmember Lloyd: So, as a fiscal body we have to approve their budget.

President Wortman: Okay, we have a motion on the floor. Any discussion? No discussion.

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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1100-2140	Salary/Wages	1,662,105.00
1900	FICA	140,203.00
1910	PERF	140,063.00

(Motion approved 6-1/Councilmember Sutton opposed)

President Wortman: Okay, we will go to the next one, Local Roads and Streets, there is nothing in there. Surveyor Maps, nothing in there. Auditor nothing in there, County Assessor, 150, Land Coordinator, nothing in there. Well we can do Reassessment. Do you want to address that Mr. Raben?

**REASSESSMENT BUDGETS**

Councilmember Raben: Yes, I would, Mr. President. Right now, for the time being I would like to zero out all reassessment budgets. This is one of the few accounts that we don't have to make an appropriation or vote on at this particular time. There is still the question that in January they could postpone reassessment once again. Currently, these offices have monies in place to operate with, so for the time being, I would like to zero out all reassessment budgets and that would pertain to the Auditor, Assessor, Board of Appeals, Armstrong Assessor, Center Assessor, German Assessor, Knight Assessor, Perry Assessor, Pigeon, Scott and Union Assessors reassessment budgets. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Okay, we have a motion on the floor. Second to that effect?

Councilmember Lloyd: I guess that I'll second it.

President Wortman: You will second it. Okay. Now, and the County Auditor, that is permissible?

Suzanne Crouch: Certainly.

President Wortman: I just wanted to make sure.

Suzanne Crouch: We can always appropriate at any point in this year or next year.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mrs. Crouch. Okay, alright got a motion on the floor. Call the roll please. Just a minute, let's change tapes.

Teri Lukeman: I'll go ahead and then we can change.

President Wortman: We can make the round right quick.

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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, page 165. Supplemental Adult Probation. We will change the tape.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

## **TAPE CHANGE**

### ***CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION***

Councilmember Raben: Line 1400-2600 should read \$22,710. Line 1410-2600 should read \$32,621. Line 1800-2600 should read \$5,000 and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Second, Mr. Hoy. Any discussion on this? Call the roll please.

Councilmember Lloyd: Can we read those off again? I didn't get all of that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, let me go back. Okay, 1400-2600 should read \$22,710, 1410-2600 should read \$32,621 and 1800-2600 should read \$5,000.

Councilmember Lloyd: Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, everybody got that? 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1400-2600	Qualified Medication Aide	22,710.00
1410-2600	AISP/DISP Caseworker	32,621.00
1800-2600	Shift Differential	5,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Now, we will go to page 168, Superior Court Supplemental Adult Probation.

**SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION**

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, there's no changes or corrections on this, that budget.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and a second. Any discussion? 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Page 170, Pretrial Diversion which is self-supporting, by the way.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

***PROSECUTOR PRETRIAL DIVERSION***

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, there is only one salary line and there are no corrections.

Councilmember Sutton: Second

President Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Sutton. Any discussion? 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Page 171, Surveyor Corner Perpetuation Fund.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

***SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION FUND***

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, there are no changes on any salary line.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and a second. Call the roll, when you get a chance.

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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Page 172, Misdemeanor Offender.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***CIRCUIT COURT MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER  
SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING***

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, on Misdemeanor Offender there are no changes in the salary lines.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: I've got a second from Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Raben: I was going to include 173, which is Sheriff Misdemeanor Housing. The first line 1360-2780 should read Detention Officer and the amount should read \$23,897.

Councilmember Smith: 827?

Councilmember Raben: 897. Line 1370-2780 should read Detention Officer and the amount is \$23,897 and I make those two budgets in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Okay, two budgets, that's a combination. Got a second to that, Mr.



Hoy. Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: There are two motions on the floor.

President Wortman: Two motions on the floor. Okay, any discussion? Call the roll please, when you get a chance.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Raben was lumping those together and as a seconder, I'll accept that as one motion.

President Wortman: Yeah, those two together, so, everybody understood that. Thank you.

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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1360-2780	Detention Officer	23,897.00
1370-2780	Detention Officer	23,897.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Okay, page 174, Local Emergency Planning, nothing there. Next page is 175 Local Drug Free Community, nothing there. Emergency Service page 176, nothing there. Convention and Business Bureau, page 177.

### **CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, there are no salary changes or corrections at this time. I will make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Okay, got a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, got a second from Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Page 180 is nothing, page 181 nothing, page 182, Levee Distribution Tax, that's got salary and wages involved there.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***LEVEE DISTRIBUTION TAX***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, line 1100-4250, the correct figure is \$430,423, 1900 FICA, the correct figure is \$32,927, 1910 PERF the correct figure is \$37,622 and I am going to go ahead and throw in 1940 Workman's Comp the figure is \$13,871. Mr. President, at this time that is all the corrections and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Got a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second, any discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben, would you repeat the figure for PERF, please?

Councilmember Raben: Uh, \$37,662.00

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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1100-4250	Salary/Wages	430,423.00
1900	FICA	32,927.00
1910	PERF	37,662.00
1940	Workman's Comp	13,871.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY**

President Wortman: Okay, next page 185 Legal Aid/United Way.

Councilmember Raben: There are no adjustments to be made, Mr. President, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and a second. Okay, 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. I think that is the end of the road so, we will go back on the 3000 and 4000 accounts.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>Approval of four percent salary increase for county employees for year 2000</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, before we go there, I would like to move that all county employees receive a four percent raise for the year 2000 as listed in the 2000 Salary Ordinance for all salaries in accordance with the County's Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and a second, a lot of seconds. Okay, sounds good. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>Salary Ordinance Exhibit A - H</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, now Mr. President, let me also move that Exhibit A - H in the back of your Salary Ordinance, be approved as listed for the year 2000. I will make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Got a second?

Councilmember Hoy: 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?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, Mr. Raben.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, before we finish the 2000 and 3000 accounts, lets go to page, let me get you the correct page number, page 115, Burdette Park, there was some confusion as to the appropriation that was filed for this month, so we are going to put back in a few items for Burdette Park.

***BURDETTE PARK***

Councilmember Raben: First, would be line 4080, that figure should be \$2,000, line 4110 Land & Improvements \$2,000, line 4120 Buildings, \$10,000 and line 4130, \$4,000. Then the remainder on the line 4080 we will appropriate today in an appropriation during our regular Council meeting. Then if you would –

President Wortman: Mr. Raben, what did you set 4080 Pool Improvements in at?

Councilmember Raben: 2,000.

President Wortman: 2,000. Okay.

4080	Pool Improvements	2,000.00
4110	Land & Improvements	2,000.00
4120	Buildings	10,000.00
4130	Park and Playground	4,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0, later in meeting)

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Councilmember Raben: Then let’s go to page, well let me get you the correct page, it starts on 80. Turn to page 81, Patient and Inmate, set that in at \$1,300,000.00.

Councilmember Smith: At how much?

Councilmember Raben: Patient and Inmate on page 81, Betty, it is near the bottom, 3050, \$1,300,000.00

President Wortman: 1,300,000.00.

1300-3050	Patient and Inmate	1,300,000.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0, later in meeting)

<b>Approval of 2000, 3000 &amp; 4000 accounts</b>
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Councilmember Raben: In addition to that I move that all 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts for the 2000 budget be adopted as previously approved. I am going to list them okay. Armstrong Assessor and Armstrong Reassessment; County Assessor and Assessor Reassessment; the Auditor’s Office/Auditor Reassessment; Bond Issue; Burdette Park; Center Assessor; Center Assessor/ Reassessment; Circuit Court; Circuit Supplemental Adult Probation; Circuit Court Misdemeanor Offender; County Clerk; Community Corrections; Convention Center Operating Fund; Convention and Visitor’s Bureau; Cooperative Extension; Coroner’s Office; County Commissioners; County Commissioners CCD; County Council; Cum Bridge; Drainage Board; Drug and Alcohol Deferral; Election Office; Family and Children; German Township Assessor and Reassessment; Health Department; the Highway Department; County Jail, Knight Assessor and Knight Reassessment; Legal Aid; Legal Aid United Way; Levee Distribution Tax; Local Drug Free Community; Local Emergency Planning Committee; Local Roads and Streets; Perry Assessor and Perry Assessor Reassessment; Pigeon Assessor/Pigeon Assessor Reassessment; Property Tax Assessment; Board of Appeal; Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeal Reassessment; Prosecutor; Prosecutor IV-D; Prosecutor Check Fee Recovery; Prosecutor Drug Law Enforcement; Prosecutor Victim/Witness Assistance program; Prosecutor STOP Domestic Violence; Prosecutor Adult Protective Services; Prosecutor Pretrial Diversion; Recorder; Riverboat; Scott Assessor and Scott Reassessment; Sheriff’s Department; Sheriff’s Misdemeanor Housing; Superior Court; Superior Court Supplemental Adult Probation; Superintendent of County Buildings; Surveyor; Surveyor Maps; Surveyor Corner Perpetuation; the Centre; Tourism Capital Improvement; Union Assessor; Treasurer; Union Reassessment; Veteran’s Administration; Voter’s Registration; Weight and Measurers; and Welfare. There will be a test on that in five minutes.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and a second. Any discussion on what he read? Okay, he didn’t get it fast enough but that is okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Just a minute.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

Councilmember Sutton: On one item, Jim, I was meaning for us, back on the salaries when we got done with the roll there. I didn't get a chance to go back to it, in fact, I just kind of overlooked it, on page 45.

Councilmember Raben: Give me just one second, Royce.

Councilmember Sutton: Page 45 and that would be Prosecutor Adult Protective Services and the line, the motion was for \$24,831 and --

Councilmember Raben: Correct.

Councilmember Sutton: What I was wanting was an amendment to that which would add \$8,273 to that. I recognize that it is a grant position on that, but they have already had substantial cuts already there in that particular area, but that is really what I am requesting is \$8,273 on the line item 3994 for the Adult Protective Services.

Councilmember Raben: Again, I think that I addressed my feelings on these grant accounts and bailing them out with General Fund monies. I feel that at this time I don't wish to do so. We are already, this particular account, carrying \$25,000 of the load with local taxpayers money and I certainly don't wish to dig ourselves any deeper hole at this time.

President Wortman: Okay, so the motion to reopen or not reopen is rejected so I will entertain a motion from the floor if you want to open it up.

Councilmember Sutton: The motion on the floor --

President Wortman: Oh, you didn't make the motion on the floor?

Councilmember Sutton: He made the motion. I was asking him for an amendment to his motion.

Councilmember Hoy: The process is that we have to, we now have to vote on the motion. We could reopen.

President Wortman: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question. I think that I got my answer on Burdette Park, I forget what page that was on, we restored some things and is that 115?

Councilmember Raben: It is 115, okay,

Councilmember Sutton: 115.

Councilmember Raben: We restored \$2,000 in Pool Improvements, \$2,000 in Land and Improvements, \$10,000 in Buildings and \$2,000 in --

Councilmember Hoy: Playground.

Councilmember Raben: Right, \$4,000.

Councilmember Hoy: \$4,000, that's right. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, you have a very long motion on the floor. I might add that we need to go ahead and vote on this motion so that I don't have to read through it all again. Then we can re-vote to open.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, you read it so well. We'd like to have you say it over a couple of times.

Councilmember Raben: At any point, you can move to reopen an account....I'd keep with this motion, so that it doesn't have to be read again.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, I would want to go ahead and reopen that but we will go ahead, and...right, I am going to request after this vote.

Councilmember Raben: I am asking you not to bring that in on my motion, but move to reopen after we vote on this.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, and that's why, I'm hoping that you won't have to read that again so, what I am saying is that I would like to reopen after this.

Councilmember Raben: You can make a motion after we vote on this.

Councilmember Sutton: I just want to make sure I get an opportunity to do that.

President Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Sutton has made it known that he intends to reopen, but let's get this out of the way, first.

President Wortman: Okay, do we know what we are voting on? Everybody understands? Okay, you can call the roll.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I'm going to vote yes, but I am going to vote to reopen.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm going to yes your motion, Jim. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**



***PROSECUTOR ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES - REOPENED***

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, I would like to ask that or offer a motion that we reopen the Prosecutor Adult Protective Services budget or department 1086. That's, I'm offering that.

Councilmember Lloyd: What page is that?

Councilmember Sutton: Page 45.

Councilmember Smith: I second it.

President Wortman: Line item 3994 Special Matching Grants.

Councilmember Smith: I second that.

President Wortman: Got a motion and a second to reopen it, page 45, Special Matching Grants 3994 in the amount of \$8,273. Is that correct, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, it is.

Councilmember Hoy: I would like to ask our legal counsel. Does this take a two-thirds or a simple majority, Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: To reopen, I think that under the rules that we passed, it just takes four votes. Under Roberts Rules, I think it would take and we always get confused with that, but we take –

Councilmember Hoy: In my eighth year, we are going to adopt Roberts Rules.

Jeff Ahlers: We have a general rule that just takes it –

Councilmember Bassemier: We just voted on it and now they are going to reopen–

Councilmember Hoy: It is going to take a long time to make sausage.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? Call the roll.

Councilmember Bassemier: I think that you are wrong here.

President Wortman: Just a minute, please. The County Attorney is looking it up.

Councilmember Bassemier: It will take five votes to open it.

Councilmember Hoy: Simple majority.

Councilmember Smith: No, it doesn't.

Councilmember Sutton: To reopen it is just a simple majority.

Councilmember Bassemier: We just voted on it.

Councilmember Raben: It would take five to increase the line.

Councilmember Smith: Then you should have said that before we voted to pass the whole thing. Knowing that we were going to vote to reopen.

Councilmember Raben: It only takes four to reopen.

Councilmember Smith: Well, that's what we want to do. But, then you said to pass it would take five, we've haven't got five, but we've got four.

Councilmember Bassemier: You all been talking, huh?

Councilmember Smith: Yes, we have. The same as you all did last night.

Councilmember Lloyd: I wasn't there.

Councilmember Smith: I wasn't either.

Councilmember Hoy: I was moving furniture.

Councilmember Smith: Well, on the budget, it should take four the same way it has all evening, the whole afternoon.

Jeff Ahlers: I don't see any specific rule that we enacted discussing reopening which means it would fall under the general rule where we said it would just take a majority vote of four to engage in any motions. So, four to reopen.

Councilmember Bassemier: Four to open, right?

Jeff Ahlers: Four to open.

President Wortman: Call the roll.

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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to return the favor and move to reopen just to guarantee him that opportunity for granting that to go through. So, I will vote yes to reopen.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, so we have to reopen. Now I will entertain a motion to Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: My motion is line item 394, excuse me 3994 which is Special Matching Grants and to add \$8,273 to the amount that was approved of \$24,831.

President Wortman: Do I got a second to that motion?

Councilmember Smith: I second it.

President Wortman: Any discussion on this?

Councilmember Lloyd: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: Is it to raise this budget, after we have already voted it in at the lower figure, do we need four votes or five?

Jeff Ahlers: Is that any increase of a salary or position?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, that is more than one position there.

Jeff Ahlers: If it is salaries, it is going to take five votes.

Councilmember Raben: They are salaries.

President Wortman: Now, the original requests was \$33,104 but you set it at \$24,831 so do you want it to be placed back in at \$8,273.

Councilmember Raben: That supplements four salaries I believe in that account. What page was that on? I don't remember.

Councilmember Smith: Page 45.

Councilmember Sutton: It is a Director, two Investigators, and a Secretary.

Councilmember Raben: One of which is a vacant position right now. So, there are just three positions in there.

Councilmember Smith: But, the state cut it by 33% and Stan needs that amount of money.

Councilmember Raben: And my point exactly from earlier was that each time the state does that or any grant does that we seem to come in and bail them out with General Fund monies and I don't think that is the proper thing to do.

Councilmember Bassemier: It has already passed. It will take five votes.

President Wortman: 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: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. If it takes five votes, there are four for it and three against. Are you sure it takes five votes?

Jeff Ahlers: All I am saying is we passed the Salary Ordinance. Once the Salary Ordinance is passed it takes, now you are looking to increase salaries above what have been passed in the Salary Ordinance, which would be an increase kicking in the two-thirds vote.

Councilmember Sutton: But when they submitted their budget, what they submitted was not over and above.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, that would take six, if you were wanting to rise it above what was submitted. What we can do is let this vote stand and if you want me to –

Councilmember Sutton: It is not above what they submitted.

Jeff Ahlers: –check into it further, or let it fall where it goes.

Councilmember Sutton: It is not above what they submitted, so what was legally advertised, we are not exceeding that.

Councilmember Smith: Jim asked us to go ahead and pass that and come back to make the amendment instead of beforehand.

Councilmember Raben: No, Betty, but see that was on the 2, 3 and 4000 accounts. What he is referring to is what we passed a couple of motions prior to that when we set in the four percent –

Councilmember Smith: We are still on the budget with four votes.

Councilmember Raben: But the motion that I was referring to and not wanting to repeat refers to the 2, 3, and 4000 accounts. So, he is talking about a motion that was made two or three prior.

Jeff Ahlers: What I was going to suggest is that what I'll do is that I'll be happy to call the state. If they say that it only takes four then you have four votes and it passes. Otherwise, if it is still considered to be five votes then what you can do is just move to make an excess appropriation to try to put it in at another time. Do you see what I am saying? You have already voted, what I can do is double-check to satisfy everybody and if it turns out that you only need four votes then it passed.

President Wortman: That's good enough.

1086-3994	Special/Matching Grants	33,104.00
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<sup>2\*</sup>(Motion fails 4-3/Councilmembers Bassemier, Lloyd and Raben opposed)

President Wortman: Okay, now next on the agenda, Mr. Raben is Health Insurance.

<b>Amended health insurance budget</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I move that, all Councilmembers have been given a final year 2000 insurance data report and I move that the Council approve the insurance budget 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. Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Smith: (Inaudible).

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion passes 6-0/Councilmember Sutton absent)

<b>Establish county tax rate</b>
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President Wortman: Okay, number ten, Establish the County Tax Rate.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I move that the County Council set a county tax rate as deemed appropriate by the state, Indiana State Commissioners, following their review of our budget. So, I make that in the form of a motion.

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<sup>2</sup> See page 1 of September 1, 1999 County Council minutes for further discussion.

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

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, got a second. Any discussion? All in favor, raise, call the roll, I mean.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion passes 6-0/Councilmember Sutton absent)**

<b>Cumulative Bridge tax rate</b>
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President Wortman: Okay the Cumulative Bridge Tax Rate that's been set in, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I move that we set in the Cum Bridge tax rate at .15¢ per \$100 assessed valuation 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? Call the roll.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

(Motion passes 6-0/Councilmember Sutton absent)

<b>Adjournment</b>
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President Wortman: Okay, any new business to come before this body, this day here, September 1, in reference to the budget. I don't hear any, don't see none so I will entertain a motion to adjourn the 2000 budget hearings.

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

President Wortman: No discussion. All those in favor, raise your right hand so we can get unanimous, one, two, three, four, five, six, appreciate all of your attendance.

(Meeting adjourned 3:04 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Curt Wortman

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Vice President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Phil Hoy

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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  
OCTOBER 6, 1999**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 6th day of October, 1999 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:38 p.m. by County Council President Curt Wortman.

President Wortman: Welcome, everybody, to the Vanderburgh County Council meeting here October the 6th, a little late starting, but, so we've got to get to moving here. We'll open the meeting and would the Sheriff please present that, please?

Brad Ellsworth: That's why I was up here.

President Wortman: Okay fine, you're fine.

(Meeting opened by Sheriff Ellsworth)

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Ellsworth. Now then attendance roll call, please.

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

\*Councilmember Lloyd arrived shortly after roll call.

President Wortman: Would you all please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES AUGUST 25, 1999 SPECIAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 1, 1999 FINAL BUDGET HEARING SEPTEMBER 1, 1999 REGULAR COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING</b>
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President Wortman: Item number four on your agenda, I'd like to take a motion, approval of the following minutes: August 25, 1999 Special Meeting; September 1, 1999 Regular Meeting; and September 1, 1999 Final Budget Hearing. Do I hear a motion from the floor?

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: And got a second over there. Any discussion on those past minutes? All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. We'll get right in to the appropriation order and the first on the agenda is the County Auditor and she went to a state meeting, I think, is that correct? We've got her replacement here, Mr. Fluty. So, Mr. Raben, would you proceed with the -- which we rehashed here last Wednesday on the Microfilming/Scanning?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, before I go into the actual appropriations, if you'll

look at your General Fund balance sheet, we have \$911,000 unencumbered, okay. We have requests today for \$905,000. There's been some discussion of repeal in the amount, and I don't mean to put the Sheriff's Department on the spot, but somewhere around \$100,000 in computer funds. But I think we all need to bear in mind today that it's just October and I feel that if we leave ourselves with less than, say a quarter of a million dollars with the rest of the year to go, that we may be acting irresponsible. You have to remember that there may be some unforeseen Y2K emergencies. We have some requests coming before us, we've been told that approximately \$25,000 in Postage; Jail Food in the area of 35 to \$45,000; Garage & Motors in the area of 25 to \$30,000; and then Food for Community Corrections of \$15,000. So that's just what we know is coming. So I think we need to exercise some caution in the appropriations today. While they may not be favorable cuts, you have to remember that again, we're acting as a responsible body for this county. So, are there any questions or comments?

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, Mr. President. Jim, on the CCD money, is there anything we can -- it's all spoken for?

Councilmember Raben: On CCD Funds, I don't know if John Stoll is present, but he has been asked by the Commissioners to provide a spreadsheet, but CCD Funds are totally spoken for. The plan for that is the Phase III of Burkhardt, Phase II of Lynch Road, so the funds are all spoken for.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got anything to say?

Councilmember Hoy: I have just a question of curiosity for the Auditor's Office. Since I was one of negatives on Burkhardt, could you all give me a figure on how much we spent there? Not right now, but just since we voted that \$3,000,000 I am curious.

Councilmember Raben: What they are in the process on doing right now is they are: a lot of legal work for Phase III, land acquisitions for right-of-ways and whatnot, and John Stoll is putting together a spreadsheet right now that we will probably have for our next meeting.

Councilmember Hoy: That is where the CCD money is going?

Councilmember Raben: Correct.

Councilmember Hoy: I agree with Mr. Raben about us being careful. I'll just go back to my original warning when we spent that \$3,000,000. I voted against that and I think that the developers should be responsible for some of that and here we are wondering how we are going to supply our Sheriff with cars. We've got cars with 200,000 miles on them that are unsafe and that bothers me that we've tied up that much money and now don't have any money freed up for that kind of thing. Thank you.

President Wortman: Anybody else got anything to say? Okay, the County Auditor appropriation.

<b>APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE</b>
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**A) AUDITOR**

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of 1020-3401 in the amount of \$25,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: 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: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, passes 6-1.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1020-3401	MICROFILMING/SCANNING	25,000.00	25,000.00
TOTAL		25,000.00	25,000.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Sutton opposed)

**B) SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**

President Wortman: Next is the Sheriff’s Department.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I’ll move approval of 1050-4230 in the amount of \$180,000; 1050-4250 in the amount of \$18,000; 1050-1510-1050 in the amount of \$8,500; and 1050-1300-1050 in the amount of \$85,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion?

Councilmember Smith: How many cars does that bring us to?

Councilmember Raben: I was basing that on six.

Councilmember Smith: Six?

Councilmember Raben: Uh-huh, six cars and equipment for six.

Councilmember Smith: And he requested ten.

President Wortman: Yeah, I got a list there of eight cars from 212,000 miles to 154,000

miles that need to be replaced pretty bad. Now if you have a wreck it's going to cost more than that. We've been behind on the cars in the Sheriff's Department and maybe next year we can back off, but we've been not giving them enough to start with, so this is (inaudible), they've got a list here of that. So anyway, anybody else got any discussion?

Councilmember Bassemier: I understand where Jim is coming from, he's very reasonable on that six cars, but I can see where the Sheriff is going to repeal \$100,000 so that would maybe get him a couple more cars and I talked with the Sheriff and he said he needs them, so I am kind of hoping maybe we can get in between well, Jim says six and ten, maybe working in eight cars. So I --

Councilmember Smith: I'd like to amend your motion to make that eight cars instead of -- that's half --

Councilmember Raben: Betty, I don't want anybody to misunderstand me. I don't disagree on the urgency for the cars. But again, when we're trying to protect the county so we have some kind of operating balance just to cover the known expenditures that are coming before us and with that we're going to run very close if nothing else happens.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, --

Councilmember Raben: If we have a strong operating balance in January we may try to fund those two then.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, when you named six, did you take that \$100,000 in consideration that the Sheriff is going to give back to us?

Councilmember Raben: Well, to be perfectly honest with you, I was coming in today and trying to work with the numbers, I had a figure of four or five in mind, so the \$100,000 made me feel somewhat comfortable with six. And again, I'd probably be the first to vote in January if we have a healthy operating balance. But I don't see how this Council can even consider spending our balance down this close the first of October.

President Wortman: On the vehicles here now, eight would be \$240,000 and the first of the year they have to be on the piggyback by this year, am I correct? The Sheriff, they have to be on or you can't wait until next year?

Brad Ellsworth: We have to basically wait until we know a price on the QPA when the bid prices come in. We don't know if they are going to be Chevy or Fords at this time. Chevy has gotten back into the police vehicle business. What we run into is when we wait, we don't get our -- what happened last year, we got enough for four cars and we didn't take delivery on those cars until July or August of this year based on that because we were so late getting the order in and getting the money. It makes it a lot easier if we know right now what we're getting and we can go ahead and get the car company ready.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Sheriff, while you are at the mike, you have said that you could repeal \$100,000, is that correct?

Brad Ellsworth: If you remember when we took our the bids for the new jail project, one bid came in, I believe it was \$360,000, \$365,000, the other came in at \$180,000 and by the time we tweaked it, it looks -- the committee we put together chose the less expensive of the two and so it looks like by the time we get the proper equipment, we going to be able to repeal \$100,000, it should be right at. We hate to put that exact figure and tell you in stone because until it's in and approved, there may be an upper or extra but that looks like it's going to be right at \$100,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, could you give us, if that's not a full \$100,000, what the lowest level might be on that repeal? Would you say \$90 - \$95,000?

Brad Ellsworth: \$100,000 gives us a cushion, my computer man says. You can pretty much bank on \$100,000.

Councilmember Smith: I would think if he is committing himself to approximately \$100,000, that we could at least give him eight. And I'd like to amend your motion.

Councilmember Raben: Betty, let me run one thing by this Council before we do that. Just the additional appropriations that are coming towards us, okay, if you add those up, back out the difference, the request for ten and throw in the \$100,000 repeal, that will give this body a balance of roughly \$115,000. No, I am sorry, excuse me, hold on a second. Roughly \$43,000, so (inaudible -- distortion in sound system) is what stands between us and any (inaudible). You do what you think is the correct thing to do knowing that these funds probably aren't going to be spent though until after the first of the year anyway. I think Brad and Eric are both unsure whether there is going to be any (inaudible) written this year.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess that's maybe my question. When do we anticipate that these orders would be made on these vehicles?

Brad Ellsworth: We can't until the QPA comes out --

Eric Williams: (Inaudible -- comments not made from the microphone)

Councilmember Raben: See, so if we have a healthy operating balance and say our operating balance is 2.5 - 2.7 next year, we can surely fund two more cars after the first of the year. But I think you're putting the county in jeopardy if we spend any more than we absolutely have to today.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess my question is related to what is requested today. When would the cars actually be received? What you are requesting today, when would that order actually be placed?

Brad Ellsworth: Right after the first of the year.

Eric Williams: If I could, I'll try to answer Royce's question. The problem is when the tan and brown cars that are marked units, Ford or Chevy, they run those for two or three days, that's all they do. So if you don't at least tell them in advance we're going to order six, or ten or twelve, when they get ready to make that run, they are not going to be there for you and then you have to scavenge and that's what happened to us this year because the money wasn't in place early enough for us to tell them in advance that we're probably going to take four, six, eight or whatever. So we had to search the state, all other states that use brown and tan for departments that's money fell through to find cars that we could buy that match the brown and tan. The advantage of having the money now, these are for 2000 vehicles but they will start planning their production phase as soon as the QPA is let which is usually around November, somewhere in that range. So in December, we need to tell them that we've got funding in place for at least six cars so we know that we're on the list for them to produce that many cars for us because the cost to have them painted tan and brown far outweighs what it is just to order them that way if you can get them that way.

Councilmember Raben: But Eric, you could actually order eight, correct? I mean, and take delivery on six if you had to.

Eric Williams: Quite frankly, we could tell them we're going to order 24 of them and only buy six or eight of them because there's going to be a whole lot of other agencies just like we were scrambling because all of the sudden they got some money to try to buy them and the little Sheriff's offices that buy one a year or two a year. So we just want to give them an honest number of what we're going to look to order and we're following your recommendations to come back to you after budget hearings for 2000, because this was for our budget for 2000. It was zeroed out, so we just put the exact same numbers in for this request.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I --

President Wortman: And then also, the cars are probably going to be higher next year, too.

Eric Williams: The factories tell you that you can usually plan on an eight percent increase on QPA's. Now generally, it doesn't come out to eight percent, that's low. But that's the recommended cushion that they tell you to figure in for calculating.

President Wortman: Right, and this appropriation is for October. We've got one month because December can wait until January, too. That's another thing on appropriations, see. Mr. Hoy, have you got anything?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Raben, you mentioned we would have \$72,000 left which is a pretty scary figure. We also have a repeal today of \$60,000. Would that \$72,000 be in addition to this?

Councilmember Raben: The 72 figure was how much we're taking off by going from ten cars to eight cars. That \$72,000 figure that I gave you is the reduction in their --

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, I thought you were talking about how much money we'd have left in the General Fund.

Councilmember Raben: No, the \$43,000 is what I approximated as our balance for the rest of the year.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, and then that doesn't include the \$60,000 today, or it does?

Councilmember Raben: There's not actually a \$60,000 repeal, there is a -- oh yes there is. There is a \$60,000 repeal that there is a question on there as to whether or not that is actually correct. We're going to go ahead and approve it today but there's some question as to that being correct. But I think that Eric said is an important point. They can order eight or order ten tomorrow but they are not going to take delivery on them until after the first and don't have to take as many as they order anyway.

Councilmember Sutton: And I guess that's maybe what I am kind of with my question is trying to lead toward and that is why encumber the money if we're not going to use it especially if we've got other things that are before us today and possibly next month. Not to say that we wouldn't --

Councilmember Raben: It doesn't hurt to spend your balance down but you don't want to leave yourself in a situation where Computer Services are going to come in here next month and say hey we overlooked something here that we've got to do before December 31st and that's going to be \$110,000 or something like that or --

Councilmember Sutton: Well Jim, I am not disagreeing with you because the question is more to us rather than to them, and that is would we want to encumber money or set money aside for appropriation that maybe realistically we won't have to meet the need, actually pay the bill until much later on whereas if we make that appropriation today, we've already taken that money out of our General Fund and we wouldn't be able to fund any additional things. So I don't think we're saying that we don't want to at least put something or keep the cars in mind, but I guess I am just trying to get an idea why we need to make an appropriation today if we aren't actually going to make the purchase here within the next few weeks or something like that.

Eric Williams: If I could just interject where we come from on that, because we understand that but in good faith I think we owe it to the car dealerships, the manufacturer, the money we're going to owe for these cars, that the money is in place. It's kind of like, I don't want to go order something with no intention of knowing that the funding is in place and set aside for it. We could only go order ten and pick up six a few times before they'll say well, we want cash in advance. We want the money up front before we'll process your order

because those brown and tan cars, there's only a limited number of people that are going to get them and they are pretty specific. So that's all the reasoning for saying that we want the money now when we're going to place the order for the 2000 cars. You know, when we put it in for our 2000 budget request we know the money is not available until January 1, but we know it's locked in there and it's the money to spend so we're very comfortable calling them and saying yeah, we've got money for ten, we're not going to take delivery until they are run which is sometime in January anyway, but we know the money is in place for them. If you don't fund these, we would not be comfortable calling them and saying we're going to take six or eight, because we really wouldn't know. And then we're going to be back in the same dilemma that we were this year. We'll wait until we know the funding is in place and then we'll go out and try to find the vehicles and if we do that, we've just to hope that there is going to be some left out there that somebody else didn't take.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess, we don't want to say something that we aren't committed to, I don't want to imply that, but I guess at the same time I am trying to understand if in terms of making that commitment in terms of the dollars that we won't actually use until later on, I think what we need to just come up with at least today is figure out how many we want to do. I think that's where we are probably at this juncture. It's not a matter of if we're going to do it, I think it sounds like we're going to do something but it's just a matter of what we're going to do and when we're going to do it.

Councilmember Raben: I might also add, and this may be a question more towards the Auditor's Office, but for them to actually a P.O., do the funds need to be in place?

Bill Fluty: Yes, that's correct.

Councilmember Raben: So the money would have to be there at some point in time for the P.O., but we've talked about this enough.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, I know by that little speech that you gave, and you're doing a very good job, you're trying to hold the spending down, but if you would just bear with us until at the end of meeting. If the Sheriff is going to give us \$100,000 back here in another month or two, your fear of that end of this meeting, we'll probably be about \$40,000 more than what you anticipated when you walked into this room. So I am just saying if we give him eight cars.

Councilmember Raben: It's real basic and real simple. You have, assuming that all appropriations today that are requested are approved, which it looks like all of them are pretty must situations, okay, you'll have a balance of \$6,000 when you leave this room today. If you take his \$100,000 repeal that we're not even sure that we're going to get which they are just being up-front with us and letting us know that there is a strong possibility that it may be coming, but they're not 100% sure of that, correct?

Brad Ellsworth: 99.9.

Councilmember Raben: 99.9. Okay, I listed, I've written through my figures so many times, I think it was \$115,000 in appropriations that we know of that are coming before us, okay. So we've got \$106,000 with the repeal, \$115,000 coming before us, so that puts us nine in the hole. And then you've got a \$60,000 repeal back here which will leave you an operating balance of (inaudible -- distortion in microphone) \$51,000. Then you say \$50,000, if there is no other appropriations that come before us.

President Wortman: Okay, Mrs. Smith, do you accept her amendment to the motion, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: No, Mr. President, I don't. I have to, as Finance Chairman I have to stick to my guns on this one.

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Raben, the unappropriated balance that according to

the sheet that I've got, and you said 911, is that what you were saying? On mine it's 965.

President Wortman: Eight cars, Mr. Sutton, would be \$240,000.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, \$965,000. I was looking at Reassessment.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, and then our appropriation requests today are, if all were approved as they have been presented to us in our packets are right at 905,000. So that's \$60,000 plus the \$100,000 that we've been hearing about, this repeal. So that puts you at right about \$220,000.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and I have cited \$115,000 that are known requests coming towards us.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Sutton, in your figures then, did you include this repeal that we have today on the Centre?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, with the repeal today, right around \$220,000 with all of them. You take the, if we were to, everything that was requested today, subtract that from the General Fund balance and that gives you \$60,000, and then the \$100,000 from the Sheriff and the \$60,000 again that we have today.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, and you're using figures with ten cars or eight?

Councilmember Sutton: I am basing it on what we have today.

Councilmember Hoy: If we reduce this to eight, that would give us another \$60,000 on cars and (inaudible) on the equipment, so that would put us at --

Councilmember Sutton: Two eighty.

President Wortman: Two forty, for eight cars it would be \$240,000 I think.

Councilmember Hoy: And you are saying, Mr. Raben, for sure with the Postage and some other things coming in, \$100 and how much, \$115,000?

Councilmember Sutton: \$115,000.

Councilmember Raben: Actually I think I may be leaving off one or two there, but it's close --

Councilmember Sutton: It's going to be close any way you look at it. It's going to be a close call here and no, we don't know what may come before us. We've got the Patient/Inmate Care which is always a major source of angst for all of us, but at least we've got that one today rather than December, but who knows what is going to come up in the next couple of months or so. But the figures I was kind of working with in my head and --

President Wortman: Alright, anything else?

Brad Ellsworth: I'd like to make one comment because it seems like a lot of discussion over two police vehicles. What I'd like, what causes the problem, what I've seen historically is the going back and forth a year or three or four years of two cars or three cars or four, and then all of the sudden we have to come up with thirteen. And I remember a year when we got thirteen new cars and I think that was under Sheriff Shepherd, maybe. But -- was that under Hamner? Okay, that close, recently. But that's where we get into a problem. What I'd like to see someday and what a lot, most of the other counties do, if it's financially able to be done, is say like Warrick County gets ten cars a year. They know that's going to be built into their budget, they get ten every year and we can work with that. If we could build that in some way where we're all thinking six, eight, ten, whatever it might be, because we are the third largest Sheriff's Department in the state, then we all kind of know there



wouldn't be the year of two cars, and then us have to come up and beg for thirteen and that mileage would stay closer and the warranties would stay in longer. So that would be my ultimate goal and Curt and I have talked about that as working out some kind of where we're all thinking as long as we're here, however long that might be, that think eight cars a year or six cars a year and we can probably work with a set number and just not get chopped down to two and that's where we really get into trouble. So that would be -- I'd throw that on the table for us to discuss --

President Wortman: And your maintenance would be down, too, see.

Brad Ellsworth: Absolutely, we're spending sometimes \$4,000 on a car that's worth \$2,000. So it's hard to say.

President Wortman: Alright, if no other discussion, I am going to call for a vote. Now, do you want to repeat your motion, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: The motion read 1050-4230 in the amount of \$180,000, 1050-4250 in the amount of \$30,000 -- \$18,000, excuse me, 1050-1510-1050 in the amount of \$8,500, 1050-1300-1050 in the amount of \$8,500 -- \$85,000.

President Wortman: And a second, okay. If no other discussion, we're going to call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No, and in light of kind of the discussion that we had in terms of the number. I think we could very feasibly do eight and have a little cushion

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I am just going to say Jim is doing his job. I am going to vote. I am for eight also and I'd like to see the Sheriff come back after the first of the year for two more and he made a good point. I think we ought to give him at least ten cars per year.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Well, this will be the fourth vote, it's no. I might as well lay it out there. It's a scary vote to make, but I think we need to order the cars so I will say no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: No. The vote is what, five to two.

**(Motion fails 2-5/Councilmembers Smith, Sutton, Bassemier, Hoy and Wortman opposed)**

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, I make the motion that we make it \$240,000 to include eight cars and hopefully when you come back after the first of the year we can give you some more.

Councilmember Hoy: Excuse me, Mr. President, point of order. We have to reopen, don't we?

President Wortman: Yeah.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll make a motion that we reopen.

President Wortman: And you second?

Councilmember Smith: I second that.

President Wortman: Okay, all those in favor that we reopen raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six.

**(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Raben opposed)**

President Wortman: Now I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Smith: I'll make the motion that line item 1050-4230 be set in at \$240,000 which would be eight cars.

President Wortman: Second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I am going to second that, but we need to remember the Miscellaneous Equipment, he's going to need lights and stuff for that. Am I correct on that? What should be up that?

Councilmember Raben: \$24,000.

Brad Ellsworth: We're okay with that. The cars that we are able to scrap, we should be able to rob equipment from that to replace, so.

Councilmember Sutton: Also, in the motion, the whole section there needs to be addressed because there isn't any money in anything so we need to read through all of the line items there.

Councilmember Smith: On the Miscellaneous Equipment you said \$24,000? Then with my motion at \$240,000, then 1050-4250 \$24,000, 1050-1510-1050 \$8,500, 1050-1300-1050 Regular Overtime at \$85,000. And I haven't added up the total yet, so whatever that totals out to be.

Councilmember Bassemier: Before my second, the Sheriff just said that he would be okay with (Inaudible - microphone not turned on).

Councilmember Smith: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, because he (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on) because Jim's after everything he can get over there.

Councilmember Smith: I have to amend my motion.

Brad Ellsworth: The \$18,000 was the College, --

Jeff Ahlers: College is \$8,500.

Councilmember Raben: The \$18,000 was the figure I had used based on six cars at \$3,000 a piece on equipment.

Councilmember Smith: You originally asked for \$30,000 and --

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim made it \$18,000 and you said you can scrap the other two cars and (inaudible -- microphone not turned on).

Brad Ellsworth: From thirty to eighteen?

Councilmember Bassemier: That's for six cars and you said you'd scrap --

Eric Williams: Generally, if you replace all the equipment in a new vehicle, it's about \$6,000, however, we're probably not going to have to replace the 800 MHZ radio, about \$3,000 of that \$6,000 cost, so we'll be able to take those out of the old vehicles. The rest of the equipment, especially if we go to Chevrolet products, a lot of the equipment will not fit in the Chevrolet vehicles.

Councilmember Smith: Let's leave it at \$24,000.

Brad Ellsworth: I'd be a little more comfortable with \$24,000, but if you want to put \$18,000 we'll try to make it work.

Councilmember Smith: I made the motion that \$24,000, but I will amend my own motion to be \$18,000, so maybe we can live with that.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll second that.

President Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Lloyd: \$351,500 is what I get for the total.

President Wortman: Okay, who is next for the roll call. Ed, did you vote?

Jeff Ahlers: We're ready for roll call.

President Wortman: Okay, 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No, but I would like to state one thing to both the Sheriff and Chief Deputy. These six votes are counting on that \$100,000 repeal, so I hope that comes through as you guys have stated. So if it doesn't, it's going to put us in one hell of a dilemma.

Councilmember Smith: I think he’s always kept his word.

Councilmember Sutton: This would be a good time to serve and protect.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, he said he was going to beat me and he kept his word.

Councilmember Hoy: I was a little worried when you said you were going to rob the equipment, but I understood what you meant.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes, vote passes.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-4230	MOTOR VEHICLES	300,000.00	240,000.00
1050-4250	MISC. EQUIPMENT	30,000.00	18,000.00
1050-1510-1050	COLLEGE REIMBURSE.	8,500.00	8,500.00
1050-1300-1050	REGULAR OVERTIME	85,000.00	85,000.00
TOTAL		423,500.00	351,500.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Raben opposed)

President Wortman: Before we get started on the Coroner, I am going to take a three minute recess, I’ve got an emergency to call home. I’ll be right back.

(Meeting resumed)

President Wortman: Okay, I am sorry. We’ll get right on into the Coroner please, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, I didn’t (Inaudible -- microphone turned off) did we finish it?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yeah, I voted yes.

Councilmember Smith: Did you?

President Wortman: Yeah.

C) CORONER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, the County Coroner, 1070-3640 Diagnostic Studies, \$9,000.

President Wortman: Got a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1070-3640	DIAGNOSTIC STUDIES	9,000.00	9,000.00
TOTAL		9,000.00	9,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Before we get into any of the other, the County Clerk, is she here yet? She had to leave. Okay, she wanted to be worked in here. Okay, continue on to the next appropriation.

D) PROSECUTOR

Councilmember Raben: Prosecutor’s Office, 1080-3250 Law Books in the amount of \$3,000.

President Wortman: Second?

Councilmember Smith: 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?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-3250	LAW BOOKS	3,000.00	3,000.00
TOTAL		3,000.00	3,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Okay, next, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: 1080-3901 Witness Fees, \$10,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Sutton. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-3901	WITNESS FEES	10,000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL		10,000.00	10,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

E) UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Wortman: Union Township, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: 1170-3140 \$600.

President Wortman: Do I have a second? Mr. Sutton seconded. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1170-3140	TELEPHONE	600.00	600.00
TOTAL		600.00	600.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

F) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

President Wortman: County Commissioners, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: 1300-3050 \$300,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes. I know we have a rather large balance this year and Tony, do you have a couple of seconds so you can come up here on this? The \$300,000 figure, are we just trying to get close to the midway point on this? What are we using as kind of our reasoning for this amount?

Tony Greubel: Our bill from the state is about \$650,000 for the boys' school up in Plainfield. After we pay for the local, the monthly local bills for the youth care center of the Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village, what we'll have -- about \$350,000 left over. So to pay that bill we need about a \$300,000 balance, so this makes up for the balance. That will be \$650,000 then to pay that bill.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, but you said you have \$350,000 and will this \$300,000 make it \$650,000?

Tony Greubel: Yeah, that will be \$650,000 then with this \$300,000.

Councilmember Smith: And then how much do we owe?

Tony Greubel: About \$650,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, I guess --

Tony Greubel: That is a record, by the way.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't know how recent on the appropriation request, your balance at the appropriation, if we were approving \$300,000, would be \$748,000 on this, so and then the bill was \$638,000, so help me out a little bit. We're about close to a \$100,000 over what we have a need for here.

Tony Greubel: Okay, yeah, that \$100,000, part of it was so that, really, there's only about \$50,000 because this doesn't include the latest bills that went out for October, so that's about \$40,000. There is probably about a \$50,000 cushion I put in there so I wouldn't have to come back before the end of the year. If you did want to reduce that, I think by about \$50,000 would probably --

Councilmember Sutton: I guess we are bringing out pins today and reusing our cushion.

Tony Greubel: I don't think that would necessarily be a bad idea.

Councilmember Sutton: And I guess that's what I was thinking, taking about \$50,000 off of that. Now who made the motion?

Councilmember Raben: I did, but I will certainly withdraw that motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, Mr. Finance Chairman, I would ask that you make an amendment to your motion to reduce that down by \$50,000.

Councilmember Raben: Who was the co-maker? Ed?

President Wortman: Did you second it, Ed?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I don't know if that's a very good idea. We need to pay that, --

Councilmember Smith: We have enough to pay it, Ed. We're going to have that much left over.

Tony Greubel: I will say, actually, our latest bill from the Youth Care Center of the Southwest Indiana Regional Youth Village have been below average for September and October, so since I filed this, I probably would have filed it for \$250,000 if I had known what



the bills were going to be.

President Wortman: The Council needs to remember one thing on Patient/Inmate Care, we have been late before. Years ago we were a year behind and they never say anything as long as we pay a little bit at a time. So that's a cushion there so always remember that on that Patient/Inmate Care.

Councilmember Raben: Tony, let me clarify one thing. These are bills through September and your projections are through October? Is that correct?

Tony Greubel: Through the end of the year.

Councilmember Raben: Through the end of the year, because I had spoken with Councilperson Jerrel this morning and she had told me that she thought that this figure was going to be somewhat slim, so I mean, you're sure on what you're saying?

Tony Greubel: Yeah, I'm sure on what I am saying.

Councilmember Raben: Alright.

Councilmember Sutton: (Inaudible -- several speaking at once)

Councilmember Smith: Here you're fussing about two police cars and we've got \$50,000 here that you don't want to take back.

Councilmember Raben: This was a line that I wanted to cut and that's why I spoke.

Councilmember Smith: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, but I was told something different and that's why I wanted to verify it.

Tony Greubel: Well, Commissioner Jerrel and I should have communicated better this week on this.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, --

President Wortman: Does everybody understand the motion --

Councilmember Raben: -- the motion now reads \$250,000.

President Wortman: \$250,000, and then you got a second from Mr. Bassemier. Alright, any more discussion on this? If not, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Without a doubt, yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3050	PATIENT/INMATE	300,000.00	250,000.00
TOTAL		300,000.00	250,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

G) SUPERIOR COURT

President Wortman: Superior Court. Thank you, Tony.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, Superior Court: 1370-1803 though 1370-3944 as they appear.

President Wortman: Got a second on that?

Councilmember Hoy: 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?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-1803	LEGAL TRANS/PAUPER	9,000.00	9,000.00
1370-2270	JUROR MEALS/LODGING	2,000.00	2,000.00
1370-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	5,000.00	5,000.00
1370-3410	PRINTING	1,500.00	1,500.00
1370-3790	PROF. SERVICES	2,000.00	2,000.00
1370-3942	JUDGE PRO TEM	1,000.00	1,000.00
1370-3943	PAUPER EXPENSES	15,000.00	15,000.00
1370-3944	SPECIAL REPORTER	10,000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL		45,500.00	45,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

H) THE CENTRE

President Wortman: Okay, now The Centre please, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: The Centre: 1440-1130 through 1440-1920 as they appear.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second? 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

THE CENTRE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1440-1130	LEAD MAN	7,893.00	7,893.00
1440-1140	CUSTODIAL	7,692.00	7,692.00
1440-1150	CUSTODIAL	7,692.00	7,692.00
1440-1160	MAINTENANCE	8,488.00	8,488.00
1440-1170	CUSTODIAN	7,692.00	7,692.00
1440-1750	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	885.00	885.00
1440-1850	OVERTIME	6,000.00	6,000.00
1440-1900	FICA	3,546.00	3,546.00
1440-1910	PERF	3,864.00	3,864.00
1440-1920	INSURANCE	6,468.00	6,468.00
TOTAL		60,220.00	60,220.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

I) COUNTY COUNCIL

President Wortman: Okay, County Council, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, 1480-1971, 1480-1900, 1480-1910 and 1480-1911 for a total of \$28,413, 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, several of them. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-1971	ACCRUED PAYMENTS	25,000.00	25,000.00
1480-1900	FICA	1,913.00	1,913.00
1480-1910	PERF	1,150.00	1,150.00
1480-1911	SHERIFF'S RETIREMENT	350.00	350.00
TOTAL		28,413.00	28,413.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

J)     AIRPORT AUTHORITY

President Wortman: Airport Authority, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of 2140-4250 in the amount of \$70,800.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: 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?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2140-4250	MISC. EQUIPMENT	70,800.00	70,800.00
TOTAL		70,800.00	70,800.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**K) REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR (Two requests)**

President Wortman: Okay, County Assessor, Training, Reassessment.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President. I'll move approval of 2492-1090-3310 in the amount of \$4,125.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Is there anyone here from the Assessors Office?

President Wortman: Yeah, there she is.

Councilmember Sutton: I did have a question on this appropriation. On this request, you guys are intending to train 25 people, is that here local or where is this training going to occur?

Tammy Elkins: Yes, it is.

Councilmember Sutton: Now that seems like a high number, I guess, of people getting trained. What is the -- what is going on there?

Tammy Elkins: It's for 25 Vanderburgh County employees. It is a two and a half day workshop. I think it is at \$260 per person and I just tried to include an opportunity for all of this assessing officials to attend this class. It does give us State Tax Board credit for tested hours which is something we need to keep our Level I or Level II designation. Twenty-five, I just tried to include everybody in that number, so if we don't have 25 sign up then there would be money left over.

Councilmember Sutton: Is this the last -- to keep that Level I or II accreditation that you have, what period time, do you have to get so much per year or do they give you --

Tammy Elkins: I think you have to get a certain amount per every two years.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, and so are we running pretty close on some of the folk in terms of the training opportunities that would available to them before they lose their accreditation that they may have?

Tammy Elkins: I think that they still have another year to gain this training, but this training here is Standards of Professional and -- Practices of Professional Ethics or something, and it would be a good training to have with the reassessment coming up.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess the reason why I asked the question is just...it's your office and I am not going to make any judgements per se, but it just seems like there would be some maybe some more in terms of some more hard core, I guess, type of training in terms of what they would specifically do. It seems more kind of general training in terms of attitude and approach rather than actual how you do your job day to day. And I just wondered if there are other training activities that would occur that would be more specific to that rather than just, you know, what my thoughts ought to be so to speak.

Tammy Elkins: I know we're offering other classes like that. We're doing Fundamentals of Mass Appraisal class which is a week-long class, and then we have How to Critique an Appraisal Being Used to Challenge the Assessment, so we are having some classes like that but we also feel that this class is necessary.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: This is directly connected with reassessment?

Tammy Elkins: Yes, we believe so.

Councilmember Hoy: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on) because this training will be here in town, we won't have mileage, we won't have per diem and we won't have hotel/motel bills. It will be a lot less (inaudible).

Tammy Elkins: And this class is actually at the Signature School, so it's within walking distance and we were able to obtain the room for free so there isn't a room charge either for that.

Councilmember Hoy: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on)

Tammy Elkins: Right.

President Wortman: Yeah, it's a win/win situation really for the county. And then the state is their obstacle so far. They're just not --

Councilmember Hoy: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on)

President Wortman: That's right. You said a mouthful, you're right, you're right. They are really creating some problems and if they don't get on the ball that's going to hamper, and of course, we can't blame our local assessors like I always said. So listen, okay, let's see, where was we at? I lost my train.

Councilmember Raben: We had a motion and a second.

President Wortman: And a second. We haven't voted yet. Okay, young lady, 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: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1090-3310	TRAINING	4,125.00	4,125.00
TOTAL		4,125.00	4,125.00

**(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Sutton opposed)**

President Wortman: Okay, on the second one, the County Assessor, I spoke with Cheryl Musgrave on this and this is down the road, so I told her I would recommend setting that in at zero and she okayed that. So I'll entertain a motion from you, Mr. Raben, to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, if you want a motion it will be to move that those accounts be set in at zero.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Yes sir. Okay, and Mr. Hoy seconded. Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Councilmember Bassemier: I wonder why they (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on) I mean, we argued over two squad cars and --

Sandie Deig: That's reassessment.

Councilmember Bassemier: Oh, reassessment. Okay, I'm sorry.

President Wortman: Are you with us, Ed?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I got lost here. I still want to give the Sheriff two cars.

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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.



COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1090-1150	HEARING OFFICER	53,802.00	-0-
2492-1090-1900	FICA	5,406.00	-0-
2492-1090-1910	PERF	2,960.00	-0-
2492-1090-1920	INSURANCE	12,666.00	-0-
2492-1090-1990	EXTRA HELP	16,864.00	-0-
2492-1090-2600	SUPPLIES	2,000.00	-0-
2492-1090-3130	TRAVEL & MILEAGE	2,000.00	-0-
2492-1090-3310	TRAINING	5,000.00	-0-
TOTAL		100,698.00	-0-

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

L) CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

President Wortman: Okay, next would be the Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Councilmember Raben: I move approval of 3570-3994 in the amount of \$16,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy seconded. Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Councilmember Sutton: Whoa, whoa. I had a question.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Sutton has got a question.

Councilmember Sutton: You're just quick. I can't get my -- I did like that. Miss Kight, on this request here for \$16,000 for an events that took place recently. I had, I guess, a conversation that was either with you or Mr. Dunn either one. It was here within the last couple of weeks, relating to grants per se. Now in terms of this one here, when did they make application for --

Dolli Kight: They applied in June before our June 30th deadline. The committee met in August before our August meeting.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, now since this event has already passed, I guess in the conversation I had with one of the two of you guys, I guess my understanding was that if events had already were going to be passed by the time an appropriation was made, that you guys didn't normally make -- you guys didn't make appropriations or funding to events that would already be passed once the appropriation was made.

Dolli Kight: That's just for committee review at our board meeting. That's the way our committee has handled that, that they would not approve any events or any requests that have passed prior to the committee reviewing them or our board voting on them.

Councilmember Sutton: So I guess with this one here since it's already passed, I mean, I am trying to maybe get an understanding, --

Dolli Kight: The committee approved it in August. They reviewed the request and approved it in August. Our board voted on it and approved it in August, however, it was a timing issue in getting it in. Our committee, the first opportunity they had to meet to review it was August even though the application was in by the June 30th deadline and that's always been kind

of a problem I've had is getting them together, as a volunteer board, getting them together and meeting to review those applications, but they did so before our board meeting and before the event in August. We submitted the request by the September 15th deadline, the appropriation request.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess in the conversation I had...I was told, I guess, if it was an event that was going to take place like in September then they would need to have it back in January or February --

Dolli Kight: That is our guidelines that we are recommending for everyone, that's just guidelines, that's all we can offer them. We certainly review them if they come in within the deadline and we were able to -- this was one request we reviewed of many and they all came in by the June 30th deadline; however, the committee did not meet until August. Our guidelines state the recommended dates for applying if you have an event in the fall, we recommend you apply in January. This particular group did not follow that.

Councilmember Sutton: This seems to fall outside of -- like I said, what I was told, I guess, seems to fall outside of what your guidelines are. I guess the event, being that it's already taken place, it just seems to fall outside of what I was told and then what the written material would have indicated on this request.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else? I've got to recognize Mrs. Smith and Mr. Sutton. They wasn't here last week, they had some pending business, yeah, and that's why they are asking questions, that's their job to.

Dolli Kight: I understand.

President Wortman: And that's fine. Anybody else got any questions? Okay, 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: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CONVENTION & VISITORS COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3570-3994	MATCHING GRANTS	16,000.00	16,000.00
TOTAL		16,000.00	16,000.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Sutton opposed)

M) LEVEE DISTRIBUTION

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Kelly Lawrence asked not to be here today, I didn't think it was necessary, so would you take the Levee Distribution Tax, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Line 4250-4252 in the amount of \$40,000.

President Wortman: Got 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?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

LEVEE DISTRIBUTION TAX		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4250-4252	OHIO RIVER SHORELINE	40,000.00	40,000.00
TOTAL		40,000.00	40,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

GENERAL FUND REPEAL
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A) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

President Wortman: Okay, now the transfers -- repeal of funds, I am sorry, County

Commissioners.

Councilmember Raben: Line 1300-3604 in the amount of \$60,220. 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. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3604	CENTRE	60,220.00	60,220.00
TOTAL		60,220.00	60,220.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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A) COUNTY CLERK

President Wortman: Okay, now the transfer requests.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, is there anyone from the County Clerk’s Office here yet? Okay. On your request, I did have a question on that. Is it okay if I raise a question before we get into it?

President Wortman: Yeah, I would say that County Clerk, you might call Mr. Tony Greubel, or no, you on that, can you answer some questions, Mrs. Rust?

Sandra Rust: I certainly could. I am Sandra Rust. I work over in the County Clerk's Office for Marsha.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. It's my understanding that there has been a hold up or that the pink slips haven't gone before the Commissioners Office, or there has been a delay and I just found that out prior to walking into this room, but does anybody know, is it customary for this body, do we approve a transfer on a request like this if the pink slips --

President Wortman: On your request for transfer, and then what was illustrated was that there was, on the pink slips, there wasn't enough money in there. Is that correct, Mrs Deig?

Sandie Deig: The pink (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on) but the request you are asking for today is not really necessary even if the pink slips are approved because...except, well, I'd say two of them are. One of them, you've asked for \$700 which isn't sufficient funds with the transfer (Inaudible).

Sandra Rust: The two line items that I have requested money for is not the two that are going to be changed.

Sandie Deig: Uh, yes they are. Excuse me, I have the pink slips here.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, the one line item is -- the people are vacant and that's the one that there's a request for \$800 and that's a vacant position and the other one at 1010-1330-1010, if...there's already enough money there, so it's really not necessary.

Sandra Rust: Not with the transfers, the pink slips, that we have asked for.

Councilmember Smith: But they haven't okayed the pink slips and those pink slips is -- I mean, they're cutting people down that's been ten years there, \$2,000. And that's the problem because I had a job study done by Scheele and paid them \$10,000 and everyone of those jobs was -- there's a job description on everyone of them and these are all being -- there was 39 changes before, there's 20 changes on this and something has got to give because you can't take a person that's been there ten years and give a new person their job and cut them down \$2,000. That's bad business.

Councilmember Raben: I am sure in all these accounts there's still ample monies in those payroll accounts if we delayed this another 30 days, would there not be?

Sandie Deig: There is money.

Councilmember Raben: So I would like to defer this at this time and that's a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a motion and a second and I think that's a good thing, too, until we get this ironed out and on this first, on the County Clerk. So any discussion? No more discussion, call the roll please to defer.

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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1010-1590-1010	TICKET CLERK MISD/TRF	800.00	Deferred
TO: 1010-1560-1010	TAX WARRANT CLERK	700.00	Deferred
1010-1330-1010	CRIMINAL COURT CLERK	100.00	Deferred

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

- B) CORONER
- C) PROSECUTOR
- D) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- E) SUPT. OF COUNTY BUILDINGS
- F) BURDETTE PARK
- G) FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES
- H) CIRCUIT COURT MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER
- I) LEVEE DISTRIBUTION TAX
- J) AIRPORT AUTHORITY

President Wortman: Okay, now, Mr. Raben, proceed.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, all other transfers as they are listed and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, any discussion? Call the roll please.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, on the Prosecutor where you're transferring from the Deputy to Extra Help there, do we have a -- I guess we didn't have a balance listed on the actual transfer, on the actual transfer request that was made. Do we have any idea what that balance is in that account, where we're pulling ten one into that Extra Help but don't know what the balance is there. And, on the transfer request it has a balance from the account that it's being pulled from, but not what it's being transferred to.

Sandie Deig: It looks like \$3,357 in Extra Help.

President Wortman: Now this is to keep that part-time prosecutor.

Sandie Deig: Yeah.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I've got that. Thank you.

President Wortman: Alright, anybody else got any discussion on any other items? 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1070-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	200.00	200.00
1070-3650	AUTOPSIES	7,800.00	7,800.00
TO: 1070-2720	LAB SUPPLIES	5,000.00	5,000.00
1070-3190	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	3,000.00	3,000.00

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1080-1190-1080	DEPUTY	10,000.00	10,000.00
TO: 1080-1990	EXTRA HELP	10,000.00	10,000.00

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1300-3600	RENT	41,000.00	41,000.00
TO: 1300-3270	CHANGE OF VENUE	10,000.00	10,000.00
1300-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,500.00	2,500.00
1300-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	5,000.00	5,000.00
1300-3532	GARAGE REMEDIATION	15,000.00	15,000.00
1300-3190	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	2,500.00	2,500.00
1300-3760	OCCU/MED	6,000.00	6,000.00

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1310-4120	BUILDINGS	500.00	500.00
TO: 1310-3510	OTHER OPERATING	500.00	500.00

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1450-1130-1450	POOL MANAGER	150.00	150.00
1450-1150-1450	POOL HEAD GUARD	95.00	95.00
1450-1170-1450	POOL HEAD GUARD	706.00	706.00
1450-1180-1450	OTHER EMPLOYEES	755.00	755.00
TO: 1450-1171-1450	POOL HEAD GUARD	385.00	385.00
1450-1140-1450	ASST. POOL MANAGER	706.00	706.00
1450-1160-1450	POOL HEAD GUARD	615.00	615.00

FAMILY & CHILDREN		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2042-32520	OUT OF HOME PLACE- MENTS-INSTITUTIONS	400,000.00	400,000.00
TO: 2042-32600	ADOPTION SERVICES	400,000.00	400,000.00

CIRCUIT COURT MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2760-1990	EXTRA HELP	1,615.00	1,615.00
TO: 2760-1850	UNION OVERTIME	1,500.00	1,500.00
2760-1900	FICA	115.00	115.00

LEVEE DISTRIBUTION TAX		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 4250-2520	REPAIR PARTS	12,000.00	12,000.00
TO: 4250-4250	EQUIPMENT	2,000.00	2,000.00
4250-4252	OHIO RIVER SHORELINE	10,000.00	10,000.00

<b>LATE TRANSFER REQUEST</b>
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AIRPORT AUTHORITY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2140-3530	CONTRACTUAL SVCS.	10,000.00	10,000.00
TO: 2140-3140	TELEPHONE	10,000.00	10,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, before we go any further, I might ask our Executive Assistant, Sandie, that transfer, that's for a part-time person, right? I mean, that's the one at \$12 an hour?

Sandie Deig: Yes, it is.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so that person is not actually, that's a person that's going in for his bar exam, correct?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on)



Councilmember Raben: Okay, that's all I had. Thank you.

<b>AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, we've voted and now we're moving to the Amendments to the Salary Ordinance.

President Wortman: We've got the repeal and we're going to the Amendments to the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I just noticed that. We did kind of jump the gun on the repeal earlier. Okay, we have several today, amendments to the salary ordinance. First is the Sheriff's Department and I am going to make these all in one motion. I move that we amend salary line 1050-1510 College Reimbursements and 1050-1300 Regular Overtime as the appropriation was approved today; change the name and the salary line 1050-71-1050 of the Salary Ordinance from Corporal to Patrolman, that adjustment needs to be made in your budget book; Superior Court, amend line 1370-1803 Legal Transfer/Pauper as the appropriation approved today; The Centre, set salary and benefit lines in for accounts 1440-1130, 1440-1140, 144-1150, 1440-1160, 1440-1170, 1440-1750, 1440-1850 as previously approved; County Council, amend the Accrued/Termination Pay for account 1480-1971 as previously approved; County Assessor/Reassessment, amend the Salary Ordinance as previously approved...excuse me, that one, I'll withdraw that one. Prosecutor, amend the Salary Ordinance as the transfer was previously approved, approve paying existing -- this is what I was talking about earlier. This will approve paying an existing employee \$12 per hour while waiting for the results of the bar exam, and this request is retroactive to September the first. Burdette Park, amend Salary Ordinance as previously approved; and Circuit Court Misdemeanor Offender, as the transfer was previously approved. And Mr. President, I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion on what he's said? 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
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President Wortman: Is there any old business to come before the Council this day?

**(No old business introduced)**

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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President Wortman: Is there any new business? I will give you a little -- on the new business here, I've been meeting with Judge Bowers and Faye Gibson over at the Old Courthouse, Judge Bowers would like to move over there, and the County Commissioner representative, Tony Greubel, and we've been just discussing things, no decision making, about the expenses and the rooms and decorating and all of that. So I am going to have another meeting probably at the end of the month. So possibly what we'll do is have another, some more Councilmen join me and that way we can get firsthand so everybody understands everything and kind of go over it there. So there's a lot of if and ands, so I think with that in mind, I just want to brief you on it and don't know otherwise much there, so if Mr. Sutton or anybody?

Councilmember Sutton: Just one more thing, I had a chance to speak here recently with -- just this week with Sandie Aaron in reference to the new facility, very beautiful facility, The Centre. I know, Mr. President, you've had a chance to take a look at it and I think Councilman Lloyd has been in there, just a fantastic facility and when it gets done, it's going to really be something pretty special. Kind of in conversation with Sandie, she had made mention that their doors would be open to us in terms of some of the space that is open even now and suggested to us, and I said I'd run it by you and see what you thought, that maybe for our next Council meeting, if we would have an interest in holding our next Council meeting over actually in The Centre, that the doors would be open to do that. So I said I would make mention of it to you and I thought it was a great idea and it's a beautiful facility.

President Wortman: I appreciate that. We have enough microphones, I am assuming and all that? I know we've got the seating capacity.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, out of \$36,000,000 I would think we would get at least enough microphones for all of us and enough seating, too.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: In connection with that, a couple of county employees have come to me and if we could, Mr. President, if you'd pass this on to or someone to Mrs. Aaron, county employees would like to have a chance to tour the facility, too, when it's open and I know they are going to have a grand opening, but I wanted to mention that. Going back to your courts issue, I do have a personal concern and it's a conflict of interest on that. I am a member of the board of directors of the Repertory People Theater and a couple of gentlemen are here from that theater and we're not going to be addressing that issue today as I understand it, but I would like to, when that comes up to give them a chance to speak to their concerns about whether or not they may or may not have to relocate.

President Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: So I'd like to get that on record. Thank you very much.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Hoy, appreciate it. Anybody else got anything to come

before this meeting?

Councilmember Sutton: On the issue, I didn't know if that is something you might have an interest in, but it would be the first, it would give us an opportunity to be kind of the first body to actually open up the facility and everything. Like I said, it's something I just wanted to run by you and if you have an interest in it, we could proceed forward with that.

President Wortman: Yeah, if we do, we'll have to tell Teri Lukeman to advertise it and maybe there won't be too many appropriations over there, see, and if it did get heavy, they might get lost going over there, see. Okay, anybody else to come forward? If not, we're going to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

**(Meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.)**

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Curt Wortman

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Vice President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Phil Hoy

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Councilmember Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**NOVEMBER 3, 1999**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 3rd day of November, 1999 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:37 p.m. by County Council President Curt Wortman.

President Wortman: Welcome, everybody, to the November 3rd County Council meeting and we’re going to have the Sheriff to open the meeting please, and he’s here.

(Meeting opened by Sheriff Brad Ellsworth)

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Ellsworth, and now we’ll have the roll call please.

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

President Wortman: Now if we’d all stand and pledge allegiance to the flag please.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 6, 1999 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**

President Wortman: Next is approval of the October 6 meeting minutes.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Motion and a second. All those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Okay, now we’ll get into the appropriation ordinance and, as we know, we’re going to lose a Councilmember. Evidently, the public seems to think that he’s gonna do better in another position, I guess. So, but anyway, he’s been a good Councilman and we hate to see him go. So anyway, the Sheriff is first on the agenda.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

**A) SHERIFF**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I’ll move approval of 1050-2230 in the amount of \$20,000.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mrs. Smith. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, passes.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-2230	GARAGE & MOTOR	20,000.00	20,000.00
TOTAL		20,000.00	20,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**B) JAIL**

President Wortman: Now the Jail.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of 1051-2260 in the amount of \$40,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Second Mr. Sutton. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-2260	FOOD	40,000.00	40,000.00
TOTAL		40,000.00	40,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

C) COUNTY ASSESSOR

President Wortman: Next is the County Assessor, \$4,200.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of 1090-3550 in the amount of \$4,200.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and a second from Mr. Hoy and Mr. Raben. Any discussion on this? 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1090-3550	REPAIRS TO BLDG & GROUNDS	4,200.00	4,200.00
TOTAL		4,200.00	4,200.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

D) PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS

President Wortman: Next is Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals. Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of 1091-3530 in the amount of \$1,500.

President Wortman: Got a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: It's been seconded. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

PROPERTY TAX ASSESS. BOARD OF APPEALS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1091-3530	CONTRACTUAL SVCS	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOTAL		1,500.00	1,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: People in attendance in the audience, if you might notice, we're running through this pretty fast. It was rehearsed last week and that's why we move on and have our discussion like a week before, the last Wednesday of the month. So I just thought I'd cite that.



E) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

President Wortman: Next is County Commissioners, Examination of Records and Audit.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll move approval of 1300-3280 in the amount of \$1,762.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3280	EXAM OF RECORDS/AUDIT	1,762.00	1,762.00
TOTAL		1,762.00	1,762.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

F) COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

President Wortman: Next is Food, and remember, that's going to be set in at zero because they're going to use --

Councilmember Raben: Okay, but I am going to make it in a motion.

President Wortman: Okay, fine.

Councilmember Raben: 1361-2260 be set in at zero.

President Wortman: Got a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: And a second. Okay, any discussion? Call the roll please.

Councilmember Smith: Wait a minute. I think he said -- they said that they thought that they could get by with that, so if they run into trouble, why then they might have to come back.

President Wortman: Yeah, okay. Thank you. Okay, 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1361-2260	FOOD	14,000.00	0.00
TOTAL		14,000.00	0.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: That completes our General Fund money. And now we go to Reassessment Fund, the County Assessor.

#### **G) COUNTY ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll move approval of 2492-1090-3370 in the amount of \$5,500.

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: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: No. Motion passes four to three.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1090-3370	COMPUTER (DATA MGMT)	5,500.00	5,500.00
TOTAL		5,500.00	5,500.00

(Motion carried 4-3/Councilmembers Smith, Sutton and Wortman opposed)

<b>GENERAL FUND REPEAL REQUESTS</b>
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- A) COUNTY ASSESSOR
- B) PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS

President Wortman: Okay, now the County Assessor and the Township Deputies. Repeals.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I am going to take both of these departments in one motion and I move that we approve the repeals as requested.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: And a second. Both of them understand, there's two repeals here. One for \$3,325 and the other one is \$1,500, total of \$4,825. No discussion, call the roll.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Oh yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1090-1170-1090	TOWNSHIP DEPUTIES	1,250.00	1,250.00
1090-1180-1090	NETWORK SUPERVISOR	2,075.00	2,075.00
TOTAL		3,325.00	3,325.00

PROPERTY TAX ASSESS. BOARD OF APPEAL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1091-1180-1091	PER DIEM	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOTAL		1,500.00	1,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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**A) SHERIFF**

President Wortman: Then we’ve got the transfers and with the Sheriff’s situation, I would suggest that we postpone that until next month, December. And do you make a motion to that effect, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: We need a motion then to defer this request and I’ll make that motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Second Mr. Hoy. No discussion, call the roll please.

Councilmember Smith: Is this a motion to defer?

President Wortman: Yes ma’am.

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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1050-1130-0076	PATROLMAN	3,306.27	DEFERRED
TO: 1050-1130-0001	CHIEF DEPUTY	474.45	DEFERRED
1050-1130-0022	SERGEANT	96.47	DEFERRED
1050-1130-0029	SERGEANT	1,130.17	DEFERRED
1050-1130-0034	CORPORAL	0.10	DEFERRED
1050-1130-0037	CORPORAL	9.74	DEFERRED
1050-1130-0042	PATROLMAN	5.90	DEFERRED
1050-1130-0050	PATROLMAN	1.05	DEFERRED
1050-1130-0052	PATROLMAN	233.98	DEFERRED
1050-1130-0054	PATROLMAN	5.07	DEFERRED
1050-1130-0055	CORPORAL	1.62	DEFERRED
1050-1130-0074	PATROLMAN	124.12	DEFERRED
1050-1130-0077	PATROLMAN	1.05	DEFERRED
1050-1130-0080	PATROLMAN	2.74	DEFERRED
1050-1130-0084	PATROLMAN	18.13	DEFERRED
1050-1130-0092	PATROLMAN	2.74	DEFERRED
1050-1130-0206	ADMIN. ASSISTANT	1,198.94	DEFERRED

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

- B) ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
- C) SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
- D) CIRCUIT COURT
- E) BURDETTE PARK
- F) COUNTY HIGHWAY (TWO REQUESTS)

President Wortman: Okay, now then we'll go to amendments to the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Well, we have transfers.

Councilmember Smith: Armstrong is down there.

President Wortman: I'm sorry, Armstrong Assessor, right. Would you do that, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval for the Armstrong Township Assessor, Scott Township Assessor, Circuit Court, Burdette Park, County Highway and County Highway, all transfers be approved as they are listed.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: 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?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1100-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	31.78	31.78
TO: 1100-1910	PERF	31.78	31.78

SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1160-2700	OFFICE SUPPLIES	100.00	100.00
TO: 1160-1910	PERF	100.00	100.00

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1360-3903	PETIT JURORS	12,000.00	12,000.00
TO: 1360-3944	SPECIAL REPORTER	12,000.00	12,000.00

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1450-1180-1450	OTHER EMPLOYEES	190.00	190.00
TO: 1450-1160-1450	POOL HEAD GUARD	190.00	190.00

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2010-1990	EXTRA HELP	4,000.00	4,000.00
2010-1036	EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	1,900.00	1,900.00
2010-2580	CALCIUM CHLORIDE	84,000.00	84,000.00
TO: 2010-1850	UNION OVERTIME	5,900.00	5,900.00
2010-2530	BITUMINOUS MATERIALS	84,000.00	84,000.00

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2010-2210	GAS & OIL	40,000.00	40,000.00
2010-3010	OTHER INSURANCE	30,000.00	30,000.00
TO: 2010-2530	BITUMINOUS MATERIALS	70,000.00	70,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Wortman: Okay, now amendments to the Salary Ordinance. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, there are four items: County Assessor, I'll move that we amend the Salary Ordinance as the repeal previously approved; Burdette Park, to amend the Salary Ordinance as the transfer was previously approved; County Highway, to amend the Salary Ordinance as the transfer was previously approved; and Circuit Court, to amend the Salary Ordinance to pay probation interns up to \$8.00 per hour, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Okay, do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
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President Wortman: Any old business? There was a request last time to maybe have the meeting over at the Auditorium but they was not set up for recording equipment and speakers, so they are going to consider it next month. So I thought I would tell everybody. Any other business to come before the Council on the old business section? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Another old business item. At our last meeting there was a question or uncertainty about the jail committee in terms of when that is next going to meet. Any updates since we last talked?

Councilmember Lloyd: You might ask the Sheriff, he's kind of organizing something for the jail committee.

President Wortman: Okay, we'll let our local Sheriff take care of that.

Brad Ellsworth: Thanks. Good afternoon. We are scheduled, a group of us, to go to Longmont, Colorado on November 15th. We're still checking on a few things about that. I assume we'll have a meeting when we get back from there, if that all goes as planned. So that's about all I can tell you right now, Mr. Sutton, is I am hoping to get some information out there. That's the PONI Phase Two and it is paid for by the Feds.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah well, there was just some questions about it at our last meeting, what the status was.

Councilmember Lloyd: You might tell him what the subject of the meetings are, briefly.

Brad Ellsworth: On the PONI out there? Well basically, like I said, it's called the Planning Of New Institutions. I don't want that to be a shocker, we're not automatically planning a new institution because I know we are not there yet. The last meeting and I think what we've decided in the Blue Ribbon Committee is that Vanderburgh County needs more bed space. I don't think that's rocket science at this point, but that's about where we are in the Blue Ribbon. PONI will go out there and walk us through some of the phases if you are planning a new institution, here's the things to watch out for. And we're hoping if we do get into that situation here in Vanderburgh County, hopefully this will be a pretty good guiding light, at least a preliminary. We also talked to them and talked to Mr. Mourdock about at least starting to look at hiring a strategist or a consultant that actually comes in and, like I said, it's preliminary, but looking at helping us plan since nobody in the group is a real expert on building something or adding on.

Councilmember Sutton: The group that's going out, who's all going out?

Brad Ellsworth: Right now scheduled is myself, it requires that the Sheriff and the Jail Commander goes, so Eric Williams and myself; Mr. Mourdock cannot, Mr. Tuley is going to take Mr. Mourdock's place; Mr. Lloyd is scheduled and we're going to talk to him this afternoon and see if he still wants to go or if he wants to make a substitution. So we'll know this afternoon.



Councilmember Smith: Ask him now.

Brad Ellsworth: I'll let him wait until after.

President Wortman: He might be in a daze yet.

Brad Ellsworth: He might be. And Mr. Mourdock was scheduled --

Councilmember Lloyd: Keep the suspense going.

Brad Ellsworth: That's right -- but he had a conflict and we asked Mrs. Jerrel and she could not due to conflicts, so Mr. Tuley is going to go.

President Wortman: I think that's good and then they can come back and brief us on it and then we'll be part of the plan, see, and, of course the Commissioners, and I think that's a good question, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, the recent vote on the budget, the federal budget will allow the money for the trip then, I take it. That's been okayed?

Brad Ellsworth: Yeah, I talked to NIC yesterday and they said just go as planned. They will let us know, they won't send us the plane tickets if something goes wrong with the budget, so I have been caught up in that budget freeze before.

President Wortman: Any other questions for Mr. Ellsworth? Okay, thank you, Mr. Ellsworth. I appreciate it. Okay, any other old business?

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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**A) ORDINANCE SETTING COPY FEE CHARGE FOR VANDERBURGH COUNTY OFFICES**

President Wortman: Okay, now then we'll go into new business and you've got a copy in front of you here on these sheets, what they charge, these copies. So you look them over and we'll vote at the December meeting. Sandie, do you want to comment or the attorney here is going to comment.

Jeff Ahlers: One of the things, and Sandie has done a good job of compiling this information and her and I are going to meet after the meeting, but these, I guess, are our current charges. One of the things that we're going to have to do is if the statute says that we can only charge the actual cost, so actually what we're going to have to do is send some information and talk to officeholders about what the cost of their paper is, the cost of the machines, cost of maintenance and all of this kind of stuff, gather all these costs and then divide it on somehow by the number of copies. If they keep track of it or somehow we have to come up with a per copy cost, but it has to be based on actual cost and we can't factor in labor and that sort of thing. So I think we've got a good start, but anyway, we'll try to get that information to you here as quickly as we can when we get it from the officeholders.

President Wortman: Some of it is statute stuff, is that correct?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, well anything that there's already a statute on, this does not affect. This ordinance that we will pass will just be anything that there isn't a specific statute already saying here's what the cost is. This is what it would cover.

President Wortman: Thank you. Anybody got any questions on the ordinance? Okay.

**B) APPROVAL OF EVERGREEN HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION SANITARY SEWER  
BARRETT LAW PROJECT BOND ORDINANCE**

President Wortman: Now B, Approval of the Evergreen Heights Subdivision Sanitary Sewer, that Bond Ordinance, the public hearing. So this will be the first reading, is that right?

Jeff Ahlers: That's correct. I talked to Mr. Harrison, I don't know, maybe everybody has had an opportunity to look at it and knows what it is, but he had indicated that he would be here to talk about it but maybe he got held up so we can go ahead and have a first reading.

President Wortman: Okay, this will be the first reading and then we'll have another one December 3rd. So I will entertain a motion to approve this bond ordinance.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton and Mr. Hoy seconded it. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Now approval of the November and December filing dates for the Council meetings November the 12th --

Teri Lukeman: Mr. Wortman, can I interrupt for a moment? I will need permission from the Council to advertise for the final reading and the public hearing for the Evergreen Heights Subdivision. So if you will have me advertise that, I will set that for December 1st.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. Alright.

**C) APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 1999 AND DECEMBER 1999 FILING DATES FOR  
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

President Wortman: Okay, November 12th for December and December the 3rd for the January meeting. Does everybody understand all of that? I guess they do. So let's approve this if that's the approval by the Council, November the 12th for the December meeting and December 3rd for January. All those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Unanimous. Okay. Alright, any other business to come before the Council?

Councilmember Raben: November the 12th, was that --

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Wortman: If there's nothing else to come before us this meeting, I'll entertain a motion for adjournment.

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

President Wortman: So moved, Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. All those in favor, say aye.

**(Meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.)**

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Curt Wortman

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Vice President Russell Lloyd, Jr.

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Phil Hoy

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Councilmember Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 1, 1999**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 1st day of December, 1999 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:37 p.m. by County Council President Curt Wortman.

President Wortman: The Vanderburgh County Council is now in session this first part of December and the last voting meeting of the end of `99 before we get into the new year. And then we're going to have the opening of the meeting here and, Russ, thank you for reminding me because I forget a lot of times and sometimes Alzheimer's sets in early, you know what I mean? So would the Sheriff stand up please and open the meeting up for us?

(Meeting opened by Chief Deputy Eric Williams of the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department.)

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Williams. Now we'll have a roll call please.

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

President Wortman: Now we'll stand and pledge allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Wortman: There is nothing like a big happy family in government.

**Approval of minutes  
November 3, 1999**

President Wortman: Now then we'll just get right in to the approval of the November 3rd, 1999 meeting minutes.

Councilmember Lloyd: Motion to approve.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**Appropriation Ordinance**

**A) PROSECUTOR**

President Wortman: Now we'll start right in, we've got a long agenda here to a certain extent. The appropriation ordinance, first on the list is the Prosecutor.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, is there anyone here representing the Prosecutor's Office? Could you explain this request?

Regéne Newman: I can try. Doug Brown probably would do a better job and he was unavailable to attend. My understanding is we've got a part-time employee that is in a full-time payroll line, we're moving him out to put a full-time deputy in that payroll line and we're just requesting to have the county pay for that part-time employee for the rest of December and then we'll come back next month and request it for the next year.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman? This was supposed to have been a full-time job, right?

Regéne Newman: Right.

Councilmember Smith: And then they moved somebody else into the full-time job and this is -- is this a new person they moved into the full-time job?

Regéne Newman: It's Chris Lenn. He's a --

Councilmember Smith: Chris Lenn is what we made the full-time position for but he doesn't want to be full-time, I understand.

Regéne Newman: No. The full-time position, there is a full-time payroll line item and we've had it vacant for a while due to someone left. We haven't had anybody in that position, so we moved the part-time employee in there temporarily and now we've got someone that we want to put in there so we're taking Chris, who is part-time, out of that slot so that we can hire the full-time deputy --

Councilmember Smith: So Chris is not going to be a full-time employee?

Regéne Newman: No, he is part-time and always has been.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, but if that full-time line item was vacant for a period of time there should be an excess balance in that account, should there not?

Regéne Newman: Yes, there is.

Councilmember Raben: It seems to me like we ought to be transferring, not appropriating.

Regéne Newman: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: How long was this vacated?

Regéne Newman: In order to transfer it, I need a line item to transfer it into, I guess, a part-time. That's what we're asking for is a part-time position.

Councilmember Sutton: See, Jim, the person that's in that position now is in the full-time line item, so essentially you have to create a new position or a new line item in order to effectuate the change that they're requesting. And the dollars, that's a different issue, but it's really a two-step process here, dollars and position. And we haven't approved an additional position.

Councilmember Hoy: And you're really, I am reflecting on last week, you're just really asking for this until the end of the year to help clear up the docket?

Regéne Newman: This one does.

Councilmember Hoy: Also, I understand from Mr. Brown that you'll be coming back and

then asking for this next year.

Regéne Newman: That's correct.

Councilmember Hoy: So in essence, we're making a new part-time position --

Councilmember Sutton: And keeping a full-time.

Councilmember Hoy: Huh?

Councilmember Sutton: And keeping that full-time.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President or Mr. Ahlers, legally does this have to go through Job Study or can we do this as a body? I don't know, I am just asking.

Councilmember Raben: Part-time doesn't go through.

Jeff Ahlers: I guess I am a little unclear as to how -- was the hiring of the part-time person, did that come through here or Job Study?

Regéne Newman: I don't know.

Jeff Ahlers: I mean, I guess I don't understand how we got to where we are.

President Wortman: Well, wait a minute, what we do, the Council approves all positions regardless, whether it is part-time or full-time. Now does everybody understand or maybe we're confused here. You want a part-time position.

Councilmember Smith: When Doug Brown came up here and asked for it he asked for a full-time position for Chris Lenn. And we gave him that full-time position. Well then, Chris decides he doesn't want a full-time position, so they put him in a part-time position and filled the full-time position with somebody else. So that's the way it is.

President Wortman: The full-time position, wasn't that vacant at that time or am I wrong?

Regéne Newman: I'm sorry?

President Wortman: The full-time position. Wasn't that vacant at the time when they filled it?

Regéne Newman: It was vacant for a time period and then we put a part-time person in there temporarily and now we're moving him out and we're requesting a position for him.

Councilmember Sutton: Right. Just maybe a little bit of a correction there, so actually there's a part-time person in the full-time position. There really wasn't a part-time position there, so that's what they are requesting now.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, but my question is, if that full-time line item was vacant for a period of time there should be an excessive balance in that account that should have been transferred into this account.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, it really wasn't vacant, Jim. All of the dollars weren't being used because actually there was yet that part-time person taking on that full-time -- in that full-time line item.

Councilmember Raben: Right, but that was my original question, for how long was that --

Regéne Newman: There is excess money in there that we can transfer. I just don't have any place to transfer it right now to cover a part-time person.

Councilmember Raben: But what we're also doing today in creating this line item and then we're going to be faced in January with filing that line item again, making another appropriation and to what extent is that going to be? How much money are we talking about for the year 2000?

Regéne Newman: Approximately \$36,000 and that includes benefits.

Councilmember Hoy: That was my question. When you say part-time for this position,...

Regéne Newman: Well, a part-time deputy is someone that works part-time but they receive full-time benefits, PERF and insurance.

Councilmember Hoy: I understand, my question is how many hours?

Regéne Newman: I don't --

Councilmember Hoy: Tell me what constitutes part-time in terms of hours?

Regéne Newman: I don't know. With the attorneys it's different than just an average clerk or clerical person. I don't know how they do their hours or how often they work. I know when they work on cases and -- I don't know how --

Councilmember Hoy: I have six attorneys in my family so I have no bias against attorneys but I do have problems with \$9,500 worth of benefits going with a job that's only 20 hours a week, ten hours a week. That bothers me, I have to be honest. And it's not just with your office, it's with other offices as well.

Regéne Newman: I could have Doug give you a call and he could --

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, if I may, I am going to make a motion --

President Wortman: Wait a minute, Jim, Mrs. Deig would like to speak on that. Mrs. Deig?

Sandie Deig: Attorney Lenn was paid out of a grant. He was transferred from the grant into this position but he was only a part-time attorney so they were paying him out of this full-time line but part-time wages. Now there is a need, the Prosecutor sees a need to have a full-time deputy so he wanted to create this line to put Mr. Lenn in as a part-time deputy and hire a full-time deputy in the old line.

Regéne Newman: That's correct.

President Wortman: Does everybody understand that now?

Councilmember Raben: Again, we're still talking about a much larger figure 30 days from now. So, Mr. President, at this time I am going to move that we set this in at zero and they can come before us in January and we'll figure out exactly how we want to handle this.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I agree with you, Jim, we need to find out what it's going to cost us --

President Wortman: Can I have a second, somebody?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll second.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Got a couple seconds. Now then, discussion. The question has arose about Job Study.

Sandie Deig: No.



President Wortman: No, it don't have to. Okay, now is everybody else clear on it so we know what we're voting on?

Councilmember Hoy: I want a point of clarification from Mrs. Deig, the full-time position that we're talking about is no longer under a grant, it's in the budget?

Sandie Deig: It's in the budget.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, that answers that question. Now we all know what we're voting on. Alright, if no other discussion, I'll call --

Councilmember Sutton: I know there's been some question about a part-time person being in the full-time position, I mean, I guess probably the other information really that this body would need to have is what will be the status of that person who has been previously in that position? Are they going to somehow or another look at another source, the incentive funds to now pay that person the part-time salary as it should be and the full-time position being paid to a full-time person?

Regéne Newman: That's a decision Mr. Levco will have to make. I can have him get back with you on that. I don't have that answer right now.

Councilmember Sutton: Because we really couldn't continue, really should have in the first place, actually had a part-time person in the full-time position. So now that I guess we're on the same page here, we need to make sure we have a full understanding that we can't have a part-time person in that full-time position.

Regéne Newman: Right.

Councilmember Raben: What you also have to remember is what this is doing to your General Fund because you've actually, it's the same as inheriting two new people because you've inherited the grant account person plus this person, so it amounts to a whole lot more than actually just \$36,000 to the General Fund.

President Wortman: Okay, any more discussion? If not, I'll call for the vote. Madam secretary?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes, that's to set it in at zero?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: By denying this request, when could they come back before Council to reconsider? Isn't it a year before they can come back if something is --

Jeff Ahlers: No, they can come back. That was if you go before Job Study, there is a waiting period and I think on tax abatements you pass the ordinance but in terms of transfers and appropriations, you can come back.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, if we turn down something you can't bring it back.

Councilmember Smith: That's in the by-laws that if it's turned down they have to wait a year to come back.

Councilmember Sutton: If we could get the rules before I cast my vote I would --

Jeff Ahlers: I'll check that but I don't think that's -- on a transfer, this is a transfer request, right?

Councilmember Sutton: No, this is an appropriation.

Jeff Ahlers: I still think that...

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I think Mrs. Deig is going to get our rule book and I would feel more comfortable that we look at our rule book, what we passed and make sure that we're following our own rules.

President Wortman: So we'll take a --

Councilmember Raben: Well, at this time I'll withdraw my motion and let's go on.<sup>1</sup>

President Wortman: Okay, that's fine and the second, Ed and Russ, do you withdraw your motions, too?

Councilmember Lloyd: I was the second and I withdraw it.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. Let's go on to the County Commissioners then.

## **B) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of 1300-3050 and 1300-3120 in the amount of \$75,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

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<sup>1</sup>Discussion continued on page 23

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3050	PATIENT/INMATE CARE	50,000.00	50,000.00
1300-3120	POSTAGE/FREIGHT	25,000.00	25,000.00
TOTAL		75,000.00	75,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

C) SUPERIOR COURT

President Wortman: Now Mr. Raben, on Superior Court.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'll move approval of 1370-3250 Law Books in the amount of \$7,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-3250	LAW BOOKS	7,000.00	7,000.00
TOTAL		7,000.00	7,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**D) REASSESSMENT/COUNTY COUNCIL**

President Wortman: Now we'll go to Reassessment Fund, Office Supplies. Mrs. Smith, do you want to comment before Mr. Raben makes a motion?

Councilmember Smith: I talked with Paul Hatfield this afternoon and he had ordered a set of these and I have the Marshall & Swift book license agreement. It's against the law to copy those books. We had talked about buying them and copying them and it can't be done because if they do, they'll file suit against you. But what he needs is \$3,480 for eight sets. There is a disk that comes with one of those books, so we really don't have enough money and this \$4,000 won't go very far and I'd like to ask Sandie to check out -- oh, and then there's another letter here that if we can get enough orders, they will refund us up to \$140 a set. It will all depend on the number of sets we order. So I'd like to ask Sandie to check and see how many sets we need, how much it would cost us and how much reimbursement we would get before we order and if we can't get a good deal, then we might wait until January and have to appropriate some more money in this line item.

President Wortman: Right now, though, I think Mr. Raben could go ahead and --

Councilmember Smith: Go ahead with the \$4,000 that will be in that line item, but this is the address and the information that I have on it.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'll move approval of 2492-1480-2600 in the amount of \$4,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Got 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1480-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	4,000.00	4,000.00
TOTAL		4,000.00	4,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

E) LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION

President Wortman: Now Local Emergency Planning Commission Fund, Training, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of 2861-3310 in the amount of \$7,342.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: 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?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

L.E.P.C.		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2861-3310	TRAINING	7,342.00	7,342.00
TOTAL		7,342.00	7,342.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Okay, now we'll get into the Transfers. On your sheet here, the Sheriff on the transfer, that needs five votes, that's on A. On E, five votes, make a marking of that. G, five votes. H, five votes. N, five votes, the rest are four votes. Mr. Raben.

<b>General Fund Repeals</b>
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- A) SHERIFF
- B) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, first we have two repeals and the first one is the Sheriff’s Department and if everyone remembers, about 30 days ago they had said that they would repeal \$100,000 for a prior appropriation that we had made for computer equipment and, in fact, they are repealing \$110,000, so I’d like to give them a pat on the back. I think that it’s good that they have not only fulfilled the obligation but gave us some extra. And then also we have one for the County Commissioners in the amount of \$12,000 and I’ll move approval of both.

President Wortman: Okay, do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion? Yeah, the Sheriff and the Centre, they’re sure a bunch of nice people over there. Thank you. Okay, 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-3370	COMPUTER (DATA MGMT)	110,000.00	110,000.00
TOTAL		110,000.00	110,000.00

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3604	CENTRE	12,000.00	12,000.00
TOTAL		12,000.00	12,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>Transfer Requests</b>
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**A) SHERIFF**

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben, now on the transfers.

Councilmember Raben: On the Sheriff's Department we have some changes on these figures and I'll start at the top: 1050-1130-0001, that amount stays as it's submitted; the next item also is correct; the second Sergeant line should read \$1,130; then you have the two Corporal lines which would be account 0034 and 0037 along with account 0042 Patrolman, those should be set in at zero; then -- and I am calling out the last two digits of the account number -- number 0050 is correct; number 0052 should read \$234.00; 0054 is zero; 0055 is zero; 0074 is zero; 0077 is zero; 0080 is \$1.00; 0084 is zero; 0092 is \$1.00, and the total transfer request exactly the same, \$1,198.94. I'll take that one first and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Okay, got a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, now are we all clear on that now? All the changes?

Councilmember Lloyd: Does that thing balance? Jim?

Councilmember Smith: It couldn't balance. You're cutting down like 274 and it can't balance.

Councilmember Raben: I'm sorry, I read off the wrong amount. It should be \$3,306.27, I believe. No wait, just a second.

President Wortman: What was that figure again, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No, I don't actually have a revised figure. Those amounts were just given to me before I walked into the meeting, so...Sandie, do you have an exact transfer amount on the Sheriff's Department?

Sandie Deig: Yes, I do. What one?

Councilmember Sutton: The whole thing.

Councilmember Raben: The whole thing with the revised corrections.

Councilmember Lloyd: How about line number one? What is the amount coming from?

Sandie Deig: It's coming from account 1130-0076.

Councilmember Lloyd: What is the dollar amount?

Councilmember Raben: \$3,306.27. The first item remains the same. No, --

Councilmember Sutton: You can't take all that money away and still end up with the same.

Councilmember Lloyd: It's doesn't add up.

President Wortman: No, let's get started here so we'll -- let's do this over so we get it right because everybody has got to sign for this.

Councilmember Sutton: County Auditor, you've got a calculator over there.

Councilmember Raben: I can add it up.

Councilmember Sutton: It sounds like we need to come back to this issue.

President Wortman: Jim, let's go with the ones that don't need five votes, let's pick them out, the ones I called off. Let's go with the other ones and then we'll come back to these if that's all right with you.

Councilmember Raben: I am going to table that motion so I don't have to reread it all.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, technically, you really don't want to table. Table really means that you don't come back and revisit that topic.

Councilmember Raben: For lack of a better word, what would you recommend, postpone that motion?

President Wortman: Let's forget that and go on and start on the Coroner.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'll approve the Coroner's request as listed, Prosecutor IV-D as listed, Perry Township as listed, Circuit Court as listed, Legal Aid as listed, Cum Bridge as listed, Circuit Court Misdemeanor Offender as listed, LEPC as listed, Convention & Visitors Bureau as listed, Legal Aid United Way as it appears, the Auditor's Office, Election Office, Veterans Services, Weights & Measures, Superior Court, oh, excuse me, on Veterans Services at the top of page five, that amount is incorrect, it should read \$2,000, Weights & Measures --

Councilmember Hoy: That's got to have five votes.

Councilmember Raben: Did I skip County Commissioners?

Councilmember Hoy: Is that a five vote one, Mr. President?

Councilmember Lloyd: Veterans Services is a five vote.

Councilmember Raben: Weights & Measures, Superior Court, Cum Bridge...just a minute here. Okay, County Commissioners, Health Department and the Centre. And I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: I am almost afraid to second that.

Councilmember Smith: I'll second it but I have a statement to make. In the Election Office, Election Board meals, that is for the election day for the attorneys up there and it's, they will be getting over \$1,000 this year, I just wanted to remind you, for food for election day up in the Election Office. We gave them \$550, we did \$267 there and now she is asking for \$242 more and if you add it all up it's over a thousand dollars.

Councilmember Lloyd: How many attorneys?

Councilmember Smith: Well, I don't know how many attorneys they had up there but it never has ran over \$600 for a county election. I mean, I am talking about spring and fall, so they must be having lobster.

President Wortman: Or steak.

Councilmember Raben: I am going to withdraw the Election Office and we'll come back to that one, okay? I also need to add a correction on Cum Bridge which was account 2230-1100-2030. On your sheet it just reads 2030-11-2030, it should be -1100 and I am withdrawing -- huh? On Cum Bridge there is a correction on that account number.

Suzanne Crouch: 2030-1130-2030.



Councilmember Raben: It should be 1100.

President Wortman: I wonder if we ought to start from the top and then take each one individual here because it's going to take a little time, we're going to get confused here.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, it's going to take a long time to vote on them individually, but that's fine.

President Wortman: I think we better do that.

Councilmember Raben: Let's start off with the Sheriff. The correct figure on my prior motion, the correct figure on the total transfer is \$3,136.91.

Councilmember Hoy: Is that a motion?

Councilmember Raben: That's a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Raben: Can we just have a show of hands on these?

President Wortman: Yeah, that's what we might do. Okay, all these figures, we need to put them in from and to.

Councilmember Raben: I listed those already.

President Wortman: Any more discussion? All the Councilmen got one of these on your desks explaining the situation. Any other discussion? All those in favor of the transfer which is going to take five votes now, raise your right hand.

Councilmember Raben: Just a moment, the last line 1050-1130-0206, just for the record is \$1,198.94, if the co-maker would make that.

President Wortman: That's as listed.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

President Wortman: Is there any more confusion? Okay, everybody understand this now? So all those in favor raise your right hands. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Unanimous.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1050-1130-0076	PATROLMAN	3,306.27	3,136.91
TO: 1050-1130-0001	CHIEF DEPUTY	474.45	474.45
1050-1130-0022	SERGEANT	96.47	96.47
1050-1130-0029	SERGEANT	1,130.17	1,130.00
1050-1130-0034	CORPORAL	0.10	0.00
1050-1130-0037	CORPORAL	9.74	0.00
1050-1130-0042	PATROLMAN	5.90	0.00
1050-1130-0050	PATROLMAN	1.05	1.05
1050-1130-0052	PATROLMAN	233.98	234.00

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1050-1130-0054	PATROLMAN	5.07	0.00
1050-1130-0055	CORPORAL	1.62	0.00
1050-1130-0074	PATROLMAN	124.12	0.00
1050-1130-0077	PATROLMAN	1.05	0.00
1050-1130-0080	PATROLMAN	2.74	1.00
1050-1130-0084	PATROLMAN	18.13	0.00
1050-1130-0092	PATROLMAN	2.74	1.00
1050-1130-0206	ADMIN. ASSISTANT	1,198.94	1,198.94

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**B) CORONER**

Councilmember Raben: The Coroner, I'll move approval of their request as it is listed.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and a second on the Coroner. Any discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1070-2210	GAS & OIL	230.00	230.00
1070-3190	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	600.00	600.00
1070-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	500.00	500.00
1070-2230	GARAGE & MOTOR	400.00	400.00
1070-3530	CONTRACTUAL SVCS.	300.00	300.00
1070-3310	TRAINING	200.00	200.00
TO: 1070-2410	BODY TRANSPORT	1,330.00	1,330.00
1070-2710	COLOR FILM	400.00	400.00
1070-2700	OTHER SUPPLIES	500.00	500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**C) PROSECUTOR IV-D**

Councilmember Raben: Prosecutor IV-D as listed.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion? If not, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

PROSECUTOR IV-D		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1081-3120	POSTAGE/FREIGHT	2,200.00	2,200.00
TO: 1081-3550	REPAIR TO BLDG/GROUND	2,200.00	2,200.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

D) PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Wortman: Perry Township.

Councilmember Raben: Perry Township Assessor as it is listed.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion? All in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1140-3380	PHOTO/BLUE PRINT	400.00	400.00
1140-3410	PRINTING	162.31	162.31
TO: 1140-3200	UTILITIES	562.31	562.31

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

E) CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Raben: Circuit Court as it is listed.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion? If not, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1360-1380	PAUPER COMP.	12,500.00	12,500.00
TO: 1360-3943	PAUPER EXPENSE	12,500.00	12,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

F) LEGAL AID

President Wortman: Legal Aid.

Councilmember Raben: Legal Aid Society, all accounts as listed.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six. Opposed? Okay, one vote.

LEGAL AID SOCIETY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1460-3000	BOND & INSURANCE	25.00	25.00
1460-3010	OTHER INSURANCE	271.00	271.00
1460-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	750.00	750.00
1460-3250	LAW BOOKS	25.46	25.46
1460-3450	YELLOW PAGES	91.18	91.18
1460-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	484.22	484.22

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1460-3680	MALPRACTICE INS.	793.00	793.00
1460-3700	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	26.35	26.35
1460-4210	OFFICE FURNITURE	274.25	274.25
1460-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	1,414.39	1,414.39
TO: 1460-3371	COMP. HARDWARE	2,716.50	2,716.50
1460-3372	COMP. SOFTWARE	1,438.35	1,438.35

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Lloyd opposed)

G) CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

President Wortman: Now then, Cumulative Bridge.

Councilmember Raben: Cumulative Bridge, all accounts as listed.

President Wortman: Got a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

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

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2030-4374	HECKEL RD. BR. #76	3,000.00	3,000.00
TO: 2030-4429	ENGINEER EQUIP.	3,000.00	3,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

H) CIRCUIT COURT MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER

Councilmember Raben: Circuit Court Misdemeanor Offender as it is listed.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion? If not, all in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

CIRCUIT COURT MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2760-1990	EXTRA HELP	1,745.00	1,745.00
TO: 2760-1850	UNION OVERTIME	1,745.00	1,745.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

I) LEGAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilmember Raben: LEPC as listed.

President Wortman: Got a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion? If not, all raise your right hand in favor. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

L.E.P.C.		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2861-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	800.00	800.00
2861-3370	COMPUTER (DATA MGMT)	800.00	800.00
2861-4210	OFFICE FURNITURE	115.50	115.50
2861-4431	HAZMAT RESPONSE EQUIPMENT	500.00	500.00
TO: 2861-3310	TRAINING	2,215.50	2,215.50

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

J) CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Councilmember Raben: Convention & Visitors Bureau as listed.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion? If not --

Councilmember Sutton: Legal Services? Miss Kight, is that a new line item on Legal Services for you guys?

Dolli Kight: No. Legal Services is a current item.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. What is that used for?

Dolli Kight: We have an attorney that covers all of our, stays at our board meetings and is on retainer; however, this was extraordinary expenses and it ran over our budget. We budget for his retainer and this was additional expenses outside of the retainer.

President Wortman: Is that the one that probably you have to send notices to when they don't pay their fees at the hotels?

Dolli Kight: No, that wasn't an extraordinary expense. That's covered.

Councilmember Smith: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on)

Dolli Kight: It's been longer than I've been there. I've been there eight years, so it's in our budget.

President Wortman: Okay, the word was mentioned forever, so I guess that's -- okay, thank you. Alright, all those in favor of the Convention & Visitors Bureau transfer raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 3570-3410	PRINTING	16,100.00	16,100.00
TO: 3570-3700	DUES, SUBS & EDUC.	3,600.00	3,600.00
3570-1920	GROUP INSURANCE	10,000.00	10,000.00
3570-3610	LEGAL SERVICES	2,500.00	2,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

K) LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval for Legal Aid/United Way as listed.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got 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: 4290-3280	EXAM RECORDS/AUDIT	100.00	100.00
4290-4210	OFFICE FURNITURE	250.99	250.99
4290-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	200.00	200.00
TO: 4290-3730	CONTINUING EDUC.	550.99	550.99

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>Late Transfers</b>
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A) AUDITOR

President Wortman: Now then, late transfers.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of the accounts for the Auditor as listed.

President Wortman: Got a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion? I might add, these late transfers, they're all trying to get everything right, so we're trying to end the year on a positive note so we have to kind of go along with that. All those in favor raise your right hand.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1020-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,480.47	1,480.47
1020-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	1,578.56	1,578.56
1020-3700	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	17.25	17.25
1020-4210	OFFICE FURNITURE	105.00	105.00
TO: 1020-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	3,181.28	3,181.28

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

B) ELECTION OFFICE

President Wortman: Next, Election Office.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I will move approval of the Election Office request as listed.

President Wortman: Got a second? Don't hear any second, don't see any second, so the motion dies then. Yeah, dies for lack of a second.

Councilmember Raben: Does anybody want to discuss request that request?

Councilmember Smith: I just wanted to make you aware of how much was being spent.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Betty, how many people does that feed?

Councilmember Smith: I don't know how many lawyers they had. In the spring we usually

had six democrats and six republicans. In a county election sometimes we had ten, which would be twenty. But a county election, you've also got an awful lot more ground to cover in case you have to send the lawyers out, but we never spent over the \$600 that was put in there.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Smith: I guess I was just more conservative, but neither did the Clerks before me ever spend that kind of money. When Sandie was there she knows it was never spent either.

Councilmember Lloyd: I'll go ahead and second it if I still can.

President Wortman: To get it on the floor?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yeah, I'll second it.

President Wortman: We do have a second then. Alright. Any more discussion on that?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, my only question, when I look at the rationale, Betty, it says the actual budgeted amount was \$550.

Councilmember Smith: \$550 for the year and then we also added \$267 before this. So if you add it all up, it's over a thousand dollars.

President Wortman: Okay, any more discussion on that?

Councilmember Raben: I still, I mean I certainly -- I, too, want to do the right thing here and even though they are attorneys like Jeff, you know, I don't want to feed them caviar, but --

Councilmember Smith: They eat what's there!

Councilmember Raben: But is this account -- I mean, is it in the hole right now? I mean, it appears on the rationale that it's not. The election is over. I mean, I don't know what it would hurt at this point if we deny this request.

President Wortman: That's the only thing if they've got an outstanding bill, if they owe somebody, is the only question in mind but maybe they've got enough money up there. I don't know, I can't answer that right now. Well, I tell you what, let's just go ahead and vote and we'll see what happens. That's all we can do. Is there any more discussion? If not, call the roll please.

Sandie Deig: Did you get a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: I think Russ seconded it.

Councilmember Lloyd: I came back with a late second.

Councilmember Raben: I might ask one more thing because probably Betty is far more familiar with this than I will ever be: none of this would pertain to any recounts or anything like that?

Councilmember Smith: No, it's the food that's brought in for the people that work up in the election office on election day and the Clerks before me had food up there. Years ago, they used to let the lawyers all go out and eat until their checks got to coming in for lunch \$60 and \$70. And so then -- oh, they did! They'd bring the bill in and so they stopped doing that and started feeding them in the office and having it brought in and it was a lot cheaper, but for the time that I was there, we never spent over, we always had money left over the amount that we was appropriated and I think that this is quite a large amount. Whether she still owes a bill, I don't know, but that's an awful lot of money for two days.

President Wortman: So we’ve got a friendly discussion now, and so let’s call for a vote.

Councilmember Smith: I just hope that the next Clerk that comes up there, you all will be as liberal with them. You certainly wasn’t with me.

President Wortman: Alright, we’ll have a roll call vote there. Would you proceed, Madam?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I am going to vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: I’ll vote no, so that’s defeated then. So they’ll have to come back if that’s necessary and explain the situation. I think we’ll kind of go from there.

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1210-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	242.00	0.00
TO: 1210-2290	ELECTION BOARD MEALS	242.00	0.00

**(Motion fails 3-4/Councilmembers Smith, Hoy, Raben and Wortman opposed)**

Jeff Ahlers: I was just going to say, Phil, for the record, I wasn’t there.

Councilmember Sutton: He had his sent to him.

President Wortman: Alright, Mr. Raben, would you proceed then?

- C) VETERANS SERVICES
- D) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
- E) WEIGHTS & MEASURES
- F) SUPERIOR COURT
- G) THE CENTRE
- H) CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
- I) HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, are there any other questions on any other transfers? Can I take the rest of them in one lump?



Councilmember Hoy: I would like for you to.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I am going to make a motion that we approve Veterans Services, County Commissioners, Weights & Measures, Superior Court, The Centre, Cumulative Bridge, the Health Department -- let me make sure there's no corrections on any of those -- with the exception on Cum Bridge, the account number should read 2030-1100-2030 Assistant County Engineer, the amount remains the same and I'll make all those in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Okay, do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, was that Veterans Services, I got \$2,000. Did you give that a while ago at \$2,000?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, I did. Excuse me. That was a correction that needed to be made. Veterans Services should read \$2,000 and that's it for the corrections.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll accept that as the seconder.

President Wortman: Yeah, got a motion and a second. Any other discussion now? Everybody understands everything? Okay, we'll call for a vote. 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

VETERANS SERVICES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1270-1130-1270	CLERK TYPIST	2,000.00	2,000.00
TO: 1270-1970	TEMP. REPLACEMENT	2,000.00	2,000.00

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1300-3600	RENT	1,872.00	1,872.00
TO: 1300-3530	CONT. SERVICES	1,872.00	1,872.00

WEIGHTS & MEASURES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1302-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	900.00	900.00
TO: 1302-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	900.00	900.00

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1370-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	805.00	805.00
TO: 1370-4210	OFFICE FURNITURE	805.00	805.00

THE CENTRE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1440-1910	PERF	3,000.00	3,000.00
TO: 1440-1850	UNION OVERTIME	3,000.00	3,000.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2030-1100-2030	ASST. COUNTY ENGINEER	2,630.28	2,630.28
TO: 2030-1971	ACCRUED PAYMENTS	2,630.28	2,630.28

HEALTH DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2130-3510	OTHER OPERATING	27,398.00	27,398.00
2130-3530	CONTRACTUAL SVCS.	6,000.00	6,000.00
2130-3540	MAINT. CONTRACT	3,000.00	3,000.00
2130-3790	PROFESSIONAL SVCS.	3,050.00	3,050.00
TO: 2130-2241	INSTITUTIONAL & MEDICAL	2,000.00	2,000.00
2130-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,750.00	1,750.00
2130-2700	OTHER SUPPLIES	6,700.00	6,700.00
2130-2721	LABORATORY	2,200.00	2,200.00
2130-3310	TRAINING	36.00	36.00
2130-3700	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	300.00	300.00
2130-3930	OTHER CONTRACTUAL	2,600.00	2,600.00
2130-4210	OFFICE FURNITURE	862.00	862.00
2130-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	20,000.00	20,000.00
2130-4250	MISC. EQUIPMENT	3,000.00	3,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>Amendments to Salary Ordinance</b>
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President Wortman: Now we'll go to amendments to the Salary Ordinance, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Mr. President, first we have the Sheriff's Department, I move to amend the Salary Ordinance as the transfer was previously approved; Circuit

Court, I move to amend the Salary Ordinance as the transfer was previously approved; Circuit Court Misdemeanor Offender, to amend the Salary Ordinance as previously approved; Veterans Services, to amend the Salary Ordinance as previously approved; and Cum Bridge as previously approved, and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Okay, got a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Any other 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 Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Okay.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>Appropriation Ordinance - continued</b>
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**A) PROSECUTOR (continued from page 6)**

President Wortman: Now we want to refer back to the Appropriation Ordinance then, the Prosecutor and we're going to have the Council Attorney comment on that.

Jeff Ahlers: I checked the passed ordinances and rules passed by County Council. The only two year rule that would apply to jobs that I could find was the July 1993 rule that had to do with the job classification review which is something that goes to the Job Study Committee. If they've filled out a job classification review form that goes before Job Study and it's not approved, then they have to wait two years to go back, okay. But with respect to, in this case as I understand it, no job classification review form has been filled out or considered and so basically what we're dealing here with is Indiana Code 36-2-5-13 which is appropriations affecting salary ordinance and that just provides that a change in the number or compensation of any employee requires a two-thirds majority meaning it's going to take five votes to open this new position. But in terms of any waiting period, I can't find in our rules or certainly the statute doesn't speak to any waiting period. So unless it is a

position that needed to be reviewed before Job Study which then it would need to go back there. But if not, you can vote on this today. If not, I don't see any prohibition of coming back. It's just an appropriation for you to vote up or vote down, but it will take five votes to approve it to open up the new position.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, oh, you need to change the tape, so I will wait until she is done.

**(Tape Change)**

Councilmember Sutton: I guess specifically the question that I had not necessarily related to salary is related to an action that we may take on an appropriation based on the bylaws that we set forth and approved at this body. What was the decision? My impression was that if we turn down an appropriation that the appropriation could not come back before this body for a period of one year. Correct me if I am wrong.

Jeff Ahlers: Maybe what you're thinking of is I think we did pass such a rule with regard to tax abatements, that they have to wait a year, but in terms of appropriations or transfers we don't have a rule.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess what brought that question to mind is I know there was an instance where we had an appropriation that kept coming before us and in order for us to negate that issue where we would continue to see appropriations to come before once we had denied them we wanted to address that by indicating that they couldn't come back before us for X period of time so that once it was denied we wouldn't have to keep reconsidering the same matter. I mean, does anyone else recall -- maybe I have been around here too long or something. Do you remember that issue?

Councilmember Raben: The only thing -- the only issue I remember is on abatements, you know, and we hashed that out for a long time, but I don't recall it on a request like this.

Councilmember Hoy: That's not in our notebook is it, Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: There was something with the County Clerk--

Jeff Ahlers: That's what I looked at.

Councilmember Lloyd: I thought if it was approved by Job Study and Council denied it that took a year before it could come back.

Jeff Ahlers: That's two years and that's what I was reading from. If it is Job Study and if it is a reclassification then you have to wait two years if it doesn't pass and then we also put a one year waiting period on abatements. It may be from time to time you all have talked on other issues, but when we passed our rules that was not in the rules and that wasn't what was reviewed and passed and may have been, I know, from time to time because of maybe things like this people have said, gee, maybe that is too harsh. For whatever reason that is not in the rule book that we have. I reviewed the rules.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess probably the most appropriate action that relates to this request here would be rather than to defer it would probably be to, you know, if we decide we don't want to consider it would probably be to deny it until Job Study would review or make a determination knowing they'll bring it back before them because if we were to defer it, it comes back for next month and Job Study still hasn't done anything again we're just deferring it all over. I don't know when the next time Job Study intends to meet, but I don't think it is in between now and our next meeting.

Sandie Deig: December 14th.

Councilmember Sutton: December 14th? Oh, oh, okay.

President Wortman: Yeah, I think Mr. Sutton has got a good point there. Maybe if it was deferred that would give every chance to everybody to understand the whole appropriation request, see, and then we'll defer it if that is agreeable with the rest of the Council members on that.

Jeff Ahlers: Now there is in the rules that December 1 is the cutoff date for employment changes to be included in the amended salary ordinance to be approved the first meeting of January. That rule is in there to the extent I don't know if that affects this or not necessarily, but as far as the two year rule in the rules you passed, it isn't in there.

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible comments, mike not on.)

President Wortman: Okay, would we entertain a motion to defer the Prosecutor then?

Councilmember Lloyd: It was Jim that set it in at zero. Who seconded it, me?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, they withdrew their motion and the second.

Councilmember Raben: We withdrew it, so I'm just going to make a motion for the record that we set this in at zero and we'll deal with it at a later date when the Deputy Prosecutor is here. So that's my motion.

President Wortman: He made a motion to set it in at zero. Do I have a second to that?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Lloyd. Now discussion. No discussion, okay. Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, motion passes.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-1250-1080	PART-TIME DEPUTY	1,970.00	-0-
TOTAL		1,970.00	-0-

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>Old Business</b>
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**A) APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE SETTING COPY FEE CHARGE FOR VANDERBURGH COUNTY**

President Wortman: Okay, now we'll go down to old business. Approval of the ordinance setting a copy fee. We've got to defer it to January because the questionnaire has been sent out and we haven't got them all in yet, so I'll entertain a motion to defer that until the January meeting.

Councilmember Hoy: (Inaudible, mike not on.)

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: Alright, any discussion on this any more? Do you understand that? These are fees for the copies. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**B) APPROVAL OF EVERGREEN HEIGHTS SANITARY SEWER BARRETT LAW PROJECT BOND ORDINANCE**

President Wortman: Okay, now then B, old business. Approval of the Evergreen Heights Subdivision Sanitary Sewer Barrett Law Project Bond Ordinance. Does anybody got any questions on that? If not, I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll move approval.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion on it? Is this the first or second reading? This would be the second reading. This is final reading, Council. Okay, have a roll call vote on that please.

Teri Lukeman: You have a motion and a second?

President Wortman: Yeah, got a motion and a second. Yeah, uh-huh. Mr. Hoy made the motion.

Councilmember Hoy: I made the motion and Mrs. Knight seconded it.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

<b>New Business</b>
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**A) ANNOUNCEMENT OF PERSONNEL AND FINANCE MEETING FOR JANUARY**

President Wortman: Now we'll go down to new business, announcement of the Personnel and Finance Meeting for January to be held December 15th.

**B) PERSONNEL REQUESTING LONGEVITY CONSIDERATION**

President Wortman: We got here personnel requesting longevity consideration for Mrs. Fields and Mrs. Seybold. Some seem to think on the Council maybe put this on Job Study and defer it. What is the Council's wishes here? Do you want to do that and let it go through Job Study and then come back to the Council and then vote on this?

Councilmember Raben: Well, Mr. President, the only thing I can refer this to is maybe some episodes from the past and that has been the practice before that it go through Job Study, so I think we need to be consistent with that.

President Wortman: Alright, there was two more or less the Job Study and then two personnel policies, an old one and a new one. I think the new one was kind of corrected to a certain extent so it's whatever anybody wants to make a motion to this to defer it or do you want to vote on it? I'll entertain a motion either way.

Councilmember Hoy: I make a motion that we defer and refer it to the Job Study because that is our usual practice.

Councilman Bassemier: I'll second that.

President Wortman: And I've got a second. Alright, any more discussion? Mrs. Deig.

Sandie Deig: Would you like that put on the December 14th calendar?

President Wortman: Yes, that would be fine if that's agreeable with Council. Okay. Alright. Okay, all those favor of the deferred raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six,

seven. Thank you.

Councilmember Smith: You might want to tell them that it is deferred to the 15th when you have your Job Study.

President Wortman: Yeah, I think they're out there.

Councilmember Smith: The 14th?

President Wortman: The 14th.

**C) INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF EVANSVILLE AND  
VANDERBURGH COUNTY RE: GIS/AERIAL MAPPING**

President Wortman: Okay, now we've got an inter-local agreement between the city and Vanderburgh County, the GIS aerial mapping. Mr. Harrison will be here. Are there any questions? The city is going to kick in their \$400,000 unless he is going to do it, I don't know.

Joe Harrison, Jr.: I'm sorry. Joe Harrison, County Attorney. I'm sorry I got this over to you late. Kevin Winternheimer prepared this and got it to me the other day -- is this on -- I guess it is, regarding the \$400,000 that the city is going to provide to the county in connection with the aerial mapping project. Not only would the City Council, County Council, County Commissioners and I think the Mayor all have to sign this inter-local agreement. We were hoping to get it done in December so we can award the contract during the month of December and have all the funding in place, so when this is approved by all the bodies then the county can get the \$400,000.

President Wortman: Okay, I understand the city is really wanting this, the City Council, is that correct?

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Yes.

Councilmember Smith: Isn't that the one we gave \$500,000 for, we appropriated?

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Yes.

Councilmember Smith: But the city came up with only \$200,000 wasn't it?

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Well, they've decided to pay \$400,000.

Councilmember Smith: Oh, have they?

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Yes.

Councilmember Smith: Because I know they had asked them and they cut it down so that is what I was wondering.

Councilmember Sutton: It's still a little short. Mr. President, where is the other \$100,000?

Joe Harrison, Jr.: You know, it's still a little short, but we better take the money when we can get it.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I move approval of this agreement.

President Wortman: Okay, move for approval, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Raben: And I'll second.



President Wortman: And a second. Discussion? I think with the new mayor he can come up with another \$100,000.

Joe Harrison, Jr.: He has probably got it in his pocket.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? Roll call vote on this please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilman Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Lloyd?

Councilmember Lloyd: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

President Wortman: Okay, is there any other business to come before?

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Mr. Chairman?

President Wortman: Yes.

Joe Harrison, Jr.: I also had two extra copies of the Evergreen ordinance that maybe the Councilmen could also sign to have a couple of extra original signatures. Is that okay?

President Wortman: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Harrison.

Joe Harrison, Jr.: I do have an extra copy of the inter-local agreement, too.

President Wortman: Okay, fine. Okay, any other business? Mrs. Deig.

Sandie Deig: Yes, I want to say something in regard to all the confusion. I think the Auditor's Office and the Council was rather unprepared today and it wasn't our fault. You can see ten, I think, nine or ten late transfers. We were changing agendas and the appropriation ordinance every hour and I do apologize, but when it is thrown at us and we have other work to do that's what happens.

President Wortman: But it was one of those things that everything, the last of the year

here, getting everything in perspective, so we'll just let them go one time.

Councilmember Smith: But why couldn't they have brought it in the 15th because we're going to have another meeting the 15th.

Sandie Deig: That's a Personnel and Finance.

Councilmember Smith: Oh, okay.

President Wortman: Yeah. We allowed one mistake a year and that was it.

Councilmember Smith: That's it. Okay.

President Wortman: Yeah, no problem. Mr. Raben, do you want to say something?

Councilmember Raben: Well, yeah. I mean before we close I wanted to bring the Council abreast on what -- last week at the Blue Ribbon Committee Meeting I had been requested by the committee to work with the Sheriff's Department, Brad Ellsworth and Pat Tuley on reviewing applicants for a consultant to do some consulting work for the county in reviewing what we need in terms of bed space or help with just how we routinely do business in the court system. I was asked by the Blue Ribbon Committee to work with those two individuals and I thought the Council should know this because at some point in time we're going to be coming before the Council for a request and it may be a sizable request for a consultant. That will probably happen next month.

Councilmember Lloyd: In January?

Councilmember Raben: Most likely it will happen in January.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess, Councilman Raben, in response to that I know we spend a lot of money typically on consultants and consultants come in and do their work and they put together a document that is spiral bound and sent out to several public officials and anyone else who is interested in reading their report at the conclusion and then what often seems to take place is that there is not much that happens with the consultant's study. The study just collects dust and I just hope that if we are looking in this direction that we one, give that consultant a clear direction of what we want from them and have a clear idea of what it is we would like to see rather than just kind of leaving it kind of open and looking for the consultant to make our decision for us. I think ultimately the decision has to be the elected officials of this county and the electorate, the citizenry of this. It's going to ultimately come down to their decision and not the decision of a consultant. I think a consultant can be helpful, but I just hope this isn't something that we're doing just to pass the buck, but the onus has to be on us, elected officials of this county and the citizens of this county, to make a decision on whether we are going to either add on to or build a new facility. I think everyone is so afraid of saying those words when it has been very obvious all along about the overcrowding problem. We've talked about it here at this body a number of times. A number of articles in the newspaper, so the problem is very evident. I think we just have to really just make it very clear to this consultant that the decision has to rest with us so if we're looking for a consultant to make that decision I think we are going the wrong direction with hiring a consultant.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I agree with Councilman Sutton and I would like to add and I want to say this carefully, I think the advantage of having a consultant is that someone needs to come in who is a disinterested party and look at the whole system. We may end up having to build a jail, but before we do that I think we need to look at moving the system along. What I keep hearing that disturbs me is that a great number of the people in our jail are poor. I keep getting the gut feeling, and this bothers me a great deal, that we are running a pauper's prison here which goes against the grain of what this nation stands for. If that consultant can come in and the study doesn't sit on the shelf and we can look at this system and improve it first and then perhaps consider more jail space that would be good, but I'm terribly concerned that the people who stay in jail the longest are

simply the people who have the least amount of money and that goes against, as I say, the grain of the founders of this country and of our constitution and I would think of this Council itself. So that could be beneficial, but I agree with Mr. Sutton. I don't want just another spiral bound thing to go on my shelf or, you know, to collect dust. Thank you.

President Wortman: This system -- this counselor, is he going to study the system or is he going to study the jail? You know, we ought to know that. There is different aspects of this thing.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, he'll do both and I wish -- I looked up just before I had a chance to bring this up and Eric Williams was gone, but two weeks ago I attended a week long session out in Colorado with Pat Tuley and Eric Williams and Brad Ellsworth. It was a -- the call letter or the name of the session was PONI, Planning on New Institutions, which is a class put on by the Department of Corrections. It was the most beneficial week in terms of moving towards making the changes we need to make possibly in the system and the way we do things or building a new jail. I mean, it was just a very informative meeting. What the four of us gathered coming out of that meeting was, you know, and what the Department of Corrections also informed us that this county is not going to handle the problems it has got on its own and they recommended some strong people to come in and just review our whole system. Plus they would be people that we would also work with in terms of construction or remodeling or what have you. So these individuals actually work in both areas. It's different than studying your normal study. I mean, this is such a complex problem and you're dealing with, Lord, I mean, I would hate to speculate how many dollars we would be looking at in terms of a new jail, but the price tag is astronomical and if it costs us \$25,000 to have someone come in and tell us, yes, this is what you need to do it would be money well spent. The Blue Ribbon Committee, I mean, this is what they intend to use as their final action. I mean, the judges, the prosecutor, the sheriff, Commissioner Mourdock, you know, they all stated last week that, hey, if this is what we've got to do, this is what we're going to do. Whatever this guy decides is what, you know, our individuals decide and that's the direction we'll move in so it won't be wasted. It's not your ordinary study on potatoes or something like that. I mean, it's--

Councilmember Sutton: That's just my concern. I want us to make sure we're very clear with what we want in that we're not wanting someone to come in to give us some idealistic suggestions. Give us some concrete solutions that will help this community move forward on this issue.

Councilmember Raben: And that's what I think--

Councilmember Smith: Back a few years ago Judge Miller set up the bond program and they could let people out on their own recognition and they didn't hold them. Like you were saying, the people that didn't have the money to pay the bonds they would let out if they had a job and they was a reputable person. Maybe they were picked up for drunkenness or whatever, but they kept the jails cleared out and it could be cleared out now if they would set up some kind of system of that sort because there is a lot of people in there, like you said, Councilman, that can't pay their \$50 bond and yet they are holding them in jail. Then there are several people or a lot of people in there that should have been sent off to prison and they still do not have the transfers from the judges. They have to have the order there, so you're right, but there is a lot of people up there that could be let out and it wouldn't hurt because they are poor people and don't have the money to post their bonds.

Councilmember Raben: And, Betty, if this person points a finger that's what we want, or persons. I mean, that is what we're looking for.

Councilmember Smith: But if he comes back with that in mind then I think we need to pursue what we are paying him to do. We need to pursue that. We don't need to say, well, we can't come up with the money or they need the money over at The Centre over here. If we're going to spend the money for a consultant then let's abide by it.

President Wortman: Well, I think he'll have to come up with -- I guess Mr. Sutton had the same thing -- with proven facts where it is working forward, too. Not just saying I think it will work or it should work. I don't want to hear that. Isn't that right, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Wortman: We get that a lot you know. Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Lloyd: I served on the committee up until just recently and it is a very complex problem. You know, there are institutional problems. The committee did do some experimentation as far as the bonding process. I don't know that they accomplished what they had hoped to, but they looked at different ways to try to speed people through the system. There is some institutional resistance from the judges and also, I think, the prosecutor. There were times when the committee would vote on things and the prosecutor would vote against it, you know, out of everyone else, so when you have this many elected and appointed officials together it is very difficult. You know, it's going to come back to the County Council to look at the funding for the jail if we have to go with a new jail or remodel the jail, so that is going to be a decision that will have to go to this body. The committee did find we do have a shortage of bed space no matter how -- even with the institutional procedures that were changed, I mean, we still have the jail overcrowding problem. It is not going away and the committee felt that we did have a shortage of bed space. We looked at the SAFE House, you know, with bracelets and things like that. There are some -- you know, once again this county we tried to expand the SAFE House beyond what they could manage and got into problems, so there are just a number of different areas where this pops out and it is very complex. I think as long as the consultant looks at the overall system I think that is good, but this county is going to have to bite the bullet on that.

President Wortman: I read in the paper, Jim, where they said how much that consultant would cost. Wasn't it like \$60,000 or am I wrong?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Wortman, there may have been a figure quoted, I don't recall that there was. I mean, any figure I would throw out would be pure speculation. You know, rather than sugarcoat it, you know, I'm going to be forward and say it's going to be expensive because I know these people don't come cheap. I mean, we could be faced with \$5,000 to \$50,000, I really don't know, but it's not going to be a free ride. It will be expensive because, you know, just to be perfectly honestly with you, you want to get the best person you can the first time. I mean, you don't want to find out six months down the road that you don't have the right person. The people that are contracted with the Department of Corrections, the people that we met and that put on the class, I mean, they were people that day in and day out worked with problems just like ours with counties all over the United States. I mean, that is the only thing they do. I mean, they are not a consultant for several different areas or industries. This is their livelihood and this is what they know. They are people that have worked in the system, that have been wardens of prisons. I mean, they've worked the whole circle so, I mean, they are well informed. You know, they are just what we need.

President Wortman: Jim, is this a private outfit or is this government?

Councilmember Raben: No, this is -- I mean, the people we have in mind are just individuals. I mean, they're individuals that work with the Department of Corrections every day.

Councilmember Lloyd: Federal?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, federal. So, I mean, they're not your average consultant carrying a briefcase that claims to know more about a certain subject than you or I. I mean, these people are just what they are.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, I want to commend all four of these people who took a week of

their time and long days to work on this problem. I think it demonstrates that in a bipartisan way, you know, we are taking a serious look at a serious problem that has gone on too long. I commend them and I'm glad that we as a Council have taken some time to discuss it and take it seriously because something needs to change, something needs to happen. So I want to thank Mr. Raben and all those folks who worked on that.

President Wortman: Well, I think we all owe gratitude to Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Smith: Well, we would have gone, too, if they would of asked us.

President Wortman: Yeah, well the plane would have been loaded up.

Councilmember Hoy: Actually, I don't know that I could have gone with the kind of work that I do as a food banker I would have really of had to rearrange my schedule and I suspect that Mr. Raben did, too. You know, to take a week in particular at this time of the year, so I would have deferred to someone else very readily because it is food bank time for me.

(Inaudible comment, mike not on.)

Councilmember Raben: Not yet.

President Wortman: I had to stay here, too, in case the lights went out or something and keep the fuse handy.

Councilmember Raben: I appreciate your comments and I am certainly not looking for any recognition on this, but I didn't want -- I mean, I was appointed by the body Wednesday night and I thought you guys needed to know that because I didn't want to shock you when I came in with an appropriation request for something you may not have even known I was involved in.

President Wortman: Well, we appreciate it, Jim.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, on a lighter note, of all of the reports that I read from all of the departments in this county I have to say that Mrs. Townsend's reports are the most concise, the clearest and absolutely the most entertaining. If you haven't read the most recent one it will lighten your load for the day.

Councilmember Smith: You ought to go to Indianapolis to a meeting with her.

Councilmember Raben: And gets the most on a sheet of paper, too.

President Wortman: She is very dedicated, I'll have to say that for her. Well, listen, thanks everybody, the Councilmen. We'll see you the 15th here and you all be careful so we can see you and you've all done a good job so far, so I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

Councilmember Lloyd: Second.

President Wortman: The meeting is adjourned.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.**

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