

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 5, 2000**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 5th day of January, 2000 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by County Auditor Suzanne Crouch.

Suzanne Crouch: We will go ahead and start the Vanderburgh County Council meeting for the 5th day of January, 2000. Is there a Sheriff who could open the meeting, please?

(Meeting opened by Sheriff Brad Ellsworth)

Suzanne Crouch: Thank you. Let's have the Pledge of Allegiance, please.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

<b>ELECTION OF OFFICERS</b>
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Suzanne Crouch: The Chair will now entertain nominations for presidency of the Vanderburgh County Council.

Councilmember Raben: I would like to make a motion that we nominate Curt Wortman as president of the Vanderburgh County Council.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Suzanne Crouch: There's been a nomination and second. Are there any further nominations? Could we move that the nominations be closed, please?

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Suzanne Crouch: Thank you. Secretary, could you take 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

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

Suzanne Crouch: Congratulations. It's your show.

Councilmember Wortman: Now then according to the agenda we'll elect a vice-president. And I will receive the nominations from the councilmembers for vice-president.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, I nominate Ed Bassemier as vice-president of the Vanderburgh County Council.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

Councilmember Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Raben. Any other nominations from the floor? I'll entertain a motion then that the nominations be closed.

Councilmember Smith: So moved, Mr. Chairman.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

Councilmember Wortman: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

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

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, next on the agenda will be the appointment of the County Attorney. I'll need a motion to vote on the Council Attorney.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move that we nominate Jeffrey Ahlers to continue as our representative.

Councilmember Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Got a second, Mr. Bassemier. Any other nominations? If not, nominations are closed. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

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

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, number eight, appointment of the Committee Chairpersons and on the Personnel & Finance Committee, Mr. Ed Bassemier. On the Finance Committee, Mr. Jim Raben. I'd like to have a roll call vote on that please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

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

<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES DECEMBER 1, 1999</b>
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Councilmember Wortman: Okay, number nine is Appropriation Ordinance. We'll get right into that because we've got a long agenda today and the first on the list would be the Prosecutor.

Teri Lukeman: Excuse me, do you want to approve the minutes?

Councilmember Wortman: I'm sorry. I did miss one thing, the minutes, the approval of the minutes from the December 1st, 1999 meeting. I'd like to have a motion.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Motion and a second. Any other discussion on the minutes? All those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five....and the one didn't vote. Okay, so it's approved.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE</b>
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## **PROSECUTOR**

Councilmember Wortman: Now we'll go into the Appropriation Ordinance and the first on the agenda will be the Prosecutor. Will you step forward please, and your name.

Stan Levco: My name is Stan Levco.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll make a motion that lines 1080-1250-1080 through 1080-1920 be set in at zero.

Councilmember Wortman: Got a motion for the Prosecutor to be set in at zero. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember 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: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No. Okay, it's...what was that, four to three. Okay, so it's defeated then. Thank you, Mr. Levco.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-1250-1080	PART-TIME DEPUTY	23,566.00	0.00
1080-1900	FICA	1,804.00	0.00
1080-1910	PERF	1,297.00	0.00
1080-1920	INSURANCE	9,000.00	0.00
TOTAL		35,667.00	0.00

(Motion carried 4-3/Councilmembers Smith, Bassemier and Wortman opposed)

AREA PLAN COMMISSION

Councilmember Wortman: Next will be the Area Plan Commission. I'll move approval of 1240-1160-1240 and 1240-1900 and 1240-1910 for a total of \$2,979.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Got a motion and a second. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes. Thank you, Mrs. Cunningham.

Barbara Cunningham: And may I also, I won't make any noise, but may I pass out the annual report for Area Plan just off the presses?

Councilmember Wortman: That will be fine. Appreciate it.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1240-1160-1240	CAD/GIS SPECIALIST	2,632.00	2,632.00
1240-1900	FICA	202.00	202.00
1240-1910	PERF	145.00	145.00
TOTAL		2,979.00	2,979.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, while she is doing that we'll go into the Circuit Court, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I am going to move that 1360-1260-1360 through 1360-3620 be deferred at this time.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Got a motion and a second for the Circuit Court to be delayed. Now is there any discussion on that? No discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: This is for the delay?

Teri Lukeman: Deferred.

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I was just going to ask, in deferring this, if there were some questions that maybe we would like to pose or something to Judge Heldt so that when he comes back next month we have an idea of what questions maybe he needs to maybe give us some additional information on, but yes in favor of the deferral.

Councilmember Wortman: I think that's good and I think it's probably, to really get into the deep part of it, I think that every individual Councilman should go down there and have it explained and then meet to talk it over so we understand the system and Mr. Heldt, be fair

to him, or Judge Heldt. That away, we'll kind of go from there, see. Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I don't think that, Judge, that any of us realized that some of these people were going to be laid off and you were going to hire all new ones and I think that's the problem right now and that's the question I have. I think it's a good program but I don't see laying off people and hiring new people and that's the problem I have with it and I think most of us have had the same problem is the reason we're going to delay it.

Carl Heldt: Alright, let me see if I can't deal with that in the next month.

Councilmember Smith: Okay,

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, I think that way we discuss it and that's why we delayed it. That way it's fair to everybody, we understand everything and everybody is on the same wavelength.

Carl Heldt: I want you to be.

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, thank you, Judge. Anybody else got any questions?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President? Judge, is there money available from this Job's Inc. program that in any way can be...when that program goes away, are there excess funds that can go in any way to help fund this program?

Carl Heldt: Possibly. Those funds are controlled by the Board of Directors of the Jobs program, but I am sure that would be an appropriate place for some of those funds to go to, yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Could you tell us how much money is available when that Board...

Carl Heldt: It's over \$100,000 in cash assets right now and there are also other equipment assets, but I think they are most likely going to be donated to the SAFE House or to the county or to the cemetery or to someone else that can use them. But there are cash assets, yes. And I would think that the Board of Directors would be sympathetic to a request for some of that for this program.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

Councilmember Sutton: I think we're in the middle of a --

Councilmember Hoy: We are in the process of a vote. Do you want to let us have more question time or not? Do you want us to ask questions now or wait?

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

Jeff Ahlers: You might want to go ahead and complete the vote.

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, let's complete the vote and then we'll come around and ask questions then.

Councilmember Hoy: Alright, that sounds good.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I also vote yes to defer it.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-1260-1360	PROBATION OFFICER	33,220.00	DEFERRED
1360-1280-1360	PROBATION OFFICER	33,220.00	DEFERRED
1360-1300-1360	PROBATION OFFICER	30,191.00	DEFERRED
1360-1310-1360	RIDING BAILIFF	26,830.00	DEFERRED
1360-1900	FICA	9,445.00	DEFERRED
1360-1910	PERF	7,408.00	DEFERRED
1360-1920	INSURANCE	20,000.00	DEFERRED
1360-3140	TELEPHONE	2,000.00	DEFERRED
1360-3310	TRAINING	1,500.00	DEFERRED
1360-3371	CAMP. HARDWARE	3,400.00	DEFERRED
1360-3372	CAMP. SOFTWARE	5,000.00	DEFERRED
1360-3530	CONT. SERVICES	1,200.00	DEFERRED
1360-3600	RENT	8,000.00	DEFERRED
1360-3620	COPY MACHINE LEASE	3,000.00	DEFERRED
TOTAL		184,414.00	DEFERRED

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Wortman: Okay. Now has anybody got any questions? Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: It's my understanding that you want to move this to 501 John Street. Is that still --

Carl Heldt: That's been our hope.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, it would help me to make my decision, you've mentioned that Chrysalis is there and Echo Health Center and I would like to see some documentation from them that they are willing to offer their services. Chrysalis is an addiction services center but it's for women only which puts some --

Carl Heldt: I think that's been changed now.

Councilmember Hoy: Has it been changed?

Carl Heldt: Yeah. We would be happy to provide the documentation to you.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I would like to see their sign-off on it and I would like to see you flesh out exactly what the program has. I've seen the financials on it, but I would like



to see some narrative detail.

Carl Heldt: I would be happy to do that.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Lloyd had already asked some questions that I had in mind when it was brought up of terminating the Jobs program. And I think he hit on most of them but as far as any vehicles, equipment, all that will ultimately come back to the county?

Carl Heldt: The plans are to offer those to the county at the SAFE House or to some other organization that might be able to use them like Oak Hill Cemetery, I think there's some equipment out there because that's what the Jobs program partially does is they maintain the Oak Hill Cemetery. The indication I got from the board was that they wanted to offer all that to the county or whoever was using it or whoever could use it, not to sell it.

Councilmember Raben: I would think the appropriate means in which to handle it would be just to turn it over to the Commissioners and let them decide where vehicles may be needed and the funds I would like to see come back to the General Fund.

Carl Heldt: Well, the Board of Directors are limited by their bylaws, in fact, and the bylaws provide that upon dissolution that the board distributes the assets to entities that are consistent with the purposes of the corporation or to any other 501(C)3 charitable organization. So when you say come back to the county, I mean, these were never county funds. This is a separate corporation, separate not-for-profit corporation that's been operating and so they are bound by their bylaws what they can do with it. Now I am sure that anybody that wants to can make a request to be funded from there or to have the equipment given to them but the way I understand the bylaws, they require that, at first anyway, this be distributed to someone or some entity that has reformation of convicted felons in mind such as the SAFE House. That's what this corporation was set up to do. So all I am saying is that the corporation board, and I am not the board, I am on the board, is somewhat bound by what's in the bylaws. But there's been no final decision.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, because I do know there's one particular vehicle, the car that the prior director of the SAFE House had that was actually purchased through the state motor pool which is in essence a pursuit vehicle that could be used in the Sheriff's Department I am sure. And I think that car is relatively new.

Carl Heldt: What we're doing at the present time is compiling an inventory of all the equipment that's owned by the Jobs Program, Inc. And I feel certain that unit is going to be offered to whatever entities think that they can use it.

Councilmember Sutton: Judge, --

Councilmember Wortman: Judge, one question. Is Superior Court totally behind the program? All the judges, would you say?

Carl Heldt: Mr. Pigman?

Councilmember Wortman: Would you come forward please and state your name?

Bob Pigman: My name is Bob Pigman. I am here as a representative of the Superior Court judges. We've met with Judge Heldt on this issue since its initiation and he's kept us advised. I think, as I explained last time, Judge Heldt has always administered probation services. In fact, earlier this year we were required to file a plan known as a case management plan with the Supreme Court and we designated Judge Heldt as having that responsibility. He's assumed that responsibility and so he's been the point man on it and done the legwork on it, carried the load for it, but yes, we're behind him.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, alright. Thank you. Now Betty Knight-Smith, are you

next in line?

Councilmember Smith: Yes, Judge, why did you decide on the title Probation Officer? What's wrong with a Caseworker, because a Probation Officer, there's quite a bit of difference in salaries there, too.

Carl Heldt: Because if the program is going to be under the jurisdiction of the Probation Department, it has to be run by Probation Officers, people that are qualified to be Probation Officers which we frankly think will be by definition more qualified people because they are required, I think, to have a college degree, and tend to pass the exam for the Probation Officer. And so that's what the reason was.

Councilmember Sutton: Judge, I was going to ask when we had a chance to talk about this quite a bit and the question I did have was with the two programs, the AI...I get that --

Carl Heldt: Alcohol and Drug.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I get the acronyms confused. The two programs that you have under your authority, the individuals that are also, that have been sentenced to the SAFE House and that are also part of your two programs or one of the two programs, either one, they would incur fees that the SAFE House would incur on them and then also fees on this, I guess my concern would be with the majority of the people that are in that situation, the cost always has been issue and now we're going to talk about adding an additional cost that they would have to pick up?

Carl Heldt: What we anticipate doing, at the present time the people that are living at the SAFE House don't also have to pay AISP/DISP fees and we anticipate doing the same thing to keep that from becoming burdensome to them. That's factored into the budget.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. I guess as well, with the two programs being separate the question is always is there going to be some duplication there between the two services, the services that maybe the SAFE House would be providing under their jurisdiction and then what you would also be providing. I guess maybe what I want to maybe hear maybe for next month is how you guys maybe might would separate that out to ensure that maybe we don't have that duplication of the service there.

Carl Heldt: The Sheriff will have to tell you what plans he has for any drug or alcohol testing at the SAFE House and maybe he can do that. I can only speak that the programs we have under probation are more intensive and that they don't just check for drugs, but they also take into account education, rehabilitation and giving Antabuse and I doubt that the Sheriff is going to want to give everyone out there Antabuse every day, but these programs give daily Antabuse or breathalysers. They have drug testing which our probation office hopefully will be able to do right on the spot in many cases rather than ship it off to Indianapolis and pay for that. But the Sheriff can tell you what he has planned as far as his drug and alcohol, if any, at the SAFE House.

Councilmember Sutton: If you could?

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Ellsworth, would you step forward please and --

Brad Ellsworth: Thank you. Brad Ellsworth, Sheriff's Department. We're kind of taking this from a three-phase approach. We're looking at accounts, table of organization and this is obviously affecting the table of organization at the SAFE House, and then once we get the things fixed, for lack of a better word, then we're going to look at program. Judge Heldt and I have pledged to work together in this and I don't plan to duplicate his services. We'll look at what he is doing. The people that are in residence out there that are also on his program, we won't duplicate his services. We do have a lot of ideas for programs and they are probably going to be more of a life skills type program. One that we just signed on was an out of poverty program with the Catholic Charities and they are going to come out and do that at no charge, things such as that, GED services. Possibly NA and AA meetings,

I don't know if that will duplicate, but certainly, if they are going to meetings at AA and NA at the probation department, they might not have to there or maybe a little double dose of that wouldn't hurt them. It probably wouldn't. But I think we can work and not duplicate and certainly not charge twice for any services.

Councilmember Wortman: Does that answer you, Mr. Sutton?

Carl Heldt: I would also say that by law the Antabuse program, the alcohol program has to be operated by Circuit Court. It can't be run by the Sheriff. That's a state statute.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question about that. I am not opposing that, Judge, but and I am not a lawyer or a judge, but it seems to me from reading that law, that also you could delegate that if you chose and still -- in other words, you could delegate it to the Sheriff or someone else as long as you have oversight. Is that correct?

Carl Heldt: I don't know that I can or not, but I think the Judges feel pretty strongly that there ought to be a separation of powers and the probation programs should be under the control of the courts and not under the control of the corrections officers or the County Commissioners.

Councilmember Hoy: I have no disagreement with probation being under your control, I share the question with Mrs. Smith about whether or not Caseworkers can handle it. The other question, fleshing this thing out, I need to know what is going to be better about this new program? It is going to cost us more money.

Carl Heldt: By the way, I'll be glad to do it, if you'll just transfer the \$127,000 over we'll find a way to do it. So I will offer the Council, they can keep that \$56,000 and if you'll just transfer the money the Sheriff is willing to give us, we'll find a way to operate the program.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I still, since we're going to vote on it and we are the fiscal body, I would like to know, I mean, you have been working with it two years, apparently it hasn't improved where it's been or you wouldn't want to make a change in it. Is that correct?

Carl Heldt: No, the reason we're making the change is that I was requested to make the change by the County Attorney and by the Vanderburgh County Sheriff and by Commissioner Tuley when we met. I offered to operate it out there, in a letter to Mr. Harrison, I offered to operate it out there or to move it someplace else. We met, including the Sheriff and the County Attorney, who has recommended to the Commissioners that the AISP program be moved out of the SAFE House and we agreed that it would be best for all concerned and for the control involved to move it out of the SAFE House. Once that decision was made then it was incumbent upon us to decide what is the best program we can establish, the best new program we can establish for the people we're serving and we, together with Alan Henson who is the Chief Probation Officer, we have crafted this program which we think best serves the people we're serving at little or no extra cost to the county.

Councilmember Hoy: So the reason for moving it is not because it wasn't being run well?

Carl Heldt: No, I offered to keep operating it out there with those people.

Councilmember Hoy: That was not my understanding.

Carl Heldt: Well, that's a fact. If you'd like the letter I sent, a copy of the letter I sent to Mr. Harrison I would be glad to provide it to you.

Councilmember Hoy: No, that's not necessary. I just wanted to hear your reasons and I would like to -- because I assume by this move that you intend to make it better and that's why I'd like to see it fleshed out.

Carl Heldt: We'll be happy to give that to you.

Councilmember Hoy: And in more detail, because whenever I've had to, you know, I've worked with social agencies most of my career and whenever I've made such a proposal I've always had to outline what the program is going to be like, what resources are going to be used. I certainly am happy you're going to use AA because they have demonstrated over the years that they have more success than just about anybody else in the world and they use a lot of volunteers. So I think that's a positive aspect of it, but that's what I would be required to fill out in addition to financials and I am hearing you say today that it's not going to cost us more money if that money is transferred. Is that correct?

Carl Heldt: That's correct.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: First of all I think there are a lot of management benefits to moving the program. Clearly, it's easier, I believe, if you're in charge of a program to be not under someone else's roof or tarp, as it is at the SAFE House. I do have a concern financially though, I keep coming back to this Jobs money. If there is enough money there, if there is \$127 or \$130,000 there, I'd much rather see us use that as the seed money to make the program move versus transferring that money from the other account. That's why I am very interested to know what kind of money is there and what the mood of that board would be to --

Carl Heldt: I'd be happy to take that back to the board, I honestly will. The only thing I would say is that is a one time funding. What I am asking this Council for is annual funding which is what the Sheriff is giving up, annual funding of \$127,000 a year. But as far as the one-time costs and any other costs that we can save the county by using that money, if that board will agree to it, I'll be delighted. That's not my choice to make, I don't control that board.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I have one more question. I made myself a note here, currently this program here is a 501(C)3 non-profit corporation. Is that correct?

Carl Heldt: I believe it is. It is non-profit, yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah. Well, in fact, I believe it was because at one time we served this program and those are the only kind of programs the Food Bank can serve. I am concerned about the disposition of what your bylaws say about the disposition of equipment because that's important to me as a County Councilman. I am concerned about the vehicles because I am not sure and I am not saying I am right or wrong, I am not sure whether or not a 501(C)3 can turn equipment over to a governmental agency. I know at the Food Bank I can't do that but that's because of the way our incorporation papers are written. And I know I've got your papers but I don't have them in front of me.

Carl Heldt: I'll be happy to send you a copy of the bylaws.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a copy but if that could be clarified by our legal counsel.

Carl Heldt: I'll send him a copy of the bylaws.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, do that and, Mr. Ahlers, if you could give us clarification on it, we need to know where we're going with it, especially with the vehicles and some of the more expensive pieces and certainly whatever you can use should be used with the program.

Councilmember Raben: You hit on it just a moment ago and I know last week and through prior discussions, I had a hard time figuring your \$56,000 a year annual monies that we would need to contribute. And you may have hit on it just a moment ago, are you under the assumption that the SAFE House is going to do with \$127,000 less annually in food from now on, too?

Carl Heldt: Yes, because the money they are saving from the user fees by not having to pay AISP/DISP employees is an equal amount. They can spend that on the food. Those user fees, what we're doing will have no affect on their user fees. They will have the same amount or more user fees. They can take that money to buy food with to replace what they are giving me to operate this program because they won't have that program anymore.

Councilmember Raben: Let me ask this of the Sheriff's Department. Are you folks comfortable with \$127,000 less in General Fund monies from now on?

Brad Ellsworth: We talked about that with the Judge and then after doing the math and then looking at the figures that he's presented doing our own, that if we can continue to rely on the user fees and keep the collections up which we're confident we can, then yes, we can make that work with those numbers.

Councilmember Hoy: And we've asked you this question before but I'd like to get it on record because it does worry me about transportation of people back and forth. I think we're on record as saying that's not going to be a big problem. I'd hate to see us be back in a few months and find out that it is a big problem. Can you comment on that?

Brad Ellsworth: I think that's things that the court and ourselves can work out. We've had a great working relationship through this whole transition so far. I was over there last week and looking at the board and it looked like there was only about a dozen inmates that could not provide their own transportation that actually had to be transported and that varies, I'm sure, a little bit. But that's a pretty low number when we're talking about 205 inmates. Also, I would look at, with our communication with the courts, that probably not as many people in SAFE House would actually be sentenced to his programs or to their programs, that there would actually be probably less and less people that are residents there since the program. If you sentence them to the SAFE House they are going to go through SAFE House programs, if you're put on probation or sentenced to AAPS and DAPS, then you go through those. Is that pretty accurate, Judge?

Carl Heldt: I don't know. I'll take your word for it.

Brad Ellsworth: I mean, that's what I am -- I was under the impression that probably the Judges would say the SAFE House is appropriate or either electronic monitoring, community service or in-house work release, you're sentenced to that. When they come over there, then they are under our jurisdiction. If they see fit that AAPS and DAPS is more appropriate and they sentence them there, then we wouldn't be responsible. Should somebody that is living with us also be going to AAPS and DAPS, then we'll make every effort to transport them over there. But most have their own transportation from what I can tell.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Mr. President, we've got the next thirty days I guess to finish hashing this out so we may want to move on.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, we'll keep the Judge, if you don't mind, I think we could turn, while the Judge is here, page 6, top of 6, and Mr. Raben, if you'd process that request there.

## **CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION**

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I am going to move 2600-1320-2600 down through 2600-3600 be deferred.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Got a motion and a second.

Councilmember Smith: Did he say deferred?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

CIRCUIT CT. SUPP. ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2600-1320-2600	SECRETARY	24,305.00	DEFERRED
2600-3200	UTILITIES	2,000.00	DEFERRED
2600-3310	TRAINING	1,500.00	DEFERRED
2600-3371	COMP. HARDWARE	3,400.00	DEFERRED
2600-3372	COMP. SOFTWARE	5,000.00	DEFERRED
2600-3600	RENT	2,000.00	DEFERRED
TOTAL		38,205.00	DEFERRED

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REPEALS
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Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Raben, would you proceed to the bottom of page six, the Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation?

Councilmember Raben: I would also move that 1360-1260-1360 through 1360-3371 be deferred.

Councilmember Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Raben: Wait. Excuse me, Mr. President. Also included in that 1360-3372 through 1360-3620.

Councilmember Wortman: Now then, I got a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

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

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, Judge, thank you, I appreciate your time and Judge Pigman and the Sheriff here now.

Brad Ellsworth: Excuse me, in light of that, could we also have deferred our request for repeal, then?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, okay. Mr. Raben, you want to proceed with that while we are hot on the subject?

Councilmember Raben: We can since we're already off on our agenda. This would be on page six, Community Corrections: 1361-2260 Food be deferred also.

Councilmember Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Got a second, Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? Call the roll please. Yeah, repeal of funds there, \$127,086.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1361-2260	FOOD	127,086.00	DEFERRED
TOTAL		127,086.00	DEFERRED

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE (CONTINUED)</b>
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**THE CENTRE**

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, now we'll go, Mr. Raben, to The Centre, please.

Councilmember Raben: Line 1440-1910 PERF in the amount of \$3,000, and I move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Got a second from 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

THE CENTRE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1440-1910	PERF	3,000.00	3,000.00
TOTAL		3,000.00	3,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**BURDETTE PARK/CCD FUND**

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of Burdette Park 2031-1450-4120 and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Got a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Smith: Yes. Have they started on this building or...

Councilmember Wortman: The representative for Burdette Park will step forward please. Thank you.

Steve Craig: Steve Craig, Manager of Burdette Park.

Councilmember Smith: Have they started on it at all?

Steve Craig: Yes ma'am. At the present time we are having Morley and Associates do the civil site design and we're doing the conceptual phase and the detail design for the land and for the retention pond and for the parking lots and everything and we do have a conceptual drawing of the building already done.

Councilmember Smith: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Could we see that because I haven't seen the drawing of this structure. I'd be very interested in seeing that and I guess at one point in time we were talking about some money from the state that we will receive for this. How much did we end up receiving?

Steve Craig: We've received from the state and from private grants \$200,000 as of to date since this summer.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. What is the total cost on this project going to be?

Steve Craig: It's estimated at about 2.5 million.

Councilmember Sutton: We're a little short aren't we?

Steve Craig: Yeah, we've sent out probably 200 applications for grants and that from private foundations and funding and at the present time writing up several grants and that grant requests to places all over the Midwest and some large corporations and we're looking for the money.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. I guess without the money then plans are kind of proceeding forward. It seems like we got a little ahead of ourselves, I guess. I guess I'd like to know that the funds are there and ready to go and I guess at this point we really haven't, this body really hasn't had an opportunity to really voice any opinion one way or the other on what the building looks like, yea/nay, whatever. I know the Commissioners are very much, that's a part of their role, but obviously, we're the financing end of it and we'd like to have an opportunity to have a say or take a look at it at least before things get too far along.

Councilmember Smith: Well, then we, the \$500,000 that we put there and we were supposed to add to it and so far we haven't added anything to it either and that's been what, two or three years that there's nothing been added to it but that \$500,000.

Steve Craig: Yes.

Councilmember Smith: So I think we're going to have to think this year that we'd better add some money to that. If you do it every year you kind of add to it and we haven't done it.

Councilmember Wortman: It won't be so hard on us then.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah. I guess we did have, why is it below \$500,000 now?

Steve Craig: That's part of the money that we've spent for the civil site design and that, Royce, is not actually on the building. We have a drawing of the building. It's not a blue print or nothing like that. It's just a conceptual drawing but the money that's being spent now is to do like the location of the utilities to bring in where the sewer, the water, the electric, the telephones where they're all at and how we will locate them toward the building and getting ready to do some work where we can level it out and put a building, whatever building we put up there and the parking lots and that because the hill, it's kind of a hill with a bow in it and it needs to be flattened out and that's what the money that is being spent now is being spent for.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess I don't necessarily, I guess my question earlier I guess and my comment earlier was we're beginning to spend money on something we don't have all of the money for, I guess. We've got a project that we, unless there's been others here, I still, a project that I haven't even seen that we're beginning to make a request for funds for. But if we're going to do all this engineering work and I've worked on a couple of projects myself in terms of building some structures but always has been the case is I had an idea what it's going to cost, what the project was going to be and those questions were already answered before I began to start doing excavation and engineering work and etcetera, etcetera, a lot of those questions were already answered and I am not throwing this necessarily on you, but you just happen to be the person at the microphone. But I guess what I am trying to get a sense of is how much is this going to cost, what is the timetable on this project, when do we expect the funds to be received, and if we don't know all of our funding sources, why would we begin any phase on this and begin to spend up all of this money before we really have a real good idea of what this project is going to be? That's simply what I am trying to come across with.

Steve Craig: Okay, the reason --

Councilmember Sutton: I don't know if I am making any sense here.

Steve Craig: The reason we're doing what we're doing now is because of the time that it takes to do it and if we would wait for like another year to get all of the money collected and then have to start the site work and the design of the layout of the ground and that, then we would be put back like another year. So what we're doing is prepping the area up there for whenever we do get the money to finish the project.

Councilmember Sutton: Well I'd always, from day one that I came on this Council I was always told that we didn't make a bill that we couldn't pay for and that is, it appears to me that we are creating some bills for ourselves that we don't really have the money to provide for really at this time. I understand it's a process, but I guess the way this body operates as opposed to maybe in other sectors, we have to have the money in place before we can obligate ourselves to anything. I mean, when we did the Burkhardt Road project, our involvement in the Burkhardt project, we put all the money up that we were going to need to do that project and various other projects that we've done along the way. But that's the point I was trying to make.

Councilmember Wortman: Excuse me, we're going to change tapes. Excuse me.

**(Tape changed)**

Councilmember Sutton: But I guess, if we could, give us the layout, the timetable on this, if you can give us an idea what the projected costs are and what the plan will actually be. What kind of building we're talking about here. I think we'd feel -- I'd feel a lot more comfortable about this.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President? First of all, since the tape is rolling again, I want it noted that for the first time this year the tape ended with Councilman Sutton speaking and not Councilman Hoy and since the tape wasn't rolling, that would not have been in the minutes. The question, Sir, is would you, Mr. President, would you allow us some agenda time? I think that would help me a lot if you would bring those plans in so we could take ten minutes of this meeting or the next meeting, of course the next meeting, to look at those? Would that be possible?

Steve Craig: That would be fine.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay. If you would, Sir, put that on the agenda, I'd like to have that.

Councilmember Wortman: Maybe at Personnel & Finance, could you do that, have time to do that? Yeah, that would be fine, see, because sometimes they're pretty short, see. That would be longer than this. Is that agreeable with every Councilperson? Alright, I guess the discussion is through? If not, we'll have a roll call then.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I think I am going to abstain on this one until I can get some more information.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes. Okay, it passes five to two.

BURDETTE PARK/CCD		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2031-1450-4120	BUILDINGS & STRUCTURES	494,039.00	494,039.00
TOTAL		494,039.00	494,039.00

(Motion carried 5-1/Councilmember Sutton abstaining/Councilmember Winnecke opposed)

COUNTY COUNCIL/REASSESSMENT

Councilmember Wortman: Now then, we're going to take two more before we get in Reassessment and if you'd turn to the bottom of page five, the County Council, we'll handle that one and then we'll go in to the 911 on page six, the middle of the page, so Mr. Raben would you proceed?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move 2492-1480-2600 be set in at zero...and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: I'll second it but I have a question.

Councilmember Wortman: Got a second. Now discussion.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, why are you setting it in at zero? Sandie, do we need this money?

Sandie Deig: About Reassessment, I don't know --

Councilmember Smith: No, no, no, it's County Council, Office Supplies \$6,090.

Sandie Deig: That's what it's for, though, it's for Reassessment.

Councilmember Smith: And you're going to set it in --

Councilmember Raben: It's for manuals that aren't available yet.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, I forgot what it was for.

Councilmember Wortman: Any more discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: The manuals are not available?

Councilmember Wortman: I wouldn't say that. I'd say that we'll have to see what happens, I think some of them got them.

Paul Hatfield: The manuals are available.

Councilmember Wortman: The manuals are available, okay. That answers that question.

Councilmember Smith: Then why are we zeroing it out because if we need them?

Paul Hatfield: Because they may be changed.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

Sandie Deig: I'll resubmit when we find out --

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, so resubmit. Any other discussion to that effect? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1480-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	6,090.00	0.00
TOTAL		6,090.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Councilmember Wortman: Okay now, Mr. Raben, page, the middle of page six, the 911 Emergency Fund request.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of 3290-3530 in the amount of \$1,059,094.

Councilmember Wortman: Got a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

#### **911 EMERGENCY FUND**

		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
3290-3530	CONTRACTUAL SVCS.	1,059,094.00	1,059,094.00
TOTAL		1,059,094.00	1,059,094.00

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

#### **COUNTY ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT**

Councilmember Wortman: Now then we'll go to page two, Reassessment Fund, the County Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, line 2492-1090-1150-1090 through 2492-1090-3130 be set in at zero.

Councilmember Wortman: Do I have a second? Do I hear a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: I got a second. Now discussion.

Councilmember Smith: Why is this going in at zero? I thought we agreed last month that they would have a six month -- cut them in half.

Councilmember Raben: On her particular budget we're okay on this for a while.

Councilmember Smith: On this one? Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question about line 2492-1090-3530 Contractual Services. I thought that was for Geographical Information --

Councilmember Raben: I did not go that far. I went down to the last four digits of 3130.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay. I missed that. Sorry.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, got any other questions? Got a representative from the County Assessor’s Office. Okay, if not call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Let me make sure I understand the motion as it was presented by Councilman Raben. You went through line item -- I am reading the last four digits -- 1090 through 3130? Okay. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, do we have her up here for a reason?

Councilmember Wortman: No, she was just -- if there was any questions to be asked she could answer them.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1090-1150-1090	HEARING OFFICER	26,901.00	0.00
2492-1090-1160-1090	HEARING OFFICER	26,901.00	0.00
2492-1090-1900	FICA	5,406.00	0.00
2492-1090-1910	PERF	2,960.00	0.00
2492-1090-1920	INSURANCE	12,666.00	0.00
2492-1090-1990	EXTRA HELP	16,864.00	0.00
2492-1090-2600	SUPPLIES	2,000.00	0.00
2492-1090-3130	TRAVEL & MILEAGE	2,000.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Wortman: Now, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, lines 2492-1090-3310 through 2492-1090-3530 as submitted, and that total would be \$510,000.

Suzanne Crouch: No, that line item 3530 needs to be set in at zero. That money was encumbered because they did do a contract at the last meeting of the Commission meeting of the year. So that money was encumbered.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I spoke to Cheryl as early as yesterday and I was not made aware of that, so that's fine. So let me retract that. The motion should read 2492-1090-3310 through 2492-1090-3372 for a total of \$10,500, line 2492-1090-3530 be set in at zero.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, do I have a second to that motion?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: Point of clarification to our auditor. The money is encumbered, the \$500,000 is available for GIS and it can proceed?

Suzanne Crouch: That is correct.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you very much.

Councilmember Wortman: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.



COUNTY ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1090-3310	TRAINING	5,000.00	5,000.00
2492-1090-3370	COMPUTER	3,500.00	3,500.00
2492-1090-3371	COMP. HARDWARE	1,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1090-3372	COMP. SOFTWARE	1,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1090-3530	CONT. SERVICES	500,000.00	0.00
TOTAL		606,198.00	10,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS/REASSESSMENT**

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, at the top of page three, Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, 2492-1091-2600 through 2492-1091-3370 at listed, 2492-1091-3530 be set in at zero, and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Do I have a second? Anybody?

Councilmember Smith: What is the bottom line total, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: That would be \$5,300.

Councilmember Wortman: Everybody understand now? Okay. Did I get a second? No.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Winnecke. Okay, any discussion? Everybody understands 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

PROP. TAX ASSESS. BD. OF APPEALS/REASSESS.		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1091-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,000.00	2,000.00
2492-1091-3310	TRAINING	1,800.00	1,800.00
2492-1091-3370	COMPUTER	1,500.00	1,500.00
2492-1091-3530	CONT. SERVICES	20,000.00	0.00
TOTAL		25,300.00	5,300.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT

Councilmember Wortman: Armstrong Township, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I guess before we get into these I know there is going to be some discussion. The motion that I intend to make on the remaining Assessor budgets is a three month budget pending the session that is now taking place. It's important to know that if we allow monies through March, by then maybe we'll have a clearer definition from the state as to how much longer we need to continue or whether or not there's going to be further delays. And with that time they can file appropriations to operate for another three months or for the remaining nine. So basically I am going to -- and we'll take these individually because there are some corrected numbers with this motion, but again, this is a three month budget.

Councilmember Smith: Before you start on those, last month when we were here we had all the Assessors here and we all agreed to put it in at six months. If you wanted to put it in at three months, why didn't you bring that out then? And everyone of them sat back and agreed that we were going to give them a six month budget.

Councilmember Raben: I don't know that there was any -- last month there was discussion. I don't think that any of us agreed to anything. As a matter of fact, the six month, I think was brought up by one Assessor or the other that said you could cut this in half and just give us six months if that's what you want to do.

Councilmember Smith: I think the majority of us felt that way and I think the majority of the Assessors thought that and now all at once you're changing it to three months. They're not going to spend that money unless they have to have it anyway.

Councilmember Raben: Well again, --

Councilmember Smith: And you're telling me that you don't trust them to have the money there that they won't spend if they don't need it?

Councilmember Raben: Betty, I feel as if we're responsible for these funds.

Councilmember Smith: We are responsible, that's true. But they know if they spend it foolishly, they're going to have to do without.

Councilmember Raben: Speaking for myself, I don't over write my own checks, so I don't intend to over write taxpayers' checks. So we'll take this motion. I am going to read out what I have in mind and let's take a vote on it. The top line, 2492-1100-1110-1100 zero, and I am going to call out the last four digits for the other accounts; 1900 \$935; 1910 zero; 1990 \$4,250; 2600 \$375; 2700 \$175; 3120 \$240; 3130 \$175; 3390 \$250; 3372 \$625, for a total appropriation of \$7,025.

Paul Hatfield: What township was that?

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, Jim, is this based on 25%?

Councilmember Raben: Correct.

Councilmember Wortman: Twenty-five percent. That's what that is based on.

Councilmember Raben: Three months.

Councilmember Wortman: Now half of that would be \$13,204, if you take --

Councilmember Raben: And again, Betty, the only thing we're out is another appropriation on down the road to fund another 25% or another 75%.

Councilmember Wortman: Do I have a second anybody?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Got a second. Now discussion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, I know what you're trying to do but I see Mr. Hatfield and Mr. Folz out there. Can we call them up here and see why. I know they're saying six months and you're saying three.

Councilmember Raben: This early session will end sometime in March.

Councilmember Bassemier: There must be a reason why they want six months. Can I hear this for the record, Jim? I know what you're...

Councilmember Wortman: Do you want to say something? Excuse me, before we get started Mrs. Crouch would like to say something, comment please.

Suzanne Crouch: The Auditor's Office spoke to Melissa Henson, the Budget Director at the State Board of Tax Commissioners regarding additional appropriations out of Reassessment. Their recommendation was to do additional appropriations until there was more direction and they said that they expected within the next couple of weeks the Reassessment Division to put out a memo with better direction. So I don't think three months is unreasonable at all.

Councilmember Smith: Last month we were here and we discussed this and I looked back there and every one of you were sitting on this Council and I said, can you live with it for six months and all of them that were sitting there agreed to it and I know that each one of you all remember that. And I think they took it, it was an understanding that they had the okay for it. I trust those men not to spend any money that they don't have to spend. But if they have to lay these people off, they're not going to get the kind of people they've got right now.

Councilmember Raben: Betty, if they have to lay these people off, it's not going to be by our direction, it's going to be by the state's. We're not telling them in three months they have to lay anybody off. We'll have a clearer understanding as to how much more money they're going to need, if any. If they file another appropriation by February 15 we can appropriate more money in March for them to use from April on, or by the same token, by March 15, we'll appropriate more money in April for them to use from then on. Again, this just safeguards this money until we find out a little more from the state as to what exactly is going to happen.

Paul Hatfield: You're not going to find out from the state --

Councilmember Wortman: Alright, Mr. Hatfield, would you state your name and you, Mr. Folz, and I want both of you to be real nice today.

Paul Hatfield: My name is Paul Hatfield, I'm the Pigeon Township Assessor.

Al Folz: Al Folz, Knight Township Assessor.

Paul Hatfield: You're not going to find out anything from the state by the middle of February. You're not going to do it.

Councilmember Raben: Will we in March?

Al Folz: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Raben: Will we in March?

Paul Hatfield: The fact is, let me tell you, this may very well go on to where we will be, they may very well have to call a special session. But in that regard let me say something to you. The person you talked to in that agency doesn't have a damn thing to do with it.

Suzanne Crouch: She did speak to the Personal and Real Estate Property in the Reassessment Division so --

Paul Hatfield: In the Reassessment Division?

Suzanne Crouch: That is correct.

Paul Hatfield: And they don't know what is going on. Believe me. Now let me read you a paragraph from a letter from Senator Borst: The vast majority of real property in Indiana will see substantial increases in their assessed value. The approach will also result in varying shifts between classes of property done within the class of properties itself. In order to gauge these shifts and to afford the legislature the maximum time needed to address these shifts, the effective date of the reassessment should be extended to March 1, 2002. The reassessment -- now listen to this -- the reassessment itself should continue as if the effective date is still March 1, 2001. Now, let me tell you something. I've talked, in fact, I'll be with the governor tomorrow at 11. Now this is a two-pronged battle. Now aside -- because it becomes political -- but aside from that fact, what you're doing here is that right now I am 65% completed residential. I've got another 7,000 or so more than that. I've got about 7,500 commercial/industrial. Now I've got people in the field. Now let me tell you what is going to happen when the word gets out that we've got a three month budget on salaries or on time. They're going to look for another job. I would, wouldn't you?

Councilmember Raben: Are they not already clear that it could be delayed?

Paul Hatfield: Delayed?

Councilmember Raben: Right, are they not already --

Paul Hatfield: What are you talking about?

Councilmember Raben: Have they not been made aware up front that at some point in time they could say hey, everything is postponed for another year or two?

Paul Hatfield: That is not going to happen. Let me go back and tell you why. No, you really should understand this. Now, you understand that the reason that -- because of the tax court, you're not going to be able to go back and put this on a ten year spread between assessments. You're not going to do it. It's now set at four years. Now the delay, the extension would still put us in the ballpark, alright. O'Bannon won't get his two years. I am telling you that now. He won't get his two year delay. What will happen is it will be introduced in the House, it will pass the House, gets to the Senate, it will end up on Borst's desk and what you'll end up with is a one year delay. Now, that aside also, what we're doing right now, it lays the basis for all the assessing job that we have to do. It is the basis

that is good verifiable information. I don't care when they set it, what year they put it in, we are measuring every house for the first time in 20 years and the last time they were measured I did it on contract. I handled the reassessment in '79 for this township. Now it hasn't been done since but it is being done now. Now you are going to nickel and dime me for three months and I'll say it again, I've said it many times here and that is, a budget is just that. It is not an expenditure. I can't spend that money unless I've got a real good reason for it. And if you want to turn into, we have to come here and get a bill okayed, then you can have this job. But I am going to tell you now, you're going to delay it the extent that we're going to have to piecemeal this thing, go out and find people, retrain them on exactly what to do in making these inspections and I am not just talking about measuring a house, hell anybody can do that. I am talking about getting in them, checking the various items which have to be checked in order to make a bonafide reassessment or an assessment of property. Now...go ahead.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you. Mr. Folz, do you agree with Mr. Hatfield? You both have been pretty nice. I'd like to keep everything real calm --

Al Folz: You want to keep us nice? Okay, we can do that can't we, Paul? What Paul said is true of all the Assessors out here. We've got -- you've got taxpayers' money involved. We've been to the homes, my goodness, I've got 26,000 parcels out here. I already did 50% of them.

Paul Hatfield: How many?

Al Folz: I've got about 26,000, I've already got about 50% of them, you know, around 13,000 and --

Paul Hatfield: You lie like (inaudible)

Al Folz: Well, what the (inaudible).

Paul Hatfield: You lie.

Al Folz: You're not backing me up. What the heck is this?

Paul Hatfield: Well, because I know better.

Al Folz: I know, but, you know...

Paul Hatfield: I can prove my 65%, I wanted you to prove your 50%!

Al Folz: Well, two or three. Anyway, when you start talking in terms of three months you're going to lose your people. When you just kind of draw it out and say why, don't they know their job is going to end? Well, sooner or later, everybody's job -- even yours. I mean, with mine --

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to make a statement here. First of all, they will only assume that their job is going to end if you go back and tell them that. If you guys act in the best interest of the county --

Al Folz: I don't know --

Paul Hatfield: How would you like --

Al Folz: Is this going to be written up?

Councilmember Raben: No, if you go back and tell them in three months, you're done, then that's not my point at all. My point is we're going to fund you for the next three months and then we'll make another appropriation at the end of that --

Paul Hatfield: I've been through that before and I don't believe you now. I mean, this Council has absolutely lied to us.

Councilmember Raben: I think we understand that we have to go through a reassessment, so we're not going to lie, I mean --

Paul Hatfield: (Inaudible) you don't let us go ahead and work. None of you understand what --

Councilmember Raben: Again, we're not telling you you don't have to work. We're not telling you that we're doing anything. I am telling you that I'll fund it for the next 90 days until somebody gives me a better sense of direction. We're not telling you that 91 days from now you close up shop. There is nobody saying that and if your people think that it's because you two gentlemen are telling them that when you get back.

Paul Hatfield: I'm going to be honest with her. I am going to tell her the possibility. How in the hell do I know that you're going to fund it for another three months after the first three months? Are you going to give me an assurance of that?

Councilmember Raben: How do I know once I lose control of an extra three months worth of money that you're not going to spend it?

Al Folz: How are you losing control?

Paul Hatfield: Come down, you can check my bills. But will you assure me we're going to get another three months after this first three months?

Councilmember Raben: If the state finds it appropriate, yes.

Al Folz: What state? What part of the state? What are we talking about here? Not the State Tax Board because there may not be another State Tax Board.

Councilmember Raben: If the reassessment says continue on, if we get that direction -- I am fine with it. I'll give you the remaining balance of the monies.

Paul Hatfield: I just read you the paragraph from the person who absolutely holds the key.

Al Folz: He is.

Paul Hatfield: Now if you don't understand that then there is nothing else I can say to you. But I am telling you that in his own words, there is -- the only chance this thing has got to go forward is for it to be extended a year. Now if you want to -- this is idiocy!

Al Folz: There is no way in this world, just like Councilman Smith says, that we can waste this money. We can't spend it except for reassessment purposes and I think we all kind of resent in a way an attitude that says, well, we're the ones that have to really watch it. What do you think we do? I mean, we can only spend it for what its purpose is for. And if they cut tomorrow and then you've given us six months -- if you cut them all, that's it! We can't spend any more money, that's it. We're dead in the water and so is everybody else in the state of Indiana. So I don't see where this nickel/diming here on three months, six months, well, we've got to be the watchdog, I understand that. That is part of your job. I understand that. I might be the same darn way if I was sitting in your chair. But I am telling you how it is in our chair in that six months is going to give us a heck of a lot more to go with to get things done. You know, this is a short session, isn't it?

Paul Hatfield: Yeah.

Al Folz: And, you know, this may not be resolved in this short session.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, then at that point we'll make another appropriation.

Al Folz: At what point?

Councilmember Raben: You can file for another appropriation next month.

Paul Hatfield: And then it will be a month before you hear it and then you'll nickel and dime --

Councilmember Raben: If you file by February the 15th, you'll get the money the first week of March.

Paul Hatfield: (Inaudible)

Al Folz: I think it's short-sighted to be able to do that --

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, call for the question.

Al Folz: First you come in with a year, then --

Councilmember Sutton: Gentlemen, gentlemen, gentlemen, gentlemen, gentlemen, can I maybe just interject a little bit here something just real quickly? At what is -- what was requested here, what you guys had in the budget here, is that what you would anticipate you would normally spend, so if we were -- say, for instance, if it were one-fourth of what's requested here, at the end of three months is that about what you'd spend on this? I guess I am asking this in terms of if it were a six month budget and then the state came in and made some changes, at the end --

Paul Hatfield: Now you've got to define changes.

Councilmember Sutton: If the state -- if we got a final word back on what we're supposed to do on this reassessment --

Paul Hatfield: Let me stop you. Make it short.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, no I am not going to make it short because you've been doing all the talking. I am going to talk.

Paul Hatfield: You go right ahead.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you. Now my question is to you, if you had a six month budget and if we did get word back from the state on what exactly we're supposed to be doing on this and say word got back in March like they're talking about here, we've been talking about here, if, at the end of March, would we be at a point in terms of expenditure-wise where we are right around what we would normally spend for three months based upon the dollars here or would we be beyond dollar-wise. I guess what I am hearing from you guys is that what you intend to do, is that you would not spend any more than what you would need to do what you need to do. So you wouldn't spend six months in three months time is what I am hearing from you.

Paul Hatfield: But why not give it to us?

Councilmember Sutton: And that's what I am asking and then also what I am going to ask you is if that is the case, if you've got a six month budget and say, for instance, we did hear something further, repealing that money back.

Paul Hatfield: Fine, I don't care, depending on what the state says and from whom.

Al Folz: You know, giving the six months budget would take us to -- we get our data collecting completed, we can get our land completed basically and there we are sitting. We're ready. All we need then is the software, the manuals, the software that's going to have to take place and the manuals for us to go ahead. Now we are already completed

in our data collecting, in our land assessing, and you know, this puts us to that point. We're that far. We were the only county in the last reassessment that had all our figures done and in. Think about it. So this isn't the first time we are into a reassessment. This is my fourth one. So I think that doing the six months gives us an impetus to be able to go ahead and complete this one phase of the project.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess I really don't have a problem necessarily with the six months. I feel like, three months, by the time you guys would come back and have to make another request, your time is pretty short there, I guess that's what my concern is and then I am also hearing what Councilman Raben is saying and I don't have any problems with the six months. I mean, you guys have all been elected to do what you're going to do. We don't have need of fights up here. You guys can get the job done and money issues have not been an issue up to this point in terms of how the monies have been spent. But then again, I guess, in terms of what I am saying is if there were some other information that caused us to have to back up, we get this ruling or whatever, I guess we'd be looking for a repeal.

Paul Hatfield: (Inaudible) you can repeal it any time.

Councilmember Sutton: You would have to file that.

Paul Hatfield: I would be glad to. What good is the money going to do me if they change it and they put it off until 2005? I mean, there's no reason for me to be sitting there with money that we really can't use.

Al Folz: To show you how we actually track our money, we couldn't roll this money over, right? I turned back in \$49,000.

Paul Hatfield: I turned back in \$13,000 some-odd dollars.

Al Folz: You gave me \$135,000 before and --

Councilmember Raben: Curt --

Councilmember Wortman: I think we're missing the point to a certain extent here. The Assessors have never been notified to stop reassessment. That's right. I think this is where we are missing the point and why not give them the six months so they can continue and get this thing going and then if they do send a direct order down, they'll stop. They're not going to go out there and play around.

Al Folz: We can't.

Paul Hatfield: Well, this letter from Borst makes it very clear not to stop, to go on, keep moving and I don't think -- there's not enough days in this session to reconcile all the differences between the two (inaudible). Just believe me, I've been there. But we've got to keep working. I mean, I've got land yet to complete from the standpoint of commercial/industrial. I've got 7,000 commercial/industrial and they're not small. Good God, this is really a no brainer. I'll say it again. A budget is not an expenditure.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, well thank you, gentlemen. You've been pretty nice, real calm and I appreciate that so we've got a motion on the floor and Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Suzanne made a good point and, Jim, I know where you're coming from and I wasn't too sure about the workers. They might quit, so whatever...

Councilmember Raben: Again, this has nothing to do with the employees. It has nothing at all to do with them. When they were hired they only had a six month budget, so these people knew that there would have to be additional appropriations to fund their salary lines. That's all smoke. I don't want to hear that --



Paul Hatfield: Let me tell you, if you -- in this --

Councilmember Raben: No, let me finish. Let me finish. You're asking us to put faith in your interpretation of how things are going to happen. I am telling you to put faith in us that --

Paul Hatfield: You've lied to us.

Councilmember Raben: We've not lied to you.

Paul Hatfield: Oh good God, you sure as hell have.

Councilmember Raben: Well, --

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, alright, let's calm down. Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I just wanted to say, and Mr. Hatfield could agree on this, I've never lied to Mr. Hatfield and I've never lied to Mr. Folz and I've always tried to work with you and I know we've had some differences in the past and I just want that on record that when I give my word, I keep it.

Councilmember Smith: I have never lied to you either. When you say the Council, that includes all of us, Paul, and you know darn well I've never lied to you. So just point out directions, not as a whole.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, alright --

Paul Hatfield: Well, whoever is running the show has lied to us.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, now we've got a motion on the floor, Mr. Raben, and we had a second. Is that correct, Secretary?

Teri Lukeman: Yes.

Councilmember Wortman: We had your discussion now, so call the roll, and everybody understand the motion was set in at 25% of the total budget on Armstrong Assessor. Is everybody clear on that? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, I know what you are trying to do and you're doing your job and I'd like to see them have six months and not tie their hands, so I am going to vote no on that also.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

**(Motion fails 5-2/Councilmembers Smith, Sutton, Bassemier, Hoy & Wortman opposed)**

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, it fails. Now, do you want to make another motion, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Councilmember Smith: I'll make the motion that we set it in at half all the way down for a six month period.

Sandie Deig: You have to set them in individual line items.

Councilmember Smith: Oh, do you?

Councilmember Wortman: We have to set them in individual line items.

Councilmember Smith: Haven't you got it figured out at half price on most of them?

Sandie Deig: Not anymore.

Councilmember Smith: Not anymore?

Councilmember Wortman: Can we, Counsel, legal, can she make a motion to the effect that every line item be set in at half of what's listed on the sheet?

Jeff Ahlers: I don't see a problem with that as long as it's not problem with the minutes being taken down appropriately. Is that fine? Or we can get the calculator and --

Councilmember Sutton: Is our math that bad? I mean, we are the fiscal body of the county.

Councilmember Smith: We've got a lot of figures and all you've got to do is figure half all the way down.

Councilmember Wortman: You just take each budget, anybody that makes a motion takes each budget and take it in half as listed on each line item --

Councilmember Smith: As listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Just like this Armstrong. That's \$26,408, that will be \$13,204, see.

Councilmember Smith: And each line item would be half.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, have you got a second, Mr. President?

Councilmember Wortman: You ready? We've got to change the tape. Excuse us a minute.

**(Tape changed)**

Councilmember Wortman: Alright, what the procedure here will be now, the person that makes the motion will list each item, account number set in at half, like \$650. That will be \$325, but you will have to say it just right on down. Mention each line item be set in at half and the total.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, actually, if you want to be quicker, you can take the top line item and say that line item all the way through and then name the bottom line item and say set them all in at half of the amount listed and then state what the total amount is. That would be easier.

Councilmember Raben: Betty, in your motion, have we had a second yet?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Councilmember Raben: We need a second motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Before we get too far --

Councilmember Smith: I think we have to change it.

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, just a minute, before we get too much further, if you noticed Armstrong, we can't not count the Assessor on that. We've got to eliminate that and the same way with German Township, too. Let's check the others.

Councilmember Raben: Betty, before you make your motion, do you intend to set in the Assessor's stipend that they are requesting?

Councilmember Smith: (Inaudible - microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Raben: Well, I would suggest you do, but I have one other comment to make before you guys do this, you're going to set this in at half the -- at 50% of what's listed. And three months from now, if we're ordered to stop what we're doing, I want to see 50% of what we appropriate today in those accounts which I am sure is a world, particularly using Knight, for instance, that we're not going to find 50% of that Office Furniture that we appropriate today and Office Machines, Other Contractual, Printing Plat Sheets, Computers, I mean, when you appropriate that money in a lot of these accounts outside of salaries, it's going to get spent, believe me. So you're not going to get back 50% of everything that you're appropriating today April the first if everything is brought to a stop.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, now Mr. Al Folz, Knight Township Assessor, would you comment please?

Al Folz: Sure. I can't promise 50% of Office Furniture, you may get 100% of it back.

Councilmember Raben: Or we may not get any of it.

Al Folz: Well...but most of the time you're not going to be out there spending. I didn't spend any of it so far on it. That's why you got the \$49,000 back. I may find out I don't need any and I think on certain accounts that we do have you may find that we do use more of that as far as Office Supplies because we are in the middle of a reassessment and we're running a lot of copies. I think that's kind of a moot question what you had just brought up and since you pointed me out, how would you know what's needed for a reassessment? You have never even bothered to come down to my office, look at anything. Look at what we spent the last reassessment, how much did we spend in each account and such. So you are going to find that we are very, very frugal...very frugal or you wouldn't have got \$49,000 back.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, thank you, Mr. Folz.

Al Folz: Absolutely.

Councilmember Wortman: Alright. Now we've got to move on because it's 5:00 here and we've got to get Area Plan comes in here, so we've got to keep moving. Now, Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Okay, Armstrong Township Assessor, 2492-1100-1110-1100 set that in at zero; from 2492-1100-1900 set in at half.

Councilmember Raben: Down through?

Councilmember Smith: Down through 2492-1100-3372. That's all set in at half.

Jeff Ahlers: You've got your calculator, Lloyd. What is the total now? If you take out --

Councilmember Winnecke: \$12,879 is what I got.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay, subtracting the \$650 out and halving the rest, is that right?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay. What did you say?

Councilmember Bassemier: And we won't need PERF.

Councilmember Winnecke: \$12,879.

Councilmember Smith: There will be money left over in PERF and all that when you take that other part out. When you take the Assessor line item out.

Councilmember Bassemier: So we've got to take that \$38 out, don't we?

Councilmember Wortman: Do I got a second? Anybody got a second? Do I hear a second? Mr. Bassemier, do you want to second this?

Councilmember Bassemier: Uh yes.

Councilmember Wortman: Now discussion. Any discussion on this? Everybody understand what we're doing? 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.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes. Okay, that final figure was \$12,879, is that correct?

Councilmember Smith: Uh-huh.

ARMSTRONG TWP. ASSESSOR/REASSESS.		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1100-1110-1100	ASSESSOR	650.00	0.00
2492-1100-1900	FICA	1,360.00	680.00
2492-1100-1910	PERF	38.00	19.00
2492-1100-1990	EXTRA HELP	17,000.00	8,500.00
2492-1100-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,500.00	750.00
2492-1100-2700	OTHER SUPPLIES	700.00	350.00
2492-1100-3120	POSTAGE	960.00	480.00
2492-1100-3130	MILEAGE	700.00	350.00
2492-1100-3390	PLAT SHEETS	1,000.00	500.00
2492-1100-3372	COMP. SOFTWARE	2,500.00	1,250.00
TOTAL		26,408.00	12,879.00

(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Raben & Winnecke opposed)

CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, proceed now to the Center Township Assessor. Do you want to make that, Mr. Raben or do you want Mrs. Smith to?

Councilmember Raben: I'd say roll on with it.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: Center Township line item 2492-1110-1130-1110 through 2492-1110-3410, that's half of those amounts.

(Inaudible)

Councilmember Smith: The amount that's there.

Councilmember Wortman: Got a second to that effect?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion now?

Jeff Ahlers: What is that total just to make sure we all agree on what the total is so the minutes --

Councilmember Winnecke: \$21,063.50.

(Several speaking at once)

Councilmember Winnecke: \$23,864 then, sorry.

Councilmember Wortman: \$23,864?

Sandie Deig: Curt, wait just a minute. These salaries are not right. The salary should be listed at \$21,639. That's the maximum salary for a Land Coordinator.

Councilmember Smith: That's right. We set that in last year.

Councilmember Wortman: Alright, can you redo that Mr. Winnecke? The first one is \$21,639.

Councilmember Raben: That would be \$10,820.

Councilmember Smith: What did you say the bottom was, Jim? Or did you say?

Councilmember Raben: On the Land Coordinator? Fifty percent of that would be \$10,820. FICA would be \$1,212, PERF would be...hold on just a second...\$596. Is that the only question you've got on those three?

Jeff Ahlers: We're going to need to -- are we going to need to withdraw this motion and remake it since we've changed some of these numbers or if you want to withdraw your motion and start over because we've now changed these figures. They're not all one half of what's in there. Yeah, the first three I think you can just put those in there like Jim had it and then the rest of them are one half.

Councilmember Raben: Let me give you the first four: Land Coordinator would be \$10,820, FICA would be \$1,212, PERF would be \$596, Insurance would be \$1,532 and then the rest of them, --

Jeff Ahlers: Just be half.

Councilmember Raben: Would be half.

Councilmember Smith: Then I'll withdraw that motion and make another one.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, would you withdraw and then do we have a motion to withdraw the second?

Councilmember Smith: Ed?

Councilmember Wortman: Ed, do you withdraw your second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes Sir.

Councilmember Wortman: Now we'll have a new motion to reopen.

Councilmember Smith: Line item 2492-1110-1130-1110 will be \$10,820, line item 2492-1110-1900 will be \$1,212, line item 2492-1110-1910 will be \$596, from that point --

Jeff Ahlers: No, one more, Insurance.

Councilmember Smith: Insurance, oh okay. 2492-1110-1920 will be \$1,532. All the rest will be half of the amount down through 2492-1110-3410 and I don't know what the bottom line figure is at, but that's...

Jeff Ahlers: Do you have a total on that?

Councilmember Raben: No, but we don't actually need a total so --

Jeff Ahlers: Okay, I just wanted to make sure through the confusion that at least -- I didn't know if we wanted to make the minutes clear as to what the total is.

Councilmember Raben: Betty, if you want to...well, let's vote on this. I've gone ahead and

ran ahead and I'll do these other motions for you if you'd like.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll second.

Councilmember Wortman: Got a motion and a second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Do you need a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Hoy did, yeah. 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: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

CENTER TWP. ASSESSOR/REASSESS.		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1110-1130-1110	LAND COORDINATOR	22,505.00	10,820.00
2492-1110-1900	FICA	2,870.00	1,212.00
2492-1110-1910	PERF	1,290.00	596.00
2492-1110-1920	INSURANCE	3,062.00	1,532.00
2492-1110-1990	EXTRA HELP	10,000.00	5,000.00
2492-1110-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1110-3130	MILEAGE	1,000.00	500.00
2492-1110-3410	PRINTING	1,000.00	500.00
TOTAL		43,727.00	21,160.00

(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Raben & Winnecke opposed)

GERMAN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT

Councilmember Wortman: Now, Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, (Inaudible - microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Smith: Go ahead.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben, go ahead.

Councilmember Raben: We're on German, correct? German Township, the first item 2492-1120-1110-1120 zero, 1130-1120 Land Coordinator \$10,820, 1120-1990 Extra Help \$2,720, 1120-1900 FICA \$1,036...page 4, 1120-1910 PERF \$596, all others based on half of what has been submitted and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember 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: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

GERMAN TWP. ASSESSOR/REASSESS.		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1120-1110-1120	ASSESSOR	2,250.00	0.00
2492-1120-1130-1120	LAND COORDINATOR	20,396.00	10,820.00
2492-1120-1990	EXTRA HELP	5,440.00	2,720.00
2492-1120-1900	FICA	1,977.00	1,036.00
2492-1120-1910	PERF	1,122.00	596.00
2492-1120-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	850.00	425.00

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2492-1120-3120	POSTAGE	300.00	150.00
2492-1120-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	600.00	300.00
2492-1120-3310	TRAINING	1,000.00	500.00
2492-1120-3370	COMPUTER	800.00	400.00
2492-1120-3410	PRINTING	1,100.00	550.00
TOTAL		35,835.00	17,497.00

(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Raben & Winnecke opposed)

**KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT**

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, now Knight Township.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Knight Township 2492-1130-1110-1130 zero, 1120-1130, 1130-1130, 1140-1130 should be set in at \$10,820, 1900 FICA \$7,840, 1910 PERF \$17,086, 1920 Insurance \$11,314, all other items at 50% of what was listed and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Got a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Councilmember Sutton: One more time on FICA?

Councilmember Raben: \$7,840.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, one correction, on the PERF line it should read \$1,786 rather than \$17,000.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, \$1,786.

Councilmember 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: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR/REASSESS.		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1130-1110-1130	ASSESSOR	13,500.00	0.00
2492-1130-1120-1130	OFFICE COORDINATOR	21,639.00	10,820.00
2492-1130-1130-1130	LAND COORDINATOR	21,639.00	10,820.00
2492-1130-1140-1130	FIELD COORDINATOR	21,639.00	10,820.00
2492-1130-1900	FICA	16,574.00	7,840.00
2492-1130-1910	PERF	4,312.00	1,786.00
2492-1130-1920	INSURANCE	22,625.00	11,314.00
2492-1130-1990	EXTRA HELP	140,000.00	70,000.00
2492-1130-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	7,000.00	3,500.00
2492-1130-2700	OTHER SUPPLIES	3,000.00	1,500.00
2492-1130-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	11,000.00	5,500.00
2492-1130-3310	TRAINING	7,000.00	3,500.00
2492-1130-3370	COMPUTER	10,000.00	5,000.00
2492-1130-3390	PLAT SHEETS	8,500.00	4,250.00
2492-1130-3400	PRINT PLAT SHEETS	10,500.00	5,250.00
2492-1130-3520	EQUIP. REPAIR	2,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1130-3930	OTHER CONTRACTUAL	10,000.00	5,000.00
2492-1130-3700	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,400.00	700.00
2492-1130-4210	OFFICE FURNITURE	3,000.00	1,500.00
2492-1130-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	2,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL		337,328.00	161,100.00

(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Raben & Winnecke opposed)

PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT  
PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Perry Township. Mr. President, 2492-1140-1120-1140 zero; 1130-1140, 1140-1140, both accounts should read \$10,820; 1900 FICA \$3,026; 1910 PERF \$596; 1920 Insurance \$11,638; all other items 50% of what is listed. Let's do the Pigeon Assessor: 1120-1150 zero; 1130-1150, 1140-1150 \$10,820; 1900 FICA \$6,324; 1910 PERF \$1,786; 1920 Insurance \$10,500; 1930 Unemployment \$3,554; all other items 50% of what is listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Got a second. Any more 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.

Paul Hatfield: Mr. Raben, --

Councilmember Raben: I retract that. It's no.

Paul Hatfield: Almost got you there.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, but you reminded me.

Paul Hatfield: Could you give me the figure on 1150-1990?

Councilmember Raben: 1150-1990...

Jeff Ahlers: It was set in at one half.

Councilmember Smith: That's FICA.

Councilmember Raben: One half of whatever you've got listed.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

PERRY TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1140-1120-1140	OFFICE COORDINATOR	23,181.00	0.00
2492-1140-1130-1140	LAND COORDINATOR	23,181.00	10,820.00
2492-1140-1140-1140	FIELD COORDINATOR	23,181.00	10,820.00
2492-1140-1900	FICA	8,181.00	3,026.00
2492-1140-1910	PERF	3,825.00	596.00
2492-1140-1920	INSURANCE	23,273.00	11,638.00

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2492-1140-1990	EXTRA HELP	57,460.00	28,730.00
2492-1140-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,500.00	750.00
2492-1140-3120	POSTAGE	750.00	375.00
2492-1140-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	1,000.00	500.00
2492-1140-3310	TRAINING	2,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1140-3400	PRINT PLAT SHEETS	3,700.00	1,850.00
TOTAL		171,232.00	70,105.00

PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1150-1120-1150	OFFICE COORDINATOR	21,639.00	0.00
2492-1150-1130-1150	LAND COORDINATOR	21,639.00	10,820.00
2492-1150-1140-1150	FIELD COORDINATOR	21,639.00	10,820.00
2492-1150-1900	FICA	12,645.00	6,324.00
2492-1150-1910	PERF	3,246.00	1,786.00
2492-1150-1920	INSURANCE	21,000.00	10,500.00
2492-1150-1930	UNEMPLOYMENT	7,108.00	3,554.00
2492-1150-1990	EXTRA HELP	100,368.00	50,184.00
2492-1150-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	5,000.00	2,500.00
2492-1150-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	5,000.00	2,500.00
2492-1150-3160	RADIO/PAGERS	500.00	250.00
2492-1150-3310	TRAINING	1,000.00	500.00
2492-1150-3370	COMPUTERS	7,500.00	3,750.00
2492-1150-3372	COMP. SOFTWARE	3,600.00	1,800.00
2492-1150-3380	PHOTOGRAPHY	1,500.00	750.00
2492-1150-3400	PRINT PLAT SHEETS	4,600.00	2,300.00
2492-1150-3410	PRINTING	5,000.00	2,500.00
2492-1150-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	2,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL		244,984.00	111,838.00

(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Raben & Winnecke opposed)

Councilmember Wortman: Now then that completes the Assessors on Reassessment. Is that correct? I think it does, yeah. Okay. Thank you, gentlemen.

TRANSFER REQUESTS
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Councilmember Wortman: Now we'll get into the Transfers. Line item number ten, County Clerk and Veterans Service.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of County Clerk plus the late transfer for Veterans Services.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember 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: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1010-1190-1010	SUBPOENA/SUMMONS CLERK	6,046.00	6,046.00
TO: 1010-1970	TEMPORARY HELP	6,046.00	6,046.00

VETERANS SERVICES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1270-1130-1270	CLERK/TYPIST	1,869.20	1,869.20
TO: 1270-1970	TEMP. REPLACEMENT	1,869.20	1,869.20

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Wortman: We did the repeals on Circuit Court Adult Probation on eleven.

AMENDMENT TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Wortman: Now we'll go to twelve, the amendment to the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Smith: What about the Veterans, the late one on Veterans?

Councilmember Wortman: We took both of them, the Clerk and the Veterans.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'll move approval of Area Plan, Armstrong Assessor, Center Assessor, German Assessor, Knight Assessor, Perry Assessor, Pigeon Assessor, County Clerk and Veterans Services as previously adopted and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

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

<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
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**APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE SETTING COPY FEE CHARGE FOR VANDERBURGH COUNTY OFFICES**

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, now we go to 13, old business, Approval of An Ordinance Setting Copy Fee Charge for Vanderburgh County Offices, but the trouble is, they've never sent them all in so that will have to be set in...we'll need a motion to what, delay, defer it. So I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Mrs. Smith. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: We 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

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

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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**BOB QUICK/WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL**

Councilmember Wortman: Now we go down to 14, New Business, Bob Quick, The Workforce Development Proposal. He was here last week. Anybody got any problems with that?

Councilmember Hoy: Is this going to be voted on today?

Councilmember Wortman: I don't think so.

Councilmember Hoy: The question I have is -- I have several questions but one is I would feel better if they asked the city to contribute \$5,000 instead of us doing the whole \$10,000. That's part of it. I have a couple other questions but I will wait until he comes.

Councilmember Wortman: That's a good comment. Thank you, Mr. Hoy.

**APPROVAL OF 2000 AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE**

Councilmember Wortman: B, Approval of the 2000 Amended Salary Ordinance. Jim?

Councilmember Raben: I move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Councilmember 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

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

#### **APPOINTMENT OF LIAISONS**

Councilmember Wortman: Appointment of liaisons, you have them in front of you and if there's any questions, get back with me if you don't like them. If not, why you have to like them, I guess. So that takes care of that.

Jeff Ahlers: Mr. Wortman, do you want to just state that they will be incorporated into the record, into the minutes as written and furnish a copy?

Councilmember Wortman: I'd like to take a motion that they be incorporated into the minutes. I'll take a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: And then I got a second somewhere.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded. Okay, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, raise your right hand, everybody. One, two, three, four, five, six, Jim, raise your right hand, seven. Okay, that takes care of that.<sup>1</sup>

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

#### **APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

Councilmember Wortman: Appointment of Personnel Administrative Committee. Sandie passed that out to you. So we go that route, okay. I'll take a motion to that effect.

Jeff Ahlers: To incorporate those into the minutes?

Councilmember Wortman: Be incorporated into the minutes. Can that be in the motion?

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<sup>1</sup>Copy of liaison appointments for 2000 attached



Councilmember Smith: So moved.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Any discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, okay<sup>2</sup>.

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

### **APPOINTMENT TO THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION BOARD**

Councilmember Wortman: The appointment to the ABC Board is Mr. Frank Daugul on a year basis and I'll entertain a motion for approval of that motion.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Got a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Got a second. Okay, if no discussion, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

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

### **OTHER APPOINTMENTS**

Councilmember Wortman: Now then, we've got these other appointments on F and that would be the County Council appointments which we just got Frank Daugul; Curt Wortman, Area Plan Commission; Mark Foster, Area Plan Commission; Harold Elliott, Board of

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<sup>2</sup>Copy of Personnel Administrative Committee for 2000 attached

Review; Peggy Pfister, Board of Review; Marion Deig, Burdette Park Advisory Board; Michael Jordan, Burdette Park Advisory Board; Lloyd Winnecke, Central Dispatch; Gloria Altman, Convention & Visitors Bureau; Jeff Guier, Convention & Visitors Bureau; Sandie Deig, Data Processing Board; Al Umbach, Jr., Economic Development Commission Vanderburgh County; Lloyd Winnecke, EUTS Policy Committee; Sandra Shauntee, Human Relations Board; Jim Raben, Jail Overcrowding Assessment Committee; Royce Sutton, Jail Overcrowding Assessment Committee; and then we've got Bob Musgrave, Museum Board; Curt Wortman, Solid Waste; and Jim Raben, West Side Improvement. I'll entertain a motion where they be accepted.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Raben: Can you say that again?

Councilmember Wortman: The only thing...

Councilmember Raben: Incorporate it?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah.

Councilmember Hoy: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Wortman: All I those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. That takes care of that<sup>3</sup>.

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

#### **APPROVAL OF THE 2000 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

Councilmember Wortman: Now then, we've got approval of the 2000 County Council meeting dates on that. So they should be right on the money so I'll take a motion to the effect that we accept those dates.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: And got a second somewhere?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion? Raise your right hands in favor. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven. Okay.

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

#### **FEBRUARY 2000 MEETING FILING DATE**

Councilmember Wortman: Now then, we've got the February 2000 meeting filing date. That should be January 14th will be the filing deadline, so if that's agreeable, why I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Got a second?

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<sup>3</sup>Copy of County Council appointments attached

Councilmember Smith: Second.

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

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

Councilmember Wortman: Now then, is there any other business? Sandie, do you have anything to come before the Council?

Sandie Deig: One thing. I think all of the Councilmen have been given the proposals from the union contract and it's just for your information (inaudible - microphone not turned on) when the appropriation is filed. (Inaudible).

Councilmember Wortman: Okay. Alright. I think if nobody else has any business to come before this Council, I'll entertain a motion for adjournment.

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved. And we got a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: All those in favor say aye. The ayes have it. Okay. Happy New Year everybody.

**(Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.)**

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

\_\_\_\_\_  
President Curt Wortman

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Vice President Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Phil Hoy

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Councilmember Lloyd Winnecke

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

Recorded and transcribed by Teri Lukeman.

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 2, 2000**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 2nd day of February, 2000 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. by County Council President Curt Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: The Vanderburgh County Council is now in session this February the 2nd and we'll start off with opening the meeting and we'll have 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 Winnecke	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, would we all stand please and pledge allegiance to the flag?

**(Pledge of Allegiance was given)**

<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES JANUARY 5, 2000</b>
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Councilmember Wortman: Number four, I will entertain a motion for approval of the minutes from January 5th, 2000.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Hoy. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Winnecke. Any discussion on the minutes? If not, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four,...we got two here, Mr. Hoy and Mr. Raben, raise your right hand if you're in favor. Thank you.

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

Councilmember Wortman: Before we get into the appropriation ordinance, we have three students from North High School here in Government, and that's the future generation there. Would you all three please stand? Thank you. That's Bobbie Swarens, which one is that? Okay. And then we've got Arie Lowery, that's it, and then Jason Buchanan. Is that right? Fine. So they're your future, right there, Councilmen, possibly. So take real good interest there. Okay, thanks for coming.

<b>APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE</b>
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**CLERK**

Councilmember Wortman: Now we'll get into the appropriations and the first on the agenda is the County Clerk. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President. The first item is 1010-1990 Extra Help. That figure has been reduced to \$5,000 and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, we've got a motion on the floor and do we have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, Mr. Hoy seconded. Now any discussion on this request for appropriation?

Marsha Abell: I have a question.

Councilmember Wortman: Mrs. Abell, would you go ahead please?

Marsha Abell: This is based on each woman who is pregnant taking six weeks. You know, someone could go early, like tomorrow, and be put to bed until after the pregnancy so I may, this may not work. I hope this is open for me to come back.

Councilmember Wortman: I would say, you know, if bad comes to worse, yeah. I guess we'll cross that bridge. But right now this would give you a good start to kind of --

Marsha Abell: This should cover me, yes.

Councilmember Wortman: Yes ma'am. Okay, was there anything mentioned about the hourly rate, Mr. Raben, in your motion?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll do that during the amendments.

Councilmember Wortman: On the Salary Ordinance. Okay, thank you. Okay, we've got a motion and a second and anymore discussion? If not, we'll have the secretary to 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-1990	EXTRA HELP	10,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL		10,000.00	5,000.00

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

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you, Mrs. Abell.

Marsha Abell: Do you want to address the storage while I am here?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes, let's just go ahead and address that storage issue. I think that would be in line here.

Marsha Abell: I have the original pictures. I'll send them around. You've just got photocopies.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, if we can, Marsha, can we take a moment and back away from your proposal? Mayor Lloyd is here and he's got media people over there waiting on him. I had asked him to come in today. Mayor Lloyd, if you could step to the front of the room. We have something to present to you. Right there is fine, now bend over touch your toes! In recognition for three years' service on Vanderburgh County Council and on behalf of the entire Vanderburgh County Council we would like to present to you today this plaque for your services while on Vanderburgh County Council.

Russell Lloyd: Thank you very much.

Councilmember Wortman: Do you want to give a speech, Mr. Lloyd?

Russell Lloyd: I want to say thank you very much and I appreciate my service on the Council and look forward to you guys making a lot of good decisions.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Lloyd. Mr. Lloyd was a good, hard-working Councilman like the rest of them are here, so we appreciate that, and you got a promotion now, so we'll go from there. Thanks a lot.

Councilmember Hoy: Are you making more than we are?

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, now we'll proceed with the next on the agenda, the Jail.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

Marsha Abell: Wait!!!

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, I forgot. Okay, state your name and we'll go ahead. I thought we was going to get around this storage. Okay, proceed, Mrs. Abell, please.

Marsha Abell: I think all of you have the -- my name is Marsha Abell, I'm the County Clerk. I think all of you have seen the pictures that I have taken of our storage problem. I have a lot of quotes and I did not solicit, they solicited me after they read this in the newspaper.

Councilmember Smith: Marsha, what kind of space can you get over at the Old Courthouse? That's one of the places that I think we should utilize.

Marsha Abell: It's in here. There is a memo in here from my Chief Deputy. Let me find it. They have 920 square feet in one area and they have 1,700 square feet in another area.

Councilmember Bassemier: Marsha, what are they going to charge the county for that?

Marsha Abell: I think the memo says \$3.00 per square foot.

Councilmember Smith: That is probably as cheap as we are getting over at the Garvin Park Industrial Mall when you think about it, and it's a lot cleaner and a lot nicer and a lot warmer.

Councilmember Bassemier: And we've got people over there.

Councilmember Raben: Marsha, having just been given all these, which appears to you to be the most competitive?

Marsha Abell: It really depends on what you want to do. Mr. Hoy said it before I left last week, what would it take to move all of it over. Well, if we move all of it, the Old Courthouse is not large enough. It would take a least 4,000 square feet to move all of it. I know that the Sheriff had mentioned building a facility at the property that he owns and I don't know what his figures are, what he's done on that. My initial thought on this after having spent the week working on this is there is some warehouse space at 41 and Willow Road for \$5.00 a square foot that's brand new space, concrete floor, steel construction, it's got water sprinklers, heated, air conditioned, that type thing. We could move everything over there and we could hire, and I would say out of my office because obviously, the people at Willard Library have absolutely no idea what these documents are and we call them for something and they can't find them because they don't know anything about them. We could put one of my employees over there and replace her in my office, rent that space, pay her salary, for less than what you're paying at Garvin Park and it would be accessible to the public. We could use it as an archives and when the general public comes in and we make copies of documents for them, we could keep the dollar a copy which becomes a sizable amount of money, which right now, Willard Library is keeping because they're making the copies and they're keeping the dollar a copy and ours will remain a dollar a copy because it is by statute. It won't change any with your ordinance.

Councilmember Wortman: Have you spoken with the Commissioners in reference to this? It would be up to them for -- to make the decision, you know.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, this has been going on, like I said, ten years. It still has not stopped the problem that we've got. We've got it, somebody is going to have to sit up and take notice and, you know, we told her to go out and find a place and it was a problem for me. I begged them to do something about it before somebody got hurt and down in the basement you saw those pictures and that's -- I had it cleaned the first time in twenty years and that's in better shape than it was when I was over there. But we've got to do something. The Commissioners keep delaying it and whatever. I think we have to do something.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, can we ask Sandie (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on).

Councilmember Wortman: Got your mike on?

Councilmember Bassemier: -- of our blessings for this?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, I think if we have complete discussion, if that's agreeable with the Councilmembers, why yeah, you could have a vote and then take it to the



Commissioners with the Council's blessing.

Councilmember Bassemier: Let's solve this problem today if we can.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, does anybody want to speak over here?

Councilmember Winnecke: I just have a point to make. I think there's a couple of issues. One is the problem the Clerk has that is an immediate nature. I think the other thing we have to look at as a Council is what other departments and agencies have the same problem. We can't come back month in and month out and try to fix this thing. We need to look at the big picture and try to figure out how to solve the entire issue. I think the Clerk has a legitimate, immediate need that we can fix right away, but the Sheriff has a problem and there are probably other officeholders who have the same problem and furthermore, I think we need to look at these officeholders and see how many of them are really utilizing electronic storage today. I don't know the answer to that. Maybe all of them are, maybe they're not.

Marsha Abell: Nope, there's no money for that either. I get those phone calls, too.

Councilmember Wortman: Now you've got to remember, this is fine to do it but still, the Commissioners will have to do it. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Marsha, which one of these proposals are you --

Marsha Abell: It's the Willow Road, it's called Willow Road Business Park. It's a brand new facility.

Councilmember Wortman: That's where all the old greenhouses were that they tore down.

Marsha Abell: Right, where those old green -- and what I think attracted me the most to that was --

Councilmember Raben: Is that proposal in this packet?

Marsha Abell: Yeah.

Councilmember Hoy: Woodward.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, it's called Woodward.

Marsha Abell: Oh, sorry about that. Woodward is leasing that space. Their proposal is just shy of \$30,000 for a year as I recall.

Councilmember Raben: On the one, for instance, like with Kinder, that's just, did I see a figure of like \$19,800? And I know that had mentioned there was bar coding and computer tracking and stuff like that that would also --

Marsha Abell: That's not included in that figure. That figure was based on some books they looked at three years ago and no files.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. You know, I know, again, Betty has chimed in and I know she begged and pleaded. I know you brought it up, too, many times yourself, the only thing I would like to ask is that we take caution. Again, I've just looked at these documents, I don't know what type of agreement or for how long that they would want to establish an agreement, but if we can maintain a year to year lease with whoever we end up with, then I think that would be in our best interest because, again, I've mentioned this before, should we have to replace our jail facility, we're going to have a lot of extra square footage in this building itself. So that's something maybe years down the road, I would hate to be bound to a contract when we can establish our own storage once again.

Marsha Abell: Well, the reason I asked for five years on that is because I thought it would be five years before you get anything done and I don't think I am too unrealistic on that, and could lock in five dollars a square foot for five years, I thought was a good thought. Let me just say that when I first looked at this space and I really wasn't even interested in this space to begin with, but when I looked at this space, it's large enough for all of my documents if I bring everything over and it has additional space available. They're willing to build the shelves in it for us, 360 linear feet of shelving, its got growth potential and it would be accessible to the public and we could move the public out of my office over to there for retrieval of older documents. We'd have a copy machine there, they could make copies, we'd have our staff member there that knows where to get the stuff and where to put it back. I couldn't tell you, you wouldn't even believe the number of boxes that Willard just has thrown documents back in rather than trying to file them away. We couldn't find them if we had a court case -- well, we can't. I mean, we've had court cases and we can't find them. I've talked with Elizabeth Wilson who works in my office right now and who knows all of our courts. She would be willing to take that on. We'd make up some additional money in the copy fees that we would charge people and it's ground floor. People could get in. There's a parking facility there. That was one of the objections across the street at Don's Cleaners, for instance. They called me and had some space but it's in the basement and we couldn't have the general public going in there. If you are just looking for a place to dump my boxes of files, there's a lot of places available to dump boxes of files. If we want to actually take over the document management of this, and I think you can tell from my comments and the pictures, Willard has done less than a poor job. They've done a pathetic job of document management. They just have boxes and fee books laying on the floor where you don't even know where any of that stuff is. We wanted to get this into order with document management. I think the thing to do is go with this facility, put somebody over there who can get all this stuff in order, get all these mismatched files matched up, put away, and maintain that facility until the county is in the position to come up with the money to image all of this and we're talking about hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President? I would like to move that we overture the County Commissioners to consider the space offered by Mr. Woodward and that they give this top priority with our recommendation.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second that.

Councilmember Sutton: Was that a motion, Phil?

Councilmember Hoy: That was a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess before you make the motion, I was going to say, you've presented, you've obviously spent a lot of time with this, Marsha, and appreciate obviously the article, it drew some attention to this issue, but I'll be honest, I don't know about the other Council, maybe I am a little slow at times, this is quite a bit of stuff here. Is there a way that you could put something together that summarizes these requests that we have here on one page or something, that talks about the square footage that each space is offering? Maybe the pros and cons of each space to maybe help us to see what you, maybe the conclusion that you've come to on that this is the space that appears to be the better of all these others including the courthouse if that is included as a part of that? That would help me to see, you know, the different options that are available. Obviously, we're not the body that will contractually obligate this county to any particular lease arrangement but we are the body that will make the funding decision on that and that would help me in understanding, get a better idea of the decision process that needs to be made and what led you up to your point of decision.

Marsha Abell: I'd be happy to do that. I could put one together if we just want to find some extra space to put some extra stuff in, and then another one for if we actually want to become our own records management. I can put both proposals together and --

Councilmember Sutton: And I guess I don't know if -- you had mentioned about having someone who would be available to the public to be able to make copies, retrieve documents and all, I guess with our present arrangement with Willard, shouldn't we handle those documents? Should they even handle our documents?

Marsha Abell: Betty and I are going -- they should not be handling our documents and they certainly shouldn't have them and us not have a key to even get in.

Councilmember Smith: I didn't have a key to get in because they let me know that it was in their facility, they were their documents.

Marsha Abell: They think they are their documents and Judge Lensing has talked to me at some length about this. He was the original person that started this and there was no money involved at all. We were going to destroy documents that we no longer needed and that no longer were required to keep by the state and Willard people came over and said oh, don't throw those away they may be of historic value, we want them. And he said okay, you can have them but we're not going to pay you to keep them because we're going to throw them away, we don't want to pay to store junk that we were going to pitch. But over the years that has evolved to \$68,000 a year contract and this is what they call management of records and I've got a basement that looks better than this and it really is storage and not management of anything. So --

Councilmember Sutton: Well, if we've got the, without adding additional staff, if we have the ability to be able to retrieve these records, organize them, disseminate them out to the public, then I think that's obviously something that would be of interest to all of us sitting here. But if other people are going to be handling our documents, I'm concerned about that now, but I'd be even more concerned about it if we were to continue that practice with whomever we may decide to go with.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President.

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, Mr. Hoy has got a motion. I need a second really and then --

Councilmember Hoy: You got it. Mr. Bassemier seconded.

Councilmember Wortman: Oh, did he? I'm sorry. Okay. Go ahead.

Councilmember Hoy: I want to speak to the motion. We are not the body that assigns contracts and the purpose of this motion is to try as the financial arm of this county to move this thing along. That's the only purpose of the overture so that we get the attention of the Commissioners and they realize we feel that county government needs to get serious about a serious problem because we don't sign the contracts. So they might look at the whole range of contracts that you presented and choose something else, but for goodness sake, let's choose something and I think we need to go on record that when the Commissioners come back to us and that's the purpose of the overture is that we show a readiness to advance the funds to do the right thing. Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: How much space are you using presently, Marsha? Do you know how many square feet you are using?

Marsha Abell: I am going to guess that we're using about 5,000 square feet, but it is in such a haphazard spread out way, it would be really difficult for me to tell you for sure.

Councilmember Sutton: And I ask that question because is 10,000 feet enough, is 8,000 feet sufficient, just to kind of get an idea of how much space you'll need and if there are -- someone did mention some other departments that may be able to benefit from additional space -- I don't know what thought we may give to that as well.

Marsha Abell: Well see, if you could clear out that whole basement, you could put your jail

down there and then you'd solve every problem.

Councilmember Wortman: I think that's a good --

Councilmember Sutton: That's another issue.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Sutton, I think that's good. I think Mr. Winnecke mentioned that there might be other departments and probably in reference to the Sheriff Department that they might want additional storage. We might be talking 10,000 square feet here. I think that should be something going around and done to add to Mr. Hoy's motion, but at least he's trying to get the bull by the horns and we might be throwed, but we're going to try, see. Okay, Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: There is a gentleman back there that wants to speak to this.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, would you come forward please and state your name?

Cory Mills: My name is Cory Mills. I work for Woodward Realty and I represent this site as the leasing agent. I will first warn you to beware of salesmen because that's what I am. That's okay, I was a preacher too and you beware of them. I brought with me a design of the building so you could see that and I thought that might help and also I have spoken with each of the owners of Willows at 41 and they are willing to work with the Council and with the Commission according to whatever your desires are, but I wanted to let you know that in addition to the 7,000 square feet that they have currently available that they are in the process of building another 50,000 square feet that will be available for lease for similar type use and whatever arrangement that is made with the county for storage space will also be an arrangement that if you need to flex expand into a larger space, they will work with that. If you need to add additional shelving or additional storage within the space, they will work with that. They are very sensitive to your needs and are willing to work with you as you seek to address the problem. I have plans for both the building and for the parking layout if anyone needs to see them.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you. Mrs. Smith, do you want to add anything? No, okay. Anybody else want to talk to the representative? Alright, anybody want to ask any more questions from Mrs. Abell in reference to that? If not, I'll call for a vote for Mr. Hoy's motion and second and we'll go from there.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Let me understand the motion. It's just merely to give the attention to the Commissioners that we wish for them to act on some space, not any particular space. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

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

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you, Mrs. Abell.

Marsha Abell: I have a couple of questions now. First of all, I'd like to know if Mr. Winnecke can go to the Commission meeting with me Monday night.

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, I think that could be arranged, yes.

Marsha Abell: Well, I don't know if you recall, but you passed this very same motion two years ago and I went over there and I came back here, and I went over there and finally I said, you all like not talk to those people over there and it never went anywhere and if I am going to do that dance again, I am really not interested. And I am just being serious. I haven't got time to continue that. I need you as President or Mr. Winnecke as my representative to be there with me at that Commissioners meeting to explain to them that you are serious about this because you set up a committee, no one ever met but me for a whole year, I met all by myself and I just don't have that kind of time. I've got other things to spend my time on and we'll start using something else for storage like the hallways of the court building.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I'll be glad to dance with Marsha.

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, we'll appear, get on the agenda for the Commissioners meeting --

Councilmember Hoy: And you can put me on her dance card, too.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, Mr. Hoy wants to go along too.

Councilmember Bassemier: Curt, I'll be there.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, and Mr. Bassemier. That leaves three left so if you've got nothing to do, come on over. But see, sometimes this here goes for a couple two, three years and they call that Alzheimer's setting in early, you know what I mean? So we've gotta go. So anyway we're going to try to get some action here.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, we did all go down. I know Marsha thought she was in this by herself, but we all went down. We agreed with her, we went down to her storage. She's got a problem and we've got to solve it for her.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, well thanks everybody.

**JAIL (Two requests)**

Councilmember Wortman: Let's go on, now we'll get the Jail there.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, this is a rather long winded motion so I am going to condense it: line 1051-1130-0300 through 1051-1910 in the amount of \$22,952, I move that those lines be approved and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Got a second, Mr. Sutton. Now any discussion for Mr. Ellsworth? Don't see none, don't hear none, 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: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1130-0300	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0301	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0302	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0303	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0304	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0305	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0306	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0307	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0308	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0309	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0310	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0311	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0312	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00

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1051-1130-0313	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0314	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0315	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0316	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0317	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0318	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0319	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0320	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0321	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0322	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0323	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0324	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0325	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0326	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0327	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0328	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0329	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0330	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0331	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0332	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0333	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0334	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0335	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0336	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1130-0337	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
1051-1900	FICA	1,512.00	1,512.00
1051-1910	PERF	1,680.00	1,680.00
TOTAL		22,952.00	22,952.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Ellsworth.

Brad Ellsworth: Thank you very much.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, on the Jail account 1051-2200 in the amount of \$60,000; 1051-1850 Union Overtime in the amount of \$10,000; and 1051-1750 the amount should be \$11,096; for a total request of \$81,096, I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Have I got a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Councilmember 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

<b>JAIL</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1051-2200	JAIL EXPENSE	60,000.00	60,000.00
1051-1850	UNION OVERTIME	10,000.00	10,000.00
1051-1750	CLOTHING ALLOW.	13,096.00	11,096.00
TOTAL		83,096.00	81,096.00

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

## **COUNTY ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Wortman: County Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, 1090-1150-1090 Real Estate Hearing Officer, the amount should read \$3,121; line 1090-1900 FICA \$239; 1090-1910 PERF \$172, for a grand total of \$3,552, I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Sutton. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1090-1150-1090	REAL ESTATE DEP/HEARING OFFICER	3,473.00	3,121.00
1090-1900	FICA	266.00	239.00
1090-1910	PERF	192.00	172.00
TOTAL		3,931.00	3,532.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Wortman: Remember, that's not retroactive now.

Councilmember Raben: That is correct. That is effective February 7th.

Councilmember Wortman: The first pay period.

CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Wortman: Center Township Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, 1110-1150-1110; 1110-1900 and 1110-1910 as they are listed and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Got a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Councilmember 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1110-1150-1110	DEP. ASSESSOR/ P.PROP. M.H.	1,896.00	1,896.00
1110-1900	FICA	146.00	146.00
1110-1910	PERF	105.00	105.00
TOTAL		2,147.00	2,147.00

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

## CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Wortman: Now Circuit Court, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, line 1360-1260-1360; line 1360-1280-1360; line 1360-1300-1360; all at zero. Line 1360-1310-1360 in the amount of \$26,830; 1360-1900 FICA \$7,136; 1360-1910 PERF \$5,130;...excuse me, Mr. President, let me go back to line 1360-1900, the correct figure should be \$2,053; 1360-1910 PERF \$1,476; then lines 1360-1920 down through 1360-3620 at zero; for a total appropriation of \$30,359, and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: That number was \$30,359?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, do I have a second to that motion?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Hoy. Okay, any discussion? No discussion, call the -- excuse me.

(Inaudible -- comments made from audience)

Councilmember Wortman: You have to come to the microphone, state your name and the reason you want to speak please.

Fievel Elliott: My name is Fievel Elliott and I just wanted to know, what are you talking

about? What happened just now? What are you going to vote in or accept?

Councilmember Raben: This is a Circuit Court request. There is one position that works within the Circuit Court that we have granted and adjusted the FICA and PERF and denied the other requests.

Fievel Elliott: A what, hike?

Councilmember Hoy: FICA is social security tax and PERF is Public Employees Retirement Fund, it's a retirement fund.

Fievel Elliott: Okay. I will not do this again, it's just I wanted to know what one thing was that was spoken about during a meeting. Thank you very much.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, continue, Mr. Raben. We've got a motion and second and anymore discussion? If not, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes, but I have a problem with the -- and I wanted to explain this to the judge, because when these two programs started, it didn't cost the county anything, they paid for it all out of the users fees and I feel like right now it could still be paid out of the users fees because you've got \$106,000 left in your 2600 account, you've got \$90,000 from the Jobs Program and you usually take in around \$300,000 in a year's time, so I think you could fund that program out of those fees.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, anybody else?

Councilmember Bassemier: I got a question. Jim, that motion was, those first five the Probation, you set those in at zero, is that correct?

Councilmember Raben: The first three.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: And Mr. President, I guess while we're all --

Councilmember Bassemier: Betty, do you understand that?

Councilmember Raben: -- speaking out on how we're going to vote, I would certainly like to echo what comments Betty made. I don't necessarily disapprove of the concept, but at this time don't care to fund it with General Fund monies. So if it works out, maybe it will to your advantage, but again, I think the program should be self-supportive as well.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, any other discussion before we vote? Call the roll please.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, you started one, it's my turn.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, and I echo the comments made by Councilwoman Smith and

Councilman Raben, it's not that we're against the program, I think it should fund itself also.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-1260-1360	PROBATION OFFICER	33,220.00	0.00
1360-1280-1360	PROBATION OFFICER	33,220.00	0.00
1360-1300-1360	PROBATION OFFICER	30,191.00	0.00
1360-1310-1360	RIDING BAILIFF	26,830.00	26,830.00
1360-1900	FICA	9,445.00	2,053.00
1360-1910	PERF	7,408.00	1,476.00
1360-1920	INSURANCE	20,000.00	0.00
1360-3140	TELEPHONE	2,000.00	0.00
1360-3310	TRAINING	1,500.00	0.00
1360-3371	COMP. HARDWARE	3,400.00	0.00
1360-3372	COMP. SOFTWARE	5,000.00	0.00
1360-3530	CONT. SERVICES	1,200.00	0.00
1360-3600	RENT	8,000.00	0.00
1360-3620	COPY MACHINE LEASE	3,000.00	0.00
TOTAL		184,414.00	30,359.00

(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Bassemier and Winnecke opposed)

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, we have to have five votes for that and there was five votes. Okay, that passes.

THE CENTRE

Councilmember Wortman: Alright, we'll move right on to The Centre, the Custodian. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, The Centre, line item 1440-1190-1440 in the amount of \$23,340; and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: 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: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

THE CENTRE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1440-1190-1440	CUSTODIAN	23,340.00	23,340.00
TOTAL		23,340.00	23,340.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AUDITOR/CCD FUND

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, move right on to the Auditor on the Time --

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll move approval of 2031-1020-4430 in the amount of \$18,743.

Councilmember Wortman: Do I have a second to that?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Winnecke. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

AUDITOR/CCD		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2031-1020-4430	TIME ACCRUAL	18,743.00	18,743.00
TOTAL		18,743.00	18,743.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT**

Councilmember Wortman: Now we'll go to Pigeon Township Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, 2492-1150-1120 down through 2492-1150-1910 as listed in the amount of \$17,244, I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Second, Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I simply, and again, I'll probably get crucified for this but I made it a motion purely to bring it on the floor. Again, I would stress that we exercise caution on all these Reassessment Funds. This department was granted a very large sum just recently out of this Reassessment Fund. Even though this item was supposedly left out, I still think that we can get ourselves in a world of trouble here if these departments are not being extremely thrifty in what they are doing with these funds and I am not supportive of this request.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, anybody else?

Councilmember Smith: I just have a statement. It was left out of his budget book and it's just correcting a problem and I think most of us agreed that we were going to give them six months to work with.

Councilmember Wortman: Unless they heard from the state and the state has not, nobody has heard from the state. Now I know you read they're tossing it around up there but nothing has come out of it yet.

Councilmember Raben: But we need to realize, again, and I brought this up at the last meeting, six months from now we could find out there's a one year or two year delay, they will have spent two-thirds of that budget. Again, I hope it doesn't come down to I told you so, but I have a strong feeling that that's the way it's going to happen.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, any other discussion then on the subject? If not, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I think these members who serve at the pleasure of these offices have a certain amount of responsibility and if they don't handle themselves properly and the county funds, then I think that will bear itself out at some point in time so I want to allow them to do what they've been entrusted to do and that is up to this point, do what they can on the Reassessment though there is no final word yet and if there are some issues that come back and tell us we need to pull back, then I think we'll do that and we'll make sure all budgets are appropriately in line. So I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I echo Councilman Sutton's remarks and vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I vote no and again, I understand your point on what they've been elected to do but we've also been elected to protect this budget so I feel that's the direction we need to take.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1150-1120	OFFICE COORDINATOR	10,820.00	10,820.00
2492-1150-1900	FICA	828.00	828.00
2492-1150-1920	INSURANCE	5,000.00	5,000.00
2492-1150-1910	PERF	596.00	596.00
TOTAL		17,244.00	17,244.00

(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Raben & Winnecke opposed)

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, so we got five to two, so it passes.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Wortman: Next on that is the Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I move we approve 2600-1320-2600 down through 2600-3600 for a total request of \$38,205.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Got a motion and a second. Any discussion on this? If not, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

CIRCUIT CT. SUPP. ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2600-1320-2600	SECRETARY	24,305.00	24,305.00
2600-3200	UTILITIES	2,000.00	2,000.00
2600-3310	TRAINING	1,500.00	1,500.00
2600-3371	COMP. HARDWARE	3,400.00	3,400.00
2600-3372	COMP. SOFTWARE	5,000.00	5,000.00
2600-3600	RENT	2,000.00	2,000.00
TOTAL		38,205.00	38,205.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Carl Heldt: Mr. Chairman, if you can go out of order, we need to withdraw our request for repeal in that next section you have there.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION/REPEAL

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, that would be page five, repeal of funds, Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, that was \$126,685 and you want to withdraw that.

Councilmember Raben: We'll have to set that in at zero since this is our meeting for final action. I'll go ahead and make that motion then --



Councilmember Wortman: Excuse me, Mr. Raben, we've got to change the tape here. Just a minute.

(Tape changed)

Councilmember Hoy: -- first of all Councilman Sutton, secondly Councilwoman Smith, I was third, and Mr. Raben is fourth.

Councilmember Raben: This is the first time.

Councilmember Hoy: This is the first time for Mr. Raben in my memory. So congratulations, Jim, for joining this exclusive club.

Councilmember Raben: I'm part of the club now.

Councilmember Hoy: That's right. We probably will get a plaque for you.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay proceed, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 2600-1400-2600 down through 2600-3680, all items to be set in at zero and I'll make that in the form of a motion. And I do have a question.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Got a motion and a second. Alright, any discussion on this?

Councilmember Raben: Judge, you're sure on this that you do not want this repeal...

Carl Heldt: (Inaudible -- comments not made from microphone)

Councilmember Wortman: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPP. ADULT PROB./REPEAL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2600-1400-2600	QUALIFIED MED. AIDE	22,710.00	0.00
2600-1410-2600	AISP/DISP CASEWORKER	32,621.00	0.00
2600-1440-2600	TECHNICAL ASST.	23,814.00	0.00
2600-1500-2600	AISP/DISP SECRETARY	17,808.00	0.00
2600-1800-2600	SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL	5,000.00	0.00
2600-1850	UNION OVERTIME	1,000.00	0.00
2600-1940-2600	EDUC/TRAIN/CHARITABLE	250.00	0.00
2600-1960-2600	MEDICAL DIRECTOR	19,282.00	0.00
2600-3680	MALPRACTICE INSURANCE	4,200.00	0.00
TOTAL		126,685.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Wortman: Now that was on the repeal for Circuit Court Supplemental.

SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING

Councilmember Wortman: Now , Mr. Raben, let’s proceed with the Sheriff Misdemeanor Housing.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 2780-1360-2780 down through 2780-1910 as they appear and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Councilmember 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2780-1360-2780	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
2780-1370-2780	DETENTION OFFICER	520.00	520.00
2780-1900	FICA	80.00	80.00
2780-1910	PERF	90.00	90.00
TOTAL		1,210.00	1,210.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REPEAL OF FUNDS

GENERAL FUND/JAIL

Councilmember Wortman: Now repeal of funds, General, Jail.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, line 1051-2300 Uniforms in the amount of \$7,500. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Second Mrs. Smith. Any discussion?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President? Let me also include in that motion 1361-2260 zero, for a total repeal of \$7,500.

Councilmember Wortman: Wait a minute. Say that again.

Councilmember Sutton: Let's stick with the Jail. Let's just do that one.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, excuse me. I'm sorry.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, we're going to act on the Jail only now, \$7,500. Okay, got a motion and a second. Any discussion? Everybody understand that? Call the roll please.

Councilmember Raben: Same faces, different department.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

<b>JAIL</b>		<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
1051-2300	UNIFORMS	7,500.00	7,500.00
TOTAL		7,500.00	7,500.00

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

#### **GENERAL FUND/COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben, now page five, top of the page Community Corrections.

Councilmember Raben: Let the record show that the Sheriff's Department tried to correct me as stating Sheriff's Office. I was corrected by Sheriff Ellsworth and understudy Eric Williams, Undersheriff.

Councilmember Hoy: And let it known that they are part of the department of corrections of this county, so they were in order, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, 1361-2260 in the amount of zero and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Got a motion and a second. Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Councilmember Sutton: We're canceling out a repeal?

Councilmember Raben: That repeal was so long as the other requests were granted for Circuit Court.

Councilmember Wortman: It was a washout situation.

Councilmember Raben: And I think the Sheriff will go along with that.

Brad Ellsworth: That's what we desire.

Councilmember Sutton: We may want the money anyway.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, set it in at zero.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, anytime someone talks about repeal I get excited about that.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I guess yes.

Councilmember Raben: He was going to deposit that in Civitas!

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1361-2260	FOOD	127,086.00	0.00
TOTAL		127,086.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LATE TRANSFER
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VETERANS SERVICE

Councilmember Wortman: That completes that. Now then we go -- we got the repeals, we didn't get a transfer, back up to number six, Veterans Service, a late transfer came in.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I will move that we approve the late transfer for the Veterans Services just as soon as I find it, from line item 1270-1130 in the amount of \$2,243.11 to account 1270-1970 for the same amount.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, got a motion on the floor. Got a second for that transfer?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, okay. Thank you. Alright, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

VETERANS SERVICES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM:1270-1130-1270	CLERK/TYPIST	2,243.11	2,243.11
TO: 1270-1970	TEMP. REPLACEMENT	2,243.11	2,243.11

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

<b>AMENDMENT TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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Councilmember Wortman: Now, Amendment to the Salary Ordinance, section eight.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, we have several. County Clerk, I move to amend line 1010-1990 Extra Help as previously adopted in the amount of \$5,000 and the motion to allow the Clerk's Office to pay two part-time employees up to \$8.00/hour; the Jail, to amend the salary lines 1051-1130-0300 and to include through 1051-1130-0337 as previously adopted; County Assessor, move to amend the Salary Ordinance line 1090-1150 as previously approved, this salary upgrade to be effective February 7th of the year 2000 as per our guidelines that we previously established; Center Assessor, I move to amend the Salary Ordinance line 1110-1150 as previously adopted, this again, is a salary upgrade and will be effective February the 7th, year 2000. Circuit Court, to amend the Salary Ordinance as previously approved; Centre to amend the Salary Ordinance adding line 1440-1190 as previously adopted; Pigeon Township Assessor/Reassessment, to amend the Salary Ordinance line 2492-1150 as previously adopted; Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation to amend the Salary Ordinance as previously adopted; Sheriff Misdemeanor Housing, to amend Salary Ordinance line 2780-1360 and 2780-1370 as previously adopted and Veterans Services, to amend the Salary Ordinance as previously adopted, and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, Mr. Hoy seconded. Any discussion on that long speech that Jim Raben made? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

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

<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
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**ORDINANCE SETTING COPY FEES FOR VANDERBURGH COUNTY OFFICES**

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, now we go to Old Business and the Ordinance Setting the copy fee charge, still got no results. We'll just wait for next month on that one.

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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**FILING DATE FOR MARCH, 2000 APPROPRIATION AND TRANSFER REQUESTS**

Councilmember Wortman: Now the New Business, number ten is the March, 2000 filing date, February 11th, so put that down and Sandie will send a memo out to that effect to the department heads.

**LOCAL ACCESS CHANNEL**

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, the last on the agenda, got anybody else? We've got a young gentleman that wants to speak here. We've got five minutes, we've got to get out of here. So anyway, anybody else got anything you want to add here? If not, why I'll call on the gentleman to come up and he wants to say a few words. We've got, I think about four and a half, five minutes. Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Wortman: While we are waiting on this, we want to thank the three students from North High School for their government participation here, so hopefully you'll think hard when you get of age to run for office and if you want to say anything, you can sure come forward. We've got just a minute or so here. But if not, has it been worth your while? Thank you, appreciate you coming. Okay, state your name and your

representation.

Fievel Elliott: I'm Fievel Elliott, and I'm here to talk about local access and it's four things. What local access would be, would be a PEG format which would be public, educational and government. That's where in the community or with the cable operators there would be a channel or three channels and it would be where anybody in the community could make their own programming and take that to be shown on the local access channel. Students could also make their own programming from schools which they cannot presently do and the government could also have its meetings, Council, City, County Commissioners, Rezoning, all those meetings could be on TV and the county could see about that. I've gave one of you a sheet that says how that has benefited other communities and how that was thought about being done here quite a long time ago, about ten years ago. What I am suggesting is that there are franchise fees that come in from the cable companies and some of the fees that have come in from Sigecom for this last quarter were \$33,000 and that was for the city. For the county, the fees that came in for Sigecom this last quarter are \$1,392.70 and for the entire year of last year, for Insight Cable, it was \$223,443.64. Usually, cities take that money that comes from franchise fees and put it back into things of this nature. I understand that the money that we get goes into a General Fund so I do not know exactly where that money is going to. I have reams and reams and stacks and stacks of information about this, some of it I've already passed along to Mr. Wortman, and anything you would like to ask me, I can answer about this right now. One thing I do want to point out is that in this article, whoever has this that I gave it to from the Courier, Pat Eltzroth, the District Vice-President of Insight Communications was quoted that I did not ask Insight about this. I had talked to Insight and TCI before although I had not talked to him directly. When I did get back to him this last Wednesday and asked him directly, if I brought a program in 40 minutes long for local access, would he show it. He did not answer that question although his administrative assistant, Billie Robinson, said that no, they do not show programs. All they have is the print only on channel 18, text only, which is what I had been saying all along. According to franchise agreements with the county that Mr. Ahlers has, I'd like to point out that the county does have authority in those, those franchise agreements were written between the county and the cable operators and the county has full authority at any time to do what they wish and to alter the agreements and to make sure that they're being operated in the way that they should. And the franchise agreements that Mr. Ahlers has does say that cable operators, Insight and Sigecom, are supposed to provide at least five minutes time of studio, cameras and facilities to do a public service announcement at least those five minutes. Insight is not doing that at all so they are in direct violation of their franchise agreements, so I am not coming here to give you my opinion, I am asking you to take action because they are not doing what they are supposed to be doing. If this requires you to just accept what I am saying and go to the County Commissioners, and I will go back to them again like I did this last Monday and talk more about it, perhaps one of you in the future at some point would like to go with me, although if you have any questions about this, please ask me now because I know very much about this, I have written, I have read the contracts of other franchise agreements, I've sat down in the County Auditor's office and gone through papers, and I wish I had more time to talk to you because I would because there is much more about this I'd like to express. But please, if you have any questions right now, --

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, you appeared before the City Council and the County Commissioners?

Fievel Elliott: Yes sir.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, what did they tell you?

Fievel Elliott: The County Commissioners just listened to me and that's about it.

Councilmember Wortman: Did you get results there from either body?

Fievel Elliott: No. The City Council took a lot of interest and after that I had a meeting with



the City Controller, Billie Sanders, and the City Attorney, Kevin Winternheimer, and we took an hour and we talked about how this is done in other communities, how we could access locations here to have a studio, perhaps working with USI, perhaps putting a studio in the courthouse, perhaps working with a local theater to do that. We talked of ways it could be funded and we got a lot done that day. I would like to sit down with two of you, perhaps the County Auditor and perhaps even the County Attorney, just spend an hour and just talk about how this is done in other places. But mainly I'd like to talk to people from this group, this Council that are interested in this and want to listen to me and not work against me.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Hoy has got --

Councilmember Hoy: Yes. The suggestion that I would like to make is that I -- now Mrs. Deig, if you would, get us a copy. I'd like to have a copy, I won't speak for the whole Council, of the agreement with Insight. The reason I'm bringing it up, Mr. President, is that my late wife, Bobbie Hoy, worked on the original agreement. Now I don't know whether that agreement has been changed, modified or what, but I do know that in the original agreement with the cable company there was to be a public access channel. There was not a lot promised with that, I mean, she felt and I felt too at the time, -- we're going back to nineteen aught, not quite, a long time. We're going back to around in the 1970's when this was issued and she felt and many of us did that the companies were making enough money to give more than they did, but a channel was to be given and unless that has been modified, that is the case. So I'd like a copy of that because I've slept a few times since then and I think Council might want to look at that. We are, Mr. Elliott, not the body who executes contracts, but as you and I talked on the phone, certainly, this is a public arena and Mr. Wortman, our president, has given you time and I think probably the best thing, the thing I would like to do, Mr. President, is not to discuss this for a long time, but to look at the document and then come back to it.

Councilmember Wortman: We do have three public television stations, don't we, like channel 9 is one of them.

Councilmember Hoy: Channel 9 is not public access. Channel 9 is a full-fledged television station and public access channel is a channel that is supposed to let anybody in the public access that channel on the basic cable station. And I don't know whether it has been changed or not, that's my point. And I think we need to look at that. Perhaps our attorney, Mr. Ahlers, could take a look at that, too, so that we know exactly what the contract says.

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, I think the city referred to the City Attorney, I think --

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, but I think as a Councilman I'd like to have that.

Councilmember Wortman: Right and I think Mr. Hoy and Mr. Ahlers there, too.

Jeff Ahlers: Do you know, you had met with the city, but is there, I mean, the contract is just with the county, isn't it, or is there also one with the city?

Fievel Elliott: There is a contract with the city and the county.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay, you don't have the Insight contract?

Fievel Elliott: The county said they could not find a contract with Insight, franchise contract, although it is mentioned in a memo during a county meeting that there is a contract, no contract can be found, so I do have the contracts for Sigecom and Insight for the city and for the county I have Sigecom, but I do not have one for Insight.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: Surely it should be in the record someplace, but we are going back and I can tell you now it was prior to 1975 because we moved to Ft. Wayne in 1975 and that was executed under Mayor Lloyd's administration, Mayor Lloyd, Sr., because she

served on his committee.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, there is probably a more recent one, though, isn't there? I mean, they're usually renewed, they're usually like ten year agreements or something?

Councilmember Hoy: What I'm saying, I'd like to see the updates on it because it could be that in the ensuing updates, that was eliminated. I don't know, Mr. Ahlers, I know it was in the original and that -- in other words, if I wanted to put together a television program for that channel, I could go in and you certainly know a lot more about this than I do, I could go in and -- they weren't going to pay for production or anything or studio time -- I mean, that wasn't in it, but there was that access, yes.

Jeff Ahlers: And I think that probably has something to do with the cable law requires them to put that in there, doesn't it? I mean, I don't think they put that in these contracts just because they want to.

Councilmember Hoy: There are certain requirements. Oh no, you're quite right and then we tried to get more because we felt the contract was lucrative enough that they should have given maybe some studio time or a cut rate or something and if my memory serves me well, that didn't happen I am almost sure. Lloyd, Mr. Winnecke, knows a lot about that.

Councilmember Winnecke: Yeah, I think the intent many years ago when cable television first started to proliferate was to allow groups or individuals to go in and air a program that they produced. The cable company provided the time and the access and not really knowing all the details of the contracts, I think Fievel probably has probably got a pretty legitimate point.

Councilmember Wortman: Well, we'll just let Mr. Ahlers iron that out and Mr Hoy and then if there's anything else, why, you come back to the Council. How does that sound?

Councilmember Hoy: Is lunch on you or me?

Councilmember Wortman: Both of you kind of get together. Okay, anything -- Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: On our room for our Administrative Assistants, we've probably got money in appropriated funds, we need to check to pay for that, but they've been down and measuring it and we've been working on this for a couple of years now and they finally realized that she doesn't have any exhaust system or any system at all in there, didn't know it until yesterday or today, wasn't it, Sandie? So I think we're going to move and get that done.

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, I think so because Mr. Utley called me and told me that what we do is take a third of this public room next door and move Sandie, get her more room in there, we can all, different ones go in, and then make a public room down at 318, kind of a swap deal, see. There will still be room. It will be a total of 33 people that could sit in room 318 down there, see. So we would swap and it would still be a meeting room. Now another thing was brought up and I don't think too bad an idea. The room where the vendors are, the machines, it's hardly ever used. People could go down to the second and third floor. That could be another meeting room if it was necessary so it's something to think about. So Mr. Utley is supposed to get the prices, get back, him and I. Probably will take you along, Betty Knight, and we'll go over to the Commissioners and see what we can iron out. How does that sound, Councilmembers? Sound good? Yeah, she's been pushing pretty good. She does pretty good, I'll have to say. Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Bassemier: We cut Mr. Elliott off here.

Councilmember Wortman: Listen, you can be excused then. How does that sound? Thanks a lot for your time.

Councilmember Bassemier: Phil, did you say you're going to meet with Mr. Elliott some time in the near future?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: He spent a lot of time on this. He's called me a couple of times and he's very concerned and --

Councilmember Hoy: I will follow through on this as soon as I get -- well, I'll look at the documents he has from the city, which I don't have and you have the one for Sigecom for the county and then I might -- I think I will probably need a legal opinion on this, Mr. Ahlers, and I will give you a call.

Fievel Elliott: Anything that anybody wants to see, I mean, I am finding out that I know a lot more about this than anybody in the city or council does, just in one week of reading, so really, I mean, I really want to share any information with you I have because I have been studying this and I have contact numbers. I can give you basically the answer to any question you may have about this, about how it can be done, how it can easily be done, how it can benefit you.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, thanks for your time, appreciate it. Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I guess I did want to bring up one more thing since we are talking about possible projects or things. Our unappropriated balance is rather strong thanks to some rather prudent efforts of the past Council and all, \$3.4 million is where we stand on the unappropriated balance and I think in the past what we have done is, when it has been this strong, we've looked at some ways in which we can most effectively use those dollars, let's put it that way. And something we've talked about for quite some time, I am still very much concerned about the Burdette Park issue and I know the Commissioners have talked about this and when we had someone here at our last meeting talking about the plans on the new building that's going to be constructed which is still, there's some questions in terms of how that's going to be funded. Now we had committed, I guess, way back quite some time ago and we put the first \$500,000 in that we would add to that. I'd like to see us do that again this year, add another sum into that pot to add to what we can do on that because the grants that we're seeking will not fulfill all of our needs on this building.

Councilmember Smith: Do you know how much the grant is?

Councilmember Sutton: They haven't gotten back final word on that yet. They're seeking a certain amount but until they get final word back we won't know what that amount will be. So I'd like to see us add to that. There's no need to have that money continuing to sit out there for no purpose whatsoever; \$500,000 is not going to build this building.

Councilmember Wortman: I think we've got to also think of this jail coming up, too, that's a possibility we've always got to think of. Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: And I, at the risk of extending this meeting too long, I thought by this time we were going to have an appropriation pass our desks for this consultant on the jail. Does anybody know the --

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Raben is on the committee.

Councilmember Sutton: You were the one, I thought, Jim --

Councilmember Raben: Brad is far more updated on --

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Ellsworth?

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Ellsworth, the remark was made, do you know the funding for the new --

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Hoy was asking. Councilman Hoy was asking where we're at on the consultant.

Councilmember Wortman: Is the commissary going to take care of that?

Brad Ellsworth: It depends on the figure. If it's low enough I'll be glad to do that because that can be used for anything that benefits at this point, it can be used to do anything that benefits (inaudible) but I think that might do it.

Councilmember Wortman: Have you heard anything, Mr. Ellsworth?

Brad Ellsworth: I talked to the gentleman today from PMSI and he wanted to know, I think, Mr. Raben, did you get your packet last night?

Councilmember Raben: I was not home.

Brad Ellsworth: You should go home, it's there. Just kidding. It's late, isn't it?

Councilmember Raben: That was a joke, by the way.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, we've got an Antabuse program, we can work with you on.

Brad Ellsworth: We can put you in AAPS -- put that pen down! No, we gave you a packet last night on the gentleman's original proposal, he would like us to look that over and Mr. Mourdock has one, Mr. Tuley has one, I've got one, you've got one. We're supposed to look it over just to see if it looks like that's in line with what we want and I've been reading over mine the last two days and when you get done reading it, get back with me.

(Inaudible)

Brad Ellsworth: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: We didn't get home until about 9:00.

Brad Ellsworth: It should be at the house.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, the comment I would make is, my concern, Sheriff, is that as a Council, financially we're being shoved in a number of directions for funding of things and it's my judgement that we need this -- generally, I am not in favor of outside consultants. I think in this case we need one because we need somebody to come in who can be totally objective with the whole criminal justice system and say you need to do this, you need to do this, because that's hard to say to each other in the system and I know that, and I am not criticizing anybody in particular, but everybody in general because everybody wants to pass the buck and it's time to stop because we're going to have to do something. So I don't want to rush on a consultant either, but if you all can move with some dispatch, I'd like to see that happen and not for political reasons. This thing is already being injected in the political campaign and probably by both parties and I'll probably upset everybody in both parties like I usually do, but this should not be a republican/democrat issue, it is a public issue, it is a human issue and that's where it should stay and I think most of us in this body agree with that.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Hoy, appreciate your comments.

Brad Ellsworth: I think you're right and like I said, we're supposed to get him back and see if there is anything we want to add to it, but from what I've seen of the original documents, it's really inclusive and they're actually bringing in a team. One of the members of the team was the director of community corrections in Marion County for 12 years, she can do a certain area. Another one is buildings, bricks and mortar, the other one. So it looks like a pretty good proposal. Another thing, and this is really off the subject, but what you said

about the political, I've got documentation back to Sheriff DeGroote's days when DeGroote was writing and I don't think anybody on -- maybe Curt -- I shouldn't say that -- was on this board back then, but DeGroote was writing the Commissions about problems of overcrowding back then when the numbers were at 250 and stuff like that and so I don't think anybody can take the blame on this. If there's inaction, there's a lot of blame to go around. So I say we move ahead and get it fixed now. Let's fix our -- I can't worry about years ago.

Councilmember Bassemier: Sheriff, I can take you farther back than DeGroote. In 1969 it was overcrowded when I worked in the jail on some days, especially weekends.

Brad Ellsworth: And that's the year it opened, so...

Councilmember Wortman: And of course, I remember, being on the Council we had that Command Post out there, issue to it, and we got that located out there and I still think it's a good thing.

Brad Ellsworth: Yeah, we appreciate that. When we came in and the ceiling was falling down on our heads and insulation was laying on our desks and our case files, we appreciated your attention on that, too.

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, we got that, that's fine. Yeah, okay, anything else? If not, why -- Mr. Hoy? You're ready to go. Meeting is adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.)

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Curt Wortman

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Vice President Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Phil Hoy

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Councilmember Lloyd Winnecke

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**MARCH 1, 2000**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 1st day of March 2000 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. In the absence of Council President, Curt Wortman, the meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m. by County Council Vice President Ed Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd like to welcome everyone to the March 1, 2000 County Council meeting. Can we have attendance, please?

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

Councilmember Bassemier: Would everyone please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b> <b>FEBRUARY 2, 2000</b>
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Councilmember Bassemier: Could I have a motion to approve the minutes please from February 2nd?

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Could we have a 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE</b>
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**COUNTY CLERK**

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, I'd like to move into the appropriations and what I'd like to do is, I'd like to get Mr. Raben to get a motion on the floor, a second, then we'll discuss it, and then we'll vote on it. The first order of business is the County Clerk.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, normally we do not allow a lot of time for discussion for this particular meeting, but since we just were given a copy of what appears to be the new proposal for record storage, I have to ask a question. Marsha, the total on this request would be \$28,080, is that correct?

Marsha Abell: It will be \$28,080 for the rental charge, but there is another \$16,350 added to that for the moving expense.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Marsha Abell: Moving expense of \$10,000, \$100 and \$6,250 for new cartons to put the documents in.

Councilmember Raben: So a total of \$44,300. Okay. If there is not any further -- well, I'll get the motion on the floor: I'll move approval of account 1010-3603 Record Storage in the amount of \$44,300.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second by Mr. Hoy. Roll call vote please.

Councilmember Sutton: Wait, I've got some questions.

Councilmember Bassemier: Oh, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Sutton: You said, Marsha, now when you say moving of records, which records are you intending to move, just the Willard?

Marsha Abell: No, they're going to move the basement, they're going to move both levels of Willard. It's all going to be moved with the exception of the things that we by contract gave to Willard many, many years ago. They can keep that. It's not anything we necessarily have to keep.

Councilmember Sutton: And this space that we have here, are there any other tenants or users of this particular space or are we going to be the only ones? Are there anything anywhere in the --

Marsha Abell: I'll let Mr. Winnecke answer that. He went over there and looked at it.

Councilmember Winnecke: This space, Mr. Sutton, is on the west side and they own, Kinder owns I think two buildings right now. They plan to build another. They store computer data and hard copy for a number of local companies and the section of this one warehouse that we would lease, I understand at this point, we would be the only tenant in that section.



Councilmember Sutton: And then one last question, this kind of goes back to my old planning days, I guess, would this be outside of the flood plain district, this space? Would you happen to know?

Marsha Abell: I wouldn't happen to know. Do you know?

Councilmember Winnecke: I don't know.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, we might want to find that out.

Marsha Abell: I might be happy if it was. That might be one way to get rid of this problem.

Councilmember Raben: Most, I might mention, most storage facilities like this are elevated just due to the fact that the typical back end of a large truck is five feet above the ground so most of these facilities, warehousing facilities are elevated anyway, so I think it would be safe to say it's probably above the flood plain.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, we want to check that. We have a ton of valuable records, we wouldn't want them washing away in the event something did happen, so yeah, that's all I have.

Councilmember Raben: It's got to be higher than the basement where they've been kept.

Marsha Abell: Well, they're kept real high over at the Industrial Center and they're still getting wet because the roof leaks.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. Bassemier, we have a motion and a second on the floor.

Councilmember Smith: Has the Commissioners talked about the contract we have with Willard on the other or do you know? I mean, when is that due?

Marsha Abell: My understanding is they're going to let that ride out till the end of the year. They've paid it and they're going to just keep it.

Councilmember Hoy: Councilman Winnecke and I went to the Commissioners meeting and you were there, too, and they're quite satisfied with whatever we decide here. It's kind of interesting because it's almost the opposite of what we usually get, so the ball is pretty much in our court.

Councilmember Sutton: On that flood question, who is going to check that? Are you going to check that, Marsha?

Marsha Abell: I'll try to give him a call when I leave here and maybe I can come back before the end of your meeting and let you know.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, if it's not, you can just get back with me and let me know. Thanks.

Councilmember Bassemier: No more questions? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Well, I am going to vote yes because I waited for this for eight years when I was County Clerk and it needs to be.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Just to let you know I am keeping my word, yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-3603	RECORD STORAGE	53,069.00	44,300.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, Mr. Raben, the 1010-1710.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, on account 1010-1710-1010 I am going to move that we defer this for today and allow this to go before the Job Study.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, do we have a second on --

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Sutton seconded it. Discussion please? No discussion, we'll run it as quick as we can through Job Study, Marsha, and get you back here, okay?

Marsha Abell: Do you want me to write that job description? I mean, how do you want this? This is a whole new thing. There's nothing to go off of. I don't know --

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, if you would please, and then we'll get it before my committee next month, okay, we're hoping.

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Bassemier: Application? Okay, an application and then we'll go from there.

Councilmember Raben: Contrary to my prior motion it just dawned on me, we had some discussion on this last week and I thought it was the opinion of several of us here that we might just place money in the temporary position line, so in doing that, would we need to create a job position? Would we need to go through the Job Study committee?

Sandie Deig: A temporary replacement line has to come from a salary line ordinance that somebody is already in there now. That's the way the ordinance is set up. It would be like if I was on leave of absence and not drawing any money, you could transfer money out of my account into the temporary replacement.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, but the individual who will be taking on this task actually already has a job description and a line item. I think what you had mentioned was you were going to move that person to the storage building for a year or whatever it took and fill that vacant position in her office with part-time help.

Sandie Deig: You're still creating a new position.

Councilmember Raben: Are you or --

Sandie Deig: Not part-time.

Councilmember Sutton: If you're --

Councilmember Smith: She's talking about part-time.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, if you add to your part-time dollars --

Sandie Deig: You can do that. You can add to your part-time but not into Temporary Replacement, you can't. In a part-time we have an Extra Help line item.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I used the wrong term, part-time not Temporary Replacement, so with that I guess if everybody understands what we're talking about I would withdraw my motion if the co- would do the same.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I'll withdraw my second.

Marsha Abell: Can you, and I am asking a question because I don't know, and I expect Mr. Ahlers will have to answer this, can you work someone for a full year, 40 hours a week as a part-time employee?

Councilmember Smith: No.

Councilmember Bassemier: Not 40 hours.

Marsha Abell: Well see, I have to have them 40 hours especially if the judges are going to start adding courts, they're going to be putting more paperwork on us. I can't be without staff to get that paperwork done. I'd have to have someone in there 40 hours.

Councilmember Smith: You can only work them 39 hours and then they don't get any of the fringes that go with it.

Marsha Abell: Well, I could live with 39 hours. I didn't know --

Councilmember Smith: You can work the part-time position 39 hours, but if you work them 40 they have to be given the fringe benefits that go with it.

Councilmember Raben: This is basically what we do with the Reassessment help. We're doing basically the same thing. Those are temporary positions that are full-time -- not full-time per se, but almost full-time but part-time.

Councilmember Smith: What you're saying is put \$30,000 in the part-time position line item and then you can hire out of that.

Councilmember Raben: Exactly. Now we can't do that today. That would have to -- she will have to file a new appropriation for that.

Councilmember Sutton: Marsha, can you see where we're kind of going with this? This position, after maybe a couple of years will go away, but then we'll still have that position there. I guess that is more what we're trying to address in how we can best do that. The person that you are sending over to this storage facility, you're going to want them back probably back in your office but then you've got that extra person there that was filling in for their responsibilities so I guess that's what we're trying to --

Marsha Abell: Oh, and I don't object at all. I just wanted to make sure that I wasn't going to be violating the law and I didn't know what the hours were, but I know I am going to need somebody all the time if I am going to start getting more paperwork from the courts from additional courtrooms that are going to be run.

Councilmember Raben: I might ask our counsel, Jeff, can we zero out the request under

this line item and insert the correct line item for part-time help for the same amount? We would not be exceeding the overall advertised figure. Can we not just go ahead and appropriate today in the appropriate account number?

Jeff Ahlers: You're saying you just want to change the description from Warehouse Clerk to something else?

Councilmember Raben: And the account number to the part-time.

Jeff Ahlers: I don't think there's a problem with that as long as you're not changing --

Councilmember Raben: We're not changing that advertised amount.

Councilmember Smith: Instead of being 1010 it would have to be 1900 is your part-time account number, isn't it?

Marsha Abell: I couldn't tell you.

Jeff Ahlers: You know, one of the things you could do because I guess she doesn't need the person immediately, right, or do you? I mean, can you get it straightened out by the next meeting or do you need it now?

Marsha Abell: Oh, I don't need it now because it's going to take, you know, the Commissioners are going to have to sign a contract with this company, we can put this off for two weeks about the person, just as long as I know there's going to be somebody available. It doesn't have to be done today unless you all do because of your calendar.

Councilmember Raben: It wouldn't be two weeks, though, you're talking April.

Marsha Abell: Oh, well, April may be a little long.

Councilmember Raben: If somebody has got a budget book I can get the account number. 1010-1990 or --

Sandie Deig: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: The other thing, too, Jim, is the amount on there. We wouldn't really have a clear idea on how much to actually put in the line --

Councilmember Raben: We can put in \$20,000 today and come back later in the year if we had to.

Marsha Abell: I have another question about the person that's going over there that's my employee now. Can her Comot level be raised or can she do some -- I mean, it's really not fair to give her that kind of work and not compensate her in some way. I've got to make it attractive for her to go over there.

Councilmember Hoy: That would have to go through Job Study.

Marsha Abell: I can go through Job Study with that.

Councilmember Hoy: What we could do today is put a part-time number in so that that's legal and then defer the rest of it and you'd take it to the Job Study, right?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'm going to make a motion that --

Councilmember Hoy: Withdraw your --

Councilmember Raben: I'll withdraw.

Councilmember Sutton: I'll withdraw my second

Jeff Ahlers: And I would suggest, too, on the part-time that you might want to check or we'll check in the meantime if there is any limit on the number of hours where it would go from part-time to full-time. I think we need to double check that.

Marsha Abell: Okay, and I think the county has just a basic fee for part-time. I don't know what you pay but I think there's a basic hourly rate, isn't there?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on)

Unidentified: (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on)

Marsha Abell: Well, I think what I am really going to do is this part-time person is going to have to come in as a mail clerk or something that's not big and bring somebody with more experience in to replace Elizabeth because I need somebody that can go in the courtroom and I don't think a part-time person can do that. But that's just a matter of moving people around my office. That's not a big deal.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, this is a temporary fix anyway.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. -- I keep wanting to say Mr. President -- I would like to move account 1010-1900 be set in at \$20,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Withdraw your --

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Raben, \$20,000?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I thought I was on record as withdrawing my prior deferral.

Suzanne Crouch: It's 1990.

Councilmember Raben: It's 1990, okay, the account number is 1010-1990 in the amount of \$20,000.

Councilmember Bassemier: Do I have a second on that?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Hoy seconded it. Any discussion? Roll call please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I want to make sure that when we -- if we can get some information back at our next meeting on the amounts on that so that we can be pretty clear on --

Marsha Abell: Do you want me to figure up the hourly rate from now to the end of the year?

Councilmember Sutton: Right to the end of the year. If you could get that to us and then at the end of the year come budget time you come back and we're going to have to be reminded, I guess, and give us an idea how far out we think the project is going, if it's going to go all the way through 2001 so we'll know how much to put in for next year, too. So a couple of different things you'll need to do there.

Marsha Abell: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Uh, yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

COUNTY CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-1990	EXTRA HELP	30,000.00	20,000.00
TOTAL		83,069.00	64,300.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Marsha Abell: Is that it? Thank you.

CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Raben: Circuit Court account 1360-1310-1360 Administrative Assistant, these figures will reflect prorating from 4/3 okay, in the amount of \$22,194; 1360-1900 \$1,698; 1360-1910 \$1,221; and 1360-1920 \$6,000 for a total appropriation of \$31,113, I make that in the form of a motion. Can we have a second please?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Miss Knight seconded. Any discussion? If no discussion, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, did the judge want to have anything to say or is --

Carl Heldt: If you have questions. I think we went over this last week.

Councilmember Smith: We didn't ask him so I didn't know.

Councilmember Bassemier: Is there something you want to add, Judge?

Carl Heldt: Nope.

Councilmember Bassemier: Just so we vote yes, right?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-1310-1360	ADMIN. ASSISTANT	29,592.00	22,194.00
1360-1900	FICA	2,264.00	1,698.00
1360-1910	PERF	1,702.00	1,221.00
1360-1920	INSURANCE	6,000.00	6,000.00
TOTAL		39,558.00	31,113.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Bassemier: Do you want to take the other one?

Councilmember Raben: I certainly will and I’m going to break this request up because I sense that it may save time: 1370-1770-1370 in the amount of \$7,363 and 1370-1801-1370 in the amount of \$7,363, and I’ll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Any discussion?

Councilmember Raben: These are two upgrades. Does anybody have any questions on these?

Councilmember Smith: Are you eliminating those? Isn’t that the one that they have to wait two years to come to the Council? Did you eliminate those?

Councilmember Raben: No, I set them in at the requested figure to get them on the floor because I knew there was a lot of discussion.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, these are -- do we have a second? Mr. President, do we have a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, we do have a second.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, are these the ones that are being upgraded to Court Reporter?

Robert Pigman: Yes. You’re talking about Superior Court now.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, Superior Court.

Robert Pigman: Yes, Councilman, those are the ones --

Councilmember Smith: No, those are --

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Sandie Deig: It's them.

Councilmember Smith: Are they?

Councilmember Bassemier: Clerical Assistant and Small Claims Secretary.

Sandie Deig: These are the ones that --

Robert Pigman: Yes, Small Claims employees that are being upgraded, that's --

Councilmember Hoy: Right, but they're being upgraded because they are doing some court reporting.

Robert Pigman: They are doing court reporting.

Councilmember Hoy: And you want them at the level of Court Reporter.

Robert Pigman: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: And we did vote this down at budget time?

Robert Pigman: There was a lot of dispute about that. I don't know.

Councilmember Hoy: We've checked the records and one time it was withdrawn and another time it was voted down, so it went down twice. The thing that I would cite in the discussion, Mr. President, is from our policy book here under Personnel & Administration Review Committee: Any request for reclassification that has been before the committee within the last two years will not be considered. It has to be a two year waiting period. That's from the Job Study. That's -- I would think that's a rule that we might want to apply to ourselves at this point.

Councilmember Bassemier: And we all are clear on that, that we did vote on that and say we will not bring it up after two years.

Councilmember Hoy: That's right.

Councilmember Bassemier: That's clear, you had that. Any more discussion? Betty, are you okay on it?

Councilmember Smith: Are we going with it?

Councilmember Raben: The motion is to --

Councilmember Smith: And I seconded it, but that was the question.

Councilmember Hoy: But you can vote no.

Councilmember Smith: But the point is, are we only voting on those two?

Councilmember Bassemier: Just those two.

Councilmember Smith: Those two, okay, because the Court Reporter, we all agreed that



he should have that.

Councilmember Raben: Right.

Councilmember Bassemier: I've got a question. Mr. Pigman, you said last -- straight ahead -- you said last week you were considering withdrawing it. Was that brought up last week withdrawing that? Was there a reason? I've got something here that says you were going to withdraw that.

Robert Pigman: No.

Rosemary Norbury: May I say something?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, ma'am. State your name please for the record.

Rosemary Norbury: I'm Rosemary Norbury, Administrative Assistant of Vanderburgh Superior Court. No, we withdrew it and I don't think you ever voted. I believe if you check the record I don't believe you ever voted on it. It was passed by the Job Study but I don't think the Council ever voted. We withdrew it and then we're now bringing it back, so we did not plan to withdraw it. We would like to have this, we need it. We need it badly.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I believe Mrs. Deig gave -- I believe you're checking but we checked this last week.

Sandie Deig: It was voted down at budget time.

Councilmember Hoy: It went through twice, so you're correct that it was withdrawn, but then it was brought up again and voted down.

Robert Pigman: When was that?

Councilmember Hoy: Budget hearings.

Councilmember Bassemier: The question that I have is, did we vote on it that we would wait two years before we would bring it back to Council? Did we ever find that anywhere?

Councilmember Raben: Those are the guidelines that we established for the Personnel --

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, I just wanted that on the record.

Councilmember Raben: -- review committee.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay. Any more questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I just -- before I vote I'd just like to say I did support this in Job Study but I remember that our intent was that you could not bring it back for two years and I apologize for -- I want to go by our rules, so I'm going to have to vote no also.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-1770-1370	CLERICAL ASSISTANT	7,363.00	0.00
1370-1801-1370	SM. CLAIMS SECRETARY	7,363.00	0.00

**(Motion fails 0-6/Councilmembers Smith, Sutton, Hoy, Raben, Winnecke & Bassemier opposed)**

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Chairman, I will move to the next three items and the amounts are again prorated effective 4/3. The first would be account 1370-1804-1370 in the amount of \$21,941; 1370-1900 \$1,679; 1370-1910 in the amount of \$1,207, for a total of \$24,827, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second by Miss Knight. Any questions please?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Pigman, again, those are the prorated figures for the remainder of the year.

Councilmember Bassemier: If no questions, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-1804-1370	COURT REPORTER	30,191.00	21,941.00
1370-1900	FICA	3,436.00	1,679.00
1370-1910	PERF	2,269.00	1,207.00
TOTAL		50,622.00	24,827.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

THE CENTRE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, on The Centre, I'll move that this appropriation request be approved as listed and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second by Mr. Hoy. Any questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

THE CENTRE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1440-1750	CLOTHING ALLOW.	2,460.00	2,460.00
1440-1900	FICA	1,975.00	1,975.00
1440-1910	PERF	2,194.00	2,194.00
1440-1920	INSURANCE	7,000.00	7,000.00
TOTAL		13,629.00	13,629.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: Burdette Park, again, I'll move approval of these three accounts as they are listed.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1450-1750	CLOTHING ALLOW.	2,044.00	2,044.00
1450-1900	FICA	157.00	157.00
1450-1910	PERF	174.00	174.00
TOTAL		2,375.00	2,375.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

COUNTY COUNCIL

Councilmember Bassemier: County Council, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, account 1480-1971 \$50,000 and I'll move approval.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second by Mrs. Smith. We all know that Sandie is going to have to come back on this. Any questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-1971	ACCRUED PAYMENTS	50,000.00	50,000.00
TOTAL		50,000.00	50,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

COUNTY HIGHWAY  
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Bassemier: County Highway.

Councilmember Raben: Ed, I am going to lump the next two. These are per the union contract. County Highway in the amount of \$11,972 and Cum Bridge in the amount of \$2,044 and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second please?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Any questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2010-1750	CLOTHING ALLOW.	11,972.00	11,972.00
TOTAL		11,972.00	11,972.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-1750	CLOTHING ALLOW.	2,044.00	2,044.00
TOTAL		2,044.00	2,044.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

Councilmember Bassemier: Local Roads & Streets.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll move approval of Local Roads & Streets' request in the amount of \$15,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second by Mr. Sutton. Any questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2160-3190	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	15,000.00	15,000.00
TOTAL		15,000.00	15,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Bassemier: Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation please.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Again, these will be prorated figures based from 3/6, okay. The first account is 2600-1240-2600 in the amount of \$27,470; 2600-1250-2600 in the

amount of \$27,470; 2600-1260-2600 in the amount of \$21,941; 2600-1270-2600 in the amount of \$21,941; 2600-1900 in the amount of \$7,560; 2600-1910 in the amount of \$5,436; 2600-1920 in the amount of \$20,000; 2600-3620 in the amount of \$3,000; and 2600-4250 in the amount of \$1,000, for a total appropriation request of \$135,818.

Councilmember Bassemier: And a second please.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mrs. Smith seconded. Any questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPP. ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2600-1240-2600	PROBATION OFFICER	33,220.00	27,470.00
2600-1250-2600	PROBATION OFFICER	33,220.00	27,470.00
2600-1260-2600	PROBATION OFFICER	30,191.00	21,941.00
2600-1270-2600	PROBATION OFFICER	30,191.00	21,941.00
2600-1900	FICA	9,702.00	7,560.00
2600-1910	PERF	7,292.00	5,436.00
2600-1920	INSURANCE	20,000.00	20,000.00
2600-3620	COPY MACHINE LEASE	3,000.00	3,000.00
2600-4250	MISC. EQUIPMENT	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL		167,816.00	135,818.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<b>LATE TRANSFER</b>
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**SUPERIOR COURT**

Councilmember Bassemier: We have a late transfer (Inaudible -- microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Raben: I certainly can. We have a late transfer for Superior Court from account 1370-1920 in the amount of \$44,000 to account 1370-3600 in the amount of \$12,000 and 1370-4220 in the amount of \$32,000. I would move approval to get this on the floor.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Does anyone have any questions? Please state your name.

Scott Bowers: Good afternoon. My name is Scott Bowers. I'm currently Chief Judge of Vanderburgh Superior Court. I've given you all a letter describing the nature of the proposal. There are one or two ideas in regard to need that were not emphasized in the letter which was prepared on short notice, that I would like to emphasize. As you all know, we have an extreme crowding problem in the Vanderburgh County Jail. This proposal is addressed more than anything else towards that crowding problem. As you know, we have four senior judges and we're not able to use them as effectively as we could in alleviating the jail crowding problem because Vanderburgh Superior Court has 12 full-time judicial officers, four senior judges, which is 16 judicial officers that are available to help process cases yet we have only 7 and a half courtrooms available year round. Obviously, we cannot keep all of those judges busy all day, there simply is no physical facility for that. What we propose to do is to use the senior judges and I have the permission of three of them so far, I've not talked to the fourth, they are very enthusiastic about helping, and focus on expediting those cases where prisoners are in custody so that we can get them resolved as quickly as possible. Most criminal cases resolve when a judge with a jury and a courtroom is available to have the parties make up their minds. The state sees the weaknesses of his position and the defense may see the prudence of admitting guilt and taking the state's offer. To facilitate that, what we would like to do especially in the months of April and May, and this is why we are here on an emergency basis is, Vanderburgh Superior Court effective February 1 of this year started setting every single one of its felony cases as a 70-day setting, that is, we're giving everyone what is the minimum, absolute bare minimum speedy trial setting. We think that both sides deserve the speediest possible trial. We do have some courtrooms that could be available and that's in the proposal. I've talked with the Old Courthouse Preservation Society, they have offered the Wedgewood Room and also what was the Evansville Youth Theater. These were the former probate court and law library rooms over in the courthouse. As you know, the old museum courtroom is also available. These are free facilities which we can use if we have recording equipment. If the weather is too hot to use those facilities, there are conference rooms available in the Radisson which could be used for bench trials only and the Radisson has agreed to give the courts permission to use those facilities at \$50 per day per room which is half of the normal rate. The courtrooms in the Old Courthouse, as I mentioned, are free and one of them badly needs repainting but I have an idea of getting some free paint. Also in terms of the recording equipment, this is the new recording equipment that is digital. As I understand it, those courts that are using this kind of equipment are actually getting revenue from selling the sound files to attorneys because you can cheaply and quickly make a CD-ROM copy of proceedings. If the attorney wants the recording of the whole thing, he can have it made for him or her in a matter of seconds and provided on the spot. Don Miller, who is on the court technology committee of the Indiana Supreme Court with the State Court of Administration Office strongly recommended to me that this kind of equipment be used and said that there were many advantages to it for court systems. I do have some specific cost breakdowns showing what's involved in that and what kind of cost savings you get, but I know you are very busy and I don't want to go into more detail than is necessary and, Mr. Chairman, what



questions would the members of the Council have?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll assume there are questions, let's start with --

Councilmember Smith: I don't have any questions. We met with the judge Monday and we were all in agreement. There was a question about taking it over to the Radisson and I don't think that will happen if we can proceed with this. Judge Miller called me and he's real excited and if anybody knows him, when he takes off after something, he gets the job done and I think by giving it to them, they'll get the job done and I think everybody is concerned with the overcrowding of the jail and I think this will free up a lot of space in the jail. We also suggested that you use this Council chambers and we gave you a list of the times when it was busy, the Commissioner's Office, so I think if we all work together, we can get the job done without even going to the Radisson and you said there's three now over in the Old Courthouse?

Scott Bowers: Yes, that we could use. One of the rooms we have some used equipment in and that has already been used at least once. We would need recording equipment for the other two and I think we can get some furniture on site.

Councilmember Smith: I think if we all get together with this we can get it cleared up and I was convinced and especially when the judge told me, Judge Miller called me and told me that he would take over if we gave them the place to do it with, so that's --

Scott Bowers: We gave him eight of the oldest cases and he's gotten, I think, every one of them resolved in about two weeks. Judge Dietsch is also very enthusiastic about participating.

Councilmember Hoy: As I understand this transfer, two-thirds of it goes for equipment which you can use elsewhere and the \$10,000 is for rental should you need it?

Scott Bowers: Should we need it, yes.

Councilmember Hoy: No, I am happy to see it and I am not here to chastise you. I wish we would have seen it sooner because we've had this jail problem for a long time and they keep climbing on our case and the Commissioner's case, you know, and it's not something we can move. The caveat I would put in with it, with this motion, is that I would like as a Councilman, this is an experiment to see how it works, and I think it's going to work well. I am ready to vote yes. Would you all be willing to report back to us on a monthly basis as to how successful this is?

Scott Bowers: Absolutely. I will come every month for as long as you want and answer any questions you want answered or a written report that --

Councilmember Hoy: Whatever, great. That's great. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Chairman, I have some questions. Judge, I guess it's my understanding that this is somewhat of just a temporary fix, correct?

Scott Bowers: Yes. Well, it is specifically directed to the next couple of months, particularly because we're double booked for April and May. We've got 165 jury trials set in April, so it's going to be difficult.

Councilmember Raben: Are we still considering the idea of establishing hearing rooms in the law library? Is that still on the table or --

Scott Bowers: That would be up to the Commissioners. There is no proposal for a permanent solution which I would reject. We are very flexible. I think, as you know, the court has looked at the Old Courthouse, we've talked about the Election Office, we've talked about the Health Department. I spent a couple of months dealing with the federal government, which I can assure you is a great joy, and certainly a learning experience, and

whatever, if you want me to call Anchor Industries, I am ready for a tent.

Councilmember Raben: I am excited that you all are excited about getting the overcrowding situation taken care of, but I am not real excited about the request for \$12,000 for rent and Betty had mentioned earlier that the possibility of using these rooms or the Commissioners rooms or even The Centre rooms, I had looked prior to the meeting and believe it or not, probably three or four days out of each week, neither of the two big rooms are even used before 1:30 in the afternoon.

Scott Bowers: The schedule is very sparse by and large, yes.

Councilmember Raben: And although March's scheduling is already in place, they've not started on April, so I would assume that with a little pressure, one room or the other could just be held for you several hours through the day and they'll just have to book in the other spaces. So again, my only concern is the \$12,000. I set it in place to get it on the floor, but I would feel more comfortable because, while this is a transfer, soon to follow is an appropriation request, so if we could eliminate the rent and leave in place the Office Equipment to get you the --

Scott Bowers: I could work with that certainly through the months of April and May because we do have those courtrooms over there, if we do have the Council chambers and perhaps the Commissioners Office open during the day--

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm sorry, your honor, let us change the tape. I am sorry to interrupt you.

(Tape changed)

Scott Bowers: If we had a much smaller rent appropriation just kind of as a reserve that we might use for some air conditioned rooms in June should that become necessary because of needs of the Commission or Council, it would be nice to have that cushion. On the other hand, if you would prefer that I would come back for a subsequent emergency appropriation, we could look to the Old Courthouse and the in-house rooms here and then try to exhaust every possibility that way before we went to any rental situation. I would be most happy to --

Councilmember Raben: Would everyone be comfortable if we cut that back to --

Councilmember Smith: No, I trust the man and he says he won't use it unless it's necessary, so why should we limit him now because he's give us his word that he will not use it unless he has to and I think if you give the senior judges March and April, they'll clear it out.

Councilmember Sutton: I think there is another issue -- I was ahead of Phil -- I had my hand up, you didn't see me.

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

Councilmember Sutton: I did speak with the judge a little earlier on this particular request and I guess what I stated at the last meeting, I still feel pretty firmly behind that and will continue to stand firmly by that. I think all the bodies that are involved with this jail overcrowding process need to be involved some type of way. They need to be talking, communicating, coming up with resolutions and I commend the judicial side in trying to really take up the ball on their end of it and trying to work toward some resolutions; however, there's some other tentacles that kind of go along with this beast and so I guess I'd like to get an idea from you, Judge, who are the others that are involved that you guys are working with in helping to resolve this overcrowding problem because like I said, it's not just in you guys' hands alone. Clearly, you've got the Prosecutor involved, you've got the Sheriff's Office and a number of others.

Scott Bowers: I just became Chief Judge again officially February 1<sup>st</sup>, so if I could have another four weeks to solve the problem, it would be great. But more seriously, I've been very interested in this for a number of years, just the whole problem of moving felonies quickly enough within the existing resources and not driving up costs. This problem of communication is a big part of the problem and there's also an information problem. I met with the Sheriff, his Chief Deputy, and with the jail commander, Swaim, this morning. We had a very excellent session. They gave me some really important information about why people who had been sentenced had not actually been transported yet. There's a paperwork problem there that the courts knew nothing about and we're going to be looking into that. I've invited the Sheriff's Department to our monthly felony process review meetings, there's an informal committee that began meeting in December. I chair that meeting. Judge Heldt has been kind enough to come in and suggest ideas from a Circuit Court perspective, there are members of the Prosecutor's Office who are participating. We just hired a magistrate and that magistrate's duties will be at least half time devoted to coordinating pre-trials, managing what we call our holding dates which are special dates to fast track cases and get faster dispositions five weeks out from the initial appearance of counsel. I will talk with anyone who has information that will help us or will point out problems we're unaware of and I think that it is the kind of thing that does implicate the entire system and that's why it's absolutely essential that the fiscal bodies of government, executive bodies, and the judiciary all communicate much more carefully than they have in the past. I am fully supportive of that and I have started doing that and I will continue to do that.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I asked that question because I had indicated that I'd be very cautious and probably be prone not to support things unless there is a spirit of cooperation among those who are all involved and I think the process that the Commissioners have just completed in selecting the consultant is a positive step in the right direction and I'd like to commend our Sheriff for helping with that process. Brad, I am trying to give you some commendation here for the \$40,000 that you gave to that study. We appreciate that. That's definitely the spirit of cooperation we'd like to see throughout county government, that type of thing. He didn't have to use his commissary fund money for that type of thing, so we definitely appreciate that. But I think when we look at this issue here, there's some other costs that are built into this that I'd like to hear about and that is, how do we secure – if we're talking about going off-site, which I am really not feeling real comfortable with, but talking about going off-site, how do we secure these facilities, what will the cost be, and even if we're talking about internal facilities, we still need security issues resolved and do we have some discussions going on with the Sheriff's Department to figure out how they are going to cover that? Are we talking about additional manpower here, talking about additional overtime, equipment on their end, we've got some other costs that aren't folded in here that clearly are a reality when you are talking about this opening up additional space and I'd be concerned about moving forward with it if we haven't really reviewed all of the costs and have a good idea of which direction we're going on this.

Scott Bowers: In regard to security, I've had some discussions with the Sheriff. This is a very new proposal as you know, and it's come up kind of on an emergency basis. The Sheriff informs me and please, Sheriff, correct me wherever I misstate that in the afternoon, his office can comfortably provide an additional person to do off-site security. The mornings are a problem because the courts are so busy with pre-trial matters related to criminal cases that it puts tremendous demands on his office; therefore, if he was to have a security person in the morning off-site, he would be looking at taking someone off the road or out of the schools. There has been some discussion of the question of having jury trials at night. I have not asked senior judges if they would be willing to do that. I am reluctant to ask them. Also I am reluctant to have jurors summoned for service in the middle of the night. I think that would be – being a juror is a terrible burden and that would not be a good thing to do to them. In the event that such a thing was done, however, the Sheriff informs me that he would believe it most prudent to have uniformed sworn officers as security for any night sessions and that these officers would need to be paid time and a half for overtime. Sheriff, are there any corrections or additions? Did I get it right?

Brad Ellsworth: Sounds right to me, Judge.

Scott Bowers: And he may need to have a supplemental appropriation if there is heavy off-site use. However, there is one thing that is kind of strange about how courtrooms are used that you really need to understand in terms of trying to assess the costs and also trying to assess why when I tell you it's hard for me to know what the costs are in terms of having people there, and that is because the settlement rate is very, very high on these cases. About 80% or more people plead guilty rather than go to trial and because of that very, very high settlement rate, often what happens is if you have the facility reserved for two or three days, at the very last minute somebody pleads guilty, that takes the trial off and then the courtroom may be vacant. And, in fact, the case would never settle if the courtroom weren't there. It's like a policeman's gun, nobody would say to you, well, let's not fund any money for guns or bullets for the Sheriff's Office on the grounds that they never shoot anybody. They've got to have those weapons to credibly explain to people what they ought to be doing. Judges don't use guns but obviously, we use courtrooms and if we don't have a courtroom ready and a jury there, people will not be credibly persuaded that they have to make up their minds or go to trial and, therefore, at the last minute, you may have a number of these facilities clearing out. They are used because they have brought the parties to a conclusion. Like Councilman Smith said, when Judge Miller got involved in these cases, we had some very old cases over at the jail. We gave him a list of them, he got with the lawyers, he let the lawyers know, hey, this is going to trial. I will be there. I have got a courtroom because Judge Pigman was kind enough to say he'd vacate a civil courtroom, and those cases are all gone. So there are no security or anything for anybody, so what I am saying is, I can tell you what the maximum would be, which would be two deputies all day every day off-site. I cannot tell you what the minimum would be because there are very likely to be any number of days when no one would be using those extra courtrooms because all of the pertinent matters had settled.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess the Sheriff will need to know that. He obviously has got the manpower that needs to be supplied. He needs to know what the maximum is going to be because he needs to know where his shortfalls are going to – what shortfalls he is going to have. He needs to be prepared for the worst case scenario rather than the minimum and I just think that that's a cost that needs to be factored in here and then we need to talk about space, I just think we could use what we have right here and I think we could effectively meet this need. If it means night court or Saturday or something like that, I think it needs to be considered.

Scott Bowers: Okay well, no, we cannot meet our needs with what we've got here, period. It cannot be done and there is no large jurisdiction in the United States of America that has jury trials at night. And only jury trials, only jury trials, will solve your problem. That's the only thing that does it.

Councilmember Sutton: I am talking about civil matters at night, not jury trials.

Scott Bowers: Well, are you suggesting that we would take...we have hundreds and hundreds of civil matters set for April and May. The only way that we could confidently reserve courtrooms is to move hundreds of matters on short notice to 4 p.m. to midnight. Is that what you are proposing?

Councilmember Sutton: I didn't say that. That's what you proposed. I didn't say anything about midnight.

Scott Bowers: I am saying that's the only way to do it, because we've got to get jury ready courtrooms open all day every day and waiting so that these guys in the jail and these guys in the Prosecutor's Office know they are going to trial.

Councilmember Sutton: So are you proposing that it's not a possibility of using the courtroom space at night at all?

Scott Bowers: Oh, we use the courtroom space at night for things like juvenile matters, we've got two sessions of misdemeanor court that goes at night, but that's basically stuff that kind of goes up to dinner time and they are short matters where people are not unduly

inconvenienced. They know they can go that one evening and their matter is set and I called Indianapolis to see if there were any courts up in Indianapolis that were running jury trials at night and they – I literally got laughter as a response. It's just not done because I would have to send out notices to 40 or 50 people saying report, after you get done with work, please come down to the courthouse at 4 p.m., work all night, get off at midnight, walk back to your car in the middle of the night, and do that for a couple of days and it's just not gonna happen.

Councilmember Sutton: I understand that, Judge, but that's not what I am saying. I didn't say anything about jury trials, I said civil matters in the evening hours.

Scott Bowers: Well, if you have, like I said, we've got – there are some – we could have some small claims up to dinner time or something like that, that would help us, but the only way that it helps is to move some – if we move civil matters, we've got to move a couple days worth to the nighttime. See what I mean? If I have a major trial or I want to push some felonies, I need, say Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday with courtrooms open. So what I've got to do is take every single civil matter in the relevant courtrooms and move them to the night. Now we're scheduled all day every day. That means a full second shift which means that litigants, their attorneys and all of their witnesses have to be going to that full second shift and I think that there would be immense public resistance and resentment for that particularly if lawyers started charging shift differentials and why should they be less savvy than – and that's my evidence – that they are less savvy than line workers. Why should they have less sense about asking for a shift differential? What I am saying is, I've got free judges, I've got free courtrooms and I can really help you with your jail situation. If you want to help the jail situation, if you want to do something about the jail situation, please do this. I can't do better than free.

Councilmember Bassemier: Are you okay with that, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I have a couple of remarks. Mr. Raben and I were conferring here. Both of us being employers, we would love to have our employees do jury duty at night and not only that, but my employees who had been summoned and by the way, we pay the difference at the Food Bank between what you pay a juror and what their wage is, so it costs me, but my employees, because they are so dedicated to my place – I don't know about Jim's employees, but mine are so dedicated, that they would be – they would rather serve at night. So as far as getting jurors, I can get you some really good jurors from my place. The other thing that I'd like to see you do, having been through a death and as you well know, you were the judge there, a divorce and now I am remarried, when I went through that divorce, in the court there were only five people in the room. We could have done that at night. I think a lot of those cases – that's what Mr. Sutton is saying, you could move a lot of those at night. And recently I was in juvenile court with a custody case with one of my grandchildren and speaking of lawyers, and I don't mean to slam our beloved attorney here, and I didn't pay the fee but the other grandparents paid \$500, and the lawyer didn't show and he didn't call, and we sat there and they sat there, and paid a fee without a lawyer, and as a professional person with the same amount of education as lawyers have, I've never gotten shift differential for praying at night. I mean, we're salaried people and if I want to work as a lawyer or a clergy or whatever, and want to pay the bills, I'd work at night just to counter those arguments. I like your idea, I think you're on the right track. The other question I have is, you're going to do this for three months?

Scott Bowers: Yes sir.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, it looks like it's going to work well, especially with Judge Miller.

Scott Bowers: Yes sir, I am very hopeful.

Councilmember Hoy: Alright, if at the end of three months and you're reporting to us and it's working well, is this something that we might consider? I don't think it's going to solve the whole jail problem, but it would solve a lot of it, it seems like. So could we not continue this? I'd like to have you back for an evaluation. We might want to continue this so that we at least get the jail population down to where we don't have riots or whatever.

Scott Bowers: You have my word. I will come whenever you want me here and report as to any matters you wish –

Councilmember Hoy: Cause I really like your idea, okay, it's not a dislike of the idea. I think we might want to go longer than three months, we might have to.

Councilmember Bassemier: Miss Knight is next. Go ahead.

Councilmember Smith: Well, I feel like they have taken the step to go forward, we're paying \$98,000 out for a consultant to come down here and the judge has gone out of his way to try to solve our problem. And if we're talking about \$12,000 to kick the whole system, that's for the birds! I mean, I would rather you didn't take it out of this building, but if you have to get the job done, then I think we have to look at that. Everybody is tired of hearing about the jail being overcrowded. Let's get on with it, get it done. If we pay \$98,000 for somebody from Indianapolis to come down here and we've got a judge standing here in front of us telling us he can solve the problem in three months, then let's get it done instead of spending \$50,000,000 on a new jail.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I don't want to put the judge on the spot that much because I know this judge and I have a lot of respect for him, but neither one of us have walked on water and to ask you to clear the jail would be just that. But I think that this will relieve a lot of the congestion and I appreciate that.

Scott Bowers: And the initial involvement of one senior judge as demonstrated can have a significant impact with the use of senior judges and we are three/sevenths of the felony case load. We will do everything we can to move that three/sevenths as fast as possible and if what we do works, then perhaps Circuit Court would also be interested.

Councilmember Hoy: Another remark that needs to be made about the facility, Mr. President, is and the reason you need an air conditioned space is that the Old Courthouse is not air conditioned and that is a Build Indiana Grant and the only way that the Old Courthouse is going to be air conditioned on that second floor is if it's used – and my understanding from Dennis Avery, Representative Avery, is it has to be used on a rather permanent basis by the courts. We're not ready to move there yet and if we get into hot weather, then you are going to need some rent money to go perhaps someplace else.

Scott Bowers: Yes sir.

Councilmember Hoy: You can't go there. You'll just bake.

(Inaudible – Scott Bowers, Councilmember Hoy, and Councilmember Smith speaking at once)

Councilmember Hoy: It's been discussed that the Old Courthouse second floor is going to be air conditioned by that grant. As I understand it and I've talked to Representative Avery about it, that's the condition on which it will be air conditioned and that's not what we're talking about. We're talking about permanent usage. Now that building, and we're not quite ready to go to that I don't think, are we? Permanent usage, I mean...

Scott Bowers: I have only spoken with my colleagues and the Commissioners about the possibility of temporary usage and I'm not authorized to say that it would be permanent use.

Councilmember Hoy: We're looking at a lot of money if we go to permanent usage and –

Scott Bowers: We would need to know what that was and be very careful about it. One of the things that I think argues in favor of a temporary usage is we find out what the problems are and what needs to be done over in the building and the judges get familiar with the environment, and whatever they find out, we'll be ahead of where we are today.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, we're going to have to hurry. We're going to hear two more and then I think everybody has spoke. Mr. Winnecke, you're next and Mr. Raben. We've got a lot of nice people out here, some of them want to be heard, so we'd better move on.

Councilmember Winnecke: Thanks. I won't be long, I don't have much of a voice today. I agree totally with what Councilwoman Knight says. I think the judges have come forth, they've made a good faith effort to offer part of a solution to a big problem. I think it's clear that the judiciary in this county is starting to think outside the box. That's great. Twelve thousand dollars, if that helps this problem, we should do it today. I am opposed to asking the judiciary to come back in two months or three months if they need the money and not giving them any money today. I think it's creating another – it's making them jump through hoops and the judge has stood here before us today and said he will come regularly and report on the progress. I think we should take him at his word and vote for the money today. Now on the issue of night sessions, there are some night sessions as the judge has talked about. Think about your business day right now, there are times of the day when we all are more alert than others and my alert, really keen time seldom is at night.

Councilmember Raben: I am back to the \$12,000 issue and after this I am going to let it die. I know I don't have the votes to support it. Judge, again, I appreciate the efforts that you folks have taken to drop our levels at the jail down. Again, based on \$12,000 at \$50 per diem, I mean, you're talking 240 days. Again, he's talking about a temporary situation. To me, that's far more than we need. At \$4,000 would be 80 days, but again, since I am not going to win the vote I would like to ask you, Judge, before you get into spending any of this, for \$12,000 we could air condition the courtroom at the courthouse. So –

Councilmember Smith: I spent ten years over there and we had window air conditioners and nobody burned up.

Councilmember Raben: Right, and the Council, since I've been on here, we've appropriated monies for all those window air conditioners. But again, for \$12,000 you can put central air in that court space. So I would ask that you be very careful with it and that would be money well spent and it would be something that would be good from here on.

Scott Bowers: You have my word. Yeah, I will be extremely careful with that and that will be our last option is to take that rental space and, of course, we do need the recording devices to use wherever we are.

Councilmember Hoy: Just so we have clarity on the air conditioning. It cost us \$21,000 to central air the third floor, four suites, 1500 square feet each. We passed that in this Council. We air conditioned the first floor. Those units were put in there so that they could help handle the second floor. The second floor air conditioning, according to Representative Avery and the people who've studied it, is \$90,000. It would not be money well spent to only partially do that floor if you spent, you know, and I don't know that you can adequately do a central air conditioning just on one space and all I am – the only reason I am saying this is, I don't want us as a Council, you know, to pin this down too tightly and say well, you can do this or do that with air conditioning because that's not my expertise, but that's the information I have and that's why the first floor unit was installed the way it was so that we could do all three floors through the building properly and have good usage of the building. I certainly don't want to mess that progress up because we worked too hard on it. I also don't want to put you on the spot on that, because I don't think it's fair.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm going to call for the question. Jim, would you repeat the motion?

Councilmember Raben: The motion is that the request be approved as it is listed.

Councilmember Smith: We didn't hear what he said.

Councilmember Raben: The motion is as listed, as is.

Councilmember Smith: I'll second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Judge, I am going to call for the vote on this, roll call vote. Before you leave, I am going to ask you a question before you leave okay, so don't leave.

Scott Bowers: Okay. And thank you for your explanation. I am totally new at this and I apologize if I got ahead of myself on any of the issues.

Councilmember Bassemier: I don't get to do this very often. In seven years, this is great!

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I echo what Jim said and that is use existing space where we don't have to pay dollars for that, so that making sure that any outside space, that is truly the last option in terms of paying any rent any place else. And then the other thing is I'd like to make sure that discussions or some type of information gets to us on the other costs that I mentioned on securing the facility. Understanding that you don't know that now or you will know that at some point in time, we need to know the other costs that go along with this. I am pretty sure the Sheriff will probably be here next month asking for an appropriation but I want you guys to keep talking. I think we're moving in the right direction; however, I just want to make sure that all sides keep communicating on this including the Prosecutor's Office on this as well. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: He thinks he's going to make me vote at the end of the tape. I am going to vote yes very quickly.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1370-1920	INSURANCE	44,000.00	44,000.00
TO: 1370-3600	RENT	12,000.00	12,000.00
1370-4220	OFFICE MACHINES	32,000.00	32,000.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, Judge, my question, you talked with the Sheriff this morning about how many inmates we have in there that's already sentenced and we need



to get them out of there. When can we expect, I thought we could just as soon as you sentence, we can get them out. But you say there is a whole lot of paperwork –

Scott Bowers: I had alluded to a paperwork problem that I wasn't aware of. There is a document called an abstract that has to go with the prisoner. The Sheriff has explained to me that there have been significant delays in his receipt of those abstracts. I do not know what the other office's policies are, my court reporter has a procedure worked out where the day a defendant is sentenced, she brings the paper in to me and interrupts me whatever I am doing to get my signature that minute so she can take it immediately to the Clerk. Now something happens in the exchange between the Clerk and the – or something fails to happen in the transmittal of these abstracts. Perhaps we need to look at faxing copies to the Sheriff. This will be something that will be discussed by the judges at a meeting scheduled this Friday at noon and that will be one of the things we're talking about. But yes, the Sheriff explained to me –

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, and I know you all are working hard, Sheriff –

Scott Bowers: Did I get that right? Is that a fair synopsis of what we talked about?

Councilmember Bassemier: And I am not trying to put you on the spot, I know you are doing it as fast as you can and everything. I just wanted to understand the system.

Brad Ellsworth: Brad Ellsworth, yeah, if you wanted to talk about work until midnight, I can sit here and explain this. You know, you all will be here until midnight but I know you don't want to do that and these people are starting to shake their heads, too. There's a lot that goes into it and the report that we are providing now is good information, but it's not three dimensional, so what it looks like on the page is not – there's the rest of the story, like Paul Harvey says. We can't take them until – it would be silly when they are sentenced on one charge to take them off to prison and they have to come back two days later for another charge, so when we get the abstract from the Clerk and from the courts and our transport officers make sure that everything is done in Vanderburgh County, then we can move them out. I think we're doing that and, like I said, we're willing to, if we need to add a person there, we may have to do that to transport. So there's just a lot that goes into that. Normally, we'll have anywhere between five and twelve, they're in the jail that are ready to go. The Department of Correction only takes our prisoners on certain days. They tell us how many we can bring, how many they will accept and on what day we can bring them. So we're kind of at the mercy of DOC also. Yesterday we happened to get 30 abstracts from the courts, it just so happened that Warrick County had 25 beds, they said bring us all 25 so they could collect the \$35 a day and profit from that. Only 16 of those 30 we could really take out so we took 16. But we got the abstracts on one charge, not on the other, so there's a lot that goes into it.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, well thank you, Sheriff. I also want to commend you for sharing that \$40,000 on that study from the commissary money. We appreciate that.

Brad Ellsworth: That's good use of that fund that is generated by inmates and if it helps us figure out this system, it's a good use of those funds.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, thank you, sir. And thank you, Your Honor.

<b>REPEAL OF FUNDS</b>
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## **CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION**

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, let's move on.

Councilmember Raben: Now we move on to the amendments and I'm going to –

Councilmember Sutton: Excuse me, what about the repeal? I love those.

Councilmember Raben: We do have a repeal today, Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation. I'll move that all accounts be approved as they appear and I'll make that in the form of a motion for a total repeal of \$100,308.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm sorry, would you repeat your motion?

Councilmember Raben: I move that we approve the repeal request for Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation in the amount of \$100,308.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Miss Knight seconded. Roll call vote please. Nobody has any questions on that?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I am going to vote a reluctant yes. Frankly, I hate to see some of these folks with masters in social work who are excellent counselors not be placed in this program but I think that the program needs to move ahead. I think that's a mistake and I want that on the record, and also this Qualified Medical Aide and the other comment that I have and I promise to be brief and that is, to the rest of the Councilmembers, as you know I am a fund-raiser and a grant writer and if I had seen a proposal or presented a proposal as weak as this one to any granting source except for a small grant, it would have been sent back rejected. There's not enough meat and potatoes in this thing and I hope it works out but I have to offer those negative comments because I just think –

Teri Lukeman: Councilman Hoy, I am sorry to interrupt, but I have to change the tape.

(Tape change)

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I am going to vote yes but with those remarks that I wish to have on record because I have those feelings. Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: You can add more if you want to. We've got another tape.

Councilmember Hoy: And you know I can do it.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPP. ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2600-1400-2600	QUALIFIED MED. AIDE	16,159.00	16,159.00
2600-1410-2600	AISP/DISP CASEWORKER	23,355.00	23,355.00
2600-1440-2600	TECHNICAL ASST.	23,814.00	23,814.00
2600-1500-2600	AISP/DISP SECRETARY	17,810.00	17,810.00
2600-1800-2600	SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL	4,800.00	4,800.00
2600-1850	OVERTIME	500.00	500.00
2600-1940-2600	EDUC., TRAIN., CHARITABLE	150.00	150.00
2600-1960-2600	MEDICAL DIRECTOR	13,720.00	13,720.00
TOTAL		100,308.00	100,308.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<b>AMENDMENT TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, Jim, Salary Ordinance Amendment.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I am going to make a motion to amend the Salary Ordinance for these departments: Circuit Court, The Centre, Burdette Park, County Council, County Highway, Cumulative Bridge, Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation as these appropriations were previously approved. Superior Court will be amended as the appropriation previously adopted. Then there are some further corrections: Drainage Board, we need to set the monthly per diem at \$67.00; Community Corrections 2600 account, I would move to correct the DISP Technician base salary and set it in at \$28,852. There was an oversight where that figure was set in too high at budgets, the base salary, so I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Any questions? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
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**ORDINANCE SETTING COPY FEES FOR VANDERBURGH COUNTY OFFICES/  
FIRST READING**

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, we're in the old business. I am kind of hoping and I am going to say something here, setting this copy fee, we've been looking at this for a while now and I've got some information. Sandie sent out a memo to some departments on the copies, how much we should charge. I'll give you some examples: the Prosecutor charges 25 cents a copy, Assessor charges 25 cents a copy, of course, the plats, map plats are a dollar and Probate Court charges a dollar, Circuit Court charges 40 cents per copy, so I am kind of hoping we'll set in a fee today so that we can get this off the docket and I am kind of thinking of 25 cents. Somebody can take the bull by the horn here and make a recommendation here or whatever.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll make that motion if our legal counsel...are we on safe legal ground, Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: I'm sorry, what is your question?

Councilmember Hoy: Talking about the copy charge and our President for the day, our Vice President has suggested 25 cents. I'm willing to make a motion but you had raised a legal question about this in previous meetings.

Jeff Ahlers: We can only charge 25 cents if that's what we can show as being the actual cost not including labor. And I think...maybe it was a couple of meetings ago I gave each one of you that wanted one a copy of the statute to show you what I was referring to. It's not for me to say whether I agree or disagree, but that's what the law says. So yes, unless we can show that, I think that could present some problems.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, we have a motion and a second and we'll just have to deal with...

Councilmember Hoy: My motion is to put it in at a quarter a copy and then if it comes out that that's illegal, we'll find out.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay. Jim, I didn't mean to run around you. Go ahead.

Councilmember Raben: Having not worked in a lot of these offices to have the knowledge of how many copies typically are ran for one individual, it seems like a pretty high fee, 25 cents, but Betty is certainly –

Councilmember Smith: Well, the Recorder's Office and the County Clerk's Office is by state statute. We have to charge – they have to charge a dollar, a dollar a copy and that's for like if anybody wants a copy of their divorce. It's a dollar a page and that's by state statute. But you can justify the 25 cents a page because – okay, what was it, \$30,000 that copy machine cost down in your office, Suzanne? Maybe it was bought before you, but then the repairs, the insurance and everything. I think you can figure 25 cents, I think is cheap from what everybody else has to charge. So I'll second your motion.

Councilmember Raben: Would you say –

Councilmember Bassemier: Any other discussion? Oh sorry, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: Well, never mind, I guess it's probably not that big a deal but...

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, we keep deferring it. Let's do something.

Councilmember Raben: I think it's important that all officeholders, particularly on something like that, keep an open ear and if they get a lot of pressure from the public that it's an exorbitant amount of money, then we need to revisit this.

Suzanne Crouch: The Auditor's Office currently charges 35 cents a page.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, are most of yours legal size?

Suzanne Crouch: It varies.

Councilmember Smith: Most of it is going to your regular pages now instead of the legal size. All your courts records have gone to legal.

Jeff Ahlers: Just so I understand, are you at this point amending the ordinance that I have submitted, that I need to change it now or are you just saying that's what you want to do at the next meeting? Just so I understand the motion. It's written up now with five cents instead of 25 cents. You're amending that to pass it today?

Councilmember Hoy: I'm sorry. The intention of my motion is to set the rate at 25 cents. We've had this on our desks a long time, let's go with it.

Jeff Ahlers: But my question is then, are you passing the ordinance today and I need to show it's amended with the 25 cents or are you just setting the rate and the next time you want me to bring the printed ordinance? I just want to make sure everybody is clear whether we're voting on an ordinance.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll just amend the ordinance if that's legal.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I mean, we can put whatever you want in here. I am just saying as I had submitted to you before, just so I understood that if everybody is voting on an ordinance or just to set it. Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: My motion, the intention of my motion is to put 25 cents per copy in that ordinance so we get it done today.

Councilmember Smith: And my second was that, too.

Councilmember Bassemier: Right. Okay, any more – go ahead, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: I don't want to beat around the bush here any longer, but most of these fees that are collected from most offices, do these fees go directly back? Are they deposited back in the General Fund?

Councilmember Smith: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Raben: They all are, okay. That's fine. Thank you. The Recorder's Office would not be.

Councilmember Smith: One year we gave them over \$28,000 for copies from the Clerk's Office and that goes right straight back into the county General Fund.

Councilmember Raben: That's – I feel much more comfortable knowing that.

Sandie Deig: The reason it took so long, a number of the officeholders called in response to the memo and said that they would have a hard time justifying having their employees run a copy for five cents because it took so much more. They couldn't afford to lose the manpower for five cents a copy.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Jeff Ahlers: So this is the first reading on the ordinance and we'll have the next reading next month, correct? Okay, so everybody knows what they are voting on. It's the first reading of the ordinance. The only change is substituting 25 cents for five cents in the ordinance that's in your packet.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, are you clear on that, Jim? First reading, everybody is clear. Roll call vote please, before somebody changes his mind.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

Teri Lukeman: Mr. Ahlers, it's my understanding that this ordinance can be advertised after its passage. Is that correct?

Jeff Ahlers: That's correct because it doesn't have a penalty clause in it, so it doesn't need to be advertised ahead of time.

Teri Lukeman: Okay, thank you.

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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**LEISURE LIVING WEST, LLC / PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION FOR PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3708 N. ST. JOE AVENUE**

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, under new business, Preliminary Resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council/Property Tax Abatement for Property Located at 3708 N. St. Joe Avenue/Leisure Living West LLC., and state your name please and whatever else you want to tell us.

Mary Wildeman: My name is Mary Wildeman and I am Deputy Director of the Department of Metropolitan Development. I'm here to tell you that this tax abatement was actually awarded to Leisure Living West in 1998 and at that time they set a two year designation period and now the construction has only brought forth 30 units and they need more time to continue the construction and we are asking for a new designation period to be set that

ends in 2004. There are representatives from Leisure Living if you have any questions.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, everybody is clear on that? Is there anybody out there that would speak for the whole group here? I mean, we don't have time to hear you all, maybe a couple three of you. Could you please state your name, please?

Edward Johnson: Yes, I'm Edward Johnson and I am the attorney for Leisure Living West. Carol Haller and Pete McCullough are both here. They will answer any questions. I won't belabor the presentation, I will make it brief because we were here two years ago. We were granted tax abatement. The bottom line is we've got 30 units completed and rented, we've got 18 more that we will begin renting later this spring, maybe even later this month. We're going to need to the year 2003 to complete the whole 118 units. When we were here before, we were granted tax abatement because we were to set aside 20 percent for low to moderate income level people, this is an elderly project, a project for the elderly. We were to set that aside. We set aside 20 percent, we've rented 54 percent. The first phase of the – I want to tell you – the first phase of this program out there, the 30 that have been rented, 54 percent of the people qualify for low to moderate income. The average age is 74. We've done better than we ever told you we were going to do when we were here two years ago. The project looks great, it is – I am going to let Pete just tell you a little bit about why it's so needed. I guess the only other thing I – a couple of things I want to tell you. Number one, I'd like to ask all the people that are here in favor of the continuation of the tax abatement for Leisure Living to please stand up. Thank you very much.

Councilmember Bassemier: So noted.

Edward Johnson: Is there anybody opposed to it, that's here? These are, not all of them are residents. Most of them are residents. What is so unusual about it, most of the people call me on the telephone, want to talk to me about their landlord. They want to tar and feather them. They want me to take them to Superior Court. We've got people living there who think so much of the project and what Pete and Carol have done, they've come down here to do it. Since we put the 30 units in, we've got the other 18 under construction. It's already had a positive effect. It looks great out there. The K-mart building that's basically vacant except for the Wesselman's Grocery Store, the owners went out and cut down the weeds and the trees so it will look nice and entice the neighbors to come over. They painted the graffiti off, if you've been out there and looked at it, instead of that ugly graffiti that was there. They've painted it a nice color all because of this project. We've got another convenience store going in across the street at St. Joe and Allens Lane. The whole thing is really a success story. We're going to ask you to continue the tax abatement. I'd like to ask Pete McCullough to come up and just very briefly tell you why this project is so unique and what he's done to allow for people to live there on the west side of Evansville and especially attractive for the elderly. Pete, would you come up here please?

Pete McCullough: Pete McCullough. I was up here two years ago and we've pretty well done what we intended to do and that was to have secure, safe housing for the aging in place. Everything we have is handicap accessible. People can live there for as long as – I don't know – as long as they need to, I guess. We do have some areas that are unique insofar as costs and that is because everything has to be on one level. We cannot dilute our land costs as other apartment projects do by putting a second floor on. We have to provide a community building and activities which is in phase four which is starting up which is additional cost and I think, too, we've probably helped you on another situation. For all the people that's there, for the past year we've been able to keep them out of jail. So if you have any questions, I'd be glad to answer it.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Raben: That's fine, Mr. Chairman. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, now – I'm sorry, Mrs. Smith, go ahead. Oh, let me get a second. I'm sorry, let me get a second.

Councilmember Smith: I'll second it. How many of those 30 apartments are two bedroom? Are they all two bedroom?

Pete McCullough: There are eight one bedroom and the balance is in two bedroom.

Councilmember Smith: And you did put washers and dryers in because I had a couple of the people to call me and that was one of the questions I asked you when you were here two years ago.

Pete McCullough: Yes ma'am, washers and dryers are furnished.

Councilmember Smith: And for the two bedroom, it costs \$615 and \$22 for the cable, is that correct?

Pete McCullough: That is correct.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, how much is your one bedroom?

Pete McCullough: \$499.

Councilmember Smith: \$499. Well, that is a lot higher than it is out on the east side where that one is. Out there it is \$375. I compared after the lady called me. It's \$375 for a one bedroom and \$500 for a two bedroom, so that's quite a bit of difference for senior citizens' housing.

Pete McCullough: Do they have washers and dryers and are they handicap accessible?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Pete McCullough: The ones that I was in that I think you're referring to were not. I went and looked at them.

Councilmember Smith: Well, the ones that I was into was, so, you know, that was my question.

Pete McCullough: We also have carports provided in that at the front door.

Councilmember Hoy: On your rent, what utilities are included in that rent?

Pete McCullough: Water and sewer.

Councilmember Hoy: But they pay their own...

Pete McCullough: Electric and telephone.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, and then they are all electric apartments, is that correct?

Pete McCullough: That is correct.

Councilmember Raben: You had mentioned carports and I know from past experiences and living in apartments, typically carports are not furnished. I mean, I can recall Mission Viejo and Foxfire where you pay \$25 or \$30 a month for a parking spot under a carport.

Pete McCullough: I don't know, I've never lived in an apartment.

Councilmember Raben: With both experiences I had, I had to pay extra for a carport.

Pete McCullough: Actually, the carport, in order to get the land use we wanted, we had to go to a carport. Actually, we could have probably put a garage up cheaper than these carports that we have put up. If you look in the paper under some of the people that



advertises garages, you see them for sale. They're actually cheaper than we can get these put up.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Pete McCullough: Well, we have to keep everything open and clear visibility-wise and for security.

Councilmember Hoy: Everybody gets a carport, correct?

Pete McCullough: That is correct.

Councilmember Hoy: On your employees, you have listed what, two full time?

Pete McCullough: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: And over a five year period you plan to hire two more?

Pete McCullough: That is our intent, yes sir.

Councilmember Hoy: Do you pay any benefits at all to your employees?

Pete McCullough: No.

Councilmember Hoy: No health insurance, no...?

Pete McCullough: No.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

Councilmember Winnecke: For the residents who have been designated as low and moderate income, what are their rents? Are their rents the same?

Pete McCullough: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: And what are you...

Pete McCullough: Actually, some of the competition, the new competition on the north west side that have about the equivalent are running, where it's two bedrooms, two baths, we have one and a half bath, it was running \$749. Our nearest competition on our end of town is running \$749 a month.

Councilmember Sutton: And what do you use to calculate low to moderate income? What–

Pete McCullough: I'll let Carol answer that.

Carol Haller: (Inaudible – comments not made from microphone)

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Is that what – from the figures that you – you guys are using the HUD figures. Okay.

Councilmember Smith: Is that within the HUD's guidelines?

Councilmember Raben: You know, something, Betty, that may, I mean, again, I am for this project. I was for it before and I am still for it. I know a lot of these folks here probably lived in Golden Towers Apartments who have since had to look elsewhere for housing and if you want to be fair in doing comparisons and Pete is an architect and he may – I doubt that he'll disagree with me here, but the project that you are referring to on the east side

now is probably a six or eight year old project at this point. And just from my own experiences through building shops or homes, I've built two homes in the last six or eight years, and my first one that I sold and I thought at the time I was making up a fair profit, it didn't turn out to be that at all because of how much materials had escalated, how much labor had gone up and had he built this project six or eight years ago, he would have had the benefit of the lower costs for labor and lower material costs. So that has everything in the world to do with, I'm sure, how rents are set. So those comparisons are difficult to do because timing is everything in a project like that.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Winnecke? Thank you, Jim.

Councilmember Winnecke: I have a question. I am just going to be blunt here, specifically, how do your residents benefit from you not paying the taxes on the schedule?

Pete McCullough: When the project was in its conceptual stage, we took a full set of plans to the Perry Township Assessor's Office and we said okay, if we built this today which would have been about two years ago, what would the rent, how much would we have to add into our rent cost for the rent if we were paying it that day? And to the best of my recollection, it was in the \$60 per month range.

Councilmember Winnecke: So you're saying your rent range would be, instead of \$499 to \$630, would be roughly \$560 to –

Pete McCullough: We would probably need that, yeah. A project like this is figured very, very close from the standpoint of what is costs to build, what you rent it for, and you have to take all that into consideration, so if you can pull that factor out –

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, now going forward, if this abatement is not granted, to what degree will these residents see increases?

Pete McCullough: Well, you know, I just assumed you were all going to vote yes, but I don't know that answer. We'll just, when the time comes, we would have to, you know, every year we see where our costs are at and if the costs don't go up, the rent wouldn't have to go up. Did I answer your question?

Councilmember Winnecke: You answered it, but that's not the answer I was looking for, but you did answer it.

Councilmember Hoy: I may have missed this because we had some confusion going on when your lawyer took the floor. To what do you attribute the two-year delay?

Pete McCullough: The first year, Mr. Hoy, when we got started, we looked into very seriously into tax exempt bonds and tax credits for this particular area that we're building in. We spent quite a bit of time, we lost about a year on that. Actually, then we also, I think we had to have this tax abatement in place before we could start construction. We couldn't start and then go for it. So I think we waited February to June to make sure that we fell within that guideline and then, of course, the start up just, as construction goes, everything doesn't go quite as quick as you want it to. So that's the reason.

Councilmember Bassemier: We have a motion on the floor, we have a second. Roll call vote please. This will be two readings, this is the first one and if this is approved, the next month on the second if it's approved. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Well, I came up here today and I said I wasn't going to vote for it but these people here, I don't want to make their rent go higher because it's high enough as it is, so I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I have to be consistent. I voted no on the east side and I am going to vote no on the west side because I am not convinced that apartments should get tax abatement, so my vote is no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: I think it's a great looking facility, I've been out there. I think it's difficult for us to vote yes on something when you can't even tell us what the ramifications are for the residents. I'll vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I vote yes. That's three no's and three yes's, so it does not pass. Sorry.

Edward Johnson: Okay. Thank you.

**(Motion fails 3-3/Councilmembers Sutton, Hoy & Winnecke opposed)**

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF COPIES FROM COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS**

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman? We got a letter in our packet today from Charlene about the copies for the County Commissioners' meetings. I think, and I looked this up after I got up here this afternoon, that is in her job description that she's supposed to distribute the copies.

Suzanne Crouch: And she will, Mrs. Smith, and she had indicated to the Executive Secretary that if anyone wanted hard copies, paper copies, to let her know.

Councilmember Smith: Well, I think we all do. Now I don't have a computer at home and I get mine in my packet and a lot of times we compare what the Commissioners does to what they ask us for. So I think it's necessary that we have them.

Suzanne Crouch: And you'd like the hard copy. I know we had spoken to a number of the Councilmembers who have the internet and do you all want hard copies, too? Would you like a hard copy of the minutes?

Councilmember Smith: When you say hard copy, what is the hard copy? What comes out is the paper.

Suzanne Crouch: Right, but some of the councilmembers access them through the internet which cuts down on the copying costs, so I am sorry if there was confusion.

Councilmember Smith: That's okay, but I don't have one at home.

Suzanne Crouch: Okay, I am sorry about the confusion.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll just add, I think it's a great addition having the option for accessing the minutes by computer and as the new kid on the block, I don't know how much longer I can keep saying that, but I think it would be great if the County Council had its own website, had access to – it's just one tool to provide greater access to making

government more accessible to the public. I think all the offices that are on the internet have a website. It's great, so I think Council should look very closely at that as well.

Sandie Deig: If you honor the request in about a month, you'll have it.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, as well, I kind of like the ability to receive it electronically. I talked with Teri today about that, so I've got enough paper at my house. This is a little bit less that I have to manage.

Councilmember Hoy: You're going to leave the minutes on there?

Suzanne Crouch: They currently are on from October '98 and they'll continue to go forward. It's our intent to actually try to go back and put back minutes on also.

Councilmember Hoy: But my question, you've answered my question, is I think we can reference those past minutes and find them.

Suzanne Crouch: That's correct.

Councilmember Hoy: I thought you were getting ready to adjourn, I have one comment.

Councilmember Bassemier: I have a comment, but I was giving everybody a chance or anybody out there, I –

Sandie Deig: Councilman Wortman told me last night that he would like to have a hard copy, too.

Councilmember Sutton: You know, Councilman Wortman probably doesn't even have a telephone yet. He's still trying to tap into Betty Lou or whoever down at the – one of the old rotary things, trying to call the operator.

Councilmember Hoy: He's frugal. I just have a comment. Councilman Bassemier, I think you've done very well today. We've had a lot of difficult things and you've handled the meeting well and I wanted to give you a compliment on that, sir.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you.

Councilmember Smith: You've done a good job.

Councilmember Sutton: Putting those plugs in for next year.

Councilmember Smith: Motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

**(Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.)**

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Curt Wortman

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Vice President Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Phil Hoy

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Councilmember Lloyd Winnecke

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**APRIL 5, 2000**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2000 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by County Council President Curt Wortman.

President Wortman: The Vanderburgh County Council is now in session this April the 5<sup>th</sup>, 2000 and we’ve got a pretty good sized agenda today and we want to keep moving because Area Plan has a scheduled meeting actually at 6:00 always following the Council meeting, but today they have a cellular tower discussion so that’s at five, so we want to keep moving and keep our remarks to the point if we can, possibly, and still want to cover everything. So hopefully, this will be it. So with that in mind we’ll have a roll call by the secretary please.

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

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton had other commitments, I think, and he won’t be here today, so if we’d all stand and have the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, please.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**MARCH 1, 2000**

President Wortman: I’ll entertain a motion for the approval of the minutes from the March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000. Do I hear a motion?

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy and do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion on those? If not, all those in favor raise your right hand please. One, two, three, four, five, six. Thank you.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

**SHERIFF**

President Wortman: Next on there, we’ll start right in to the Appropriation Ordinance and the first on the agenda is the Vanderburgh County Sheriff.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I will move approval of 1050-2640 in the

amount of \$40,000.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Motion and a second. Now how about discussion? Don't hear none so 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-2640	NARCOTICS	40,000.00	40,000.00
TOTAL		40,000.00	40,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Wortman: To those who might wonder why we went so fast here is because this was rehearsed here last week. So anybody in attendance out there, that's the reason we do it.

**CORONER**

President Wortman: Okay, the next one, Mr. Raben. Would you take the next one please?

Councilmember Hoy: This is opening night.

Councilmember Raben: Next is the County Coroner 1070-3130 Travel/Mileage in the amount of \$4,500 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 Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1070-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	4,500.00	4,500.00
TOTAL		4,500.00	4,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS

President Wortman: Okay, next, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Next would be Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals and I'll move approval of 1091-3370 in the amount of \$2,700.

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 Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?



President Wortman: Yes.

PROP. TAX ASSMT. BD. OF APPEALS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1091-3370	COMPUTER (Data Mgmt)	2,700.00	2,700.00
TOTAL		2,700.00	2,700.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben, County Commissioners.

Councilmember Raben: County Commissioners, 1300-3471 and 1300-3530 for a grand total of \$33,700.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion? No 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3471	ABSTRACTS	30,500.00	30,500.00
1300-3530	CONTRACTUAL SVCS.	3,200.00	3,200.00
TOTAL		33,700.00	33,700.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of 1310-4120 Buildings in the amount of \$7,400.

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 Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1310-4120	BUILDINGS	7,400.00	7,400.00
TOTAL		7,400.00	7,400.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Next we have Community Corrections 1361-3550 in the amount of \$20,000 and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, any discussion? Got a motion and a second. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1361-3550	REPAIRS TO BLDG/GRNDS	50,000.00	20,000.00
TOTAL		50,000.00	20,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**BURDETTE PARK**

President Wortman: Okay, next, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Burdette Park: lines 1450-1850, 1450-1900, 1450-1910 for a grand total of \$31,600 and I will 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 Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1450-1850	UNION OVERTIME	27,200.00	27,200.00
1450-1900	FICA	2,085.00	2,085.00

1450-1910	PERF	2,315.00	2,315.00
TOTAL		31,600.00	31,600.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

COUNTY COUNCIL

President Wortman: Next on the agenda, County Council.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 1480-1900, 1480-1910, 1480-1911, 1480-3550 all items as they appear and I'll make that in the form of a motion, for a grand total of \$15,810.

President Wortman: Do I have a 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-1900	FICA	3,825.00	3,825.00
1480-1910	PERF	2,200.00	2,200.00
1480-1911	SHERIFF'S RETIREMENT	2,085.00	2,085.00
1480-3550	REPAIR TO BLDG & GRNDS	7,700.00	7,700.00
TOTAL		15,810.00	15,810.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

COUNTY HIGHWAY

President Wortman: Okay, proceed to the County Highway.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 2010-1910 and 2010-1900 for a grand total of \$2,294. I'll 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 Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2010-1910	PERF	1,018.00	1,018.00
2010-1900	FICA	1,276.00	1,276.00
TOTAL		2,294.00	2,294.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

### **CUMULATIVE BRIDGE (TWO REQUESTS)**

President Wortman: The next on the agenda there, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Next would be Cum Bridge and we have 2030-1170-2030, 2030-1180-2030, 2030-1910, 2030-1900 for a total of \$1,811. If you will turn to the next page, 2030-1910 and 2030-1900 for a total of \$393, and that is in a motion.

President Wortman: And we got 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 Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-1170-2030	LABORER <i>Per Union contract position upgraded to</i> TRUCK DRIVER	779.00	779.00
2030-1180-2030	LABORER <i>Per Union contract position upgraded to</i> TRUCK DRIVER	779.00	779.00
2030-1910	PERF	133.00	133.00
2030-1900	FICA	120.00	120.00
TOTAL		1,811.00	1,811.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-1910	PERF	175.00	175.00
2030-1900	FICA	218.00	218.00
TOTAL		393.00	393.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CCD/COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

President Wortman: Okay, now Commissioners/CCD Fund, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 2031-1300-4191 in the amount of \$62,000 and I 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 Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2031-1300-4191	JAIL IMPROVEMENT	62,000.00	62,000.00
TOTAL		62,000.00	62,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<b>GENERAL FUND REPEAL REQUESTS</b>
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**PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS**

President Wortman: Okay, that completes the appropriations, I think. So we'll proceed with the Transfers, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, do we have the County Assessor here?

Khris Seger: I'm Khris Seger with the Board of Appeals. I work in Ms. Musgrave's Office. She was unable to be here this afternoon.

Councilmember Raben: Khris, I know I, myself, and several others have a lot of questions. I was hoping that Cheryl would be here. I hate to put you in the hot seat, but again, not only just speaking for myself but several others, the per diem rates that have been requested seem somewhat high, to say the least, or unreasonable, and at this time there's too many other various boards in the county where the per diem rate is much less and I think we're really opening up a can of worms if we set these figures in at the requested figures and that's my view on it and I know there's several others that have questions and comments. I'll turn the mike over.

Councilmember Smith: It hasn't been too long ago when we increased that from \$30 or \$35 to \$50 and now she's asking for \$75 and \$150 and I think we should leave it at the \$50 and the two employees at \$8 and – there is three part-time employees, you're going to leave the third one at \$7 and the other two at \$8, is that what you propose to do?

Khris Seger: I really can't comment. I am not sure, I am sorry.

Councilmember Smith: Well, I think they all should be the same. They're part-time employees.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, what I'd like to do today – we can't really defer, we need to take final action at this meeting, so I am going to move that we set this request 1091-1180 in at zero.

President Wortman: Okay, got a motion to the effect –

Councilmember Smith: I'm sorry, I didn't hear what he said. What did you say you were

setting it in at?

Councilmember Raben: Zero.

Councilmember Smith: Zero, then I'll second it.

Councilmember Bassemier: Read off that number, Jim. I am a little lost here.

Councilmember Raben: Ed, it's under General Fund Repeals, it's Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals.

Councilmember Bassemier: 1091-1180?

Councilmember Raben: Right, set that figure in at zero.

Councilmember Bassemier: And could you repeat again why you are putting it in at zero?

Councilmember Raben: Well, there's a lot of unanswered questions at this time and I am speaking for myself and maybe a few others, but Ed, I am not comfortable with setting those figures in at those higher rates without speaking first to the Assessor and finding out if there's some untold story that I don't know about. But the main intent in setting it in at zero is this is a final action meeting. We need to set it in at something.

(Inaudible)

Councilmember Raben: Well, she'll still have to come back. She'll have to refile.

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

Councilmember Raben: It works out the same, she just simply refiles it before the –

Khris Seger: If I could make a quick comment.

Councilmember Hoy: It's a repeal.

Khris Seger: Correct. It's my understanding that that is to remove the money from that line item and to place it in the line item that you approved earlier in the appropriation.

Councilmember Hoy: The appropriation was to a computer, was it not?

Khris Seger: Correct.

Councilmember Hoy: And this \$2,700 is the repeal so that money is –

Khris Seger: Available, I believe.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so this line does not have anything to do with the request for increasing the per diem rates?

Khris Seger: No.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I guess it wouldn't. Okay, Betty, I am going to withdraw that motion. Are you clear on it?

President Wortman: Alright, Miss Smith withdraws hers first and then you, Mr. Raben, withdrew yours.

Councilmember Raben: And I am going to make a motion to approve 1091-1180 in the amount of \$2,700.



President Wortman: Okay, the motion is on the floor and –

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: – for \$2,700. And then we got a second, Mr. Bassemier. Any discussion, Mr. Hoy? No? Okay. If no discussion, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: No. So it passes one, two, three, four to two.

PROPERTY TAX ASSMT. BD. OF APPEALS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1091-1180	PER DIEM	2,700.00	2,700.00
TOTAL		2,700.00	2,700.00

(Motion carried 4-2/Councilmembers Smith and Wortman opposed)

Khris Seger: Thank you.

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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**CORONER**

President Wortman: Okay, next, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next is transfers and is the County Coroner here today? Oh okay. Well, I might – I may have called you up too soon. I might save my questions for further on when we get into the salary ordinance. No, let’s handle it right now. What you’re asking to do is you have cancelled a maintenance contract.

Annie Groves: Correct.

Councilmember Raben: And you’re wanting to hire a part-time person. The county has been very firm in that for part-time help we don’t exceed eight dollars per hour on general fund employees and your request is for nine. My concern is in doing so, we’re opening up a can of worms. Again, we’re not consistent with the stance that we’ve taken with other departments.

Annie Groves: Let me get my other piece of paper and I'll address that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Annie Groves: The maintenance agreement that we had was for \$8,800. We went with the lowest bid and it did not work out because they could not find anyone that would clean our facility. So we went ahead and terminated that contract. The next closest bids that we have are between \$12,000 and \$18,000 a year to clean the facility. We would like a part-time employee for nine dollars an hour for about 15 hours a week and we would still be saving about \$5,000 a year out of that line item if we could have the part-time employee. It's kind of hard to find someone to clean our facility. That's what happened with the maintenance contract that we had. They couldn't keep people. It's not just your normal vacuuming and – we also ask for them to clean our pathology area.

President Wortman: In other words, it's a bloody mess.

Annie Groves: Plus other matters.

Councilmember Raben: I don't know what everybody else's views are on that. I mean, I am open for suggestions here.

Annie Groves: The insurance company pays \$100 an hour for crime scene cleanup, so I think nine dollars is pretty cheap.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, I don't disagree with that it's probably not worthy of nine dollars an hour, it's just we're setting a precedent here on other departments or other offices, so it's probably much more than that to be honest with you, but we have to cover our own selves too, when we make an appropriation like this. What's – somebody share with me what you are thinking here.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got a comment? Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No, I don't have any problem with nine dollars an hour. I wouldn't do it for nine dollars an hour. I know each department that has come before us, like she said, it's pretty reasonable to her and she's checked out other companies, so if we don't approve nine dollars an hour she can't get anybody for eight dollars an hour, so who is going to clean it?

Councilmember Hoy: The contract that you had was with a professional cleaning service?

Annie Groves: Correct.

Councilmember Hoy: And we were paying?

Annie Groves: What we paid –

Councilmember Hoy: Run that by me again.

Annie Groves: We had a contract with them for \$8,800 a year and what they did was they came in two times a week. One time a week they cleaned the front and one time a week they cleaned the back. Cleaning the front was no problem it was cleaning the back where our problems came in.

Councilmember Smith: Ann, do you think – what are they going to work, three hours a night? Is that what you're asking now?

Annie Groves: We're going to ask for them to work 15 hours a week.

Councilmember Smith: If they were coming in twice a week before and you got 15 hours, that figures out three hours a night.

Annie Groves: Yeah, or what we might do is have them come in five hours one day. We want to kind of keep it towards our schedule.

Councilmember Smith: And I have to agree with Jim because we've stuck to eight dollars. The problem is that we've stuck to eight dollars with people that are working in the court system and whatever, and they might frown upon somebody cleaning and making more money. I don't know how that will be.

Annie Groves: We'll probably go back to we can't get anyone and have to go back – try to go back to a contract that will cost quite a bit more.

Councilmember Bassemier: And end up more.

Annie Groves: Quite a bit more. This is already a \$5,000 a year savings at nine dollars an hour.

Councilmember Smith: Then do you propose to repeal the \$4,274.04 that's left over in that account because you won't need that in that account?

Annie Groves: Yeah, we probably will because we also have other maintenance that we have to do. We have the generator that's under a maintenance contract, we have the X-ray equipment that's under the maintenance contract. We have –

Councilmember Smith: Wasn't that a separate amount that we had for contracts?

Annie Groves: No, this was just – last year this was an additional appropriation into our maintenance account.

Councilmember Smith: Maintenance contract.

Councilmember Raben: Well, again, I certainly wouldn't argue the rate for what they're doing and under the conditions they are doing it, but again, this body does understand that we're going to have a whole lot of other offices or departments up here crying wolf and wanting to increase their part-time cap that we've set. So...

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President? When you had the contract, approximately how many hours were they working or do you know?

Annie Groves: What they were supposed to do and what they did are two different things. What we found that they were doing is once they got to the back they would pick up the trash, walk out our back garage door, get in their car and leave.

Councilmember Hoy: So you really weren't getting the place cleaned?

Annie Groves: No, they were doing nothing. We did consult with the county attorney before we terminated this contract and he agreed that they weren't providing us the service.

Councilmember Hoy: Could you not contract with this person? Is that a possibility?

Annie Groves: Yes, is it.

Councilmember Hoy: I would feel more comfortable with a contract. I think that might get us around this.

Annie Groves: When we asked for this last year, it was said that we were going to go ahead with the lowest at that particular time, the lowest quote. The Council said we'll do that, we'll take a try and see attitude. The next quote to them was about \$7,000 to \$8,000 a year more.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I am your liaison, as you know, and I've made a lot of visits over there and –

Annie Groves: We don't have a problem with the contract, it's just we had such a problem with our last one that we really felt we weren't getting our services.

Councilmember Raben: Right, I can see their view on that. If they are there three hours and you're present, you know you're getting at least three hours worth of work out of them.

Annie Groves: And they also were just doing strictly cleaning. I don't know if you are aware of this, but we do about forty loads of laundry a week also. We thought with a part-time person they could kind of help out with the laundry load also.

Councilmember Winnecke: What has been done to try find someone at eight dollars an hour? I assume the nine dollars –

Annie Groves: We're not going to sit here and guarantee you we can find someone for nine. You know, we're kind of hoping...Actually, what we did was we took the figure of \$150 a week and divided that into how many hours it would be helpful to have someone there. That's what we were previously paying was \$150 a week plus an additional thousand dollars twice a year to do a really good general cleaning. Another thing that we did is I called about four or five of the cleaning services here in town and asked what their hourly rates were.

Councilmember Winnecke: What was that range?

Annie Groves: The –

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, should this – I am sorry.

Councilmember Winnecke: What was that salary range?

Annie Groves: That range was from minimum wage to \$25 a hour depending on what they were doing.

Councilmember Bassemier: I was just going to say, Sandie pointed out to us that this probably should be in the 1990 account, the part-time help if it's passed instead of a salary account.

Councilmember Raben: We're questioning the transfer right now and we can establish that line item during the amendments. That needs to be done now?

(Inaudible)

Councilmember Raben: The point he's making is the 1990 account is for part-time help so even if we grant this transfer, we need to change this account number. But we can talk this thing to death. We need to set in something because we've got to get this meeting moving. But for right now we can either zero it out and let them come back next month for further discussion or we can set it in and we can set the rate at eight dollars an hour for today.

Councilmember Smith: Is that your motion?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, well, is there any more questions?

Councilmember Hoy: Why could you not just leave this as it is in the maintenance contract and strike a maintenance contract with this same person? And then if you are getting your money's worth rather than putting this person into a wage account.

Annie Groves: Well, one of the reasons we thought we would like to go ahead with the

part-time employee so we can control what they actually do instead of a contractor. What happened with the contractor is that we had the contract, they didn't fulfill the contract, we had to cancel the contract, we had nobody. This way, if we do have the part-time employee, hopefully we can control what they do. And it's also, it would become one of our employees that we would feel comfortable if something came up on weekends and they would need to come down and maybe clean or something and help out.

Councilmember Smith: Phil, the county attorney has already terminated that contract so the money is just laying there.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I am just thinking that it would be a way for us to avoid this dilemma, wouldn't use any more money. The contract, and I can't compare the contracts that I have at my place with yours, except that we do make demands on them to get our money's worth and I hear what Mr. Raben is saying. I have no problem with nine dollars an hour, the problem is we'll have 15 other offices in here saying well, you know, as Mrs. Smith said, we'll have them in here saying well, we've got this skilled person, they're worth nine, and they probably are.

Annie Groves: We don't have a problem trying another contractor but you're not going to get them for nine dollars an hour. You're going to be paying between the \$12,000 and \$18,000.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I am going to make a move here and we'll address the hourly later on in the meeting, but I want to make a motion that we approve from account 1070-3540 \$7,020 to be transferred to account 1990 in the amount of \$7,020.

Councilmember Smith: I second that.

President Wortman: Now, everybody understand the transfer motion? Okay, if everybody understands, does that agree with you? Okay, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1070-3540	MAINT. CONTRACT	7,020.00	7,020.00
TO: 1070-1990	EXTRA HELP	7,020.00	7,020.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, ma'am.

**UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR  
COUNTY HIGHWAY  
WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

Councilmember Raben: Next on the agenda, we have a transfer for Union Township Assessor in the amount of \$50, Veterans Services in the amount of \$1,495 –

President Wortman: That was withdrawn, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, that's correct. County Highway in the amount of \$2,000. I am going to lump those two together and make those in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and a second. Any discussion? Now that didn't include Superior Court did it, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: Well, there is a late transfer.

President Wortman: And Weights and Measures. We want to keep Superior Court out of it because we have two speakers here that's going to –

Councilmember Raben: No, that just includes those two.

President Wortman: Excluding Superior Court.

Councilmember Raben: It just included County Highway and Union Township.

President Wortman: Just them two, okay. Do you want to take Weights and Measures and put that in there?

Councilmember Raben: I can. I'll amend my motion to also include Weights and Measures and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Now, got a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Miss Smith, okay. No discussion? Okay, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1170-3310	TRAINING	50.00	50.00
TO: 1170-3410	PRINTING	50.00	50.00

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2010-3410	PRINTING	2,000.00	2,000.00
TO: 2010-3370	COMPUTER (Data Mgmt)	2,000.00	2,000.00

WEIGHTS & MEASURES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1302-3540	MAINT. CONTRACTS	400.00	400.00
1302-3160	RADIO/PAGERS	37.38	37.38
1302-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	957.19	957.19
TO: 1302-4250	MISC. EQUIPMENT	1,000.00	1,000.00
1302-3520	EQUIP. REPAIR	394.57	394.57

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

President Wortman: Now then, Superior Court. And before you make that, I'd like for Judge Bowers to come up and Mr. Levco and Judge Tornatta, three distinguished gentlemen.

Scott Bowers: Good afternoon.

President Wortman: You can proceed, Judge Bowers.

Scott Bowers: Yes sir. I am here for two purposes. One was in regard to the request for transfer, I'll address that first, and then Ms. Deig's memo in regard to giving a report on inter-agency cooperation and Judge Tornatta has also come in regard to that. First in regard to the transfer, have all of you received the memo from the public defender, Mr. Dodd? My comment would be that there will be no net fiscal impact from this and in fact we get a little extra lawyering out of it for the same dollars. Mr. Dodd will go on partial leave of absence to attend to a capital case in Gibson County at request of Judge Palmer. He will be replaced temporarily for his salary only by Connor O'Daniel who has recently left the Prosecutor's Office and is experienced in the criminal law. Mr. Dodd will continue to receive the benefits paid through the account originally and in return for those benefits he will be processing certain cases which are referred to in detail in his memo which would be difficult to hand off to another counsel on short notice. I think that includes either one or two murders or attempted murders and some other cases of some sensitivity and difficulty. That's my summary of the nature and need for the request and the fiscal impact. Does any member of the Council have any questions or comments?

President Wortman: Okay, anybody got any questions for Judge Bowers?

Councilmember Raben: This pertains to the transfer or just the update as well? Okay.

Scott Bowers: I was speaking only in regard to the transfer at this point.

Councilmember Smith: Judge, there was a question about the replacement; Sandie was telling me that the person that they were going to put in, the Temporary Replacement, wanted their PERF and on temporary jobs they don't take out PERF for them, so I didn't know whether you were aware of that or not, because they had called Sandie and Sandie told them – the Auditor's Office called.

Scott Bowers: I have no –

Councilmember Smith: There's no PERF for part-time people.

Scott Bowers: Okay, if it's not possible for part-time people then obviously that can't be part of our request.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

Scott Bowers: I was not aware of that, to answer your question.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody got any questions for Judge Bowers? Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll move approval of the transfer from account 1370-1730 to 1370-1970 in the amount of \$21,195.

Councilmember Smith: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1370-1730-1370	PUBLIC DEFENDER	21,195.00	21,195.00
TO: 1370-1970	TEMP. REPLACEMENT	21,195.00	21,195.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Wortman: Okay, now Judge Bowers, do you want to proceed with your –



Scott Bowers: I would be happy to. Thank you for your invitation and opportunity to speak to you. As I understood from the memo, your interest was primarily what inter-agency initiatives had the court been making in regard to overall efficiency, but most particularly in regard to the impact of the felony caseload on the jail situation. Is my understanding of your inquiry correct? Okay. What I would like to do is I have three basic parts I'd like to address on this topic. First, I'd like to outline what initiatives we have taken, second I'd like to just tell you a little bit about, that is by initiatives, what major institutional arrangements we've made. Then I would like to tell you some specifics about what we've done just recently and will be doing very recently and then finally I'd like to tell you a little bit about what the results have been so far and I'll try to be as concise as possible. In terms of our inter-agency initiatives, the judges have been in much greater contact with the Council and Commissioners, as you are obviously aware. We have begun, we began these actually in December of last year, felony process meetings. These meetings have been expanded to include key members of the court, the public defenders who handle felonies in Superior Court, Judge Heldt attends, the Sheriff's Department has been represented most helpfully by Chief Williams, the president of the Evansville Area Defense Lawyers Association, Mark Foster, joined us at our most recent meeting because we felt that it was important to have the private bar represented as well as public defenders. We are meeting on a regular basis. Our last meeting was on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March, our next meeting will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April. So that is an institutionalized, regularized mode of conduct between the affected judicial agencies so that we can improve our communication. I'll talk a little bit more about the specifics of what we've accomplished in a moment, but I am outlining at this point only the nature of the conduct. We've also had numerous other meetings with the Sheriff's Department. Most particularly we had a meeting in which we were attempting to integrate the databases so that the jail list could be used as a way of accessing the court documents so that, you are all familiar with the jail list? That's that long list that tells you who is in the jail and how long. Well, we are going to fix that – not me – but Mr. VanCleave and the SCT folks and Eric, so that if you have the opportunity to access it, then you can get from that list to the docket so we can see what lawyers are having a disproportionate number of people in the jail. We can see the docket sheet immediately. We can then – and just get back and forth. This is going to help a great deal and I will outline a little bit more in the result section how that will help.

Councilmember Smith: When are you going to start the special courts that we talked about quite a while ago or last month, I think it was.

Scott Bowers: We're already doing that.

Councilmember Smith: Oh, you're already doing that.

Scott Bowers: I'll get to that in a minute. In regard to other contacts with the Sheriff's Department, we've had great communication with the Sheriff's Department and in fact I had a meeting that involved the Sheriff just today touching upon jail related issues. He's been very accessible and I am most appreciative. The Prosecutor and I met this morning and he has made his staff available and made it clear to them that they should be cooperative and communicate with us and I want to thank him for that effort. We've got more communication and better communication between the judges. Judge Heldt attends the felony process meetings as I mentioned and he attends all of our judges' meetings, the Superior Court judges' meetings, that involve felony processing and wherever we have common areas of work like probation departments and so on and this has given us an opportunity to learn some of the methods and techniques they use and just improve our communication as judges because his court, frankly, handles more of the felony load than we do. The courts also involved itself in a significant amount of what I will call community outreach. We've been asking for additional resources from the Council and although we understand that the jail question and that kind of financing is entirely a matter for the Council, Commissioners and Sheriff, as interested parties, we felt that we could help by explaining the scope of the need and possible solutions. And as part of that process, the courts participated in a panel discussion at the Rotary that took place on March 7<sup>th</sup>. There is a half-day long meeting with Leadership Evansville, the Sheriff, the Prosecutor and I and some other officials will probably be participating in that for a number of hours, discussing

only the jail. Two of the judges, Judge Trockman and I, spent two and a half hours with the editorial board of the Evansville Courier discussing in great detail our efforts to understand the nature of this problem and to improve the situation. Now in terms of more specific detail and to what we've done, on March 8<sup>th</sup>, all of the judges met with the PMSI staff. On March 16<sup>th</sup>, the Chief Deputy Sheriff, Mr. VanCleave and Mr. Cottun met with me in regard to this database integration which I know sounds desperately dull but will have a tremendous impact in terms of getting prisoners ready for transport. We have had this felony process meeting most recently on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March and as I said, those are now monthly and institutionalized. Today there was a jail related meeting. On the 12<sup>th</sup> of April I have arranged a meeting with members of the Prosecutor's staff and with our most recently hired magistrate to specifically deal with the question of eliminating court entanglements that keep people who have been sentenced here longer than they need to be. So those are some ideas of the specific initiatives that we have taken very recently, we will be taking in the recent future and I will be discussing all of these things in a general meeting of the judges tomorrow night. So those are some specific steps that we're taking. In regard to results, since January, we've had through the felony process meeting, we've followed very carefully the question of availability of police files. This is the best it has ever been. This has been a continuing source of problems and basically it's important because a lawyer cannot advise a client whether to take a plea or to go to trial until and unless the lawyers had a full opportunity to see what the client is faced with, that is, the police investigative file.

President Wortman: Judge, excuse me, we've got to change tapes.

**(Tape changed)**

President Wortman: You're doing fine, thank you. Now resume.

Scott Bowers: And I don't want to hold back anything, on the other hand, I know you're busy and I don't want to over do it.

Councilmember Hoy: We just have a running joke about when the tape is changed and Mr. Sutton is ahead this year so far.

Scott Bowers: Anyway, this felony process meeting has resulted in very substantial improvement in the availability of these police files. I want to thank the Prosecutor's Office for achieving that. This is what the public defenders tell me, so these are the guys who need to get the files and anecdotally I hear the same thing from private attorneys. We have been reviewing the question of what we call holding dates, that is, it's a fast track date. We bring people in five weeks after initial appearance to make sure that they are still staying in contact with their attorney. Early on in the process that is a chance for us to check and make sure that the defense attorney has the discovery that is necessary to price the claim and advise the client and it's also a time when we take pleas and what we've discovered is that in the last three sets of holding dates, approximately 40% of the people who came in for a holding date pled guilty that day, were actually disposed of. So that reduces the number of cases that are pre-tried. We can focus more on what is really going to trial rather than those cases which might be easily disposed of early on. I would like to emphasize, we don't – we have an overall efficiency question here, not just a jail question. And we want to continue to move the cases where the people are on bond because if we don't process those cases and all we focus on are the people who are in the jail, then we'll only try the people in jail after they get frisky enough to get back on bond, after they do enough to get back in jail which is very hard on the public and unfair to the victims of the original cases which result in the client being on bond since the victim is not getting his or her day in court. So that holding date concept has been a very substantial improvement. We have also met with the Sheriff's Department and Circuit Court in regard to attorney communication with clients because that's been a continuing source of complaint by the clients on behalf of the PD's who are pressed for time. But there are some simple physical problems related to attorney communication and the Sheriff's Department has now arranged for sort of an informal drop box where confidential client communications can be left with the Sheriff's Department and passed back and forth to the inmates and counsel and I think that that's

something that can assist in improving relations between the attorneys and their clients which of course makes it easier for the client to have the confidence to follow the attorney's advice. Those are some of the specific results we've got. In regard to physical facilities, we have, just today, gotten the first of the digital recording equipment on line in the Old Courthouse. And we have our court reporters over getting preliminary training this afternoon. We had nine trials scheduled to go this Monday and some way or another they were all resolved. I think a lot of that was because people knew that they would have a courtroom where they could be brought to a conclusion one way or the other. So we are using these new facilities. The senior judges are involved I know about May, Judge Miller is very heavily involved in that and has got his pre-trial set up for this coming Friday. Judge Dietsch has also indicated his availability as has Judge Brune for civil matters to free up a civil judge to do some criminal stuff, so that's for May. In regard to the specifics as to April, Judge Tornatta has come in. He is the division II judge, which is the lead felony judge and he can explain to you the particulars of what's being done on this April's calendar and I had asked him to come in for that purpose. The judges, of course, I have no supervisory authority of any kind over my colleagues, they are all independent officeholders and the division II judge and the division VI judge, who is now a full-time felony judge, that's another important change that we've made, are both working together to process this particular month's cases and those are some of the specific results we've had. I think I had mentioned to you also that we've got a hard, bright-line rule that we set 70 days or less from the initial appearance of the attorney. So we've got the fastest possible trial settings. And those were the main points that I had in regard to inter-agency cooperation and our particular results. Judge Tornatta is here to answer questions about what's happening this month because, frankly, he knows a lot more about that than I do. I would be happy to turn the floor over to him or to answer any questions that you have.

President Wortman: Thank you, Judge, appreciate it, appreciate the progress report. Judge Tornatta, do you have a few words to say?

Robert Tornatta: Yes, just a few. I also want to thank you for the opportunity. Judge Bowers said I was the what, the colonel on the ground this month. That's correct. I want to thank you not only for the opportunity to be here and for your time, I also want to thank you for the court reporter, additional court reporter that you granted and I guess we're on the verge of hiring because this, quite frankly, would not be possible without that court reporter. One of the impediments – I started with Superior Court in 1990, and I don't want to bore you with statistics, actually I started in 1991, but in 1990 there were 29,525 cases in Superior Court. Those are all types of cases. That does not include what Judge Lensing would do, juvenile court, probate court and those types of matters. This is just what the six other elected judges were handling. In 1998 which were the most recent statistics that I had, there were 44,352 cases. Now fortunately we've gotten three more magistrates in that time because we also couldn't do this without adding Terry Maurer that Judge Bowers alluded to. But we also could not make this most significant change and that is now the elected judge, I supervise small claims, but we don't go sit and hear cases there. Our staffs have for the most part not being going in the small claims although they still do a lot of duties for claims but we couldn't do this. And what happened is you would have the division II judge, then you would have the small claims judge would back up the division II judge if, in fact, you had the division II judge's case would be the first case to go, if the second case is ready to go then that judge would come out of claims and he'd hear it. Now there's all kinds of problems with that. A lot of it is the communications between all the offices that we've talked about, the Prosecutor's Office, the two judge's offices, so it's going to be more efficient to have two judges in division II. The two bailiffs work together, the two court reporters, now instead of one court reporter going in every day, which not only because the numbers have gone up so much, but also because of the computer and I still have mixed feelings – I don't know what your feelings are about the computer, but there was an efficiency lag because of the change. It's a whole new game and for a long time I think it took my court reporter, and I have a crackerjack court reporter, she's worked in the Prosecutor's Office and the Superior Court for 25 years, and I would put her up against anybody as far as skills, and she had a difficult time as far as what she could get done in half a day was taking her almost a day. Now she has gotten much better although she told me not to tell you that.

Councilmember Smith: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Robert Tornatta: Mary Clark. But quite frankly, as good as she is, she could not keep up with going in to division II every day with the added numbers that we're throwing in there. So now what we've done is Judge Trockman would have been in small claims this month so I am the lead felony judge, I guess he's backup, but that's what he's doing now and so the court reporters are alternating and sharing the work. Like today, for instance, I should have counted how many cases we had with the holding dates, but we probably had 75 cases, felony cases, minutes have got to be made on every one and the way it worked is I had to, the regular division II calendar, Magistrate Maurer in the backroom with the Prosecutor and with the defense attorneys and the ones that could, we can come in, the client is ordered to be here, but that is a lot of work and the court reporters just share that work. And we could not do that without this extra court reporter and I want to thank you for that. I do want to point out that with these numbers from less than 30,000 to almost 45,000, what we've added is three magistrates, and I could be wrong because I was just thinking about this when Judge Bowers asked me come over, in that time we've added three part-time public defenders which we greatly needed. We added one employee in small claims. There's been an added court reporter in misdemeanor court and we have the new court reporter, so that's six people. And as I said, maybe I've overlooked one or two, I don't think so, but we've also lost two employees because we used to have a mental health clerk which we don't have any more and, quite frankly, we need – the Clerk's Office has taken that on and it works pretty well but when the lady that's assigned to do that is not there, there is some confusion and inefficiencies involved and we also don't have a criminal investigator any more. So we've gained six people, but we've lost two. So we've had a net added four employees, we've had three magistrates, so thank God the magistrates are paid by the state. It would occur to me and I am sure it's occurred to you that – and I don't know whether these people that the County Commissions have hired from Indianapolis – somebody needs to look at all the money that's involved in this and how much money the courts generate because we do generate a lot of money between the filing fees, user fees, fines and costs, etc., etc., and we need to talk to the local legislators and look into the fairness of most of the money we generate goes to the state, the state is paying the majority of Judge Bowers' salary and my salary, they have graciously, because if you look at the judicial case studies we need more judges here and they've given us these magistrates, but you folks, as the county, is paying for all these other employees and I am telling you, it's hard to get much more efficient without more people. And the only way we've been able to do this is obviously, if I have things that go off, and I do, everybody does, I've got to look around and see who needs help and my employees have to do the same thing and I have stressed upon them they have to do that and we've done that. I wanted to say just along the same lines, Judge Bowers alluded to how helpful the Sheriff's Department has been. Until this year I supervised misdemeanor court and in my opinion, we really needed a full-time bailiff in misdemeanor court, but the Sheriff's Deputy that brought prisoners back and forth, and he's a wonderful person, I hope I am not out of line, but Steve Schnell, he, quite frankly, part of his salary should be paid by Superior Court because he's a bailiff and he just does it because he's just a fine person and doesn't care. But that's just what we've had to do. I do want to talk about some other things. I am cautiously optimistic that the changes that Judge Bowers has outlined and I've talked about will help the jail problem and overall efficiencies in criminal court. But I say cautiously because my fear is these numbers, the criminal numbers have been more publicized because of the jail and, quite frankly, we probably need a larger jail. I don't think we need a new jail, I don't even think we need to spend 50 million dollars on a jail, but we do need more beds and I think everybody has worked on that with the 50 new beds at the Corrections Complex. But our civil numbers are up other than divorces. All of our numbers are up and my fear is we're going to have to devote so much of our time and resources to these felonies our civil docket is going to suffer. Now you may say well, the felonies are more important, but that's if, you know, if you have a child custody case, if you have a civil case, you want your day in court. It's hard to tell somebody that. And quite frankly, these civil cases are – sure, you've got the victims, the public is interested and if you would ask what issues, criminal issues are important, but so are civil issues. And Judge O'Connor has raised that point for a long time. Under the old system I was effectively, other than once I sentence somebody that person is mine, so if they have a petition to revoke or something that comes back to me, but other than that,

I wasn't in felony court 12 months out of the year. Under this system I will be because the month before I go in, I've got to be getting ready for the month I'm in, I'm doing them, but the month I am out, I am sentencing. So instead of doing that six months a year because I was in there two months, that equals the six, now I'm in there 12 months a year. And I don't have a problem doing that, but it is going to cause, I think, less attention just because you've only got so much time and the resources and energy to spend. And I think that we need to be careful and we will be. And one of the things that's ironic is even though the divorce numbers are down, I was just on a panel with the bar association to come up with new local rules for divorce court here and the lawyers are demanding more judicial resources for divorce court even though those numbers are down. In 1990 we had 15,052 divorces filed, in 1991 we had 18,045 and last year, I don't have last year, but in 1998 there were 14,032, so those numbers have gone down. Unfortunately, we have put twice as many judges because we used to have a division IV judge and a court administrator, now we have the division IV judge, the court administrator, the magistrates rotate through there. Under these local rules now we're taking yet another magistrate for emergency hearings because the lawyers complained they couldn't get those hearing dates. So those numbers have gone down but I don't know if it's because society is more litigious, I don't know, I wish I had the answer for you and I don't, but I am just trying to say this is the reality.

President Wortman: Well, that's fine. Okay, anybody got any questions for Judge Tornatta—

Robert Tornatta: And I really do appreciate the —

President Wortman: Well, thank you for your time and then the Prosecutor, would you have anything to add to that, Mr. Levco?

Stan Levco: I have about an hour speech I'd like to give on this.

President Wortman: Mercy, mercy!

Stan Levco: I was requested to come here just to — you wanted to know if the judges and I were cooperating and communicating and we are.

President Wortman: Well, that's fine. Anybody got any questions? Well I think that's the name of the game. Everybody cooperates and we get this thing moving because we hate to see them up there and that's fine and I think you're making progress, all of you. So appreciate it. But anyway, thank you, thanks for your time. And now then we'll move on, and thank you, gentlemen, appreciate you coming up here.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, the Sheriff is here. Would you mind coming to the mike for a minute?

Brad Ellsworth: I'll be as brief as Mr. Levco.

Councilmember Hoy: This is a short question, but we want to get it on record, all these efforts are having some effect on the jail. Is that looking better? What is your population and —

Brad Ellsworth: I knew you were going to ask that because I didn't check the numbers before I came up.

Councilmember Hoy: Was it 280 yesterday?

Brad Ellsworth: I was out of town; 280 yesterday. The numbers have come down. In fact, I called the consultant and told them what a good job they were doing because after we signed the contract with them, the numbers started going down so we're pretty excited about that. And Judge Bowers is right, we have been having a lot of different meetings on it, there's a lot of effort in all those areas to try to bring the numbers down. The one thing, I think this is exactly what the judges are saying, everybody is working, got the wheel spinning and working really hard, what I am afraid is that we either can't keep the pace up

with what we're doing or that we get down to a number and everybody takes a sigh of relief and relaxes a little bit and all the sudden we see the numbers creep back up again. It's a little bit of concern I have, but it's still, like we always said, a real good working number for that jail is between 200 and 220, so 280 is still really crowded and hard to manage, but it's certainly not the 425 we had in the fall. But one thing I might say and Mr. Wortman and I talked about this afternoon is I keep hearing this 50 million dollar number come out and I think we really need to – everybody involved needs to kind of step back and not throw numbers. Mr. Raben and I went to a school and they said the last thing you want to do is start estimating. At this point even though we say we probably are going to need a new jail, we don't know what the consultants are going to say. They may say you need five new judges and a whole new staff for that and that do it and not put one dollar into bricks, so I think – you'll never hear me throw out a dollar figure and I think everybody involved should bite their tongue when they're about to say 3 million or 50 million because if we say three, the public will limit us to that and if we say 50, we're going to scare them all to death. So like I said, that's the one thing we were taught, if we learned one thing in our seminar it's don't say dollar figures. But the numbers are certainly more manageable now.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you, Brad. Appreciate it. Okay, we'll go to the next one there, we've got to keep moving, we're getting close here.

Councilmember Raben: That would be the amendments.

<b>AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, first in order would be Burdette Park: Union Overtime line 1450-1850 be set in as the appropriation was previously adopted; Cum Bridge: lines 2030-1170 and 2030-1180 salary lines be set in as previously adopted and the position names be changed from Laborer to Truck Driver. County Assessor: move to approve two part-time employees at the rate of \$8 an hour, and that's the maximum, two part-time employees; Superior Court: Temporary Replacement line 1370-1970 be amended as the transfer was previously adopted and no benefits are allowed for temporary replacement employees; County Coroner: amend the salary ordinance line 1070-1990 as the transfer was previously adopted and set the part-time custodian's salary at \$8 per hour, then set a part-time Deputy Coroner's salary at the rate of \$5.15 per hour. Deputy Coroners are now on 12 hour shifts during the week and 24 hour shifts on weekends. The Prosecutor's Office: move to amend Adult Protective Services grant salary ordinance line 108U-1120 to be classified as a Comot IV. This will be a step down category change as requested by the officeholder. IV-D: move to approve two part-time employees be paid at the rate of \$8 per hour. In the Health Department, I move to approve line LHMF 213.7-1990 and the employee, Sharon King, at the rate of \$9.75 per hour. This is a health state grant and Ms. King has been an existing employee since 1971. I make those in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion on that? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
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**ORDINANCE SETTING COPY FEE CHARGE FOR VANDERBURGH COUNTY OFFICES  
(SECOND READING)**

President Wortman: Now number nine, Old Business, Approval of the Ordinance Setting Copy Fee Charge for Vanderburgh County Offices/Second Reading. I'll take a motion –

Councilmember Smith: Didn't we have a figure on the floor at 25 cents?

President Wortman: I think that's about correct.

Councilmember Smith: Then I make the motion that we set it in at 25 cents per copy.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Motion by Mrs. Smith and Mr. Hoy has got a second. Any discussion on that? Call the roll please.

Councilmember Raben: At the rate of 25 cents per copy?

Councilmember Smith: The Records Office and the Clerk's Office get a dollar and I think the Auditor's Office is getting 35, aren't they? So I would prefer to make it a little bigger, but I think we're stretching it there according to our attorney. So the motion is at 25 cents.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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**PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING HOMESTEAD CREDIT**

President Wortman: And now we go to number ten, New Business, and first on there, in order to meet the state's deadline for adoption, the Income Tax Council made up of the City Council, County Council and the famous Town of Darmstadt will all have to approve an ordinance establishing the percentage credit allowed for the homestead by June 1<sup>st</sup>. I would therefore ask the Auditor's Office to be directed to publish the ad setting the County Council public hearing for May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2000 and that the matter be included on the agenda. Do I have support on that?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

President Wortman: Yes, got a second, okay. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six. Thank you.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION FOR TAX ABATEMENT/CINTAS CORPORATION  
LOCATED AT 7233 ENTERPRISE CIRCLE**

President Wortman: Now we'll move right on to A, Preliminary Resolution for the Vanderburgh County Council /Property Tax Abatement for Property Located at 7233 Enterprise Circle/Cintas Corporation. John Stratman, are you going to take it?

Mike Robling: Cintas has applied for tax abatement for this site in the Enterprise Industrial Park. It's located east of I-164 and south of Morgan Avenue just outside of the Burkhardt Road TIF area. Cintas is essentially a uniform company and they bought out Mechanics Laundry here locally and will be consolidating several facilities into this new site location. The facility will include an industrial laundry, garment repair and sorting, include general administrative and sales offices as well as a base of operations for deliveries. They plan to build a 52,000 square foot industrial laundry building at a projected cost of almost 3.6 million dollars and will spend a little over \$400,000 for the land. The land that they are seeking is apparently low and will be required to have about three feet of fill to make it buildable. They currently have 20 full-time employees and plan to hire ten new employees upon completion of the new facility. For a five year period they plan to hire an additional ten to fifteen new employees. Their average hourly wage rate for current employees is \$7.25 with a range of \$6.75 to \$8.00 an hour. They plan to hire the new employees at the \$7.25 average. They provide health insurance, sick leave, 401(k), stock sharing and profit sharing for their employees and have an affirmative action plan. The department is making no recommendation on this application and as you are aware, there is an individual from the company here if you have any questions of them.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody got any questions for Mike Robling?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, I'd like to ask about the health insurance if that is paid by the company and what proportion is paid by the employee and what proportion by the –

John Stratman: It's all paid by the company.



President Wortman: Would you step forward, Mr. Stratman, and state your name for the microphone please so we've got it for the record?

John Stratman: My name is John Stratman and I am with Cintas Corporation representing the general manager, Eric Brenner. I am the (inaudible) engineer responsible for this project. The benefit is paid for by the corporation.

Councilmember Hoy: That's on the employee only and on the family –

John Stratman: The first year it's the employee only and after that we pick it up for the family.

Councilmember Hoy: For the family. Thank you. Your 401(k) is how much? Is that paid by the company also?

John Stratman: We match up to I believe it's 20% of what the employee puts in and profit sharing and stock options are without any submission by the employee. It's just based on your length of time there and also your wage.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay he's got a picture there. He wants to just show it and just kind of –

John Stratman: This is the rendering that we have for the new building. Again, as Mike indicated, we're in the industrial laundry business. All of the trucks, just to give you a little background, all of the trucks will be washed each day. We have a drive-thru where the trucks are brought inside and they're washed and unloaded and then loaded with the clean garments. It is, without a doubt, a state of the art facility, probably be one of the best in the state of Indiana. We use all the modern technology and, in fact, we push our suppliers and vendors to come up with new ideas. We will be consolidating as Mike indicated, several of the operations going all the way down from Hopkinsville in Kentucky and potentially up north of Terre Haute to bring in to this facility.

President Wortman: Okay, has anybody got any questions any more? If not, I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Then some of your employee increase will be jobs lost somewhere else or transferred here? Is that...

John Stratman: Quite possibly, yes. It wouldn't be necessarily transfers, we would hire locally. Unfortunately, because of the wage rate, we would not transfer some of our general laborers from Terre Haute. We would have a branch that we would ship the stuff up to, to be distributed.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I guess my question really is that the increase here will be a consolidation increase?

John Stratman: No, he will hire local people.

Councilmember Hoy: I know that but you're going to close out some jobs elsewhere.

John Stratman: Yes, we will, potentially at one plant.

Councilmember Winnecke: I have a couple of questions. First, could you walk us through the employment picture again? How many employees now, how many will you hire?

John Stratman: We have in the production process, we said in the application about 20, that has since gone up to about 30 just in the last three or four months because I've gotten what we call additional volume in there. With the new facility with the new volume coming in we

anticipate hiring initially at least ten more initially and then over a five year period as we get growth, upwards to 25 additional people.

Councilmember Winnecke: Initially from an engineering standpoint, if you could help us understand what the potential is for development of this land without creating the fill that you talk about in the application.

John Stratman: It's not developable. Right now it is almost exactly at the 100 year flood elevation and the rules are, you have to be two feet above the flood plain, 100 year flood plain to build, so we would have to put at least two feet and on an average close to two and a half to three feet. In our particular case, because of the fact that we have a four foot grade level dock, in other words, the truck can (inaudible) and you can walk right off our floor, we're going to be adding an additional two feet, so we'll be adding five feet of fill onto the site. Insurance and simply the building code here would not allow us to build if we didn't build it up a good two feet. In fact, it will be that way for any of the businesses that locate out there.

Councilmember Hoy: There is provision for dealing with this water that you're going to displace?

John Stratman: Yes, the developer Woodward Commercial Realty has already put in the detention pond. They've expanded the pond that was out there that he built for the west side of the interstate. It was expanded for the east side and all of that will flow into that pond.

Councilmember Winnecke: A couple other questions. What is the company's time line?

John Stratman: As soon as possible. To be up front, we would like to be in the building early January or February of 2001. If you've ever been to our existing facilities, it's brutal to work in there in the summer. I mean, it's terribly brutal and we want to get departments into the new facility. Obviously, we cannot do it this summer, but by next summer. It will be air conditioned, so it will be a good work environment.

Councilmember Winnecke: And I guess the most blunt question I could ask, if this Council turns down the abatement is this facility going to be constructed there?

John Stratman: More than likely, yes. It's not the go/no go decision because we've made the decision to stay in the Evansville area. We want to be a good citizen here, but we would like to get any help that we could from the community.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I have a question for DMD also. What is the purpose for not making a recommendation?

Mike Robling: I just decided to quit that practice. My recommendations were not being taken very seriously I didn't think, anyway, and I was receiving flak from applicants whom I have to deal with in other cases and I would just as soon – it's your decision to make and I would just as soon it be your decision all around.

Councilmember Winnecke: When was that decision made?

Mike Robling: I decided to do that when Leisure Living came back. There was a controversy that came around the first time when I recommended against it and it was approved anyway. But I was the target of a number of letters and so forth because of the stand that I had taken.

Councilmember Winnecke: But as a staff professional, wouldn't it be your area's responsibility to make a recommendation to this body or other bodies?

Mike Robling: Not necessarily.

Councilmember Winnecke: So we should not depend on your office's expertise in these matters in the future?

Mike Robling: The requirements of the act are spelled out in the application. A site theoretically is supposed to meet the same requirements as those for a redevelopment area as being undevelopable by normal means, which a site that needs three foot of fill would probably meet that requirement. We had one last year that had this same kind of site requirements that was approved preliminarily and turned down in the final or that is due to, the other part of the statutory definition relates to obsolescence of buildings and or equipment, the need to maintain profitability due to those kind of things. Those factors have been mentioned in the past and overlooked primarily because you're looking for jobs and high salaries and I just decided to pass on these last couple.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any questions?

Councilmember Smith: How many trucks did you say you'd probably have when you're –

John Stratman: We have right now 18 what we call routes locally.

Councilmember Smith: That you're going to have locally.

John Stratman: Locally. And then we have at least one and more than likely two semi trucks that will go from here to Terre Haute to take care of their product up there.

Councilmember Smith: Well, I have a question, I see the president of the Teamsters over there. Are they union men?

John Stratman: No, we are a non-union facility.

President Wortman: Okay, Chuck, you want to say a few words?

Chuck Whobrey: My name is Chuck Whobrey. I am president of Teamsters Local 215. They are partially union. Cintas is a union busting outfit. We represented Mechanics Laundry for about 30 years and have had contracts in this area for that length of time and had good labor relations. Cintas bought Mechanics approximately two years ago. About six to nine months ago Cintas, they'd operated a union operation here and they built up their non-union operation, they announced to us they were going to merge them and they were going to disregard the contract even though there is three years to go on that contract. That's the subject of board, National Labor Relations Board charges that we have filed and have appealed all the way to Washington, D.C. This merger, there's problems with Cintas all over the state of Indiana in terms of their union busting operations. I would hate to see this county somehow subsidize that sort of behavior in terms of whether or not they are good citizens, whether or not they will continue to pay for people's insurance, whether or not they will provide pension benefits, because that is what we attempt to do through contract negotiations is improve employee's wages, benefits, pensions and Cintas has acted contrary to that in their behavior not just in Indiana, all over the United States.

President Wortman: Thank you. Okay, anybody else got any questions? If not, I'll take a motion to –

Councilmember Smith: I'll second the motion.

President Wortman: Oh, we've got a motion and a second on the floor? Oh, no we don't. Okay, I'll entertain a motion for acceptance of this tax abatement.

Councilmember Smith: I'll accept it to get it on the floor.

President Wortman: She's going to make a motion to put it on the floor. Now I've got to have a second.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Wortman: Jim seconded it. Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Councilmember Hoy: The only discussion I have and you probably have already guessed since I am somewhat Mr. No on tax abatements, but I did call some other supply outfits in town who do the same kind of work, couldn't find one that had ever gotten tax abatement and I have problems, I appreciate your honesty, by the way, about going ahead and building even if we don't grant this because not everybody is that honest with us and that is kind of refreshing to hear, but I have problems giving abatement to a competitive firm coming in when the other firms did not get the same break. It seems an issue of fairness for me. Thank you.

President Wortman: We're going to change tapes. Just a minute everybody.

**(Tape changed)**

President Wortman: Okay, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, it fails. It was one, two, three, four to two. Yeah, four to two it fails. Now then we'll go right into the next. Thank you, gentlemen, for appearing.

**(Motion fails 2-4/Councilmembers Smith, Bassemier, Hoy & Winnecke opposed)**

#### **ORDINANCE/OPERATION OF A PARI-MUTUAL SATELLITE FACILITY**

President Wortman: We'll go into the ordinance operation of a pari-mutual satellite facility. Now I emphasize this is a first reading and for a public hearing. The County Attorney here, Jeff Ahlers, will read that, the ordinance for adoption, so proceed, Mr. Ahlers.

Jeff Ahlers: Thank you, Mr. Wortman. As you said, this is a public hearing on the first reading of this ordinance. The ordinance states as follows:

“WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 4-31-1, pari-mutual wagering on horse races is permitted in the state of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 4-31, the Indiana Horse Racing Commission

may permit pari-mutual wagering on horse races at a Satellite Facility, which is a location other than a horse racetrack; and

WHEREAS, a person, as defined in I.C. 4-31-2-15, may be granted a license to operate a Satellite Facility, as defined in I.C. 4-31-2-20.5, in an Indiana County, such as Vanderburgh; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 4-31-4-2.5(a), the fiscal body of Vanderburgh County may adopt an ordinance permitting the filing of applications under I.C. 4-31-5.5 for the operation of a Satellite Facility in Vanderburgh County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 4-31-4-2.5(b), the fiscal body of Vanderburgh County may require the voters of Vanderburgh County to approve the operation of a Satellite Facility in Vanderburgh County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Vanderburgh County Council as follows:

SECTION 1. Pari-mutual wagering on horse races is permitted in the state of Indiana;

SECTION 2. Pari-mutual wagering on horse races may be conducted at Satellite Facilities;

SECTION 3. A person, as defined in I.C. 4-31-2-15, may operate a Satellite Facility in Vanderburgh County.

SECTION 4. The voters of Vanderburgh County are not required to approve the operation of a Satellite Facility in Vanderburgh County.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after the date that it is adopted by a majority vote of the Vanderburgh County Council."

And then it has signature lines for the Vanderburgh County Council and attest for the Auditor's Office and approval as to form for the County Council Attorney.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Mr. Ahlers. Now, if this passes the second reading will be in May at the first Wednesday of every month, our regular scheduled meeting. So we'll have a presentation now from the gentleman representing this here. Would you step forward and state your name please?

Charlie Hiltunen: Mr. President and members of the Vanderburgh County Council, my name is Charlie Hiltunen and I represent Indianapolis Downs. Today I would like to introduce you to two individuals. The first is Morris Wildey. He is the President of Dittmer Wildey Public Relations. He does our marketing and strategic planning. He'll be giving a presentation and some information on what we would like to see here in Vanderburgh County. Also we would have Mr. Gil Short. He is the Vice President and General Manager of Indianapolis Downs. He will be in charge of all the operations of the facilities and we have him available to answer any questions that you may have and with that I will introduce Morris Wildey.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. Can you state your name and everything and we'll hear from you, sir.

Morris Wildey: Yes, sir. Be happy to, thank you. My name is Morris Wildey. I'm with Dittmer Wildey Public Relations and Marketing, a public relations company in Indianapolis.

President Wortman: Excuse me, could you spell your last name please?

Morris Wildey: Yes, sir. It is W-i-l-d-e-y.

President Wortman: Thank you, appreciate that.

Morris Wildey: Yes, no problem. We are working with Indianapolis Downs in terms of marketing and strategic development of the project. We're before you today because we would like to bring a business to your county that will employ people from your county and your area and we will not ask for a tax abatement. We would like to build a satellite wagering facility here and because of that we are requesting that the ordinance as read that you would pass that. I have with me a packet of information and if I may I would like to pass it out to you. It represents the five minute or so presentation that we have here. Thank you, Charlie.

President Wortman: Anybody want to do any wagering here before we get this?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I'll wager I'm going to win the tape race this year, Mr. President, because I think I am tied with Mr. Sutton now. We're all only temporary, they move those all the time.

Morris Wildey: If you'll turn to page two of the presentation there is a description of Indianapolis Downs. Indianapolis Downs is a company that is planning to build a horse racing facility in Lawrence, Indiana which is suburban Indianapolis on the east side of Indianapolis. Our site is a former drive-in theater which now is, to be quite honest, it's a dilapidated piece of property that the mayor of Lawrence is hoping that our facility will help spur some redevelopment in his city and it's a corridor in Indianapolis or Lawrence that is called the Pendleton Pike Corridor. I don't know if you have heard of that. It's near the former Fort Harrison and the area is a bit run down with Ford pulling out and some other things going on. I only mention that because I think we would be open to working with local people here in Vanderburgh County in terms of finding a site that everyone here could say, you know, there might be an opportunity of a closed grocery store or something like that that we might be able to do the same thing. We would be open to that type of suggestion. Our license when we get it, and I have my fingers crossed there when I say that, our license when we get it will allow us to have four satellite wagering facilities and we plan to have four. Those would be anywhere in the state of Indiana. Obviously, we're before you here today because we would like the opportunity to examine the possibilities of doing it here in Vanderburgh County. The racing that we will do at the track will be standard bred racing, commonly called harness racing. We will request as many racing dates as we can get. The Indiana Horse Racing Commission which regulates us will determine how many we actually get, but our license required us to have at least 120 racing dates. The total cost of our development is approximately \$35 million and that would include the four satellite facilities that we are discussing. On page three I wanted to mention a couple of points to you about the owners of Indianapolis Downs. As you saw on the previous page it's LHT Capital which essentially is Mr. Paul Estridge, Sr. and Mr. Paul Estridge, Jr. Just a couple of points about them. They both are longtime Indiana and Indianapolis business people. Their company, Estridge Companies, build approximately 500 homes a year mostly in central Indiana. Also, I believe they spent a little bit of money in this community. Mr. Estridge, Jr. attended the University of Evansville. Now why are we actually interested in Vanderburgh County? On page four to be quite honest there are two main points. One, obviously we are impressed with the Evansville and Vanderburgh County area. I grew up in southern Indiana myself although it was the other side of the south, and Evansville has always been, as far as I was concerned and, I think, members of our company, a place to be in Indiana. It's major area and it's one that we look forward to the possibility of being a part of. The 300,000 or so people here in the metro area, we like that. We especially like the fact that the people here in this area have a familiarity with horse racing. Perhaps more important to you at this point though is what you may get if we come to your area and on the next page are some reasons for that. I think one of the most important, at least from our standpoint if I lived here, one of the most important things might be the fact that you have people in this area who are familiar with horse racing and at this point they participate by having to go across the state line to Ellis Park and I guess that is fine for Kentucky because Kentucky gets some Vanderburgh County and some other Indiana money. By building our facility here in Vanderburgh County we believe that obviously some money is going to stay home where it should stay home. If people are from here the money should stay here. So that, I think,

is a real big point. As I mentioned before we are not interested in tax abatements. There will be impact from the economic nature of the local taxes that would be coming from us because of our facility in your community. There will be construction jobs, of course. There will be 40 to 50 full-time jobs with wages averaging between \$8 and \$15. Please don't hold us too tightly to that yet, but that is the ranges that we are working – that we are looking at. From looking at some statistics provided from local people in your area I believe those averages are slightly above the averages that are here in your county now for skilled and unskilled labor. Of course there will be spinoff from our facility in terms of the services that we use. That would be here too. We also think that we'll be an amenity for your community that you can help sell. I know conventions here are important in Vanderburgh County and, you know, right now there are only three communities in Indiana have these facilities and each one of them that has it, when I look at their material in terms of how they promote themselves, they all list the fact that they have pari-mutual wagering opportunities. I know from where I'm from, from Indianapolis, the fact that it is there is mentioned in all the convention material and judging from what happened from the NCAA Final Four this weekend when ball games weren't going on the wagering facility in Indianapolis was quite busy. So we do think it is an amenity that could go with your other fine roster of options that you have here now. A final point, I think, to make at this point in the presentation is Indianapolis Downs does indeed want to come and be part of your community. We don't just want to be someone who is an absentee whatever. The people that we hire, we will look here to hire, and that includes our executives. We will be participants in your civic community. We will look for appropriate sponsorships and when appropriate we will look for times to have charity days at the facility. It's just a long way of saying, I guess, if we're able to come here we want to be part of you. On the next page you may be wondering what exactly the facility might look like, how big it might be and some of those items. Imagine – I believe you have Applebee's Restaurants here. Imagine one of those types of restaurants with lots of TVs and lots of wood. That's kind of what our facilities are like. You walk in and it feels as much like a restaurant as it does anything else except once again with lots of TVs. If you look in the back of your packet there are some photos of some facilities that Mr. Short, our Vice President and General Manager, has developed with another company when he was working with them in Virginia. You'll notice that there are both interior shots of a satellite wagering facility and exterior shots of four different wagering facilities that are in Virginia. The exterior shots represent the different types of buildings that can be done. You'll notice one is kind of a very plain type of building and it ranges to one that is kind of an elaborate type of building.

Councilmember Smith: Are we going to have one like it?

Morris Wildey: Well, that, Councilor, is actually our clubhouse and I was going to get to that, but who knows? We will be working with you as to what you might have. The two that I wanted to mention in particular right here is that you'll notice one that kind of looks like a grocery store. Well, that was a closed grocery store and we worked or Mr. Short worked with the people in that community. They had a building that they weren't getting any taxes off of. It was kind of becoming a run down area because of that and we were able to work with them and go into that area. The other building that is similar to that was a closed restaurant so it's that type of thing. The sketches that you mentioned, Councilor, are the artist renderings of what our clubhouse probably will look like. At least something like that in Lawrence. If you want to work with us to make the facility to look something like that here, well, we could be open to that as well. The facility would be roughly 12,000 to 18,000 square feet. We could be, once again, wherever you wanted to be. We would need access to a couple of things though. Obviously, cars that could get to us and we would have to have some access to parking as well, so that would be a couple of parameters that would help us with our determination. On page seven, with our facilities usually wherever we've been there are always a couple of fallacies that come up with our type of business. You here in Vanderburgh County probably know more about these perhaps than we do at this point because you obviously have the riverboat and you know about horse racing, but a couple of them that always come up is that we will create traffic problems. If we have 300 cars that show up on a given day we're going to be real happy. That will be a big crowd for us and obviously those 300 cars are going to be spread out over the spacing of our total day, so there isn't – or there won't be any large traffic jams at all. I'm sure the local high

school basketball games that we all attend when we're at our places at home – I wish this wouldn't be the case, but there will probably be more people at the local high school basketball games than there will be at our facility. Then there is the fallacy of crime. It seems to come up almost every time. I have worked for three organizations who have been involved in building horse tracks. The opponents who always bring this up never once have they been able to document any instances where there has been an actual increase in crime. That's not to say that where there are more people or where there are a crowd of people things don't happen. We're not saying that at all, but what we will say is, and we have to because we will be regulated to do so, there will be security every single minute that we're open at our facility. So it's hard for us at this point to stand before you and say crime will not increase in your area because we're in town. We firmly believe that and I think from the histories that you have with gaming operations you probably already know that. A couple of points before I conclude, and once again we are available for any questions you might have, you may be wondering what is the status of our license at this point. The Indiana Horse Racing Commission is who we go before, the body we go before and attempt to get a license. That body has accepted our application and we are now going through the process, if you will. The process from our standpoint is too long, but probably in terms of the way things have to be done it's a process that has to play itself out. We are optimistic. Once again with my fingers crossed, we are optimistic that we could have a license by this summer. We do have an opponent that is fighting us and it happens to be Churchill. They have a monopoly in Indiana, let's face it, and they'll probably do a lot of things in terms of trying to keep that monopoly, but all indications that we have and especially from our legal representation there is really no reason for us not to get our license and we are extremely optimistic. You may be wondering, well, okay if you're just now going through your licensing process and it takes approximately two years after we get our license to get a facility that is up and running to some extent, it could be shorter than that depending on the construction season, so why are we concerned about this now with you? Well, it also takes approximately the same amount of time to go through the processes in terms of getting a satellite wagering facility sited, so from that standpoint we would like to go hand-in-hand on our satellite facilities as we are with our license so when we are able to open our doors with the track that very same day we can open the doors with our satellite facilities so that's it. We can both obviously benefit as soon as possible by considering what we have to now.

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

Councilmember Winnecke: I have three questions. First, could you give us an idea of what percentage of the operating budget on a year to year basis would be geared to contributions, sponsorships, community events?

Morris Wildey: Unfortunately, I can't at this point. When we can we certainly would give that to you. Part of the reason if not a big part of the reason is the licensing process that we are going through. Churchill is trying a couple of things. One, they are trying to make sure that we don't go in business which they will lose. The second part of what they're trying to do is to make sure that as much revenue as we get they get. They're working very hard at that, so we're not even for sure what our bottom lines are going to be in any area at this point although we are quite confident that as we go through the processes we will be able to operate and be in business.

Councilmember Smith: Are you saying that if you take in so much money here that Churchill Downs in Louisville or Kentucky wants part of our – your money?

Morris Wildey: They–

Councilmember Smith: Or the tax money that goes to the State of Indiana and Vanderburgh County?

Morris Wildey: Yeah, Churchill has, I'm sure as you know here from the riverboat subsidy that goes to the horse racing industry, at this point Churchill is the only business entity that the money has to go to and the state is obviously, at least from our standpoint, subsidized a pretty wealthy organization for a long time so they could do business in Indiana and they



want to make sure that they keep as much of that subsidy as possible.

President Wortman: Yeah, but we're going to change that.

Morris Wildey: We would be all for you, yes.

Councilmember Raben: Can you give us the sum of monies collected that are by the state?

Morris Wildey: For the subsidy?

Councilmember Raben: Right.

Morris Wildey: Mr. Short probably can specifically.

Gil Short: Hi, I'm Gil Short. I'm Vice President and General Manager of Indianapolis Downs. What was your question, sir?

Councilmember Raben: The amount that the state collects on behalf of riverboat gaming? The amount of subsidy that (inaudible, mike not on) receives?

Gil Short: Okay, last year the gross figure that was collected has not been dispersed yet. In 2000 it was \$26 million.

Councilmember Raben: You talk about an issue of fairness.

Gil Short: Right. That's \$26 million and believe it or not next year or the year 2000 I understand there is another riverboat going to be opening up and it is going to be close to \$30 million. Now the Commission did put a cap on what Churchill could receive themselves of that \$26 million and that is \$6 million. It is definitely time for another race track and obviously their company showed a bottom line last year of \$7 million and they don't want another one, but if it doesn't happen I'm sure that riverboat money is going to be diverted into some other areas because one entity cannot receive that much.

President Wortman: Okay. Anybody else? Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I would just like to say with those numbers I'm glad you all decided to come to Evansville. We appreciate that.

Gil Short: Well, we appreciate it and we really like the area.

President Wortman: Yeah, okay.

Gil Short: And we have some influence from our owners.

President Wortman: Alrighty, Mr.--

Councilmember Winnecke: Two other quick questions. Beyond Evansville and Vanderburgh County what other communities are you looking at and where would you rank this community versus -- in an order of opening if you planned to open four satellite facilities?

Gil Short: Well, I can tell you this much, we haven't disclosed to the Commission yet where we're going. We're looking at ten different sites and Vanderburgh County and Warrick County are in the top five.

Councilmember Winnecke: By that you mean one facility?

Gil Short: Yeah, one facility.

Councilmember Winnecke: Right.

Gil Short: This is obviously our first preference. We like this area. We also like New Albany, we also like South Bend. You know, we like a lot of areas.

Councilmember Winnecke: Roughly what would the hours of operation be?

Gil Short: Basically except for a couple historical days it opens at 11:00 in the morning and closes at 11:00 at night.

Councilmember Winnecke: Is it dark any days?

Gil Short: We're dark two days a year and that is Easter and Christmas. We do use – we will have 30 to 40 full-time jobs at the administrative level, meaning the people that run the facility that hopefully we can get out of this area plus we will hire local security, off-duty city and county police, and we are regulated to have 24 hour protection and that is armed protection so we encounter very few problems.

President Wortman: Okay, I think that we're ready. Everybody ready to go and get this through?

Councilmember Smith: I make a motion to approve.

President Wortman: That's fine, I need a second.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any more discussion? If not, call the roll. Let it 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. The representative from the Town of Darmstadt said definitely yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

Gil Short: Thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you. We appreciate you gentlemen and good luck. We'll see you in the future hopefully. The second reading will be next month.

Morris Wildey: Yes, sir. Thank you.

President Wortman: The first Wednesday of every month.

## **HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD ORDINANCE**

President Wortman: Okay, next on the agenda is Human Relations Board ordinance.

Jeff Ahlers: Is this – this is the second reading, isn't it?

Sandie Deig: First.

Jeff Ahlers: First? First reading, okay.

President Wortman: I think if you just hit the highlights of it, Mr. Ahlers, if that's alright with the councilmembers.

Jeff Ahlers: The purpose of this is an ordinance concerning the Human Relations Commission. What this is basically for is the Commission had originally consisted of 13 members and they are wanting in order to make it more manageable, as I understand it, to reduce the number of members on the Commission. What this basically has, as I understand it, no effect on County Council because County Council only had one appointment to the Commission.

Councilmember Smith: Area Plan?

Jeff Ahlers: No, this is the Human Relations Commission. The County Council only had one appointment to the Human Relations Commission when the Commission was larger and now under the reduced size we're still going to get one appointment so for purposes of us it really doesn't change County Council in terms of making their appointment. If you like we can either incorporate this into the record on first reading or if you would like for me to read it aloud I'll be happy to do so.

Councilmember Hoy: Give me the reduction again that they are asking for, Mr. Ahlers.

Jeff Ahlers: I'm sorry?

Councilmember Hoy: They're reducing it from...?

Jeff Ahlers: The Human Relations Commission, what it is doing is it's amending the Commission and so for the first two years the Commission for the years January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2001 the Commission is going to consist of 13 members and then beginning January 1, 2002 the Commission shall consist of 11 members, so they are reducing it by two through that period.

Councilmember Hoy: And this is at their request, right?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I think this all originated from the Mayor and City Council's office and I think the County Commissioners have also had to approve it as well. That's one of those joint city/county agencies.

Councilmember Hoy: Right, but the Human Relations Commission as I understand it is in favor of this.

Jeff Ahlers: I can't speak to that personally because I haven't talked to them. As far as I know I have not heard any negative comments because the only thing being done, as I understand it, was they felt like maybe the organization was a little bit large to manage to get people to show up to meetings and that and it is just a matter of trying to reduce the number of members not its function.

Councilmember Hoy: I move approval of this and then I will comment when I get a second.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Hoy made a motion for approval of that.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second. Okay, now discussion.

Councilmember Hoy: I think the reduction, I'm positive they are in favor of it. I sat on the Commission for ten years and it needs to be reduced. Quorum is a problem and that number is a good number, so I would recommend passage.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? I think the Mayor, and City Council, and Commissioners are downsizing a lot of committees and putting them together too to reduce and make it more efficient. Okay, if that's it call the roll please 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, one more left and that is the April filing date for May meeting is April 14<sup>th</sup> on that. Sandie, send a memo out. So any other business to come before this Council this day? If not I'll entertain a motion for adjournment. Mrs. Smith, got a second? Got a second. All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six. Meeting adjourned.

**(Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.)**

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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President Curt Wortman

Vice President Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Phil Hoy

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Councilmember Lloyd Winnecke

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**MAY 3, 2000**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2000 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:42 p.m. by County Council President Curt Wortman.

President Wortman: We'll proceed right on with the opening of the meeting and have a roll call.

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

President Wortman: Would we all stand and pledge allegiance, please, the audience and the Council?

(Pledge of allegiance was given.)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**APRIL 5, 2000**

President Wortman: Number four will be the approval of the minutes from the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, 2000. Do I have a motion to that?

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

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

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

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

**COUNTY ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Okay, we'll get right into the Appropriation Ordinance and the first on the agenda is the County Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I am going to move approval of 1090-3530 in the amount of \$8,000.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1090-3530	CONTRACTUAL SVCS.	8,000.00	8,000.00
TOTAL		8,000.00	8,000.00

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

## **VOTER REGISTRATION**

President Wortman: Next on the agenda Voter Registration, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of 1220-3370 Computers in the amount of \$2,500.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

VOTER REGISTRATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1220-3370	COMPUTER (Data Mgmt)	2,500.00	2,500.00
TOTAL		2,500.00	2,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AREA PLAN COMMISSION

President Wortman: Next on the agenda, Mr. Raben, is Area Plan Commission.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of 1240-4230 and 1240-4250 in the amount of \$28,500.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.



AREA PLAN COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1240-4230	MOTOR VEHICLES	16,000.00	16,000.00
1240-4250	MISC. EQUIPMENT	12,500.00	12,500.00
TOTAL		28,500.00	28,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

President Wortman: Okay, next will be the County Commissioners, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, 1300-1300-1300, 1300-1900, 1300-1910 for a total request of \$2,547.

President Wortman: Do I have 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-1300-1300	OVERTIME	2,250.00	2,250.00
1300-1900	FICA	173.00	173.00
1300-1910	PERF	124.00	124.00
TOTAL		2,547.00	2,547.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

President Wortman: Next will be the Superintendent of County Buildings. If anyone from the audience wonders why we are going through fast, we had a discussion last Wednesday and that’s why we are proceeding. We hope we thrashed all those things out. So proceed, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Superintendent of County Buildings, 1310-1750, 1310-1900 and 1310-1910 for a total of \$340.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SUPERINTENDENT OF CO. BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1310-1750	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	292.00	292.00
1310-1900	FICA	23.00	23.00
1310-1910	PERF	25.00	25.00
TOTAL		340.00	340.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

President Wortman: Superior Court, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, 1370-1920, there was some discussion on this last week about there being an ample balance in that account for the present time if not for the next several months, so I am going to move that that be set in at zero.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Motion and a second, Mr. Sutton. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-1920	INSURANCE	44,000.00	0.00
TOTAL		44,000.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

THE CENTRE

President Wortman: Now The Centre, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 1440-1750, 1440-1900, 1440-1910 for a total appropriation request of \$4,112.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

THE CENTRE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1440-1750	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	3,540.00	3,540.00
1440-1900	FICA	271.00	271.00
1440-1910	PERF	301.00	301.00
TOTAL		4,112.00	4,112.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COUNCIL

President Wortman: County Council, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 1480-3370 Computer in the amount of \$3,825.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-3370	COMPUTER (Data Mgmt)	3,825.00	3,825.00
TOTAL		3,825.00	3,825.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

911 EMERGENCY FUND

President Wortman: That completes the General Fund requests, now we'll go into the 911 Emergency Fund appropriation request. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Account 3290-3530 Contractual Services in the amount of \$23,000. I'll move approval.

President Wortman: Any 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

911 EMERGENCY FUND		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3290-3530	CONTRACTUAL SVCS.	23,000.00	23,000.00
TOTAL		23,000.00	23,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU  
TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

President Wortman: Now the Convention & Visitors Bureau on the special matching grants. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 3570-3994 Special/Matching Grants in the amount of \$15,000; then I am going to go ahead and take the Capital Development Fund which is 3600-4064, these are the improvements for the 4-H grounds in the amount of \$248,418 and I'll move approval of both lines.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy seconded. That last request going to the great town of Darmstadt, so I thought I'd bring it up. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes. One question, what balance would be left in that Capital Development Fund, Capital Improvement Fund after this request?

President Wortman: State your name please.

Dolli Kight: Dolli Kight with the Convention & Visitors Bureau. I believe it's right around \$750,000. I don't have it in front of me but I'd be happy to get that for you.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: My question is, are they building a pedestrian mall in downtown Darmstadt?

President Wortman: No sir, this improves the road so everybody can get there.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, that completes that. Now then, Legal Aid. Oh, we haven't voted. I am getting in a hurry here. Now then, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Smith: When you mention Darmstadt, he gets so excited he can't even think.

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Poor Darmstadt. Okay, thank you.

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3570-3994	SPECIAL/MATCHING GRANTS	15,000.00	15,000.00
TOTAL		15,000.00	15,000.00

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3600-4064	IMPROVEMENTS GRANT	248,418.00	248,418.00
TOTAL		248,418.00	248,418.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY

President Wortman: Okay, now Legal Aid. We'll get on the right track.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I will move approval of accounts 4290-4210 and 4290-3730 for a grand total of \$13, 000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4290-4210	OFFICE FURNITURE	10,600.00	10,600.00
4290-3730	CONT. EDUCATION	2,400.00	2,400.00
TOTAL		13,000.00	13,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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**REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Okay, we’ve got three transfers. The Assessor and the Auditor and Area Plan. Do you want to take that, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I can certainly do that. First is the Pigeon Township Assessor’s Office and it’s a transfer of \$3,300 from Printing Plat Sheets to Radio/Pagers and Travel/Mileage and then we have Legal Aid which would be Examination of Records to Office Furniture in the amount of \$700, along with a late transfer for the County Auditor –

Councilmember Smith: Are we taking those all at one time?

Councilmember Raben: I can split them up.

Councilmember Smith: I think we want to split them up.

Councilmember Raben: The first two together okay?

Councilmember Smith: That was one that I had a question about. That’s for the Reassessment. Was we not going to okay any more money? I know that’s a transfer, but until we knew something else from the state.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, let’s stop with the Reassessment. Mr. President, I’ll make that in the form of a motion and we’ll come back to Legal Aid.

President Wortman: Okay, you’re going to make the Reassessment from Pigeon Township by itself?

Councilmember Raben: Uh-huh.

President Wortman: Okay, and you made a motion. Now have we got a second?

Councilmember Smith: I’ll second it.

President Wortman: Okay, now discussion.



Councilmember Smith: But we had talked about, we had given them six months' money, but we wasn't going to okay any more or anything until after we found out something from the state. Is that still standing or is that your –

Councilmember Raben: No, I mean, I for one am all for it outside of the fact that this isn't an appropriation, it's a transfer. But I would certainly entertain not approving this if –

Councilmember Smith: I don't have a problem with it, but you had said we weren't going to okay any more until we knew something else.

President Wortman: Okay, I might insert this –

Councilmember Raben: I was speaking in terms of appropriations, but I mean, if this body would like to throw in transfers, I'll certainly support everybody on that.

President Wortman: Okay, now there was a memo sent out. They're going to let it play out for six months, what they've got and that's it until we get direction from the state, no more money. If people have to be laid off or everything stops, when they're done, they're done. They can go on; if it takes them an extra month and they've got the money, that's it. Otherwise, it's Katie bar the door. Jim, you talked to Mr. Hatfield didn't you or not?

Councilmember Raben: No, but I – Betty, –

Councilmember Smith: I mean, it's just a transfer within but I didn't know we were going to make any changes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I certainly never interpreted it as excluding transfers.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: You're exactly right, Betty. I mean, they are going to have to take some control over their budgets and at some point they're going to have to stop spending this money because once we're ever given a direction on exactly how and what we're going to do as far as Reassessment, they're going to need every penny they get if there's any major changes in the work that they've gone through to this point.

Councilmember Bassemier: I think they're just trying to –

Councilmember Hoy: Who is liaison to Pigeon Township? I just wondered if –

Councilmember Smith: And see, I didn't know anything about it until I see it here.

Councilmember Hoy: I was just looking for clarification and there's nobody here from the office.

Councilmember Smith: It's a transfer and I don't have a problem other than I thought we were going to stop after that. And no one told me anything about this.

Councilmember Bassemier: I think they're just wanting some money just to shift around and to do their job better, what we appropriated for. I just think –

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, but what Betty's point is –

Councilmember Bassemier: I agree, but it's not costing us anything.

Councilmember Raben: We discussed no further appropriations and I think that's still the intent of this body –

Councilmember Bassemier: I understand, I agree.

Councilmember Raben: – but this is a transfer.

President Wortman: Yeah, this is strictly a transfer, so there's no new money involved in it, see. Alright, we've got a motion and 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TWP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2492-1150-3400	PRINTING PLAT SHEETS	3,300.00	3,300.00
TO: 2492-1150-3160	RADIO/PAGERS	300.00	300.00
2492-1150-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	3,000.00	3,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY**

President Wortman: Now Legal Aid.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'll move to approve the \$700 transfer as listed.

President Wortman: Got a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: 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: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 4290-3280	EXAM. OF RECORDS/AUDIT	700.00	700.00
TO: 4290-4210	OFFICE FURNITURE	700.00	700.00

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

<b>LATE TRANSFERS</b>
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## AUDITOR

President Wortman: Now the County Auditor, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll approve the transfer as described on the late transfer sheet.

President Wortman: Okay, do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Any discussion on this?

Councilmember Smith: I have a discussion. I thought we only took late transfers if it was an emergency and Suzanne filed this this morning. She said she had an okay from you. Are we going to take them up to the day from now on from everybody or are we showing partiality? Now this is not an emergency and I've got a problem with it.

President Wortman: Yeah, we approve a lot of emergency transfers –

Councilmember Smith: But an emergency. This is not an emergency.

President Wortman: This is for the Council to decide if it is an emergency, that way we'll get it on the floor and then it's up to...

Councilmember Hoy: I don't speak in opposition, but this came out of the most recent Job Study and it's my understanding that, and, Mr. Bassemier, you chair that committee, that there was a fairly sizable list of changes coming out of that Job Study which we will consider, I would assume, next month. I would like to see this considered next month with all the rest of them. I don't see it as an emergency and, like I say, I am not speaking in opposition, I'd just like for us to do all of those at the same time as a point of an orderly way of doing business, that's all.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any special –

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes. We were, I think, the Auditor's Office, they were trying to get this before. We kind of held up this Job Study meeting for another department because they were being delayed and I wanted really to have this meeting a lot sooner than we had just a few days ago and I think it's justifiable to go ahead and have this late transfer because we're holding this up and I just want to point out to everybody, this did pass the Job Study and I don't see why we should delay it another month. I appreciate it. She waited several months here to get this through Job Study and I think we need to go ahead and get it over with if you don't mind.

Councilmember Smith: Why couldn't we do it all at one time because, like I said, there's several of these people that wasn't on the Job Study committee and why appropriate this money or transfer this money when it hasn't been okayed by the Council? And it was filed this morning.

Councilmember Bassemier: I really think in the past we've taken other departments and we called it emergency transfers. It's really crucial I think to her department to go ahead and get her books and get this over with. I see the Area Plan also is on here and I don't see this as really what we're calling an emergency. It's just in order for her to run her department more efficiently is the reason why she's asking for this right away. She's got to move these people into these positions and give them their job assignment.

Councilmember Smith: She can't move them into those positions until they have been passed by the Council.

Councilmember Bassemier: I know, but she's wanting to do this –

Councilmember Smith: And I'd like to ask when she filed the Area Plan Commission report? When did you file that, Miss Cunningham?

Barbara Cunningham: (Inaudible – comments not made from microphone)

Councilmember Smith: But it wasn't filed today?

Barbara Cunningham: No, it was not.

Councilmember Smith: Okay. That's the reason I wanted them taken separate.

President Wortman: Okay, let me ask you this. Suzanne, would it mess things up if it was deferred a month? Would that mess you up in your department? I know you want to get to going.

Suzanne Crouch: No, it wouldn't mess me up and certainly what is an emergency to a lot of offices may not be viewed as an emergency by Council. We have taken late transfers in our office up to an hour before meetings and perhaps Council would like me to go back and come up with a list of all the late transfers so that you can kind of examine it. When I looked at your jobs and regulations, you know, your kind of study guide that you had, there wasn't anything about late transfers other than it needed to be approved by either the president, the vice president or the finance chair so I called Mr. Wortman this morning because these are some major changes. I've been in contact with most of the Councilmembers because I didn't want it to come as a surprise and I would like to go

ahead and move forward and get my office people in their positions and get it done. I didn't mean to cause –

Councilmember Smith: Suzanne, we haven't even okayed the position on the Council yet, so why couldn't that all be done at the same time?

Suzanne Crouch: I am on here. I don't know if the Prosecutor is from Job Study or not. It's on for today on the amended agenda for the amendments to the salary ordinance and we both were at the Job Study.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, in my mind maybe compromise might be too strong a word here, but I would think we could approve this today and going forward sit down and clarify what exactly a late transfer consists of, what an emergency transfer consists of in the eyes of the Council and we know going forward what the parameters are. I would see there is some prudence to moving on with what the Auditor has presented for us today and try to clarify it going forward.

President Wortman: I think most of my decisions have been based on judgement, you know. And I guess use these words, you try to keep peace in the family, you know what I mean? A lot of people make mistakes, some of them come late, some forget and we all do that. If we're going to work and we're cornered, we're going to make mistakes. If we don't work we ain't going to make a mistake, so we won't doing nothing, you know what I mean? So that's the way I kind of clarify it. But it's up to the Council. There's six others of us here and I make seven.

Councilmember Hoy: My concern about it has to do with orderly procedure only and that's all. And I'd fear, and I would like from the Auditor a list of those late transfers. I've been bothered by a lot of them and probably should have spoken up sooner. I am not so much bothered by the lateness as I am about the process. I would like to see us look at all of what the Job Study presents to us, at the same time have the job descriptions before us and then vote and that has been our procedure. If we've violated that and I voted, then I would be critical of myself and maybe should be, but that's how I am feeling right now and that we should follow the procedures we have laid out. We've paid a lot of money and we've worked very hard to have the Job Study that we have and the categories that we have. We hired an excellent firm to do that and the purpose of that was so that when we made changes we proceeded in a good, well-informed orderly process and I don't think another month will hurt this. And that if we follow that we'll be much happier with ourselves and should we vote yes on this, that should make every officer in this building happier that we are sticking to our processes. Otherwise, there are a lot of department heads who might want to do the same thing and I don't want your committee deluged with this kind of thing, Mr. Bassemier, and that worries me. That's all I have to say.

President Wortman: We've got a motion on the floor and a second on that. And that was for approval of this. Now, anybody want to comment any more on it on this discussion? And Mr. Hoy, he mentioned the transfer so –

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I am kind of afraid here. I supported this on Job Study and I am really kind of afraid if – the way Mr. Hoy – I really feel like he's – I just don't want to hurt the vote here by not waiting for 30 days. I am just kind of worried here. I sure don't want to change anybody's opinion today against it because they want a little bit more time to study it, I am just – Mr. Raben, can you help me out here?

Councilmember Raben: I might also, I mean, I am sure the Auditor's Office is probably willing to work with us in any form, but again, everybody else that was approved yesterday that is taking their request in the form of a transfer had the same opportunity. The reason there is probably not a lot of others is because they are going to require appropriations which take – you don't make an emergency appropriation, you have to file those by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month and had there been a lot of other requests that went through Job Study yesterday that are as simple as a transfer, I am sure there would have been several other departments here today as well. And the reason this one does not require an appropriation

is because there is a position that has been basically eliminated. There is a position that's not filled, that's not going to be filled.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I know one of the main reasons I support it was it was going to save the taxpayers \$35,000. Is that number correct? Yeah, it's going to save money, it's not going to cost us.

Councilmember Raben: I know when I served as president, it wasn't uncommon to approve a transfer the day before or the day of and I can't recall what departments. I certainly don't recall what politics the departments were, so I mean, really and truthfully, there is no reason not to approve this request today.

Suzanne Crouch: And would you, on the salary ordinance amendments, the Sheriff, the Auditor and the Prosecutor, we would all just be withdrawn until next month?

Sandie Deig: Not the Sheriff.

Suzanne Crouch: Well, the Sheriff was the week before.

Sandie Deig: This is a longevity...

Suzanne Crouch: So the Prosecutor and the Auditor would just be pulled off the salary ordinance amendment?

Councilmember Bassemier: No, I think we're going on with it, aren't we? We've got a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I see no reason not to go and act on all the requests.

Councilmember Bassemier: Have we had a motion and a second?

President Wortman: Yeah, motion and a second. We're in discussion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any comments? Call the roll please for approval of the Auditor's transfer from and to.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I voted for this in the Job Study meeting but I don't consider this an emergency. We haven't okayed the positions for the full Council and I 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: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes, so it passes.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1020-1350-1020	TAX SALE/HOMESTEAD	5,858.00	5,858.00
TO: 1020-1310-1020	ADMIN. ASSISTANT	1,753.00	1,753.00
1020-1320-1020	SYSTEM SUPERVISORS	2,482.00	2,482.00
1020-1390-1020	TAX SALE/TIF	1,623.00	1,623.00

(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Smith & Hoy opposed)

AREA PLAN

President Wortman: Area Plan.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I move approval of the transfer in the amount of \$300 as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, got 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: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

AREA PLAN		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1240-3740	INTERN PROGRAM	300.00	300.00

TO: 1240-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	300.00	300.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Now we go down to New Business.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, before you move on to New Business, real quickly, I think Betty does bring up a very good point. The request was good. I think it's a good thing, but I think in terms of the point that she's really trying to make is communicating that message to the officeholders in terms of what we term an emergency transfer or what is urgent. I think we need to maybe address that. We have a number of things that we have on our desks that we have to try to address and I think we were aware of the process in terms of what the Auditor was trying to present to us in terms of what it would ultimately do, but maybe the swiftness of when it was presented to us on this meeting. I think maybe we anticipated it would be the next meeting. So maybe when we think about emergency transfers, emergency requests, defining maybe what emergency is. If no one is bleeding, no one is dying, no one is limping or crying, then maybe we don't call that an emergency request. So just maybe food for thought. I don't know if we think about a memo that we issue out to the department heads. They are clearly aware of when our deadline is and I think they respect that for the most part. But like I said, just the word emergency or urgent, maybe we need to give some, need to address that.

President Wortman: And in the past they have always gotten hold of me. Seems like I am always available, they catch me one way or another and I make a kind of a judgement and I show no partiality from a political standpoint or anything and some just forget and you almost have to get it in right quick, see.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I don't know where the term emergency transfer even entered into this today. I don't know whether Curt said it or Betty said it, but I always treated these, I mean, there are emergency transfers and there are such things as emergency appropriations, but I mean, if you so much as look at your agenda, there is an asterisk behind two requests and at the bottom it states late transfer. It doesn't say emergency transfer, just late transfer. We've always accepted late transfers under a number of circumstances. I mean, this really isn't anything different than –

Councilmember Smith: Jim, you make up your rules as you go along. If it's an emergency, it's an emergency and I feel like if it's an emergency, there's a hole in the street that has to be fixed or something like that, not something that hasn't been okayed beforehand by this Council.

Councilmember Raben: Again, Betty, we've had late transfers as long as I've been on this Council and there's been transfers that have been termed as emergency or appropriations that have been termed as emergency but I don't, again, this isn't even footnoted as being an emergency transfer, simply a late transfer.

Councilmember Smith: You always get out-argued when you're the minority member and I realize that.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I want to make clear my no vote has to do with the fact that the job committee just met and I just feel, I'll say my point again, that I don't see this as, aside from the word emergency or anything else, I just think it's a procedural matter. What we've done too often as a Council is to push our rules and to push our procedures and this probably, I haven't had a chance to look at it, I happened to be very heavily involved yesterday as some folks were in a primary election and that occupied a lot of my hours. So I really haven't had a chance to look at it. I haven't looked at job descriptions and that's my only objection. It is not an appropriation, I realize that. It looks like it's going to eliminate a job. It may be the best thing since sliced bread, but I don't think it's good procedure and we've set up a procedure book and I think we probably need to develop some more procedures and that's my objection and I just – and then we'll pass these things and say well, the next time. And I've seen us do it on tax abatements left and right.



Well, the next time we won't grant this or something or other, and there's no next time on that issue. And that's my only objection.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, yeah, I'd just like to say though, I don't think any of us went in in the dark on this out of the Auditor's Office. I know Ms. Crouch contacted every one of us, kind of explained, gave us handouts, and then everybody had the opportunity to go to the Job Study meeting which was Monday to ask any questions and I appreciate what Mr. Hoy is saying, but to be honest with you, I was more up to date on this one than I have been on the other ones that I served as the chairman of the Job Study and I know there was a lot of work that went into this. I tried to get hold of Mr. Deisher to see if he could sit in on this one just for any questions, but anyway, I think we all were pretty well informed on this one. I am not saying we wasn't in the dark and I appreciate what you're saying, Phil, but there was a lot of –

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I was contacted by the office. I did not know until after that that we were going to get a late transfer on it. I assumed, when I first heard about this, that it would come up with all the rest, and again, Mr. Bassemier –

Councilmember Bassemier: I understand.

Councilmember Hoy: That's why I really wish we had waited because I don't like voting no on something that I might like to vote yes on later.

<b>AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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President Wortman: Okay. With that all settled now, we'll go to number seven, the Salary Ordinance amendments. Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we have several today: first is County Commissioners Overtime line 1300-1300 be set in as previously adopted in the amount of \$2,250; Superintendent of County Buildings Clothing Allowance line 1310-1750 be set in as previously adopted in the amount of \$292; The Centre Clothing Allowance line 1440-1750 be set in as previously adopted in the amount of \$3,540; Sheriff Community Corrections salary line 36z-1380 be set in at \$4,569, and the correction is due to the longevity upgrade; County Auditor, set salary line 1020-1310 in at the rate of a PAT IV Step 3 in the amount of \$29,592 and change the position title to Administrative Assistant/Public Information Facilitator, set salary line 1020-1320 in at an annual salary rate at Pat IV Step 2 in the amount of \$28,215, and change the position title to Systems Supervisor, set salary line 1020-1390 at an annual rate at COMOT VI Step 4 \$28,140 and change the position title to TIF/Tax Sale Clerk; Prosecutor's Office, amend the salary ordinance to Prosecutor DLEP Federal Grant 108T Deputy Prosecutor Mike Perry in at \$49,320. That's all I have 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 on the salary ordinance? 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. I'd like to make one comment, though. I just want to say I just don't want people who voted no for this to feel bad, but I've served on the Job Study as chairman for a couple of years now and this is the first time that anybody has ever come before us and saved tax dollars. It has saved tax dollars, \$35,000. And most of the time when they leave that room over there, it usually costs the taxpayers, but this time it actually saved tax dollars. I vote yes on it.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: 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, any Old Business?

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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President Wortman: We'll proceed into new business and John Schroder, he was here last Wednesday, is there any questions on the financial report from the Division of Family & Children's Services?

**PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
INDIANA TUBE CORPORATION: PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR REDEVELOPMENT OR REHABILITATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2100 LEXINGTON AVENUE**

President Wortman: Okay, if not, we'll move on to B, Preliminary Resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council Property Tax Abatement for the New Manufacturing Equipment Located at 2100 Lexington Avenue, Indiana Tube.

Joe Coleman: Good afternoon. My name is Joe Coleman and I am the Program Services Coordinator with the Department of Metropolitan Development. The matter before you is an abatement for the Indiana Tube Corporation and I have a short summary here. The Indiana Tube Corporation is seeking a tax abatement to construct a 23,000 square foot building. They are also going to purchase and install new manufacturing equipment which consists of a serpentine bender, mechanical gear markers, Vickers hardness testers and a Haven cutoff system. I, myself, only recognize one of these pieces of equipment. This new equipment will be housed in a new building. This equipment will be used to fabricate a finished rolled condenser from coiled tubing and strip steel. The entire project has a budget of \$3,127,041. They project the number of employees to be hired upon completion as 15, with 199 that will also be retained. The proposed salary ranges for the new position is between \$12.94 and \$13.33 an hour and they do show in their application that they provide benefits and health, life, and also vacation, holiday and pension benefits. Mr. Gordon Sides who is the Controller with Indiana Tube Corporation is here today also to ask

any further questions.

President Wortman: Joe, let me ask you a question. Last week Mr. Winnecke proposed that if you could give these tax abatements in advance at our Personnel & Finance meeting which is the last Wednesday of the month, we could kind of rehash that, see, because there's two hearings on them, see. The first of the month we vote on it and then the following month. If you could present that to the Council people I think they could digest it a little better. Does that sound possible?

Joe Coleman: I can certainly carry that back to my –

President Wortman: Fine, I appreciate that. Thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I'd like to ask Mr. Coleman something, too, not in connection with what was just asked. Are you all making a recommendation on this?

Joe Coleman: No, I was given no direction on a recommendation.

Councilmember Hoy: I know that Mr. Robling mentioned at the last abatement that came before us that he was not going to make recommendations anymore.

Joe Coleman: And that is the instruction I was given.

Councilmember Hoy: And I would like – I am not here to shoot the messenger, you're a good friend – but as a Councilman, I object to that because Mr. Robling and your department know the rules for abatement and we know them too, but you deal with them all the time and it's really helpful to us when you all come in and say well, this doesn't really meet what tax abatement was set out to do. I have no dislike for Mr. Robling, he's a friend of mine and my message to him, I thought he might be here today, but I know you'll deliver it, –

Joe Coleman: That's exactly right. I'll faithfully deliver it.

Councilmember Hoy: I know that. And that is what we would appreciate having those back again because we find those helpful even when we disagree with them. I don't know that we've gone against the recommendations that often. I may have more than anybody else as you well know. But as a Council, I don't really think that's the case. So that's something if you would do that, I would appreciate it.

Joe Coleman: I certainly will.

Councilmember Sutton: And related to that point, Mr. Coleman, I think that we would like to see those. I echo Councilman Hoy's remarks and in particular, it's not really an issue of whether we may agree or disagree –

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton, we're going to interrupt you one more time.

**(Tape changed)**

President Wortman: We'll let Mr. Sutton go first.

Councilmember Sutton: And the point I was going to make is I think the issue that Mr. Robling has is more of a personal nature, not necessarily related to the business of the county. I think that we all work for the county and represent the county's interests and I think it's in the county's interest that we do have those recommendations from the department that is responsible for and that is very much in charge of economic development from a public perspective. So that particular opinion whether we agree or disagree still needs to be made as a matter of record. So like I said, we would strongly urge that he would not discontinue that because, like I said, we serve at the pleasure of the

public not ourselves.

Joe Coleman: I just regret that this is a new arena for me and I'm not as fully versed in this as I am in the other arenas that we have dealt with.

President Wortman: Well, you can handle it. Just a minute, Joe. The County Council Attorney is going to make a few comments.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I was just going to point out in light of the comments that Mr. Winnecke and Mr. Hoy and Mr. Sutton and various Councilmembers have made over the past couple of meetings, there is a resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council re-authorizing a tax abatement program and establishing guidelines that was passed in 1992. And I would note for your reference for your office that under Section 1, Subsection C, it's called staff review and it says that the Department of Metropolitan Development is directed to solicit and review comments from appropriate departments and agencies. The staff shall review each application for completeness and accuracy, gather and provide additional information needed by the Council to make an appropriate decision, analyze the application and supplemental material and comment generally on the acceptability or unacceptability of the request for economic revitalization area declaration. The Department shall also prepare information concerning the projected tax savings for the projects. So just to let you know that this issue obviously was dealt with by this Council and is in a written ordinance passed in '92 which basically encompasses what I hear all of you saying you want. And so you might refer your office to review that resolution. It goes on and tells about all the other procedures that your office has been delegated to review for the accuracy and prepare all the ordinances and that, and I guess as Mr. Hoy said, that's your department's expertise. But I was just going to point out that you might want to review that resolution. It's five or six pages long that sets out the procedure.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions? If not, thank you, Joe. I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith. Have I got a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Winnecke. Any discussion on this?

Councilmember Hoy: Are we voting on the abatement itself?

President Wortman: Yes sir.

Councilmember Hoy: I do have a couple of questions of the applicant.

President Wortman: State your name please, sir.

Steve Ringeman: Steve Ringeman, Director of Operations at Indiana Tube.

Councilmember Hoy: I like your wage range very much, I have no questions about that. On number nine on healthcare insurance, do you pay –

Steve Ringeman: This is Gordon Sides, he's our Controller.

President Wortman: Would you state your name, sir, in the microphone and have it for the record?

Gordon Sides: Gordon Sides, the Controller for Indiana Tube.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, if you don't speak in the mike, we don't get it on the minutes.

Tell me about your healthcare insurance. Does that cover just the individual employee, the family, what are their options and how much do they pay?

Gordon Sides: It covers the employee, the family, they pay ten percent and we pay 90%.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, and the second question has to do with what kind of pension fund do you have, sir?

Gordon Sides: We have a union contract with Teamsters 215 and it's based on the years of service, how benefits are calculated, okay? We also then have a pension plan for the office people that's funded by our corporate headquarters which is in Rye, New York.

Councilmember Hoy: All of your employees are covered under both of these then.

Gordon Sides: All our employees are covered under a pension plan, yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you very much, appreciate that.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions?

Councilmember Sutton: I guess I am assuming with you guys' size that you guys do have an affirmative action policy in place?

Gordon Sides: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Could you give us an idea of current sales and sort of where you see the future of this company going? Where your sales are today and how this abatement can help.

Steve Ringeman: Okay, Indiana Tube, basically to start with, we have three plants: one in Kolding, Denmark, one in Ft. Smith, Arkansas and this one here in Evansville. The one here in Evansville approximately again, we have about 190 something to 200 employees, that's up and down. We have sales here in the U.S. of something in the neighborhood of 39 million and that is, next year, hopefully, is going to grow. Obviously as the years go by we have projections. We also have a strategic plan that shows in the next five years that our plant is to double its size of Indiana Tube whether that is here in Evansville or part of the Ft. Smith operations or somewhere else. But our plans, we'd like to be here in Evansville. That's why we're here today asking for the abatement for equipment and building.

President Wortman: You said you had a building in Denmark?

Steve Ringeman: Yes.

President Wortman: Do they give tax abatement?

Steve Ringeman: I don't have the slightest idea. I'm new with the company. I've been here two years now.

Gordon Sides: There were various incentives to go to Denmark, yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Steve, when you say you, the plan is to double the size of Indiana Tube in five years, do you –

Steve Ringeman: Double in revenue, that is our corporate goal that has been placed on Indiana Tube.

Councilmember Winnecke: So when you say your sales in the United States are in the neighborhood of 39 million dollars, what will they be here?

Steve Ringeman: What will they be here? Right now it's about 36 million here in Evansville and again, our plans are to grow that.

Councilmember Hoy: You have been before us before for –

Steve Ringeman: That was before my time.

Councilmember Hoy: But my information is that when you have outlined the number of employees that you were going to hire you have always met those goals or exceeded them.

Gordon Sides: We were here I think in 1996 and yes we have met those goals.

Councilmember Hoy: And even gone beyond them, I believe.

Gordon Sides: Yes we have.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, as you know, that's one of the things we're interested in.

Gordon Sides: Well, we try to be very conservative when we make these abatements.

Councilmember Hoy: And you're looking at 15 well-paying jobs here.

Gordon Sides: That's correct. I think the average pay is about \$14 and something cents an hour. These new hires are around \$12.15 or \$12.50, something like that.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, it's actually, you're projecting even better than that, \$12.94 for the new hires up to \$13.33. Thank you very much, sir.

Councilmember Smith: When did Indiana Tube, Jerry Lamb owned the first Indiana Tube and that's been – when was...

Steve Ringeman: It was 26 years ago.

Councilmember Smith: So this has been in business here for 26 years.

Steve Ringeman: That's correct.

Councilmember Smith: So it's not a new business and it has been a viable business as far as I know.

Steve Ringeman: It is today, I do know that.

Councilmember Smith: I think we need to give them the incentives they can have to stay here and to take care of our people here.

Councilmember Hoy: You're still an Evansville owned firm?

Steve Ringeman: Evansville owned? No, we are a division of Handy & Harman which is located out of Rye, New York and Handy & Harmon is owned by a company called WHX which is on the New York Stock Exchange.

Councilmember Hoy: But that's a U.S. company, too?

Steve Ringeman: Yes.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions? We're getting quite an education from this gentleman. Okay, if not, –

Councilmember Hoy: We want to see the tubes next.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I wanted to make this comment earlier. The remark was made about bringing the abatements to our Personnel & Finance meeting. I think that's also going to require us advertising a change in the way we advertise our Personnel & Finance meeting as well. I just want to make sure everybody was aware of that.

President Wortman: We won't vote, we'll just have discussion.

Jeff Ahlers: I think as long as you don't vote...I don't know. I mean, I'll check on that, but as long as there is no voting. That's, the problem is, if you try to vote you won't be able to.

Councilmember Hoy: You'll let us know on that then? Thank you.

President Wortman: It's kind of an information thing like we're doing with everybody else, really.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't want to be part of the jail overcrowding, Mr. Wortman, that's all.

Councilmember Sutton: Just one question, just kind of an FYI for my purposes. What is your market share here in Indiana and then related to your primary business line?

Steve Ringeman: We really serve two different markets here in North America and one of them is the small diameter tube and we are a player in the neighborhood of 50-60 percent, in that range. And then the other side of the business is making condensers and again, we're in the 50-60 percent range in North America making condensers. Obviously, we make a lot. Part of the condenser is a tube serpentine and then there's wire that is welded to that tube serpentine. We make 100 percent of those serpentines for Whirlpool. In fact, we are now expanding our operation in Ft. Smith because of Whirlpool. They are outsourcing making the complete condenser to Indiana Tube in Ft. Smith. We make 100 percent of the Frigidaire condensers which is something like 2.7 - 2.8 million. Whirlpool makes about 2.6 million refrigerators, so we're in that 50-60% neighborhood in our two major markets that we do serve.

Councilmember Sutton: And that's just here in Indiana or you're talking about nationally?

Steve Ringeman: That is in North America, U.S. & Canada basically.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

Councilmember Winnecke: One brief question. Could you outline for the Council the time line, you have begun construction of your addition, could you outline for the Council what the time line is for entire project?

Steve Ringeman: Within the appliance business normally what happens is you work for many months, maybe even years for some of these contracts and as soon as you sign them the Frigidaires, Whirlpools, the General Electrics of this world expect you to act and act very quickly so we are actually involved in building the building today as Mr. Lloyd has observed the other day. So the time line for most of this is involved in sometime the end of May, June through actually July or August, we should be completed with this whole expenditure. Again, the time line that we had to sign contracts with those major suppliers was to get it done and get it done today. So the time line to get it done here in Evansville is basically August to get everything completed which is very quick.

President Wortman: That's fine. Okay, well I think we've asked all the questions so I am going to call for the vote as soon as our Madam Secretary gets over here. She's having a little discussion over there.

Councilmember Hoy: We're going to ask Mr. Sutton to talk so we can change the tape.

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: Well, as you all know I am Dr. No on these, but when I see these kind of jobs and what you've done, this is what I like seeing and you'll get my yes today.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: I think, as I discovered the other day, this is one of Evansville's hidden secrets. What they do there is pretty incredible and how they do it is even more incredible. In my mind, this is probably what the legislature had in mind when it gave local authority for tax abatement and I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Definitely yes. Thank you, gentlemen. Appreciate your appearance and you, too, Joe.

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

**RESOLUTION DENYING COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX DISTRIBUTION TO SOLID WASTE DISTRICT**

President Wortman: Now then C, Resolution Denying County Option Income Tax Distribution to Solid Waste District. I'll need a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll make a motion to get it on the floor.

President Wortman: I got a motion from Mr. Bassemier. I've got to have a second.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy seconded. Any discussion on this? We've denied it before. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, it passes unanimously.

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

**RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN ORDINANCE OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY  
INCOME TAX COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE PERCENTAGE CREDIT ALLOWANCE  
FOR HOMESTEADS FOR 2001**

President Wortman: Resolution Proposing Ordinance Of the Vanderburgh County Income Tax Establishing the Percentage Credit Allowance for Homesteads for 2001. I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll make a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Okay, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

**ORDINANCE OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY INCOME TAX COUNCIL  
ESTABLISHING THE PERCENTAGE CREDIT ALLOWED FOR HOMESTEADS**

President Wortman: Now E then, Ordinance of the Vanderburgh County Income Tax Council Establishing the Percentage Credit Allowed for Homesteads. I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Smith: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

President Wortman: Okay, that completes all that. Is there any other discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, Mr. President, there is something the Councilmembers, if you could give me a little bit of assistance on this. There is a mission group working out of Patchwork Central that is going to El Salvador next month and one of the things that is in very short supply down there is paper, pens and pencils, of that nature. So if you have any paper like that we have here that you would like to discard of or get rid of they would treasure that. So if you could, with your cooperation and Sandie's cooperation, they are going to take down a load of paper and pencils and things like that when they go down next month so if I could ask your assistance and if there are some things you want to throw away, don't throw them away, they're going to take them on down.

Councilmember Hoy: I've got a whole box full of pencils and pens.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, even like this computer paper, like I said, the back of that, that's even good, so just anything that you might want to get rid of.

Councilmember Hoy: County Council minutes and things.

Suzanne Crouch: You might want to, they have the WOW boxes where they collect that stuff and I don't know if that's something, you can even check with the Building Authority and see if just for that short period of time if they would set it aside for you.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay yeah, I'll do that.

### **REQUEST FOR LIST OF SAFE HOUSE RESIDENTS FROM SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I conferred with the Sheriff's Department, Mr. Williams, and I didn't want to spring any surprises on him, he said this would be quite fine to bring up before the Council. As you know, the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department has been presenting us with a list of who is in the jail and how come, and I would like for us to extend that service and get a list from the SAFE House, a similar list. I think probably we should, I should make this in the form of a motion but he did not see any problem with it and he didn't think the Sheriff would have any problem with it. That way we would be looking at both our detention centers, so may I make such a motion?

Councilmember Raben: I'll second that motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, I make that motion.

President Wortman: Yes sir. Mr. Hoy makes a motion that we get a list from the SAFE House.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, and you have a second.

President Wortman: Raben seconded. Any discussion on that? All those in favor –

Sandie Deig: Are you talking about just the residents of the SAFE House, the ones that live there?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes. The ones that are under the Sheriff's jurisdiction.

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

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

President Wortman: Any other discussion?

### **PRESENTATION BY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU REGARDING ECONOMIC IMPACT OF TOURISM BUSINESS**

Dolli Kight: Dolli Kight with the Convention Bureau and if I could take a few more moments of the Council's time. I want to wish you good afternoon. In Vanderburgh County's tourism business, things are very good indeed. During the next few minutes I am going to show you why that's true and why our best days are still ahead. Next week is National Tourism Week and it's being celebrated across the U.S. to raise awareness of the economic impact tourism has on communities, states and the nation as a whole. I'd like to start with a short video produced by the International Association of Convention & Visitors Bureau that tells the story of that impact and then I have a short verbal presentation if that's okay.

President Wortman: Okay.

**(Video presentation)**

Dolli Kight: Sorry about the waviness on that. The tracking must have been off a little bit. I am here to represent a very large constituency namely, the more than 4,000 men and women who make tourism happen in our community. They are some of the best friends Vanderburgh County has. I am also here to report about the work your Convention and Visitors Bureau is doing to let you know about our goals and challenges that lie ahead and to ask your continued enthusiasm for the role tourism plays in our local economy, and above all, to say thank you for your support of the Evansville CVB. Let me ask you a question, during the past 12 months, how many of you traveled for pleasure or business? Now think about the different things you spend money on when you travel. There's transportation to your destination: airfare, bus fare, gasoline for your car. Then you probably spent some money on a hotel room unless you stayed with friends or family. You may have spent money for taxis, buses or car rental at your destination. You certainly spent money on food and drinks, whether at restaurants, grocery stores or snuck in your in-room mini bar or any combination of the three. If your trip was for business, you may have entertained clients, perhaps at a cultural activity such as a music concert or play or at a sporting event. If your trip was for pleasure you probably spent money to visit historical sites, amusement attractions, or participated in recreational activities. On most trips you probably shopped for souvenirs, clothes, artwork or other special treats. I think you get the picture. These are typical travel spending patterns we can all relate to and they are being repeated every day by visitors to our community. The result is a tremendous economic impact. Today tourism is the largest service industry in the world and the third largest in Indiana. Tourism generates nearly 250 million dollars for our community in direct spending. These expenditures do three important things: they support jobs for our local residents, they generate income for our businesses, and they raise government revenue at both the city, county, state and federal levels. Through payroll taxes, innkeeper's taxes and sales taxes revenue is generated. The state and local taxes alone in Evansville and Vanderburgh County reduce the tax burden of each resident by \$400 per year. Many industries in our community improve their momentum and growth due to meetings, such as the construction industry building The Centre, new hotels, restaurants, and retail stores and manufacturing, filling those new facilities with furniture, appliances, and goods. Alfred Hitchcock had a unique way of ironically understanding the obvious. He once said "I have no regard for money. Aside from its purchasing power, it is completely useless." Well perhaps we should paraphrase Mr. Hitchcock and say that aside from its purchasing power, tourism is completely useless to Vanderburgh County. I am joking, of course, but tourism is no joke in Vanderburgh County, it is serious business, yet too often it is minimized or taken for granted. Your CVB has an aggressive campaign to promote our community under the theme "Where the Midwest Meets." This program includes advertising in major publications such as Midwest Living, Better Homes & Gardens and Woman's Day, increasing awareness of tourism's impact to local residents and government officials, tours for travel writers, exhibits at targeted trade shows, and site visits for meeting and convention planners. Our staff of six and our annual budget of \$1,066,000 is relatively small compared to the nearly 250 million dollars Vanderburgh County generates each year from tourism spending, but we work hard every day to make a big impact. Our goal is to bring more leisure travelers and meeting and convention business to Vanderburgh County by increasing awareness and developing partnerships to enhance our efforts and our dollars to keep driving the engine that is tourism in our community. You have heard how tourism is truly a golden goose for Vanderburgh County but we need to feed and nurture that goose so that it keeps laying golden eggs. That's the job of the Evansville CVB, but it is also the job of each Councilmember and citizen of Vanderburgh County. Tourism is big business in our community and drives our economy. Without it our community will not realize its full potential for job growth and a robust local economy. While you may not remember everything I have said, I hope you remember the vital role that tourism plays in Vanderburgh County and in the lives of our citizens. I've left information at your desk on our activities for National Tourism next week. I'd appreciate it if some of you can attend those events. I've also left some talking points, so if you're out in the community talking I hope you will throw in some information about tourism and also a flow chart on how that dollar the visitor leaves behind flows through our community. I thank you for your time and

attention and your continued support. Thanks.

President Wortman: Thank you, Dolli. Appreciate it. Okay, anybody else got anything before I ask for adjournment?

Councilmember Smith: Motion to adjourn.

President Wortman: Motion to adjourn, got a second and a third, and the meeting is adjourned as of 4:55 p.m.

**(Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.)**

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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Vice President Ed Bassemier

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
PROPOSED ORDINANCE REGARDING OPERATION OF A PARI-  
MUTUEL WAGERING SATELLITE FACILITY  
MAY 3, 2000**

The Vanderburgh County Council held a special meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2000 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex for the final reading of a proposed ordinance regarding operation of a pari-mutuel wagering satellite facility. The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m. by County Council President Curt Wortman.

The Vanderburgh County Council is now in session for a special meeting concerning the ordinance of the pari-mutuel satellite facility. This is the second and final reading so we'll open the meeting and we'll have the attendance roll call please? Madam, would you call the roll?

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Smith	x	
Councilmember Sutton	x	
Councilmember Bassemier	x	
Councilmember Hoy	x	
Councilmember Raben	x	
Councilmember Winnecke	x	
President Wortman	x	

President Wortman: Now would we all pledge allegiance to the flag please.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Wortman: Before we go on we're going to let the County Attorney read the ordinance for the final reading but first I would like for the people in the audience to raise their hands that's going to speak for or against it. Got one. Okay, anybody else? Okay, so we know the gentleman there, the Council does, so the County Attorney, would you please read the ordinance for the second and final reading?

Jeff Ahlers: "WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 4-31-1, pari-mutuel wagering on horse races is permitted in the state of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 4-31, the Indiana Horse Racing Commission may permit pari-mutuel wagering on horse races at a Satellite Facility, which is a location other than a horse racetrack; and

WHEREAS, a person, as defined in I.C. 4-31-2-15, may be granted a license to operate a Satellite Facility, as defined in I.C. 4-31-2-20.5, in an Indiana County, such as Vanderburgh; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 4-31-4-2.5(a), the fiscal body of Vanderburgh County may adopt an ordinance permitting the filing of applications under I.C. 4-31-5.5 for the operation of a Satellite Facility in Vanderburgh County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 4-31-4-2.5(b), the fiscal body of Vanderburgh County may require the voters of Vanderburgh County to approve the operation of a Satellite Facility in Vanderburgh County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Vanderburgh County Council as follows:

SECTION 1. Pari-mutuel wagering on horse races is permitted in the state of Indiana;

SECTION 2. Pari-mutuel wagering on horse races may be conducted at Satellite Facilities;

SECTION 3. A person, as defined in I.C. 4-31-2-15, may operate a Satellite Facility in Vanderburgh County.

SECTION 4. The voters of Vanderburgh County are not required to approve the operation of a Satellite Facility in Vanderburgh County.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after the date that it is adopted by a majority vote of the Vanderburgh County Council."

And then the proposed ordinance has passage dates and signature lines for the County Councilmembers, the Auditor and Council Attorney. That's it.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Ahlers. Now the first thing we'll do is ask for anyone to speak in favor of this ordinance. Okay, we heard it last Wednesday, I mean, the last Council meeting so now then we'll ask for the person or persons to speak against it. Would they please step forward please?

Richard Mourdock: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen of the Council. I'd like to begin by stating what is hope is obvious but may not be and that is that for all of you who have to vote on this, I have great respect and –

President Wortman: Excuse me a minute. Would you say your name?

Richard Mourdock: I'm sorry, Curt. Richard Mourdock. I have great respect for all of you. I know we at times agree, we at times disagree and the reason I bring that up is because every time this issue or a related issue of any kind of gaming or gambling comes up, there are those in the public who think those of us who are elected officials are somehow being given special treatment or there is something going on under table and that your minds are made up long before you get to these meetings and I know that's not true. I know you're doing this job with what you feel is the best interest, the best long-term interest for this community and I respect you all for that. I also want to ask this question: why do we need off-track pari-mutuel betting in Vanderburgh County? Why? In 1993, some of you might remind me we had a referendum about gambling in Vanderburgh County and it passed. It passed 51% to 49%. Councilman Hoy and perhaps some of the rest of you, but I am sure Phil was on the same group I was on appointed by the mayor to review the different companies that came forward to be reviewed for licenses. The key point about that 1993 vote was that that vote was to authorize what we were sold, if you will, those of us in the community were presented the image of a cruising riverboat and one of the things that sanitized it for a lot of people was the fact that the boat was going to be cruising up and down the river and there was going to be extremely limited access to the boat. The other thing that was happening in 1993 and it's very true, the issue was about jobs in Vanderburgh County and jobs in Evansville. It was a very divisive issue back then and I remember very specifically at one moment when at that time the secretary for the Republican Central Committee, Taylor Payne, was on the other side of the table from me and I was also on the Central Committee and we were on Channel 9 having this debate about whether or not this was a good thing for Evansville. The telephone lines were opened up and a lady called in arguing with my point of view saying this shouldn't be happening and she said to me, "Mr. Mourdock, how can you be against this? Don't you understand, we don't have any chance for jobs. We're not going to get big plants. We're never going to get an automotive factory in this area. We've got to get jobs any way we can get them." That was just seven years ago. If there is an issue about jobs in Vanderburgh County right now it's not about creating them, it's finding people to fill the slots. In our office right now, private sector office, we've got eight good paying jobs that



we can't find people to fill. We've advertised nationally and can't get them filled. To have pari-mutuel betting as any reason to create jobs is flat out inaccurate. What this issue is about obviously is a lot of money. The Indiana Horse Racing Commission as mentioned by Mr. Ahlers, since the first person walked on that boat, has been getting 65 cents for every time someone goes on board. They had to work hard for that money. They had to go all the way to the bank to open an account to stuff the money in it. That's all they've had to do. Now they want to go beyond that to have greater revenues and I know part of the pitch is that the county again will get some more revenues and that will help ease your burden as Councilmen to fund things in the county. But as a member of county government as well, I know the answer to the old question of how much money does it take to run Vanderburgh County government. The answer is, just a little bit more. We're never going to have enough money to run the government the way we would totally like to. So bringing in more revenues in this manner I don't think is truly going to help us. Some have argued this is an issue about whether or not the money that might be spent in Evansville is otherwise going across the river to Kentucky. Well, I suppose you can take that argument, but if we're going to get that divisive in an area where we keep saying regionalism is important, why don't we stop letting people from Kentucky get on our riverboat. If we want to make sure the money stays where it starts, why not set up some barriers? Or if you want to take the inverse of that argument, why don't we have our own horse racing track in Vanderburgh County? Why do we need to do something just to get more money coming in to this area under the name of the logic that we need more money for county government? I don't understand it. Seven years ago there was, and I suspect there still is, some talk about what gambling does to a community as far as individuals. Let me also say that to my knowledge, to my knowledge, Aztar has kept every single promise they made to this community. As a member of the mayor's board, we put a bunch of things in front of them we wanted them to sign off that they would do, and to my knowledge they've kept all those promises except one and I will come back to that in a minute. And by the way, I don't fault them for not fulfilling the one promise. One thing that was talked about during those committee hearings in 1994 was how people's individual lives would be affected by gambling, by gaming, by having that riverboat. And there were some people who were concerned about people who would become addicted to gambling and throw away their lives and their fortunes and all that stuff. Just the other day I was explaining to a friend of mine, I know personally three people who have left more than a hundred thousand dollars down on that boat before they finally got the kind of help they needed. Two of them have had divorces because of it, one of them is suffering through a really tough time. Now in making that comment to a friend of mine, he quickly came back and said, "Yeah, Mourdock, but you know hundreds of people. What percentage of people is that? It's pretty small." But I'll also tell you I don't measure people by percentage points. In 1993 when the gambling issue was in front of us all along with the jobs, we were told there another great promise that it offered and that was it was going to revitalize Main Street. Aztar stood at this platform and made the guarantee that they were going to give a car away a day in May and they were going to do all these various things to make sure there was plenty of traffic up and down this walkway. Honestly, and I said it at that time, I didn't expect them to fulfill that promise. I didn't see how they could because it's not in their best interest to have their customers leaving that boat, leaving their restaurants to walk up and down Main Street. So I don't fault them for not keeping that promise. But if a pari-mutuel track is going to solve a problem like that, if that promise is being made, it isn't going to happen. I think the most difficult time, I know the most difficult time I have as an elected official is not when I get to stand up and give a speech when there is a majority of people who are endorsing what I say, who are supportive. The times I hate the job, and all of you can relate to this, is when you have to cast a vote that's on the minority side but you know it's the right thing to do. Today I would tell you that, I think, is what you have in front of you. There is an old saying that character is doing the right thing when nobody is looking. In 1993 and 1994 this room would be full. It was jam-packed, we had speakers out here in the hallway because everybody was interested in the issue and you may take the point of view right now, Mourdock, you're the only person here to speak against this, you're the only one who raised your hand, nobody cares. Well, on the other side, is there anyone in this room who is here to speak for it who doesn't have a financial interest? The community is not demanding that you do this. This community has changed since 1993.

It really has. And I think most of the changes have been positive, but I would say those changes have not been because of the riverboat, they've been in spite of it. In 1992 how many pawn shops were there in Evansville? In 1992 how many quick check money places were there that charged 40 and 60 percent interest? I know the answer. In 1992 there were zero quick money places. Zero. There were four pawn shops. I looked in the phone book this morning, there are now 14 pawn shops and 29 easy money at 60 percent check cashing stores. Do you think those are in the best interest of Evansville? I said at the outset I have great respect for all of you here. I will regardless of how you vote. The thing that makes this community different, I think, and certainly this country different as a whole, is that we're based on the principle that not only do we honor the rights of the majority but we respect the rights of the minority. A 51 to 49 percent vote in 1993 was a very close vote. I suspect if that vote took place today it wouldn't be that close. The riverboat would win, I have no doubt, because most people don't see the kind of things I've just spoken of here. But the fact is there is still a minority in this community who recognizes that gambling and the facilities, the infrastructure that's created to support it are not in this community's long-term best interest. I have respect for you as you cast your votes and I would ask that you have respect for the minority's opinion and say no to this issue.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Mourdock. The next gentleman. State your name please.

Richard Helzerman: My name is Richard Helzerman. I'm the pastor of the Seventh Adventist Church in Newburgh, Indiana. I would like to speak against the motion and I'd like to ask you to vote this down. I believe that gambling is immoral, wrong, evil, that you are putting in front of people temptations that they may not be able to handle and that's the main reason but there are some other reasons. I don't believe that it's in the interests of the county – gambling is only profitable if it's restricted and the profitability of the Aztar boat has been compromised because more and more gambling boats are open and you're looking at losing a lot of revenue. Now if you open up another competitor, another legal gambling in Vanderburgh County, you're going to draw away some of the gamblers who are going to the boat and they're going to go here. And so you will further compromise. It's much better if you keep most of the gambling legal and only one or two legal spots and in this case only one legal spot to protect its monopoly. Now when they made the investment in the community, they were under the assumption that gambling would be illegal most of the places and they would be the only game in town. Now you're switching. In seven years you're pulling the rug out from under them and giving them another whole big competitor that's not 200 miles down the river, but right here. The other thing is that we have horse racing already for the gamblers and I know up in Jasper, Indiana there are housewives there who drive down two or three times a week and gamble away all their husbands' hard earned money at the horse racing that's right here. Now, we've referred to this boat is supposed to be out there on the river but somehow after we all agreed that it should come here – I spoke against it then, I was here back then to speak against it – but once we all investigated it, we had committees to look at it, we all voted for it, 51 percent of us did, we found out that we don't even own the river, that Kentucky owns the river and Kentucky is mad because we have opened up a competitor to their gambling and they have said, it's my understanding, that if that boat strays out into Kentucky water, it's going to be impounded and taken away. And so the thing hardly ever goes on the river and if it does, it just does a little parallel thing forward and backward. And I think that we've got enough problem with the boat with Kentucky gambling and if you open up a pari-mutuel gambling outfit here, it's going to be a competitor to the horse racing that's already here. And if that goes down, you may lose a bunch of jobs and whatever elsewhere. So for those reasons, the primary reason, though, is it's wrong and the state, you should not accept a dime of money that's money off of illegal, immoral, wrong, people suffering. All the money that you get from the boat you ought to just bury it someplace or give it away to the poor people or whoever wants to come. Dish it out, it shouldn't go to build up something. Evil money is evil, it will corrupt. It will make people do wrong things and I don't think that you should do that. Thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you. Is there anybody else in the audience that would like to

speak for or against it, this ordinance, pari-mutuel betting parlor? Yes sir, would you step forward please?

Mike Frierdich: My name is Mike Frierdich. I came down here just to hear what was going on. I don't have a financial interest in these people although I know Paul Estridge. I used to be president of Ellis Park a few years ago, back in the 90's and have had a real close involvement with the horse racing industry over many years. I look like I do because I got caught in the rain, so excuse me. I've been involved with horse racing probably for most of my life when I started practicing law. Had it not been for a broken down horse trainer who paid me with two race horses, I probably wouldn't have even started a law practice, but that got me into business and I really learned to like it. I enjoy it, it's a way of life for a lot of people. I've spent time, I've been on the board of directors of Breeder's Cup since its inception, since the first Breeder's Cup Race. I've been president of the Illinois Breeder's Organization for almost 15 years until I moved down here to Indiana when I took the job at Ellis Park. And so I have had a lifetime of involvement in the thoroughbred industry. One of the comments that was made was that there is no one here in favor of it. Well, I am an ex-horse racing executive, I am in favor of an off-track betting parlor being located in Evansville, Indiana. And a comment was made about the 65 cents. One thing we have to remember when we talk about horse racing is it's not just the race track or the betting parlor. Horse racing in Illinois, and I had these numbers but I've been out of it for years so I don't have them, but they are available. Like Indiana is in agri-business. It is one of the largest agricultural contributing businesses in your entire state. It's part of an agricultural industry. The 65 cents was not just there to give people who happen to walk on the riverboat to thicken someone's pocket in the Indiana Horse Racing Commission. The 65 cents was there because in order to build an industry, a large horse racing industry in a state, you have to have purses at the race tracks that are large enough to attract horses. Horse racing is an expensive sport. People spend a lot of money to breed horses, raise horses and feed horses. That 65 cents was used to go to the Indiana Horse Racing Commission who used it for the development of purses and incentives to people who raised Indiana breds, Indiana bred horses is what I am referring to. So that money was the seed money that was absolutely essential to get anyone to come in and spend the tens of millions of dollars that it was going to take to build a race track in Indiana. Those tens of millions of dollars that were invested in infrastructure for race tracks and off-track betting facilities generated the demand for horses that caused people in the rural areas to have markets for hay, straw, grain, hundreds of people work on the back side of a race track, hundreds of people take care of these thoroughbreds throughout the state. So it's not just, we have to look beyond okay, Evansville, we want to put a parlor here. What is that going to do? That's going to allow more people the opportunity to wager on Indiana bred horses that are racing in Indianapolis or that are racing anywhere in the country and part of that money is going to go into the purses to encourage people to raise Indiana bred horses and help grow the agricultural economy. You don't look at – maybe riverboats, I am not that familiar with them, I haven't been on a riverboat but I've been in the horse racing industry all my life. But it's a different sort of industry. It is built around a whole agricultural base in your state. So it's important from that standpoint, it was very – in Illinois there was tremendous support for the racing industry because of the agricultural business it supported. So that 65 cents just doesn't go into people's pockets. That 65 cents was a catalyst developing multi-million dollar agricultural business in this state and without it there would not have been a race track. It's not just gambling. You know, you say well, it's going to take people from one gambling segment and then you move them to another. They're going to take them from the riverboat and move them to the race track. I can tell you from the years I've been involved in horse racing, it's pretty well two different types of people. There is some cross-over. Horse racing is more deliberate. It's a race every 22 minutes or longer. Now there is some simulcasting where there are more races going on, but we in the horse racing industry always like to think it's a little bit more cerebral than just throwing the dice or sticking some money down on a number. There is a lot of analysis that goes into it and we find that our patrons are generally older people. The demographics tend to be older people who thoroughly enjoy not only the wagering – you can go to a race track and in an entire afternoon you may wager 10, 15, 20 dollars. That may be it. It's difficult to do that in my opinion on a riverboat, but in horse racing we find

that there is tremendous entertainment value particularly from older people who visit the race track. I've always felt it was a shame that we didn't have nice facility, a real nice first-class facility in Evansville that allowed people to wager on horse racing. So I guess the comment is there are people in this town who are interested in horse racing and wagering on horse racing here. It is an agricultural industry, there is more to it than just wagering your money and losing money and from the years that I've been involved in running race tracks, I did not experience the difficulties that have been alluded to as relates to gambling. And I do think it's to a large extent there are different patrons that attend the two and I think there would probably be a lot of people who would like to be able to wager on horse racing in Indiana where some of the benefits were going to go to the entire state, not just Evansville but the entire state. So that's really about all I have. I appreciate it, thanks for the time.

President Wortman: Okay, is there any other comment? Mr. Mourdock, would you want to come to the microphone please?

Richard Mourdock: I'll just clarify my comment about the 65 cents, if I may, and I say this respectfully, and I am sorry, sir, you're name was...?

Mike Frierdich: Mike Frierdich.

Richard Mourdock: Mr. Frierdich, okay. Mr. Frierdich made several good points, however, my comment about the 65 cents, I do not mean to imply it was going into a CD up there in Indianapolis. Clearly it is going to the development of additional horse tracks which begs the question, why is the government putting another industry in business? In my business, the government doesn't come in and subsidize what I want to do. If you want to open a tire store, an electric shop, or bank or anything else, the government is not coming in and giving you seed money to do that and that's part of the problem. Now I fully concur with Mr. Frierdich's comments that there are a lot of people in this community who would probably like to see this happen. Again, as I say, I am in the minority. There are people in this room who have been my supporters politically, may never be again after today, I don't know, but the point is the minority viewpoint here is important. I understand people like to gamble and I am not necessarily anti-gambling but I don't believe it's to the betterment to the community of Evansville and Vanderburgh County and I think the pawnshops, the quick money places, are quick evidence of that.

President Wortman: How would you judge the word entertainment in the horse racing arena?

Richard Mourdock: I suspect entertainment is like art. You know it when you see it. I don't know how to answer that, Mr. Wortman. I mean, certainly do some people find it entertaining? Yes. Are there senior citizens as Mr. Frierdich says that go there and sit there all day for fifteen bucks? That's probably true, there are. But there are also those, there are enough in this community that we've gone from having zero fast money, quick check places to 29 and from four pawnshops to 14. What does that say?

President Wortman: I think what, I'll make a little comment here. I've been on here 22 years now and when I came on we didn't have all these taxes we have now: County Option Income Tax, Food & Beverage Tax, Wheel Tax, almost had to just get by with what we had and then we wouldn't have all these things until they was enacted. Now then, and then the governor put a five percent freeze on property tax which kind of held the property tax. I think the general public is looking for a little relief such as this type, maybe might help them out on their property. Now I am hearing that, see. Now whether that's good or bad, who knows. People are going to gamble the way I understand it, here, there, what have you. Some of them like it, some don't. And of course, nobody is forcing them to gamble. If it's there, they're going to gamble. I know they go over to Ellis Park and they gamble. And if this here parlor here, if it's here, they'll probably bet, see. But how do you keep people, how do you keep them away from it, see? And if we're going to sit and just keep our taxes going up and we do get relief from the riverboat and the horse betting, is

that appropriate or from the entertainment standpoint? That's a judgement call, I guess.

Richard Mourdock: It is and I understand that argument, but I would come back with two points. Are we ready to build a horse track right here in Vanderburgh County? I mean, if you want some of the benefits, why not go for the big banana? Think of the taxes we could get off that horse track? But when that vote comes up, I hope you're sitting in the County Commission chair instead of me, Curt. Because I don't want to be there for that vote. The other part of that is, yeah, people are going to do it anyway. I suppose that could be argued of drugs and prostitution and all kinds of stuff that some feel are not desirable in a community. Now I know that's a stretch to say that and again, I can sense people shriveling behind me even as I use those analogies, but the point is there is a lot of things that people don't like in a community and the question is, should government endorse them and sponsor them? And I strongly feel no.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Mourdock, for your comments. Okay, anybody else want to comment?

Councilmember Hoy: President Wortman, I am unclear about something that I wish somebody would clarify for me. I am not aware – and then I have a couple of comments to make if you will allow that – I am not aware that we are going to directly benefit from this in the same way we do from the boat anyhow. I don't think that's an issue here. Am I right or wrong? I mean, like from the boat? Can anybody answer that for me? What is the local benefit? I think we need to get that on the floor.

President Wortman: Could you state your name please?

Gil Short: Gil Short, I am the Vice President and General Manager of Indianapolis Downs and you are correct. You are going to benefit in the way of Food & Beverage sales tax and employment. We are not under the same statutes as what the riverboats are.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you, and my point is that I would not want people reading these minutes to believe for a minute that this is going to relieve property tax because it's not. In fact, if anybody, and if nobody else on this Council will toot our horn, I will because this Council, I've been on it eight years, has kept property tax very, very low. We've had almost no increase so – and we almost never get credit for that – but we're not talking about a trade-off here at all between property tax and income. So I appreciate your answer. My comment is because I probably feel some compulsion, Mr. President, to make a statement since I am an ordained minister and to explain my forthcoming vote and I want to thank Mr. Mourdock for being here. Richard and I have stood alone quite a few times and frankly when the riverboat came along I opposed the riverboat and I am as dismayed as you are with the increase in the check cashing places which to me are worse than usurious and with the increase in pawn shops it's just unbelievable and I know what's happening and I know people, too, who have lost money. My reason – and I am not a gambler, I have been on one boat and that was in Metropolis and I spent ten dollars and got bored. I went up on the top deck and you may as well cruise 800 feet because the river there is so ugly at Metropolis, it's not worth looking at anyway. It's much prettier here but they only go 800 feet. I mean, there is just so much craziness about this whole issue but I am going to vote for this because I have checked into the background of some of the folks who represent this company and I don't believe that they wear pinstripe suits and have little buttons that start their cars from a distance or that they are Sicilian and if I haven't made that point by now then I will explain it after the meeting. But I think we have a pluralistic society and the only thing that's rung my phone off the wall since I've been running my latest campaign has been people who have supported me on my stands on making the SAFE House better. That's where I am getting the calls. But we have church bingos everywhere, we have the Hoosier Lottery, we have Ellis Park which is in Kentucky, but on our side of the river. We have all kinds of competition and I don't know that this competition is going to make matters any worse than they already are. I am at the point where – I still am not going to gamble any money at your place, you all know that – but I think competition is welcome in this instance. I agree with Mr. Mourdock about the

downtown, of course, I have heard that about everything we've done to the downtown on revitalization and that almost becomes a – it is a community joke, it really is with a lot of people. So that's where I am coming from, I just don't see an enormous additional harm to us and I think the mind-set of our community is that this is something that they seem to want and I can't oppose somebody coming in and competing with others along those lines. But I don't want to be misunderstood as one who supports gambling. I don't do it except a dollar on the Super Bowl and I do confess to that and that's about it. Again though, my appreciation to you, Richard, for coming here because I have always admired your courage on speaking up on issues and I appreciate you coming. Thank you, sir.

President Wortman: Mr. Winnecke, you had your hand up there.

Councilmember Winnecke: Yeah, just to clarify the clarification, I was looking for the statute but I thought the city and county would split 50 percent of a two cent admission tax if the facility were to be in the city. Isn't that correct? I mean, my point is, there is revenue to benefit.

Gil Short: Yes, there is. If there is a county imposed admission tax there, it is a split between the county and the city. Yes. Different counties are – there are three existing off-track wagering facilities in the state now and only one gets an admission tax but that's the county that established the admission tax.

Councilmember Hoy: But we do have to impose that tax as – we do have to impose it, do we not?

Gil Short: That's correct. It's up to the individual.

Councilmember Hoy: And my only point is we're not, Councilman Winnecke, is that if you look at what comes in – I am looking at the figures here from the riverboat and from other sources, these taxes, it's nice to have that money. This is not what funds this county basically. What funds this county is property tax, County Option Income Tax and other taxes that we levy and I don't want to go on record as being one who thinks that this is going to be just a great windfall, and I am not expecting it either.

Councilmember Winnecke: I have two quick points. That is, in my mind, there is an issue of jobs here, there is a potential issue of revenue for this county, but I think it's also, I think there's an issue of lifestyle and cultural opportunity, like it or not, and I think it gives the residents of our community another option, another "entertainment" option. And entertainment, obviously would be in quotations. What it is to you would be different to me and different to everyone on the Council. Secondly, I think it would be – I shudder to think what our economy would be like if we tried to stifle competition and I think we would be stifling an element of competition if we voted no. And on the issue of the pawn shops and quick cash, I don't think that's necessarily indicative of the riverboat's presence in our community. If you pick up just about any franchise or business magazine at Barnes & Noble and look for franchise opportunities, you can open a pawn shop or a quick cash facility. I don't think that's really necessarily a result of the riverboat. That's all I have to say.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I think Mrs. Smith was next in line. I'll get behind Mrs. Smith in line.

Councilmember Smith: Well, I think we've set here for years and we've seen Illinois, Ohio and Kentucky lobby with our legislature to keep horse racing out of the state of Indiana and they laugh all the way to the bank. I think it's time that Indiana get some of that revenue and especially Evansville. We're talking about 40 to 50 jobs. Nobody makes anybody gamble. I'm not a gambler, but if you want to go I think that's your own right and the riverboat was voted on by 51% of the taxpayers in Vanderburgh County and that was their

choice and it has helped Evansville and I think the County Commissioners, the County Council and all have spent that money because it has helped Evansville survive and to expand. I feel that this could be an asset to Evansville and yes, I am going to vote for it.

Councilmember Sutton: I was going to wait, I guess, a little bit before I spoke but I think it is probably most appropriate that I go ahead and speak now on this before Richard gets back up. I think he'll be up there a while. I guess I really want to speak to this issue. I was out of town and didn't get a chance to speak to the issue when we had our first reading on this and when we went through kind of the process back in –

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

**(Tape changed)**

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, I think when we went through this process back in '92, '93, '94 in looking at riverboat gaming and whether gambling was good for the community, and the community ultimately voted in favor of riverboat gaming here in the community. I think that the community was speaking because of the economy of the area. I think they were speaking because of, I think to a certain degree there was some curiosity about a new type of what they considered an opportunity at that time to be provided, that could potentially provide additional jobs. And I think that when we look at this particular request that we have here today, I think when we look at our community now as opposed to what we had back then, the community that we have right now, we're prospering. I think this community is doing extremely well. We've benefitted from a variety of good things. We have good industry, solid industry, we've weathered some storms here with some of our major industries but on the whole when you look at our unemployment, it's very low and very envious for a number of other communities. Really, overall, every community isn't necessarily doing well, but for the most part the nation is doing rather well in terms of prospering. And sometimes when you're doing very well, when you're prospering, sometimes your thoughts, your actions are not as what I think that they should be from a prudent standpoint. I think in this particular situation as we look at this particular request that is before us today, the question I have to ask myself in really evaluating this proposal is, what is the value that is added to this community by this request? What is going to be added to this community and I think that this request in and of itself, I am really struggling to see the value that is added here. I am really struggling to see how we will be that much better if this particular request is granted. And that is, we already have tons of bingo if it is going on. We've got the lottery, we've got riverboat gaming, and now we've got this request. How much is enough? I really think we've already reached that point where enough is enough related to what they call the gaming industry. Call it what is it. It's gambling and I think as we look at, like I said, this prosperity issue of our community we still want to believe that there is something more. I'd like to see today, I'd like to see a request standing there at the podium for a new company or a new factory that's here requesting tax abatement and you guys know how I feel about tax abatement. I'd be more prone to support that type of industry generating something positive in this community: jobs, economic development in this community rather than this particular request today because we already in my opinion, I believe that we already have enough. I think as well, when we think of what is the greater good for this community I am struggling to see whether this request provides a greater good to this community and I am not saying that other communities who have chosen to do this whether they are morally wrong or they are totally devoid of any type of thought of what is going on, but I think for our community, which none of the individuals except for one that is sitting here will live with this decision here in Evansville, Indiana and that is what I think each and every one of us needs to look at and that is we're the ones that's going to live with the choice that is made here. So whether it's someone that's addicted to gambling or whether it's someone who decides to spend more on gambling than they spend on their family, that's maybe not the issue. It's how this community will be affected in the long run and I think our prosperity has spoiled us, has spoiled us to the extent where we think that there's something better, that there's something else that we're not getting, that we're missing out on something by having this request and approving this request, and I don't think we're missing out on anything. I think

we're missing out when we're not getting more industries that are coming up here and making requests, like I said, what I'd like to see here. And then I think also when we look at this, when we look back at riverboat gaming there was a process that took place and when we look at what is being proposed to us today, why is it that they are coming to us and wanting us to approve this and to abandon the process that went through with riverboat gaming? I think there's a reason for that and the reason is I think that the voters here and the constituents here in this community would probably resoundingly say no to this request. So now they are asking us to short circuit that particular process and with the hopes that this can pass through a lot quicker and I just don't think that's the way. I think the ones who approved riverboat gaming should again. If it's the pleasure and if it's the feeling of this community that they want this particular request, then I think the community should state that. I think yes we do represent this community when we sit up here and we cast votes, but I think this is a greater issue than maybe seven people making that decision. There are a number of other people who would like to speak to this and if they had some thought and opportunity to think about it. And I think this issue really kind of became galvanized for me yesterday. I was out in my yard planting some hostas and my six year old daughter was out there playing while I was planting hostas and she found two lottery tickets laying on the ground. And she came up and asked me, what are these? And I kind of struggled, at six years old how do you explain what a lottery ticket is? And I said well basically, that is a ticket that people buy because they think they are going to win something. She says well, do you buy them? I said no, I don't buy them. Well, don't you want more? I was like, no, I think we have enough. I think we're okay. We don't need the lottery tickets. Well, why do people buy it? Well, I said because they don't really think that what they have been blessed with is enough and I think we're at the point where enough is enough. We have enough gambling, have enough gaming, and I think as far as our community is concerned, I'd rather say enough is not enough when I've got industries and companies coming up here wanting requests for tax abatement here in our community. So for me I think the vote is very clear and I know, Richard, you struggled, but for me I don't, it's not a struggle for me when though there might be other Councilmen – I probably will be the only one that votes against this and when I stepped in this room I felt like I was going to be the only one but I felt confident that in the greater interest and the greater good of this community I felt like that by voting no on this would be the right thing to do. So I want to live with this choice, I want to live with this vote. So that's how I feel and I just wanted to express that.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Sutton. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: First I'd like to thank Phil for bringing that out because I was concerned, too, by some of the prior conversations that when somebody read these minutes that are now available through the Internet that they would interpret that this is going to offer tax relief on their property taxes which is not the case. So thank you on that. A couple of things: as far as a location, have you picked a site yet for this facility?

Gil Short: I have personally toured the city on one occasion and saw several sites. It's going to take – picking a site is something that takes quite a bit of time. Of course, ingress and egress is very important and you've really got to investigate the town but I saw seven or eight very good sites. Three or four of them were what I considered distressed sites that I personally like to deal with because we go in and basically get a manilla box and do the build out on it so we don't need a fancy building. We make it fancy ourselves and parking is of utmost importance when you're looking at three or four hundred parking spots. It limits your selection down considerably.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. And this may ease some people's minds but I would certainly ask, you know, Richard Mourdock brought it up earlier that we look at the downtown area something in and around the walkway area. Again, that's a mission that the local community has fought for 20 years and we can't seem to get that traffic flow back downtown and this may certainly help do that. But I want to speak on just horse track betting in itself. It's not like we're inventing a new game for this community to bet on. Horse racing has been part of this community and has been available for longer than I've



been alive at Ellis Park and again, we're offering a choice. We're giving them another location to go. We're giving them a location where they may not have to cross an already too busy interstate or highway to enter into the parking lot and walk a half mile through rocks and dust to get to so I don't really see as if we're opening up doors for more betting. There's people who know the racing business, read the forms, follow it, it's always been here and at worst, we're probably going to take away a small percentage of their customers, people that are already betting horses and I don't think we're breeding new gamblers ourselves. It's kind of like playing cards. There's some of us that grew up playing clabber, some of us that grew up playing hearts or rook. I mean, there's always going to be rook game, there's always going to be a clabber game. Again, we've always had horse racing and it's been in the back and the front rooms of the taverns for years and years. We may affect their business somewhat, too. But we're not introducing anything new here.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Raben. Okay, it always looked like that bingo, you know, just how many grandmas kept off the street when you think of bingo. Mr. Mourdock? We've got five minutes here yet and then we've got to clear out.

Richard Mourdock: I just very quickly wanted to respond to Mr. Winnecke's comments regarding the pawnshops and also the easy check places. You're right, those are growth industries but when you look at Evansville, Indiana versus other communities I honestly disagree because we do have much faster growth of those industries in this area. Regarding whether or not the county directly receives benefits, and I admit here some information has been clarified in my mind, but I have to tell you I am mystified when this group isn't really sure what it is. Now I am not going to embarrass all of you nor am I going to whet Mr. Short's appetite by saying well, gee, are you all saying that you're never going to impose that tax? Because I think I know what the answer to that is because as I said before, I know how much money it takes to run county government: just a little bit more. The 65 cents, you know, if we're going to do this then I would hope the Indiana Horse Racing Commission would say we don't need that 65 cents off the riverboat anymore. We're in our own business and, in fact, we want that 65 cents to go right here. You think they're going to do that? We'll wait and see. And lastly, I had forgotten earlier, Mr. Sutton's comments reminded me, you were on that board as well when the mayor's selection committee took place and I do appreciate your comments. You know, this isn't about as, Mr. Raben, you were saying, having something that's been here for years because let's go back to 1988. There were those of us then who said if you have a state lottery it will lead to other things. Oh, no, no, no. It's about a lottery. Well, then we went to a lottery, then we went to the riverboat, and now it's going from the riverboat to dockside gambling, and now it's going from the lottery to the riverboat, to the dockside gambling, to pari-mutuel betting and you know the next thing it's going to be is to have land-based casinos. It's just the evolution. And lastly, Curt, you're on Area Plan with me and I look forward to sitting there that night when we have to change the zoning code to allow this facility in any Evansville neighborhood because it's not zoned right now and then this room will be full.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. We've got one minute yet and then we've got to be done exactly. Go ahead, then.

Richard Helzerman: I'd just like to say I would not oppose if you want to say gambling, all kinds of gambling, anybody can gamble anywhere, any place, stop the state police raids on the back rooms of the bars. I'll support you 100 percent. I believe in freedom, but you are saying this particular gambling has our stamp of approval and I do not think you should do that and every 100,000 that gets lost is on your conscience.

President Wortman: Thank you. Okay, I am going to call for a vote and a motion.

Councilmember Smith: Motion to approve.

President Wortman: Now I need a second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Winnecke. Now, any more discussion? No discussion, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I know I am going to lose this but I think you guys need to – just as we had certain expectations of those who were seeking the riverboat license here, I think there should be expectations of this particular site here. What are they going to do for this community? What promises are they going to have to keep? I think that we need to get something like that in writing if it's going to move through this particular body and be approved. So if we go through this without asking any questions or asking for anything, then we're basically saying it doesn't make any difference. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. The vote is six to one for approval.

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

President Wortman: I am going to ask for a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six...Jim and Mr. Hoy?...seven. Meeting is adjourned.

**(Meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.)**

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Curt Wortman

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Vice President Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember James Raben

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**JUNE 7, 2000**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2000 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: We'll start the meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council now this June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2000 with the opening of the meeting and we're going to have a roll call please.

(Roll call taken by Teri Lukeman)

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

President Wortman: Will we all stand and Pledge Allegiance to the flag, please?

(Pledge of allegiance was given.)

<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b> <b>MAY 3, 2000 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING</b> <b>MAY 3, 2000 SPECIAL MEETING</b>
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President Wortman: Okay, I'll have a motion for approval of the minutes for the May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2000 meeting.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

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

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

President Wortman: We'll start on the appropriation ordinance and now anybody in the audience that wants to –

Teri Lukeman: Excuse me, Curt, you have two sets of minutes for approval.

President Wortman: On that special meeting, I am sorry. So I'd like to have a motion for approval of the special meeting.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: There’s a motion and a second. Any discussion on that? All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

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

President Wortman: And anybody in the audience that wants to talk for or against any of these appropriations or any subject, why you’ll have to raise your hand or let me know because you have a right to be heard at the meeting. And now then we’ll start in the appropriation ordinance and the first on the agenda will be the Jail.

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

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I’ll move approval of the Jail request in the amount of \$2,054 as requested.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second, Mrs. Smith. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1130-0402	NURSE MANAGER	1,815.00	1,815.00
1051-1900	FICA	139.00	139.00
1051-1910	PERF	100.00	100.00
TOTAL		2,054.00	2,054.00

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

**COUNTY ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Next there, Mr. Raben, would be County Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, can you give me just one second?

President Wortman: The gentleman from the district on the west side wants one second. Time is almost up. Evidently he is going to ask for more time, the chair recognizes that.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, Mr. President, –

President Wortman: Okay, now he's ready to go.

Councilmember Raben: County Assessor, we have a request total of \$1,969 and I'll move approval.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Hoy. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1090-1160-1090	BUS/PP DEPUTY	1,739.00	1,739.00
1090-1900	FICA	134.00	134.00
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1090-1910	PERF	96.00	96.00
TOTAL		1,969.00	1,969.00

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

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS

President Wortman: Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, line 1091-3530 in the amount of \$3,500. I'll move approval.

President Wortman: Got 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

PROP. TAX ASSESSMENT BD. OF APPEALS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1091-3530	CONT. SERVICES	3,500.00	3,500.00
TOTAL		3,500.00	3,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

President Wortman: Now the next on the agenda is County Commissioners. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Southwest Mental Health request for \$18,600, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Got a 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3020	SW MENTAL HEALTH	18,600.00	18,600.00
TOTAL		18,600.00	18,600.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

President Wortman: Okay, Circuit Court on your agenda has been withdrawn as mentioned last week and so we will proceed right on, Mr. Raben, to the Cumulative Bridge out there, the Lynch Road interchange.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, stand by for one moment.

President Wortman: The gentleman requests a little time here again.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'll move approval of 2030-4390 in the amount of \$500,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second, Mrs. Smith. Any discussion on this? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-4390	LYNCH INTERCHANGE BRIDGE	500,000.00	500,000.00
TOTAL		500,000.00	500,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman? Is that Lynch Road interchange, isn't that about finished? Would this finish it up or does anybody know?

President Wortman: Mr. John Stoll is in attendance. Would you step forward, Mr. Stoll, and answer that question?

John Stoll: John Stoll, County Engineer. This project will just build the interchange and it will stop at the east ramp of the interchange. So this will extend from the current dead end of Lynch just east of Burkhardt to the east ramp and it will include the bridges and it will include the ramps, but it goes no further. So it doesn't tie the project into Old Boonville Highway or run it out to Warrick County or anything so there will still be future phases of the project.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Stoll.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes sir?

Councilmember Raben: Wait, we've not voted on this yet.

President Wortman: No discussion? Any more discussion? Call the – did we vote on it? Okay, we voted on it. Alright. Go ahead, Mr. Raben, for the Auditor.

CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Raben: Let's go back. We actually, although we announced that Circuit Court has been withdrawn we need to set that in at zero so let's go back to Circuit Court. Their request total was for \$3,352. I move we set that in at zero.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-1360-1360	PRE-SENTENCE INVESTIGATOR	1,402.00	WITHDRAWN
1360-1370-1360	PRE-SENTENCE INVESTIGATOR	1,554.00	WITHDRAWN
1360-1900	FICA	226.00	WITHDRAWN
1360-1910	PERF	170.00	WITHDRAWN
TOTAL		3,352.00	WITHDRAWN

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CCD/AUDITOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, this is the CCD Fund for the Auditor, 2031-1020-4430 in the amount of \$7,000, I'll move approval.

President Wortman: Got 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CCD/AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2031-1020-4430	TIME ACCRUAL	7,000.00	7,000.00
TOTAL		7,000.00	7,000.00

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

## **LOCAL ROADS & STREETS**

President Wortman: Okay, Local Roads & Streets, two of them there, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we have account 2160-4326 in the amount of \$3,500,000 and account 2160-4827 in the amount of \$300,000, for a total of \$3,800,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second, Mrs. Smith. Any discussion on this? Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, I will vote yes on this but I have to say that, I guess I have to say I told you so. Burkhardt Road has cost us \$14,254,777. I think that's a lot of county dollars for that kind of development in one section of the city but I will vote yes because I think we need to complete it. We don't control zoning in this county but we need to be looking at all the vacant buildings in this city and county. It's true in other cities, too, but there are vacant buildings everywhere and I am beginning to wonder if we're being very good stewards of the land and of our tax dollars by just keeping – you know, we keep extending the boundaries and we see vacant buildings everywhere. So that's my little disclaimer. Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Mr. Hoy. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2160-4326	BURKHARDT RD.	3,500,000.00	3,500,000.00
TOTAL		3,500,000.00	3,500,000.00

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2160-4827	LYNCH RD. EXTENSION	300,000.00	300,000.00
TOTAL		300,000.00	300,000.00

Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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AUDITOR  
PROSECUTOR IV-D  
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE  
COUNTY COUNCIL (Late transfer)  
MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER (Late transfer)

President Wortman: Now, Mr. Raben, do you want to take the transfers?

Councilmember Raben: I will do that. The Auditor, we have a transfer request in the amount of \$1,000; Prosecutor IV-D, we have a transfer amount of \$1,183; Cum Bridge \$240,000. We have two late transfers: County Council, we are going to amend that account number. The first item should read 1480-3310 Training in the amount of \$275 to be transferred to 1480-3370 for \$275. Then Misdemeanor Offender, the amount of \$2,500. I'll move approval of all those.

President Wortman: We got a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Now, any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes. In...I guess in terms of the Prosecutor IV-D request...is anybody here from the Prosecutor's Office? Oh, there you are. The question I had was in terms of positions that are open at this time or vacant positions. How many do you have in the office? I know this is the IV-D program specifically, but just overall.

Regéne Newman: The whole office or just IV-D?

Councilmember Sutton: IV-D.

Regéne Newman: Right now, none. None vacant.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, that's it. Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? Now Jim, you went from on County Council 1480-3310 instead of 1920, is that correct?

Councilmember Raben: Correct.

President Wortman: Okay, everybody got that? Okay, call the roll please.

Councilmember Bassemier: For how much?

Councilmember Raben: Same amount.

President Wortman: Same amount \$275.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**AUDITOR**

**REQUESTED**

**APPROVED**

FROM: 1020-1350-1020	TAX SALE/ HOMESTEAD SUPV.	1,000.00	1,000.00
TO: 1020-1990	EXTRA HELP	1,000.00	1,000.00

PROSECUTOR IV-D		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1081-1150-1081	DEPUTY PROS. ATTY.	1,183.00	1,183.00
TO: 1081-1190-1081	ENFORCE. OFFICER	1,183.00	1,183.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2030-4399	OLD HENDERSON RD. BRIDGE #1544	240,000.00	240,000.00
TO: 2030-4344	McCUTCHAN RD. BRIDGE #99	240,000.00	240,000.00

<b>LATE TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1480-3310	TRAINING	275.00	275.00
TO: 1480-3370	COMPUTER (DATA MGT)	275.00	275.00

MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2760-1990	EXTRA HELP	2,500.00	2,500.00
TO: 2760-1850	UNION OVERTIME	2,500.00	2,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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President Wortman: Okay, now then we'll get in to the Salary Ordinance, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, first is the Jail. I move to set line 1051-1130 in as previously adopted with an annual salary of \$37,456 and change the position title to Nurse/Manager. County Assessor, set in line 1090-1160 as previously adopted with an annual salary of \$24,296 and change that title – oh, that will remain the same which is Business/Personal Property Deputy. Circuit Court, that request has been withdrawn. The Auditor, approve Extra Help line 1020-1990 as the transfer previously approved and salary line 1020-1140 in at an annual salary rate at \$25,583 and change the position title to Tax Correction/Settlement Clerk. Prosecutor, move to approve salary line 1080-1330 as a COMOT IV with an initiation rate of \$21,278 and the position title be Receptionist. Prosecutor IV-D, move to approve salary line 1081-1180 as a COMOT IV with an initiation rate of \$21,278 and a position title to be Receptionist. Prosecutor IV-D, we have line 1081-1190, I would like to set that in as the transfer has been previously adopted. Misdemeanor Offender, set salary line 2760-1850 Union Overtime in as the transfer has been adopted. I'll move approval of all those corrections.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a motion and a second from Mr. Sutton. Any discussion on those? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
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**INDIANA TUBE CORPORATION: CONFIRMING RESOLUTION/TAX ABATEMENT FOR REDEVELOPMENT OR REHABILITATION AND ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2100 LEXINGTON AVENUE**

President Wortman: We've got here a Confirming Resolution/Tax Abatement for the Redevelopment or Rehabilitation and Acquisition and Installation of New Manufacturing Equipment on Property Located at 2100 Lexington Avenue, Indiana Tube Corporation. This is a second and final hearing. Do I have a motion to that effect to be adopted?

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: And got a second. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

President Wortman: Okay, now that takes care of that.

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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**DSM ENGINEERING PLASTICS: PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION/TAX ABATEMENT FOR REDEVELOPMENT OR REHABILITATION OF AND ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2267 MILL ROAD**

President Wortman: Now New Business. We've got another tax abatement of new manufacturing equipment located at 2267 Mill Road, DSM Engineering. We rehashed that last Wednesday. I'll entertain a motion for passage.

Councilmember Smith: So moved, Mr. President.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: So moved Mrs. Smith and Mr. Hoy seconded. Any discussion? If not, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: This could be a tough one. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Before I say yes I have to rib Mr. Jones just a little bit. I've been here eight years almost and I have never seen so much detail on salaries and benefits. I wish everybody did that good a job and those are the kind of wages I like to see. So certainly I vote yes.

Councilmember Smith: He knew what you were going to ask for.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, we try to save time on the tapes.

President Wortman: He was trained good. He was on the County Council. Okay, anything else for discussion?

Teri Lukeman: I need to finish this vote. Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, before we move on could I throw something in on the issue of tax abatements? You have a meeting coming up, I believe, soon with members of the City Council to talk about abatement issues.

President Wortman: Ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

Councilmember Winnecke: I think it would be good for – maybe this is the appropriate forum – but I think it would be nice if we, as a body, sent maybe some recommendations with you from this group. There are a couple of things I think would be important for this body to present or at least have knowledge of or have a presence of at that meeting. I think one of the most important issues on the issue of tax abatements is, I think there ought to be a regular time to report the status of what these companies are doing in regards to what they've promised for the abatement and I would like to see that and specific requirements as to jobs and benefits included in future guidelines.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman? Didn't we ask for them to report back to us in a year's time?

President Wortman: Yes, we had that.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, they have an annual compliance review that they have to complete and that comes about late August, early September is when they have to complete that.

Councilmember Winnecke: Does that report come to this body?

Councilmember Sutton: The report does come to this body and we do get an opportunity to review how they are doing progress-wise in terms of employees, in terms of the investment they've made, in terms of equipment, so we do get a full review and at that point in time if we determine that we need to have further discussion or input from the company then we can at that time ask that they do come forward and the Council can address any issues that they may feel are appropriate for that company.

President Wortman: Kind of a progress report.

Councilmember Hoy: And, in fact, we have called, I think last year we called six or eight of them back and probably too late.

Councilmember Raben: This body declined one last year through –

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, we did, that's right.

Councilmember Raben: – but I've brought this up before that, and I know that DMD does not have the manpower or maybe they do but they've stated before they don't, but the only real problem I have with even the compliance reviews is we don't really have any way to

really audit the numbers that they give us when they, and please DSM don't take this wrong because I am sure that wouldn't happen, but when they come back a year later and they say we said we'd hire 50 people, we hired 50 people, we don't have access to their payroll records.

Councilmember Smith: We could request that, Jim, that they bring us a copy of their payroll records so you can count it up. That should be, maybe that's what Lloyd is saying, that we should have a report back and they're supposed to report back to us every year.

Councilmember Raben: And that's my point, that if there were some way to actually do an internal audit or an inspection of records by DMD just to clarify that they are in fact doing what they say. I know a lot, they come up here and say that but we don't have any real concrete proof.

Councilmember Smith: I've always felt that DMD should go out and check instead of passing out their payroll records to everybody here, some person there go out and check their payroll. And if they ask for a tax abatement, then it should be open for them to look at.

Councilmember Hoy: We've had a –

Councilmember Smith: And I don't think it would take that much time for one person to go out there because we don't have that many right now on the record.

Councilmember Hoy: Those that are subject to affirmative action are also ones that, I know Mr. Sutton has raised that question, I have too, you know, and I am bothered when somebody has a hundred employees and they can't tell me if they've got any minorities there. It looks like that would be pretty easy to do just with a walk through, you know. Not too tough and I think that's an important point also when that applies.

President Wortman: I spoke to, for instance, we gave tax abatement to Temme Tool & Mold and I spoke to one of the persons in charge out there and they're down to four days a week. Business is not too good in the tool and mold business right now, so they're all affected, all of this area. So they're just kind of hanging on to their people trying to get by so we might consider that if they have to be reviewed because that will be coming up here so I just thought I'd mention that because they're having a heck of a time some of them. Here a year ago, I guess, they were working six days a week, twelve hours a day, and now then they're just four days a week now.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, that doesn't bother me as much as one we had where they had promised 175 workers in two years and then they wanted to reduce it to 145 and the president of that company himself told me they'd have 400 workers here. I'd just as soon they shoot straight with us and I know they can't always make it, but there's a big difference between 175 and 145, it would seem to me and that business is going well.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Hoy. Okay, so we've got that all solved.

## **CONSIDERATION OF 2001 SALARY INCREASE FOR VANDERBURGH COUNTY EMPLOYEES**

President Wortman: Now then we'll go to B, that's consideration of the salaries for the county employees for the year 2001, that would be next year, so we'll have a little discussion on that. Mr. Raben, do you want to comment? You had some statistics here about the county and the country and all that, or not?

Councilmember Raben: I don't have them in front of me. I had stated to Curt prior to the meeting that I always think we're kind of putting the cart before the horse when we set salary rates before we even see what our actual appropriation requests or budget requests are each year and I just cited that in a recent NALCO magazine I had read an article where the University of Kansas and I think Miami, Ohio, there was three or four universities had

in '99, had completed a study on the tax rates of like several hundred counties across the United States, there's like 1300 counties in the United States, and in '99, of those counties, 84% of them did not raise their tax rate at all. In fact, like 14% had actually lowered their tax rate. So, you know, I've always been very cautious and tried to keep from ever increasing the tax in our county and reading that article kind of hit home with me that it's not just us that or even myself that tries to do that, 84% of the counties in the nation, in fact, are not increasing taxes. So I just, again, my point in all this is I don't see how we can actually set a percent of increase for salaries when, in fact, we have not even seen what the requests are.

Councilmember Sutton: I was just going to add, I guess really at this stage, in terms of where we are it's kind of an annual thing about this stage when we kind of do talk about wage rates, not necessarily salary increases or whatever, I guess we really, I agree with you, we can't make that determination until we see our appropriations but at the same time, when we get to budget time in August, we will have the full picture before us, the full story and at that point in time if the county can undertake a certain level, I think we're going to act appropriately, or what we feel like is the appropriate thing to do for our employees. If that's more, if that's less, we're going to try to do the best that we can and at the same time meet the needs of county government in terms of the operations, what needs to be done so the Sheriff can run his department, the Auditor can do their thing, but more importantly I think our employees have a certain level of commitment that they have shown and not that a raise clearly shows all of what an employee has done, but I think what we have been able to do successfully with this Council is over the last few years that I have been here, we've been able to give a pay increase which I've been very proud of while at the same time the tax rate has not gone up. You know, we've done that successfully. And at the same time meeting all the needs of county government that have come before us and we've had some very large ticket items that have come before us that have caused us all to scratch our heads but we've been able to do that successfully. So I think that today, I would like to see us to be at, at least 4% for our county employees. I would like to see us do that and when we sit down at budget time and start hashing through the numbers I think what we'll see is just what we saw last year, is that when we look at a pay increase of about 4%, that's going to amount to somewhere in the neighborhood of about \$800,000 to \$900,000, is what it's going to take us up to overall for the county. So given where we are, in looking at our unappropriated balance this year, we have a pretty healthy balance, and that's due to some really good financial planning on our part and has left us a really healthy balance and I think we'd like to preserve that even going into next year, so I think 4% is very doable. I think our employees deserve it. I'd like to see them get along that line, but come budget time we can sit down and crunch through the numbers.

Councilmember Smith: I would like to see the 4% if we can afford it but like you said, we won't know until budget time comes up, but I think we need to think in that line because there for so many years they didn't get 4% so this will bring them up. If something comes up later on and when we get into budgets, we may have to change our mind. But right now, let's think of 4%.

President Wortman: The only thing that I would say, 4% sounds good, but when you submit that, department heads, with their budget, they might expect 4%. That's the only thing that I would – but as long as they would understand that, see.

Councilmember Smith: Well, I think they have to understand it, Curt, and if something comes up that we can't give it, I think they have to understand that, but they also know that we are sitting here thinking about them.

President Wortman: I tell you, we're getting quite a spread from the \$20,000 - \$25,000 a year annual salary to the \$60,000. So 3% of \$60,000 is \$1,800, but you take that \$20,000 person that does all the gofer work or whatever you want to call it, they don't get much of a raise at 3%, see. And that's what happened one year, there was a \$500 across the board raise and it didn't set too good, but the low person benefitted moreso than the high person, but where do you draw the line at? I think this is, you know, a lot of people wonder about that, see. So these are things, I was thinking the 3%, if it could be 4 we could raise it, if not,

we might not be able to say 2%. Who knows, see? Depends on our big ticket items coming in, we've got the jail, things of this nature. You never know, see. And the more money we've got the better we can finance things but the employees are good employees and of course we can't compete sometimes with the private sector. We're aware of that, see, that's the only thing. So somebody else...

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I have always favored doing as much as we can and I like it when we're able to go more than the cost of living because the cost of living figure is just a figure. For someone starting out, some of their costs are going to be higher than my costs are going to be at my age. If they are going to buy a house they are going to pay a whole lot more than I paid because my house is paid off and I bought it a long time ago. So that's why that cost of living figure has some, I think it's a little fictitious. The other thing, I am with you, Mr. Wortman, one thing that bothers me, I was just scanning through here and some of these folks, here's a person who is only making \$18,568 and that gap keeps getting wider and wider and I don't think we can address it on the floor here, but maybe some time we can take a look at that and make those gaps not quite as wide as they do become indeed. But I would like to see us, I don't think this Council will go 5% but I would like to see us go 4% and we can always trim that back at budget time, we've done that, and we can stay well within our budget. The thing about the Jail is, as Mr. Sutton has pointed out, what was the figure you used if we gave 4%, about \$900,000? That's not going to have much impact on financing the Jail if we have to spend 40 or 50 million dollars. That's going to be a real hit anyway and those of us of both parties are going to bite a pretty big bullet on that with the taxpayers I think when that time comes and society seems to want to lock everybody up and if they do, then society has to pick up the bill for that. But I don't think this raise would jeopardize that expenditure if and when it comes. I think we will spend some money, I don't think there's any doubt about that. But I would like to see us lay out the 4% and if we have to trim it back, we have to trim it back. It's not that difficult to do.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben, do you or Mr. Lloyd got any –

Councilmember Raben: I was just going to tell you, the difference between 3% and 4% amounts to about \$233,000 county wide.

President Wortman: I might insert this while – what are we going to do about new employees? Are we going to think about a freeze or are we going to anticipate that? That's something we've got to do a little thinking here now.

Councilmember Hoy: I think we put a freeze in last year, did we not? And we've done pretty well with that, I think. I don't know what the actual figures are, but I think we've kept those figures well in line and as a Council I think we've done very well. We don't get many pats on the back for keeping that tax rate pretty flat and pretty low but it's not big news except when you pay your tax bill, then it's good news.

President Wortman: I know in the '80's when I was up here we just – we didn't have any money to give raises, it was tight. We didn't have all these taxes, see. Now we've got taxes, course everybody is kind of helping to cause, see. So that's something to think about. Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: This is my first budget process to be involved in and I think everyone makes a valid argument. I think everyone would like to give 4%, 5% or whatever. There is a fine line because we are stewards of the money but on the other hand, we need to be mindful of the job market and how competitive it is, but being this is my first budget process, I would tend to be more conservative at the beginning and start with a 3% and then at budget time, if the budget picture looks better or rosier, let's go to 4%. I think if we say 4% today, that's the figure that's going to be in the minds of 800 or so county employees, and in August or September if we can't fulfill that, we've disappointed people. If, however, it looks better at that time and we can go to 4%, that's good news for them. That's how I'd come down on it.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier, you might want to comment. It looks like you're doing

a lot of thinking.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I have been. I'd like to see all the employees get a 4% raise and everybody's point is well taken, and Lloyd over there is saying go up, but I think you could just as easily go down. I don't know, I am just kind of afraid if we go 3% and I think it's going to be harder to go up than it is to go down. I don't know, all the points are well taken and I know serving on the Job Study, you know, we're losing a lot of good employees because the private sector is paying more so I guess I am just undecided right now but I'd like to give them 4% if the money is there.

President Wortman: Okay, I'll tell you, after all the discussion now, I am going to call for a motion to set the salaries for the budgets for the department heads and I will entertain a motion from somebody on what percent, 3, 4, what have you.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I move that we suggest 4%.

Councilmember Smith: And I second it.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy made a motion for 4 and we've got Mrs. Smith second it. Any other discussion on this? If not, call the roll.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: And again, we emphasize this is the recommendation, this is not guaranteed. If that can be communicated to our –

President Wortman: It's not set in concrete.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes. So yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I am going to vote yes also.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: No. So what was the score?

Teri Lukeman: Four to three.

President Wortman: Alright, four to three. So it's going to be set in at 4%. Okay.

**(Motion carried 4-3/Councilmembers Raben, Winnecke & Wortman opposed)**

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

President Wortman: Yes, Mrs. Deig will send a memo to all the departments tomorrow and that will be stated in there, so I would emphasize if it's alright with the Council to say that it's not set in concrete more or less in plain words. So everybody understands that and don't hold us hostage here. Alright, the next thing is, I want to insert this – oh, Jim, go ahead.

Councilmember Raben: I don't mean to sound like the sour grapes here and again, I hope it does work out that we can allow 4%, but I kind of feel like Councilman Winnecke that it's almost a letdown if you don't get what the request is. I'd rather surprise them and say hey, we're able to do it and you weren't expecting it. But there were a few comments on the private sector and again, I would argue some of those comments and that's due to the fact that in the private sector, I don't really think we're losing employees to the private sector. I think that what the county offers in terms of benefits and holidays, what do we recognize, 14, 15, 16, 17 holidays? Fourteen? We've got a benefit package second to none, we have a Job Study program. I mean, I don't think this county has got anything to be embarrassed about with what they are giving or what the employees get for working here.

Councilmember Bassemier: I just know that we have people from the Health Department, I know Cheryl Musgrave says she's lost several employees, I don't know, maybe they're not. When they tell me this in Job Study I know we're losing employees, that's what they're telling me. Now you've heard Mrs. Musgrave say it up here. I wish she was here. I don't know. I think the Sheriff has lost, and I know the Sheriff has lost a few employees because of better pay in the private sector. I know Mr. Hamner said it one time. Like you said –

Councilmember Raben: I've lost a lot of people to Toyota that had extremely good jobs, but there's always going to be a better job if you're qualified, if you're aggressive, if you've got any vision at all, you're always going to look for a better job, but this county pays well, the benefit package is excellent, the benefits in terms of holidays and vacation time is as good or better than anything out there in the private sector. So we don't really need to apologize or be down on this county because, in fact, people are treated pretty damn fair.

Councilmember Smith: You know, in 1980 when we made up the budgets, we didn't give a raise, we didn't have any. And we couldn't have even made payroll if it hadn't been for cable TV paying us \$160,000 ahead of time. And those people for two years did not get a raise, but they understood it because they knew we didn't have the money. Now if we don't have the 4%, they'll understand it now. But if we've got it, let's look for it to be there, but if we don't, we have all agreed that we can't, maybe can't do it. So if we can't do it, we can't. But if we can, I think it would be a blessing.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I really don't have any disagreement with Mr. Raben's speech because if this Council, as I have, I keep a file on all those tax abatements that we've granted and we're way ahead of the companies we've granted abatements to in this county. So I agree with Mr. Raben's point but I would like to keep it there because I think that we need to go beyond just being competitive with the private sector, but maybe we need to be an example to the private sector that it takes this much money to live on in this county. It costs a lot to pay for housing. I live, as you know, downtown in an older neighborhood. You can not find a decent apartment in my neighborhood with one bedroom for less than \$400 a month and that's an older property. We've looked at tax abatements for two apartment complexes here, one of which we denied but I think the rent was \$500 to \$600 a month.

Councilmember Smith: \$625.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you, Councilwoman Smith, \$625 a month rent. So I am very proud of the fact that we have been able to be decent to our employees. I don't think we're

overpaying but I don't mind if we're a bit ahead of the private sector and I frankly wish the private sector would catch up in certain instances.

President Wortman: Excuse me, we need to change tapes.

**(Tape changed)**

President Wortman: Okay, now we're back on. Well, we've had discussion on that now, so I guess we'll let the chips fall where they may. I will remind you hopefully that everybody will make contact as their liaison to all their departments and kind of have everything ready and then –

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd like to say one more thing. I think, I am going to say the opposite, I think if we try to give 4%, the people, they know we're trying to work for it. I know the six years on the Council when we recommended 3%, that's all they got. The first year we recommended 4%, they knew how hard we worked. Boy, we cut everywhere. And we got them 4%. And I really believe that the employees will really think, they won't be mad at us if we can't give 4%, but they know we are really, really working hard for them and no disrespect to my colleagues about their 3%. They made some really good points, especially Lloyd and you're right, it will (Inaudible) what Raben said. But I think they know that we're going to try to give them 4%, we will really work our best to give it to them. And that's why I went 4% and I hope you guys aren't mad at me for doing that.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Ed.

Councilmember Smith: If they are, it won't be the first time.

President Wortman: Okay, we're going to have a Job Study meeting June 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

#### **RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT CONCERNING A T-1 FIBER OPTICS LINE**

President Wortman: Okay, we've got one more item, a Resolution Approving An Interlocal Agreement Concerning a T-1 Fiber Optics Line. Can anybody elaborate on that (Inaudible – microphone not turned on) \$200 a month. So I'll entertain a motion to sign it. It's been signed by the President of the County Commissioners, the Sheriff has got to sign it and then the President of the –

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy made a motion. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: Now any more discussion on this? You all understand that? Fine, call the roll please.

Councilmember Hoy: What if we said no?

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

President Wortman: I might remind you all, we've got plenty of room in the County Council office now. Everybody take a look and we pushed hard for that space and Mrs. Smith over there.

Councilmember Smith: I am real proud of that County Council office and if you haven't been in there, go in there and look because at least they've got room to breathe.

President Wortman: Right, I'll entertain a motion for adjournment.

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton seconded it. Any more...raise your hand. All those in favor. Meeting is adjourned.

**(Meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.)**

## VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Curt Wortman

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Vice President Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Phil Hoy

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Councilmember Lloyd Winnecke

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

Recorded and transcribed by Teri Lukeman.

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
JULY 5, 2000**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 5<sup>TH</sup> day of July, 2000 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 July the 5<sup>th</sup> and welcome everybody. Would the secretary please call the roll please?

(Roll call taken by Teri Lukeman)

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

President Wortman: Would we all stand and pledge allegiance to the flag?

(Pledge of allegiance was given.)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
JUNE 7, 2000**

President Wortman: I will entertain a motion for approval of the minutes from the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

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

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

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

**SHERIFF (three requests)**

President Wortman: Okay, we’ve got to keep moving here because we got a little late start. So let’s start with the appropriation ordinance. We rehashed things last Wednesday and we should be pretty well on schedule for approval. Mr. Raben, would you start off?

Councilmember Raben: I certainly will. Mr. President, I’ll move approval of 1050-1130-0227 in the amount of \$25,304 – these wages are effective July 10<sup>th</sup>. 1050-1900 FICA in the amount of \$1,975; 1050-1920 in the amount of \$4,956; 1050-1911 in the amount of \$1,772; 1050-1750 Clothing Allowance \$500; 1050-1510-1050 College Reimbursement

for a total request of \$35,507 and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and a second from Mrs. Smith. Any discussion on this? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1130-0227	MAJOR	24,621.00	25,304.00
1050-1900	FICA	1,884.00	1,975.00
1050-1920	INSURANCE	4,956.00	4,956.00
1050-1911	SHERIFF RETIREMENT	1,724.00	1,772.00
1050-1750	CLOTHING ALLOW.	500.00	500.00
1050-1510-1050	COLLEGE REIMBURSE.	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL		34,685.00	35,507.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben, on the Sheriff on the second one.

Councilmember Raben: Yes, Mr. President, 1050-1130-0228 in the amount of \$22,043; 1050-1900 \$1,725; 1050-1920 \$4,956; 1050-1911 \$1,544; 1050-1750 \$500; 1050-1510-1050 \$1,000, for a total of \$31,768.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and a second. That total was \$41,758?

Councilmember Raben: \$31,768.

President Wortman: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1130-0228	LIEUTENANT	21,108.00	22,043.00
1050-1900	FICA	1,615.00	1,725.00
1050-1920	INSURANCE	4,956.00	4,956.00
1050-1911	SHERIFF RETIREMENT	1,478.00	1,544.00
1050-1750	CLOTHING ALLOW.	500.00	500.00
1050-1510-1050	COLLEGE REIMBURSE.	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL		30,657.00	31,768.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Now the Sheriff on the Overtime and College Reimbursement.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 1050-1300 in the amount of \$100,000; 1050-1510-1050 in the amount of \$15,000, for a total of \$115,000.

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 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1300	REGULAR OVERTIME	100,000.00	100,000.00
1050-1510-1050	COLLEGE REIMBURSE.	15,000.00	15,000.00
TOTAL		115,000.00	115,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben, on the Jail.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, 1051-2240 Medical in the amount of \$100,000; 1051-1850 Union Overtime in the amount of \$10,000, for a total of \$110,000.

President Wortman: Got to 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 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-2240	MEDICAL	100,000.00	100,000.00
1051-1850	UNION OVERTIME	10,000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL		110,000.00	110,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**CORONER**

President Wortman: Now the County Coroner.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 1070-2410 in the amount of \$6,000. I'll move approval.

President Wortman: Got a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion? Call the roll please?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, is there anyone from the Coroner's Office? They were not here at the last meeting to address...

President Wortman: Would you step forward please? Any Councilmen got any question for the County Coroner's representative?

Councilmember Winnecke: Could you explain the nature of this request for us please?

Donald Erk: For Body Transports, we've worked 300 deaths this year and the fund is depleted. The charges are \$40 per transport. That's involving home deaths where they're brought to the Vanderburgh County morgue for further investigation or autopsy.

Councilmember Winnecke: And is this significantly higher than this time a year ago or is this normal?

Donald Erk: It's slightly higher than the year before.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: If I can recall budget time, I think at that time this was one of those areas where we had to cut to get under the state limit. Promised you that when you came back we would –

Donald Erk: That was my understanding –

Councilmember Hoy: I believe that was one of those budget items.

President Wortman: Any more discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, we usually appropriate something to this every year. You guys keep busy.

President Wortman: Any more discussion? Okay. Got a motion and a second. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1070-2410	BODY TRANSPORT	6,000.00	6,000.00
TOTAL		6,000.00	6,000.00

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

## COUNTY ASSESSOR

President Wortman: Now the County Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 1090-3140 Telephone in the amount of \$800. I'll move approval.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1090-3140	TELEPHONE	800.00	800.00
TOTAL		800.00	800.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Wortman: Pigeon Township Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 1050-4210 –

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Excuse me, Mr. Raben, Mr. Bassemier has a –

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, on that Telephone, I have my telephone also with GTE. You think we might be eligible for that same discount in the –

President Wortman: I’m sure she pursued that avenue on that, if not we can –

Councilmember Bassemier: Not for the County Council, though. I just wondered, if we can – I use my phone quite a bit on county business and I just wondered, can we research that or check that out and see if...

President Wortman: We could check it out.

Councilmember Bassemier: I am not asking for them to pay for it. I am just seeing if we can get the discount.

President Wortman: Well, I think we’ll have to talk to her about that and see if she can do that. Thank you. Alright, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, are we ready for Pigeon Township? 1150-4210 Office Furniture in the amount of \$20,000. I’ll move approval.

Councilmember Smith: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1150-4210	OFFICE FURNITURE	20,000.00	20,000.00
TOTAL		20,000.00	20,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

President Wortman: County Commissioners, Secretary.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 1300-1150-1300; 1300-1900; 1300-1910, for a total request of \$384. I'll move approval.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-1150-1300	SECRETARY	339.00	339.00
1300-1900	FICA	26.00	26.00
1300-1910	PERF	19.00	19.00
TOTAL		384.00	384.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

President Wortman: Next is Sheriff Community Corrections. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 1361-1130-1361 should read zero. That figure is for a Step III; 1361-1160-1361 \$1,642; 1361-1170-1361 \$1,451; 1361-1240-1361 \$1,873; 1361-1350-1361 \$1,873; 1361-1560-1361 \$1,811; 1361-1620-1361 zero; 1361-1630-1361 \$16,521; 1361-1900 \$1,926; 1361-1910 \$1,645; 1361-1920 \$6,000, for a total request of \$34,742.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Smith: Seven what, Jm?

Councilmember Raben: \$34,742.

President Wortman: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SHERIFF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1361-1130-1361	ADMIN. ASSISTANT	3,024.00	0.00
1361-1160-1361	CASE MANAGER	1,917.00	1,642.00
1361-1170-1361	CASE MANAGER	1,725.00	1,451.00
1361-1240-1361	CORRECT. SUPV.	2,083.00	1,873.00
1361-1350-1361	CORRECT. SUPV.	2,083.00	1,873.00
1361-1560-1361	CASE MANAGER	2,228.00	1,811.00
1361-1620-1361	CORRECT. SUPV.	23,919.00	0.00
1361-1630-1361	MEDICAL EDUCATOR	34,363.00	16,521.00
1361-1900	FICA	5,458.00	1,926.00
1361-1910	PERF	5,206.00	1,645.00
1361-1920	INSURANCE	6,000.00	6,000.00
TOTAL		88,006.00	34,742.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

President Wortman: Now the Superior Court.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 1370-3520 in the amount of \$2,000 and I'll move approval.

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: At our last, at our Personnel & Finance meeting, someone did ask a question about the equipment and whether or not it had been repaired here of recent. Did we get a response on that?

President Wortman: Yes, I think Judge Dietsch there was questioned last time about it but that equipment is needed in there recording and all that. They've got a lot of wear and tear over there. So it's legitimate everything is pretty well. Unless you want to call him to the stand, the judge. Uh, we'll have to swear him in first, I guess.

President Wortman: Is that okay?

Councilmember Sutton: We'll let him sit.

President Wortman: Okay, fine. Okay, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: You forgot us two.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes. Did you get Betty?

Councilmember Sutton: She just skipped us.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	2,000.00	2,000.00
TOTAL		2,000.00	2,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

DRUG AND ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE

President Wortman: Now we'll go on to Drug and Alcohol Deferral Service, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 1371-3930 in the amount of \$600. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: And 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1371-3930	OTHER CONTRACTUAL	600.00	600.00
TOTAL		600.00	600.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**BURDETTE PARK**

President Wortman: Burdette Park.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll move approval as listed for the amount of \$48,443.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1450-1180-1450	OTHER EMPLOYEES	45,000.00	45,000.00
1450-1900	FICA	3,443.00	3,443.00
TOTAL		48,443.00	48,443.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COUNCIL

President Wortman: County Council.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll move approval of the County Council request as listed in the amount of \$384.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-1220-1480	SECRETARY	339.00	339.00
1480-1900	FICA	26.00	26.00
1480-1910	PERF	19.00	19.00

TOTAL		384.00	384.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CCD/SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

President Wortman: Okay, CCD Fund, Superintendent of County Buildings. I believe that was withdrawn.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, that’s been withdrawn.

President Wortman: Do you want to set that in at zero, then?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 2031-1310-4120 Buildings be set in at zero.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2031-1310-4120	BUILDINGS	64,267.00	0.00
TOTAL		64,267.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SURVEYOR MAPS



President Wortman: Surveyor Maps Fund.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 2420-2600 \$2,000. I'll move approval.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SURVEYOR MAPS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2420-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,000.00	2,000.00
TOTAL		2,000.00	2,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION FUND**

President Wortman: Next, Surveyor Corner.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 2650-2320 in the amount of \$15,000; 2650-2600 \$1,000, for a total request of \$16,000. I'll move approval.

President Wortman: Got a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION FUND		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2650-2320	INSTRUMENTS	15,000.00	15,000.00
2650-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL		16,000.00	16,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>GENERAL FUND REPEAL REQUESTS</b>
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**SHERIFF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

President Wortman: Now the General Fund repeal from the Sheriff Community Corrections.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 1361-1580 in the amount of \$1,097; 1361-1590 in the amount of \$1,094, 1361-1610 \$1,017 for a total request of \$3,208 and I will move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Got 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: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SHERIFF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1361-1580	STIPEND	1,180.00	1,097.00
1361-1590	SERGEANT STIPEND	1,372.00	1,094.00
1361-1610	CORPORAL STIPEND	1,275.00	1,017.00
TOTAL		3,827.00	3,208.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

President Wortman: Now then, we’ve got some transfers here. Does anybody have a problem if Mr. Raben would take them all at once or is there anyone you want to sort out separate? If you don’t have no objections, proceed, Mr. Raben.

COUNTY CLERK  
CIRCUIT COURT  
BURDETTE PARK  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR  
SUPERIOR COURT  
LEGAL AID SOCIETY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I will move approval of all transfer requests as they are listed and I will make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: I need a second.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: this may sound like a foolish question. On Burdette Park, we’re taking \$1,000 from the Pool Manager and giving it to the Assistant Pool Manager. Is the Pool Manager – I take that back. Is the actual Director, Steve, are you permanent or are you still temporary or interim, should I say? Is he here?

Sandie Deig: He’s the manager.

Councilmember Sutton: He’s the manager? Full-time?

Sandie Deig: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, you don’t have to come up then. I got my answer.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Mr. Sutton, for the question. Okay, any other 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1010-1610-1010	ADMIN. SECRETARY	10,000.00	10,000.00
TO: 1010-1990	EXTRA HELP	10,000.00	10,000.00

CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1110-3520	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	500.00	500.00
TO: 1110-3130	TRAVEL/MILEAGE	500.00	500.00

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1360-1980	OTHER PAY	1,962.00	1,962.00
TO: 1360-1270-1360	PROBATION OFFICE MGR	1,962.00	1,962.00

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1370-1570-1370	RIDING BAILIFF	1,819.00	1,819.00
TO: 1370-1260-1370	COURT REPORTER	1,613.00	1,613.00

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1370-1900	FICA	124.00	124.00
1370-1910	PERF	82.00	82.00

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1450-1130-1450	POOL MANAGER	1,000.00	1,000.00
TO: 1450-1140-1450	ASST. POOL MANAGER	1,000.00	1,000.00

LEGAL AID SOCIETY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
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FROM: 1460-3371	COMPUTER HARDWARE	857.80	857.80
TO: 1460-3372	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	857.80	857.80

HEALTH DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2130-1180-2130	PEDIATRIC NURSE PRACT.	14,890.00	14,890.00
TO: 2130-1150-2130	FOOD DIVISION SUPER	3,557.00	3,557.00
2130-1310-2130	SUPERVISOR/ENV HEALTH	387.00	387.00
2130-1320-2130	FINANCE OFFICER	1,962.00	1,962.00
2130-1330-2130	ENV. HEALTH SPEC.	552.00	552.00
2130-1340-2130	ENV. HEALTH SPEC.	1,184.00	1,184.00
2130-1350-2130	ENV. HEALTH SPEC.	2,310.00	2,310.00
2130-1360-2130	ENV. HEALTH SPEC.	1,673.00	1,673.00
2130-1370-2130	ENV. HEALTH SPEC.	2,310.00	2,310.00
2130-1470-2130	ENV. HEALTH SPEC.	955.00	955.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Wortman: Now then, number eight, the Salary Ordinance amendments.

Councilmember Smith: What about the Health Department there on the back? That was part of the transfers? Okay.

Councilmember Raben: All County Councilmembers were given a copy of the Salary Ordinance Amendments. If it meets everyone’s approval, we can go through them one at a time or if it meets everyone’s approval rather than going through each and every one, I would like to maybe take this in two steps. First we’ll approve the requests as we adopted today and the second request would be to approve the Community Corrections requests subject to the contract being ratified on July 10 and then also ask the Council Secretary, Teri Lukeman to include these in the minutes. So does anyone have a problem with that?

Councilmember Sutton: That would be a lot to read, wouldn’t it?

President Wortman: Everybody understand that? All Councilmembers agree with this proposal? Okay, fine. Okay, Mr. Raben, you can make that motion.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, with that I would move that we accept the Salary Ordinance documents and have them included as part of our minutes and I’ll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: And I got a second from Mr. Bassemier. Now any more 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
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**DSM ENGINEERING PLASTICS  
CONFIRMING RESOLUTION/TAX ABATEMENT FOR REDEVELOPMENT OR  
REHABILITATION OF AND ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW  
MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2267 MILL ROAD**

President Wortman: Okay, now then, we'll go to Old Business and the final resolution on the property at 2267 Mill Road, the final reading on DSM Plastics.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I don't know if there's any questions from any members but I would certainly at this time move approval.

President Wortman: I need a second.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Now then, discussion. Anybody got any questions for that? This is the second and final reading. We approved the first unanimously so I don't see any objections so call the roll please for approval.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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**AMERIQUEAL FOODS (A DIVISION OF BLACK BEAUTY COAL)  
PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION/TAX ABATEMENT FOR REDEVELOPMENT OR  
REHABILITATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 18200 HIGHWAY 41 NORTH**

President Wortman: Okay, now we need a motion from Mr. Raben for the tax abatement at 18200 Highway 41 North, Ameriqueal Foods. This will be the first reading. We discussed it last Wednesday so this is the first reading and the next reading will be August.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I would also like to ask that each Councilmember act favorably on this request as well. I think this is probably as legitimate a request that's come before us in terms of just the total package. I think the benefits, just the overall scope of this business means nothing but bright futures for our county and with that, Mr. President, I'll move approval of the preliminary tax abatement for Ameriqueal Foods.

President Wortman: And I'd like to have a second.

Councilmember Smith: I'll second the motion.

President Wortman: Okay, any discussion on that?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, two things. I will have to abstain from voting because of a conflict of interest. They are a major donor to Tri-State Food Bank and I am still on the staff there as consultant. The only suggestion I would make to Ameriqueal is I was coming in from Terre Haute this past week and frankly I started out to count how many traffic lights there are between Ft. Branch and Evansville. I may as well read that into the record, 17 traffic lights and it's 19.2 miles to the Lloyd. That means you get a traffic light every 1.2 miles. I would hope that in future planning we might do better than that when we are asking for good highways in this area. That's my drum that I beat as you well know. The other thing is on wages there, they look good. I do hope that those, not just Ameriqueal, but those entities out there would consider raising their salaries because some of these are in the eight to nine dollar range and while I was clocking that, it is 11.4 miles from that facility to the Lloyd and that's a long, that's 22 plus miles a day and with gas going up and all of that, it's just a suggestion I would make because I am concerned that our wage rates in this area need to be elevated to meet the times. Thank you.

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

Councilmember Sutton: I was going to ask, I know you were unable to be with us last week and that's one of the things that we talked about was the wage scale and that's the type of wage scale, the type of industry aggressiveness in trying to ensure that their employees are treated well according to salary and benefits and so I think that as we talked about that

last week we were very pleased to see that are trying to do over and above. You know, it's very easy to do a little bit less and many have come before us with a whole lot less and I am very pleased to see that there has been some forethought into this and so we had your back last week even though you weren't looking in that regard.

Councilmember Hoy: As you know, I had another function where I had to be and they have an excellent scale here it's just that when I look at 8.75 and I look at our analysis that we've done at the Food Bank of an \$8 an hour job, it's very difficult to live on that and own a vehicle and be able to drive back and forth, own a vehicle that's going to start every morning. That's the problem I have overall with a lot of jobs.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think it begs the question, too, at some point in time, the county's participation in providing transportation in some of these areas in cooperation with the city, providing public transportation out to these areas because you have a number of employees that are now out there and some of them don't have the wage scale that we're seeing here today but that's obviously going to be an issue so I encouraged them last week to participate in a forum that's coming up the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month that the Chamber is putting on, The Workforce Initiative project, that is really looking at the overall scope of workforce related issues and transportation is one of those areas that is being seriously looked at with this particular group. So as they expand there's new issues that pop up and we see a whole new corridor that has been developed out there that has really opened up some exciting opportunities for our community, but we don't want to overlook those who may not have the means and the ability to get out to these facilities as we may anticipate.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? If not, call the roll for approval 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: Abstain.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0/Councilmember Hoy abstaining)**

**PUBLIC HEARING/OAK HILL ROAD SANITARY SEWER BARRETT LAW PROJECT  
FIRST READING OF BOND ORDINANCE**



President Wortman: Okay, now we'll take that Oak Hill Sanitary Sewer Barrett Law project, first reading. I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, any more discussion on it? Do you want to speak on it, Mr. Harrison? Has anybody got any questions?

Joe Harrison, Jr.: The only thing I'd like to say is this is a public hearing and it is first reading of the ordinance and the second reading will be at your monthly meeting in August. If anybody wishes to speak on this, now is the time.

President Wortman: Yeah, that's what I mentioned, the first reading here at this time. Okay, if there's no other discussion, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I think there was a question in terms of (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I spoke to Mr. Harrison. Initially, I think, in that bond ordinance it says in the Whereas clause it says that there is a limit of \$300,000 and I talked to Mr. Harrison. Maybe he can explain better where they are going with that.

Joe Harrison, Jr.: The project cost was \$286,687.89. The ordinance indicates that the maximum amount that the bonds could be would be in sum of \$300,000. The actual cost is going to less than \$286,000 as far as the financing part of it because some of residents who live out there are going to pay the assessment cost which was \$3454.07 up front and some of them have already started making payments to the Auditor's Office. So the amount to be financed is going to be less than the overall project cost.

Councilmember Sutton: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Joe Harrison, Jr.: No, not at all and the local banks, the three local banks will participate in the purchase of these bonds like they have in the past. These are Barrett Law Bonds as opposed to general obligation bonds. That's all I have. If you have any other questions...?

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions? If not, call the roll please for approval.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

President Wortman: Okay, now the next was the County Assessor and Township Assessors/Reassessment Fund. Has anybody got any questions? We've had –

Councilmember Smith: We asked them questions last week and I didn't know it would be on here – (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

President Wortman: We just put it on there just in case somebody had some questions like Mr. Hoy wasn't here, you know, just to you know, yeah. Okay, so we had that little discussion on that. I'll remind everybody that the city/county meeting is August 7, jointly. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I know, and I certainly can concur with Councilman Hoy when he mentioned the number of stop lights down 41 because I travel that road daily but I think I mentioned this before, but just on behalf of the county, I know everybody gets discouraged with stop lights and I think I may have brought this up a year or two ago, but is everybody aware that the county, I know two or three years ago we were responsible for one stop light in this entire county and it may be too, today, that's what I was going to say.

Suzanne Crouch: Three.

Councilmember Raben: Two or three since Burkhardt, but that's all we're responsible for in terms of traffic lights is maybe two, maybe three for the entire county. I just thought that was good trivia.

Councilmember Hoy: It is. My point is that – it is not pointed at this Council because we generally, we don't rule on zonings, we don't make those rulings, but the more we zone that property the way we're zoning it, the more traffic lights we're going to have and I would hope that in the future we would look at some access roads otherwise, from Ft. Branch to Evansville you're going to have a traffic light every half mile and it just, it's ludicrous. That three and a half hour trip I make to see my kids, the two worst parts are first of all getting out of town, and secondly, getting through Terre Haute. The rest of it, you can just cruise along and it just amazes me that Vincennes can have three intersections on 41, three really good intersections, that one is a little crazy, but they all work and we have that many traffic lights. And that was just to the Lloyd. I didn't count them to Kentucky because I turned off.

Councilmember Raben: That's all over the county, but I know everybody, all of us here, about traffic lights all the time, and it's just good information that you know, we're responsible for maybe three traffic lights and that's for the county.

President Wortman: Well, I tell you, you take out Scott Township, maybe that slows them down a nice scenic drive. They can observe everything out there, see. That might be some –

Councilmember Raben: I wasn't bringing it up in terms of the project, I just didn't know who was aware that we had the few traffic lights that we were actually responsible for.

President Wortman: The County Auditor has a comment.

Suzanne Crouch: I know that the Mayor and Commissioners, not only independently, but through the EUTS Board had inquired of INDOT what it takes to actually divert truck traffic off of 41 to I64, so I think they're working on that. And when you're going to have an additional 200 trucks coming in starting in September, it's going to be horrid.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mrs. Crouch. Okay, like I say, the city/county meeting August 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 here –

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President? I just had two comments regarding votes we took today. First, I think we ought to commend the Sheriff for putting together a very legible table of organization that really makes it quite clear how he sees that area should be run that makes it much easier to understand. Thank you. And in terms of the office equipment we talked about last week, I think Mr. Hatfield's request is very legitimate, we all voted for it. I think there are a lot of offices in this building that have inferior office equipment and I'd like to see the Council ask our secretary to send a memo out to county officeholders asking them to send an inventory of their office equipment and how long they've had it so we can get an idea of how much we need to buy over the next year or two years or three years.

Councilmember Smith: Lloyd, the county has a sticker, they have an accounting of what we've got in this whole building, each file cabinet, each desk and everything has a number.

Councilmember Winnecke: I was talking to Sandie before the meeting. I don't know if anyone has a record of where that information is.

Suzanne Crouch: The fixed asset is in the Auditor's Office. I think that's what Betty is referring to. Unfortunately, that's only for those assets that have a value over \$1,000 so a lot of the stuff that you're talking about –

Councilmember Smith: When I was Clerk they came in and they put a sticker on every file cabinet that it was county, had a number on it and you had to give an accounting of everything you had. So there was a report at that time. I thought it went into the Commissioners Office.

President Wortman: I might comment, too, a lot of people go through the Purchasing Department and sometimes you can buy it cheaper than they can. Now why, I don't know, but I think the department heads ought to check into that because, Sandie, you remember we bought a typewriter. We got a quote from them and we bought it almost half price, so something is wrong somewhere, see. They're not checking into it or something but I think that's worthwhile. Okay, and then also, the August meeting, the deadline for filing is July 14<sup>th</sup>, I might remind everybody on that. And is there any other –

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I was not here last week, the city/county joint budget hearing will be the 7<sup>th</sup> of August at what time?

President Wortman: 7<sup>th</sup> of August at 5:00 p.m.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Welcome everybody. Okay, anybody else? Anybody in the audience got anything to say before we adjourn the meeting? So if not, I'll entertain a motion for adjournment. Do I have a motion?

Councilmember Bassemier: So moved.

President Wortman: Got a motion. Got a second?

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Wortman: Got a second. All those in favor raise your right hand. Meeting is adjourned.

**(Meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.)**

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL**

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President Curt Wortman

Vice President Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Phil Hoy

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Councilmember Lloyd Winnecke

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 2, 2000**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2000 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 August the 2<sup>nd</sup> and we'll have an opening of the meeting, of course, and then attendance of the roll call, please. Would you call the roll, please?

(Roll call taken by Teri Lukeman)

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

President Wortman: Now we'll all stand, audience and the Council, and pledge allegiance please.

(Pledge of allegiance was given.)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
JULY 5, 2000**

President Wortman: I'll entertain a motion for the approval of the minutes from the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, 2000.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

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

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second, Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? All in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

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

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

**AUDITOR**

President Wortman: Okay, we'll get right on in to the Appropriation Ordinance and the first on that will be the County Auditor. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'll move approval of 1030-3370, 1020-3401

and 1030-3550 in the amount of \$35,000.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Bassemier. Now 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1020-3370	COMPUTER (DATA MGMT)	12,000.00	12,000.00
1020-3401	MICROFILMING/SCANNING	14,000.00	14,000.00
1020-3550	REPAIR TO BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	9,000.00	9,000.00
TOTAL		35,000.00	35,000.00

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

President Wortman: I might add to anyone who notices we're moving on here, is we had a little discussion, of course, last Wednesday and then, of course, anybody in attendance that would want to speak for or against any of these appropriations will sure have the right to do so. So you'd have to get with the Executive Assistant here or raise your right hand. So next, Mr. Raben, will be the County Sheriff.

## SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of 1050-1130-0233 in the amount of \$26,000.

President Wortman: And I've got to have a second.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Second, got Mr. Hoy. Okay, any discussion? Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, at the time when the Bond & Fine was in the County Clerk's Office, there was two positions there. Then they transferred it over to the Circuit Court and there's also two positions there and we just okayed the money for that. Now then, they're asking for the money in the Sheriff's Office. I think we need to get it straight. That makes six positions. Now you're talking about increasing their salary because of the work. You only work eight hours a day, I don't care what you do. But, right now, those two positions that Marsha transferred into the Circuit Court, we just okayed that money. Now, how much are we going to do with the Bond & Fine?

President Wortman: Yeah, I think in the Circuit Court here, we're a victim of circumstances there. Mr. Eric Williams there can maybe relay some information to that effect, but –

Councilmember Smith: But he took those two positions and gave them to something else, changed the title so we're going to have to figure out something here because other than that, the state law says that the Clerk receives the bonds. So –

President Wortman: I might add this, Mrs. Smith and Councilmembers, the budget process is coming up, those two positions could be eliminated in the Circuit Court.

Councilmember Smith: Well, they're probably being used for something else because there is a workload there that they probably need, but I am saying what are we going to do here if we keep transferring it around, and yet it's the Clerk's responsibility. So I don't know what you're going to do. I'd like for you to think about this and maybe delay it until next month and see what comes out about it.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben, would you want to speak to this and address this issue?

Eric Williams: The only comment I would make on behalf of the Sheriff's Office is the amount that Mr. Raben has moved for approval, the Sheriff authored a letter to you that had an alternative amount for the remainder of the year. The \$26,000 would cover us for a complete year. Being that if we implement this the first of September, there is only three or four months left so the appropriation could be for the remainder of this year substantially less than that \$26,000. I think it was closer to \$10,000 to get us through the rest of the year and then \$26,000 would be required for a full year beginning next year.

Councilmember Smith: Are you saying that we need to cut this down to \$10,000 for the rest of the year?

Eric Williams: The specific number was in the letter that we delivered to you. I had figured it out to get us through the rest of the year. I am just saying you don't need to appropriate that amount of money to get us through the remainder of the year.

Councilmember Smith: But you understand where I am coming from for the Bond & Fine Clerks?

Eric Williams: I'll give you no argument on that. We're trying to come up with a solution (Inaudible).

Councilmember Bassemier: That figure is \$10,834, Jim, if you want to read that in to it.

President Wortman: \$10,834 instead of \$26,000. Right?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes sir.

Councilmember Smith: Are they doing the job now, are they doing the interviews?

Eric Williams: No, the Clerk's Office is doing it with their, I assume, overtime or personnel that have been shifted from duty. But right now, the non-business hours are being covered



by the Clerk's Office.

Councilmember Smith: The non-business hours?

Eric Williams: Correct. Business hours would be the same as it's always been for as long as I can remember and that is they take bond in the Clerk's Office Monday through Friday

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Councilmember Sutton: Can you share with us what brought about the process or thought process or whatever you may have gone through to develop and decide that this was needed? Can you – this request that we have here today, can you maybe talk to us about that? What processes helped you to come to the determination that this is the request you should make?

Eric Williams: Sure. Shortly after Sheriff Ellsworth took office we had talked to the Clerk's Office preliminarily about some changes in the way that bonding is done. You know, in the crowding situations we've spent a lot of time looking at other facilities and one thing we've found is that in most other jurisdictions, the non-business hours bonding function is actually handled by the Sheriff, practically, because of economy of scale. It's cheaper to have us do it because we're already there 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We're the place that people come looking to post bond because that's where the person is that's in custody. I think that's how it all came about. However, we do realize that the bonding function is a function of the Clerk's Office by statute, however, most jurisdictions to get around that, the Clerk just deputizes members of the Sheriff's Office to do that in non-business hours. We made an offer, said we were willing to take on that extra responsibility but we felt to increase the workload on our staff they needed to be rewarded appropriately and we came up with, just through discussion that an additional \$2,000 a year for those people to take on that additional responsibility that is not one of the Sheriff's constitutional duties, they were willing to take that on. We believe that \$26,000 a year to have better coverage than we have now was far cheaper than hiring two or three new full-time employees with benefits. We thought it was a cost effective way to handle the problem.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman? Before when Judge Miller was Circuit Court Judge, he and I joined the two positions because they used to have two people. They had the Bond Interviewer that interviewed the people and then the Clerk that took the money. So we joined the two positions and made one. That's how that came about. And then the \$10,000 is probably cheaper than hiring somebody to go down there and sit because we used to have somebody sit down there from 8:00 at night till 4:00 in the morning and then the girls did during the day and then, of course, on the weekends. So the \$26,000 for a year is probably cheaper than you can get anybody at a part-time basis to cover that much time. But that was -- my question here was, here we've got those two over there and we've got the two in the Circuit Court and then we've got this down here, so we need to...

Eric Williams: I would interject from the Sheriff's Office point of view, we have no love of taking over other people's responsibilities but when it seems to be the most efficient way to do it and plus, we're already the one that gets the first call from the majority of people anyway wanting to post bond because they don't know where else to call other than the Jail. So we're already in that loop. It seemed let's just make that an official membership in the loop and make it so. The other thing is that the Bond & Interview thing, the two people that are in question that got moved to Pre-Sentence Investigation were actually the result of the Commission's Blue Ribbon Commission to study Jail overcrowding a year and a half ago. The part of the concept was, let's bring back the interview process with the bonding and let's start interviewing inmates at time of arrest and determine if they meet a pre-determined set of questions and points and if they meet that, they'll have authority to O.R. them and get them out without have to take bond, thus bringing the population down somewhat. Through research we've found that those interviews were not taking place the way they had been planned. Our original statistics were the first 900 people those Bond Interviewers interviewed, we found a substantial number that would have met the points requirement to get them O.R.'ed, however, they only O.R.'ed four of those people. So the concept of them interviewing and getting people out of the facility faster obviously was not

paying off. So that's when we began to question their appropriateness in that position. Whether or not that was an appropriate title for them and if they were actually doing the job that they were set about to do and that all came about when we got the job of running Community Corrections because they at that time were answering to Community Corrections because of Circuit Court. That's how we got thrown into this mess.

Councilmember Smith: And you put your budget together so you've got \$26,000 in there for next year?

Eric Williams: In the 2001 budget request, yes, there is a \$26,000 line item request.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

Eric Williams: Let me correct that. We had anticipated putting it in there and asking for an amendment. This all came about after our budget requests had to be submitted so during budget hearings it is our intention to ask for that as an addition to it, but no, in the physical numbers that the Auditor's Office has right now, no, it is not in there.

President Wortman: But you anticipate it being in there?

Eric Williams: We were going to ask for it. Obviously, we would want this to continue at your will. I mean, if we could come up with a better solution, like I said, we have no love for taking over other officeholder's duties but sometimes it just seems appropriate.

President Wortman: Alright, Mr. Lloyd?

Councilmember Winnecke: How much time is really involved in this process of these 13 supervisors?

Eric Williams: We really don't know. We tried to do some time studies and it varies greatly. Obviously, the bulk of the non-business hour bonding occurred Friday and Saturday evenings. Also, while they are the busiest in the Jail, our bookings are the highest and the busiest. We've found that on an average night, during the week nights they may bond three or four people, taking probably 20 to 30 minutes per – you know, depending upon how good you are at doing paperwork and understanding it. Obviously, we really don't know what kind of time it's going to take.

Councilmember Winnecke: And assuming these supervisors all have the same sort of responsibilities, what are they being taken away from when they are using 20 to 30 minutes to bond someone?

Eric Williams: Monitoring the rest of the facility. Fortunately, we work a four and two schedule and we have three crews on each shift, each crew having a supervisor. So theoretically, all the time there are two supervisors on duty. During the time when bonding, the other supervisors will take over total control of the operation, monitoring everything for that few minutes. But our facility is large enough and there's enough going on that one supervisor could handle that for the entire shift. So it's a hit and miss kind of thing for the few minutes that the one supervisor will be away doing bonding, also to cover the holiday hours.

Councilmember Winnecke: Another question: how in your mind would this incentive money be administered? Will it be equally among the 13 supervisors?

Eric Williams: Certainly, we would just basically add \$2,000 to all nine of the Sergeants, the two Lieutenants that are in the facility and the Captain because they would all equally be expected to handle bonds whenever and monitor. And you may ask, well, what's the deal with the Lieutenants and the Captains? We are going to write policy and procedure that this is just part of their job and they will then, the Lieutenants will be responsible for the Sergeants and the Captain responsible for the Lieutenants in monitoring this operation. So they are going to incur some additional responsibility. Some of these bonds are tens

of thousands of dollars. If they are then going to become responsible for them, with that kind of responsibility, we figure there needs to be sufficient accountability as we do in the rest of our processes.

Councilmember Winnecke: How much training is needed for these supervisors?

Eric Williams: I guess we'll find out when we take it on. We figure we'll have them trained within a couple three or four days of working with the current bonding people. I really can't say. We've never done it before, it's a new venture for us. We've worked with them and we kind of all know what it is they do but as far as actually doing their job, no, we've never done it.

Councilmember Winnecke: You touched on this earlier but I think I missed the answer. How many other counties don't do it the way we do it?

Eric Williams: I can't say that I've surveyed all 92 counties, but of all the counties we've talked to and that are around here, we are the only one we know of that doesn't do it this way for non-business hour bondings. Now business hour bondings, there's a lot of variations, but the Sheriff's Office, the Jails in every county are in operation 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. And they're the one consistently that everybody, that's who they call when somebody is in Jail and they want to know how much they have to pay to get them out, they call the Jail. And I guess it just seemed to make sense everywhere else, too, like it took us a while to figure out.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Eric, on the Supervisors, how much more do they make now above the non-supervisors, the average?

Eric Williams: Eight percent rank differential between all the ranks. Patrolman, a base salary, Corporal 8%, Sergeant 8%, Lieutenant 8%.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, with a \$2,000 raise, what will that take them over now?

Eric Williams: Offhand, I couldn't even start to tell you.

Councilmember Bassemier: 12%?

Eric Williams: Probably not that high. It may be. I don't know.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, thanks.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions?

Councilmember Sutton: I think one issue is this whole thing of coordination between the offices. I mean, have there been any discussions of how these similar positions could be coordinated to maybe eliminate the need for so many – I mean, is it just – I mean, have there been any discussions on how that can work in some fashion?

Eric Williams: I hate to sound like I am on the stand, but I am going to have to ask you to rephrase your question because I am not sure I understand what you're driving at.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess I am thinking at the Clerk's Office, from their side, and what you guys are proposing here, are we seeing any duplication in functions here?

Eric Williams: I think what we're trying to achieve is eliminating any possibility of duplication and streamlining the system. By doing it this way, we will provide better coverage for non-business hours. Right now, the Clerk's Office hours are eight to –

Carla Hayden: (Inaudible – comments not made from microphone).

Eric Williams: So there are approximately eight hours in a day that a person could not post bond and get out of the facility. Under this system, we're already there 24 hours a day, so we don't care. Any hour that the Clerk's Office is not open, we'll be taking bond. I do think that the Sheriff's Office and the Clerk's Office has communicated a great deal on this and several other issues to try to make sure that we're not duplicating effort and understanding what each other's job functions are so that we don't – the problem that happens with bonding is that one of us ends up looking like an idiot oftentimes, either the Clerk's Office or us, to the public on the phone because they'll call us and we'll give them one response because they've turned to us first for the bonding; then they'll call the Clerk's Office and get another response, either the amount of bond or those kinds of things, so what we hope to do is streamline at least the bonding function that they just call us automatically. Then if we look like idiots it's all our own fault, not somebody else.

Councilmember Bassemier: What I am afraid of, being chairman of the Job Study, and I am not saying these workers do not deserve probably a \$2,000 raise, but I think all of our good hardworking people in the Civic Center, they have also additional duties and they deserve a raise, too. So what scares me is, and we're getting ready to go through budget hearings now, hoping to reward these people in the future for 2001 and I am just thinking, and I'd love to see these guys get this \$2,000 raise, but I think everybody in the Civic Center deserves a \$2,000 raise because I know every time I go in these offices they are all of them overworked. So I think we might have to bite the bullet on this one.

Eric Williams: You're not going to get arguments from us against that. I'd be the first to say that they probably all do deserve \$2,000 raises and you're the group of people to do it, but we are looking to take on another officeholder's responsibility totally alien and foreign to what the Sheriff is required to do and to do that we are going to ask certain groups of similar ranks to other people not having those responsibilities in our office and to do that we feel that before we're willing to take that on, we have to compensate them accordingly especially when they're the same group of people that are working in the facility that's in the paper every day because it's crowded, stressed, overloaded, and they're already dealing with that problem. If you don't approve this I'm not going to leave here with hard feelings, don't worry.

Councilmember Bassemier: That's good. But the way I look at it, too, and I think Mrs. Smith just brought it up, there's only eight hours in a day and you can only do so much and even though you add more duties, if they've got time to do the other job, there's still only eight hours in a day unless we pay them overtime after that. But I appreciate you saying you won't be mad.

Eric Williams: I'm not going to argue with you on it. I agree with you totally, but the Sheriff's Office is not going to take on other officeholder's responsibilities even amicably without compensation. I mean, we already have enough of our own. If we're going to ask our people to do even more, then we want them compensated accordingly.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, well, we're kind of hoping at budget time we could help them out to compensate them for 2001.

Eric Williams: I hope you do.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else?

Councilmember Raben: No, Mr. President, but I want to make sure my motion was read clear: 1050-1130-0233, the correct amount is \$10,834.

President Wortman: And I got a second from Mr. Hoy.

Jeff Ahlers: You need to amend your second because the original motion I don't think contained that figure, did it?

Councilmember Hoy: I'll accept that amendment.

President Wortman: Are we all clear on that, \$10,834, that’s the appropriation request now. No other discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I am going to vote yes for the \$10,834 hoping before the end of the year that we can get it straightened out with the two in the Circuit Court, two in the Clerk’s Office. Do we need all of those people?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I commend the Sheriff’s Department for taking on some things that maybe we weren’t really maybe handling in some other areas and they’ve taken on some things like Community Corrections, I think they’ve done an excellent job in showing that they are doing a great job and picking up some responsibilities there, but I think on this particular issue, I think I’d rather keep us in line with what the statute says and that is let the Clerk handle that. I’d like to see this request come from the Clerk and come up with a solution rather than the Sheriff’s Office because next thing you know, you guys might be getting requests from the Coroner’s Office to handle bodies over there. So I am going to vote no on this.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I’m going to echo that, too, no. I’m not saying the guys don’t deserve it, but we might open a can of worms here.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, it’s five to two. Is that correct? Okay, thank you, Mr. Williams

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1130-0233	BONDING-SUPERVISORY/ DETENTION INCENTIVE	26,000.00	10,834.00
TOTAL		26,000.00	10,834.00

(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Sutton & Bassemier opposed)

COUNTY ASSESSOR

President Wortman: Now then, the next on the agenda is the County Assessor, Contractual Services.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I’ll move approval of 1090-3530 in the amount of \$170,000.

President Wortman: And I have to have a second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: Second, Mr. Winnecke. Now discussion. There were three members that wasn't present here last week due to vacation and other situations so there will probably be a lot of questions asked here. So bear with us. Okay, would you state your name there, Mr Lehman?

Roger Lehman: Roger Lehman, the Chairman of the GIS technical subcommittee. I would like the members that were here to bear with us and if we can, go through the short program for those who weren't here. We also have the opportunity to view a demonstration of the pilot program which was not presented at the last meeting and I would like to make that available to the Council either now or after the meeting or another time, but I just want to make sure that if you all were interested we could go ahead and do it now. We've got it all set up and ready to go if you want to see the pilot project of the ortho photo portion of this project. That's not directly related to this request, but it's available.

President Wortman: Do Councilmembers want to view that as Mr. Lehman suggested?

Roger Lehman: Let me just run through these real quick. As most of you are aware, this is what we're working off of now as far as parcel lines, (inaudible – comments not made from microphone) Obviously, our purpose here today is to request the \$170,000. Thanks to you all, initially, we received the \$500,000 to get this project underway and in order to complete this project to the quality and to the accuracy and this is a very active project, the mapping that we will be showing you in just a couple of minutes will be when it's delivered in October, is accurate to approximately six inches and the mapping we have now, there's no telling. It's probably not accurate to within 50 feet in many cases, so we're going to increase the accuracy. We want to have the quality control there to be sure that the product we get is what we've asked for. We have implemented that quality control process on the ortho photo and we are being delivered products that exceed our expectations. In other words, we're getting more than we asked for and we believe that's because we have had such a high quality assurance program with the ortho photo. We want to maintain that on the digitization of the parcel lines. The parcel lines will be the base for innumerable amounts of work in the future. Zonings will be placed on this, flood map mapping will be placed on this. We were notified by FEMA three weeks ago that they will provide the city and county at no charge a digitized version of the flood maps that will be put on our map base. In other words, we'll ship them our ortho photo and planimetric base in October and they will take the firm maps which are now at 1:2000 scale or 1:660 scale depending on what area you're in and they will digitize those maps and place them on our base map so we will be able to pull up flood plain information at the touch of a fingertip. The critical part of that is to be sure that the lot is shown on that flood map because if any part of the flood map touches your lot then you are subject to flood insurance or you're subject to having somebody come and do surveying to the tune of \$500 to \$800 to take your property out if your house is high enough. What this will do is it will eliminate a lot of guessing on our part and we do this, we do thousands of these a year, these flood checks and it takes us hours and hours and hours and hours of time to do them. With this process we will be able to do that just in a matter of a few keystrokes. It is critical for the Assessor to have this information in place so that when the state finally decides what they are going to do and how they are going to assess the rest of the state, that we will have this information in place, we'll be able to deal with the reassessment issues efficiently. This process will show the untaxed property and maybe the most important part is that you will be able to analyze market values of houses by location which I think is probably going to be crux of the assessment process. So with that, –

President Wortman: Roger, let me ask you this, now let's talk money a little bit. We give you \$500,000. Now then, the city, \$400,000. Now here's another \$170,000. The realtors, \$35,000?

Roger Lehman: Between 40 and 50 from all private sources.

President Wortman: You've got that in the hand?

Roger Lehman: We don't have that in hand, we've have not collected it. It has been pledged.

President Wortman: I see. In other words, it's not one of them the check is in the mail deals.

Roger Lehman: It kind of is a check in the mail, but we're pretty certain.

President Wortman: I just wanted to check. Alright. Do we anticipate any more income coming from the private sector, the utilities?

Roger Lehman: I'm sorry?

President Wortman: Like the private sector, Southern Indiana Gas & Electric, TV, telephone. Do you anticipate any more money coming into this coffer?

Roger Lehman: Not at this time, no.

President Wortman: When do you expect you might get some or do you intend to get some? See, they're going to be one of biggest users, you know.

Roger Lehman: Yeah, and we don't know if we will get any or not from the private utilities. And, of course, SIGECO undergoing their major change, we may not know for a long time.

President Wortman: Where is it going to end up at? Are we talking, did I hear \$3,000,000 before this thing is all over with or did I hear wrong?

Roger Lehman: Over a period of time I am sure it will be at least that if you – the paper I provided to the Council showing the expenditure from the city on their water/sewer pilot project over the past five years has spent nearly a million dollars already on that. The cost of running the operation has been said to be somewhere between two and four hundred thousand dollars a year but the return from that is going to be, you know, not only the efficiency from our part, like I said, it's going to save my office staff and we're kind of like the Sheriffs, we've got twelve more jobs than any of us need, but we're going to be able to do more things better, quicker, provide the public more information and maybe the most critical part is the library has recently offered to put this information on the Internet. So now, instead of people coming to the Civic Center and having to look this up or calling us on the phone and having us look it up for them, if they have a computer, they can look it up themselves. So I believe, truly, that and the study that we had done in 1997 showed approximately a three year payback if you factor in the cost of people's time duplicating maps now. We have approximately five sets of maps that anytime anything is changed, if all five of them aren't changed, we don't have common information. In this process, you change it once and all five or ten or twenty departments besides the entire city and county, all the engineers and architects and realtors have access to it at the same time.

President Wortman: Now what kind of a balance have you got on hand now?

Roger Lehman: What kind of a balance do we have on hand now...the –

Unidentified: (Inaudible - comments not made from microphone)

Roger Lehman: Yeah, do you know the numbers?

Cheryl Musgrave: Cheryl Musgrave, County Assessor. I think you're asking how much I have left of the amount the county appropriated last year to the project?

President Wortman: And the city.

Cheryl Musgrave: Okay, I'll first tell you the county. We have \$490,000 left and I gave you a sheet last week that detailed the expenses and the deficit and how I arrived at \$170,000.

So we have \$490,000 of that left. We have spent all but \$12,000 of the \$400,000 that the city gave but that \$12,000 is spoken for. It is already, we have planned what we are going to use that for, we're committed to using that. So of the city's money, it's all gone. The county's money will be directed toward parcel line digitization. I need another \$170,000 to complete that job.

President Wortman: And now then, how far down the road will we expect to see you again for something else?

Cheryl Musgrave: Um, –

Roger Lehman: I can address that. At budget time we'll be coming to the joint Council and talking about project manager and talking about hardware and software for a fully functional GIS system. We have, I guess I can say at least preliminary approval and I believe approval that the city water utility will fund half the project and we'll be asking the county to fund half the project. As far as the operations go, that's the plan for the future is 50/50 of an amount somewhere between two and four hundred thousand dollars a year. Okay?

President Wortman: Two and four hundred thousand dollars a year?

Roger Lehman: Correct.

President Wortman: That's a lot of money.

Roger Lehman: It's a lot of money, but if you look at through the study how much time people spend doing this work, in-house now we're spending much more than that. So it's hard to understand, it's even hard for me to comprehend sometimes, but I've done it enough, I believe it, that if you've got people doing the same job and now one person is going to do their job, you're effectively saving the resources of four people. So for every hour that you do that, you're saving four hours of somebody's time that allows them to do another job.

President Wortman: Has this been proven in other counties?

Roger Lehman: Absolutely.

President Wortman: It has. Like Indianapolis, you recall, they spent what ten million and then had to turn around and come back and spend another ten million.

Roger Lehman: And interestingly, the money they're requesting now is due to the job like we're already doing. They didn't do the job originally like we're doing it because they couldn't because the technology wasn't there. Also the cooperation between the city and the county was not there and they had one process with the Assessors and one process with the utility and they were running kind of separate ways. And now they've said no, we've got to do it the right way which was everybody work together and let's get detailed information. We're getting detailed information to start with.

President Wortman: Now discussion, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, I think I know the answer to this. The answer I have is that we're doing this in an integrated fashion, city, county and the whole GIS project which is larger than what we're looking at now is also integrated. Is that correct?

Roger Lehman: Absolutely.

Councilmember Hoy: Because that's where places like, well, some other cities wasted a lot of money, but we do have an example here and I want this in the record that we are coordinating this in an integrated fashion and we're cooperating between all the departments, all the entities involved so that we will have a unified GIS project. That's



correct, is it not?

Roger Lehman: That is correct.

Councilmember Hoy: A long question, I know.

Roger Lehman: And it is a good answer. And this includes the Assessor's Offices as well as multiple departments within the city and county.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: I have a series of questions along that line. You used the term earlier "layering". I assume all the utility information, topography, aquatic stuff is what you're talking about. Who is responsible now for that layering? When all the photographs are taken and the digitizing, how does it all work and who is responsible for it?

Roger Lehman: Right now, it doesn't exist. Okay, the layering we do now is on paper maps. We have people that physically draw a line on a paper map in the water utility department. We have somebody in the city engineer's office that draws the line on a map. So the layering, the difference between the two is that one person will be responsible for, and I am going to call it their layer, the base layer, the ortho photo, the planimetrics will be maintained by the general operation of the GIS system. Okay, that's what the department will do, the two to four hundred thousand dollars a year, that will be maintained by the GIS department. Now I am going to put in a layer for flood plain mapping. Okay, it's going to be my responsibility to get funding to maintain the layer and also to change it if we need to make changes which means I am either going to have to have somebody in-house do that, or I am going to have to contract it out.

Councilmember Winnecke: Excuse me for interrupting. So, when you say you will be responsible for the flood plain layering and it's your responsibility to get funding for that, does that account for the two to four hundred thousand dollars in operational expenses that you're referring to?

Roger Lehman: No.

Councilmember Winnecke: So that's over and above an annual operating expense?

Roger Lehman: Correct. And I do need to qualify the two to four hundred thousand. That was prior to the library accepting responsibility of putting it on the Internet. That included, the two to four hundred thousand included a web server and maintenance on a web server which is not real cheap. So we haven't factored that out. We just found this out last week.

Councilmember Winnecke: Would you characterize then a request such as that as an example of, the flood plain layering, would you characterize that as a capital expense. I think the question that I think Mr. Wortman is trying to get to, you know, in terms of how much are we going to spend on capital to get everything up and running and then beyond that, we understand there is a two to four hundred thousand dollar annual operational expense.

Roger Lehman: Right, the thing about the capital request is you'll have opportunity to vote on those at budget time every year. In other words, I am sure you'll be inundated with millions and millions of dollars of requests and this Council as well as the City Council will have to determine who is going to get what, when. And that's really no different than anything else we do. We bring in a lot of requests and sometimes we get them and sometimes we don't. And if we don't, we come back next year and try again. So the idea of doing it this way was to not let it become something that was uncontrollable. That every year Council can say, you know, no, we're not going to do that. No, you can't have the flood plain layer this year and we'll look at it next year. And you know, that's the idea rather than just say we're wanting two to four hundred thousand dollars a year plus we're going to add, you know, two hundred more thousand dollars a year for projects that you're

committed to. Well, you're not committed to anything beyond maintaining the base layers and what we've described, the ortho photo, that's the commitment. And that by itself will take us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. If we don't do anything else, if we quit right there, that will take us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and what will happen is, as we find out more and more uses of this and just with the pilot program and using it, we found multiple uses that we didn't anticipate even having. We didn't know that came with it and it's there. So there will be a lot of things that we will have that we will make use of, will make us more efficient today if we don't do anything else. But we've got to keep the base system intact, we've got to maintain it and we've got to get it there first and that's why we're here today is to get the \$170,000 to get the base foundation in place.

Councilmember Hoy: And to get back to the private sector, Mr. Wortman, we can reject all tax abatements and tell them that we're offering this free. And that's where they're getting their abatement.

President Wortman: Good questions here! What about, would that reduce the unemployment then? We wouldn't have to have more people then if this is going to be real efficient?

Roger Lehman: I'm sorry?

President Wortman: Hire less people and be more efficient then?

Roger Lehman: Well, we will be more efficient. Like I said, in my office, if you come in on any given day our guys drag out of there like they've been run over by a truck.

President Wortman: But you said, like five people doing things, so if you've only got one, well there would be four left to do something else.

Roger Lehman: A couple of the other four will be doing maintenance on their layers so they're not going to be gone, but they're going to be maintaining a layer. But even though, I mean, the layer they control, somebody else is going to be using that a lot, okay, another department is going to be using that, but somebody has got to maintain that layer.

President Wortman: Excuse me, we're going to change tapes.

### **Tape changed**

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Cheryl Musgrave: To do the parcel lines, that's right.

Councilmember Bassemier: I hate to see this denied or delayed (Inaudible) I have the experts helping me out, Mr. Lehman, Mrs. Cunningham and four of their staff members, we went to seven locations to find the maps for this. It took us about two and a half hours and we (Inaudible) and they worked hard for me to do this and (Inaudible). We need to move forward with this.

President Wortman: Thank you. Now, I want to ask you a question. If that's the case then, would Mr. Bassemier have to pay for this information?

Roger Lehman: The way we have it set up now there is not a fee intended for the public. I mean, it doesn't cost them anything to come and get it now other than their time.

President Wortman: I'm just looking for a source of revenue.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on) took about three hours and I (Inaudible) and I would have been more than happy to pay for this information.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Cheryl, I talked to Paul Hatfield today and he said that you told him that you had enough money to do all of the maps but Knight Township and Pigeon.

Cheryl Musgrave: Well, the \$490,000 balance that we have now would digitize the county except for Knight and Pigeon and if you add up the number of parcels in Knight and the number of parcels in Pigeon and you multiply it times \$3.88, which is the conversion rate in the contract that has been proposed, you come up with 169 something thousand dollars. So it's dead on.

Councilmember Smith: But if you've got \$490,000, I hate to see them come back when they've only spent \$10,000 of the \$500,000 and all at once they're back for \$170,000 and still got enough money to do the job other than Knight and Pigeon. And supposedly, this is coming out of the 2005 budget. That's what that number is.

President Wortman: No, she submitted a double request, but the 2005 Reassessment, forget that. This is General Fund.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, but I am just saying, with the money there, I would rather see them work and spend that money and get a little further down the road until you – all at once now you're coming back for \$170,000, you add that on to the \$490,000, you got a lot of money.

Cheryl Musgrave: The bid came in at \$602,000 to digitize the parcels in the county. I only have \$490,000 and I have to pay the expert as well. So, when I got the \$500,000, I didn't know how much it would cost. I had to wait for my bids to go out.

Councilmember Smith: And then we're seeing here, Roger, where the city or the water/sewer project, that's a private company now. Do they pay?

Roger Lehman: It's a private company now. It was not at the time of the pilot project.

Councilmember Smith: But it is now.

Roger Lehman: Correct.

Councilmember Smith: Now are they going to pay?

Roger Lehman: Well, the water utility is going to fund half of the project, of the maintenance and operation of the project so I guess the answer is yes.

President Wortman: Let me ask you a question, I noticed last week they said the city was going to do the hiring of the person, now is the county going to share in who they select or anything or am I ...

Roger Lehman: That has not been established in stone. My assumption is the person will work under the supervision of the director of the water department, but he is answerable to the Mayor and to the County Commissioners and that will be in the interlocal agreement when that time comes.

President Wortman: Okay, that's fine. That answers that question. I just wanted it clarified. Now then, Mr. Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: Actually, I was getting to that point, how the structure would be going forward and this organization, what about policy, has there been thought to a policy committee?

Roger Lehman: Absolutely, and our consultant, I think, is working on that probably as we speak. In the beginning of the process we had, the study recommended back in 1997, an

executive committee and a technical committee. The executive committee being made up of representatives of the bodies like the Council and the Commissioners, the Mayor and so on. The technical committee being the people that would get the stuff done as it should be done. We're acting as the technical committee now and will be until that committee is established fully. The executive committee, in my estimation, and I have not talked to Kathy about that, Kathy McCarter, our consultant, I know she's working on that policy committee. I'm not exactly sure what the makeup of it is from her standpoint, but my assumption will be that it will be at least one representative from each of the bodies that are affected by it, primarily the Council, the Commissioners, the Mayor and the City Council.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: My understanding is that we're looking at one contract for 600 and some thousand dollars and I may be incorrect, our legal man is over here, he can correct me, but we cannot, we can't sign contracts unless we've appropriated the money.

Roger Lehman: That's correct.

Councilmember Hoy: So what we would be doing if we don't appropriate this is to split this and my guess is that if we split it, it would cost more in the long run to rebid it.

Roger Lehman: I can assure you it will. And the other thing to keep in mind in this particular request is, this is to pay out a contract amount. It's not an adjustable thing as we go. This is in order to sign the contract and say okay, here's a deliverable, which is what we've done with the ortho photo. We know exactly what we're going to get, although we're getting more than we thought and when we're going to get it. And we've paid for it and we'll pay the last of it whenever we get the last deliverable. But it's not an open-ended thing, it's a closed-ended thing and this is just to get this part of the base foundation accomplished, get it in place so that we can start talking about building on it and then it would be up to you all whether we do or not based on –

Councilmember Smith: Roger, I guess, the question I think we probably all have in our minds is okay, if we've got this request here for 170 today, where does that place us? I mean, if we were to proceed forward with this request, what additional tools or pieces will be needed for this project to complete it out? What's left here? How much and what are we talking about in terms of this project?

Roger Lehman: Probably the biggest piece of the pie that's missing is probably the addressing and I believe that's going to be addressed through the CAD presentation when that time comes through Central Dispatch and their computer upgrades and all that type of thing. Again, with the funding that we've got, in the city funding, there was not funding to do – and like I say, addressing, I mean, a geographical attached address to a parcel. What we're going to get is we'll have all the parcels, assuming we get this request, you'll be able to click on that parcel and pull up all the parcel data which will include the address but it won't know that address is on that street until we tell it that. And that is something that we don't have in either one of these projects, but we think it will be forthcoming and it's kind of a natural part of what they're going to be talking about, I believe. Everything else, usability-wise, is there. I mean, like I said, if we don't do anything else other than the addressing because that's pretty critical, then we're basically, we have a process that will save time, will be efficient and the only issues will be how much more efficient and how much more time do you want to save. I mean, that's what it amounts to.

Unidentified: The question was, how much is that?

Roger Lehman: Oh, the addressing? My – I really don't know, I am going to guess \$100,000 maybe.

Cheryl Musgrave: That's what we've told, but again, you have to go out for bid on it and you don't know until you get your bids back.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Roger Lehman: Sure, and that's fair. Again, our assumption, our plan is that as the computer aided dispatch process comes forward, and I don't know how that's funded and you all probably do, but if it's a 50/50 split or whatever, then that's the way it would be split.

Councilmember Raben: It's very possible that amount could be paid out of the 911 account.

Roger Lehman: It may come out of a fund that's already there, the 911 account.

Councilmember Raben: And just to ease everybody's mind and where there could be some confusion, this \$170,000 completes what we need to do for assessing. I mean, we're not talking about, we're not, this 170 doesn't buy water lines and stuff like that. This is marking parcels.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else? We've got to move on here because we've got Area Plan coming in. Anybody else got any questions? So let's show the movie picture then.

Roger Lehman: Alright. I'd like to introduce Philip Bernard and Philip works in the County Assessor's Office and he is our resident guru on the receivables we've gotten to date and so he will just tell you what is going to happen here.

Philip Bernard: Okay, what we're looking at here is the pilot project for the GIS – sorry about that. This is a two square mile area, this is Lynch Road running through the middle here.

President Wortman: Excuse me, would you state your name please so we can –

Philip Bernard: I'm sorry, I'm Philip Bernard from the County –

President Wortman: What was the last name?

Philip Bernard: Bernard, from the County Assessor's Office. This is from the ortho photo that was taken on March 17<sup>th</sup>. As I said, this is Lynch Road, this is Green River and Oak Hill running through the middle here. And when we're talking about layers this is what we mean. Layers are data sets that go over these pictures to give us an idea of what we're looking at. I've added the street layers and if we turn off the pictures here we can see the street network that's running through this area. Again, Lynch here, Green River, this is the Day School and I'll turn these photos back on. The next layer we can add here is hydrology. This is showing standing bodies of water in the pilot area and here I've added contours. Contours showing changes in elevation, the red through here is the high point on this map and the yellow is the low point and we can see it sloping away from the general Oak Hill area. If we could zoom in here I am going to show the intersection of Lynch and Oak Hill and we can see how this is basically the high point of the map right here. The whole map starts sloping down away from this intersection and we can zoom in a little bit more. This is from the ortho photo. This will be delivered in full in October with all of these layers you see here. Now the thing you get with GIS is this data will have some intelligence behind it. For example, we want to find out some information about this lake. The computer knows that this lake is 14,355 square feet with a perimeter of 438 square feet. I'm sorry, feet. All the information on this map has similar information and as we add more layers, those layers will also have intelligence. When the parcels are added if we could zoom in a little bit tighter here, if this parcel was in the system we could click on it and we'd get the information that we have in our assessment database, that would be our tax code, the owner's name, the property address, the assessed values, all of that information will be available. And we can begin to ask the computer questions about that information. For example, show me all the parcels with an assessed value between 25 and 50,000. Or show me neighborhoods where the assessed value have increased over the past five years. I can give you a quick sample of such a query again. This is on the

hydrology layer. I am asking it to show lakes over 50,000 square feet. There are three such lakes and we can zoom right to it and this is...this particular lake is 63,000 square feet, a perimeter of 1,000. This just gives you an idea of the power of this project. The data underneath it is very intelligent and can provide a great benefit to many people and that's all I have to say. If there's any questions...?

Roger Lehman: I might make one comment. First of all, the quality of a projected image is not very good and the light in here is a little bright. When you look at this on your computer screen it will look like a photograph that you would have hanging on your wall as far as the picture quality and the other thing I'd like to say is this was two square miles of the entire county and the project that will be delivered in October will be the entire county. The other thing I'd like to say somewhat quietly is that the contour lines, the two foot contours shown here are not, we did not buy those in the city limits except for the developing areas. We bought the two foot contours through the ortho photo with the agreement of the city in the areas that were most needed. So we did not get contours in downtown areas, the developed areas. We got them in the areas which are primarily in the county, there's probably less than 10% of the contours in the city limits. We also did not get contours in Armstrong Township and part of Scott where there's no planned development right now. Again, taking the money we had and trying to get the most we could get for the money, we felt like that was the best way to go and again, the city agreed to that. So the city actually is helping out the county a little bit there.

President Wortman: Okay, is there any other questions to ask Mr. Lehman? They've pretty well been grilled pretty good, I think, by all of the Councilmen. Anybody got any questions before we vote? Okay, madam chairman, call the roll for approval.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I am going to vote no because they've still got \$490,000.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Now remember, this is out of the General Fund and you'll have to set a motion for the next one to set it in at zero on the Reassessment.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1090-3530	CONTRACTUAL SVCS.	170,000.00	170,000.00
TOTAL		170,000.00	170,000.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Smith opposed)

COUNTY ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT 2005

President Wortman: Okay, proceed, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'll move 2490-1090-3530 Reassessment Fund/Contractual Services in the amount of \$170,000 be set in at zero.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT 2005		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2490-1090-3530	CONTRACTUAL SVCS.	170,000.00	0.00
TOTAL		170,000.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

GENERAL FUND REPEAL REQUESTS

AUDITOR

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'll move approval of line 1020-1130-1020, and 1020-1350-1020, 1020-1200-1020, 1020-1220-1020, 1020-1270-1020, 1020-1420-1020 for a total of \$35,000. This is a repeal and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second? Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion? No discussion? Call the roll, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1020-1130-1020	FIRST DEPUTY	11,900.00	11,900.00
1020-1350-1020	TAX SALE/HOMESTEAD SUP.	10,000.00	10,000.00
1020-1200-1020	BOOKKEEP II/ WELFARE	9,700.00	9,700.00
1020-1220-1020	ADMIN SECRETARY	1,200.00	1,200.00
1020-1270-1020	POSTING CLERK	900.00	900.00
1020-1420-1020	BOOKKEEPER II	1,300.00	1,300.00
TOTAL		35,000.00	35,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER & LATE TRANSFER REQUESTS

ELECTION OFFICE  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/LATE TRANSFER  
COUNTY COUNCIL/LATE TRANSFER  
COUNTY HIGHWAY/LATE TRANSFER

President Wortman: Okay, the Salary Ordinance, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, we have several transfers today and if



nobody has any objections I would just move that we accept the transfers as they appear and make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do you want to list them? I think there was some extras there.

Councilmember Raben: I can do that: the Election Office, the County Commissioners, County Council and the County Highway and that should take care of all of them.

President Wortman: Now then, I have a motion on the floor, do I have a second to the transfers?

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1210-2700	OTHER SUPPLIES	500.00	500.00
TO: 1210-2290	ELECTION BOARD MEALS	500.00	500.00

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1300-3090	URBAN TRANSPORTATION	1,571.00	1,571.00
1300-3610	LEGAL SERVICES	15,500.00	15,500.00
TO: 1300-1990	EXTRA HELP	1,571.00	1,571.00
1300-3532	GARAGE REMEDIATION	15,500.00	15,500.00

LATE TRANSFER REQUESTS
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1300-3620	COPY MACHINE LEASE	4,408.00	4,408.00
TO: 1300-1300-1300	OVERTIME	4,408.00	4,408.00

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1480-3550	REPAIR TO BLDG & GROUNDS	1,400.00	1,400.00
TO: 1480-3370	COMPUTERS	1,400.00	1,400.00

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2010-1065	LEADMAN	5,494.52	5,494.52
TO: 2010-1971	ACCRUED PAYMENTS	5,494.52	5,494.52

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: We’ve already handled the repeal. I just took it in order.

<b>SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, now we have the amendments to the Salary Ordinance and we have several here today so I am going to read them off: Sheriff’s Department, Bonding-Supervisory/Detention Incentive which is account 1050-1130-0233 be set in as the appropriation previously approved in the amount of \$10,834. The Auditor’s Office, amend the Salary Ordinance as the repeal previously adopted. County Commissioners, set salary line 1300-1990 Extra Help in as a transfer previously approved, set line 1300-1300-1300 Overtime in as the transfer previously approved. Community Corrections, line 136.1-1130 Administrative Assistant in as a PAT IV Step III and the Salary Ordinance as recommended by the Job Study. The salary for this position was approved by the County Council during the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. County Highway, set salary line 2010-1971 Accrued Payment in as the transfer previously approved. Prosecutor, set proposed position line 108X-1120 from the Victim/Witness Assistance Grant in as COMOT III Step II with a salary of \$19,382, and County Clerk, approve the part-time Bond & Fine employee to be paid at the rate of \$10 per hour until the assumed duties for the Sheriff’s Department are taken over. And that is it at this time, Mr. President. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Alright. And I got a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy. Yes sir, thank you. Any discussion on the transfers? Okay, if not, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: That one that’s in there on the Sheriff, I want to vote yes for the others with the exception of that one. I don’t know how I can do that since you read it all together there.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I can do this if my co-maker will withdraw the Sheriff from this motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Do you want to do that? If Mr. Raben wishes to do that I will be glad

to do that.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben, do you withdraw everything but the Sheriff? And then Mr. Hoy seconds that. We'll vote on the Sheriff separate, Mr. Sutton? Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Wortman: Everybody clear on that now? Okay, so call the roll on the Salary Ordinance amendment except the Sheriff.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

President Wortman: Now the Sheriff, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Bonding-Supervisory/Detention Incentive which is account 1050-1130-0233 be set in as previously adopted.

President Wortman: Do I have a second to that?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy. Now, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
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**AMERIQUAL FOODS (A DIVISION OF BLACK BEAUTY COAL)  
CONFIRMING RESOLUTION/TAX ABATEMENT FOR REDEVELOPMENT OR  
REHABILITATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 18200 HIGHWAY 41 NORTH**

President Wortman: Okay, now we've got Old Business and the first is the Confirming Resolution/Tax Abatement for the Property Located at Highway 41 North, Ameriqual Foods Division. I'll entertain a motion to that effect and then we'll have discussion.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and a second. Any discussion to that effect? Don't hear 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: Abstain.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion carried 6-0/Councilmember Hoy abstaining)**

**OAK HILL ROAD SANITARY SEWER BARRETT LAW PROJECT  
SECOND AND FINAL READING OF BOND ORDINANCE**

President Wortman: Now we'll go to the Oak Hill Sanitary Sewer Barrett Law Project. The second reading, both of these final readings, of course, and I'll entertain a motion to that effect. Do I have a motion?

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

President Wortman: And do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Winnecke. Any discussion on this? If not, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

OAK HILL ROAD BARRETT LAW PROJECT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
5044	OAK HILL ROAD BARRETT LAW PROJECT	300,000.00	300,000.00
TOTAL		300,000.00	300,000.00

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

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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**APPROVAL OF CORRECTED SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR JULY 5, 2000**

President Wortman: Now then number ten, Approval of Corrected Salary Ordinance Amendment for July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2000. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, last meeting we did vote on this although I don't think we were real clear that everyone had a corrected copy of the Salary Ordinance, but this is it and again, this is more a formality just to make sure everyone was clear on what they voted on. So with that I'll move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, any discussion? Call the roll please. I guess we can go around and have the hands. Everybody in favor raise your right hands. Okay, seven votes.

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

President Wortman: Okay, now then, I am going to remind you of August the 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 the joint City Council meeting here in the chambers and then also your budget sessions and, Mrs. Deig, they start August 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 in the morning so everybody be prepared to ask a lot of questions.

Councilmember Smith: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, is that –

President Wortman: Yes ma'am, nine to twelve, and then a guy can play golf in the afternoon.

Councilmember Sutton: So that our esteemed attorney, the gentleman that he is, doesn't neglect his yearly responsibilities with the meal he is to provide, we just want to give him enough advance warning, budgets can get overwhelming at times with the number of things that are hashed around and arguments ensue and people falling out. So before all that takes place we just want to make sure that Attorney Ahlers is well informed and duly notified.

President Wortman: Right, the vote is unanimous! And there will be plenty of nourishment, good food. Okay, we've got that so Tuesday will be a busy day and that will be the 8<sup>th</sup> and we'll see everybody then in the morning and then that night. So anything else, why contact our –

Councilmember Hoy: Have you considered ordination?

President Wortman: Motion to adjourn the meeting?

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: And the meeting is adjourned.

**(Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.)**



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President Curt Wortman

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Vice President Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
BUDGET HEARINGS  
AUGUST 8, 2000**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2000 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President Curt Wortman at 9:02 a.m.

President Wortman: The Vanderburgh County Council 2001 budget hearings will start the morning off here. Everybody got a nice smile on their face, and hope when they leave they got the same smile. So, this is a day when they explain their situations, they ask questions. Next week, we do the talking, officeholders do the listening. If we would all stand now and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag, please.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

(No attendance was taken)

President Wortman: I might add that anybody in the audience that wants to speak for or against these requests for the department heads, the public of course is, raise your hand or let our Executive Assistant know. So, I'd like for everybody to, I'm going to read this in reference to the receiving of the minutes of the budget in this office, especially the Auditor will combine the transcribing skills of the Auditor's office. It would be especially helpful if we would recognize all the speakers by the name and when the motion is made. Additionally, Councilmembers to turn microphones on when speaking and also realize that several people attempt to leave the floor, have the floor at once. It might be impossible to publish distinguish speakers and its contents. We always try to provide accurate transcripts regardless of the limitations or equipments such as those mentioned to me. So, the County Auditor had that in mind. Has anybody got any questions, before we get in tomorrow. I might add that we will have a large day, we have the Courts and a long agenda so, if we can get here and really get with it tomorrow because it is really going to be a long day. This here could too, of course all of them could be. So, we will recess the meeting at Tuesday, which is today, tomorrow and Thursday and then we will recess until next week, which will be the Tuesday, from 12:00 until 3:00. Today and tomorrow is 9:00 until 12:00. So, does anybody got any comments, any Councilmembers, before we get into this budget process? So, ask questions, and remember that there are over \$ 45,000,000 requested in appropriations we are going to have to cut to be within reason like \$2,500,000 in round figures. So, keep that in mind and so anyway we will start off and the first on the agenda will be page 11, the County Treasurer. Would she step forward, please?

***TREASURER***

Jayne Berry-Bland: Good morning, Jayne Berry-Bland, County Treasurer. I don't think that I have anything that really stands out. I have asked for less in Office Machines but had a kind of a high request for this year because we were trying to replace so many of our terminals, trying to get PC's into the office this year and have accomplished that, all but for two. That was through getting some used machines from some of the other county offices. I have tried to keep that down. We are still looking at a couple of new machines for next year. I don't think that what we had is going to last a terribly long time. I think that we can suffice with what we have. The only other comment that I would like to make is on the Extra Help, I am certainly hoping that again this year, you would take a look at that on part time help. I am giving up a position, last year, and hoping that I could get a part time person in there both in May and November when we are extremely busy and I find it very difficult to get anybody in there that I can get trained for a six week period. You know, twice a year at what we are paying part-time people. So, I did up that by, I think, \$500. If you have any questions, I would be glad to answer them.

President Wortman: I think that's good that you wouldn't have to pay benefits that way or nothing, neither, see.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Right.

President Wortman: So, okay.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman.

President Wortman: Does any Councilmembers want to ask about the 100 accounts. Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: I have a question on the part-time. Are we going to go...? I have noticed on some of this that they have gone into eight dollars instead of seven for part-time people.

President Wortman: Yeah, I think that should be considered.

Councilmember Smith: Maybe we need to discuss that, when we are starting out. Because Jayne, you have probably been paying seven dollars?

Jayne Berry-Bland: I don't think that we have even been paying that.

Councilmember Smith: Six? But anyway, they more or less have raised them now to eight dollars.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Are you going to set one rate? Because I have heard, I don't think this year that I have come up for any appropriations or asked for any extra monies. I try to abide by what you give me every year and you know that I have done that. But I have heard, I think, sitting in here, that maybe some of the offices have a higher rate of pay for their part-time people than some of the others.

President Wortman: There was exceptions.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Is there any way to set that at a standard rate?

President Wortman: I think that it is pretty well standard. There were some exceptions, I think, now I don't recall, I think. But we could find that out. The eight dollar was in reference to the Assessors, if you recall.

Councilmember Smith: Well, I think that if we are going to pay eight dollars it ought to be standard. I agree with her because then, to get people to be able to do the job, we are going to have to raise it a little bit. So, maybe we ought to think about it now, whether we are going to give them eight dollars for the part-time people or stick to one figure for everybody.

President Wortman: I think that some of the McDonalds restaurants are offering eight dollars an hour.

Councilmember Smith: They are. There's...

President Wortman: So keeping that in mind, see, of course, they are having trouble getting help. So, but I think this is considered, and I think it has to be finalized but...

Councilmember Smith: They have trouble getting help too. For somebody to come in here for six or seven dollars on hour, when they can go to McDonalds and make eight and don't have to really use their mind a whole lot.

President Wortman: I think the assessors have brought that up here awhile back. So, I think that is something to consider.

Councilmember Smith: : So, is it going to be? Do you think....

President Wortman: I think, how does the Councilmembers feel on that, eight dollars an

hour? Any comments on that? Mr. Hoy. I think he's not quite awake.

Councilmember Hoy: Good morning.

Councilmember Smith: We are talking about for part-time.

Councilmember Hoy: I know, I know what you are talking about. Mr. Raben and I were talking about it too. I think that we ought to set a standard on it.

Councilmember Smith: I do too.

Councilmember Hoy: One way or the other because it is confusing to everyone and I think that some of the places are paying, for premium shifts, they are paying more money. You know, that's working late at night and all of that, but they are still paying it. So, but if we do that, we need to be cautious as a council, is the only thing. Mr. Raben and I were talking, because we've got some offices. Mrs. Deig, perhaps you could help us, paying less than seven, or is anybody paying less than seven?

Sandie Deig: There are offices less than seven.

Jayne Berry-Bland: I am one of them.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay.

Sandie Deig: (comments inaudible)

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, that is my only comment.

President Wortman: Like in her situation, she's got taxes spring and fall.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Right.

President Wortman: See, and that is very important.

Councilmember Hoy: And you need somebody skilled in there for that.

Jayne Berry-Bland: I really do and that was the whole consensus when I gave up that position last year. I thought that I was going to be able to get somebody but it's not worked out too well.

President Wortman: Also, you have got retirees that can earn more now with the law passed, you got college students, you got summertime help you can pick up, additional for any officeholder that needs it. This eight dollars would help draw them in.

Councilmember Raben: Maybe if we just left it open that we allow up to eight dollars an hour then it would be up to the department head or officeholder to determine what or if any of their part-time people are, you know, need the eight dollars or should earn the eight dollars an hour.

Councilmember Smith: Now, we have part-time at the swimming pools. But those are summer jobs, strictly summer jobs. But that is a little bit different than the officeholders here.

Councilmember Hoy: That is where we need to cover ourselves, I think. Is what Mrs. Deig said about those kind of seasonal jobs, that we might not have to put in at eight.

Councilmember Raben: I wouldn't object so long as the extra help lines in each budget didn't double next year. I mean, if everybody uses a little discretion with it. I mean, there is no reason why we couldn't give them that opportunity to pay up to eight dollars an hour

and they need to be careful with it.

Councilmember Hoy: Are you looking for a resolution of some kind today?

President Wortman: I think just a general agreement and then we will kind of see.

Councilmember Hoy: Not a motion then?

President Wortman: No, no let's see how we go and then we might run into some exceptions here. If we do, then we will address that issue. See, but Jim had a good idea, up to eight dollars and I think that is good, see. I think that was a good suggestion. Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, I have a question I guess, related to this. What this amount, that we are kind of throwing around before this eight dollar amount, what are attempting to do? I mean is there a question of being able to get people, is that what we are trying to address?

President Wortman: Mostly, to attract good people.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Could I make a statement here? Here was my idea all along. To try and find somebody that would be willing to work this seasonal or part-time position and we had this in the past, and get them to come back every time. Then you don't have all of the retraining. You get them to come back as you need part-time help. Get the same people to come back and for several years, it worked very, very well. But, then when they could go and get other jobs at a higher rate of pay and pretty well name their hours also. It has been very difficult for me to get someone back in there to commit themselves.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess that's maybe, I don't know if I understand with what Jayne is saying, is that what, you, the other Councilmembers, is that what you are saying? That by increasing the pay here we are hoping to address the issue of being able to not only attract but retain consistent help. Because, I guess maybe what I am thinking here is, I guess again, we need to use some discretion and allow the department heads some ability to work within the confines of something like this, if we are going to go in this direction. But, I don't know if that is the only issue that is causing the issue that is before us and that is a shortage of and then competing with other employers. You know, there is a shortage in the labor pool here locally. I think that we need to keep in mind, that though you may pay a certain amount, a person can easily jump from job to job because there are so many jobs available and there are so few workers. So, I guess that I am not totally convinced that the only answer is to increase the pay. Not to say, that increasing the pay would not help but I think that we really need to look at this closely in terms of the type of jobs that maybe we have and what we are trying to attract and what the labor pool has to offer. Quite frankly, now the labor pool is quite short.

President Wortman: That way they can be picky a little bit, see.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, what you are looking at..

Councilmember Smith: I just thought that this is the first budget we have come across and if we had an understanding now, then we would know going through, it is not set in stone, but if we are thinking on that line and it gives you something to go on.

Councilmember Hoy: One more comment. We need to be careful, we are talking about several segments of the workforce. If you are bringing somebody in year after year who only wants to work for a short period of time, there is a workforce out there of people like that who simply want to pick up, they don't need the money perhaps, but they want to pick up somebody that had the skills, that is quite different than people who are working fast food places who can skip around but who are desperate for a decent income and for health insurance. That whole workforce out there that isn't being paid enough, and I am gonna,

I wasn't going to beat this horse today, Mr. President, but I am going to beat it and that is if eight bucks an hour isn't enough to attract people then why are we approving tax abatements for firms that pay six dollars to eight dollars an hour? I don't understand that. I mean if we said there was a shortage and then we are giving this kind of incentive, it's really double speaking in my estimation and I don't make myself popular by saying that but I think it is true. Because you can not live on these low wages. I think that we are talking about, you are talking about a specific person.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Exactly. I am not looking at somebody that is working at fast food places. I am looking for someone that has some qualifications that will come back from season to season and I did have that person for about a four to five year period.

Councilmember Hoy: But, there is competition in the workforce.

Jayne Berry-Bland: But, she found other work...

Councilmember Hoy: Sure.

Jayne Berry-Bland: At a higher rate of pay to work the hours that she wanted to work and I just feel like it is hard for us to compete.

President Wortman: Well, like typing skills, would be one, see, some people can't type, see but, Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: I was just going to kind of defend ourselves on some of those tax abatements. These are part-time employees and these tax abatements we're giving include benefits for the employees and retirement funds, and stuff like that, so, there won't be any benefits that you are talking about, right?

Jayne Berry-Bland: Exactly.

Councilmember Bassemier: So.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Strictly a part-time seasonal worker is what we use in our office.

Councilmember Bassemier: So, even though we might be approving eight dollars an hour on these tax abatements, we are also giving, they are giving their employees benefits and things like that make it look a little better.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, sometimes they are. If you look into those, that is why I beat that horse, Councilmember Bassemier, because I have friends that have gone to work in a place when they say they have health insurance and then when they go to work they find out that the cost of the health insurance is scooped out of their paycheck and not on top and that is a huge difference as we know because we deal with health insurance and its cost is several thousand dollars a year. You know, for someone and if that is on top of the wage, that's great. But, if it's not, it's a shock and it does happen.

President Wortman: You know there is a lot of companies that will pay insurance, but you will pay half even, too, see, and that really cuts into. Okay, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Nothing other than we probably need to get moving. But before, Jayne, before the end of this session we will have an answer for you.

Jayne Berry-Bland. Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you for that.

Jayne Berry-Bland: I appreciate it.

President Wortman: Anybody got any questions?

Councilmember Hoy: She makes my job as liaison very easy. It is one of my assignments.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, Jayne, I did have a question. In your request for Printing, I know that you have two major printing times during the course of the year.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Just one.

Councilmember Sutton: Just one, okay.

Jayne Berry-Bland: We only bill once a year.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, because I was looking at what you were requesting this year is the same as what you requested last year. But, in terms of what you have already spent up to this point, is a pretty hefty amount. You don't really have a whole lot left there.

Jayne Berry-Bland: You know, that is my biggest expense, is the printing of the tax bills and I had gotten that down. We used to, before I was Treasurer, they did a self-mailer which was extremely expensive and I just couldn't see paying that kind of money for a self-mailer. I went back to the old fashioned one piece of paper with two stubs on each end. I think the reason that it remains to be fairly expensive is we, Purchasing actually solicits bids for me. We have no local companies that bid on our tax bills which is really unfortunate. It is really too bad. I end up getting two to three bids a year. The main bidder that has done our tax bills in the past, Moore, they didn't even bid last year. I understand that their office is closed now here in Evansville. But they are not really a local company either. They had an office here. The bills are always printed somewhere else. We have encoding put on the bottom of our bills so that they can be computerized as far as being able to read them and where it used to take us three to four weeks to actually process all of the tax bills and the payments, we are now done in three days because they are computer read. They are read through the bank with their machines that actually read your check, when you write a check, you have those numbers on the bottom of a check. Those numbers coincide with your tax code number if you own property here in Evansville or Vanderburgh County. The bank actually processes those payments for us. Now, obviously we have people that bought and sold and things don't work out and we have a lot of exceptions that we have to run in our office and people that come in to pay are ran through our office but the bank actually handles the majority of our payments. In order to do that, we have to have that encoding on the bottom and I think as far as money wise, this \$30,000, and you can see that I have spent around 25 of that through June. I think it's well worth the cost because if you take, uh, oh, several hundreds of thousands of payments that we can't get processed because we don't have the equipment or we don't have the manpower that the bank does. When you take that versus a three to four week period that we have got all of those checks and the money sitting in the vault and not getting them worked verses three days of being finished except for problem stuff, the interest that we get on that money well pays for the expense of these tax bills. I'm sorry that it costs so much but I have reduced that cost, the first year I came in, I changed the type of tax bill that we had.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, in reference to 3610, Legal Services. Are we making any headway with that, legal collections?

Jayne Berry-Bland: Yes, I am not sure which case, we have several cases pending right now. A big case that we have right now, Mr. Musgrave, our bankruptcy attorney that we have hired to represent the county, is currently working on the Executive Inn and those two buildings that are involved there. They do remain on tax sale which is going to be held Monday. We are in a legal dispute. It is before a judge right now and quite complicated.

We normally on most of the bankruptcy cases get the money back from the taxpayer. As you well know, some of the cases, we simply have to spend the money to argue our point and we have been very successful.

President Wortman: For instance, he exceeds that \$1,500 expenditure?

Jayne Berry-Bland: Absolutely.

President Wortman: That's...

Jayne Berry-Bland: Well worth every penny, in my personal opinion.

President Wortman: Okay, that's fine. Okay anybody got any questions on the 2000, 3000, 4000 accounts? Councilmembers? Don't hear nothing so we thank you and you can be excused.

Jayne Berry-Bland: Thank you.

President Wortman: Yes, ma'am. Next on the agenda is the Levee Authority. That's a combination city/county. We will wait for the gentleman to state his case. Page 183.

### ***LEVEE AUTHORITY***

Kelley Lawrence: My name is Kelley Lawrence and I am the director of the Levee Authority for the city and county.

President Wortman: Anybody, of course this is joint and we will see you at 5:00 this evening too over there. Anybody got any questions for Mr. Lawrence? Let's see, we've still got that work, that \$25,000 down in Union Township, doing a pretty good job on that levee. Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: (inaudible)

President Wortman: It is pretty well standard.

Kelley Lawrence: My budget is a little less than it was last year, not much,

President Wortman: That is due to what you think, Kelley?

Kelley Lawrence: That is due to the Ohio River shoreline project.

President Wortman: I see, okay, okay. Well, looks pretty good and you can be excused too.

Kelley Lawrence: See you all tonight.

President Wortman: Thank you. Next is Weights and Measures, 87, Mrs. Townsend.

### ***WEIGHTS AND MEASURES***

Loretta Townsend: Loretta Townsend, Weights and Measures.

President Wortman: Okay, here's a hardworking gal. So, anybody got any questions on the 100 accounts? Don't hear none. The 2000 accounts?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Winnecke: I have a concern, not just about Loretta's Gasoline and Oil budget but several other departments. I guess that I was happy to see that you budgeted less but with the rising costs of gasoline it seems like several departments, too that...

Councilmember Smith: Hers is lower.

Councilmember Winnecke: Took that into account. Is the \$2,100 a realistic figure?

Loretta Townsend: I think that it is because see a lot of times we aren't billed but every three months and truthfully, we probably wouldn't have to, it's like robbing Peter to pay Paul, but if we would run low, then say November, October, November, December, we probably would not be billed until January of 2001, so it will work. Besides we check gas pumps.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, your expenditures are considerably lower than what you budgeted for anyway. You have kept that in line very well.

Loretta Townsend: There is only one thing that I want to make sure that you all do have the right figure on because when it came back to the office, which was understandable, on Inspector, two Deputy Inspectors, let's see what number. Well, you have both of them and they should be in for \$30,301 because Roy, the second Inspector, on one of them, in April of 2001 would be his longevity. So, there is like \$164 difference, so we went ahead and put it in. So, as long as both of them are in at the same salary we will be okay.

Councilmember Hoy: They are not. The second one is...

Loretta Townsend: See, our first printout came back like that too and then we realized it, but we had a change in secretaries. From the first secretary to the second secretary was when we were turning in budgets, so that made a difference, too.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, that's 1130-1...

Councilmember Sutton: Loretta, could you maybe open that big blue book and we will make sure that we get the correct one?

Loretta Townsend: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Because we've got three.

Loretta Townsend: I don't have any pages listed.

Councilmember Sutton: Page 87.

Loretta Townsend: Let me get rid of my stuff here.

Councilmember Raben: Loretta, do you want to look at mine?

Loretta Townsend: I can count to 87, Jim, but not much more.

Councilmember Hoy: Believe me, she inspects our scales and can count higher than that.

Loretta Townsend: I got it. Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, we have one at line item 1120-1302 and one at 1130-1302 and you've got one 1150-1302. So, I am assuming that the one that you are referring to is 1130-1302?

Loretta Townsend: Yes, and let's see, 1120-1302, 1130-1302, the top two, both of them should be \$30,301.



Councilmember Bassemier: One is okay, then.

Loretta Townsend: Rather than the \$30,137. The last printout that we got back had it but I didn't know which one you ended up with.

President Wortman: Loretta always submits a pretty tight budget and lives within her means. I think through the years we have witnessed that. So, I think the Councilmembers should appreciate that, and the taxpayer. Anything else for Mrs. Townsend? If not, then you can be excused.

Loretta Townsend: Thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you. Next is the County Commission, page 81.

### **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I would be happy to begin going over these. My name is Bettye Lou Jerrel and I am representing the three County Commissioners today as County Commission president. First of all, if you would like to just go through the line items to see if there is any particular line item that you would like to address and I would be happy to speak to that now. We did eliminate a position a couple of years ago and that is the reason that we ask for the Extra Help. We have an intern, college graduate, that comes in during the busy time of the year, which is now and I think that Sandie will attest to the fact that she put in a real day yesterday.

Councilmember Hoy: Uh?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: On page 81, I know that on line item 1260-1300, Soil Conservation Educator, that title, I know that District has asked that title be changed and also that wage. I know that it is in the Commissioner's hands at this time, do you want to comment on it at this time or...?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I think that would be appropriate. The Soil and Water District has requested an increase of that salary and they have changed the job description. However, it has not been before your Job Study Committee yet. So, Phil, why don't you explain, you are on that board.

Councilmember Hoy: What happened, what's happening is that with the development within the County, and I am on that Board and it is, the Soil and Water Conservation District Board, we have had this person in this position for a number of years and at first the person was almost on a grant contract really and the State was giving us a grant and the State switched that and put half of that wage, roughly half of it is state money, even at this time, last year we were asked by the District to put that, put benefits in the position and we did that. At that time, we thought that we would be able to hang onto the person in that position and she has left. We approached the Commissioners, interviewing was done, this takes special training, college degree in fact is what we are looking for. We simply can't hire anybody at \$17,680. We are looking at probably \$25,000 to \$26,000 as a starting wage because you are looking at someone with a science degree that is well trained to do this kind of work. So, that's what the District has on the horizon and we feel that it is just necessary given all of the development that is going on. This person would spend up to 50% of their time and I am thinking that might be a minimum, assisting the current Soil Conservation Specialist which is just one line above that and part of the time in education. We have done a good job in both areas, by the way. Our district is the leading district in this state and has been selected as the top Soil and Water Conservation District in the whole country. So, I am advocating that change and Mrs. Jerrel, you know some of the hoops that has to go through and I would be open to questions. There may be someone here from there District, I am not sure, yeah, I believe there is, the President of the District

is here too if you have questions.

President Wortman: Phil, was that person prior, did she have a college education?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

President Wortman: Yes, she did.

Councilmember Hoy: Both of them. We have had two persons in that position. The first one did not leave over the wage, she had other interests that she wanted to pursue. She did an excellent job and got it off to a good start.

Councilmember Smith: Phil, what position is that, I mean if we're going by the Job Study is that a COMOT position or is it a PAT position?

Councilmember Hoy: It should be a PAT position.

Councilmember Smith: PAT Position. Well, then it is, that salary is too low anyway.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, it has been unclassified up to this point and it has to go through some processes. What has happened, we've interviewed and we need the person, we simply can't hire anybody. Everybody that has interviewed...

Councilmember Smith: Just a minute. What did you say that position was, Sandie?

Sandie Deig: It was unclassified.

Councilmember Smith: It is unclassified. Well, even if it was a PAT, a PAT III after six months, it would pay right at \$5,000, I mean \$25,000 instead of \$17,000.

Councilmember Hoy: That's true. That is one reason that we pegged it in at that level. That is pretty much the level we are looking at.

President Wortman: The Commissioners would have to okay that, am I right? As far as?

Betty Lou Jerrel: You have the job description and we don't have the authority to factor the positions, that is yours.

President Wortman: Job Study takes care of that.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, since the job has not really been classified or reviewed, could we go with the sum that is in here and at some point make an adjustment later on the salary?

President Wortman: Right, whatever the qualifications, I think that would be reasonable.

Councilmember Hoy: What we need to do, I will comment on that, the position has been vacant since some time in January. So this year, there is enough transfer money to take care of it this year, to keep it Unclassified and put some money in it. What we would like to do is have some assurance from the Council. We would like to hire somebody, we need to hire somebody, and we are in a bind. What should have happened and Mr. Bassemier knows this, and he and I have talked about it. I think in approaching Job Study last year and we made some errors, so why not say it, we didn't approach like we should have and gone ahead at that time and classified and pegged in, but we didn't and now we are in a bind. We thought that we were going to hang onto this person, but we didn't. She started her family and decided to stay home and nobody can argue with that of course and nobody can blame her.

President Wortman: Mr. Lloyd.

Councilmember Winnecke: Two questions. First, to who is the education geared?

Councilmember Hoy: That is done in conjunction with the schools, but not only with the schools. That is part of it. I can not think of the gentleman's name, Mrs. Jerrel, the new science coordinator?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Dick Chambliss.

Councilmember Hoy: He is an associate on the Board. He has made good use of her time, but a lot of education is aimed against adults. It is not just going out and doing little programs for children, which is good, you know for the future but this is adult education as well. Because most people don't understand what this is all about. It is one of those things that, it's like having a good road, if you have a good road, you don't think about roads and streets, if you have a bad road, then you know. We are trying to take care of our soil, which is very important and the water. We are, I don't want to make this a one on one, and I am not the guy to make it a one on one, Councilman, because I am not the expert. Mr. Ellison is here and he could speak to it more because he farms but we are, we have four major watersheds in this County. That is why we have so many bridges to tend to and all of this and we have a lot of water issues, quality issues and soil issues and I know that you are dealing with all of the construction and so are we, Mrs. Jerrel, whenever you see those silt fences and all of that stuff, that is part of what is checked and what needs to be done properly and correctly and we've not had any. I think it is being done well, we have not had any lawsuits, I don't believe. We have had some near misses, but we have been able to work those out which is the best way to do things.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: We have an erosion ordinance that is vital to the construction in our county. Could you take a look at the job description and let us know, next week, so we know.

President Wortman: I think that would be the appropriate way to go.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I know that there are people that would be happy to, if you need to call them and ask them specific questions at the office they would be happy to respond.

President Wortman: Okay, and address that issue.

Councilmember Hoy: One more comment on that and I will let it go. We are currently talking with a person, that everybody agreed, would be ideal for this spot. I think she will move here if there is a consensus of opinion that we can you know, raise this wage and we would have to do a transfer now. The money is there to do the transfer, we would have to take a budget hit on January 1 and I want to be clear about that. But, what I need as a Board member and I think that perhaps what the Commissioners need and certainly what the rest of the Board needs is some sort of consensus that this body would want to move ahead.

Councilmember Smith: Before we have the final reading on the budget, which is usually in September and we'd probably have a Job Study before that and that could probably be correct at that time, don't you think?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: And then you all can let us know next week when you are going to have it and they can be more definitive with their.

President Wortman: There may be others that come before us and we might have several, see.

Councilmember Smith: But, we have a final reading in September, so we'd have time before that time to have a Job Study meeting. Wouldn't we, Ed?

President Wortman: Okay, we will leave that, on that 1990, excuse me, we want to change

the tape.

### TAPE CHANGE

President Wortman: Okay, and that 1990 Extra Help, that would fall under that \$8.00, \$7.00 an hour category on that, too. Okay, now we'll go on to the 2000 accounts Mrs. Jerrel, do you want to...

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Oh, I'm just going to call attention to a few of them and answer any of your questions. The Demolition Fund, that's what's used to raze buildings that we're ordered to raze and sometimes that's enough and sometimes it isn't. That's a safety issue that the City/County have a local agreement on. Southwest Metal Health, that's a state authorized account to handle individuals that need attention, it's based on four cents for each \$100 assessed value. Hillcrest Washington, we have a contract with them that takes care of our CSHCN, children in need of services. We do receive back from them though, that's \$1.364 million. We do get approximately \$180,000 quarterly four times a year. That is a reimbursement from Family and Children's Services to us. So, that has an offsetting of 700 and something thousand revenue. The EARC is the Evansville ARC and we have been a contributor of that organization. They provide training for mentally challenged individuals and forms of work for them. Soil and Water next, that's their request for supplies. Patient Inmate Care, you're well aware that includes the Youth Care Center and also the Vincennes...the institution where we now send the girls. We had a meeting the other day that averages about two people per day, some days there may be a few more, and some days there may be none but that's about what the average is on a yearly basis. Youth Care, that facility costs about \$40,000 a month. The balance and the largest amount is for Boys School and Girls School and we have probably...we have one more check. We always pay six months behind because they don't bill us until after the six-month period. So we likely could be back to you for \$300,000 this year. That's...the bill may be over there with Bart O'Connor but he gives it to Tony Gruebel and that could be out there. Veterans Burial, that's for our veterans and we provide \$100 toward their burial. All these things are in the Commissioner's budget just because they're kind of...it's a catchall for administrative issues that the Commissioners and the Council have joined together on. Some of them are very old, been around a long time, some are relatively new. The Emergency Medical Contract is our contract for medical services in the county with AMR. Urban Transportation, Animal Control are two of our joint, and you all will have to adjust those for accuracy after you have your joint meeting. We just gave them a tentative raise of a percent, a certain percentage but knowing you and the city would be meeting—

President Wortman: Bettye, excuse me, getting back to Emergency Medical, that does not include Scott Township?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: No, it doesn't.

President Wortman: We've got our own out there.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yeah, you do.

President Wortman: Yeah, okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Postage and Freight, we pay all the postage out of the Commissioners' budget. Travel, most of that comes from the...for all the offices, most of it is from the county. Telephones are all from the Commissioners' budget. Depositions, that's in there in case we have a need. Solid Waste Disposal, we take care of that.

Councilmember Sutton: Excuse me.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Excuse me, you're on a roll. I wanted to catch you before you got too much further.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Back on Emergency Medical.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: Just real quick. The contract on that, what is the length of that contract?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yearly.

Councilmember Sutton: Yearly contract?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yes, we review it every year.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Now how do we...in the review process, what takes place during the review?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Well, we look at their rates of delivery of service, they're under contract to get there within a certain number of minutes and we look at how they...how well they perform that. We also...Tony Gruebel keeps track of any complaints. That's all compiled and Joe Harrison negotiates that for us and if we feel we're not getting our money's worth then that's something we're going to deal with AMR on directly. I would certainly welcome any input from any of you, if you feel there's been...if anybody ever calls you because we only know if someone contacts us. They do the self reporting, I mean, in other words, they say to us we had this many runs and this run took this much and if it exceeds the amount of time that is authorized then they're penalized.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. So are these targets that we set, or that they set, or is this something jointly?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: It's a negotiated--

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: It's a negotiated contract. We try to do our contract in cooperation with the city. We do have one additional ambulance that is stationed in the county. We requested that because of the growth.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I'm just trying to get a sense of, you know, I guess, since it is a...just how often we review that--

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Every year.

Councilmember Sutton: --and if it's a competitive thing, or something like that once that does come up, you know, how that actually works.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I'll be happy to give you the last contract so that you can take a look at it and kind of see.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, alright. Thank you.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President? Two quick questions. One, how many ambulances are available through that contract?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: You know, I don't know. I can't give you that exact number but--

Unidentified: There's usually four on call.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Four? Four at any one time.

Councilmember Winnecke: And on the Urban Transportation line item, is that...is there a reason that is so much lower than this year?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: It probably needs to be raised.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I said that's one that we'll get the final figures when you go to your meeting tonight. That's partially paid by the state of Indiana as an MPO and the City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County. It's paid by three different groups.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Going to Emergency Management. That's another joint account. The Tax Refunds Judgements and License, we just put that in there to keep the line item open and that's determined by appeals and awards and the Auditor's Office handles that one as needed. Change of Venue, if we have a major case, we've got a little bit in there if we have something happen that results in a major case being venued out.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, we spent quite a bit in '99.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yeah.

Councilmember Sutton: Obviously we haven't had much this year, and you really don't know.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: We don't know what's going to come.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Examination of Records, that's a State Board of Accounts, we provide that funding to them. Training is for our offices. GIS Consultant is a new item on page 84. That's the county's share of the person that will be contracted with and hasn't been selected yet for next year. We're putting up the funding for that. There will be some private money and the Water Works Department. That person will come on board. It's not a salary. It'll be contractual. Record Storage is now in the Clerk's office rather than ours.

Councilmember Sutton: Excuse me, before you get off too fast there Bettye, I want to ask you, back on GIS. What will be the total compensation for that GIS position?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I think the total contract will be 64 or 65 thousand for a contract.

Councilmember Sutton: That's for one person, or more than one?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: That, you know, I don't know that the committee has made a final decision, but I would suspect that it would be one. You might want to ask the...tonight—

Councilmember Hoy: It beats banking and preaching, Royce.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, we were just talking about those seven and eight dollars earlier. We better move on.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Okay, Printing is what we use in our office, the legal advertising we do all of that and advertise everything that you can imagine. The Consultant is DG Maximus formerly know as David Griffith and Associates. That's a group that comes in and looks

at all of our accounts and determines if we're missing any money, and I don't know if the Auditor would like to respond, but generally speaking, we receive a good bit more money than that. Is that correct?

Suzanne Crouch: Is that (inaudible) \$115,000?

Betty Lou Jerrel: About \$115,000 back for that \$16,000 investment.

President Wortman: Is that DGM?

Betty Lou Jerrel: Yeah, it's David Griffith. It's now called Maximus. They...he serves several states in the Midwest. Appraisals, that's obviously for a lot of things. It's not very much, so whether or not we need it.

Councilmember Sutton: Are we...it's probably been three years ago, four years probably. We were having several issues related to properties that the county actually had...through delinquent taxes—

Betty Lou Jerrel: You're right, we're paid...we took a bid and we had to get hundreds. We've got rid of most of them. We're really almost out of owning and taking care of all those properties. We had over 100 at one time.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, we had several of those, and that's what I was wondering, you know, the number being so low just struck me—

Betty Lou Jerrel: It's about all over, and we're glad. Abstracts, again, that's another issue. If we do have to run an abstract for a sale, that's where the funding comes from. YMCA is the benefit for all the employees in the county to...we pay a small portion, and I don't know the exact amount of how much we pay toward a single plan.

Unidentified: \$11.

Betty Lou Jerrel: \$11 towards, if employees wish to use the facilities at the YMCA. Human Relations is another joint department. Contractual Services, that's in our line item. We've used that for a number of small things that come up that we need to have special service for and might be something that has to do with properties or it might have to do with the Jail Committee. That was one of the items that we...when we had a facilitator we used that account. Vision 2000, that's been our ongoing contribution to them. Garage Remediation, I hope someday that all gets over with. What we do, we have a very aggressive program at the garage and an environmental company monitors it. We turn the soil frequently and we take samples and we're getting to the point where we're able to take that soil and use it. It's declared okay and it's reach its...hot sun and constant turning is probably the best remedy plus, some things you can add to the soil. This goes to pay for the...our remediation with the environmental company that monitors it for us and sends that information to the state of Indiana. EAP is our employee assistance program. ADA is for translators or special help that's needed for anyone with a disability. Voices for I-69 is \$20,000 and that's our county contribution along with the same amount from the city to help encourage interest in I-69. Just as an aside, we have received \$500,000 from a grant that we wrote that the county has for borders crossing, a study with Kentucky and the state of Indiana and the county. I think we're one of the only counties in the United States that received any money. We've got another one that we're sending by the 16<sup>th</sup> of this month to help study the impact of I-69 and the ability to develop a corridor that would be from Perry County through Spencer, Warrick, Vanderburgh and Posey. We're doing this regional effort because, you know, air travel doesn't stop with artificial political boundaries. So, we've got some real good cooperation with these counties and we've been working all summer on this.

Councilmember Hoy: The Border Study, what is...is there a time table on that?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Which one?

Councilmember Hoy: The Border Study.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yes, the...it's about 18 months, that's the duration of it. They will be studying largely environmental issues. They're going to make at least three or four recommendations on locations and then, I suppose...I've learned a lot about this. The purpose of the study is to be so complete and so accurate that when the decision is made it will stand up in any court of law, cause that's obviously where they go next. I hate to say that, but that's the way it works. Anyway, we hope to get more money very soon and that's Federal money that normally would never come here. Under Rent, that's our rent. It's expensive. It's all of the rent in the county. The only thing that we'll be able to take off of that is, we have allocated \$30,000 in the Public Defender budget, which you'll hear tomorrow. We'll get 40 percent of that back. So whatever 40 percent of 30 is, that's about \$12,000 that we'll be able to take off that number.

Councilmember Sutton: There is a little bit of an increase there.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: They went up.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Now...how does that...how do they...how do they come to that determination? I mean, do we have some input there? Do we just get the notice?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: What happens is, they have a Board and Steve Utley is the Building Authority Director. He presents his budget to his Board and they okay it. He divides it by how many square feet we have and it goes up.

President Wortman: It's about sixteen--

Bettye Lou Jerrel: \$16.35, something like that, a square foot. It's very expensive. Let's see, the Centre, they have their own budget and they'll be here today to help explain that. Legal Service, that's for representation if we have anyone, any office that needs representation in the county and we pay at the rate of \$70.00 an hour, which is a government rate and I don't know whether we're getting sued more or less, but we get claims all the time and Joe goes to court or if it's something that he doesn't so, one of the other attorneys from some other law firm goes to court for us. We haven't been settling any...we haven't had any big claims, so whatever they're doing must be right. Copy Machine Lease, that's the Auditor's Office that everybody uses and Bovine Testing, we just keep that in there. Dues and Subscriptions, that's our AIC. We have a couple of those and share them with you. You do one, and we do one. Occu-Med, that's available for our employees for tests that they must take from time to time, depending on what department they're in. Building Commission is another joint department. Contractual Computer, SCT, Rent and Computer Facility Management. I asked Bill Cottun to come because we've been doing some major projects in this county. You know, two years ago you funded Court View and that's taken us two years and we're going to start on some new things and I'm going to ask Bill Cottun to come up and explain to you those items.

Bill Cottun: Mr. President, members of the Council, I come before you today at the request of the--

President Wortman: Your name please?

Bill Cottun: I apologize. My name is Bill Cottun. I'm the County Executive for Systems and Computer Technology. We manage the City/County computer network. I come before you at the request of the City Controllers Office and the County Commissioners Office to present the Computer Services proposed budget for the 2001 fiscal year. When I came in, I gave each one of you a small hand out. What that shows is the...our proposed budget and in red are all of the new items that have been proposed in our budget for trying to help you see the new initiatives that we have. The combined City/County proposed 2001



computer service budget is 2.5 million dollars. This represents a 61 percent increase over the budget request for 2000. The county portion of the budget request is \$1,390,762. If you turn to page 15 on the particular...what I gave you. I've put together a county budget variance which shows the different categories that we list in our budget and it shows the percentage in change of that over the 2000 proposed budget. On the county side, that actually is a 39.13 percent increase. On the city side, it's a little bit over 100 percent increase. When I arrived at this site in the fall of '97, it was primarily a mainframe environment. There were fewer than 200 desktop PC's in City/County government. To date, there are over 1000 desktop PC's within every City/County department. At that time, when I arrived, we had 15 mostly mainframe servers, today, we have 34 mostly Windows NT servers. Many offices in the Civic Center were not networked, now all offices that have so requested are connected to the City/County government computer network. Network internet access did not exist. By the end of this year any office that wants staff to access the internet can do so through the City/County government network. Any department or agency that wants a web site developed and maintained at no cost to that department through the web service agreement approved by the City/County this year. The mainframe environment is being replaced by client server based applications. This change is being driven by a new generation of client server applications which provide the features needed by departments to provide expanded and more timely service to their customers, both internally and externally, with existing staff. Each year the city and county focus on one or more major projects. In 1998 and '99 the county funded the replacement of the non-Y2K compliant mainframe courts Writs application with Courtview 2000. That was a 1.67 million dollar initiative. In 1999 the city and county directed computer service to assist all departments to identify outstanding Y2K issues because the Mayor's Office, the City Controller, The City and County Council's and the County Commissioners' and all other elected and appointed officials of Evansville, Vanderburgh County took every step necessary to address Y2K related issues. On January 1, 2000 the City/County government was able to say Y2K, what Y2K? At the end of the 1999 and in 2000 City/County has focused on providing web services to all City/County agencies. By the end of this year, every City/County Office that wishes to do so can have a web presence on the City/County website. I would like to add that no additional money was appropriated for the Web Services agreement that was...redirecting some money that was both in the City/County government budgets for computer services. In 2001 and 2002 the City/County will also focus on a joint project to upgrade or replace the current mainframe based applications for financial accounting called FASBE and for personnel management called PDS. This initiative is being driven by the County Commission...excuse me, by the County Auditor and by the City Controllers Office. In 2000, 2001 Computer Services has been directed to provide project management to assist the public CAD, Dispatch, 911 and Record Management systems application replacement or upgrades. This was done by an agreement with the city at no cost to the county, although, the city and county are working jointly on this project and both will benefit from it. This project involves vital...involves every city...every public safety agency and will significantly address the need to share public safety data between public safety offices and other City/County offices. Funding for the actual upgrade or replacement project is not in the Computer Services budget request. The budget is broken down into nine categories and for the sake of brevity I will not go over all nine of those categories but I listed the highlights of the categories. I will be glad to discuss at any time with any member or any group of members of the council, any of the items on the budget. In summary, I wish to point out that most of the requested budget increase comes from one proposed City/County technology project, upgrade or replace FASBE, PDS. From two approved contract amendments with SC...two contracts that were approved this year with SCT, from new hardware and software maintenance items that were purchased in previous years that will go off warranty support in 2000 and require maintenance agreement support in 2001 and also from a proposed upgrade of the computer cold room. This year, in our 2000 budget, we had a line item to add a fire suppression system to the computer cold room. We currently house millions of dollars of City/County data and we did not have a fire suppression system in there, this year that was rectified. What we're also proposing is in the 2001 budget that we be allowed to upgrade the UPS or the uninterrupted power supply that we currently have which is approaching maximum capacity and also be able to tie into the Civic Center generator and there will

be...there's about \$75,000 in the budget for that item. We feel that those types of things are vital for the protection of the City/County data that we're developing. On my budget, there was one last page, in fact, the very last page, are courts projects that we have...helped the courts identify that need to be addressed now through 2003. These items are not in our budget proposal but we think that is vital that the county look at these projects and help us determine what priorities you would like to add to those, and once again, we will be glad to discuss any of these projects with the Council.

Councilmember Raben: Bill, can you give us the exact figure for the county's share once again, your proposed?

Bill Cottun: I'm sorry, sir?

Councilmember Raben: The exact share of the county's portion of it.

Bill Cottun: Yes, sir. If you'll go to the—

Councilmember Raben: Is that \$1,390—

Bill Cottun: On page four, the exact number is \$1,390,762.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I hope everybody understands what this means. This is \$500,000 that we weren't expecting as part of our budget. Bill, and again, I speaking for myself, but you may need to visit this budget and see where you can start cutting from because we're not prepared for that additional hit, just to be honest with you.

Bill Cottun: I shall certainly look at this sir. I apologize for any discrepancy there. I'd like to—

Councilmember Raben: As I've looked at this budget and worked, and worked, and worked it over, I mean, I haven't found the magic way to cut what I thought was \$2,000,000 and with this additional I'd have to find another \$500,000 and cut. So, we need to look at it and see what we can do.

Bill Cottun: We'll certainly look at that.

President Wortman: Okay—

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, two questions, I guess. First of all, the budget we have before us in the big blue book, the 1.3 is broken down into two line items, is that not correct, Bettye Lou? 3860 Contractual Computer and all three of those are tied together, are they not? That would account for it. So actually the money is in this budget. All three of those items are tied together to account for the—

Councilmember Raben: Oh, so we have to take all three into consideration?

Councilmember Winnecke: Right.

Bill Cottun: Thank you.

Councilmember Winnecke: But, I do have a question.

Bill Cottun: Yes sir, please.

Councilmember Winnecke: I guess looking at page 15 of the handout you presented, a couple of things...one thing that jumps out at me is the User Conferences. That's a lot of money to go to conferences.

Bill Cottun: Two of those conferences are new conferences that...this year, one is for the

Courtview 2000 project and the other is, I believe, is for the Proval conference.

Councilmember Winnecke: Who goes?

Bill Cotton: On some of these the city and county actually have employees that go, and one SCT employee will go. So on some of those that are of a higher cost are typically one SCT and one or two city/county employees go.

Councilmember Winnecke: How imperative is it that we send two or three people in some of these cases?

Bill Cottun: We've always felt that in some of these major applications it helps the city and county to have people who are current with the application themselves. While we do provide support, it certainly helps each individual office if they have the...like the Controllers Office, they'll send someone, I believe the Auditor's Office sends someone to these conferences. We think it's very important that they maintain a very high usability of the product so that they're not 100 percent relied on us to do their business.

Councilmember Winnecke: I guess the next question I would have beyond that onto another subject is, what are...if you could explain to the Council about the FASBE/PDS what does it mean, I know it's—

Bill Cottun: FASBE is the City/County accounting software. That's what they prepare the budgets with. PDS is a personnel package that is used both by the city and the county to do payroll and those kinds of applications.

Councilmember Winnecke: How will it make us run faster and jump higher?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Alright, you're sitting next to the Auditor, and the Auditor is the one that will be...the checks we have now say very little about accrued benefits, none of the things that need to be on a paycheck. The financials...everything you get, every month, everything, all the bookkeeping is the FASBE and all the weekly for Union and biweekly for PDS. Suzanne, she can speak to this better than I.

Suzanne Crouch: The system as we have it, the PDS system and the FASBE will be in the future, will not be supported, they are a mainframe. So, the system as it exists will not be supported past the year 2001. So we have to look at either a PDS...staying with PDS and doing some kind of an upgrade or going to a different vendor. We're looking at FASBE at the same time because that's coming. Everything is moving to client server and we, with those two systems, are on mainframe. They are not going to be supporting us in the future, the systems as we have...so there really isn't a real choice in it. We're going to have to make a change.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: I wanted to go back to Conference Expense. Frankly, and with all due respect to my colleague, those look reasonable. I just came back from vacation where I stayed...I'm a Scotsman, I stay in Red Roof Inns, I was paying \$80 a night, you know, you go to a conference and you'll easily pay \$100 a night. Also registrations, I work with a charity, our registrations for our national will run that much, \$350 for a national registration, that's...I don't really think...I'm surprised they're that low to be honest with you.

Bill Cottun: If you'll look on page seven and sixteen, that actually shows the actual costs and—

Councilmember Hoy: I don't like paying those, to be honest with you, but we have to go to training sessions and we never get a hotel room for less than \$100 a day. You just don't in any...in the larger city, you might get it here in Evansville, but they don't hold them here.

Bill Cottun: It has been a challenge to keep the cost down. I know that the...when I go to conferences, to be very honest, it's very difficult to meet these costs. It's very reasonable per conference.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else, we've got to keep moving here, we've got to be out of here by 12:00. So, anything else for Mr. Cottun or Mrs. Jerrel in reference to this? Okay, thank you Mr. Cottun we appreciate it.

Councilmember Sutton: Excuse me, just one minute. We have their budget broken down here. I don't think we have anything that shows a comparison from last year that shows these same line items. It is possible for us to get a breakdown on what the existing years budget is on this? We've got the total expense the city and the county shared broken down...this here that was given to us...from this here...this is what I'm looking at, page four.

Bill Cottun: You would like to see a previous year on each of these?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah if...identical to this but looking at 2000, the 2000 budget on that.

Bill Cottun: As far as the individual items, I don't have a breakdown but we do have a breakdown by category, which is back here.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Bill Cottun: This is the variance right there, I apologize. This shows the 2000 budget by category and then the 2001 budget by category.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, okay, alright. The question I had was, if you look on page 15, it doesn't have it itemized but by major category comparing the two years in the packet there.

Bill Cottun: Excuse me, one second. One item is shown at the very bottom of that page and that is for the Dispatch 911. That is the only page where you're going to see Dispatch 911 broken out as a percentage like that. It is a cost that is a City/County shared cost and it is included in our total budget. That's the only place you're going to see that particular number.

President Wortman: Okay.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: We can get last years in depth budget, we keep that. So, I'll see to it that you get that. It will be all different because every year we do something to improve the technology in a different area and I grant you, it is expensive, but we've made a commitment to make this county on the cutting edge in that area and that's what we're doing.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else for Mr. Cottun? Thank you Mr. Cottun, we appreciate your time.

Bill Cottun: Thank you very much.

President Wortman: Okay, Mrs. Jerrel can you continue on please?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Okay, I'm going to move it up into another faster gear. On page 86 again, Central Dispatch will have a different number that you might want to take a look at. I think we'll be able...we do have some reductions that can be made to that. The Auditor and I were going over the 911 budget which we could use some of that money. We used it last year for the purpose of upgrading all of the trunk lines and their software and hardware at Central Dispatch. Youth Services, that's the group that has formed...been in existence for a number of years and we've paid this grant to them every year. They

provide opportunities to all the public, private and parochial schools in this area. The teachers apply for special grants for their students or their classrooms and that's what that goes toward. Under Transportation Services, that's for county handicap service. We do have a contract for that and...what's the name of that company AS...Tony is gone, ASAP is the name of the company. They pick up people that call in and take them if they are handicapped. So, that's it, right? Okay—

President Wortman: Okay, that takes care of the—

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Very quickly Curt, if I could? As long as we just talked about how much we're spending on technology and it seems sort of like something you can't get your hands on. I'd wonder...could we let Erik come up real quick, and John Stoll is on his way and let Erik do the County Garage...County Highway, because he's got something to show you that's, pardon the pun, more concrete?

President Wortman: Okay, Erik, you've got one minute. No, go ahead.

### **COUNTY HIGHWAY**

Erik Bentle: Okay, the first thing I have, I want to thank the Council for giving the monies that we have received in the last several years to improve roads in Vanderburgh County. Going on to that, I think you've all got a handout that was given to you. It goes back to '97. It shows the amount of roads by mileage and feet that we have completed. In '97 we completed 19.63 miles. They contracted out eight.

President Wortman: This year, the prices have...what from \$24,000 to—

Erik Bentle: You jumped ahead of me there. In '98, they completed 14.96 miles and they contracted out several here that they don't have a number on for the contractual part. In '99 we—

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

Erik Bentle: Okay.

### **TAPE CHANGE**

President Wortman: You're on.

Erik Bentle: Last year in '99 we jumped up and did a whopping 29.75 miles of county road with eight miles contracted out that year also. That figures out to about 110 miles of county roads done in the last several years. Again, I want to thank the Council for the monies that they have allowed us to do this many roads. This year we had a number of 31 miles we were going to try to get done. As you know the price of oil and gas the way it was, hampered us doing that. Right now, we're right at 18 miles. With the money we just asked from you through appropriations the other day, we're looking at finishing approximately 64% to 65% of that this year. I think Mrs. Jerrel is coming back the 15th to ask for just a little bit more money to get us over the hump a little more, to try to make those percentages look a little better. Do you have any questions, or...

President Wortman: I think the state, and going and getting the information from the Auditor, you're going to be cut only \$35,000 this year out there in your budget at the Highway. Before we've had \$300,000 and \$400,000.

Erik Bentle: Oh, yeah.

President Wortman: And that really hurt, see. So this year I think that was their thought. Yeah, okay. Any questions for the superintendent out at the County Highway?

(Inaudible)

President Wortman: Yeah, that's real good. We appreciate that. He's been on the ball. He seems to keep things moving out there. So, we like that. And that Darmstadt, you kind of helped out there once and a while, too.

Erik Bentle: Oh, we'll give you a hand every now and then.

President Wortman: Thank you, Erik, I appreciate it. I appreciate your time. You get back to work now.

Erik Bentle: Okay.

### ***CUM BRIDGE/LOCAL ROADS AND STREETS***

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Next, John Stoll, who is our Engineer. I'm not going to say this other than when you do have your job study, we would like you to evaluate John's position. But at this time we're willing to wait until you have your meeting so that we follow the rest of the procedures. John is going to talk to you a little bit about what we're going to be doing right now and next year. And here is our bridge book, anyone is welcome to take that. We have a lot of bridges and we get an evaluation every year of each bridge. We've made a particular goal as Commissioners to increase the improvement of our bridges.

Councilmember Hoy: Is carrying that around part of the fitness program?

John Stoll: Just like when you have to deliver all ten copies the consultant gives, it's quite a work out. It's like Bettye Lou said --

President Wortman: Your name there, Mr. Stoll. Your name?

John Stoll: John Stoll, County Engineer.

President Wortman: Just wanted to make sure.

John Stoll: Not an imposter? Like Bettye Lou said, we've had several major projects going on over the last few years. Burkhardt Road, we've had three phases of that, that are either built or under construction right now. The third phase at Morgan Avenue is under construction now. The Lynch Road project, it's been broken up into several phases. The first two miles has been completed, and now this fall, September 12, I believe, is the bid date for the interchange project. That will be in the neighborhood of a total cost of about \$10,000,000 and of that the county has to fund 20%. So, we'll have a \$2,000,000 local match on that project. So, as long as the bids come in within the budgets, we'll be awarding that project next month. Other major projects we've had going on are the Daylight Sewer which was about \$1,000,000. That's opened up quite a bit of the north side to development. We've also had numerous other projects, they're also listed in here, as far as 100% locally funded projects. We've had numerous bridges and culverts that have come off the Cumulative Bridge fund that we have gotten taken care of. And because of all the bridge work that we've gotten done, the bridge inventory that Bettye Lou showed you, we've only requested funds for two bridges for 2001 because we're finally getting the bridges in good enough shape that we're not having to spend thousands upon thousands of dollars for replacements every year. It's getting to where there are only two we need for next year, and there are some others that we'll have to work with Erik's crews on doing some minor maintenance. But overall, the bridges are getting in pretty good shape. Now that the bridges are in pretty good shape we've got some more culverts that we need to replace. We've requested some money on that as well. We've got large culverts all throughout the county that Erik's crews can't take care of because they don't have the equipment to set the large culverts. So we'll have to emphasize more on culvert projects. Also upcoming for next year, we've also requested some money for the Millersburg and Green River intersection because of the study that was done by the Evansville Urban

Transportation Study. They've determined that a traffic signal was justified at that location. We didn't feel that putting a traffic signal in at that location would be a good idea unless we made some intersection improvements as well. That project is also eligible for federal funding, so we would pay 20% and the state would pay 80% on that project. Also in regard to road improvements for next year, we've also requested some funds to do some work out at Heather Court. We've got some drainage problems out there, we've got some culverts that need to be replaced, and we've got some road reconstruction that needs to be done. There are some residents out there that have experienced some pretty significant drainage problems because of the conditions out there. That's a brief rundown of what we've done and what we've got coming up for next year as far as larger projects. We will continue to do contractual paving projects like we've done for this year. This year we've been primarily doing work within subdivisions. We did some repairs in West Haven subdivision, Melody Hills subdivision, and the contract we opened last night was for Evergreen Heights subdivision. So, we'll continue that type of work, but that briefly gives you a rundown of where things are.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Could you give us the status of where we are on the Fulton Avenue bridge. I mean, obviously we've had some major setbacks there and it's caused a lot of inconvenience in that whole area, that whole corridor. We had hoped to have that project completed by this point. Can you give us an update of where that is because that's a pretty significant blow to that whole area there?

John Stoll: The soil consultant sent us a letter last week that said they planned to have the lab analysis of their soil tests, of their soil samples done next week. Once that's done he can proceed with the design of a retaining wall. Basically what they are going to do is design, recommend that we construct a retaining wall in between the pier that's leaning and the north end of the bridge. So, once the soil analysis is complete then they will begin the design process and that retaining wall is going to require some additional pile driving. So, they're going to, hopefully, give us the size of the piles required for that project within the next couple of weeks so we can go ahead and get the change order in the works for getting the contractor to start driving the piling while the remainder of the retaining wall design is being completed. So that way we can try to fast track it as much as possible. We still don't have exact time tables on when all that work will be complete because once the retaining wall is built, then they'll turn around and excavate next to the pier to determine if the pier is or is not structurally sound. If it is structurally sound then they'll get it pulled back in place and they can complete the project. Likewise, if it is damaged in some way then it will have to be evaluated and see what needs to be done to correct the damage. Because we don't know all those answers yet, I don't have any specific timetables on when the project will be completed as of yet.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, so I guess maybe what I'm hearing from you is... Initially, I think we were supposed to be done with that in like '98...

John Stoll: It was June, I mean January 7th of this year was when it was supposed to be done.

Councilmember Sutton: So, it sounds like about two years worth of work there, I don't know, that's just my guesstimation.

John Stoll: It won't be that long.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

John Stoll: I couldn't imagine... Well, I shouldn't say that. If the pier is damaged, I don't know. If it's just to build the retaining wall and then finish out the bridge, it wouldn't be that long.

Councilmember Sutton: I know we're working with various entities, it's not just on our end, but as much as we can push that forward because that's a pretty significant project. As much as we can get that moving, it really would be a big boost because it's really, really needed.

John Stoll: And that's one of the reasons why we're going to ask the soils people to give us that pile size in advance. That way we can try to get some of the construction work being done concurrently with the design and try to speed up that process. We still have to deal with the change order issues, once the design is complete we will have to coordinate with INDOT to get the change orders for the construction contract approved and things like that. So like you said, there will still be coordination issues, but we'll do what we can.

President Wortman: Okay, anything Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Just for clarification, tell me if my information is correct or not, the engineering on that bridge was done by the state?

John Stoll: No.

Councilmember Hoy: No.

John Stoll: The engineering was reviewed by the state, but it was done by a consultant selected by the county.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay.

John Stoll: The actual design agreements were signed in '89 or '90.

Councilmember Hoy: But the state did review it?

John Stoll: Correct.

Councilmember Hoy: Said it looked good?

John Stoll: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: My information was that they kind of dumped it back in our lap, is that... I don't want to put you on the spot, but that's sort of my...

John Stoll: Whenever the project was first discovered, I mean the problem with the project was first discovered it was late November of last year. We held some meetings to evaluate what direction things were going to go in. It was determined that INDOT would send their soils consultants down to take a look at it, not their soils consultant, their soils staff to take a look at it. When they showed up at the site it was the week between Christmas and New Year's of last year and at that time they were originally going to have one of their, one of INDOT's soils consultants look at the project. And then around the end of January of this year, that's when we were told that INDOT wasn't going to have their soils consultants look at it, that we need to have the county take care of the problem.

Councilmember Hoy: So it did get dumped back in our laps?

John Stoll: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm looking at the issue of fairness here concerning local people in your office, and that is I think some of the blame lies with the state, if you want to place blame someplace. That's my opinion, you don't have to agree or disagree, but from what you've described that's the way it is.



John Stoll: Once they notified us that it was our responsibility then we hired the soils consultant in February. We held another meeting to figure out what direction we were going to go in. That's when we realized we needed to have a structural consultant on board as well to evaluate the condition of the pier. They were hired in March. They proceeded with their evaluations and from that they determined they needed to install some temporary supports on the bridge so they designed that from March, middle of March until about the first week of May. About the middle of May is when the consultant started, I mean the contractor, started installing those temporary supports. Then the slow borings were taken again, and that's kind of where we are today.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay.

John Stoll: That's kind of the chain of events on what got us here.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I've heard a lot about this, and have had some calls on it. As my ethics (Inaudible) used to say, we need to stop blaming and, you know, look for responsibility which is the ability to respond which it sounds like that's what you're doing. It's the best thing you can do.

John Stoll: Right. We are proceeding with the design of the retaining wall to hold the failed slope back and then once we get all that resolved, then we'll know some time frames on when...

Councilmember Hoy: And the bridge will be safe which is what we want to accomplish.

John Stoll: Right. We sure don't want to open up a brand new bridge—

Councilmember Hoy: At least I do. I use that road.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Bassemier has a question.

Councilmember Bassemier: John, we funded \$500,000 for Mt. Pleasant Road last year, or for this year really, when are we going to start on that? Do you know?

John Stoll: We signed the agreements with the consultant for right-of-way acquisition, I believe, last month. We're just now in the right-of-way acquisition phase. It will be late this year before that project goes out for bid, at the earliest.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

John Stoll: I'm not sure exactly when all the right-of-way will be acquired, but they are just in the process right now of drawing up the legal descriptions and beginning the appraisals.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: That's good, John, concentrate on the north side. That's a good side. Any other questions for John? Want to take five? Okay, anybody got any questions for John? Okay, let's take five then, not any longer.

### **DRAINAGE BOARD**

President Wortman: Recess is over, time to start school. We're going to take the next on the agenda. We've completed the Commissioners; we've completed the Highway, Cum Bridge, and Local Roads and Streets. We're going to go to the Drainage Board. Ms. Jerrel?

Betty Lou Jerrel: Actually the Drainage Board—

President Wortman: State your name again, please, on every topic.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: My name is Bettye Lou Jerrel, and we are proceeding with the budgets that fall under the direction of the Commissioners. Drainage, we sit as a separate board and we've corrected a lot of drainage problems this year. We try to deal with them as they come up. We have a Drainage Ordinance for obstructions that has worked very well. We sit as a court. In terms of our budget, it's the stipend that the Commissioners each receive for sitting as a separate board and holding that meeting one night a month. It sometimes goes quickly and other times it goes very slowly. The only other items in there, Office Supplies which we use as a 33...\$3,363 budget so unless someone has a real burning question, I'm going to move to Superintendent of County Buildings.

President Wortman: That would be fine.

### ***SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS***

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Okay. That's page 91.

Tony Gruebel: I'm Tony Gruebel, Superintendent of County Buildings. My budget is rather lean this year, as it always is. This department is pretty small. Most of my work is done directly with the Commissioner's Office. Just two employees, myself and Bennie Gossar. Other line items would be Gas and Oil \$500. Even with the increase in oil and gas prices, about all of Bennie's driving is local and we usually have money left over at the end of the year, so I think that's enough for next year. Uniforms, as far as cleaning the uniforms each week.

Councilmember Smith: You've got Clothing Allowance and Uniforms, how come...

Tony Gruebel: Uniforms is for cleaning, cleaning the uniforms.

Councilmember Smith: Oh, okay.

Tony Gruebel: Other Operating often comes, is just kind of a catch-all. A lot of what that line item is used for is sometimes mowing properties out in the county that violate weed ordinance laws. Then the Buildings Fund, I'm requesting \$10,000. Earlier this year, to be honest, we don't really have anything specifically in mind to use that money for. It's kind of for emergencies or unexpected...for example, if the boiler at the county garage goes down in the winter, we'll have enough money already on hand to pay to fix that immediately. We also used that for engineering studies earlier this year at the SAFE House. We paid for that from that line item. We use it for storage shelving units in the basement here in the Civic Center when we have to get new ones.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else for the Superintendent of County Buildings? If not, we'll move right on. Thank you, Mr. Gruebel.

Tony Gruebel: Thank you.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Before you move from that, let's give Bennie Gossar a little credit. Bennie is the Teamster that works in this building and I want to tell you that he works from sunup to sundown and moves everything. He probably has more contact with all officeholders than any single person.

Councilmember Smith: Bennie does more work than two people. He did have an assistant and it got in his way. I tried...it did. The man works. I've never seen anybody work as hard as Bennie is for the salary he gets. I tried to...I talked to Bettye about this. Put him on a salary and give him an increase. There's not anybody around here that can keep up with him.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: He's very dedicated and everything he does...Just like at election time, he's the one who moves all the tables and chairs to all the precincts and back. I mean, he does everything. Any office wants new furniture, he puts it in and takes it out. The guy is

wonderful so if you ever see him, he drives the little orange truck with the wood on the side.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Smith: They let his assistant go because he said he was in his way, and he could do better by himself. So they cut a salary out, but they kept him at the same salary and that isn't right.

President Wortman: But you haven't seen me work, Betty.

Councilmember Smith: No I haven't, but I don't think you can keep up with Bennie.

Councilmember Winnecke: That's a good point, none of us have seen him work.

Councilmember Hoy: We're waiting to see that. Sorry, Curt, it was just too tempting to resist.

### ***RIVERBOAT***

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Going on to Riverboat, we still are following the same plan that you put in place when the riverboat became an opportunity of revenue. That's \$500,000 in each line item: the Welfare to Work, Infrastructure/Drainage, and Economic Development line item. It's worked very well, and we've used it for all of the above. We do still have the contract with Lieberman to handle the Welfare to Work and they're very judicious in granting any training money or anything. It has to all be approved. At anytime that this board would like for them to come and appear before you and describe what they do. They are very effective.

Councilmember Bassemier: I would like for that to happen because I know, at one point, having some trouble using the training money, I believe, was it not? They made some shifts in that.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Into emergency funding for people that have a true emergency like a car breakdown and can't get to work without that one time fix. They really do a very careful...Gary Heck manages that end of it, and he is very good.

Unidentified: Mr. President, I just have one question. How is the Economic Development money used?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: In a variety of ways because sometimes we have to pledge money to...for instance when Matrix moved out on 41, we entered into an agreement with the Department of Commerce to help build that access road. Sometimes it's a match. We may put up, \$170,000 happened to be what it was for that one. Whenever an opportunity like that presents itself we're able, if it doesn't get too high, to say we'll contribute this much, and we have to match what oftentimes the Department of Commerce wants a local match. We've tried to do that.

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

Councilmember Sutton: On the Riverboat dollars, Bettye, trying to come up with what that total figure will be, of course it fluctuates from year to year, the 1.5 were you just basing it on in the past?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: What we did, remember you all were kind of "don't ever put it in higher and it float away" or the revenues drop drastically, so we've tried to keep it conservative and that's what we budget for.

Councilmember Sutton: And following up on Councilman Lloyd's question on the Economic Development side since that's an area where it's really difficult to know what the needs will

be because we don't know what companies or issues may arise where Economic Development dollars might be needed, so I guess in terms of where we are this year, we've spent just a little over \$68,000 there and we budgeted \$500,000. I didn't know what thoughts you may have in terms of finishing out this year, if there are some potential things on the table that we may not use that money and may reallocate that in some other areas of these three categories where the need may be greater.

Betty Lou Jerrel: We're looking at some sewer extension lift improvements. We have...You all started something when you extended that sewer. It was a wonderful thing to do, but now, of course, the county is in a position where we do, perhaps, need to add increased capacity lift. We have an Industrial Park that we are in partnership with, with the Evansville Industrial Association. I don't know if that's the exact name of the group, but we work with Ron Keeping. There's membership from SIGECO, all the banks, Vision 2000, and we take our lead from them. Though we have Vision 2000 promoting us afar, our local industrial group is working on keeping industries in this area. They come to us with different projects. The big one we're doing is the Industrial Park. A lot of dirt is getting moved out there.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess, we do get criticized often from our local companies that we don't do enough for the local companies. The new guy that comes to town gets the tax abatement, etc. we hear that story. I guess in looking at this here since on the Economic Development side we haven't had that much of a usage there.

Betty Lou Jerrel: A lot of times, if it's an infrastructure, we'll use the infrastructure for the road. It may be for Economic Development, but we pay it out of Infrastructure. The two accounts are almost interchangeable because it depends on the need. Matrix was a perfect example of a local company that we supported.

### **CONVENTION CENTER OPERATING FUND**

President Wortman: Okay, anything else? Thank you, Ms. Jerrel. I appreciate you coming up here and explaining everything. Now, we are going to go right into page 182 and 112. 182 first. Ms. Sandie Aaron, please.

President Wortman: 182 and 112. First is Operating and next is The Centre itself.

Sandie Aaron: Which are you going to take first, 112 or 182?

President Wortman: We will take 182 first, the Operating.

Sandie Aaron: Okay.

President Wortman: State your name, please.

Sandie Aaron: I'm Sandie Aaron, Executive Director for The Centre.

President Wortman: Let me ask you first off, that's an interesting word there, Coupon and Bond Expense. That word coupon.

(Inaudible.)

President Wortman: Top of the page there. Reminds me of coupons that you get when you go to the grocery store.

Sandie Aaron: I don't think that's what it means.

President Wortman: Very top of the page, 3002 there.

Sandie Aaron: Yes, I see it. I'm trying to decide if it's related to the insurance and bond

requirements that we have with the facility, is it not?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: This money actually goes to the Building Authority, they are the owners of the building, that's the coupon bond expense. We have an energy saving contract with SIGECO. We entered into that in order to have a more efficient system, heating/air conditioning system. By doing this, they returned a good bit of money to us. We are paying that over a four or five year period.

President Wortman: That's the energy efficient—

Bettye Lou Jerrel: You can tell us about that, Curt. The other items are the items that the utilities and other costs related to that. That's the funding that's coming from the Visitor's and Convention bill. That's the two cents that's devoted to that. That's going to be in there for about five years.

Councilmember Sutton: Question on line item 3002, that's not rent per se. We already pay on the bond from another account though. What's this second payment we are making on the bond?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: It's additional rentals for 2012 and all future years of bond indebtedness. It's a savings account.

Councilmember Sutton: Something like a sinking, not sinking fund—

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Let me give you a copy of this so you can look at this. Then if you have any questions Steve Utley would be the person to talk to.

Councilmember Sutton: It's probably like an insurance. Might be able to adjust that.

President Wortman: Anyone have any questions on items down through there on page 82?

Councilmember Sutton: Contractual Services, line item 3530, is there something itemized that outlines what each of those things are under Contractual Services?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Let's see. Which line item is it?

Councilmember Sutton: 3530 on page 182.

Councilmember Smith: They haven't spent a dime so far.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Those are amounts that go to the Building Authority.

Councilmember Smith: Bettye, they didn't...so far, we haven't spent a dime. \$80, 900 and pennies.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Remember, what you see here is really when you say expended June 30<sup>th</sup> that's probably March's bills paid in April. That's about how it's figured. It's not actual June 30<sup>th</sup> expenditures.

Councilmember Smith: But so far this year we haven't paid anything on it is what I'm saying.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Well we will. We'll get a bill from them like we do on rent. We get it twice a year so we will get it.

Councilmember Sutton: What are we paying for there, Bettye, Contractual Services? We've got so many other breakdowns here, just trying to—

Bettye Lou Jerrel: It's a Memorandum of Understanding with the Building Authority that we

entered into and I'm going to let you have it. You can give it back to me and I'll make copies for the rest of you.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Sandie doesn't have any dealings with that. That's what we contracted with the Building Authority to complete the facility. They watch it and help us take care of it.

President Wortman: Anybody got any questions?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Depreciation is what they also put aside for this buildings rent. It builds up. I don't know how many millions of dollars the Building Authority has in place for this building so if at any time they need to replace an air conditioner or heating system, they have a depreciation fund. The same thing was set aside every year for the Centre. It's a depreciation fund so if something happens and the facility, equipment is no longer in warranty, the Building Authority would replace it. As you go through that, Royce, you'll see that's what the contract (Inaudible.).

Councilmember Hoy: On this building, an example of that is the cooling system sitting out here where the fountain is.

Mark Acker: It's called the chiller unit.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, thank you. It runs the air conditioning in this building. I don't recall the exact figure, but I think that was about a million dollar project. Therefore, they had the money ready for that. It's not an artistic marvel, I must say, but it works. I'm getting used to it.

President Wortman: It's a reserve set aside.

Councilmember Hoy: It's a reserve set aside. One of the things we did and I think this is important. I've been assigned to that Auditorium and Convention Center ever since I arrived here because I don't think nobody else wanted it, but I toured it and it was awful. There was no maintenance on that building. There were big cracks in the roof, plaster falling in the Auditorium, and the boiler was terrible and so on. That's why we turned it over to the Building Authority. It's not cheap to do that, but it's not cheap to let a building deteriorate either. That's what those funds are for.

Councilmember Sutton: Bettye, I'm not really finding that in here under contractual service. If he could break that down. What I'm trying to get is just, you know, if contractual services is just one item or if it's five or six different things.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: (Inaudible.)

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, if he could bring us something there.

President Wortman: Excuse me, we are changing tapes.

## **TAPE CHANGE**

President Wortman: Okay, if there are no questions on page 182 we'll turn to page 112.

## **THE CENTRE**

Sandie Aaron: You'll see from the line items most of our budget is almost exactly as it was. We're doing really well this year so far and we are coming in within our budget and expect to certainly do so next year.

President Wortman: How are we doing, Sandie, in reference to breaking even projected in the year two or three?

Sandie Aaron: We're on our way. We added another teamster at the beginning of this year which has worked out really well and they're doing a real good job. A trade-off of that is we eliminated two of the Ogden positions to pay for that so we're still within our budget and still making it work. We're getting a lot of repeat business already and a lot of the conventions are coming in. We just had one last month that has booked for three different times over the next eight years. It's working. It's doing well and I feel very comfortable that we will hit that break even.

President Wortman: Yeah, evidently you're doing pretty good over there. It's tougher than a box of nails, they say.

Councilmember Hoy: We knew when we virtually shut down, you know we did shut down the convention center, it was going to take some time to rebuild. Do you see that rebuilding of convention business, is that pretty much on track in your estimation?

Sandie Aaron: It is. It's probably a little slow to suit the community, I would say, because from the outside looking in it's like, okay, we have this beautiful building we want this, this and this. Well, that's a long-term project and it is building and as we begin to have the ones that were here this year they are repeating business three, four or five times over, so yes.

Councilmember Hoy: But the building itself is quite busy as I observe it.

Sandie Aaron: It is very busy. We have an event mix, but we've treated it...rather than treat it just as a convention center we've treated it as we have our other facilities and treated it as a multi use facility so that we can offer not only entertainment, but meetings and things that appeal to the entire community to maximize it.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else?

Councilmember Raben: Sandie, can you explain 3536, the Operating Account? That would be on page 114.

Sandie Aaron: That's our overall...that's made up of the budget that we submit to the Commissioners that is our overall day-to-day operating. It takes care of all of our Ogden payroll. It takes care of contractual services, utilities. It's our overall budget.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: If Suzanne were here, she isn't here, but it would be interesting what, and Sandie doesn't see this, she turns in a real detailed budget to us and in turn they have this as a line item as a draw. Every bill that comes in, we'll have a stack that high of services that take place for, you know, any kind of conference, all the expenses. Everything, food, anything that needs to come in it comes over here to us in a stack of certified bills and Terri Woodward scrutinizes those with a microscope and they then are paid out of that one line item. We couldn't have...we wouldn't have any idea of how many line items to put in for that, but what you don't see is the revenue side because that goes directly to the Auditor's Office and Sandie's goal is that the revenue is going to match that line item. Yeah, yeah. That's the goal.

Sandie Aaron: Exceed is the word.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yeah, exceeds, but we would like to get it up to where it is a break even, but what you see is one account, but it consists of all sorts of bills. Every month we get for everything that goes on over there they pay and then they collect, reimburse whatever they can from users and the money is a pathway that the Auditor's Office sets up. It is okayed by the State Board of Accounts and it must meet their standards and Sandie is the agent responsible for handling it. You know, go down there any time and let Terri Woodward is

the person that handles that, and she can do a very good job of showing you how it works, but I guarantee you any bill that comes over there is legitimate because it is looked at in the Auditor's Office and Sandie looks at it and then we sign it on a Monday night.

President Wortman: Okay.

Sandie Aaron: We comply with all city/county regulations as far as internal bidding on services or products that we use in The Centre as well. But that million dollars could go anywhere from a can of oil to payment for a magazine ad, you know, for marketing.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else? Okay. Well, Sandie, I think that completes you. Thank you very much for your time.

Councilmember Sutton: Whoa.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton has got one more question.

Councilmember Sutton: Not too fast.

Sandie Aaron: Ah-oh.

Councilmember Sutton: I think they're doing a great job over there. Anybody that has had a chance—

Sandie Aaron: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: —to see anything, some of the programs and some of the activities it's really pretty exciting what's going on over there.

Sandie Aaron: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: We anticipated it for a long time and I'm really happy to see what is going on. On that line item 3536 is there something that itemizes that out?

Sandie Aaron: Yes, I have an itemized budget that we submit to the county and I would be glad to provide that if you would like to look at it.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, and as well as that line item 3537, the Management Fee and Incentive.

Sandie Aaron: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Betty Lou Jerrel: We can just send that to you.

Sandie Aaron: Sure.

Betty Lou Jerrel: Send it over next week.

Councilmember Sutton: That will be fine.

Sandie Aaron: I'll be glad to.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

Sandie Aaron: It will all tie right back to those line items.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.



President Wortman: Okay.

Sandie Aaron: Thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you, Ms. Aaron, appreciate it.

### **VETERANS SERVICES**

President Wortman: Next on the agenda will be the Veterans Services, Mark Acker, page 79.

Mark Acker: I'm Mark Acker. My budget is pretty simple and pretty easy. Not a whole lot of fat. As a matter of fact, none whatsoever. Also, just while you are looking at that two exciting things have happened that the office has been working with the city on. I think it always makes the county feel better. We have completed working with them for the windows for the back of Veterans Memorial Coliseum at a total of \$54,000. I have been working with the Oak Hill Cemetery on a new veterans area. Those plans have been completed now and the city is looking at a \$70,000 line budget item for a new veterans section at Oak Hill Cemetery as you first come into the gate to the right-hand side. We've been on that project for almost 18 months so it looks like this may come to life so it kind of gives you an idea of what our office does other than push paperwork, but work with the community and some restoration work that is going on now at Locust Hill Cemetery on the veterans section and also I'm pleased to announce that the veterans of Vanderburgh County purchased over \$6,000 worth of new computer equipment for our office which is online now, so we've been kind of busy this year trying to get some things done.

Unidentified: You're online now?

Mark Acker: Yeah. Well, I don't know about online, but inside the office we're online.

President Wortman: Mr. Winnecke.

Councilmember Smith: Mark--

President Wortman: Excuse me, Betty.

Councilmember Smith: Several years ago they took the cannon from out of Oak Hill Cemetery.

Mark Acker: Yes, ma'am.

Councilmember Smith: To have it redone or reworked. Carl Wallace took...had taken that. If I understand, is that back out there now?

Mark Acker: Not to my knowledge. I have no idea.

Councilmember Smith: You don't know where it is?

Mark Acker: No.

Councilmember Smith: This was a big solid copper, wasn't it?

Mark Acker: It was a big one. I know they had to have the wheels done and I think they were cleaning something.

Councilmember Smith: The cannon that was sitting there and to keep it from deteriorating any more they were going to--

Mark Acker: Refurbish the--

Councilmember Smith: That was when Carl was with the Veterans and they were going to redo that and take it back out there and I just thought about it with you standing there.

Mark Acker: That was 1990, to be exact when you are talking about. I have no idea. I left before Carl did the first time and I have no idea what happened to the cannon after that. You might be right.

Councilmember Smith: That cannon should be brought back whatever happened to it. It's very valuable.

Mark Acker: I might look into that and find out if I can locate where it did go to or who has it at this time.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

President Wortman: Mr. Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: What kind of training is involved with your office?

Mark Acker: We're required by state statute to attend a seminar, training and take a state exam once a year which I just completed, as a matter of fact, came back from Bloomington, Indiana. The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs who is over the office in training and responsible for what I do on a day-to-day basis on projects sends us to school to be further educated and then take a state exam and determine whether we are proficient in our job and then they report back to the Commissioners if we fail to match their expectations and determine what our viability is. So by state law I have to and the assistant has to go to school.

President Wortman: Okay, anything from Mr. Acker? I must say he is very good for veterans. He is really accommodating. If you have any questions or anything call him because he'll sure take care of you, I'll say that. Okay, anything else? Mark, I think you can be excused.

Mark Acker: Thank you.

### ***BURDETTE PARK***

President Wortman: Next on the agenda would be Burdette Park. Would you step forward there, the gentleman representing Burdette Park. He's grinning so he must not have much expense in there.

Steve Craig: Steve Craig, Manager of Burdette Park.

President Wortman: Your name there, Mr. Craig?

Steve Craig: Pardon me?

President Wortman: Your name.

Steve Craig: Steve Craig, Manager of Burdette Park.

President Wortman: That's fine. Okay, got any questions for Steve Craig on the 100 accounts?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, one thing he is wanting to do, and maybe I ought to let him speak on behalf of it, but the first...well, it would be line 1130-1450 down through 1171-1450. He would like to pull those from the budget and put those amounts in with the 1180-1450 Other Employees account so Steve you may want to explain your reasoning on that.

Councilmember Smith: What number did you say, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: The pool manager down through the last pool head guard. So it would be starting with account 1130-1450 down through 1171-1450. So what is there? Six lines. Steve, would you explain to them what you're wanting to do there.

Steve Craig: The reason I want to do this is I don't know how long it's been set up this way, but I've been out there pushing 29 years and it has been that way, but since when it originally was put in this way the pool was open from Memorial Day to Labor Day and they set the people on a salary and they got paid between those days. Well, now we're opening the third week in May and we close the first week in September and some of these kids they go to different colleges and different schools and they have to leave in the middle of August. Some of them get home in April and early May.

Councilmember Smith: Right.

Steve Craig: We can't pay them any more in the sense that...out of salary because they are so spread out that the salary wouldn't fit in that schedule, so we've been paying them by the hour. Some of the kids get more hours than other ones do. Some of them are going back to school, I think, in another week or so and kids go to Florida State and Notre Dame and that and none of them can work the same amount of time, so for all the head guards to be put in there, I actually think we'll save money because some of the kids they get out so early they get out in May that they can't work the whole season and so we put them on a part-time basis and then we bring them back, you know, like next year they'll come back as a head guard at Burdette at present time.

Councilmember Smith: Jim, shouldn't they be in the 1990 account, all of it together?

Councilmember Raben: No, other than (inaudible, mike not on). They didn't really have a 1990 account.

Councilmember Smith: Well, but what I am saying if they are all in one account they are all part-time.

Councilmember Raben: Right.

Councilmember Smith: And should have broke down in individual line items.

Councilmember Raben: And that is what he is asking for. He wants to put it in that other employees line. He wants that.

Councilmember Smith: Just one line item?

Councilmember Raben: Right. He is wanting to zero out these lines and add that 35 or 33500 to that line.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: Steve, how many of the other employees...how many employees fall into that category beyond these six?

Steve Craig: I would say about 250 is what we hire through the summer or through the whole year actually.

Councilmember Winnecke: What was the hourly rate out there?

Steve Craig: Pardon me?

Councilmember Winnecke: What was the hourly rate that we paid out there?

Steve Craig: Uh, it starts at I think it's \$5.45 is the lowest and it goes all the way up to some of the managers being I think at \$8.75. The highest paid is the nurse that we have for our Day Camp and that is \$10 for part-time. But ground crew is \$5.65. I could go down through the whole thing. I have it.

Councilmember Winnecke: Just the range is fine.

Steve Craig: Yeah, it starts out from a little bit above minimum wage all the way up to the nurse.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else on the 100 accounts? If not we'll go to the 200 accounts. Any questions on the 200 accounts? If not, turn to page 117 we'll go to 200 accounts again and then we'll go to 300 accounts.

Councilmember Sutton: Uh—

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, Mr. President, a couple of things on the 300 accounts. On computer hardware, Steve, what do you have in mind there? Are you replacing a lot of equipment there, are you upgrading some things? I know about three years ago we upgraded the system that you guys used to do the reservations for the cabins and all. What's this request?

Steve Craig: We're looking at buying another computer to replace an older one and this is what we were advised that we would probably need to do to keep it updated with what we're doing now out there.

Councilmember Sutton: So this is one unit?

Steve Craig: Pardon me?

Councilmember Sutton: So this is one unit that you're requesting, you say?

Steve Craig: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. On the advertising side I know you guys just have a period of time where you guys have a...do a lot of the bulk of your advertising and I know we've hit that advertising budget over time here. I guess I maybe I am trying to get a sense of what our numbers look like in terms of compared to last year with usage on the facility, in particular the pool.

Steve Craig: Did Sandie just give you a handout on that?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, yes she did. Let me take a look. We just got it.

Steve Craig: I anticipated that question so I went ahead.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. So at this point according to what you've got here on your handout on the pool we're \$11,000 over '99 and on the rentals we're \$27,000 over '99's figure and Day Camp \$15,000 over and miscellaneous, which I'm taking that's the snack bar and all that other stuff you're almost \$700 there over. So with a total of \$54,000 over the '99 figure. On the rentals did we add any units from last year?

Steve Craig: Pardon me?

Councilmember Sutton: Did we add units from last year to this year?

Steve Craig: No, sir.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, so that's the same number of units? I think that the whole Day Camp area is a real opportunity for us there. Obviously we've got something moving along with that Day Camp, so there might be some real opportunities there.

Councilmember Raben: I would like to address that advertising, and Steve and I talked about this, but I know Councilman Wortman and I had a brief discussion with the Convention & Visitors Bureau in the past on this particular line, actually for this whole budget I think that they need to do as much as possible to support that park. I think it's a big drawing card. It has a lot to do with what they do, but I'm going to speak with them again on anteing up particularly on advertising. You know, again I think that line really meets what they do and some of their funds that they are looking to allocate should go towards this line so this is one that, you know, I think we can get some relief from them and Steve said he is willing to submit a request to them, but I need to coach them a little bit to accept his request, but this is one line that they really should fund.

Councilmember Sutton: That's a good idea. That really should be a part of their whole advertising campaign blitz that they put together that is talking about this community. It really would be a really nice addition to what they're doing.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question about are they including Burdette Park in their overall brochure of what is available here, in their list of attractions?

Steve Craig: Yes, it is but on their map we're not on the map. We're too far out.

Councilmember Hoy: Because I religiously pick that stuff up and I knew you were missing someplace and given Burdette Park isn't just any park. It isn't like a lot of other county parks. It's much better and has much more to offer and I think it's in the category of an attraction with everything that is there. You still have the finest BMX track in the midwest. That's what I keep hearing from those bikers that they wish we had more hotel rooms which we're not going to get because they would like to have the midwest meet here rather than in a bigger city. It's that good.

Steve Craig: Yeah, they stayed all the way to Owensboro this year, the people that was riding at the track.

President Wortman: Yeah, I think Jim was on the ball when he said that with the Convention Bureau. I think that's a good thing because he has emphasized that quite a bit and he'll get that done. Okay, anything else we've got?

Councilmember Raben: Well, back to that account. If next week if I make a cut from that I'll promise you that with Steve's help we're going to get some money out of that Convention & Visitors Bureau to make up the difference, okay?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, when will Convention & Visitors Bureau be before us?

Councilmember Raben: I don't know what day.

Councilmember Sutton: Thursday? Well, let's make a note to mention that when they are here requesting on their budget.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Mr. President, on the 4000 accounts and, Steve, I don't mean to be taking the show, but I know this particular budget is important to all of us so that is why. On pool improvements Steve will give you some ideas on what he has got there and the buildings and the motor vehicles as well. It would be...my intent would be to pay that out this year or certainly get him started on those projects. So let him explain to you what he is going to do there.

Steve Craig: Well, on the pool improvements we're wanting to add, well they're coconut trees with dunking coconuts on them for kids. They're very decorative and they are a kids item that we'll put in our baby pool. We've not added anything to the baby pool and that in several years and some of our pieces that are out there right now are deteriorating and we've been spending quite a bit of money on keeping them up with the painting companies and stuff like that and that's what we wanted to add there. On the buildings I wanted to add another handicap bathroom to Number 13. That's one of our more popular buildings and it sits up on a hill and the restroom for it is down the hill which in the wintertime is a problem for everybody, but it's always a problem for elderly people and that using the restroom because it's probably 100 yards away from it and I was wanting to add one bathroom to that building and to make Number 18 handicap accessible also. That's what the money is for.

President Wortman: That's fine.

Councilmember Sutton: What about the slides? Are you going to do anything with those because you are getting a little bit of age on your slides?

Steve Craig: You had gave us the money and we have just refurbished our two original slides that we had from I think they were 11 or 12 years old but we just had them totally redone this year.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. You've got four slides.

Steve Craig: We've got four of them and the other two are, I think, six years old and they're still in good shape. We had the company check them when they were out there and told us we had a few more years with proper maintenance before they would need to be addressed.

Councilmember Sutton: Those bumper boats, they could use a little bit of work. I was out there this past—

Steve Craig: They are constantly needing work.

Councilmember Sutton: —weekend, yeah, you need a little work over there.

Steve Craig: That is an expense that we incur every year out of our pool thing. We bought all new motors a couple years ago and we're probably up to buy some new motors too because they are included with the price of admission they are used a lot more than they are in other amusement parks because they pay \$6 or \$7 for 15 minutes to use them and they do not get used that much, but ours are in constant use and by this time of the summer they are showing their age. They are ready for a rebuild again.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else? We've got to keep moving here.

Councilmember Smith: Motor Vehicle, are you going to buy a new one?

Steve Craig: Yes, ma'am.

Councilmember Smith: For a truck or what?

Steve Craig: It's for a utility bed truck.

Councilmember Smith: You asked for that last year.

Steve Craig: Yes, ma'am.

Councilmember Raben: Betty, that is one of those accounts that I would recommend that we buy this year and it would save us some money anyway, but purchase that this year out

of the General Fund is what I would recommend we do.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: On page 137 is our CCD account and one of the line items is for Burdette another half million we put in that is in addition to that one that has been rolling over. That one is being used now and Steve might want to tell you all just a little bit about the progress.

Steve Craig: We have advertised the job out to have the dirt work and the utilities located and installed. They're going to have the road work put through and the parking lots. It will have a retention lake for water runoff. This is serving a dual purpose because the BMX track being located where it is at is going to be able to use the parking lot this year. We had a quite heavy rain the weekend of the national races and we had a wrecker up there for several hours pulling it out so we're developing this area back there where it will be ready to put the O'Day Discovery Lodge on when we get the total funding for it, but it will also be able to be used until then by the BMX track.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else for Mr. Craig?

(Inaudible, mike not on.)

Steve Craig: Yes, we've received, I think, \$150,000 to date from the Build Indiana Fund and we have several grants that we have applied for. We're still waiting for a 301K status from the state so that we'll be eligible for a lot more, but we had a little trouble obtaining it and we're still in the process of getting it.

(Inaudible, mike not on.)

Steve Craig: It's considered a non profit making organization status which Burdette Park was not under at the time that we started applying for these grants and everyone started requesting it and we had to go through the state which as I said we're in the process of getting it now to become eligible on a lot larger basis for some of these grants that are out there.

(Inaudible, mike not on.)

President Wortman: Okay, anything else? Okay, well I think that completes you. Thank you, Steve.

Steve Craig: Thank you.

### **COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

President Wortman: Next on the agenda is Coop Extension, page 73. State your name, Ms. Thomas.

Linda Thomas: Good morning. My name is Linda Thomas and I'm the office manager at the Extension Service.

President Wortman: In the famous Town of Darmstadt.

Linda Thomas: Pardon?

President Wortman: In the famous Town of Darmstadt.

Linda Thomas: Yes.

President Wortman: Okay, got any questions on the 100 accounts? Pretty well explanatory. How about the 200 accounts? Nothing outrageous there. Education Material, one item there 2620 \$1,000.

Linda Thomas: Right. We're requesting...we have the 4-H Program Assistant that goes out and gives programs in schools and different things and just to help fund some of her costs we're asking for \$1,000 there.

President Wortman: Okay, alright.

Linda Thomas: We've never had that line item before.

Councilmember Raben: What is 3370 Computer Data Management? Is that a contract or is that for a new computer?

Linda Thomas: Oh, okay, you've moved on ahead. Last year you gave us money for a three year lease to rent or to lease our computers so that \$3,300 is for the computers and then this year we're asking for an additional two more computers to add to that lease. This is on a three year lease. This is through Purdue. We're linked with Purdue. We're not linked with the county here.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Winnecke: How will the computers be used?

Linda Thomas: How are they used?

Councilmember Winnecke: For what purpose? I mean, why do we need to go from one to three is what I am asking.

Linda Thomas: Oh, well, each educator has one and then we're wanting to upgrade the computers for the three secretaries which right now we're still on the old system and it's getting kind of...it's really slow and just not up to par. We've had them like five years now.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else for Ms. Thomas? Otherwise it looks pretty good. If you've got no questions we thank you for your time.

Councilmember Winnecke: One other question.

President Wortman: Wait a minute, Mr. Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: Contractual Services, 3530.

Linda Thomas: That's our three educators. We have a Consumer and Family Science Educator, a Horticulturist and a 4-H and Youth Program person. They are now completely paid by Purdue with this help from our county so there is no benefits from the county whatsoever.

Councilmember Winnecke: Is this \$57,900 distributed evenly among the three?

Linda Thomas: Well, probably pretty well. I'm not for sure how it is broken up.

Councilmember Winnecke: Who determines who gets how much of that?

Linda Thomas: Purdue. Purdue does. I mean, they set their...I mean, they set their salaries.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else? Well listen, thank you, Mrs. Thomas. Appreciate it. Appreciate your time. We're going to change tapes again.

**TAPE CHANGE**



**LEGAL AID**

President Wortman: Okay, your name please.

Sue Hartig: Sue Hartig, Director of the Legal Aid Society. And I think with the change that we recently made in PERF when we get a lower figure there, we are just about where we were last year if not a couple of dollars less on the city/county side.

President Wortman: Okay, nothing in the 100 accounts. Anything in the 200 accounts? Just a little bit more. How about the 300 accounts? Anything there?

Councilmember Winnecke: What is the purpose of the Other Insurance? What is that?

Sue Hartig: Since we are our own not-for-profit agency, we have our own liability insurance.

Councilmember Hoy: Is that professional –

Sue Hartig: No, Malpractice is the lawyer's insurance. This is on our computer equipment and property physically in the office.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else in the 300 accounts as we go down through there? If not, let's turn the page to 121. That concludes it.

Councilmember Smith: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Sue Hartig: It doesn't. When we had a media person on our board, at that time Ella Johnson was able to do that for us. I think it was Channel 44 at the time. And I think WAZE mostly plays that now. It's been dubbed to all the stations but that didn't cost us a cent.

Councilmember Hoy: Public service announcement.

President Wortman: Have we got anything else for Mrs. Hartig?

Councilmember Raben: You have page 186 still.

**LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY**

Sue Hartig: On the United Way side, United Way is in the process from changing from a January to January funding year to a March to March, so the information on what we actually receive we'll be even later in getting that to you. But other than the transition this first year, that shouldn't be a problem at all.

Councilmember Smith: I have a question and (Inaudible – microphone not turned on). Why would they pay 50%, why wouldn't (Inaudible).

Sue Hartig: It is. You take our total budget, subtract the United Way allocation and then the remainder is split 50/50.

Councilmember Smith: (Inaudible).

Sue Hartig: The government share is split 50/50.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else? Well, thank you, Mrs. Hartig. Appreciate it.

**CORONER**

President Wortman: Okay, now we'll turn to page 33, the Coroner.

Donald Erk: My name is Don Erk, Sr. I am currently serving as the Vanderburgh County Coroner.

President Wortman: Have we got any questions on the 100 accounts?

Councilmember Smith: I think Don has talked to everybody about putting those part-time people under like the 1990 account and there is something in the making on that. He put one there I know and I think it would be a lot better for him. Have you got this, Jim, that she passed around?

Councilmember Raben: I might have. I wouldn't know where to start, actually. But yeah, I might have. Yeah, I've got it right here.

Councilmember Smith: I talked to Don about it and I thought that and he thinks it would be a lot better for him there, that way if, the two people that he had that was part-time or the three that if you ran into a spot you could hire the fourth person rather than just insert a separate line item.

Donald Erk: The reason for that is that in the Coroner's Office, the Coroner and the Chief Deputy are responsible for 12 hours a day of coverage. The part-timers are responsible for the other 12 hours. They are part-time. They're currently being paid \$5.15 an hour. What I would like to be able to do is have the latitude because when one of them quits I have no one to cover the additional hours so I would like to get that into one account where I cannot increase the amount of pay to them, but increase the amount of employees as a part-time account rather than individual line items.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, what would concern me and you've answered it if you stick to that. But what we have to be careful of is that we don't, by putting it all in one account that we work somebody 40 hours a week or in excess of that because we have run into problems on that before.

Donald Erk: You mean additional hours?

Councilmember Raben: Right.

Donald Erk: I'm running into the problem going the other direction. The people that I have are very slow people, they're paramedics, they work 12 hours, they get called in especially on theirs that's their full-time job. What is required of me then, what happens is they call me and say I can't cover the call and we're constantly working behind and I think it would work out much better if I had the latitude to be able to increase a couple of employees and most of them we're talking about 80 hours a month and sometimes they can't even cover that. We have two people, one has a broken leg right now and we're trying to cover his calls and it creates a problem and if the Council would consider it, I would appreciate that very much.

Councilmember Smith: And this was another thing we discussed, because for that type of work you wanted to pay them like \$8.00 an hour rather than minimum wage of \$5.15.

Donald Erk: Well, I think that –

Councilmember Smith: And he could do that if they put it in there and you had that to move around with although you know you can't work them 40 hours because they just can't.

Donald Erk: That's correct.

Councilmember Sutton: The rate is extremely low.

Councilmember Smith: Oh, it is. That's terrible for the type of work they do.

Councilmember Sutton: And the type of people who are doing this, it is extremely low.

Councilmember Hoy: That's the reason, is it not, and correct me if I am incorrect, when you look at any one of those four line items, you've moved it from \$4,348 to \$7,864. That's so that you could pay the \$8.00 an hour.

Donald Erk: That's correct.

Councilmember Hoy: That explains why there is such an increase there.

President Wortman: Now some of those deputies there, they're on call but they stay home until they get called, right?

Donald Erk: They do but the caseload has increased to the point of where they're down there almost all the time either on a run or in the building, I would say, probably 80% of the time. And they also travel. By the time they make the call and travel back and forth, it covers most of the time. Now there is some hours during the night time hours when it slows down, you may go for several hours and you do not have anything although you get quite a few calls from the hospitals who call you and want you to come out there or to advise you that they've got a death and they need an investigation done on it.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, just so I understand what we're talking about here, putting these six part-time deputy coroners in the 1990 account, putting all those salaries together on top of the \$7,072 that exists there now, is that right?

Donald Erk: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay. So essentially what we just did at Burdette Park. I guess another, just to raise the price of gasoline question again, you show no increase in gasoline costs for next year. Is that realistic?

Donald Erk: I believe it is because the Council approved in April a mileage fee for the Deputy Coroners and with the mileage increased, that we pay them mileage to use their own vehicles. I think it's realistic.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else for the Coroner? If not, turn to page 35.

Councilmember Smith: The maintenance contract has gone down. Has that...you've got \$5,400 and this year you got \$11,700?

Donald Erk: Yes. The reason for that, we had a maintenance contract for the county and it did not prove out successful. We could not get completed what we needed done over there so we asked for permission, this was also granted, to hire somebody as a part-time employee for \$8.00 an hour to work approximately 15 hours a week to help do the --

Councilmember Smith: That's that line item.

Donald Erk: --cleaning of the building and that type of thing.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I have one other question. Back on the Travel/Mileage, what's the addition there for?

Donald Erk: That's for employees, they drive their own vehicle --

Councilmember Winnecke: That's what that's for?

Donald Erk: Yes.

President Wortman: Anybody got any other questions? Why thank you. Thank you for your time.

Donald Erk: Thank you.

### **911**

President Wortman: Next is 911 Emergency, page 177.

Councilmember Hoy: We'll deal with this one tonight, too, won't we? No?

Suzanne Crouch: I believe that's – the \$250,000, the Commissioners put in 911 to be paid which will allow you then to cut their line item in the Commissioners budget if you so choose, unless the Central Dispatch budget presented tonight is greater than what is in the Commissioners line item. Then you probably will have to use that money for that.

President Wortman: Any other questions for 911?

### **LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION**

President Wortman: If not, let's go to page 175, Local Emergency Planning Commission. Anybody got any questions? Pretty well standardized, increased a little bit. Okay, we don't have any questions, let's go to page 176.

### **LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY**

President Wortman: Local Drug Free Community.

Councilmember Sutton: This is administered out of who's office, Curt? The Drug Free Community dollars. Mr. President? This is administered out of which office, the Drug Free dollars?

President Wortman: Drug Abuse Council.

Councilmember Smith: Yeah, but what office is it coming out from?

Councilmember Sutton: We don't have a drug abuse office or department so...is this with the local agency or how –

Councilmember Smith: The Sheriff's Department, or how is it – where does it go to?

Suzanne Crouch: It's the Substance Abuse Council that is the oversight for this particular department and they actually have part-time staff and administer grants that they receive from the Substance Abuse Council.

President Wortman: Where is their office located at, Suzanne? We don't know so we'll find out.

Suzanne Crouch: Linda Schindler is the director. I am not sure exactly where they are located. She works part-time. I could find that out.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, the money is going someplace, so we figure they are some place.

President Wortman: That's kind of a new item, too, I believe.

Councilmember Smith: Yeah, it is.

President Wortman: Has it been a couple of years? I guess I didn't think – okay well listen, we'll come back and maybe have a – if we could have a little input on it tomorrow right before the meeting or something maybe then that way we can digest it early there. Alright, no other questions, we're going to recess the meeting until 9:00 tomorrow, which is August the 9<sup>th</sup> and we've got a long agenda so if we could get here just a few minutes early, start early, we can move on because it will be a long day tomorrow.

Councilmember Smith: What time tonight?

President Wortman: And tonight is 5:00 here, the joint city/county, Betty Knight, and I appreciate you reminding me.

Councilmember Smith: You said we were going to adjourn until tomorrow at 9:00 but we're –

President Wortman: Well, this is for this, the regular meeting. She's always picking on me. Okay, we're going to recess the meeting until tomorrow at 9:00.

**(Meeting recessed at 11:50 a.m.)**

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
BUDGET HEARINGS  
AUGUST 9, 2000

President Wortman: The Vanderburgh County Council will reconvene here this August the 9th a little after 9:00. First off of the agenda I have been informed by the County Sheriff's and the Auditor too, no bathroom facilities with water is available. So, you will have to kind of hold things up.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, there are some trees over on the backside of the building so the fellows will be okay, but I don't know about the ladies.

Jeff Ahlers: The Courts are open.

President Wortman: Mr. Ahlers, the County Attorney, said that the Courts building is available in case you have an emergency. So, we will go that route.

Councilmember Smith: And then the....

Jeff Ahlers: The Courts never stop working.

Councilmember Smith: Curt, Curt, Curt? Curt, over at the Auditorium, the door that is closest to Martin Luther King Highway is also a restroom.

President Wortman: Okay, if anybody has any problems, just tell me and we will have to recess for five minutes if you have to make a run. Okay, we are going to open up from the recess of yesterday. If you would all stand and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag, please.

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Councilmember Smith: I want to get with Chuck Whobrey.

President Wortman: Would the secretary please call the 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 Winnecke	X	
President Wortman	X	

President Wortman: Okay, before we get into divvying the Family and Children Services, page 139, you were handed an inner office memorandum here for the wages in Indianapolis, Marion County, a 3% and 2.5%, so you can kind of look that over and compare, and what have you. Of course, it is still subject to the budget process at the end ....

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President?

President Wortman: For the 4% or 3%.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, speaking of this memo that we just received. I guess I am trying to fix my words here. The County runs pretty well with the officials that it has. I think all of that have been elected to do our job, to run the County. The Commissioners and the County people, the County Council persons that are sitting here today and will appreciate input but I think that the City has it's own issues that they need to address, and they can address those and we'll address County issues and what we may do is based upon what we think is in the best interest of the County, Vanderburgh County. We don't look to, over, to try to look over the fence to see what other counties are doing. We do what is best for Vanderburgh County. And so, whatever input other people may have, from other (inaudible) of government, I think that the first house that they need to get in order is their own and we will take care of the County's side. Whatever research we need to do, we have enough very intelligent people who can look and see what is going on out there. But, I guess I take offense a little bit of the head City Official sending us an indication of what we ought to do in terms of pay increases for the County's side and we have not told the City as to what increase they ought to give, we have not told the City what increase they ought to give and they shouldn't tell us as County what to give. Thank you.

President Wortman: I don't think it's telling us, I think it is just in reference to show...

Councilmember Smith: If Russell Lloyd wants to run this office, or run, and cast a vote here then he should have run for this office instead of the one across the hall. I resent him telling us what to do, because the County didn't get money back years ago and if we've got the money now then I think the employees deserve it.

President Wortman: I don't think that he really come out and said that. I think he is just showing in reference to what some of the others have been doing, see. So, like you say in a quote from Mr. Sutton, there, what he said, yeah we have got to do our own thing and whatever comes what may, whatever we can afford and what we can't afford. I think that's the basic thing. Of course, always keep the taxpayer in mind, I think that basically, that's what it is. Okay, any other questions before we get on? Then, I guess we will take the Family and Children Services, 139.

### ***FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES***

John Schroder: Good morning. I am John Schroder, the Assistant Director of the Vanderburgh County Office of Family and Children. I have some information that I need to pass out. As you know there was a Senate Bill 400 passed a few years ago that requires certain information be decimated from our office to you and other county members. I have that. Also, we are all probably aware of the fact that the schedules in Indianapolis, are somewhat different, like highways and bridges and budgets, than they are at the local level and I was unable to receive our official budget back for submission prior to the deadline for handing in the form you all wanted about the differences between the past year and the current year. I have a sheet that comes with our budget package that has that on it that I will also pass out. We just got our budget, our official budget back from Indianapolis a week ago Tuesday to file. I know that the Auditor filed one with some leeway for what it is that we are actually requesting because they had to advertise before we actually had it back. So, let me pass those out and then we can discuss it. As you are probably aware there is no County Welfare Fund anymore and the only thing we will be discussing is the Family and Children's Fund because that is the only thing that is appropriated. The State legislature voted last year to end the County Welfare Fund and take over all of the expenses from that fund. So there will be no budget for that this year. The areas that I would point your attention to, in our budget, would be the fact that we are asking for minor increases in Wards and Foster Homes. A slight decrease in Institutional Expenditures, some increases in Preservation Services and of course increases in Adoption Services. Those are, some of those accounts are constantly rising. One other thing that you must remember about our budget, these expenditures are normally required by certain actions taken for Child Welfare Services and if we do not require the expenditures we don't spend the money. We can't go out and buy other things with them. We can only use them and direct them toward the services that are required. Our office

has been working with the Courts systems in trying to work more on preventing children going into long term care, which becomes an expensive situation both for the taxpayers and for the child themselves because many times they become institutionalized for a long period of time and may have greater difficulty adapting to the community at large. If I can, one other point that I would like to make. Because of the changes that have been made and also because of the efforts made by the local offices and the courts and things like that, theoretically should we need to we could have requested a maximum levy of about 53 ½ cents to raise \$7,631,000 however, our request for county funds is actually going to be a little more than half of that. We are looking at a request at this point in time of 29.35 cents and raising \$4,186,000 is what our official request has gone in at.

President Wortman: Anybody got any questions for Mr. Schroder? Everybody understand everything. I haven't digested it yet, but I think we will have to read it and really get into it and if there is any questions additional, it is pretty hard to spring this on us now like you say, which you are aware of. So, if anybody got any questions as to what they see or they have looked at so far?

Councilmember Raben: I might direct this to the Auditor. But in terms of an increase, I know that this does not affect our General Fund, but it does affect our overall freeze, correct?

Suzanne Crouch: Welfare is not part of the County maximum levy. They have their own maximum levy.

Councilmember Raben: So, it is set aside?

Suzanne Crouch: But, it is part of the overall rate.

Councilmember Raben: Right, exactly.

President Wortman: Nobody got any questions? Well, we thank you. Evidently we will look it over and if there is.

John Schroder: If you would, please contact me, I am supposed to be in Indianapolis, actually giving a presentation next Wednesday. Now, this takes precedence, so if you have questions you can contact me. I can try to reply to them or if you need me to appear here let me know and I certainly will be here.

President Wortman: Otherwise, if we understand it, why you won't get a call then.

John Schroder: Monday, I am supposed to head up there.

President Wortman: Okay, I appreciate your time.

John Schroder: Thank you very much.

President Wortman: Yes, sir. Next, that was County Welfare, and now will be the Prosecutor, page 36. Okay, if you would state your name there.

### **PROSECUTOR**

Stan Levco: Good morning, my name is Stan Levco. I am Prosecutor of Vanderburgh County.

President Wortman: Okay, alright, welcome to the process. We will start off with the 100 accounts. Does anybody have any questions on the 100 accounts?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I do. Stan, could you go over your request for the Part-Time Deputy?



Stan Levco: The Part-Time Deputy was hired last year. Maybe it has been a little bit more than a year and I asked the Council to fund that. You know there was some problem at the time, and I said that I would fund it through Incentive Funds for this year but that I wouldn't do it again. So that, I mean I really think it is necessary, really as you can see with the materials that I have handed out I really think that I need a whole lot more deputies I haven't asked for them now. But, if it is not funded, he won't have a job after the first of the year.

President Wortman: Any other questions?

Stan Levco: The way, well, do you want a little bit of the history of it. At the time, Chris Lenn had applied for it. I had a full time position open and I hired him at that time part-time and I didn't fill my full time position for a long time. But, in a sense had hired an extra part time deputy.

President Wortman: Anything else, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Well, in looking at the possibility of a new employee in this budget this year. I guess, I have to look a little further ahead and think in terms of maybe next year or the following year. Stan, where do you see your grant employees or your other employees that are subsidized from other sources? I mean, are all of those programs, are they safe, currently? Are we going to be looking at other employees that may come onto the General Fund?

Stan Levco: I can't give you a guarantee. Since I have been here, it has been generally the same every year. One of them that was funded at 75% there, they have cut that back 25% so I am asking for an additional \$12,000 this year. That is one. The Drug Program has stayed the same now for about eight or nine years. I don't think there is any guarantee that they will stay that way forever but I am not expecting any changes, any dramatic changes. The only, the funds that we have from grants, the drug people and domestic violence.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Anybody got any other questions on the 100 accounts? Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Stan, we had a chance to talk a little about your request for your department. Can you talk a little bit, I know we just kind of went by it, on that part-time position. How has that assisted your office this year as opposed to not having that the previous year.

Stan Levco: I am guessing that most of you know that since I have been Prosecutor, the case load has literally doubled. I have rarely asked for new employees in the past nine years and if I do it is generally one at a time and then I generally don't get them. I think that my, I figured out the total, not counting, I have two deputies in IV-D which is essentially collection of child support which is essentially non-criminal. I started off in 1990 with 17 prosecutors and now I have 21, which is roughly a 25 % increase and the case load has increased 100%. I mean, I feel like I need more employees, it is nothing, it's not one year all of sudden there is a new crime and I've got to have an employee for that reason, but it is literally it is almost every year, that the number of filings have gone up and with that I need more people to prosecute.

Councilmember Sutton: I keep reading all of these different things about the crime rate going down.

Stan Levco: I keep reading that too.

Councilmember Sutton: Your numbers are going up but the crime rate is going down.

Stan Levco: These are some national statistics and there are different things that they don't include in the crime rate but I can just tell you. People ask me how come I am filing more cases and part of it is more police are being hired and they are bringing more files to me. But, we are filing, somebody asked me this and maybe we are filing too many charges, so I took a sample of a couple hundred cases from each court in just a random period, I picked just a couple of months and the amount, the number of people who are either pleading guilty or being found guilty, I came up with 95.5%. This tells me that we are not filing charges against innocent people. Now, I can't tell you that we have never filed a bad charge but it is not that we are just filing wholesale charges and picking out people at random. The police are bringing us good case files and we are prosecuting people who, almost all of them are found guilty or plead guilty. I can't have a quota system in my office which says the national crime rate is going down 10% so I need to file 10% fewer charges.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't want to compare people to cars but, I guess that is the best example that maybe I can come up with. Quite often, when the Sheriff's Department, which is coming up a little bit later, when they come up to ask for new cars, which they ask for annually and they probably should, we always ask them, are these going to be front line cars, where they are actually on the road, or whether they are vehicles which will be more administrative type of vehicles. So, I guess maybe my question would be a kind of comparison to that. If you are wanting more staff, are these more administrative people or are these people going to be trying trials?

Stan Levco: These will be \$50,000 a year Trial Deputies. I think, I mean we have all of the administrators that we need in the office. We are trying as, I gave you a handout here, we are trying, we have cases set for trial just at an unprecedented rate because of jail overcrowding. We are probably preparing for more than twice as many cases as we have prepared for in the past and they will be trial deputies. Specifically, the part-time deputy, that's all, well I do have one part-time deputy in Misdemeanor Court, but, and one part-time deputy in Juvenile Court but the other part-time deputies are just trial deputies and that is all they do, is try cases.

Councilmember Sutton: You requested last year a part-time deputy and what three full-time, was it last year?

Stan Levco: I don't think I did. I know that I requested this part-time deputy and it wasn't funded but I don't, I may have requested one full time. Do you know?

Councilmember Smith: I told him that two people that they asked for and we gave them was in the Child Support system.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess I was thinking on this side here.

Stan Levco: I have never requested three full time deputies.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess, you know, if your case load has increased so much, I guess I am wondering, I don't want to sound like I am wanting you to request for more, but why haven't you requested more if your case load has increased so much?

Stan Levco: I wasn't really anticipating requesting more this year. I thought about it and decided not to. At the time, this will get into a talk that I thought we'd talk about later, but it's a good time now I guess. At the time, the judges were essentially doubling up the cases we were going to be prepared for and that I was under the impression was a temporary solution to this jail overcrowding and it turns out now that it is a permanent solution. So that, I was thinking of amending this a couple of months ago and asking for a few more and then the Public Defender Board came into being, I thought that I would just wait to see what happens with that. It seems pretty, it appears that it is going to pass, and make my request at one time. Rather than requesting, let's say, two now and then coming back again and requesting more because of the Public Defender thing. As I put in my handout to you, I anticipate coming back to you very soon and requesting more

deputies.

President Wortman: Mr. Levco, are you supplying, I am trying to word this right, keeping the judges busy and not falling too far behind? Did I word that right? With your preparedness?

Stan Levco: We are preparing as well as we can. I think that we have a pretty good balance right now. I feel like we are stressed as much as we possibly can be now. We are trying to prepare, we are preparing 15 to 20 cases a week. Now I have 15 to 20 deputies but I don't prepare a case every week. Mr. Brown doesn't prepare one. So, we have a number of deputies that are preparing more than two cases a week which is an awful lot to prepare. If we could, if we could prepare 40 or 50 cases a week that would be better but you can't.

President Wortman: Are you far behind in keeping up?

Stan Levco: Now, it is almost the reverse because particularly with Superior Court, they are going at such a pace we are resolving cases, and I think that Judge Bowers could give you the numbers better than I. But, I think that the average case is like 60 - 70 days. So, it is not like we are falling behind, but we are running in place just to keep up with this level, particularly in Superior Court. But, no, our backlog in Vanderburgh County and again I don't know exactly but I know for a large county in the state, I would guess it is probably the least of any large county in the state. If you go to other counties and trial dates are set six months or nine months in advance. We are trying cases in September with the crime that was committed in July which is quick.

President Wortman: I didn't want the judges sitting over there with nothing to do, see?

Stan Levco: I don't think that is the case.

Councilmember Sutton: (inaudible)

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any questions?

Councilmember Hoy: (inaudible)

Councilmember Raben: Well, just one quick comment because we are going to be approaching the IV-D budget as well. But, we also need to bear in mind that we do have a criminal justice study taking place right now that may give us a bunch of answers for all of these requests. You know, the study, the completion date for the study is sometime in September but I don't think that we want to jump out and fill offices up with employees prior to completion of that study.

Councilmember Sutton: You won't get any disagreement with me there. I think, you know, we are going to see what recommendations do come forward and it will help us greatly because up to this point we have just been putting band-aids on things but I guess my question in an awkward kind of a way was you know if you need is out here why are you requesting way back here and if the need has been present for not just this year but just a number of years, I guess I would rather see the whole picture rather than incremental parts. If the need is more for a full time rather than a part-time person, I just don't want to get hit at one big time later on down the road when I know what the severity of the problem is and what we will ultimately be coming toward. So, it seems pretty obvious to me that we will be getting another request, a large request and how large that request, I don't know just based on his side. But, who knows what we will get from the study as well.

Stan Levco: This position that I am asking to be funded is already in the office. If you know, I am not asking for an extra employee, I am asking you to fund an employee that has been there over a year.

President Wortman: We did that last, was it the past year?

Stan Levco: You didn't and I can't say that there was an understanding. I felt optimistic last year when you said go ahead and fund it. I felt there was a good chance that you were going to fund it this year.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Levco, over the years this incentive fund has diminished and is that continuing to happen? What are your, I am not asking you to use a crystal ball but that fund is not as rich as it once was.

Stan Levco: Yes, I have the Director of the State here that can talk about that. I think generally speaking it, I don't anticipate what's going on.

Councilmember Hoy: I know that we are strapped for time but I'd like to hear that.

Stan Levco: Do you want to do that now?

Councilmember Hoy: I certainly would. I don't know about the rest of the Council but sometime during this morning we need to know what the future is on that Incentive Fund.

Stan Levco: I requested six employees in IV-D.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Stan Levco: He is going to speak to that also. Do you?

Councilmember Hoy: We can wait for that then. Just as long as we get a comment on it, I would appreciate that.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions?

Councilmember Smith: Stan, this person would stay as a part-time?

Stan Levco: Right.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

President Wortman: Everybody pretty well understand that position then I guess?

Councilmember Winnecke: I have a question.

President Wortman: Mr. Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: Stan, if we fund that position at the budget amount requested are you going to subsidize that?

Stan Levco: No, I am not sure, make sure...

Councilmember Winnecke: If we fund this for the amount listed here, \$24,500, are you going to subsidize it further?

(Stan Levco nodded in the negative)

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, and my other question is going down a little bit, what is the Extra Help line used for?

Stan Levco: Copying. For part-time help copying files, things like that.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody got any more questions on the 100 accounts? How

about the 200 accounts? That looks about the same as last year. We will continue on to the 300 accounts. Anybody got any questions there? Looks like the same amount.

Councilmember Sutton: Is this, on the 300 accounts, Stan, line item 3130 which is Travel and Mileage. Is this the only account that we utilize for travel for your office but is there other pockets or accounts that might be used? Is this it?

Stan Levco: We take a lot of that out of Incentive monies. So, that doesn't represent all of the travel and mileage that is used.

Councilmember Sutton: How much would you say is used out of the Incentive? On the Incentive Side?

Stan Levco: I'd estimate \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Councilmember Winnecke: On top of what the County provides?

Stan Levco: Um, um.

Councilmember Sutton: So, about \$20,000.

Stan Levco: Well, 15 to 20.

Councilmember Sutton: Now this is, this isn't local travel? I am assuming conferences, workshops, seminars, what have you.

Stan Levco: Well, it would include Indianapolis.

Councilmember Winnecke: How many people in the office travel? Make trips like that?

Stan Levco: Practically every deputy would.

Councilmember Winnecke: To Indianapolis?

Stan Levco: Oh, no. There are seminars in Indianapolis and nationwide. At least half of the deputies would go to one a year.

Councilmember Hoy: So, when you say travel, maybe this is a point of confusion here, Mr. Levco. You are not talking about automobile reimbursements? You are talking about plane tickets and the whole...

Stan Levco: I thought that is what you were talking about.

Councilmember Hoy: I, it's what I am talking about. But I am not sure that is what we are understanding at this point about travel to and from Indianapolis. I think that the assumption maybe made is that this is auto reimbursement. But, you are talking about plane tickets.

Stan Levco: Was your question, how much was spent, the \$10,000 to \$15,000, did you think that was just driving?

Councilmember Sutton: No, I was just trying to get a sense overall and then if we are trying to break that down.

Stan Levco: I mean, I really can't estimate how much is spent. Do you have?

Councilmember Hoy: I just want a clarification. I don't want to beat this to death. The way the conversation was going it sounded like we were talking about automobile trips and I know that we are not and plane tickets are expensive.

President Wortman: Mr. Levco, on the Return of Fugitive, have you been going out and getting quite a few people? I notice that you have \$20,000 again on 3900 line item.

Stan Levco: On 3900, Witness Fees?

Councilmember Hoy: Return of Fugitives.

Stan Levco: Oh, Return of Fugitives? Yes, I mean, I can't tell you an exact number of how many we get each year.

President Wortman: You are still going to have to go and get quite a few of them.

Stan Levco: We have a certain area that we kind of have a formula if the crime is minor and the fugitive is far enough away we generally don't go after them.

President Wortman: Like a, you send a Sheriff after them, don't you?

Stan Levco: No.

President Wortman: You go and get them?

Stan Levco: No, I personally don't.

President Wortman: No, not yourself.

Stan Levco: But, I am willing to if the place is far enough away, I guess. But, they have agencies that do that, that we pay.

President Wortman: Other agencies. I remember that I ran into an insurance problem one time and one come back and had a seizure coming back from Florida? Don't you remember that? He had a seizure and he had to go to the hospital and we were wondering who was going to pay the expense.

Councilmember Hoy: I believe that was the Sheriff's Department, wasn't it, Mr. Ellsworth?

Brad Ellsworth: A \$12,000 bill. He had a heart attack or something.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah.

President Wortman: Yeah, that's what it was. I just got the wrong department. Okay, okay.

Councilmember Hoy: I sort of wish that we would have left that one alone.

President Wortman: Yeah, okay, okay. Okay, anything else for Mr. Levco, if not, we are going to change tapes before we start in IV-D, Mr. Levco.

Stan Levco: Sure.

## **TAPE CHANGE**

### ***PROSECUTOR IV-D***

President Wortman: Okay, Now we'll start in the IV-D program.

Stan Levco: IV-D? If I could, I have Joe Mamlin has come down here from Indianapolis, he is the state director. I'd like to just make a brief statement, which I think, would sort of coincide with what he's going to say. We've asked for every year, just about every year, I come in and I ask for a whole bunch of IV-D people. That's really...I think the nine, ten years that I've been here, I rarely ask for extra employees or anything significant other than

in IV-D because I think we are grossly understaffed in IV-D and the thing that makes it even worse is that if you did give us these extra people it costs the county virtually nothing. These days it seems very fashionable to pass programs because we're getting money back from the state. Well, the IV-D reimbursement of the state is two thirds. Whatever you spend on IV-D people, and IV-D people are essentially the people who collect child support. You get two thirds back up front. In the old days I used to be able to come up here and say, If you give me extra IV-D people, I will make you a profit on every IV-D person. I'm not quite sure I can say that now.

Councilmember Smith: That money goes into the County General Fund, it doesn't come back to your office does it?

Stan Levco: No. I do get a small percentage of incentives.

President Wortman: It's divided up in three ways.

Stan Levco: Right.

President Wortman: The County Council, County Prosecutor and the Clerk.

Stan Levco: That's a different thing.

Councilmember Smith: No, that's a different program. The program he's talking about, he gets reimbursed, but that money comes strictly back to the County General Fund not to the Clerk, or to him.

President Wortman: Okay, I'll—

Councilmember Smith: So, he gets two thirds of that money back of what he spends on child support.

President Wortman: I was referencing the (inaudible) Fund.

Stan Levco: You get two thirds up front to start off with. You absolutely get two thirds back so that after that, once you pay a third you still get a good portion of that. In the old days I used to be able to say, if you fund one person, I'll make you a profit on every person you fund. Right now, I can't...Mr. Mamlin will talk about that. I think it's close. I think it pretty much costs nothing, but it may cost a little. For each employee it starts off...the most it's going to cost you is seven or eight thousand for an employee and all the extra services. They, you know, they collect child support and we are way behind on child support. Just for example, St. Joe County, which is roughly the same size that we are has doubled the number of IV-D collection people that we do, they obviously collect a lot more than we do.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Levco? I'd wish you'd use another county because they have about 100,000 more people in that county than we do. Yeah, St. Joe does. You can check the stats, and I'm right. That's a bigger, much more population in St. Joe County than in Vanderburgh. It's not a good comparison. A better comparison would be Elkhart County, which is almost the same or Hamilton County, which is 162,000. I've got it in the book here from the population stats from the Farm Bureau. But, you can check that out.

Stan Levco: What do you have St. Joe, and what do you have in Vanderburgh?

Councilmember Hoy: St. Joe is about 250 some odd and Vanderburgh...about 254 in St. Joe and Vanderburgh is 168. So there's a considerable difference is all I'm saying. We've run into this before where those comparisons have been made between those counties and there are more people in St. Joe County, a lot more.

Stan Levco: It's my mistake. I was under the...I thought the population was close to the same. Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: I'd have to...I have the new book here. I've got it marked in the '99 book. But, there is a considerable difference. A good comparison, population wise, is Elkhart and even that doesn't wash well. That's the problem with the comparisons because, you know, you have a different type of population there for one thing and that's why the comparisons don't hold well, anywhere. Elkhart County is loaded with peace churches. We have none of those here. That will have a direct effect on a lot of things.

Stan Levco: Maybe the number of cases that we handle...we have the same case load that they do. But in any event, I really thought we were pretty close to the same. So, I'll get off here before I make another mistake. Do you want to hear from Mr. Mamlin now on IV-D?

President Wortman: Yeah, I'd say let's go ahead and talk about IV-D then.

Joe Mamlin: Good morning, thank you very much for having me here. My name is Joe Mamlin...can you hear me okay? I'm the Deputy Director for the division of Family and Children. I'm responsible for the Title IV-D child support program. I did provide some hand outs and some material and in the interest of your time, I'm not going to read through all of this. I'll hit the highlights and I'll be glad to answer your questions. I think, first I should probably address the comparison that we did make in here, since that was raised already. What we were looking at was the IV-D case load and not the population of the county. St. Joe County was chosen for this particular comparison that my office did for me because they're within 10,000 cases of being of the case load that you have in your office compared to their office. At the same time, they have cases per worker of about 822 cases per staff, where your child support staff works with about 1690 cases per staff member. That was really the reason for that particular county being used in the comparison.

Councilmember Hoy: I did check it, it's...St. Joe is 247,000 and we're 165,000 as to compared to the census.

President Wortman: Yeah, that was 1998.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, there's an update that occurred in between.

Joe Mamlin: A few things I would like to point out regarding this request that has come before you. I was really glad to come here in support of this. I work with all of the prosecutors in 92 counties, of course 90 prosecutorial districts and this is truly one of the best child support programs we have in this state. I want to make that point clear because I think it's always important that you understand that you're investing in a winning proposition here. You're investing in something that is not just good in theory that it helps children and it helps families, but you're investing in a group of people that have been working hard and have shown increases in what they've been able to accomplish. In fact, I have a chart here that shows that between '94 and '99 the amount of child support collections increased in this county by 80 percent. That's one of the largest increases that we have across the state. So, I think, there's a lot to be proud of with regard to what's been going on here and I think there's reason to continue that progress that's been made. As I said a moment ago, the case load here is about 1600 cases per person. I've not looked at all 92 counties but I can say that's probably within the top ten as far as the highest cases per worker and probably even higher than that across the state and as I pointed out a moment ago, in comparison to St. Joseph County, it's about doubled per case worker to what they have to work with. At the same time, the case load increase has not been dramatic. I think what we have is a very stable and a very high case load here that's...you kind of have a unique situation being in sort of a tri-state area, you've a lot of interstate cases. You've a lot of people from other counties, surrounding counties that end up with child support cases here. So, I think you really have a unique situation that really warrants the effort that's been requested. I also want to point out that federal requirements have changed over the last several years as well. They've required much more in the way of automation and there are several more automated enforcement practices that are in place that your child support workers are forced to deal with. We have computer interfaces that bring them parent locale information, new hire information, interfaces that help with



wage assignments and other enforcement techniques that if you have appropriate staff and they can work these reports and get to these cases as they come up on the system, you could really see a dramatic increase in the way child support is collected for the families. We also have a significant problem state wide and of course, it would go along here as well, with undistributed money. At this point, I have in the handout some information on undistributed money. I'm having trouble locating it right now. About half of your undistributed money, about \$39,000 of undistributed child support is because of not having a correct address. Being able to deal with these interfaces in the automation that we have would really help diminish that and as you know, or as you may know, the more distributed collection the more incentive money you would earn. So that's another important point. I was asked to address the issue of incentives and I'll do that now. The Federal Government has changed the incentive program and what right now we are under the one third of the new formula and two thirds of the old formula. Very briefly, the old formula was the amount of collections versus how much it cost you to collect the money, strictly cost effectiveness. Indiana was always very good in that regard and earned quite a lot in incentives. There was a cap on what you could earn on cases that were not AFDC or TANIF recipients. That's when incentives started to drop because the case load, as far as the TANIF case load in this state, has gone down very significantly over the past five years. The Federal Government has, as I said, now changed that formula, they've removed that cap but now incentives are graded on performance areas. You're graded on the percentage of cases with paternity established, the percentage of cases with a child support order established, the amount of current support collected on a case, whether or not there is an arrearage collection on a case and then there is still cost effectiveness brought into the formula. The first four areas though, are weighted heavier than cost effectiveness. As I said, currently the state is earning one third of our incentive dollars on these five performance areas. So, clearly we're now in a situation where with staff, and with being able to focus staff on these performance areas, incentives can be increased over the level they are now. I can't say that they'll ever go back to the way they were, to the level that they were. There is certainly an opportunity to increase them. What is currently unknown about incentives however, is incentives are capped at the federal level and I don't know the exact number but it's something, you know, some mind boggling number, billions of dollars. But it's still a set amount that the Federal Government is only going to pay out X dollars in incentives. So, until every state has handed in their calculations and until every state has had what they call a data reliability review, they haven't even calculated the new incentives. So, it's an unknown, but at the same time, I'm very optimistic because of two things. One, we can focus on these performance areas, you know what you need to do to make the incentives get better. Number two, the cap has been removed on earning incentives on non-TANIF cases. As the Child Support Bureau can tell you, the vast majority of their cases now are people that are not receiving public assistance. So, for those reasons, I think the incentives at least have the potential, a very real potential, to go back in the direction that you want them to go in. As I said, the geographical situation being so close to other states does have an impact, not only on the number of cases, but on the complexity of those cases. Your child support case workers are faced with dealing with other states, other counties, other jurisdictions and those types of things take more effort, more time and more knowledge. I think it's also important to understand that as Mr. Levco pointed out, everything you do in child support is reimbursed at a minimum of 66 percent and then on top of that you look at the cost of avoidance of having people need to turn to public assistance to turn to the trustee or turn to other things that maybe they would not need if they received their appropriate child support. You also look at, as I said, the potential increase in incentives. The collections, some of which are reverted back to county reimbursement on people who are on public assistance. I think it's clear that an investment in the Child Support Bureau is a sound one. So, at this point, I guess I've probably used enough time, I'd be happy to answer questions.

President Wortman: I want to ask you one question.

Joe Mamlin: Yes, sir.

President Wortman: Outlying counties, have they sent any money in for...out there,

Spencer, Warrick and all those, those Prosecutors out there?

Joe Mamlin: I'm sorry, I don't understand your question. Have they done—

President Wortman: I think, Mr. Brown, remember we talked about that?

Doug Brown: Yes we did, we talked to (inaudible).

President Wortman: Okay.

Joe Mamlin: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: So, in essence, what you're telling us is that if we approve these positions here, we're very likely to recoup most of that money, that'll continue, even given the new guidelines and the caps?

Joe Mamlin: Yeah, I'm certainly much more optimistic about incentives than I was prior to the change in the law.

Councilmember Hoy: Because I'm very supportive of this money being collected and people paying for the care of their children and that makes it...the other side of the coin is all of us sitting around this table and have to watch the budget and watch what is coming up next year when, you know, a position has been funded and there's not money for it then. That's where we're coming from. This helps, thank you.

Joe Mamlin: Sure.

Councilmember Raben: I would think that the unemployment rate being so low in our area right now would have an effect on this. Have you not seen any change Stan?

Joe Mamlin: I don't know that there's been a study relating the unemployment rate to the collection of child support. Of course, there have been significant increases in the collections every year. I would assume, that the unemployment...that the favorable unemployment rate would have certainly impacted that. Wage assignment is the number one way in which child support is collected. The other thing that does is, we also have a directory where any time someone is hired the Prosecutor's Office is notified about that automatically. So certainly people getting jobs is now a direct connection to getting their child support payments.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I know because I've changed jobs about ten times in the last year.

Councilmember Hoy: Sure, Jim.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I don't think he gets that joke, that's a Southern Indiana joke. The translation didn't quite go over.

Councilmember Hoy: The big river here makes it a difference in the humor, let me tell you that. And then the card games, nobody else knows how to play euchre either. Seriously, my information, which could be incorrect is at the minimum per week on child support is about forty some odd dollars, is that correct? That's the minimum. When you talk about the unemployment rate and Mr. Sutton knows about...He's looking at me like I know what you're going to say and that is, the unemployment rate in this county is a little above three or right at three, that's what we used to accept as normal. I'm old enough to have seen us change. We used to say three percent is normal and then somebody from Washington who lied to us convinced us that six percent was normal, that's twice as much. We're just down to normal now. Secondly, if you work one hour a week the feds consider you employed. Most of the new jobs are 30 hours a week with no benefits. If you take, you know, even the kind of jobs we're seeing, which are at \$8.00 an hour, if we're lucky, then

\$44.00 a week is a hunk. I deal with the poor and I've dealt with some characters who tried to avoid what you're trying to do and it's tough to keep up with them. My only point is that there's a lot of work here to be done and it's not easy nailing these folks down. That's for sure.

Joe Mamlin: Absolutely.

Councilmember Hoy: It's also tough to pay it if you're only making a small amount of money.

Councilmember Sutton: This is just maybe a question for my own information. When you talked about the money that is undistributed due to an incorrect address, I guess, it would seem to me that if a person doesn't really want to pay and they really don't want to participate that they're going to try to find a way to avoid that. One, I guess is moving from address to address and job to job, I guess would be one way they would kind of avoid that. So, I guess my question is, are enforcement efforts in having employers submit this information, is it just limited to our county, or does that spread further than our county? We obviously have people who may reside here but work in neighboring counties and vice versa.

Joe Mamlin: The information that...well first, let me just clarify something. The money that is undistributed because of a bad address is referring to the person who is intended to receive the money. Okay, that's who we do not know the address of.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Joe Mamlin: Whether it's that person or the non-custodial parent, the interfaces that provide address information and employment information and the like are nationwide. We report all of our state new hire and state case registry data to a federal new hire and a federal case registry and those are made available to other states through an interface.

Councilmember Sutton: So, you're saying that someone is due to receive a check and we can't find them?

Joe Mamlin: That's correct.

Councilmember Smith: Royce, that goes on all the time. They move and then they forget to go up and change the address on it. There's a lot of money laying there that belongs to the keeper of the children if they could find out where to send it.

Councilmember Hoy: That person...that's my point about the whole economic situation and I know I beat this horse all the time. I live in a marginal neighborhood and I check the trash along the alley, so does everybody else, because they just pile the stuff up when they move, they leave everything. Right across...you can go right across the alley from me and you can see all kinds of little toys that kids had and all this stuff because they owed the landlord. Even with child support and a couple of other things, they're still not making it. They're more concerned about dodging than they are about getting that check. I mean, they're not really good about getting their money unfortunately. That's what you're dealing with.

Joe Mamlin: Yeah, it just points out why with additional resources to locate them with be—

Councilmember Hoy: It's a tough area, yeah.

President Wortman: Okay, we've got to keep moving here. Anybody else got any questions on IV-D? Okay, we thank you for your time.

Joe Mamlin: Yes, sir, thank you.

Stan Levco: One point I'd like to make on IV-D if I could, and I think it's obvious but I'll make it anyway. The government made IV-D part of my office but other than a few criminal cases that we file, there's really no connection between IV-D and being prosecutor. When I talk about our case load increasing and I'm asking for an extra deputy or something, it's not doing anything for my case load IV-D, although, I think it's a fairly worthy request I've made but it has really nothing to do with the crime rate or any of the other things I do as prosecutor.

### ***PROSECUTOR PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION***

President Wortman: Thank you Mr. Levco. Okay, alright, let's go on to the Prosecutor Pretrial Diversion, page 171. Okay, there's no basic changes there. Does anybody got any questions? Don't look like it so it looks like you've explained yourself pretty well today.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Winnecke: I do have one other question, if I could go back before Stan goes. Did I...on the travel did I understand you correctly when you said nearly every deputy attends a conference during the course of a year?

Stan Levco: I said that and then I changed it to every other one.

Councilmember Winnecke: Every other year?

Stan Levco: Yeah, every other year. I have kind of a (inaudible) policy that you ought to be able to go to a conference every other year.

Councilmember Winnecke: So, if there are seventeen prosecutors, you included, someone goes every other year? What does the county pay for versus what the incentives pay for?

Stan Levco: The county pay virtually nothing. It's all out of incentives. I mean, it might be literally nothing.

Councilmember Winnecke: I mean, I guess, is there a distinction between what the tax payers pay for and what you pay for out of your incentive fund?

Stan Levco: The county would pay for mileage to Indianapolis, but none of these out of state seminars are paid for by the county.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any questions? If not, I think you can be excused.

Unidentified: We've got (inaudible) on the Prosecutor.

President Wortman: Oh.

Unidentified: We've got page 44, 45, 46 and 47.

### ***PROSECUTOR ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES***

President Wortman: Okay, I'm sorry. Page 45, 46...okay, I see it now, okay. That's my oversight. Page 47. Okay, page 47 Special Matching Grants. Anybody got any questions there?

Stan Levco: I have an answer though. We are getting some of the other counties to pay for this. How many do we have?

Doug Brown: Most of them have agreed to it.

Stan Levco: Most of the counties have agreed to pay a proportion. You know, for the Adult Protective Services since we deal with five or six neighboring counties.

President Wortman: Okay, does everybody understand that?

Councilmember Winnecke: So, this would be only our portion, or this is the entire portion?

Stan Levco: This is the entire portion. Whatever we get back we put into the General Fund.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

### ***PROSECUTOR DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM***

President Wortman: Okay, nobody's got any other questions so let's go to page 44. That is the Drug Law Enforcement Program. Do you want to comment on that Mr. Levco?

Councilmember Sutton: You're having a reduction, I guess you guys...it's been indicated that you guys are going to have a reduction in the amount of the Federal Share on this program. Is that...cause you have an increase that you're asking for on—

Stan Levco: No, it's not a reduction. You didn't give us all that we asked for last year. We're just asking for you to fund more than you did last year.

Councilmember Raben: The actual amount of the grant that we're matching is what amount?

Stan Levco: The actual grant, is it \$206,000? The federal amount is \$206,000.

Councilmember Raben: The federal amount is 206.

Councilmember Hoy: Is that a—

Stan Levco: Our match is \$159,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Is that—

Stan Levco: Last year you funded us \$118,000 of that 159.

Councilmember Hoy: Is that a grant that stays the same each year, or does it diminish?

Stan Levco: It has.

Councilmember Hoy: It stayed the same?

Stan Levco: Yeah, roughly.

Councilmember Hoy: Roughly, thank you.

Stan Levco: We've had roughly the same number for eight or nine years.

Councilmember Winnecke: What does this pay for specifically?

Stan Levco: We have a drug program in the office. We have three full time drug deputies and a secretary. One time we had an investigator. We don't have that anymore. That's our...virtually all but not 100 percent. Virtually all of our drug prosecution goes through those three deputies.

Councilmember Winnecke: Are those deputies...forgive me because this is my first time at this. Are those part...are they listed in your other budget or not?

Stan Levco: No.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: So they're carrying the drug...they're not carrying all the drug prosecution load are they?

Stan Levco: Virtually all.

Councilmember Hoy: They really are?

Stan Levco: Yeah.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm a little confused to that because of the number of people in the jail. I know they're obviously there on other charges besides drugs and then. There's a large percentage of them in the jail who don't have drug connected charges. It seems like an awful heavy load to put three—

Stan Levco: We need to have three deputies since drugs are such a huge portion, three deputies is a small portion of our overall office. It seems like we have more people—

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah.

Stan Levco: A little bit of that, but not much. First of all, the drug cases are the easiest to prove. Virtually all...a lot of our drug cases are what's called controlled buys and not that many drug cases go to trial because generally we caught them and it's just a question of...mostly it's a plea of guilty. They would handle more cases per person but not that many would have to go to trial, fortunately.

Unidentified: They go along pretty fast?

Stan Levco: Relatively.

### ***PROSECUTOR FEES CHECK RECOVERY***

President Wortman: Okay, anybody got any questions on that? If not go to page 43, Check Recovery. Line item 2600 Office Supplies, it's down \$3,000. Any reason for that, Mr. Levco?

Stan Levco: It's all we felt we needed. I think...I don't know, was this part of the computer thing last year?

### ***PROSECUTOR STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE***

President Wortman: Anybody got any questions? Okay, we'll go to page 46.

Stan Levco: This one, they have reduced our grant by 25 percent and that is, Mr. Raben, that is one...I don't know whether they're planning on reducing it again or whether their long term plans are for us to fund that completely or not. That's one employee.

Councilmember Raben: You're asking us to make up for the difference?

Stan Levco: Yeah, to come up with the other \$12,000.

President Wortman: Anybody got any—

Councilmember Hoy: This person is specifically assigned to these—

Stan Levco: This person is exclusive to Domestic Violence. She's not the only one, you know, we have some that would spill over but she would do the vast majority of the domestic violence cases in our office.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

**PROSECUTOR VICTIMS/WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any questions on page 46? If not, let's turn to page 45, Witness Assistance Program. It's an increase of \$3,000, \$3,400, another special matching grants. Anybody got any questions? If not, I think that will complete your—

Councilmember Raben: I did have back on—

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: I'm trying to locate my salary ordinance. Back to 44. Stan the total amount...do you have the total amount for that budget in terms of salaries?

Stan Levco: It's \$209,000.

Councilmember Raben: It's 209?

Stan Levco: The Drug Law Enforcement—

Unidentified: The total amount? The federal amount is 159.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, he stated that. The overall...that's 159, I was trying to get the breakdown in salaries. I don't have my salary. I've lost my salary ordinance. Let me ask you this. Last year, was the grant, the federal grant monies in that account, were they...was it a higher amount than this year?

Unidentified: No, it's been the same the last three years.

Councilmember Raben: It's been the same, okay. Thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: Stan, what was your grant again, please?

Stan Levco: This is actually the grant for the drug program which would include the Police and Sheriff. The federal amount is \$206,000.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, do we have any other questions for him? I'll get the information I need. We need to probably get moving.

President Wortman: Yeah, okay. I think we're all through with you Mr. Levco, you can all get back to work. I checked with the water situation, it's going to be off for some time, so we have the Courts and the School Corporation and of course the Centre over there. So, I think we're going to take five minutes for...short pause for a good cause.

**TAPE CHANGE**

**COUNTY CLERK**

President Wortman: Okay, we've got to get to going here. So, we're going to start off with the County Clerk.

Marsha Abell: Marsha Abell, County Clerk.

President Wortman: Thank you Mrs. Abell. So, we're going to ask if anybody has any questions on the 100 accounts? Page one, nobody has any questions, page two. Nobody has any questions, we'll go to page three.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes sir.

Councilmember Winnecke: I have a question. Marsha, on that third page there of the... I guess it's the first new position in this binder here.

Marsha Abell: What page are you on?

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm sorry. It's page four of the blue book. And on the rationale sheet this is the AAPS/DAPS?

Marsha Abell: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Shouldn't that request be part of the court's budget versus yours?

Marsha Abell: This is...here is how this came about. That AAPS/DAPS person is working part-time right now and is paid by Judge Heldt's budget. Judge Heldt asked me to put it in my budget for this year and make that employee mine. His reasoning was because the financial package is owned by the Clerk, and no one can get into the financial package except me or my staff. If they were to work under him they would have to set up their own financial package, which I don't think would be a big problem because there's a lot of financial packages floating around in the county anyway. But that's the reason it's with me rather than with him because it's using my financial package. But this is not an employee that I necessarily need for my daily work.

Councilmember Winnecke: This is strictly for that program, correct?

Marsha Abell: Yes.

Councilmember Smith: Which line item are you talking about?

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm sorry Betty, that's 1670-1010.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

Marsha Abell: And that is a new employee. I can tell you that the person that is doing it part time right now could easily do it in four hours, but Judge Heldt wants it to be eight hours for the convenience of the people to be able to come in and pay it between 8:00 and 5:00.

Councilmember Winnecke: Four hours a day?

Marsha Abell: I'm sorry?

Councilmember Winnecke: Four hours a day?

Marsha Abell: Yes. So if you were to fund it, I would probably use that person for something else also.

Councilmember Winnecke: Would they remain in your office then?



Marsha Abell: If you fund it this way the person would remain in my office. Right now they are sitting in the Child Support office, which is not really good. The problem is I don't really have room for them in the cashier's cage, I think Betty could tell you that it's a very small area, the cashiers' office is, and it would be hard to put another person, the window is not large enough for another person. So, I'm not exactly sure where in my office this person would be, but they would be in my office somewhere.

Councilmember Smith: Is that the same job that Linda Naylor did out at the SAFE House that you're talking about?

Marsha Abell: Yes it is.

Councilmember Smith: See, it was in the courts. When Judge Miller was there it was over there and then he transferred it over to the Clerk. And we did put it in the cashier's part there. Then when they took that out to the SAFE House they took Linda with them, so then it went back to the judges, under their salary. Well, the State Board of Accounts didn't want it to go out there, but they took it anyway. It is supposed to be back here and that's where it is supposed to be because...well, there's just a lot more security there. So that position, really, should be in the Clerk's budget, rather than in the judges' that was out at the SAFE House.

Marsha Abell: And I didn't know that history, thank you. I didn't know that.

Councilmember Winnecke: My recollection, just this year the Judge took that program back over, it was my recollection that he was going to run the entire program.

Councilmember Smith: Well, that's what he said, but that position of collecting that money...and it really, the State Board of Accounts thinks it needs to be in the Clerk's office too. Whether you give her that position or not, she needs... With the courts and as many records as they've got and they're up about 10,000 cases before, the Clerk's office has never gotten any employees. It's a hard road. Is he transferring Linda back over with you, or is he keeping her over there doing something else?

Marsha Abell: He's keeping her over there doing something else.

Councilmember Raben: So in fact we are creating a new position? He's not eliminating one?

Marsha Abell: No, he's not. This is a creation.

President Wortman: In other words, he acquired them a new person?

Councilmember Smith: We gave him two new persons when we gave him that Bond and Fine. Remember, I talked to you all about that the other day. Those were in the Clerk's office. Then he was going to take them. Well then he came in and asked to change their title, but those positions... so, we funded four positions instead of two.

President Wortman: That's what I'm trying to get clear on.

Marsha Abell: And that's true because what happened was I got the Bond and Fine job back with no money. That's why I was here last time asking you all for some money. I got the work back, but I didn't get any money back with it. Because he kept the money because he used them for pretrial investigation, I think is what he probably used them for. Betty's exactly right on that and that was a deal that was cut a couple of years ago because we were having problems staffing that and I think as now you see it's going to be done, the Sheriff is going to do it which is where it should be done anyway because they're here anyway. That's really the one that makes more sense.

President Wortman: Actually, Judge Heldt, the Circuit Court got two new employees, in

plain words.

Councilmember Smith: Well, last Wednesday when this came up I said we need to think about it because the Sheriff was going to take that over. So, we've got the money over here for two and the Clerk's office here, and then here Brad wants this. So, we've got to do something.

President Wortman: Well, if the Sheriff is paying them \$2,000 additional for 16 people I believe.

Marsha Abell: 13.

President Wortman: Yeah 13, so see we're kind of getting spread out here a little bit here.

Marsha Abell: Well if you took the \$84,000 that you were spending on Bond and Fine people, full time people in 1999, if that money had come with the Bond and Fine people when the job was given back to me, if the money had come that's a big savings, \$26,000 out of \$84,000. But it didn't come back so it's an additional.

President Wortman: Well we might have to ask Judge Heldt if he needs those people, see, on that too. So, we'll cross that bridge...

Councilmember Raben: Do any of you have a recommendation here that's on the back of your mind on what we ought to do here?

Councilmember Smith: I don't know if Brad is going to do this. Brad has asked for the \$26,000. But if Marsha is going to do it she has to have the money. And then she is going to have a lot of part time money. But the load within the courts has gotten so much that the Clerk has not gotten any advantage of new employees on that. So, we're going to have to do something.

Marsha Abell: What I've requested for new employees is, this one person is the AAPS/DAPS person, and I've requested a new employee for Misdemeanor and a new employee for Small Claims. Those two court... We're running two Misdemeanors now. We run our full one and we've got another one where we're using the Small Claims office for the overflow. I'm just out of staff. We can't continue when you keep, and I know it's not local, I know the state does it, but when you keep adding magistrates and more judges that's more work on us. We're the ones that do all the clerical work and we just can't keep up with it. Then when the Sheriff goes out and writes all these seat belt tickets and I end up with 250 or 300 tickets or more per day during their blitz, I haven't got enough people to put those tickets in the computer. In Misdemeanor and Small Claims we are just stretched to the limit.

President Wortman: Line item 1640-1010, that's the third item down on page four, you've got a Bond and Fine Clerk there.

Marsha Abell: That's my clerk that collects it during the day from 8:00 to 5:00 when we're open. The Sheriff would only be collecting it after hours when we're closed. I have to have people that collect that...people bond out all day long.

President Wortman: I see, okay, okay. Well that's something to think about now and of course if the Sheriff takes it why then Marsha is relieved of it.

Councilmember Smith: She still needs it during the day.

Marsha Abell: Yeah, I don't have anything in my request for Bond and Fine at all. By the time I did this I didn't even know I was going to get it back at all. At that point the Judge still had it when I presented my figures. Me getting it back just happened a week ago last Thursday. So, these three people that I've asked for are not Bond and Fine people. They

are people to work in my office from 8:00 to 5:00. One of them being the one that the Judge wants, and the other two being people that I want.

President Wortman: Maybe we should give \$2,000 more to some deputies in the afternoon. I know a lot of his deputies are tied up in the morning and then sometimes after rereading the schedule maybe we ought to do that and that would be a lot cheaper, wouldn't it?

Councilmember Smith: Curt, by state law it's the Clerk's responsibility to collect the bonds.

Marsha Abell: Yeah.

Councilmember Smith: That's the state law. So, she has to do that. During the day if they have to be bonded out, they either bring them up to the Clerk's office or they go to the jail to do it. What he's talking about is night. People are arrested, they have to stay in the jail for four hours, and after four hours they can bond out.

Brad Ellsworth: I don't know if I'm allowed to come up during Marsha's time, but --

Marsha Abell: Well not (inaudible).

Brad Ellsworth: The one thing that we found, and this is something that Marsha and I met probably before I took office on this and a way to streamline, where we were having problems is you're looking at the hours of 4:00 in the afternoon until 8:00 and then 8:00 in the evening until 4:00 the next morning. That is not the most desirable work hours every weekend and every holiday, not the most desirable work hours in the world. What Marsha was doing was hiring part time help. She has to get computer privileges and they have to go through a security check to get that. Probably, maybe half that she would send down to us for employment would be able and we could actually allow to have computer privileges due to whatever problems. If they cleared that, another thing she ran into, and I witnessed this because I found her sleeping behind the counter one time, is those hours were not the most reliable people. It's part-time, you know, they don't take it like a full-time job. So they didn't show up a lot of the time. That's one of things that Marsha and I were talking about. So she had to come in after working her full day at work, come in and work 8:00 in the evening until 4:00 in the morning down in the City Police. So the first thing we agreed to was, A, they could do it out of the Sheriff's office and do the bonds. We started talking and we thought my people are there 24 hours a day, that jail is not closing down. They have to be awake, they have to be there. They're full-time employees so they are going to show up because their benefits and insurance depend on that. Also, like you said about giving them incentive we can do it a lot cheaper, it's not benefits. They're there 24 hours a day, if we can throw them a bone and do it, they're full time, they've already got security checks by the fact that they are sworn policemen, so it just made a lot of sense to us two. Everything that has transpired since then, you're hearing all these stories about now we've got pre-sentence investigators, which the courts may very well need and should speed up the process, but it all goes back to trying to run this thing efficiently and really a lot cheaper. Like I said if we'd have done this all before we'd had taken \$84,000 and turned it into \$26,000 with no raises, no benefits or anything. So back then it made a whole lot of sense. Now it still makes sense, it's just that there are some other variables that have been thrown in. Does that help?

Marsha Abell: Yeah. Do you know how many people bond out a night?

Brad Ellsworth: Probably about 20 a night, something like that. And Sergeant Jones, would that be a fair...?

Sergeant Jones: Yes.

Marsha Abell: What on weekends do you think you get?

Sergeant Jones: More so on weekends.

Marsha Abell: Yeah.

Brad Ellsworth: Thanks.

President Wortman: I was just thinking, you know, all the requests we got is about 20 new employees, and I think you know my position is we've got to be careful so we don't load the taxpayer down with additional things.

Marsha Abell: I think we understand that. You know, it's just that there comes a point, for instance, I have two positions open right now. We've interviewed four people and all four turned it down because they said it was not enough money to work down here. So, it becomes an issue of what kind of people am I going to have working. The jobs have gotten so technical with the computers, you know, it's pretty hard...you've got somebody you want to have a lot of good computer experience and offer them less than McDonald's offers them to work. And it's hard to ask my staff to work overtime when they're not getting paid for it, they're just getting comp time. And they can't work their comp time off because they wouldn't be working overtime if they could take off. I mean obviously they can't take it off because they're working overtime. I feel like I need two more people. I appreciate Mrs. Smith's telling you that my office has not been increased. I don't think it was increased any during your administration. The courts are growing. Whether our city is growing or not is not the issue, people are driving here, they're having wrecks here, and that means they're in our courts. When that continues to grow it doesn't have a lot to do with the population, it has to do with the work load. And our work load is at its maximum.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any... Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Marsha, help us understand how the efficiency of the office would be improved if we approved these and what the ramifications are if we don't.

Marsha Abell: If you approve the two new positions I've requested?

Councilmember Winnecke: Right.

Marsha Abell: Well, in Small Claims for instance, Judge Bowers called me. They're talking about how we could take payments before people actually get to court because we're not taking them until they actually come to court and the judge renders his judgement. Well that would cut down on the number of cases coming to court, but unfortunately that means I become a bookkeeper for somebody that wants to pay partial payments, I become a bookkeeper for Joe Plaintiff out here. Well, I can't keep being a bookkeeper for Joe Plaintiff when my staff can't even get their books balanced at the end of the day now on court cases. So, that would help. In Misdemeanor we're throwing out tickets that are written for seat belt violations that we can't get on the books in time for the people to get to court. If we've got a thousand tickets to get on for a court date three weeks from now and we can only get 800 on, we're going to put on 800 drunk drivers first or serious moving violations. Seat belts come way at the bottom. So if we only get 800 on, those 200 cases just get dismissed. We never get them...they never make the court calender and those people are never called into court because we absolutely don't have the time to get some of those on. Now, that doesn't happen on a regular type basis, but when they do a seat belt blitz it does. When the State Police blitz big stopping everybody and checking for alcohol we get all those tickets. We get every ticket written in Vanderburgh County whether it's state, sheriff, or EPD. So Misdemeanor is really loaded down and the tension is so bad in there that I can't even keep staff in there. They keep wanting to come back to what we call the big office, back into my office rather than Misdemeanor because it's getting to be...it's just too stressful. They sit in court all day long listening to these cases and they go just like that, it's fast. You have to have people that are capable, and I'm having a hard time doing that. If I had another person in Misdemeanor I could work half the staff half a day in court and let them have the afternoon off instead of having one person all day long, which gets to be way too hard. Plus, we've added another Misdemeanor Court and I'm trying to staff that, too.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions for Mrs. Abell? Well, let's go into the 200 accounts. Office Supplies increased considerably.

Marsha Abell: Well, not really because we spent \$99,153 in 1999. We took a lot of that out of IV-D money which we can't do this year because of the new legislation that says that it can only be used for Child Support issues.

President Wortman: Okay, alright.

Marsha Abell: And let me point out something about my supplies, \$100,000. We're going to hit over 50,000 cases, new cases, this year. That means I'm only getting \$2 to set up a file. That's a shuck, an order book, a fee book, all the copies, pens, papers, this is just for new files. It costs more than \$2 per file to set up a new file when you take all the supplies into consideration. Plus, the courts are bringing in old files everyday. So, you know, when you relate supplies to the workload, \$100,000 is not that much money. Now it's that much money when you aren't doing anything. And our files are preprinted special files, you know, different colors for Superior Court than Circuit Court, little shucks for Small Claims that are preprinted and color coded, little shucks for Misdemeanor. All of this stuff costs money, and \$2 a file really isn't that much money.

Councilmember Smith: You remember what I told you, Curt, that incentive fund is going to go away one of these days and you all gave me \$5,000 for supplies in that Clerk's office. That was a laughing joke and I told you it was going to come back to haunt you.

Marsha Abell: Since Mrs. Smith brought that up, I wasn't going to address this until we got to Child Support, but I know Mr. Mamlin was here this morning and commented on how he thinks that this IV-D money is going to keep going and all of this, but I can tell you that I was with the federal people last week in a seminar. They told me point blank this money will be gone. The state is going to take over collecting child support. They're going to collect it in Mr. Mamlin's office and they're going to distribute it from the State Auditor's office. They way they're going to run their program is this federal money that's now coming to us is going to go to them in Indianapolis. Now, I don't know about the Prosecutor's part that he has it separate from the IV-D money that I get, that you a third, I get a third and he gets a third. That money is going because I'm not going to be collecting child support anymore. People are going to be making their child support payments directly to Indianapolis and it will be distributed from Indianapolis.

President Wortman: Is a mortgage company going to handle that money up there?

Marsha Abell: Well there is a...Fleet Mortgage has set up a bank called Fleet Government Services in every state in the union, and my information is that they intend to get all the accounts. That means, last year I ran \$19,758,000 through the Child Support account. That's \$19,000,000 that will not hit our local economy and not be in our local banks. It will all be gone to Indianapolis. The military has already started it. They cut a check August 2nd for Vanderburgh County custodial parents that get money, that traditionally had gotten the checks sent to us and we distributed it. The check August 2nd went to Indianapolis. Yesterday a lady called, they have yet to cut that check to those people. They're already seven days behind, and we by state law in the county have to get that check out within 48 hours. What's going to happen is we're going to get all the workload down here because they're not going to get those checks out. They've already set up a fund for unidentified checks that has \$385,000 in it. They're going to call us and say find out who these checks belong to. So, we're going to get all the work, none of the IV-D money, all the distribution is going to be done in Indianapolis, and all the complaints are going to come to my office. It's going to be bad.

Councilmember Hoy: I want to go back to what you said... Is my mike on okay? To what you said about the fund the Prosecutor was talking about. You're saying that, the feds are saying that money is not going to come here either?

Marsha Abell: That's what I heard at a meeting that I was at last month, I mean last week, said that's how they plan to fund these programs that are going to be done at the state level. If you think about it they're going to have to have money to run those programs. They're going to put on staff and the only place they can get it is from this federal IV-D money.

Councilmember Hoy: The money is all going to start going to that black hole up in Indianapolis.

Marsha Abell: That's exactly how I understand it, and I think that's what Mrs. Smith was telling you when she was Clerk that she was hearing from them. This is something we as Clerks have been hearing as long as I've been Clerk, and I know at least...well, you went on in '95, I think, and they knew it then.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, we've been watching the other fund diminish. Many of us that have been sitting here know that.

Marsha Abell: It will be zero within two years.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay.

President Wortman: We might have to let the Sheriff when he gets a speeding ticket collect then.

(Inaudible)

Councilmember Raben: You know what makes a lot of sense, Curt, particularly if they've got to serve four hours before they post bond they could just ride with the patrolman for four hours, he could collect the fee, take the bond, it makes perfect sense.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else?

Councilmember Hoy: He needs a gadget to go in the car and everything, sure.

President Wortman: Okay, 300 accounts. How's your Record Storage coming 3603, Marsha?

Marsha Abell: Well, we've cleaned out a lot of space in the basement that we've taken over to the new storage area. It's going well, it's just that I think even the person that's doing it is overwhelmed with it. It's taken a lot longer than anybody suspected. However, I can say that when we get finished there will be a bar code and a number and an identification of exactly what record is where. When the courts need something all they have to do is tell us what the number is, they'll swipe a bar code across it at Kinder and pull that box down and be able to send us that information.

President Wortman: Now let's go to 3370, you've got \$333,000 there. Now is that all needed?

Marsha Abell: I didn't think you were going to let me get by with that. I guess you want me to explain that?

President Wortman: Yes.

Marsha Abell: Okay. Actually, \$187,000 of that is money that, an estimate that I got together actually based on questions that you asked of me last year. I know Mr. Raben asked me and I think Mr. Winnecke asked me, several of you asked me when we were discussing the storage, as to what would it cost to electronically store this stuff. For \$187,000 we can electronically store ten years of order books. Those are orders of the court which is what the largest demand is for, for an order of the court. There's a lot of

books. I have one entire room of books with me in my office, another partial room of those books, and several of them in the basement. What we would do if we did this project is they would be electronically stored for permanent record on microfilm and for retrieval purposes on CD and it would be stored, SCT would put it into the system and anybody could pull up an order just by typing it in. Then the books themselves we would take the guts out of, we would take all of the orders out of them, and I would just box them up and they could be stored in some dark hole somewhere where you don't really care. I would reuse those order books. Those order books cost \$60 a book and we would probably have about 200 of them that we could reuse. So, this figure, while it's in my budget, is not necessarily a request. If you want to start this project, ten years in the courts is like a breaking point, judgments in Small Claims are good for ten years, so that's why we went with the ten year time. Obviously, if you just wanted to start with one year the company that gave this bid would do one year. I had two bids given, one company could only do it on CD, they didn't do microfilm and microfilm is required by state for permanent storage. So, we'd have to do it on both. This particular company that I got the bid from puts the records through and it automatically puts it on both mediums. So, that's what \$187,000 of that is for. The balance of that is for the court records to be put on the Internet. That's a fee that would be up-front, a cost to the county, but I have talked with the officeholders here that have their records on the Internet and I'm of the opinion that my records should not be free of charge. I know that there is a big debate about that, and I did meet with the local editor of the Courier and Press and explained that while some things could be free, somebody, for instance, just got a speeding ticket and they just want to get on the Internet and see if they missed a court date or something. We could have it where someone could get on for ten or 15 minutes one time and look something up. That would be a service to the community. But the people that would be using this the most, the abstractors, the banks, the attorneys would need to either subscribe, paying an annual fee to use it, or pay by document they want. So, this would be an up-front cost that would be recouped in fees that we would charge.

President Wortman: So if we run out of money before we get to you, we can do it next year maybe?

Marsha Abell: The Internet service?

President Wortman: Yeah.

Marsha Abell: Oh, there's no question you could do it. You know, it doesn't have to be done this year. I will tell you that of the two, I'd certainly rather see you do that because I'm getting a tremendous amount of demand for it.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any questions?

Councilmember Hoy: Run that by me again. Of the two, you would prefer --

Marsha Abell: I'd prefer the Internet service because I'm getting a lot of demand for it. I can always keep the order books and we can do it the old way, but...

Councilmember Hoy: The second question is this, Mr. President, is this, and I don't know, well I guess I do know, we could do it as Council, this is one of those areas where out of this year's funds we could take an appropriation. That's another way to, you know... because we've got to get under that crazy state limit issue.

Marsha Abell: I understand that.

Councilmember Hoy: I'd be willing to consider that if we're looking at enough funds to do that. It seems to me that these are both good projects.

Marsha Abell: Well, they're both something that eventually you're almost going to be forced into doing.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah.

Marsha Abell: It's whether you do it now or do it later.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Two questions, first, if we went ahead and went with the Internet project what would the annual fee be, or would there be an annual fee once it's established and running?

Marsha Abell: I'm going to say yes, there would be an annual fee for someone that wanted to use it on a regular basis. Someone that --

Councilmember Winnecke: I mean operationally from --

Marsha Abell: Oh, from us? According to what I've heard from SCT it's minimal. We would buy the package from Crawford Consulting Company that put our courts package on originally. It's a mirrored type program where no one would get into our live data, they would be getting into a dead file and pulling up a mirrored image of what we have. Once in it's not that big of a deal. I think they are talking about something around maybe \$9,000 to \$12,000 a year for any updates that would have to be done. Some of those probably wouldn't even be charged, that would be a maximum. We'd easily be able to recover that in copy costs alone. We send a lot of money over to the General Fund in copy costs.

Councilmember Winnecke: And I guess to follow up, have you projected what the income could be on an annualized basis?

Marsha Abell: We're working on it right now. We pulled Indianapolis' fees. Indianapolis charges, their fee structure is a little high for this area, so we're trying to... One of my reasons for meeting with the editor of the Courier and Press was to get an idea of what the traffic would bear in Evansville and we're putting some figures together right now.

President Wortman: Okay, we've got to keep moving. Anything else for Mrs. Abell? If not, with the questions being answered, maybe not solved, but let's go to the next page six there. The County Clerk IV-D program.

#### **COUNTY CLERK IV-D**

Councilmember Smith: When you've got office machines, what kind of office machine are you talking about?

Marsha Abell: I know you're aware, the kind of checks that we use are what they call self mailers. The post office now has gone to an automated system where when they run those self mailers through their system it's ruining our checks. It's printing over our checks because they're pressure treated. We've contacted several companies and no one can give us one that isn't damaged in the mail, so we're looking at changing the whole system, doing laser printed checks. That would be a new printer to print those.

Councilmember Smith: That one of the cases where you can get 66% back --

Marsha Abell: Yeah.

Councilmember Smith: For anything you spend in the Child Support. So whatever we spend, if you spend the \$10,000 or \$11,000 you would get 66% back and that comes back to the County General fund.

President Wortman: That's fine, that's fine.

Marsha Abell: Yeah, that would be a recoverable expense at 66%.



President Wortman: Anything else you can put in there put that in there too.

Marsha Abell: You know we're trying actually. And the State Board of Accounts even hasn't told us what they consider to be Child Support related.

President Wortman: If they haven't told you then you can do that.

Marsha Abell: Well, like when we talk about salaries with them they say well yeah but you have to run child support anyway because it's ordered from the courts, so maybe that's not... When we talk child support one of the problems is what the Prosecutor calls child support and what I call child support are two totally different things. When I talk about child support I'm talking about a good paying mom or dad that comes down to the office and brings their money in. When he talks about it he's talking about somebody that doesn't pay. So, it's only those people that don't pay that the state thinks I should use this money on. Well, I don't have that many. This is a pretty good area for paying child support.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else? If no other questions we'll go to the Election Office, page 69.

Marsha Abell: Oh, this should be pretty easy.

President Wortman: We're going to change the tape, Mrs. Abell. Excuse me a minute.

## **TAPE CHANGE**

### ***ELECTION OFFICE***

President Wortman: Okay, we're ready Mrs. Abell.

Marsha Abell: Okay.

President Wortman: Okay, page 69 the Election Office. We'll go on down there and, of course, there all kind of zeros there. Then we go down to line item 3530, Contractual Services \$34,000, what would that be for, please?

Marsha Abell: We still have to pay the rent on the election equipment. That's an annual...that's our equipment. That's our annual charge.

President Wortman: Yeah, there's no election next year.

Marsha Abell: No election next year so we won't be using anything, but we still have to pay them to have the equipment here.

President Wortman: I see. Well that answers my question. Anybody else have any questions for the election office? Not much there. Okay. I think that kind of completes your part. We thank you Mrs. Abell.

Marsha Abell: Thank you.

## ***SHERIFF***

Brad Ellsworth: Morning. Brad Ellsworth, County Sheriff. If you don't mind, I'd like to take just a brief moment to comment on something that Mr. Sutton said. I don't know what that memo that he was speaking to at the beginning of the session said, but I can give you a couple of examples of why we applauded. A couple months ago my office, and I know several other county offices, received a memo from the Mayor's office, specifically Joan David, directing us. I guess I should say directing us...ordering us, I think it was on a Mayor's complaint that if we got a Mayor's complaint that we had to respond back to his office within three days, I think it was. I discarded that thinking it was an oversight or

mistake, but I called the Commissioners attention on Monday night to a situation that concerned me, and I think it should concern all of us as county officeholders. I was talking to Jerry Bryant, the City/County Purchasing Head, and I'm doing trying to do some research for the Commissioners on this, but it's something we all need to know about. We were talking about the city/county towing bid, and he had said that City Attorney, Kevin Winternheimer, was researching that and working on the contract for the towing bid which was fine. Although with all respect to Mr. Winternheimer, he never contacted me, the Sheriff, or anybody on my department. Basically what Mr. Bryant told me, and this is hearsay and we don't often deal in hearsay in my department or aren't supposed to, what he told me was that Mr. Winternheimer was negotiating for 20 minutes for a city tow and 40 minutes for a county tow. I guess my question was, A) why would a City Attorney be the one negotiating the contract at least not seeking input from law enforcement? I've got officers out there standing on the street. And B) why is it any less important for a wreck that occurs in the county or we need a tow in the county for it to take 40 minutes? If you're out there in the middle of Highway 65 up in Armstrong or in Darmstadt and, Curt, your residents are standing there having to wait for a wrecker, 40 minutes seems like an eternity. If there are problems involved where we need to get bodies out of those cars and stuff, 40 minutes is a lifetime. I think it sets another example of what Mr. Sutton was saying. We need to be very careful and cautious and look out and remember that we're out there too. We need the attention just like the big brother city, if that's what you want to call it. I don't care how long it takes them, but if they get 20 minutes, it's no less important that we get 20 minutes for a tow if the city does. I just wanted to say that so the county is aware of that. I think it's pretty important.

President Wortman: Thank you. I know in Darmstadt if we don't stop at a stop sign, we'll stop twice next time.

Brad Ellsworth: We know that. We know that. It was the same in the ambulance negotiations, you know. I know they are post different, but there was talk about it can take longer out in the county. When you have life and safety involved, I don't think you can put numbers on it just because we are a little further out.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Ellsworth, for your comments.

Councilmember Raben: It may not even be something as serious as injury, but the road being blocked for 20 minutes is worth something.

Brad Ellsworth: Absolutely. When you're blocking, like I said, a highway those minutes are critical and that can cause other wrecks because you've got traffic backed up two miles. I'll be perfectly honest, with the current vendor...the current vendor we have is on South Weinbach Avenue, his only location. When I've got a wreck up in Armstrong or in Darmstadt, they aren't going to make it in 40 minutes. I can't make it in 40 minutes going red lights and sirens, so I know that a guy with a pick-up truck isn't going to get up there with a yellow light. We're having troubles with times and dispatch times so we'll work through that, but I just wanted the Council...like I said, that sparked my interest in that also.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you Mr. Ellsworth. I appreciate your comments.

Brad Ellsworth: I apologize for taking budget time to—

President Wortman: Okay, now we'll get into the nitty gritty here. Take the 100 accounts for the Sheriff. Anybody got any questions on page 15? We have a question mark down here about a Major. Do you want to address that, Mr. Ellsworth?

Brad Ellsworth: Yes. Early on when we were approached about taking over Community Corrections, one of the first things I said that I would like to have a full time Deputy Sheriff over there in a key position. In the middle of this year, we basically, I guess, gutted the personnel status out there and went from 35 or 34 job titles down to, I think it was, 15 titles. One of those was asking for a Major on the department to be a sworn Sheriff's Deputy. To

actually go over and act as the top full time officer at Community Corrections. I believe that was granted, I'm sure it was granted, in the 2000 budget for the rest of this year. We'd ask that, obviously, be continued into 2001. There's a long story to go with it about the changes that will create at the whole Sheriff's Department, the table of organization, but I think it's going to flatten that out a bit. Obviously, it's going to make it an equal and flattened T.O. across the Sheriff's Office if Community Corrections is going to remain under our jurisdiction.

President Wortman: Okay. Everybody satisfied with Mr. Ellsworth's remarks?

Councilmember Smith: Is that position in here, Brad?

Brad Ellsworth: I show page 23, but...on the document I've prepared. Chris said 15, I don't know.

Councilmember Winnecke: Page 23.

President Wortman: Yeah, the second column down 1130-0227. Right, okay.

Brad Ellsworth: If you remember, and I know this is water under the bridge, but the Council put, I think, \$250,000 last year originally when we took it over in there for monies we might need. This was kind of a result of that. I know we didn't use it all, and we appreciate that. We took that out the end of last year, and there's \$20,000 left. We can give that back. We aren't going to need that.

President Wortman: And that line item, his name?

Brad Ellsworth: It's Steve Woodall.

President Wortman: Okay, let's go back to page 16. Anyone got any questions there? If not, we'll go to page 17. No questions? Go to 18. Then 19. Then 20. Then we come up to 21. And then, of course, Process Servers, are they very busy?

Brad Ellsworth: I think we are serving somewhere—Would ninety thousand be a good guess?

Eric Williams: Probably.

Brad Ellsworth: Somewhere in the area of ninety thousand subpoenas in a year's time. It's working out well. The part time, we have five come in the morning and five in the afternoon because of the way the Clerk delivers the subpoenas to us. We feel that it's working pretty well.

President Wortman: Fine. Thank you. Okay. Then we go to page 22. Top of the page, Clerk Typist, are those civilians?

Brad Ellsworth: Yes, those are civilian positions.

President Wortman: Is that part of the grant that's going to be eliminated at the end of the year?

Brad Ellsworth: Those are not the ones that are being considered. Those will be on page 23.

President Wortman: 23 again.

Brad Ellsworth: Right.

President Wortman: Those would be...Let's go to page 23 while we're at it, on that subject.

What line item would that be, Brad?

Brad Ellsworth: It's 1130-0232.

President Wortman: 112002–

Brad Ellsworth: 231 and 232, I'm sorry.

President Wortman: 230, okay.

Brad Ellsworth: If I can, I guess, give you a little historical information on that. Under the previous administration, I think it was approximately three years ago, Governor O'Bannon made funds available across the state to the police departments and sheriff's departments to put more officers on the streets. It was a very simple grant. It was for personnel and anything you could do in your departments and anybody you could hire that would put more officers...that was really the only requirement, to put more officers on the streets. At that time, Vanderburgh County received \$500,000. We felt that we needed the officers on the street. We thought it was a good idea. What we opted to do instead of hiring sworn police officers and taking a year to train and send to the academy, we opted to take civilian...Where we had police officers in clerical duties or at Post Command Receptionist, and actually put them out and replaced them with civilians. That included two Post Command Receptionists out on Highway 41. That facility is open 24 hours a day. Their duties, probably the most important besides being open to the public, is the fact that they run the computers and the IDACS terminals. We are an IDACS terminal county and that has to be open 24 hours a day and has to be manned. There are 10 minute responses and things by law that we have to do so we have to keep that computer manned. It's also critical for the officer's safety on the streets. When that officer calls in to them, along with dispatch but dispatch is very busy so we end up using our post command receptionist quite a bit too, when warrants are on the people that they've pulled over. They are actually as much for officer's safety as probably the officer himself. So those two positions are critical. What we were doing on weekends before we had the civilians was we had to staff on weekends, evenings, and holidays with a sworn deputy who was certified in the computer. What that allowed us to do was obviously take, and I don't know exactly what the salary is, a \$22,000 a year person and replace with a \$35,000. It made more sense and it got more officers on the street for coverage in the county to provide police coverage to the citizens. The same thing occurred with the court security. They're in the same...on the same page and under that same grant. We also opted to replace deputies in the courthouse at the door with two civilians. If you've been over there, you've probably noticed them. They are wearing blue blazers and gray pants. They are armed. They are trained and sworn in as special deputies but strictly for that particular place. They man that x-ray machine. The one thing I did want to mention was that due to the money, and I remember this from the current–prior administration, that those salaries were set in. It was kind of intention that they'd hire former policemen and we talked about it. The salary on that, I've talked to those two people that are in place. Like I said, these jobs have all been in place for three years and people are working in them right now. We would recommend, and I've told those employees, or ask that it be taken back to the job study, if it was granted, and have that evaluated because the salary was set in at a price that they were talking about retired police officers even though they are armed. We would not oppose the re-factoring of that, of those two positions. Not that their duties will be any less, if you grant this, but it is a salary was basically put in because that's how much money was there after we paid the post command receptionist and the medical person.

President Wortman: There's quite a bit here involved. I'd say the salary in the first place was set in too high for those type people. Now they have in there \$31,000. You've got an option to freeze it or eliminate the job. Course, if you eliminate the jobs then we go back to your deputies and then we go down and increase the overtime. So it's one thing or two of another, I guess is what I'm trying to say. We got that option. I notice out there at Post Command Receptionist is \$22,000. That's within reason but that \$31,000, they are making more than a lot of people up here.

Brad Ellsworth: That's what we're saying is that money was set in...The Governor sent \$500,000 to Vanderburgh County and when we paid the Post Command Receptionists the same rate that our other Post Command Receptionists were making and the medical examiner what we thought was commensurate with those duties as a paramedic as the jail medical administrator, that was the money left over and so they divided that by two and that ended up being, I think, \$29,000. Like I said, I told these employees if you retain them that we would probably recommend that it goes to job study and have that job re-rated.

President Wortman: That would make sense, yeah. Especially on the Court Screeners.

Brad Ellsworth: Right. The other salaries, I believe, are right in line with what the county...Well, I know it's in line with the Post Command Receptionist is what the regular county employees are making.

President Wortman: Anybody have any questions? Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Brad, I recall from, I think, a couple of months ago when we talked about restructuring the department and creating the three Major positions, right. One for Community Corrections, one for the Jail, and one for Operations. In here, they are not reflected, right? I see...Are we going to eliminate Captain positions and create the Majors?

Brad Ellsworth: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: So in here we have the Chief Deputy, two Captains, and an Assistant Chief and then that's still in here and the Major position we are talking about here.

Brad Ellsworth: If the Assistant Chief...Let me explain it again what will happen is when I took office, Steve Woodall was Sheriff Hamner's Chief Deputy. When my decision came up that he would no longer be Chief Deputy, he went back. That basically gave our department three Captains. The Council then as opposed to busting him back and getting into possible litigation, the county chose to give us a temporary Captain's position which they put Steve Woodall in. By making Steve Woodall a Major, that eliminates the temporary Captain's position. I'm trying to do this through attrition. When my second Captain, either Gary O'Risky or Bill Roberts, I don't have to throw names out but it's easier for me to keep in mind, when the second Captain retires, and one has indicated that it might be in January of 2001, I would then ask one of my two Chief Deputies, they are probably throwing knives in my back, to step down into the position of second Major. That would actually be a savings. His salary would obviously go down to what the current Major salary is. Then when the third Captain retires, I would then make a third Major appointment, and the Captains rank at the Sheriff's Office would be eliminated.

Councilmember Winnecke: I think I follow that. I think I got that.

Brad Ellsworth: I can't make you another picture like that last one.

Councilmember Winnecke: I guess, it seems like that we have an extra position in the blue book. We have two Captains, the Assistant Chief, and the new Major on page 23 that we've been discussing.

Brad Ellsworth: What they did when they allowed Sheriff Hamner two Chief Deputies, they couldn't call them both Chiefs so you've got...they are really equal in pay and all that, but they had to call one the Assistant to make it a different line item. You've actually got the Sheriff, two Chief Deputies, and one Major.

Eric Williams: I think the confusion comes from the creation of the temporary Captain. When you create a temporary Captain, we took Lieutenant Woodall's rank and made that a Captain. It was a Lieutenant's position. When we removed the temporary Captain that

reverted back to the Lieutenant. That was the agreement that was made with the Council. Yes, the Lieutenant is showing up now that didn't show up; it used to show up as a temporary Captain. That's why you are perceiving an extra person, but it's still the original force.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, I got you now.

Councilmember Hoy: And your Major on page 23 is really the person that's in charge of SAFE House?

Brad Ellsworth: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: And has replaced the position that used to be there.

Brad Ellsworth: Of Temporary Captain and there's no Executive Director anymore.

Councilmember Hoy: The Executive Director's position we—

Brad Ellsworth: So that's pretty close to a wash of what the Director's salary was.

President Wortman: Now, Brad, the next item is that College Reimbursement. Wondering...Gonna have to have a limit in this one. Just me talking now. Some of the other departments, that might be discriminating against them on this reimbursement, see? This is what I think we've got to be careful and kind of go over this a little bit. I think all Councilmen ought to be aware of this. It's nothing against them. We want people to get ahead and progress and all that, but I think we have to be careful where they go and all that. They might have to pay half and half or something of this nature. I'm just throwing this out, is what I'm trying to do. Now you want to comment on that, please?

Brad Ellsworth: Sure. This is a benefit that was negotiated, I think, under Sheriff Shepherd, maybe Hamner, I can't remember back that far. We want the best employee we can get. I'm not saying that no other county office has lifelong career employees, but I would say that longevity and chance of a person staying in law enforcement and staying with our department is much higher. This was negotiated back to try to get the most educated officer. These people are out on the streets dealing with the public making life and death decisions on a daily basis. Like I said, we want the best educated employee we can get. Now, we do realize that this money has gone up. More and more people that we hire have their college education already, but in trying to keep within the budget, what we've done in the department is set up a program where we're not paying for or allowing just anything that comes through on a reimbursement. If someone seeks to get a degree in engineering that would be denied at the Sheriff's Office. However, if they want a degree in Administration or going after a degree in Criminal Justice, obviously, we would encourage that. Like I said, they are A) dealing with the public, dealing with attorneys, are expected to go into court and go up against attorneys and be able to testify professionally. The better educated they are...College isn't the only thing involved, good common sense is probably more important but it certainly helps. We're trying to get a handle on that down there. I have relaxed the...anticipating that you all would have questions a year ago, the former Sheriff demanded that when a new deputy comes on that he seek his degree in eight years - that he go to school. I didn't think that we might be able to enforce. I can't speak for the Council and say that we will automatically pay for this, so I relaxed that requirement that you did not have to seek a bachelors within eight years of appointment on the department. So we are trying to keep that in line internally, but I sure would hate to loose all that money. As far as the other offices, if that's something the other officeholders think would be beneficial to their department then I would encourage them to come up and lobby you for that, but I certainly wouldn't give it away because they don't have it.

Councilmember Sutton: Sheriff, what's the basic requirements for becoming a deputy?

Brad Ellsworth: That they are 23 years old. That their record is fairly clean. It doesn't have to be spotless but no felonies. They are allowed to have a misdemeanor but that's kind of subjective. That within six months of their date of hire that they become a Vanderburgh County resident.

Councilmember Smith: I think that's great.

Brad Ellsworth: A U.S. citizen. We require that they have either 60 hours of college credit. What we want to do, and I've changed this since taking office, is make sure that they've been doing something. Either four years of military, that they've got 60 college credit hours, or that they've got full time employment for at least two years. I don't want them to come out of high school and going surfing for two years. Just show that they've done something out of high school. If they don't have college, then they better have been doing something substantial either in the U.S. Military or with full time employment somewhere and they're looking to better themselves or have always wanted to go into law enforcement. I think that's the only requirements.

Councilmember Smith: The statement you said they have to become a Vanderburgh County resident, that's the part I think should be.

Brad Ellsworth: I agree with that, and I enforce that for all new people. I do have some that live out of county, but what the policy says is if they're already there we will grandfather them out of county, but if they move then they have to move back to Vanderburgh County. We've mandated that and we've enforced that.

Councilmember Sutton: I really wouldn't have a problem with all County employees living within the County, to tell you the truth. I would like to see that.

Brad Ellsworth: That's all of our full time employees, not just deputies but all full time employees are required. Like I said, if they lived out, and we have very few probably three or four in the whole department, if they lived out before this policy went into effect, we don't make them move back in, but if they do move then...Like I said we may have four on the entire department that don't. Three or four.

Councilmember Sutton: Sheriff, you gave us the minimum age requirement but what's the maximum age requirement? I'm probably over the hill by now.

Brad Ellsworth: You can come out with us. I've seen you run. Not that that's the most important thing, but we don't have a maximum age.

President Wortman: Okay, anyone else got any questions on page 23, the Overtime?

Brad Ellsworth: Let me say something about those jobs. I made a pledge a couple of years ago, and I know these grants are a problem. I know they go for one year and three year durations. I pledge to you and I remember that we talked about that I would never, and I haven't done it yet and I won't plan to for either two or six years, ever apply for a grant on people unless I've got some kind of up front agreement from the city body that we won't run into this two or three years down the road. I won't do it. It's too big of a hassle for me, and it's too big of a hassle for you. I do want to say in regards to the growth in the county or what size...I know subdivisions are growing. I know our calls for service are growing. If we cut these five positions A) my two Court Screeners, my deputies are going to have to assume those jobs which means I can't protect the Judges as well as I am right now. That's one of my constitutional duties. I'm going to lose services there. If I cut my two Post Command Receptionists and have to staff that building with police officers which is going to have to happen, then that's less officers on the road to do calls, were slowing down response time, we are cutting into officer safety. We are basically by cutting...I know it's a hassle, but we are not fat enough in that department...like Marsha said, her people are covered up, my people are covered up. We are cutting services, and we are cutting public safety to the residents of Vanderburgh County. I'm going to put it on your shoulders

because I don't want them cut. If it gets cut, you all are hurting the services we are providing. I'm not trying to intimidate anybody or say...That is just going backwards and we're not in a position to go backwards right now. I know that we have 20 requests and I apologize, but these are not new, it's new to the budget but these are not new bodies I'm asking for out there that don't exist yet. These are people that I've been living with and came to rely on for over three years...for three years now. To go backwards, I just don't think it's time, and I don't think we can afford to do it. That's my pitch on that. They are extremely important positions.

President Wortman: Thank you. It's getting on 11:30 here and we have a whole bunch of things to do.

Brad Ellsworth: I'll quit editorializing.

President Wortman: The Overtime, that's within the...quite a bit more. If you keep them three people that will be cut down in half wouldn't it?

Brad Ellsworth: I don't know, that's hard to say. Every staff meeting we beat in their heads to cut down as much overtime as possible. We are going to the Kronos System, but I don't think that will affect overtime very much. The staff knows that we are doing things to keep overtime down that don't always keep the employees happy but it keeps those numbers down better than what it could be.

President Wortman: Okay. Page 24 anything there? Let's go to page 25.

Councilmember Raben: Real quick, Mr. President, while we're on those pages real briefly. I know next week this will come about and when some cuts are made just for a little explanation and clarification. For instance 2640, Narcotics. Brad, it states that right now there's currently enough money in there that they will probably be okay that we can cut that back to nothing. He had 2650, Canine. They need to purchase one dog. He said that \$5,000 was the figure, right Brad?

Brad Ellsworth: Real close to that.

Councilmember Raben: \$5,000 would cover that account so he is working with us. I've already talked to the Under Sheriff, Eric Williams on cutting back the overtime or what not. So some of the cuts that will be made next week, a lot of them have already been approved by the Sheriff's Department. The Narcotics, the Canine Dogs, Overtime, some of that. Knowingly with Overtime whatever we cut it back, they will probably be back, but they are quite aware of that and are comfortable with it.

Brad Ellsworth: There was on page 23, 1530-1050 Shift Differential was raised. Again, we are going to ask for the Post Command Receptionist that they be given shift differential also. It's given to the...I'm sorry, everybody on the Sheriff's Office, the deputies and civilian jailers, now the correction officers at the SAFE House, I'm sorry VCCC get it. I don't think there's any reason why the people that have a shift that ends after 6:00...In the Teamsters contract calls for anyone with a shift after 6:00 be afforded 2<sup>nd</sup> shift, shift differential. I don't think we should discriminate against people who are not union employees. All due respect to the Teamsters and Mr. Whobrey, but I don't see why we would treat a non-union employee any different than a Teamster employee. I would lobby you to consider those two. It's not a huge increase. We are talking about two or three people, but I would encourage you to consider that also.

President Wortman: Alright. Then let's go to page 25 on them vehicles. How are you fixed over there? Pretty good shape now?

Brad Ellsworth: We're in good shape. We talked about this last year. Where we run into trouble is when we get 15 cars one year. I'm going back in history here. We get 13 cars...You all are pretty healthy in the budget and we get 13. The next year we get two or



three. What we encourage and we talked about last year is getting a number pretty close. It doesn't have to be ten every year or whatever, but in that area. If we could do ten a year, we could replace...I've got some numbers on the cars of milage and stuff like that. We can keep that milage down. We've got a lot of cars with 170,000 miles so that's really too many for an emergency vehicle.

Councilmember Sutton: We really do need to turn that over on a regular basis.

Brad Ellsworth: Another thing we're doing, I think it was Mr. Winnecke, no Mr. Sutton about asking about the cars and that they've got to be frontline. You all know my stance on that. Even my administrator staff are driving marked take home cars that way, if they get wrecked which we've had some this year, I can take those and put them on the line if necessary. The only people driving an unmarked vehicle, I'm requiring, are the undercover agents and the detectives drive unmarked. Another thing we ran into, and they will be frontline, the thing we did one year and I think it was a mistake was they ordered all the detectives seven or eight detective cars in one year. What the smarter thing to do is filter those in seven or eight. If we take ten or eight marked cars and the two and filter those through so we don't have a big year where we are buying all unmarked Crown Vics. Actually, we are going to go to Taurus's, they are much cheaper. They are frontline uniform cars.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Sheriff, in that \$240,000, will there be any monies in there, are you going to add any more motorcycles in that figure?

Brad Ellsworth: No.

Councilmember Bassemier: That's all cars this time?

Brad Ellsworth: That's cars. The two motorcycles that we put on the street, and it's a marvelous program, it's working great, we purchased out of commissary. I won't do special vehicles out of that.

President Wortman: I witnessed a wreck out there on the expressway how the motorcycles weaved in and out and got the traffic moving. That was really something.

Brad Ellsworth: It's working fantastic. Better than I had imagined.

President Wortman: Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Brad, on line 3725 the Meth Lab Clean Up. Is there anything that can be done or can any of that money be used for prevention, education. We read about it and see it in the news it seems like every week. What can be done, if anything, from your perspective to stop them and not just cleaning them up?

Brad Ellsworth: I don't think anybody will argue that prevention and education is cheaper and the better way to go in fighting the war on drugs. The law enforcement will keep doing that aggressively, but certainly we are not winning. I won't say we are going to lose, but it's not a winning battle right now. There's a lot of things going on. I have two officers that are in the schools full time with a program called D.A.R.E. that do a wonderful job in the schools. That is one small cog in that big picture. It varies what you can do from time to time. What's effective in kindergarten may not be effective in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. My officers can't go into a high school class and have the same effect they do in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Just like those two uniform officers in 5<sup>th</sup> grade didn't have the same effect as Deputy Duck in kindergarten. It takes a comprehensive effort. We are going to lose some, and we've lost a pretty good size of a generation to this. We knew meth was coming. Southern Indiana has kind of been known as when I was working narcotics in '85 it was the crank capitol of the Tri-State. We had a hunger for meth here that people in Indianapolis didn't even know

about yet. It was just a matter of time before the labs realized they didn't have to drive to Arizona and take the chance of transporting it back and going out West. That's where most of the big crank labs were. They also realized that you didn't have to have the big Frankenstein lab going, the permanent thing. That was the old days you know. They finally realized we can use common ingredients available at K-mart, and we can do it in a cooler or we can do it in our bathroom or in the back of the 18 wheeler. They've become very mobile, very small labs. We knew it was going to be a problem. We may have just touched the iceberg. It's almost scary because it's becoming so common that the papers quit writing about it when we do a lab now. It's running rampant. Some of the things we're doing, I know that I've worked with the Commissioners on. We've applied to what they call a Federal Government Superfund that to this point is supposedly paying for our meth lab clean ups. Unfortunately, the vendor that we're using right now...the government sometimes is slow, and they haven't received a lot of their money. Even though we've applied for the funds, the vendor hasn't got a bunch of money yet. We don't know how long it's going to last, which labs they will accept and which one's they won't so we wanted to be pro-active and put some money in there. We are doing a lot of prevention and there's a lot of agencies out there do a lot of prevention. I wish I had all the answers to those questions.

President Wortman: Okay. Anything else for the Sheriff before we jump into the jail? Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I had ran some statistics on comparable counties in terms of how many officers divided by the...or divided the population by the number of officers, and we are certainly not ahead of anybody. We are pretty much right where we should be with the number of officers if you compare comparable counties. When I'd run this earlier, that was not so. By the way, Allen County, just for the record has over 300,000 people. If anybody wants to make a note of that. It's in the book.

President Wortman: Excuse me, we are going to change tapes.

#### **TAPE CHANGE**

President Wortman: Okay. Yes sir, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Jim, you didn't mention it, but I would assume that looking at line item 4250 and 4290 that we would look at trying to fund those this year.

Councilmember Raben: Hopefully.

Councilmember Sutton: Out of our budget rather than waiting.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, including the cars. Yes.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else.

Councilmember Raben: We may have to work him over on the quantity, but we'll see what we can do.

President Wortman: Okay, alright. Anything else?

#### **JAIL**

President Wortman: If not, let's turn to page 27 and get on the jail situation. And then if you'll recall I think the detention officers got an increase there with the union contract, is that right, Brad?

Brad Ellsworth: That's correct, yeah.

President Wortman: You'll notice the difference there that was negotiated.

Brad Ellsworth: We're pretty glad both of those contracts are now signed and in the can so we don't have to worry about that for a while.

President Wortman: Alrighty, then we'll go to page 28. No questions there. We go to page 29. Any questions there? We've got three...we've got a medical technician there, two of them.

Brad Ellsworth: Again, the same situation. On one of those that was one of the five positions replaced. We had a uniformed officer as the medical liaison up in our medical office. Although they were dedicated to the department they didn't have a lot of medical education and really probably didn't want to be there. That was one of those that, you know, they did because they were loyal to the department but didn't want to go. What we did when the governor gave us the \$500,000 to replace ...take that officer out and put him on the streets and replace that with an emergency medical technician who, like I said, was interested in medicine and health care as opposed to law enforcement. If you'll remember last year I asked for an extra EMT for third shift. I thought we could we cut funds and provide better service. That would be the second one and I am making that appeal again. We need both because we are certainly understaffed in the medical up there and that's a huge problem. Like I said, we've got 300 residents that we would rather not have and they would rather not be there, but we are their 24 hour a day babysitters when they are up there and we can't afford to have one get sick and die on us up there. So that's what having the medical people up there prevents, hopefully, and we'll keep our fingers crossed. Also what it does and I think it was in the justification is third shift is probably one of our busiest shifts of people coming. They've been in car wrecks. A lot of times they've been drinking and a lot of times that is when the fights go on and the injuries. When a person comes into jail if they are obviously injured we can refuse them and let's be honest, EPD, the Evansville Police Department, brings in most of the inmates into the Vanderburgh County Jail. If they are obviously injured the Vanderburgh County Jail won't accept them until they have gone to the hospital and been checked out because once we accept them the bills are possibly ours. Now we are doing some things with the preexisting condition form, but if we've got a trained person, you know, what the jailers do when they are working if they go down and they are going to make a mistake it's going to be the conservative way, so they're saying, ooh, he might be a little hurt or I don't know if this is a...if he is drunk or going into a coma because of diabetes they'll send them to a hospital. Sometimes that is not necessary, but an EMT could make that determination a lot better than a correction or a detention officer and that's why obviously these positions are critical to us. The one that we've got in place already, obviously...and like I said last year we asked you for the...there was a lot of support on the Council for the extra one which really isn't extra, but like I said we would again lobby for both of those, but certainly don't want to lose the one that is in place and working.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Let me just make sure I am clear on this. So you're asking for two EMTs, but one is on the night shift and the other is on the day, is that correct?

Brad Ellsworth: Well, we don't even get...we would love to get 24 hour coverage. It can't happen with the numbers we've got and we know the Council can't afford to give us because it would take probably 15. We have five people in medical right now. Actually, we've got four. We've got a doctor on contract. We've got two nurses and two EMTs. An EMT and a paramedic. So we can't provide 24 hour coverage. We cover a lot of first and second right now. What we would do is with that extra EMT is put them on third shift. It wouldn't be every night, but you would certainly get four nights out of the week. Or four or five nights out of the week coverage on third shift. We make the current staff basically rotate between first and seconds.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

Brad Ellsworth: There is a lot that goes on in that medical in the jail that a lot of the administration. I mean, it's run like a small hospital basically. It's a very important part of the operation.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, on these two EMTs you have if we fund that and the EMT becomes a paramedic would you request that EMT that just went to school and become a paramedic would you request for him to make paramedic pay in the future? Even though you allow for two EMTs now he's...you understand? If one of them wants to be a paramedic but we only fund a EMT would you come back to us and ask to make this \$3,000 increase because he is a paramedic now?

Brad Ellsworth: Not...we wouldn't do that.

Councilmember Bassemier: Oh, I was just...there is that possibility because I see the paramedic is making about \$3,000 more.

Brad Ellsworth: I'll warn that person not to get his paramedic license until I come and talk to you and see if that is something that--

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, he would probably want to get it anyway.

Brad Ellsworth: Right. It wouldn't be definitely automatic. I would definitely inform him of that.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Brad Ellsworth: Or her whichever. Again, page 29 1530-1051 same argument I had for the Post Command Receptionist, the two medical people that are on second shift are the only two people working in the jail that aren't on shift differential and I would ask that they be treated like the other detention officers and receive shift differential because they work until 11:00 at night and our union contracts call for that even though these two people aren't union they may be soon. But I would ask that they--

Councilmember Smith: Is that the \$4,800 down there?

Brad Ellsworth: I'm sorry, Betty?

Councilmember Smith: Forty-eight hundred dollars, is that the one you're talking about?

Brad Ellsworth: No, this is 1530-1051 Shift Differential going from \$25,639 up to \$27,000.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else? Okay. So nothing on page 30 then?

Councilmember Raben: An item on page 30 on 1850 we do need to add in \$10,000.

President Wortman: Add in \$10,000, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: That was an oversight.

Councilmember Smith: This one that I was asking about, Brad, is 1051 Detention Training Officer you've got \$4,800. Is that a mistake?

Brad Ellsworth: No, we are asking for that and I don't have it on mine, but what we are asking for is an increase similar to what the field training officers have on road patrol. We would like to increase and improve the job up in the jail and make training officers, three training officers for their shifts. We're going to obviously increase the training in the jail and in Community Corrections and that would be similar to the pay incentive that our FTOs receive and I think it's \$1,200. One hundred dollars a month (inaudible) the training officer to the rest of that crew of the shift.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else on page 30?

Councilmember Smith: On page 30 what is this uniform? This year you're asking for \$2,500 for next year and this year you got \$10,000. How come the cut there?

Brad Ellsworth: I'm really excited about that and I'm glad you asked. We were able to negotiate with the union. Prior to this new contract we provided all uniforms for the detention officers. What we ran into there was obviously buying two or three sets from the beginning, but what we ran into was some people wore their uniforms out a lot faster than others. Some people gained weight and they would come down and ask us for new uniforms. If they lost weight they came down. So where theoretically one person might get two new uniforms a year the next person might get six depending on their fluctuation of weight or what they did. We also ran into the fact where people would come down and say I've worn my shoes out and I would like a new pair of shoes and I would say how do you know? They look pretty good and you've got the Sheriff and the Chief looking at them and they say well look at the inside. You know, I love those guys to death and I don't want to feel and reach in their shoes and check the inside, so what we negotiated in the contract was we would provide their first set and then they went to a clothing allowance similar to the deputies so that they have to pay theirs. They had a cleaning allowance of \$750. We upped that to \$1,000 clothing allowance and now they are responsible. We'll buy the first set then they're responsible for the upkeep of their uniform from then on. I think it's going to be a much better deal for the county.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else for the Sheriff and the jail?

### ***SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING***

President Wortman: If not, let's go to Jail Misdemeanor Housing. We're pushed for time and—

Brad Ellsworth: Am I talking too much?

President Wortman: Yeah, we're going to have to continue on because I think the Circuit and Superior Court have to be in session at 1:30, so we might have to run on through here a little late, so I just thought I would inform everybody so everybody be aware that we've got to keep going. Turn to page 174. Sheriff Misdemeanor Housing, anybody got any questions there? No questions, let's turn the page.

### ***COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS***

President Wortman: Community Corrections, 97. Anybody got any questions in the salary accounts? Page 97.

Councilmember Sutton: Whoa...yeah, 97?

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: I didn't catch line 1130-1361, is that a step increase there? It goes from 20 up to 30 some odd thousand on that employee.

Brad Ellsworth: What page is that?

Councilmember Sutton: I'm on page 97.

President Wortman: Administrative Assistant. That jumped up about \$10,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Nice step.

Councilmember Smith: Would one step be \$10,000?

Eric Williams: (Inaudible) was previously funded out of another fund.

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible, mike not on.)

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, okay.

President Wortman: Is that understandable, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Part of that...Sandie was indicating that part of it used to be paid out of the Z account, so that's why it shows such—

Eric Williams: Now it's under one account.

Brad Ellsworth: Is that clear to you on that side? Paying everybody out of one account. The only thing that I had highlighted on that was, again, the uniforms we did the same thing, Betty. We renegotiated the contract and got a clothing allowance as opposed to replacement. We also went to a much more costly uniform at both the jail and correction complex, about a third of the price of what we were putting them in so that is the reason we can cut that so much. The Medical Educator at 1630-1361 it shows as a new...we had thought that when we redid the table of organization at the complex we had put that in there and I had thought that was funded this year also, but we are asking for, again, with 205 inmates out there that a medical person onboard will only be there for medical problems and consultation, but also we are going to look at that person. The reason we titled it Medical Educator was we're going to ask that person to put on programs in-house for the participants to hopefully teach them better healthcare skills when they get back out on the streets and go back to their families or are taking care of themselves that they have better healthcare skills, so we're looking at that as kind of a dual duty person.

Councilmember Raben: Brad—

Brad Ellsworth: And to make referrals to public agencies.

President Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Did you not tell me this person is an existing employee right now?

Brad Ellsworth: No. No, this person is not. We thought this was approved when we did the takeover. Takeover...the table of organization and refigured that and we thought that was approved, but apparently it was not. We didn't see it put in the mid year. We didn't see any 2000 money funded and that's why we put it in like that.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President. Are you finished?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I'm finished.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question about 1550-1361, the cook. I was under the impression you're having your meals catered so what is the role of that person now? I think you explained this before, but if you did I have forgotten.

Brad Ellsworth: Well, I knew you would ask that. When we contracted...when we went out and looked for other ways to serve food we talked to Aramark, the same provider for the jail meals. They shot us back a price to completely take over the operation at \$1.18 per meal. I was encouraged by the county to have them refigure that be leaving the two full-time cooks in the budget as county employees and when I did that Aramark dropped their price to \$1.12 per meal, so we actually basically kept two cooks that were employed there before. They are still supervised by Aramark. They're county employees, so we got a cut in the price per meal but they're still ours.

Councilmember Hoy: Is that factored out in our—

Brad Ellsworth: I haven't done the math, Mr. Hoy. It's not the best scenario on supervision, but I have not seen...I haven't factored out if that is a cost savings for us. I'm not sure. Jim, if I can go back to yours for one second. There is money in there for the Medical Educator. We have not filled it yet because we're looking for the right person.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so this is not a new employee?

Brad Ellsworth: Right, it is not new. It just has not been filled yet. It was funded mid year when we came before the Council.

President Wortman: Okay, Brad, on the overtime why would you use overtime out there when everything is pretty well self contained?

Brad Ellsworth: At the correction complex?

President Wortman: Yes.

Brad Ellsworth: I believe that is going to be a union...in the contract they can actually pick and I'll go to Eric. They can pick if they want to be paid overtime or if they want to use comp time.

Eric Williams: There shouldn't be a great deal of it, but things do happen out there where you force an employee to stay over if you have a situation occur that you generate overtime like you would any other time. Because of the union contract they are allowed to choose between comp time which most other county officeholders use or they can choose money, overtime. The majority of them choose the overtime money, that's why it's not a great amount, but there is money in there when those do choose it and we do have those situations. We also have situations come up where your case manager is dealing with a client and they spend 30 extra minutes. Well, they're going to put in for that 30 extra minutes and the contract requires us to compensate them. That's why the money is there.

President Wortman: Alright, anything else? Let's go page 100 then.

Councilmember Smith: Question.

President Wortman: Yes, ma'am.

Councilmember Smith: Brad, how come the rent increased \$11,000?

Brad Ellsworth: That was...the contract was renegotiated between the Commissioners and the Harts and there was an increase on that.

Councilmember Smith: Did they fix the roof or did we have to fix it?

Brad Ellsworth: We fixed the roof.

Councilmember Smith: I mean it seems like that's kind of bad to increase that much rent and yet not do any repairs.

Brad Ellsworth: As far as I am aware every repair we've done up there. We've put up a new fire escape. We're fixing the old fire escape. We put a brand new one up. We fixed the roof. We fixed the air conditioners. To my knowledge no repairs have been done by the landlord, we've done it all. The county has done it all and/or user fees have done it all.

Councilmember Bassemier: Brad.

Brad Ellsworth: Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: Has that contract already been signed?

Brad Ellsworth: Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: I mean, we have to come up with that?

Brad Ellsworth: Yes, and it's for a year. They did short-term with PMSI and the consultant in and not knowing what that is going to say and I know the Community Corrections Advisory Board has written a letter to probably the Council and Commission saying please don't keep that building in the long-term plans. If we're going to keep doing community corrections that shouldn't be in the long-term plans and so I think the Commission signed a one year lease. I'm not sure which month that will expire. It has been in for a few months.

Councilmember Raben: Is that subject to approval by us?

Brad Ellsworth: You'll have to ask the Commission that, I'm not sure.

Councilmember Raben: The important thing to remember on that rent, and I'm not taking up for the owner of the property nor do I think it's an ideal building to be in for corrections, but at \$24,000 a year they're not going to make a lot of repairs to a facility that large. I mean, you look at the square footage it's probably still a hell of a bargain at \$37,000 if they don't make repairs.

Brad Ellsworth: And I think that was what they were saying. If you knock out a hole in the roof or something that the rent is so low that they were not going to put a bunch of money in that building to continue to house corrections. It wouldn't be worth it to the landlord.

Councilmember Hoy: This is comparing apples to oranges, but the debt service on the veterans building which is a new building, I think it's \$28,000 a month. I just wish I had an investment in that firm.

Councilmember Smith: We're paying over \$44,000 still out in Darmstadt, so I guess \$37,000 for this big of building. It just seems like quite a bit of an increase all at once.

Brad Ellsworth: I think it only went from \$2,500 a month to \$3,000 if I remember.

Councilmember Raben: What is the actual square footage? Does anybody have it?

Brad Ellsworth: If you want to talk about used and actual, I don't know what actual is but there is...it's not an efficiently used building. There is a whole top floor attic area that is probably 10,000 square feet that is completely empty. There is a lot of unused space out there. It's a nightmare to manage with different floors and different levels and different hallways, but that is what you're given and that's what you work with.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I have been looking at the PMSI preliminary report and we're going to...if we follow what that report says we're going to be looking at another building. You can just about count on that. I mean, we're just doing a holding action right now until that, but that is in the preliminary report and I've got a copy if anybody wants to see it. It's not privileged communication. There are a lot of problems and he is right, there is a lot...I've been in that building several times. There is a lot of space, it's just there.

President Wortman: Brad, next on page 101 you've got motor vehicles down here. Didn't they have some vehicles left over when you took over?

Brad Ellsworth: Yeah, when Jobs Program, Inc. went out of business they actually gave us several vehicles. I think we got three vans, a Caprice and two Taurus, I believe. We gave them back to sell their bulldozer and truck and some other stuff that we didn't feel we needed. What we're trying to do here and by going to the case manager system we have what we called verification officers and counselors and caseworkers. What we're going to do is recreated and took all those positions and combined them into what we call a case



manager. That person is going to be the counselor, be the driving force of a person that goes to community corrections, but they'll also be responsible to go out and check and do home visits and do work visits on the clients that are given to their caseload. So if I've got Johnny Jones I may have to go up and drive...leave the complex and go make sure that Johnny is on the roof doing this here or go to Burger King and see that, you know, Jenny Jones...oh, that's a real name. Janie Jones is really working somewhere. So those vehicles...we've got a couple. The two white Taurus we have in pretty good shape. The vans so so. I've got some plans on how we can do some...put some of that cost back on the participants, but it is going to take a blessing by the Community Corrections Advisory Board so I'm not ready to do that yet. But these are for vehicles. They would be small compacts that those case managers could drive out to these scenes and do their home checks.

President Wortman: How many?

Brad Ellsworth: I think two is what we were looking for.

President Wortman: Two at \$30,000 a piece?

Brad Ellsworth: And a van. We're looking at a van, too.

President Wortman: Three then.

Brad Ellsworth: Like I said, I've got a plan in the works, but I have to get Community Correction Advisory Board permission first so I'll go to them first before I get our hopes up into the air.

President Wortman: Anybody got any other questions?

#### ***SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER***

President Wortman: If not we'll go to Misdemeanor Offender, page 173. Got any questions there? As a matter of fact it's down, so we don't have any questions probably. Okay, anything else for the Sheriff. If not, I think you can be excused, you and your crew.

Brad Ellsworth: Thank you very much.

President Wortman: Thank you, Brad, appreciate it.

#### ***DRUG AND ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE***

President Wortman: Let's go right quick to Drug and Alcohol Deferral Service and then right after that we'll line up the Superior Court.

Bill Campbell: Good morning, Bill Campbell, Director of Drug and Alcohol Deferral. You have the budget before you. It's essentially the same budget that's been for a number of years.

President Wortman: Okay, got any questions for Mr. Campbell here? He's increased a little bit, but not too bad.

Bill Campbell: I appreciate that, Mr. President.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody got any questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah.

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Sutton: Line item 3370, \$500 request on the computer doesn't seem like very much. What do you do with \$500?

Bill Campbell: Very little. I think that will cover our needs at this point. We've not...yeah, we just have data management. It's a very modest amount of work.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Campbell, we're behind on time, but I think it would be helpful if you would explain the difference between what your program does and what the program over on John Street does in terms of alcohol programs.

Bill Campbell: Circuit Court?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Bill Campbell: For 25 years I've been the director. Twenty-six years ago we started this program and it has been emulated throughout the nation, basically. For 26 years...25 years I have been the director and we have handled most of the first offender drug and alcohol...misdemeanor offenses of drunk driving, public intoxication. We also pick up violation control substance felony issues and we most recently started an Esteem Program for prostitution basically which is a crack cocaine driven kind of offense. Incidentally, I turned down this past Tuesday an appearance on Maury Povich. They called and they read that in the Indianapolis newspaper about the Esteem Program and they asked that we be there and I turned that...basically what they wanted to do was scare some young girls who wanted to be prostitutes and I said we wouldn't do that. I'm not really a spokesperson for what all they do on John Street, but we do about 1,000 people a year with a wide variety of backgrounds. Assessment evaluation follow-up and always run a very high success rate.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any questions for Mr. Campbell on page 110?

Councilmember Hoy: I want to go on record as commending you sir. I said it with my mike off that you didn't go on one of those crummy TV shows.

Bill Campbell: Pardon?

Councilmember Hoy: I'm glad you didn't go on the crummy TV show.

Bill Campbell: Well, I couldn't imagine what I would be doing. They were wanting to sensationalize. They had some teenage girls that wanted to be prostitutes. No, that wasn't appropriate.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Campbell, I thank you for your time and effort.

Bill Campbell: Well, thank you.

### ***SUPERIOR COURT***

President Wortman: Okay, next is Superior Court and that is page 102. Judge Dietsch.

Terry Dietsch: Terry Dietsch, Senior Judge, Vanderburgh Superior Court. I have with me this morning Judge Pigman, Ms. Norbury and Mr. VanStone from the new Public Defender Committee. I want to thank Mr. Raben. He met with us twice to go over the full aspects of the budget and we went over it rather thoroughly. On our salary accounts they are based on four percent. I don't know if that is what you're going to give plus we have seven step increases. I would like to point out however an inaccuracy that appeared in the paper. We are not asking for a new employee. I can see how it might have looked that way when you look at the budget, but the truth of the matter is the employee in question was granted to us by this Council on March 1<sup>st</sup> of this year.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you.

Terry Dietsch: I think Mr. Raben will agree in all other respects we have a bare bones budget. We reduced a couple of things hoping we could get by with the reduced figure. However, on things like equipment repair and copy machine lease we cannot afford a reduction in those items because we know as we stand here today that's what it is going to cost. If you have any questions about any other items I would be happy to answer them.

President Wortman: Okay, Councilmembers?

Terry Dietsch: We made a valiant effort and went over it with Mr. Raben and we have reduced these accounts to their essentials. I mean, this is what we need.

President Wortman: You have been very cooperative through the years and you've been up here a few years.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I might just for the benefit of all of us go over just a few things on what will happen next week on both of these budgets, okay. On both Superior and Circuit. In an effort to establish the Public Defenders new office several accounts and line items from those two budgets will be zeroed out next week.

Terry Dietsch: May I go through those?

Councilmember Raben: Sure.

Terry Dietsch: All the Public Defender salary accounts can be zeroed out. The applicable PERF, FICA and insurance can be zeroed out. The secretarial expense can be zeroed out. The special report transcript and appeals can be zeroed out. Those particular items amount to \$428,205. In account number—

Councilmember Smith: We can't zero them out right now. That hasn't been set up yet.

Terry Dietsch: No, no, but he asked what was going to happen.

Councilmember Raben: We'll make those motions next week. Yes we will, we will zero those out.

Terry Dietsch: Yeah, right. If the new Public Defender budget isn't established we have to have these things. Yeah, initially what I was concerned about was someone was under the impression that we could transfer from one budget to another budget which obviously we cannot do. So I am under the impression that we have a budget that has been presented by the Public Defenders Office in bare bones form so once this is zeroed out it can simply be placed in the Public Defender budget. I hope that is your understanding.

President Wortman: Exactly. That's the way it is going to be.

Terry Dietsch: Now, in line item 1370-1803, which is a \$25,000 item we can zero that out but with the exception of \$5,400 which we are going to need.

Councilmember Sutton: One more time on that.

Terry Dietsch: 1370-1803, that's one of our pauper expense accounts. It's in for \$25,000. We need to keep \$5,400 of that. If my math is—

Councilmember Raben: You've got that backwards. I ran into this the other night actually.

Councilmember Sutton: It's 1803-1370.

Councilmember Raben: There is really not an account with that number.

Rosemary Norbury: Yes, there is.

Councilmember Sutton: He just said the numbers in reverse, 1803-1370.

Terry Dietsch: Yeah, I'm sorry. Yeah, I reversed them. That's \$25,000. Instead of giving the whole \$25,000 we need \$5,400 of that so that means we give them what, \$19,600? Okay. In the Pauper Investigator Account 3943-1370 \$40,000. That's fine. However, on our Training Account 3310-1370 which has \$5,000 in it we are going to \$3,000 and the other \$2,000 can be given to the Public Defender account. The reason we're keeping the \$3,000 is because that pertains to probation officers and not public defenders.

President Wortman: Okay, everybody understand that?

Terry Dietsch: And our math coincides, does it not, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Did we not actually hit on printing and—

Terry Dietsch: No, no. We have to have printing.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, did you not take \$2,000 of that as well.

Terry Dietsch: The accounts that I enumerated are the ones that we can repeal and that amount, I think, is approximately either \$487,000 or \$489,000.

#### **TAPE CHANGE**

Councilmember Bassemier: The one before Training, he said he needed \$5,000. What was the one before that?

Terry Dietsch: 1803-1370, the amount is \$25,000 and we need to keep \$5,400 of that.

Inaudible.

Terry Dietsch: The next one after that? 3310-1370, that's Training and we need to keep \$3,000 of that. Even when you deduct those figures, you still come up with 487 or 489.

Councilmember Smith: How come you don't ask for meals for the juries anymore? You don't have anything in there?

Rosemary Norbury: You're looking at the old number. They've upped it and —

Councilmember Hoy: On page 107.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, at the bottom of 106 is what I was looking at.

Terry Dietsch: Yeah, I think it's zero, Betty, because the number has changed.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

President Wortman: Everybody understands what's going on? Okay, fine. Got any more questions for Judge Dietsch?

Councilmember Smith: Not really. All these changes, I don't know until we get the new budgets.

President Wortman: If there was any questions, just call Judge. They'll be glad to answer any questions.

***SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION***

Terry Dietsch: May we go to the Supplemental User Fee budget?

President Wortman: Yes, sir. Page 169.

Terry Dietsch: If I recall correctly, the chart (inaudible) would have to be appropriated from the General Fund all of these millions of dollars and included in that was the \$61,000 figure listed here. That is not county General Fund money. That is our money that stays with us each year so, see, you're already \$61,000 to the good if that will help.

Councilmember Hoy: Anything helps.

Terry Dietsch: And Mrs. Crouch can verify that, right, Mrs. Crouch? Otherwise we'd be in violation of the statute.

President Wortman: Okay, we got any other questions for Judge Dietsch? Okay, if not, thank you, Judge. Appreciate it. We'll go into Superior –

Councilmember Raben: I'd like to make one comment on the Judge and his office. They have been very helpful in working with not only myself but the Commissioners on establishing a Public Defender's Office and we're thankful of that. So thank you very much.

President Wortman: Yeah, they have been through the years when I've always dealt with them. They've always been real – and conservative. I kind of like that word.

Terry Dietsch: – your proposed budget now or is that going to be – if you need me to stick around, I will.

Jack Van Stone: (Inaudible – comments not made from microphone)

Councilmember Sutton: You might have an hour presentation, but we won't hear it.

Jack Van Stone: I don't want to give it if you don't want to hear it.

Councilmember Sutton: Oh, we want to hear it. We want to hear something, but not an hour.

Terry Dietsch: I think one additional point I would like to make is I don't know exactly what the dollar figure of their initial budget is going to be, okay. All I want to make certain is that you understand the amount of money that we are going to have zeroed out and the amount of money that we're going to keep. And then I have no problem with their budget whatever it might be.

President Wortman: Take it from one account and put it in yours.

Terry Dietsch: Pardon?

President Wortman: Your account is going to have money to operate on and the Public Defender.

Terry Dietsch: Yeah, it is. The only snafu that could occur, Curt, is if there is some technical reason the Public Defender's budget was not appropriately or timely filed and the budget for the Public Defender's office could not be passed, then these amounts of money would have to remain in our budget for 2001.

President Wortman: See, next week we'll set those in and then if there's any change, we'll finalize it in September, see. So we've got a little time if there is some unfortunate thing

happen. But you will be taken care of.

Terry Dietsch: Thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you. Appreciate it.

### ***CIRCUIT COURT***

President Wortman: Now let's go to Circuit Court. You've got the –

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

President Wortman: Yeah, let's take Circuit Court. Karen, would you step forward? Are you going to be – I guess you're taking the place of the judge?

Karen Angermeier: Judge Heldt was giving a talk at noon today, so I can try to help you with any questions you may have.

President Wortman: He's not going to be available, is that correct?

Karen Angermeier: Right. He had to leave at noon.

President Wortman: So we can cut all we want to now.

Karen Angermeier: I didn't say that!

President Wortman: Okay, let's turn to page 93. Any questions on 93?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, the same thing will happen on this budget. Any Public Defenders will come out and be zeroed.

Karen Angermeier: We already submitted those figures and have worked with Mr. Van Stone. I think that's in the neighborhood of \$418,000.

Councilmember Raben: Now Karen, there is a few accounts that the 3943 and 3944 –

Karen Angermeier: Those will all go away out of this budget. We will need zero.

Councilmember Raben: And there is one more big one, isn't there?

Karen Angermeier: On 1380 Pauper Compensation?

Councilmember Raben: Right.

Karen Angermeier: \$25,000, that will all go away.

President Wortman: That Public Defender on page 94, 1610-1360, will that be zeroed out, too?

Karen Angermeier: Yes, all Public Defenders will be zeroed out.

President Wortman: How about those two positions, the 1360 Bail & Bond Specialists, two of them there, \$26,000 and \$29,000? See they was in that and then taken out. Is this two additional employees, would you say that, Karen?

Karen Angermeier: What we've traditionally had over several years have been part-time interns who have done pre-sentence investigations. What we run into is they are operating more courts, we're having to do more pre-sentences and we can't get them on time with part-time interns working 20 hours a week, 30 hours a week, 35 hours a week, so with

these two full-time, we can get these turned out we can do about one a day. A full pre-sentence, you have to do background check, victim interview, everything. It has to go to the judge before sentencing. So this will accommodate us in getting them faster to the judges so they can get them sentenced sooner.

President Wortman: So you really need them, though?

Karen Angermeier: Yes.

President Wortman: You couldn't cut one out?

Karen Angermeier: No, I don't think so.

Councilmember Smith: That's the two that was – we were talking about earlier.

President Wortman: Yeah, that's what we was wondering, see, they was that and then you reclassified them, see.

Karen Angermeier: Right, I think those originally, those Bail Bond positions were based on the Jail study committee thinking that if they could O.R. more people they could alleviate some of the Jail overcrowding and it wasn't happening. Most of the people getting arrested weren't eligible for O.R. anyway.

President Wortman: Let me ask you this now, is it possible that the General Fund not fund these, can Circuit Court and that other fund, fund them?

Karen Angermeier: No, not with taking on all the new probation officers. No, we're running about at max.

Councilmember Smith: The reason that they could not O.R. people is because the judges took the authority away from them because before when the program first started they could interview this person and if they had a job and had a family here and a home, they could O.R. them without having to post a bond. Well, then the judges changed it. They did not want to give the bond interviewer that much power, basically. So they took that away from them, so all they did was interview them from a chart and then hand it to the judge. The judge was the only person who could O.R. them so it really wasn't clearing the Jail out. But it wasn't those people's fault, either. The judge wouldn't let them do it.

Karen Angermeier: I think all the judges get together and decide the bond schedule.

Councilmember Smith: When the program started it was great. And that's when, if you'll remember, Judge Miller and I joined the two positions and made them, instead of having four people down there, they just had the one at a time. So, that's how that whole thing started and now, they're back over here. But, so that is the two people we're talking about.

President Wortman: Okay. Alright, has anybody got any questions on that? If not, why we'll move on to the 94, and how about 95? Anything on 95?

Councilmember Raben: Karen, would you make the adjustments for them for what's being taken out for the Public Defenders as we go through here?

Karen Angermeier: Yes, we would zero out 1160-1360, 1170-1360 would be zero, 1180-1360 would be zero, 1190-1360 would be zero, 1200-1360 would be zero, 1290-1360 would be zero, 1610-1360 would be zero – I'm sorry, go back to 1380-1360 Pauper Compensation \$25,000, that would be zero. 3943-1360 Pauper Expense will be zero and also 3944-1360 Special Reporter will be zero.

Councilmember Sutton: Line item 4220, can you talk about that a little bit?

Karen Angermeier: What was that again?

Councilmember Sutton: Line item 4220, we've got a request for \$21,200.

Karen Angermeier: Right, we last year had asked for new recording equipment and I think we were given like \$3,000 in the budget for that. We looked at the current equipment we have. The problem we're having is repair parts are not available and the equipment is so old that sometimes when they are recording, you go back to transcribe it, there are places that are missing. And you know in any court hearing, that's not a good thing. So what we've looked at is, we've only expended \$200 out of that money for a FAX machine, because our FAX machine broke. We looked at this new equipment which will be available on CD, we would hopefully reduce the money we're spending on tapes right now. We only have 90 minute tapes to record on. One CD will hold eight hours of court proceedings. But this would be for two courtrooms and also a main computer in the Circuit Court.

Councilmember Winnecke: Is this similar to the equipment we bought for the Old Courthouse?

Karen Angermeier: Yes, it is.

Councilmember Sutton: We'd never get out of Council hearings if we got this new recording equipment.

Karen Angermeier: And what I can do is I can use the money I have left in my budget right now and I could reduce that to \$18,700 from the \$21,200 if you can do this.

Councilmember Sutton: Say that again, I'm sorry. One more time.

Karen Angermeier: The line item we're discussing. I can reduce that to \$18,700 if you approve the request then I can use part of our money this year to buy a piece so we have it.

Councilmember Raben: Karen, your total you said was like 418?

Karen Angermeier: Yeah, but you have to pay PERF –

Councilmember Raben: I have. I have adjusted that but I am coming up with \$387,755.

Karen Angermeier: I didn't bring my sheet with me, I –

Councilmember Raben: Well, you may check on that and then maybe I can get with you tomorrow on it.

Karen Angermeier: Okay.

President Wortman: Anybody got any questions for Circuit Court? Any more? Okay, let's turn to page 166 Supplemental Adult Probation.

### ***CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION***

President Wortman: Questions on page 167? No questions there? Go to 168.

Councilmember Sutton: Excuse me, back on 167 Special Stipends line item 1600-2600.

Karen Angermeier: That is for one of the Probation Officers to be an on-site supervisor. We had problems come up where some participants are not real happy with some situations and it's best to have one person handle those because oftentimes we have to call the police department to pick people up for warrants that do report to us.



President Wortman: Any other questions? I think that completes Circuit Court then. Thank you, Karen. If we have any questions we'll get back with you and the Judge.

Karen Angermeier: Thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you, appreciate your time.

### ***PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION***

President Wortman: We'd better go to the Public Defender Commission. Jack VanStone, please would you explain the situation?

Jack VanStone: I'm going to do the best I know how. What you have –

President Wortman: Put your name on there, please.

Jack VanStone: Jack VanStone, Chairman of the Vanderburgh County Public Defender Board. Do you have any kind of budget at all from us, itemized?

President Wortman: I don't think so.

Councilmember Winnecke: I thought we did.

Councilmember Smith: We've got on page 90, \$200,000 in the budget book.

President Wortman: Oh okay, we've got it then.

Councilmember Winnecke: Betty Lou handed this out yesterday.

Jack VanStone: Do you want me to talk about the program or the budget or what would you like to hear?

President Wortman: Well, we'd like to hear, I guess, about the budget mainly. The program is pretty well acknowledged, I think. Does any Councilmembers have any problem with the program, understanding it? But I think the budget is the biggest concern and the future of it.

Jack VanStone: Let me say that this whole budget situation is new to me as well as we're creating a new Public Defender system. We're taking the Public Defenders away from the judges and putting them into this system and Public Defenders have been kind of, in the past just growing like topsy, so it's a little bit here and a little bit there. And the last two weeks, every day I've found something different. And I was listening to Judge Dietsch and his figures and my figures are close. What I did that we adopted was a chart in which I took what it would be if we didn't do it and how much it would be if we went ahead and did it. These figures have changed, but it will give you an idea of in the Public Defender budget as it now is, if you take out the misdemeanor, juvenile and the FICA and the Insurance and all that goes with it, those items will not be reimbursed by the state. All of the rest of the budget will be and we tried to put this together in that perspective. I've leaned on Betty Lou and Sandie and Judge Dietsch in putting these figures together. The one that, the only figure that you have that I've had any complaints about and my fellow commissioners and Judge Heldt are the ones that called me about it is on page two, item 3300, I've got \$5,000 for Training and they all – originally it was \$10,000 and they all say it ought to be \$10,000. We did, from what was presented to the board the last time we met, we did make some adjustments in the Pauper Appeals and Pauper Appointments. Pauper Appeals depends on how many cases are appealed and traditionally the lawyers have been paid \$2,500 for an appeal. We're going to keep that. That figure will depend on how many appeals there are. Pauper Appointments, basically, most of that is for when there is a conflict of interest with the Public Defenders, but they have also been using it because some of the Public Defenders have squawked that their caseload was too high

and they've hired some and they've been using that. Hopefully, with this, we won't have that problem and so – and in addition, I found out that there are two accounts, the one in Superior Court is not very large but there is one in Circuit Court that raises money from bonds and as of July something, they had raised \$33,000 that doesn't go through the budget. So we have reduced those two amounts from what was presented to the board because there is money for it and we were trying not to go overboard. I've got too much to say. I'd rather have you ask me questions, so I want to know what you want to hear.

Councilmember Smith: You've got an item in here for rent, \$30,000. Will that be set up in this building?

Jack VanStone: Yes. Bettye Lou has identified that the Pigeon Township Trustee has moved out. We will not need that whole section, but she's done some figures and that's the figure that I got from her.

Councilmember Smith: I wonder why that's \$30,000 because they wanted \$57,000 from Mary Hart. That's the reason she moved out.

Jack VanStone: It's probably just for half of it. I mean, I took a look at it and I am sure half of that is going to be sufficient.

President Wortman: Half of it is, the way I understand it, from her and the other half is possibly going to be the Prosecutor. I am not sure. But see, the Trustee was there for years but they actually wasn't supposed to be, the way I understand it, see.

Councilmember Smith: Yes they was. They just hadn't increased their rent. They had, I guess, just slipped by them. But they haven't increased the rent for the abstractors up on the other floor. That still remains the same but they raised her rent for \$57,000 and she didn't have the money so she had to move. The Trustee's Office was in the Old Courthouse and we moved over here in March of '69. I worked in the Trustee's Office at that time.

President Wortman: The way I understand it, no Trustee when they come over here was supposed to stay here in the Civic Center. That's what I was under the –

Councilmember Smith: I don't know. We moved over here in March of 1969, but the question was on the rent deal and that's the reason Mary moved. But the abstractors upstairs, they haven't ever increased their rent. So that's not right. That's a private company.

President Wortman: Okay, well anyway, they was supposed to take half of it the way I understand.

Councilmember Winnecke: As I understand, Jack, currently we're spending between the Circuit and Superior, we're spending \$862,297. That's essentially been taken out of Circuit and Superior Court for use for this, there's \$200,000 in the budget now to get us to \$1,062,000. The budget that you've determined that we need is \$1,371,000 so we need an additional \$308,000 to get us to \$1,371,000. Is that correct?

Jack VanStone: That's what page one says here and that would be correct, but I was listening to what the judges were saying. Their figures were similar to mine but not exactly the same. I mean, Judge Dietsch said that his was \$487,000 I wrote down, so that \$480 is incorrect. And the same thing with Circuit and what they were – what I am secure about is the next two pages.

Councilmember Winnecke: And that is \$1,371,000 – and based on the numbers that you have prior to today, I mean, just, if you look at \$715,091, that will be our total net expense after reimbursements, etc., at a cost savings of \$147,206...versus what we would have spent if the Public Defenders were under the two courts?

Jack VanStone: According to these figures, it's \$31,000 difference. The amount that will be reimbursed, if we go by the guidelines and we get 40% of all those items that are reimbursable, then the difference between after you subtract that amount, the difference between what is now and that figure is about \$31,000. On the original figures that I had, it was less than that –

Councilmember Winnecke: I guess I am not following page one here. Page one, the last line, actual cost for services, the last number is \$715,091. Wouldn't that be our net expense after reimbursements and everything? So wouldn't you take that number and subtract it from what would be theoretically repealed, wouldn't that be the cost savings?

Jack VanStone: I didn't do this chart.

Councilmember Raben: The savings would be greater than that because there is kind of a lot of one time capital in this budget, too.

Councilmember Winnecke: Right.

Councilmember Raben: But next years' savings ought to be greater.

Councilmember Hoy: And plus we're going to be doing what our constitution says we ought to do by doing this and doing the right thing. It's a real plus. I do want to report that there is water in the building again so you don't have to go to the courts building, let the minutes show. But getting back to something more serious and this is just a plus, it's also a voluntary program because the question, I've followed this. I've been sitting in on the meetings and so on and it's a voluntary program and the question was asked, well, what if the state pulls out of it? Then it's voluntary. You know, if the state just changes it's mind, we would not be – we'd have to go back to the old system or something but we're not going to be – the 40% reimbursement. But on the other hand, we've been on the verge of violating the law. I think we almost had a lawsuit over someone carrying – lost some money in a lawsuit over somebody carrying too many cases anyhow. They can only carry so many under the law. Is that not right, Mr. VanStone?

Jack VanStone: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: But beyond that, we're looking at the right thing to do.

Councilmember Raben: And part of that is to meet the criteria for the 40%, there are more public defenders here so, I mean, we are getting a lot more bang for our buck.

Jack VanStone: Yes, and the big bang here, and it's savings occurs because we have a full staff. They are fully supported. Without full support, then their caseload is 60 cases a year, half time. And with the full support, they can do 75 and I said when I first looked at this thing, this needs to be managed. Part of the problem that we've had putting it all together is it's not managed and that's nobody's fault, it's just because that's the way it came up. And the management of this thing is really needed and that will provide us with the kind of representation that needs to be done.

Councilmember Sutton: I did have a question and I guess this is something that has been posed to me and I've given some thought on it and that is, when I look at the breakdown on the salaries for the public defenders, the Chief Public Defender, he won't do too bad or she won't do too bad, pretty healthy salary there. But when you are below that particular salary item, the salary levels are anywhere from \$23,000 up to \$33,000 and I guess my question would be, when you look at salaries in that range, clearly they are below what the Prosecutor has on his side for his deputies, my question is what type of person will we attract at that salary range recognizing that does seem rather low. I guess my impressions are that you're going to attract individuals who are just out of law school or individuals who maybe have struggled in private practice so now they are taking this position. That would be the impression that I have. Now help to explain to me what type of person you guys

have in mind in terms of filling these positions on a full-time basis, because they've been part-time before and we're looking for people who are going to be able to handle a full-time situation here.

Jack VanStone: Let me say first of all that the difference between 23 and 33, 23 is Misdemeanor and Juvenile.

Councilmember Smith: But they're still attorneys, Jack.

Jack VanStone: They're still attorneys, but the amount of time and effort, see, they don't have jury trials, they don't have to – a lot of those cases that they have are resolved the day they appear in Misdemeanor Court. And that is their current salary plus the four percent. That's what that figure is. And the same is true – and they're part-time, they're not full-time. The same is true of the felonies. We've made them all the same. There was a difference between Circuit and Superior, but the ones in Superior got extra for secretaries and so forth and we just cut all of that out. This is the salary, they're not getting anything extra and it is half-time, not full-time. And this is –

Councilmember Sutton: Which rate is half-time?

Jack VanStone: Everything except the Chief.

Councilmember Raben: They're all the (inaudible – microphone turned off)

Jack VanStone: The same salaries they were getting in the other budget including the four percent increase. So those figures are exactly the same as what we're taking out and we have interviewed them. We will be able to keep the excellent lawyers we now have. If we didn't do this caseload bit, we've already lost, I think, three or four who've resigned because the caseload was too great. We won't lose anymore and we're going to be adding some and we're not going to add people who are just fresh out of law school. No, we're going to add quality lawyers.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, if the intent is to improve the quality of representation, which I think this is what this is for, and to also help from a budgetary standpoint, I do hear complaints that the representation in some respects is not up to the quality level as many people would like for it to be. Now granted, when someone is providing representation for free, you know, you've got to take what you can get if you can't afford that. But still, I think that the quality issue still is a question and if the intent with the way we're setting this up, is that they're still going to continue to work as half-time, they're still –

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible – microphone turned off)

Councilmember Sutton: Well, that's not what he's saying here.

Councilmember Hoy: I'd like to comment on this. In addition to the money that you see here –

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

## TAPE CHANGE

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay. Here is part of the situation and I have been following it, in addition to the money that Mr. VanStone is talking about they're getting full benefits. You're looking at another 9,000 plus dollars that goes on top of this. When this was...I'm trying to be careful what I say, but as my late wife was fond of saying if I was in a 100 acre field and there was a little pile of manure in the center I would step in it. But when we first started into these hearings I went out in the hall and some of the current attorneys I don't

know why they are against it. They're going to make as much money and about three or four of them said to me I do this for the benefits anyway because the benefits are juicy. But you're looking at 33 plus another nine and a limited caseload and I think we can do well and I think there are lawyers in this county who do well...who will do well with this. As I said, I guess with some sarcasm at one of the hearings when it was said, well, can we get quality? Well, if we're not getting quality then we better look into the law school in this state and look at the bar examine and maybe raise it a little bit because these are the same folks charging me and everybody else \$125 to \$150 an hour and more, you know, for doing legal work. The same people. They like doing this piece of work. It's guaranteed income and guaranteed benefits. It's very attractive. That's what I was hearing, but I also heard some sarcasm on the other side. Well, I'll only do it for the benefits and I kind of hated to hear that to be honest with you.

Jack VanStone: Basically, to put things into perspective I can't give you accurate figures because they didn't have a management system, but from the best of my research the public defenders currently are handling about 120 cases a year. That's a full load for full-time. Some of them are down as low as 110 or 100, just above 100, but some of them are as high as 140 and I don't care how good a lawyer you are you just can't do that good of a job with that kind of caseload. No way. If...and you talk about a lot of them are going to plead guilty, but if you're working full-time and you try twelve jury trials a year that's one a month you're working hard. The 12 that you try each one of those require a lot of preparation. They don't have the time to go out and interview witnesses. They rely on their clients and their client's families to have the witnesses in. Let me say there may be one exception that I would personally vouch for the quality of every single one we now have as far as their ability is concerned. But as far as being able to handle that kind of caseload it's just not real. Just not real at all. I don't know how it got along this far. That's more cases than I would ever want to handle. I did a lot of criminal cases up until about 15 years ago and there were four lawyers in my office and two other lawyers took criminal cases and I didn't. I know a lot about criminal law, but I'm not up-to-date and I don't do it now.

President Wortman: I've heard that sometimes that the lawyer only went up when the case was coming to court. They never did prepare for it, just met him the first time in the old system.

Councilmember Sutton: Present system.

Councilmember Hoy: Present system.

President Wortman: Well, yeah. It's going to—

Jack VanStone: Well, we're looking at one portion of the system here and you were presented with another portion of the system earlier today from the Prosecutor's Office and you were presented part of the system from the judges. The Sheriff was here. If you're...if we get into that kind of discussion you really need to know that what the Sheriff does, and what the Prosecutor does, and what the court does affects the public defender. That's true of all of them and not all of the fault of what you're talking about is on the public defender, okay. Have I said enough? Said enough, okay. You know, we're starting a new thing and I'm really excited about it. I really do feel that you're going to have quality representation and that, you know, looking at it from a constitutional standpoint we don't want anybody who is innocent going to jail or going to prison. Today's society you read about all of the people who are on death row who were turned loose because of DNA that means they made a mistake. Now death row cases are examined a lot more closely than the ordinary cases. I don't say that's happening in Vanderburgh County, but nationwide that is happening and if there is that many innocent death row people we don't want any innocent people going to jail or going to prison. This is really...you can't guarantee it, but this is really going to make the odds of that happening very small.

Councilmember Smith: Jack has spent hours and hours putting this together and I think we

need to take our hat off to him and thank him for all your work.

Jack VanStone: I appreciate it.

Councilmember Smith: And he wasn't...I don't think he was on payroll. He just did it out of the kindness of his heart and not very many people do that so thank's Jack.

President Wortman: I've heard a lot of good comments about him, that he spent a lot of time, and I think that's very true.

Councilmember Hoy: I want to amen, and I know we're going over long here, but when I watched that last session I saw, Mr. VanStone, the kind of thing that we used to call statesmanship and it was good to see on your part. I really admire you and the commission for what you've done.

Jack VanStone: Well, what I've done somebody...one person needed to do it. You couldn't have a committee do it and I have kept my other two commissioners onboard and with the exception of that \$10,000 figure that we need to have for education they have all agreed with me. One of the things...the last thing that threw us a loop was the cost of health insurance. I had it way low as compared to what it really is.

President Wortman: Okay, do we got any other questions for Mr. VanStone?

Councilmember Raben: Let me just--

President Wortman: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: --get on one thing. Again, this is thinking in terms of what happens next week with our budget cuts, but this request in the book is \$300,000 short of what the actual is going to need to be so we're going to have to make up an additional \$300,000 in cuts somewhere.

President Wortman: Yeah, the total is \$508,700 something.

Councilmember Raben: Correct.

Councilmember Sutton: Since this is a new department what needs to be done other than just putting it in the book, what needs to be done to actually make it an official department?

Jack VanStone: What I presented here Sandie and Bettye Lou have put numbers on it so it will have its own number system.

President Wortman: Line items.

Jack VanStone: And next year we'll know some real numbers.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess I was wondering, is there something we need to do or something that needs to be done?

Sandie Deig: Once you approve it then the Auditor will assign the regular payroll numbers and everything and we'll put it in the salary ordinance and they're in business.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Wortman: They'll be able to keep track of everything and how it progresses, right Mr. VanStone?

Jack VanStone: We absolutely need to do that because we get 40 percent reimbursement on all but--

President Wortman: That's what I mean.

Jack VanStone: Yeah, right. We will be monitoring this monthly.

President Wortman: Got any questions, any additional questions?

Sandie Deig: Let me ask one.

President Wortman: Sandie.

Sandie Deig: Is Suzanne going to have the numbers (inaudible, mike not on).

President Wortman: Appreciate that, okay. Well, listen, anything else you've got to add?

Jack VanStone: You don't want to hear it.

President Wortman: Okay. Well, listen we appreciate your time and effort as all councilmembers hear that so we look forward to seeing you again.

Jack VanStone: Tell me, will I be back again in front of you?

President Wortman: Not necessarily. Not necessarily unless you want to come back.

Jack VanStone: This is a new routine.

President Wortman: Okay, just come on back.

(Several inaudible conversations.)

President Wortman: Yeah, just come on back and visit us. Yeah, just come on back.

Jack VanStone: Alright, I'd be glad to do that.

President Wortman: Yeah, we'd welcome you back.

Jack VanStone: If it would be helpful to the system and you all, I'd be glad.

President Wortman: We might have some questions.

Jack VanStone: Sure, I would be glad to.

President Wortman: Fine.

Jack VanStone: I didn't tell you ten percent of what I know.

President Wortman: That will be next Wednesday, Sandie, what time?

Sandie Deig: Well, it's later than usual.

President Wortman: Later than usual, yeah. Shooting for about 10:00 next Wednesday, the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Jack VanStone: Okay.

President Wortman: Yeah, come on back.

Sandie Deig: No, no. We'll meet in the afternoon next week.

President Wortman: Oh, in the afternoon. I'm sorry, it will be about 2:00. Yeah, we start

from 12:00 to 3:00 next week see.

Jack VanStone: Alright.

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

### ***BOND DEBT PAYMENT***

President Wortman: Okay, we'll move right on here to Bond Debt Payment, page 188.

Councilmember Sutton: Suzanne. Before you take off, Suzanne, I've got a question on the bond.

Suzanne Crouch: (Inaudible, mike not on.)

Councilmember Sutton: Oh, were you? I thought you were leaving.

President Wortman: And then while the Auditor is up there we'll go over her page 7, so she'll get the bond debt repayment right now, 188.

Suzanne Crouch: One eighty-eight. Suzanne Crouch, Auditor. Okay, I should know that. This is for the USI bond...or USI Union Township Overpass bond payment. The \$886,260.

Councilmember Sutton: What was the timetable on that?

Suzanne Crouch: That's what Mr. Raben just asked me. I'm thinking 2013, but I couldn't swear to that. Let me find out for you. I'll check.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess maybe trying to get an idea if we're going to be able to pay that off early or, you know, what we're looking like for a timetable on that.

Suzanne Crouch: I'll get that for you for tomorrow.

President Wortman: Okay, got any other questions?

### ***AUDITOR***

President Wortman: If not, let's turn to page 7, the Auditor, which that's her.

Suzanne Crouch: I do have some cuts to my budget. If you go to page 9, line item 3370 should be set in at \$22,100.

Councilmember Smith: Twenty-two thousand what?

Suzanne Crouch: One hundred. 3401 zero. 3550 zero. The only other, interesting that it came up today, comment that I would like to make is on the college reimbursement. If Council could look at perhaps doing something for the county employees. We have 26 employees. Five are college, you know, graduates. We have two employees that are currently taking college courses and I don't know it seems kind of...the average probably just kind of figuring it up roughly the average term of employment of those five employees is ten years, so they aren't employees that are getting degrees and moving on. If Council could look at that or think about it in the future that would be—

Councilmember Sutton: It's those type of things, Suzanne, this is what we were talking yesterday about the wage rate or what we pay our employees. Granted we were talking about part-time, but those type of things do help to retain really good employees and it makes them better employees once they complete, you know, certain requirements. Now many people are of the impression that people will get certain levels of education and then move on to other things. Some will, but some will stay and they'll help to improve the



county and whatever in wherever area they may be to make it become more efficient so it might be something we should take a look at though.

President Wortman: Yeah, I think that's what we've got to consider is education is fine, but we don't want to educate them to move on to the private sector, see, and lose them see, because we would be a training ground, you know.

Suzanne Crouch: But some people that don't have them also move on.

President Wortman: We do offer benefits and that is attractive, I think, to keep them. But the private sector does pay more at times too, see, so that's fine. But I think it's something for offices to think about, you know, pro and con. Okay, anybody else got anything for the County Auditor for today? We've run way over so everybody should of got everything hashed out I guess. So we'll see you tomorrow. We're going to recess the meeting until 9:00 in the morning. See all your smiling faces then.

**(Meeting recessed at 12:54 p.m.)**

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President Wortman: This is the final day of asking questions and listening and then after that we will recess to Tuesday at 12:00 at the, that will be August the 15<sup>th</sup>, I believe it is. We'll resume then, so will the secretary please call the roll then, please?

(Teri Lukeman called roll)

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

President Wortman: Would you all stand and say Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, please?

Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, I want to just make a, one comment. While many people are probably focused on maybe some of the headlines in the newspaper there is something very newsworthy on the front page of the newspaper today and it wasn't the Council story. The picture of my son on the front page of the newspaper, I just wanted to get that on the record for today, so, that was a newsworthy event for today.

President Wortman: Okay, that's fine, that's fine.

Councilmember Hoy: That's your (inaudible) congratulations.

Councilmember Sutton: He was at Burdette Park by the way.

COUNTY RECORDER

President Wortman: Yeah, okay. Okay we will get into the agenda right away. Page 13 the County Recorder and that would be Mrs. Betty Hermann.

Councilmember Smith: She hit the front page of the paper, too, from the National Convention. Congratulations.

Betty Hermann: Thank you.

President Wortman: Yeah, we have all kinds of celebrities, up here. Okay, state your name please.

Betty Hermann: Betty Hermann, County Recorder.

President Wortman: Thank you.

Betty Hermann: Okay, do you want us to go through each?

President Wortman: Yes. I think that we will start off in the 100 accounts, the salary accounts to see if there are any changes or comments there from Mrs. Hermann or the

Councilmembers.

Betty Hermann: Okay, I will just go through each one for you. What we budgeted for next year or do you want just a final total?

President Wortman: I would say let's go to the 100 accounts and we will go into the others, Mrs. Hermann, if that is okay.

Betty Hermann: Okay, the Recorder for next year, whoever he or she may be, I will be on the beach someplace, \$51,593; Chief Deputy, \$37,312; First Deputy Bookkeeper, \$27,904; Miscellaneous Deputy, \$22,157; Mortgage Deputy, \$22,157; Entry Bookkeeping Clerk \$22,130; Release Deputy, \$23,201; UCC Deputy, \$30,695; Deed Deputy, \$24,328; Entry Bookkeeping Clerk II, \$20,158; FICA, \$22,005; PERF, \$14,784; Insurance, \$97,359; Extra Help, \$6,000. The only thing, Council, that I am asking for any at all is a \$100 for Dues and Subscriptions and that's for the Recorders dues for some reason we run a little short in that every year as the percentage goes up with the salary. So, I would like to raise that from, up \$100.

President Wortman: Okay.

Betty Hermann: And we have a total of \$422,185.

President Wortman: You might remember that Mrs. Hermann, her office is almost self-supporting down there.

Betty Hermann: It is very self-supporting, so we don't have any of the others to go through. I, we have had another very large year this year, so that gives the Council more monies to spend. So, in saying that, I would like to speak out for the people in the Civic Center, my office said that I have received about 20 calls this morning. I do have a soft heart for the people working in the Civic Center and if at all possible, I would like to speak out for the 4% raise.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. I think that she is setting a good example and I think that all of the officeholders come up with self-supporting their department, it would be fine. So, okay the next on the agenda, is Voters Registration, page 71.

### ***VOTERS REGISTRATION***

President Wortman: State your name, please.

Susan Kirk: Susan Kirk, Voter Registration.

President Wortman: Okay.

Susan Kirk: Okay, mine is the same, pretty well as far as the raises go, of course I put the 4% in there and I encourage everybody to vote for that, it would be really nice. Down in 1190, Extra Help, the girls that worked Election Day were only making \$50 and at the polls the minimum they make is \$70, so I upped that to \$70 for girls working Election Day to conform with other people who get paid on Election Day. Line item 2600 and 2700 there is no increase, I just flip-flopped those back and forth. One was \$2,000 and one was \$3,000 and I just switched it. That's it.

President Wortman: Anybody got any questions for Susan Kirk, the Voters Registration representative? If not, thank you. I appreciate it.

Susan Kirk: Okay.

**AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

President Wortman: Let 's go to the Evansville Vanderburgh Airport, page 147.

Bob Working: Good morning, Councilmembers. I am Bob Working, I'm Airport Manager at Evansville Regional. I am pleased to be with you today. I assume that everyone did receive a copy of the budget. I do have our ordinance if you would like it.

Councilmember Raben: Your breakdown?

Bob Working: Yes. If it wasn't broken down, I will give you a copy of the ordinance, which has it.

President Wortman: Okay, alright.

Bob Working: Before we get started, I would like to take just a moment to introduce Gene Olsen. Gene is our new Assistant Airport Manager. He replaced Jeff Mulder, who was able to take over as Director at Appleton, Wisconsin and Gene comes to us from the INDOT, Indiana Department of Transportation. He was an aviation planner there and I am thrilled to have Gene with us and I know that he is going to do a good job.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith, did you want to?

Councilmember Smith: I was wondering why that the salaries and wages are all in one, why wouldn't they be individual?

Councilmember Raben: (inaudible, microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Smith: I know.

Bob Working: I am not sure how to answer your question.

Councilmember Smith: Well, all of the departments have a listing of each individual, not by name, but by number.

Bob Working: I think it is because we are a separate organization, being an Airport Authority, I am not sure.

Councilmember Smith: I just wondered.

Bob Working: It's always been reported in the format, so I always do try to provide a copy of our ordinance, which shows it individually. You know, I can't explain it past that.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

President Wortman: Okay, are there any more questions?

Councilmember Hoy: Just one, which I ask every, almost every year. I haven't seen anything in the newspaper, Bob, how's traffic?

Bob Working: Well, our traffic is not as good as this year as it was last year. Year to date we are about 2.75%. However, last year was an all time record breaking year for the airport and we boarded 268,000 plus passengers and approximately another 268,000 that came off. So, in that regard we are, you know, we are still well above what had been a record for many years was 1978. The reason for the downturn, I believe, in part, is fuel prices have gone up and consequently the airlines have instituted a fuel surcharge. I think that the discretionary traveler...

Councilmember Smith: There it is.

Bob Working: Is one that we may be losing some one.

Councilmember Smith: Here's what they are making 62.

Bob Working: And it has been very interesting in watching, especially the last week or so, the debate that is starting to ensue about the air traffic control system and the problems that it is..

Councilmember Smith: Right here.

Bob Working: That it is encountering and whether the problem in getting to Chicago is really the weather or the system not being the potential of weather going into Chicago and they are delaying flights because, actually because it would appear that a thunderstorm might appear. But, anyway...

Councilmember Hoy: You and I share similar feelings about what was done to the Air Traffic Controllers and consider that a mistake, for sure. Is this one, one other question just occurred to me. I think that you are doing an excellent job and I think that the airport is because I think that the public needs to know that you are impacted by decisions made elsewhere.

Bob Working: Sure.

Councilmember Hoy: What about the United situation? Is that going to impact us negatively or can you tell yet?

Bob Working: I don't believe that United will since they are not serving Evansville and it is most carriers that are here hubbed to themselves so we don't get much crossover, one from the other, but maybe it will help us, since some of the airports that have United will drive some people to us.

Councilmember Hoy: I am told that is why K.C. and the Sunshine Band aren't going to make it as they are canceling a lot of their tour because of United, but that has no connection?

Bob Working: It could be. Well, I do think that United's problem primarily is one about pilots and the lack of pilots. I do think that Congress will very seriously look at considering raising the age limit of 60 on airline pilots. I think that it certainly, as we see our longevity increase nationwide that certainly extending the careers of existing pilots that have a lot of tremendous experience would be one quick fix as they try to get, as they try to get the workforce built back up. What happened in that regard is that the airlines did a real good job of not paying airline pilots very much money for a while so consequently no one would go into the industry and now there is a shortage and the military is not providing the workforce like it used to. So, it will balance out over a period of time, I am sure.

President Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: That's all.

President Wortman: How about revenue versus...

Bob Working: Revenue versus expenses are still very good and I am glad that you brought that up, President Wortman. We are still anticipating being self-sufficient. We have an agreement with the airlines where they guarantee our operating expenses plus a 25% surplus if you would want to call that, or 90 days of operating expenses held in reserve and we establish our rates and charges based on that so we will not be on the tax rate to operate the Airport. I am please to report , I guess I will talk a little bit about it. The Airport does hope to have a foreign trade zone in operation the latter part of this year. There is no increases in the budget that are directed towards the operation of that foreign trade

zone. For two years, it is our understanding, that we can show that and have it within our budget to operate it from a Cumulative Building Fund. We anticipate and hope that we will be able to get a tenant to come in and operate the zone for us and that the cost of operating the zone will be born by the tenant at that point or we will work into that. We also, in the event that doesn't occur, and that we are seeing a deficit operation from the foreign trade zone, I am pleased to report that you are allowing the Airport Development Zone in the City to expand that we are receiving about \$25,000 this year from revenues from those Airport Development Zone permits and we will use that money in that event to cover any deficient costs that may be encountered in that. So, I feel good about that. It's not really an aviation related product and I knew that the airlines would probably fuss about it if we were in deficits and they were having to pay for it and it appears that this gives us a revenue source that can be used initially to offset any deficit operation there. So, I am feeling real good about that and then we've got a potential operator that's operates foreign trade zone in Memphis that is going to submit a proposal to us. I feel pretty good about that. That one of the principals there sits on the National Foreign Trade Zone Association Board so we would have someone that is very knowledgeable in the industry and they were up here for a groundbreaking and seemed to be very excited with what they saw taking place.

President Wortman: Wouldn't be any chance like that in Lawrenceville up there at the old George Field Airport? Is there any chance of getting some of that trade, billings, down here?

Bob Working: I was going to say that they have a foreign trade zone up there. I am not sure how active it is at this point in time but I certainly believe that having the foreign trade zone here and available for use, at least it puts us in a competitive factor for any businesses that may be operating out of that zone at this time. But, of course, I think that what we are looking at is, we believe that there is sufficient businesses in and around the Evansville Area that are either using zones elsewhere that we can encourage to us ours having advantages for those businesses, just primarily due to location. And then also through educating many of the businesses of the benefits of a foreign trade zone that it could provide to their business. So, marketing is going to be a big issue in this and getting the zone up and going and getting the word out to those businesses that could be positively impacted. I guess we will just go on and take page 147 then. The 100 accounts, does anybody got any questions?

Councilmember Smith: I have a question on like your parking lot cashiers. Are all of those union people?

Bob Working: Yes, ma'am. Everyone at the airport with the exception of the seven administrative staff are union. Airport safety officers are unionized under firefighters local and then all other employees are covered under the Teamsters agreement. Those wages, excuse me, that are reflective, they are for those Teamsters were established in a contract that was executed over a year ago.

President Wortman: Okay, any other?

Bob Working: If I could interject, I would like to say that I was pleased, I don't know if you all enjoyed the same, but last year we were paying 5.25% as being the employer contribution into PERF and PERF did notify us that they were reducing that to 4.75% and so that is why you only see a minor increase in the PERF in what was in the 2000 budget.

President Wortman: It went from 5 point ?

Bob Working: Oh, I am about to mess up, you should amend PERF, line item 1910. I think that if you are showing \$148,148, is that correct?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Bob Working: It should be changed to \$139,169. I am sorry, I got that change after I submitted the budget.

President Wortman: Now that is figuring at 4.75?

Bob Working: That is at 4.75, which is what PERF notified us that 2001 would be. That then changes total budget class, Personnel Services, to \$2,238,102 and then the bottom line then on total fund 2140 would be \$4,112,322.

President Wortman: Okay, have we got any more questions on page 148?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Winnecke: Bob, I have a couple of questions. What is Medical? Institutional Medical.

Bob Working: What is your line item?

Councilmember Winnecke: Uh, 2240.

Bob Working: Uh, 2240. Institutional and Medical, that is our account that provides our janitorial supplies and also keeps first aid cabinets and so forth but primarily it is janitorial supplies.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, the other question that I have. It seems as though, I found on the ordinance you supplied us to say Other Supplies, or General. Can you be more specific on how that money is used? One is in the amount of \$15,000, the other is in the amount of \$82,500 and the other is \$45,000? It sounds like a lot of money without a specific...

Bob Working: Again, which line item are you under? Other Supplies? On your line item on your budget.

Councilmember Winnecke: On my line item it is 2600.

Bob Working: Uh, 2600 is Office Supplies.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm sorry, 2700.

Bob Working: Well, 2700 is, that what we call Supplies General.

Councilmember Winnecke: Right.

Bob Working: You have a copy of the budget justifications, do you or not?

Councilmember Winnecke: Uh, uh.

Bob Working: I was going to say that it does include firefighting foam, soil sterilizers, welding supplies. It is also where we get our electrical supplies, such as lamps, wires, fuses. Includes parking lot tickets, runway and street de-icers. We put in \$82,500 and that is just based on our experience and increased activities and changing over to a more environmentally safe de-icing. We used to put pelletized urea down and the airlines have asked us to move away from that as the FAA, they feel it is a little more corrosive than some of the newer de-icing equipment.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

President Wortman: Mr. Working, in your advertising, I guess that would be listed here on the second page of your illustration, 215, Promotional Expense. Is that what advertisement would fall under?

Bob Working: It shows up under your budget, under communications which is Telephone. I have always been.

President Wortman: Yes, we have talked about that every year.

Bob Working: But, yes, and what we are looking at is a promotional budget of \$125,000 of that amount, is using for publications and marketing.

President Wortman: Okay, that's fine. Anybody else got any questions, for Mr. Working? Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Working, 3310 on Training, I am showing zero has been spent for the last six months. I was just wondering what you were....for the last six months.

Councilmember Raben: All of his accounts show zero.

Councilmember Hoy: All of the expenditures in this budget are at zero including salaries.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible, microphone not turned on)

Bob Working: I am not sure why, again this is the County's form. They did not ask me for expenditures to date in the budget. I can tell you that we have spent money in Instruction and that pays to attend some seminars, it also pays for schooling; We have it broken up into one account for our safety department personnel. We have \$3,500 set in for that and then \$7,000 for other employees to attend a variety of schools, depending upon what that may be. Our mechanics maybe going to Osh Kosh to a school there.

President Wortman: The Auditor would like to comment to that.

Suzanne Crouch: The reason there is nothing in the budget book is that they are a separate taxing entity that handles their own books. We don't actually handle the money for them so we don't keep track of that through the County Treasury. Mr. Working would have to provide that information separate.

Bob Working: What, okay? We are spending it.

President Wortman: Anything else on page 148? Okay, so with the revenue coming in we should offset things and maybe break about even then, huh?

Bob Working: Oh, yes sir, we will. There again this maybe the 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> year that I have been here that there will be no impact for operating the Airport on the General tax.

President Wortman: Got any question for Mr. Working?

Bob Working: Still has the four cents on the Cumulative Building Fund. I am very pleased with that. I guess that I would also say, and I am not wanting to drag on, we are very pleased that the Federal Government has passed Air 21 and we are going to see a doubling in our enplanement levels which presently are about \$1,100,000 and so we have already been told by the FAA about a \$2,000,000 allocation in October and it appears that with that and some things that we may be able to move forward with the extension of a north-south runway that was in the master plan that we are going to see some developments at the Airport over the next three year period that really have been sitting in limbo for a lack of funds. That's exciting too.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Working, we thank you for your time.



Bob Working: Thank you.

### **AREA PLAN**

President Wortman: Now, next on the agenda will be the Area Plan, page 75.

Barbara Cunningham: Good morning. My name is Barbara Cunningham and I am the Director of the Area Plan Commission. We have three line items that have increased our budget by over by \$86,000. These three line items were increased because they were previously paid out of the Commissioners budget and they are not proposed to be paid out of our budget. They are line item 3140, which is Telephone; line item 3600, which is Rent and the third line item is the GIS line item. If it weren't for the increase of that \$85,000 increase we could stand up here almost like Betty Hermann and say we are paying at least half of our budget because as of the first seven months of the year we have deposited a \$167,510 and so many cents into the General Fund and last year I think we, I think it's on your slip, last we deposited \$336,401.75 into the General Fund. On the line item, or the 100 series, is that what you want me to do Mr. Wortman? On that we have asked, as we were told to ask, for a 4% increase plus three step increases, you have three step increases in that and that is the only change that has been done. I would say that I am in support of the 4% increase. I think that if you are going to keep good people then that is really important to show them that. I also would like to make note that the City, although if they give a 3%, they also pay PERF for their employees. They pay the employee share of PERF and I think that is an important thing to understand, too. I have gone through GIS and I will go back to that again if you want me to again. But, I did want to bring up a couple of remarks that I did not want to bring up at our City-County joint meeting. I did tell you we were asking for an increase in only two accounts and that was Transportation and Legal Services. I think though, I want to tell you, that employee education which is 3710 and 3740 are very, very important, that is the intern account, are very, very important and I think they are very important in all offices and particularly in our office. With the training under the employers education, we were able to establish a website for the Area Plan Commission for only the cost of the class, which was about \$100. We are now on the web and we have established this and just yesterday we put a whole part of the comprehensive plan on the web and we change it all the time. We put meeting dates, people are able to get our permits. Out of town people are able to use it so we think that it is really important so I am a strong proponent of both employee education and the Intern account.

Councilmember Hoy: How do you access your website?

Barbara Cunningham: We access it, Kathy? Uh, 437, no, no website, let me give it to you. Evansville.net~APC. We will give you all a card that we print ourselves and give you that because it has our fax number and our Internet thing. We are now in the process of putting the comprehensive plan that includes natural hazard disaster mitigation, that will go on the site. We also on education, we take advantage of every free educational opportunity that comes before us and if you will notice on the information that we gave you before, then 10 out of 12, I say 10 out of 12 of our employees went to or took some form of class and this is also under Transportation, that is also included with training comes into that and 10 out of 12 of our employees took class. Some of them were free and a lot of them were really great technical courses that were paid for by FEMA and since we do a lot of the earthquake mitigation and disaster mitigation and 10 out of 12 for \$350, plus the transportation you guys got a really good bargain, I think. I think that is so important and I think that they are learning so much with that and that always makes an office better. As an office we are very active in the HAZUS program and the FEMA disaster mitigation program and that is why we have asked you for equipment within the last few years. That is why we have the CAD station and that's why we continue to ask you for equipment. We have inputted into our HAZUS program all critical facilities. By that, we mean, we now have the exact locations at all offices can use for hospitals, fire stations, schools, communication towers, and shelters. This is the reason that I ask for the Intern money to stay, although we have not used it this year, we certainly plan, and we have put out the feelers that when school starts again to use a college intern to help us. What we are going

to do with the money this year and what we are going to do the next year is this City and County Engineer both need some help in inputting the street program and we need to input all of the streets and bridges into our HAZUS program and so that is what we plan to use the intern for. I also want to thank you for the digital camera that we just got this year that you just gave us. It is so, I can't, it is so wonderful. I love technology when it works, it is so wonderful, we are able to take pictures to take to Court the very day. We are able, today we helped the Preservation, we could take a picture with the digital camera, of our Sandborn maps, which are the original maps for the community of Evansville, which we don't let out of our sight. But, we could take a picture with that and somehow they put it on the computer and can print a copy of it, I mean it is great. We thank you for that. We thank you for that very much. We are still asking for Equipment, with that we are probably going to need a new computer this next year and we are going to need a workstation as we talked about with our things that we are doing. We are doing the parcelization for the GIS and we are going to be doing some of that. So, we are going to need that and we are going to need some software. Now, Mr. Wortman, do you want me to go through some other things?

President Wortman: Yeah, get back to line item 3311, GIS Equipment and Training.

Barbara Cunningham: Alright.

President Wortman: Will the personnel go out of town or will you have somebody come in? I am going to say that we are going to have a lot of this GIS it looks like, would they be smart, and everybody coming in, being you got your equipment here and save a little money from going out of town?

Barbara Cunningham: I think that it would be some GIS, I think they are planning to do some GIS training in town and I think that you definitely need that and they will have to pay for that and all of the offices that will be involved will be part of that. Am I right, Cheryl? I think that is really important. We have plans, we have been talking with the Commissioners, County Commissioners, we have plans and we are not asking for money ourselves for this, to send four employees to teach them how to do the parcelization and to work with the people to help with that. But, that is nothing that we are asking for the Commissioners are going to probably be able to do that out of their budget. But, we are not asking for a lot of Training. What we are asking for in the GIS, we asked to have two people be trained and then what we generally do in our office is we go to the training courses and come back and share it with the offices.

President Wortman: The main thing is that you don't want them all going out of town, see, if you bring them in here....

Barbara Cunningham: We only go out of town when we have to.

President Wortman: Excuse me, we have to change tapes.

#### **TAPE CHANGE**

Councilmember Hoy: –for the uninitiated, we have a little contest going here to see who is speaking when the tape runs out.

Barbara Cunningham: Oh, okay.

Councilmember Hoy: I used to win hands down, but this year I'm in third place.

Barbara Cunningham: Oh, you've got a few more days.

Councilmember Sutton: Phil, we have confidence that–

Councilmember Hoy: You know, it's like a golf game, the lower the score the better.

Councilmember Sutton: Phil, we have confidence that there are three and a half more days of budget hearings that by that time you will be clearly back in where you—

Councilmember Hoy: I'll catch up.

Councilmember Sutton: —in your rightful place.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, we bought new tapes and they're longer and nobody else knows that but me. A couple of things, I think it's important and something I'd like for you to comment on because I'm familiar with this and I don't know whether the Council is and I don't want to insult the Council but I sit on the local Emergency Planning Committee and sitting there, prompts me to say to the Council that this is one more reason that GIS is important because, in that case we're talking about public safety, we're talking about response to all kinds of hazardous situations. Would you speak to HAZUS and say a bit about what that's about because that's...it took me a long time to understand what that's about.

Barbara Cunningham: I'm still learning and I'm the chairman of the HAZUS Committee. What...we have been very fortunate in Evansville and Vanderburgh County because FEMA, both FEMA which is Federal Emergency Management and the insurance, IBHS Insurance agents think that we do things well in Evansville and so because of that they have designated us as both a project impact city and as a, what's the other title that we are? Does anybody know?

Unidentified: Showcase.

Barbara Cunningham: Showcase community. I might say that the HAZUS and the Emergency Management, we won a national award last year through the whole country with everybody with the things we're doing for disaster mitigation and that doesn't mean that we think Evansville is going to fall apart, it just means that we want to get ready to not only take care of the lives and safety of people, but we want to get ready for the business community to be up and running. We want to know how we can take care of that. I think that the HAZUS program and this program is so important because it joins not only government, it joins private industry. We have insurance companies, SIGECO, Red Spot, you know, Toyota, you know all the companies that are working with us on establishing this program. Plus, we have the social service agencies that work with this also. The Red Cross and the Girl Scouts, I mean, you can just go down the list. This is really a great program. We do it kind of on the side. The Building Commissioner and Emergency Management were strong leaders in the beginning on this program. We still have very strong leadership on the program. We kind of have to do it on the side because as you know, Evansville is in a boom and we're all pretty busy with our general time, so we perhaps don't spend quite as much time as we wish we can. What the HAZUS program is, we're going to be a model community. They're going to be copying us. We also have the Sandia program, which is another national program that's come in. What I want to tell you is that Vanderburgh County is looked at very favorably in this field of disaster mitigation and Area Plan, we promised the insurance people that we would do an update on the comprehensive plan that would address both natural hazards, we have it somewhat in the comp plan, but we would update it to address natural hazard and disaster mitigation. That is completed and you're all going to be getting a copy of it and an invitation to attend our public meeting on it which will be next Area Plan Commission. I'm going to be sending you that, so you're all going to be getting that, because I think it's really important that you know all the things, I mean, sometimes I think you don't know all the things that some of the county agencies do.

Councilmember Hoy: I think, and correct me if I'm incorrect on Sandia, which is a nonprofit, nationally renowned organization. They chose us and that did not cost us. That was done for us out of their budget.

Barbara Cunningham: No, they're coming in and they're doing like a multi...major expense

to a project. Now, they hope that they can sell it down the way possibly to FEMA or somebody, I mean, we are an example, we're the ones that have worked on this and I say we, there's a whole lot of community people that have worked on this. It's a really interesting program and I'd be glad to give you any information that you might want.

Councilmember Hoy: I wanted you to speak to that, I had an agenda that will no longer be hidden because often, locally we are criticized so severely for not coordinating things and cooperating and there are many instances where we're doing an excellent job and this is one of them where you've worked with it, Building Commission has, EMA, and as you said, the private sector and charities.

Barbara Cunningham: That is so important to have the private sector involved, I mean, it really is. They are really involved.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you very much, I have another question. On Legal Service, I'm aware of some of the incredibly absurd lawsuits that you've had—

Barbara Cunningham: That we win.

Councilmember Hoy: Is that changing, or do you see any...is the same?

Barbara Cunningham: You never know. You know, what we're finding is that we're doing a little more that's why I asked for an increase in our employees' monthly stipend and I have two attorneys and they split the that one stipend and they go to long meetings, don't they Curt. They also do a lot of ordinance updates and they do answer our questions and with the billboard ordinance that was passed there's still an awful lot of questions on that. Legal confirming and all that, so I had asked for an increase in there.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm also looking for places to trim to get under the state—

Barbara Cunningham: Well, if you recall a few years ago when I raised our fees to bring more money into the General Fund, I said that part of the reason...I thought we needed to do that and we're still low. I thought part of the reason was to pay for attorney fees and to pay for equipment that was necessary for the office.

President Wortman: Mrs. Cunningham, in reference to what Mr. Hoy said about the pilot program, is there any grant money available for some of these studies or anything to accomplish some of this work being done?

Barbara Cunningham: Are you talking about the disaster? Oh, we've gotten a lot of grant money.

President Wortman: How much, you think off—

Barbara Cunningham: I don't know \$400,000. I wish Roger were here. We've gotten...this one thing that I just did the update on the comp plan for I think we got \$400,000. There's a lot of money, I'll find out and let you know. We've had a lot.

President Wortman: Yeah, do that, and there's probably more coming.

Barbara Cunningham: They're using us as a model city and they've sent a lot of money in. It's set up the whole office of the Disaster Recovery, I mean, they have an employee and two—

Councilmember Hoy: Southwestern Indiana Disaster Resistant Community Corporation.

Barbara Cunningham: Yeah.

Councilmember Hoy: I've been working on that.

Barbara Cunningham: I want to say too that it's not only Evansville and Vanderburgh County. We realize that a disaster will affect others. It's a regional operation.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President? Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: What I would like for us to do as a Council, if you would, and as President is...not just you, but this whole group of organizations. I think it would be well if we took a little span of time in one of our meetings to have them come in and tell us what's happened because this is one of those wonderful stories about what this community does that is virtually unknown and it's...I think we need to know about it.

Barbara Cunningham: The Fire Department—

Councilmember Hoy: The Fire Departments been there, you name it. It is regional. When we go to those meetings you're not looking at just Evansville folks. We've snagged a lot of grant money for this.

President Wortman: You're in reference to a progress report?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, exactly.

Barbara Cunningham: I will tell them that.

President Wortman: Would you do it on a quarterly basis or semi, annual or what?

Barbara Cunningham: I certainly will...I sit on the board, I will certainly...I'll call the director and I know that the public, private, they'd all like to be involved. They'd love to give you a report.

President Wortman: Okay, that's fine. Anything else, anybody?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

President Wortman: Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: A quick question. Is the majority of your travel budget expended to trips to Indianapolis, for the training you talked about?

Barbara Cunningham: No, the majority of the travel budget probably goes for the national conference, American Conference of Planners.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: I had one question. We had that lengthy discussion on GIS at the joint City/County meeting the other night and on the GIS area, the amount that you have here, is that one of the targets we want to look at...we talked about consolidating all those numbers. Is this one of the numbers, this \$41,000 request that we want to try to consolidate that in?

Councilmember Raben: It's \$21,000, our share.

Councilmember Sutton: What was that?

Councilmember Raben: \$21,000. You need to change that to \$21,000.

Barbara Cunningham: \$41,000 was what we were—

Councilmember Raben: Right, but our share is half.

Barbara Cunningham: No, it was put in the City budget as 82 and 41 is the total number.

Councilmember Raben: So, 41 is the correct amount?

Barbara Cunningham: Yeah, it was in the City budget as 82.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Barbara Cunningham: They're possibly, Royce to answer your question, you know, they're possibly like GIS training if someone else's budget handles it and then we could go to that then that could be returned. I mean, I have no objection to doing that. We put in part to do the layers. We're going to need a layer for the zoning classification and for buildings. We do need two site licenses, we will need that because we will be doing some of the inputting into the office so we need two stations for that.

Councilmember Sutton: So much of our questions was because there's so many different areas, you know three to four different, well four to five different areas that are making GIS requests either on the City or the County side trying to find a way to get our hands around what the whole GIS picture is.

Barbara Cunningham: I agree with you thoroughly. I agree with you thoroughly on that.

Councilmember Hoy: We had a resolution unanimously passed in the meeting Tuesday, the joint meeting, and Mr. Lehman is going to put together a chart for us, which I think will be extremely helpful to see—

Barbara Cunningham: That's fine.

Councilmember Hoy: —Who funds what, where and so on.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, it will be very easy for us to, let's say, to kind of lose track. You know, just trying to come up with a way to bring all of this together, not that it...maybe it may save some costs but just more than anything just so that we can know where we are and then what's coming up next. We recognize that there are some other tentacles to this GIS picture and just want to be able to make sure that we don't lose track.

Barbara Cunningham: Okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: This request is over and above the budget that the Building Commissioner presented at our joint meeting which was like a \$331,000 expense this year.

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

Barbara Cunningham: I think the committee told us to put what we need for our office into the budget and so I think that might be right. As far as the GIS training, if that comes from somebody else, then we don't have to, that's fine, we don't want—

Councilmember Hoy: Councilman Winnecke is right, that's to set up the department which will be the overseer of this incredibly large and of course I have a bias, I think it's necessary.

Barbara Cunningham: Cheryl has assured me that these are things that we do because we are certainly busy enough that these are things, as I've told you before, we've been getting ready for GIS for a long time and then as we put in all the subdivisions and all the commercial activities, which is important to establish GIS is to make it up to date, make it current or it doesn't do any good.

Councilmember Sutton: When you mentioned the computer, the workstation and the software, were you referencing line 4250, Miscellaneous Equipment? It's \$10,000, is that the request that you were referencing?

Barbara Cunningham: 3311 is my GIS Equipment and Training.

Councilmember Sutton: So, that includes—

Barbara Cunningham: 3311 is the new line item. That was all GIS.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, but I...earlier you mentioned that you were seeking a computer, workstation and software. Was that for GIS?

Barbara Cunningham: That's just for the office.

Councilmember Sutton: So, that should be under 4250, which is Miscellaneous Equipment?

Barbara Cunningham: Un-huh. That's right, 4250.

Councilmember Hoy: That's an entirely new work station, that's not a replacement right?

Barbara Cunningham: That's a replacement computer.

Councilmember Hoy: Oh, it is a replacement.

Barbara Cunningham: It's also a...well, it was a digital camera but we got that...it's a replacement of our...we've worn out our fax machine, so it's a replacement...we do that because we allow people to send applications and permits into the fax. What we're doing is software, which we need for word processing so that the whole office can be on the same system and possibly, one new computer, if we could get two to upgrade or to do a station and then a fax machine. That's what we're looking for, for that money.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Mr. President, by chance would you happen to know who has the extermination contract for the county? We need to do something there. Isn't it a cricket? There's a cricket going in here.

Barbara Cunningham: A cricket? I thought you wanted to exterminate me.

Councilmember Sutton: No, no, no, not you. No, no, no.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mrs. Cunningham.

Councilmember Sutton: You're competing with the cricket.

President Wortman: Thank you very much for your time.

### **SURVEYOR**

President Wortman: Next on the agenda is the Surveyor, page 31.

Councilmember Hoy: Is this your farewell performance sir?

Bob Brenner: Yes it is. This is my 27<sup>th</sup> trip.

Councilmember Hoy: Are there some musicians coming in, or what's happening?

Bob Brenner: Pardon? I don't know, they might be. There was supposed to be a choir.

President Wortman: State your name, Mr. Brenner.

Bob Brenner: Robert Brenner, County Surveyor.

President Wortman: Okay, alright, we'll go to page 31. Anybody got any. He always submits a realistic budget somehow or another.

Bob Brenner: It's the same budget you approved last year except for salaries.

President Wortman: There's not much there, he pretty well stays within his limitations and so anybody got any questions on page 31, if not, 32? I don't see much there, so anybody got any questions for Mr. Brenner? Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Brenner, what are you going to do?

Bob Brenner: What am I going to do?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, after all this here.

Bob Brenner: Oh, I don't know, run for President or something. I've got to figure something out.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else? If not, you can be excused, Mr. Brenner. Thank you for your time.

Bob Brenner: Thank you very much.

Unidentified: You've got the Map for—

### ***SURVEYOR MAPS***

President Wortman: Oh yeah, the Map Fund. The Surveyor's Perpetual Fund, 172.

Councilmember Sutton: Have you been involved with this...Mr. Brenner, have you been involved with the GIS process?

Bob Brenner: Yes, we have.

Councilmember Sutton: This obviously affects you guys.

Bob Brenner: My Chief Deputy attends all their meetings. We've had input to it as it went along.

### ***SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION FUND***

President Wortman: Okay, Surveyor Perpetual Fund, anybody got any questions on that, page 171...172, I'm sorry? If not, let's go to the Map Fund, 151.

Bob Brenner: These two are both outside the General Fund.

President Wortman: Right, they've got their own levee. Okay, anything there? This remains the same. I think those three items on the agenda completes your stay here.

Bob Brenner: Thank you very much.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Brenner, I appreciate your time.



**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

President Wortman: Next is the Health Department, page 141.

Sam Elder: Sam Elder, the Director of the County Health Department. Also with me today is the Health Officer, Dr. Heidingsfelder and the Chairman of our Health Board, Dr. Del Rio and they wanted to make some comments when we get to the Building portion of the fund.

President Wortman: Building?

Sam Elder: The moving.

President Wortman: Moving, yeah. You haven't moved yet or anything.

Sam Elder: No, no.

President Wortman: Is there anything in the making?

Sam Elder: Well, we've got three or four different parties that have offered us facilities but we don't have anything, you know, firm right now.

President Wortman: That's the only thing...you're outside of the levee, so what is it, about \$800.000? You could up the tax rate seven or eight cents on that.

Sam Elder: It actually is a little (inaudible) than 700.

President Wortman: Alright, well I think we'll take that into consideration on that—

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes sir, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: I have a question on line 3510, Other Operating.

President Wortman: What page are you on there Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: That would be 145.

President Wortman: It's 145. Turn your book to page—

Councilmember Raben: Account 3510, Other Operating.

Sam Elder: I'll tell you, actually that's the part that Dr. Del Rio and Dr. John want to address and I can address it, this is the architect's estimate of what it will cost us to move into a different facility. That's a one time deal. That wouldn't be something that can—

Councilmember Hoy: Moving expense?

Sam Elder: Moving expense. You know, as I said, Dr. Del Rio and Dr. Heidingsfelder want to address the need for that. Would you like them to do it now?

Councilmember Raben: Well, I think we need to.

John Heidingsfelder: Thank you, Sam. My name is John Heidingsfelder. I'm your County Health Officer. I've been your County Health Officer since January 1<sup>st</sup> of 1990, which I have been happy to serve in the capacity for the County. I went back and looked through some of the Council Minutes that go back some years. We've had a problem with not having enough space in the Health Department for a long time. We made a presentation to the County Council May 26<sup>th</sup> of 1993 and interestingly five people who were on the

Council then, are sitting in this chamber on the Council now, five of your membership. At that time, I made a presentation and Dr. Del Rio made a presentation and Dr. Pulcini also made a presentation as to the fact that the Health Department was in dire need of additional space. We were looking at that time at a specific facility that was being developed, which at that time, was the Family Resource Center and we made the presentation to your group as to our needs for space and we received what I thought to be a tacit approval of our proceeding in that direction. As it turned out the Family Resource Center project for our purposes did not work and it had a lot to do with the space they had available and parking problems and whatnot related to the space they had available. We consider that to be a mandate for us, though it wasn't specified that it be that particular project. We have, since that time, been looking at different possibilities of where we might move. The Health Department takes a long term perspective on things. It's how we do our work and it's how we accomplish what we do. We accomplish very little in the short term. So, I looked at the project of finding new facilities also to be a long term project. It has been a long term project since it's the year 2000. This year we have been looking at three or four very good alternatives of where we might move to. One of the recent ones that we've been looking at was the Visiting Nurses Association building, but we're also looking at three or four other possible facilities that have been presented to us. The problem that we have is that because of the fact that we are the Health Department, we're in a separate fund and I don't totally understand it. We are in a separate fund outside of the General Fund so that appropriations cannot be made from the General Fund throughout the year if we need those appropriations. They have to be pre appropriated in the annual budget. So for us to be able to go and approach an organization to help negotiations and to actually physical move, we have to have the money already in place, or it just doesn't work and it really does put us at a great disadvantage in trying to find new space when we don't have money in the budget to even allow for even modifying that space to meet our needs or the actual expense of physically moving the Health Department to a different location. So, the item that's in the budget, the \$500,000 item is an architect's estimate of the combined cost of the physical move which would be estimated at about \$100,000 and also changes the space to meet the structural requirements of the Health Department. Most all of the facilities that we've looked at have been general office space that has not been previously used as a medical facility and we need additional plumbing, we need additional sinks because of the examining rooms that we have and the way that we...we have like a TB Clinic and we need X-ray facilities and certain modifications that the architect says would probably cost \$350,000 to \$400,000. So, the \$ 500,000 that's in the budget in that item is the immediate cost that it would take for us to move into another space to refurbish that space to meet our needs and also, the actual physical move to that place. The...this would be a one time expense that would be incurred presumably we'd move somewhere where we'd have a long term lease. The ongoing expense would be the difference in the rent that we're paying now as opposed to the rent that we're looking at paying. In 1993, at the time that we came to you with the Family Resource Center we had already done a research project to look at our space needs using a local architect firm. They actually went through and looked at our space in different areas of our department and compared them to other departments and it was projected in 1993 that our present needs at that time were like 22,000 square feet. At that time, we had 10,000 square feet.

President Wortman: Dr, Heidingsfelder, excuse me. We've got trouble with the speaker system recording here. Could you just hold up a minute so the gentleman here can work on it? We don't know how long it'll take and I hate to interrupt you, but do you want to check it and see. I'll tell you what, why don't we just take five for a short pause for a good cause and then we'll come back and give him a chance, thank you, if you don't mind, I appreciate it.

#### **TAPE CHANGE**

President Wortman: Okay, we'll reconvene the meeting from Dr. Heidingsfelder, where we left off at. We think we might have an improvement on the speaker system. We're not sure, but we're going to try. So, continue please.

John Heidingsfelder: Yes, I was saying that in 1993 prior to our looking at possibly moving to the Family Resource Center, we did commission an architectural firm to do a study of our space needs to see exactly how much space we truly needed and in what departments to help us better plan new space. At that time, the study that was done recommended that our present needs were in the range of 20,000 square feet. We were then and, are now, living in 10,000 square feet. They projected that in five years our needs may be as much as 30,000 square feet. It is now seven years later. I can say from my own experience in the Health Department is that things have just gotten more and more crowded. Every office is serving double and triple duty as far as the activities that are going on in it. My own office at the Health Department, I know, has three different functions. It's a storage place, it's a place where people have different meetings, our only computer terminal where we are hooked up to the Internet is in my office and different people use it at different times on a rotating schedule and what not. The other thing that I've seen is that in the last six, seven years the State Health Department is getting out of the health care business. A lot of the help that we've gotten from the State Health Department just no longer exists. The trend, and I can say it with accuracy, is that the State Health Department is leaving it to the local counties to determine what their own health needs are and to fund those health needs. I'm fortunate, I think, because I've been appointed to be a member of the Executive Board of the State Health Department. I'm seeing that in the board meetings that we are having with the State Health Department. The Health Commission is cutting back on what they are doing and the result is they are dumping it on us, the individual counties. So, I think that's a long term trend. So, really our county has to decide what it needs for its Health Department. I can tell you that we are very much overcrowded for what we do in our present facility. We have looked at... Since 1993 we've looked at various possibilities and we have ruled out a large number of locations for different reasons. But we do, at this time, have three or four good possibilities of where we might move. The problem is, as I said, with the Health fund we have to have the money in place to even negotiate with someone who may want to lease us space or to obtain space from someone. Yes, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Have you been given any figures on square footage rental, or the amount or cost that would be associated with the square footage that you are going to need?

John Heidingsfelder: The only thing we have to go by is what we're paying here. I know it depends on what comes with that space. For instance, here our rent included a lot of other things besides rent like cleaning, utilities, and maintenance of the building and what not. So, it really depends on how it is packaged as to what the rates for square footage are. That's not really my area of expertise. In our recent discussions with VNA we've had at least a County Commissioner and a County Councilmember involved in trying to discuss those issues and to look at those as to what the rates are. A recent possibility that we were looking at was, quite frankly, at the VNA where we were actually looking at renting about 14,800 square feet. Which is really, on paper, not as much as what we need, but in true reality we had the use of about 20,000 because they were allowing us to use classrooms, cafeteria, common space. None of these were included in the square footage that they were going to charge us rent on. So, it kind of depends on how you package things. They could have said we're going to give you 20,000 square feet to use, but we called it 15,000 but we really had the use of about 20,000 if that deal had worked out. I don't know if that answers your question, but...

Councilmember Raben: Well, it does. I know what you're up against, although I don't think you could ever accomplish what you want to accomplish next year anyway given that you've not even found a site. I'm concerned with making the appropriate adjustments to this budget to, you know, maybe not hold the line on your tax rate, but I don't want to see it go up .07 or .08 either. So, I mean, is there a lesser sum that would get your wheels in motion next year that you could settle for?

John Heidingsfelder: I think that what's most needed is with any deal that's made, of course this body has to approve it, of course, but with any move that's made the immediate

expenses are those to change the space to suit our requirements and the actual physical moving expenses. This is what we were looking at when we were looking at any opportunity that comes along, is that we have to have the money early on to refurbish space and to physically move the department which is the \$500,000. Now the permanent increased expense would be in the increase in the rent, which, quite frankly, I don't know what that rent would be. We indicated on our budget that it would double what our present rate is because we're looking at something in the range of 20,000 square feet. But I don't know that it will double that expense. The dollars that result from that is about \$143,000, which would be a permanent increase in the cost to the county and the taxpayers, which I think would be something like 1.4 cents on the tax rate. That would probably be the maximum permanent increase in expense to the taxpayers.

Councilmember Raben: On the rent?

John Heidingsfelder: On the rent. Yes, sir.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I'm the Councilman assigned as the liaison to this department. I've been going with the committee that's been on the search. What we've run into is when you start comparing rents the initial reaction is the rent is high in the Civic Center. But then when we start talking to someone that wants to rent us a building, they bring up these factors that Dr Heidingsfelder has spoken of. And that is, in this building we have security, we have cleaning, we have utilities all in one building. Well, you talk to someone that owns a building and that person is saying well I'm not providing security for my tenants; they take care of themselves. I'm not paying for their utilities. They hire their own cleaning firm. So you can get in the trap of comparing apples and oranges on rent. We looked at one facility, I don't know whether we can name this or not publicly, it's not any big secret, which is a current medical facility. I personally think it may not be the best move, but that's one man's opinion. A lot of plumbing there, but there still is going to be a lot of cost in changing that facility to meet the needs of the department. This has been moving a long time, and the problem is this department can't do this in increments. I mean, once you move, you've got to pay the moving expense. Once, you move you've got to pay the adjustments to that space. Or we could build new, that's one of the considerations. If we don't put enough money in here then they can't do it. They can't do it in bits and spurts, you've got to do it in one fell swoop. One other point, and the Auditor is not sitting here, but Mrs. Lukeman is, when you talk about percentages, and I'm walking on real thin ice because I'm running for re-election, so I'll just lay that out here and they can shoot me in the fall, and they may, but when you spread this out over property tax, you know, then my concern is how many dollars is it really going to be per property, homeowner especially, I'm concerned about the homeowners. Probably not a lot. What would be helpful...(inaudible)... seven to eight cents valuation on the dollar, so I think it would help us for next week if the Auditor could show us like if you have a \$200,000 home, you know, what's the real impact going to be? And figure the highest rate if you want, Pigeon Township where I live, at the highest per 100 rate. Then look at dollars and say well if you own a \$200,000 home it's going to impact you this many dollars. We're going to have to sell this to the public.

John Heidingsfelder: The fact that the Health Department is in a separate fund, and this is my personal opinion, has been nothing but a hindrance to our operation. I don't know how or why it was set up that way. I would much rather be able to come to you and make a request that could be accessed from the General Fund. You know, if it's justified let's do it. It's timely, you know. This is the right moment to seize the opportunity. The way it's set up with the Health Fund the only money we have access to, according to what I've been told by the lawyers, is the money that's been budgeted from the previous year. You can't put money into the Health Fund throughout the year and that's been a hindrance. It's been a real problem.

Councilmember Hoy: Let me give you another example because I think this is one of the most important issues we're dealing with, and I do not mean this to be in any way

derogatory to the Convention and Visitor's bureau, but they have five laptops for about five people. How many nurses do we have that are going out in the homes who need laptops, and we're sitting here saying....They have none. They don't have a computer system to use. The Omaha system which is a great health system for keeping records and for making this a much more efficient department, and you can't do it because of being in this...

John Heidingsfelder: I can't come to you and make a plea for it except for at budget time.

Councilmember Hoy: You can't make a plea for those computers so we're searching for grants for that and other sources, and this department, Mr. Elder and his staff have been magnificent in knocking down all kinds of grant money. What we're looking at here is not what it takes to run this department, I can tell you. It takes a whole lot more and that's because they've been excellent at management and excellent at getting grants. As I say, you know, I'm taking a risk, but I'm one elected official.

John Heidingsfelder: Our needs are not a new issue. There are problems that have been an issue since 1993 when it was presented to this body before. I'm going to let Dr. Del Rio say a few--

President Wortman: You might have to resort to fund raisers.

John Heidingsfelder: Well, that's okay too.

Councilmember Sutton: Before you leave the microphone, Doctor, I think Councilman Smith wanted to say something. I did too but go ahead.

Councilmember Smith: Well, I feel that \$148,138 increase in rent for one year's time is terrible. Last year, or this year, you paid \$169,278 and it increased to \$313,058. Now you know the Building Authority is going out of sight if this is what they're doing, increasing that rent.

Councilmember Raben: I think what he is figuring is a new rent.

Councilmember Smith: I'm talking about for 2001.

Councilmember Hoy: No, no, that's figuring the move. That's figuring doubling the space, not in this facility.

Councilmember Smith: It's not that much increase for next year in rent here?

Councilmember Hoy: No, no, no --

Councilmember Smith: What's your rent going to be?

John Heidingsfelder: Well, it usually goes up a few percentages, 5% or so a year as I remember.

Councilmember Hoy: What they did was... the Health Department has 10,000 square feet in this building.

Councilmember Smith: I know, I heard all that.

Councilmember Hoy: Alright, we're looking at 20,000 square feet --

John Heidingsfelder: You expect us to estimate a new rent expense when we don't really know what it will be.

Councilmember Hoy: That's right, but we're looking at much more square footage because

that's what the department needs.

Councilmember Smith: I brought it up yesterday. The reason the Trustee's office moved out is, because they hadn't increased the rent since 1969, and they raised it from \$19,000 to \$57,000.

Councilmember Hoy: But this raise has to do with trying to make a guess, an educated guess, as to what it would cost us to double the space.

Councilmember Smith: When I'm looking at this it doesn't say moving expense, it says Rent.

Councilmember Hoy: Moving expense is in line 3510 Other Operating, which is where they put \$100,000 for moving, and then the rest of that for whatever changes would have to be made should we lease a building that doesn't have the proper plumbing, electrical, and all of the things you need for a medical facility which is quite expensive.

Councilmember Sutton: Well Councilman Hoy, if you take what they are paying in rent right now and if you take that out over a period of twenty years, that's roughly about \$3,400,000 over twenty years, if you take what they are paying right now. Of course, we know there will be rent increases if they were to stay in this building and that's at 10,000 square feet. If you would take, say about \$95 a square foot and factor that out --

Councilmember Hoy: In construction?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, in construction, and you take about 20,000 square feet it would cost you about 1,900,000. So, just kind of FYI, just kind of information sake, and say if we stay here over the course of twenty years and say rent stayed the same, you're talking about \$3,400,000. If you construct a space, 20,000 square feet, you're talking about a facility that's going to cost you about \$1,900,000. Of course, that's not including all the other things that are going to need to go into it, you know, your maintenance and your upkeep and your security, things like that. That's not counting that, but like I said, still that just gives you some kind of idea if you compare what you've got and what you could potentially have; what kind of costs you'll come in contact with.

Councilmember Hoy: I hear your point, and we may be better off. We being the Health Department, to build new, but you're going to have some other costs there that are figured into the rent here. Perhaps this figure is a little high. The problem is if it's not then they're going to have their hands tied for another year. You're looking at a very... I don't think there's, and I say this with respect, I don't think there's a more fiscally conservative board that I sit on, and I sit on a lot of boards, than the Health Department Board. And I don't mean that as a put down, I mean you're looking a room full of one veterinarian, several doctors, and one lawyer and there's a big "C" there called conservative. They've reached this point, I wish they had not reached it in the year when I'm running for office to be honest with you. What I'd like from the Auditor, Mrs. Crouch, if you would for us is if you could, you know we talked about what the property tax increase, actual dollars would be because that's what the taxpayer is going to be looking at. If it's going to cost me 16 more bucks a year, personally, then I'll be glad to write the check. I'll get my checkbook and write it today because I think this department... but I don't know what it is going to be. If you could kind of give us some pegs, like a \$200,000 home or whatever, we could talk about that, that would be helpful to see what that spread is going to be rather than looking at a percentage that doesn't mean anything to my pocketbook. Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, we've got to keep moving here. Is there anything else?

John Heidingsfelder: Dr. Del Rio, I think, has a few words.

President Wortman: Oh, has she got a few? Would you please come forward ma'am?

Maria Del Rio: Thank you for allowing me to speak to you today. My name is Maria Del Rio Hoover. I am the current chairman of the Board of Health. I am a pediatrician. I specialize in babies that are born early, premature and sick. When you were talking about the \$147,000 that we're asking as an increase, that's an increase of 10,000 square feet of space. It costs more than that to take care of one premature baby in ICU until we get that baby healthy to go home, and that's not including the cost to the community of this baby later on in school and in medical bills. Our nursing division right now has barely space to work and do the work that they need to do. They have been able to decrease the number of low birth weight babies in our communities and decrease the number of premature babies through their outreach plan. We have no room to serve the community. And I'm here talking to you from the standpoint of the community, not the numbers and the dollars and the cents. We have been in a space crunch for about seven years. The increase that we are asking for is increase not just in money, increase in space, which ever way you want to look at it, so that we can better serve the community. The other reason for the move is because we are not really accessible to the people that we serve in this building. We need to be accessible to our community. We need to make it easy for the women and the babies to come to us when they need medical care so that they may do it in a timely manner. That's not easy to do in this building because of the parking issues and the accessibility issues. They have to walk a long way even when they have a car with a baby in bad weather conditions sometimes just to come and receive our services. So, many of them don't. And when the babies don't get the services, they get sick ergo the cost to the community and the cost to all of us. I think the board, which was stated before, is made up of one attorney, several physicians, and a veterinarian, has been looking and trying to be fiscally conservative. We don't want to over spend your money, but we do want to serve the community and we have been given the direction by the state to be more and more aggressive and take the initiative and the responsibility for the health of our community. Our community is growing. We don't only take care of pregnant women and children, we deal with communicable diseases, infectious diseases, and all other aspects, environmental needs, et cetera. But mainly, it is the health aspect of the Health Department that deals directly with the community that we are trying to address. We feel that we need two things, we need more space and we need a new location. I think that this location here can better serve other organizations or other groups that will meet their needs better than us. We cannot look at any other building whether we buy it, rent it, or lease it unless we know from you how much money we have to spend. We guesstimated doubling our space because we think that's how much we are going to need. Our current nurses have no privacy to talk to their patients, and some of the issues are very serious. We're talking about a mother with HIV. We're talking about a mother that uses drugs that needs some help. We can't talk about this in an open environment, we need to give dignity to the patients and we don't provide that right now. So, we're not just looking at more space so that we can have more room to sit in an office, but more space to serve the community. We have no conference room per se. One of our directives is to educate the public in order to prevent problems. We have one conference room that looks like Grand Central Station, it's very, very small, and that's the only one that serves the entire Health Department. We teach residents, family practice residents, we teach nursing students, as well as other representatives in the community that come through our area. We have nowhere to teach or serve these students right now, except for this little conference room. So, as I speak to you, the issue here is that we need more space in order to serve the community. And we need a new location, whatever that may be. The numbers that you see is just a duplication. We looked at what we pay right now and we thought that if we need double the space, we'd double the numbers. We're going to try to get a cheaper rate. We're going to try to get as much space and the best facility for the least amount of money, but without a startup figure of what we have to work with we can't talk to any businessmen and bargain or negotiate. And if we don't get that amount in our budget we won't be able to negotiate for another year.

President Wortman: Has Welborn Hospital been pursued, just in case there is a vacancy over there?

Maria Del Rio: Currently we have three organizations that have approached us and

hopefully there might be more once we know how much money we have. One is a building by Rogers Realty, one is one of the floors of the current Welborn Hospital, and one is a bank building downtown on Main Street. We have not pursued any of them because we've told them that unless we know how much money we have to work with, I don't want to spend money or the time on the architect. Then we'll look at it and see which of these facilities, number one, best serves us and makes it cheaper for us to move. It may only cost us \$300,000 to move, not the \$500,000. We're going to try to make it for as little as possible. But remember we need negative air pressure because we do take care of people with tuberculosis, we take care of people with sexually transmitted diseases and infectious diseases. So we have certain needs that aren't just office space that make it a little more expensive, but we're looking at any and all possibilities.

President Wortman: I was associated when we went over there and studied the Visiting Nurse Association building --

Maria Del Rio: Right.

President Wortman: And it came back and that. I imagine they're getting under a lot of pressure. I don't know if they're going to make it over there or not, but that would be a good building, provided it's reasonable. It's probably financed, I guess, by three banks possibly --

Councilmember Hoy: Has not SIGECO and SIGECOM's parent company leased part of that?

Maria Del Rio: They have leased part of that, but VNA right now has 50,000 square feet. So, they may...we're welcome to share. They do have a good location and, you know, our needs are more for space and accessibility to our clients and the public. So, if they want to relook at it with us...I think once we know how much money we have to work with we will then begin the process of what's available and look at all the places that are available and what's the best place. We are looking, also looking, as we talked to the people we serve at the current clinics that we have and see if we can consolidate them and provide better service to the people that use our women's and children's clinics also.

President Wortman: But see, like next year it could be March, April, May before you'll probably have anything. You could come to us prior to that, a month or so, and maybe, if it's feasible, we could appropriate the money then instead of now, see.

Maria Del Rio: But I can't talk to anybody without telling them how much money I have to work with. Suppose a businessman says I own this building and I'll be glad to lease you 20,000, I can't negotiate if I don't know how much money. We have to wait a whole year and then wait and see if that money is going to be appropriated.

President Wortman: But he could give you a projection. When you're going to build a commercial building or house the bank, if you borrow money, unless some of them pay cash --

Maria Del Rio: We have that now. If we get that money appropriated and we find the building we could be moving within four to six months. Why do we have to wait another year to restart the whole process?

President Wortman: Well, but you've waited this long so another six months --

Maria Del Rio: Well, if you want to wait, but it's not going to make it any different or any better. Right now we've already found three buildings. We have not come before you until now because we didn't have any possibilities, and we didn't want to waste your time. We now know that we have about three viable, maybe four viable buildings that are in the location that we want, that have the parking we want, and have the space we need. This is the first time in seven years that we have three or four viable buildings that one of them



we know will probably be a good place for us to move. We don't know how much it's going to cost, but we know, we've found the buildings and we've got different possibilities. Waiting until next year is just going to postpone the whole process. It's not going to make it any different.

Councilmember Sutton: Dr. Hoover? The question that, I understand what you are saying, but I think the question that President Wortman is saying are these possibilities that you are looking at, are they going to base their rent on what we allocate, or are we trying to make a determination on what space is best on what we can afford and what is appropriate for your needs, and what is a reasonable price for that space, rather than the reverse?

Maria Del Rio: It's what is a reasonable price for that space and that's why it is good that we have competition. Just because we have X number of money, whether it's \$300,000 or \$280,000, I don't think we should spend it all. That gives us a limit but not necessarily a reason to spend it all. With three or four possibilities there will be some competition for us to become a lessor of the building. Remember, we want a long term lease and I think that's one of the issues that will be a positive issue for anybody that will lease space to us. Because we're going to be permanent, or nearly as permanent as you can be.

Councilmember Sutton: Then the question would be is this \$313,000 figure based upon a specific amount that has been quoted to you guys for a specific space, or is this the highest amount that you think it would be? So I guess what we're wanting to hear is how much will it cost for space A, B, C, or D?

Maria Del Rio: Okay. We don't know, but that number was based on the fact that currently we have 10,000 square feet and it costs us X amount of money. If we want 20,000 all we did is doubled that figure based on our current rent, not on what's been offered. Our current rent includes, like we said, electricity, it includes maintenance, and it includes security. That's all we did. This is not a figure based on someone that has given us an estimate. We just took our current rent and our current space of 10,000 and we said if we pay this for 10,000 square feet, this is the maximum we ought to pay for 20,000. Now, we may be able to live with 17,000 square feet at a lot less than what we pay right now in this building. If we can, then next year our budget will show that.

President Wortman: You have two items here, leasing and purchasing. So, I think we have to be careful here.

Maria Del Rio: Well, we can't purchase. The Health Department cannot own its own building. You can purchase it and lease it to us, and we'd be happy to --

President Wortman: That's what I was in reference to.

Maria Del Rio: That's right.

President Wortman: Mrs. Crouch would like to comment.

Suzanne Crouch: The Health Department has an unappropriated balance now. They have monies available to them. I'd have to go down and figure out what it is, but it's probably in the neighborhood of \$300,000 to \$400,000 right now this year that they have available to them. Do you know what that is, Sam? I'd have to go down and figure it out.

Sam Elder: Yeah, over the years they've always talked about the unappropriated balance, and the last time that I heard it, I think that it was \$235,000. Yeah, \$235,000 was the figure, and I think it came from your office. I don't know from who. But you know this... You know we're told on money that the only time we can receive any funds is during the budget time. Other than that you have to borrow it.

Suzanne Crouch: You can --

Sam Elder: If we've got an unappropriated balance you could use it.

Suzanne Crouch: If you had an unappropriated balance, right.

Sam Elder: But you know that money is necessary until we get our tax settlement to keep from operating a deficit budget.

Suzanne Crouch: No, because you always, all county departments operate at a deficit until they receive their settlement. So, that unappropriated money is yours to spend at any point in time during the year.

Sam Elder: The unappropriated balance, I agree with that. But if we didn't have it wouldn't we run a deficit budget until we got our tax settlement?

Suzanne Crouch: On your books perhaps it would look that way, but in terms of the State Tax Commissioners, they don't consider it a deficit. Because you are actually spending money that is projected to come in. You are sometimes spending it before it comes in, but the budget process is such that all departments and offices are spending monies and have budgets based upon what the projected revenues are. So, you don't need to, that unappropriated balance, you don't worry about when to spend it and when not to. It's yours to spend throughout the year at any point in time you need it.

Sam Elder: I understand that. When we were a city agency, we didn't have that problem because they told us as long as there was a balance in the General Fund we could run a deficit budget on it. But when we came to the county, we were told that we weren't allowed to run a deficit budget. This is the reason that the unappropriated balance was put in. That unappropriated balance, as I understand it, can't be spent without coming to the Council and requesting it. As far as I'm concerned you're the financial person, if you say that there's \$350,000 in an unappropriated balance that we can spend to move, we don't need \$500,000. But that means that we don't have any unappropriated balance, and if we would have an emergency, we would have to borrow it. We normally figure an emergency such as outbreak of encephalitis. We don't have the money in our budget to conduct an effective spraying program. Now, we're not doing any (inaudible) because the insecticides have been so restricted and the ones that we can use are not effective. If we had an outbreak we would use some of the restricted insecticides. And everybody operates, we have an inventory for an emergency. But I don't have any problem, you're the financial person. If you say that there's X number of dollars available, I don't see any reason that you can't take it off of the \$500,000 we requested.

President Wortman: Let's go back to Mr. Sutton over there that had those figures, you know, if you're going to rent for twenty years, if we get a building we have it paid for, see.

Sam Elder: You know we've always said --

President Wortman: And then we've got the Building Authority, as we did the auditorium, there's all possibilities here before we jump into this thing.

Sam Elder: We've always felt, I think everyone involved has felt, that this would be the ideal solution. You know, when VNA first approached us, we thought it would have been an excellent idea for the county to have purchased that building. The people that are trying to rent you buildings, the problem with renting a building, all of them want to give you a triple net lease as they call it. This means they are responsible for the roof and the outside walls and major repairs to the heating system as long as it wasn't your fault that it was that way.

Unidentified: I'd hate to negotiate that one.

Councilmember Raben: I was just going to make a statement. We would need to check and make sure we even have the ability to bond for \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000.

President Wortman: Yeah, see because we've got the possibility of the jail. Could be combined. There's a lot of factors here, and I think we've got to be careful.

Councilmember Hoy: When you talk about building, you've also got to talk about land acquisition. I can't remember, but it costs us a royal fortune to acquire that land across the street for 80 parking spaces. I mean, you know, you're also talking about expensive land, if we were to build. You have to factor that in. You can build a building for so many dollars, but finding the location, and you do not want this building stuck out where land is cheaper because one of the reasons for locating where we've been looking is to make it accessible to the clients. Not all of the clients, I would hasten to add, are low income as Mr. Elder and Dr. Hoover can tell you. A lot of middle class, I mean this Health Department is used if you do foreign travel. I've used it for a lot to things. But you know, accessibility is an issue and land around this area of the city is not cheap. I mean there are a lot of factors to look at. I think, and we might try this on for size, Mr. Elder, Dr Del Rio Hoover and Dr Heidingsfelder, that since we may not be moving as Mr. Wortman has said right on January 1st, we might be able to trim some of that. And if we can use some of this reserve, maybe we can trim some of it, but I sure hate to see us...We've worked very hard to get to this point and to go back to what Dr. Del Rio Hoover said. Just in the WIC program, I mean, we can't look at the tax impact just from the local standpoint. For every WIC dollar that is spent, how much is saved in medical costs in the first five years? Five bucks?

Sam Elder: I think that's what they --

Councilmember Hoy: I mean for every...Now WIC is not a cheap program but for every dollar spent there on those children, you save five bucks in medical costs in the first five years. That doesn't include the appeal, for God's sake, for the fact that these are human beings. We give all kinds of lip service to children, but we don't give much money in this society. You look in any arena where children are taken care of and you will find miserable wages, usually. And you will find us being very conservative to the point of being I don't know what. It does get under my skin as you can tell from the tone of my voice because we're talking... I'm sitting on this committee and then I'm sitting down with the Juvenile Justice committee and we live in a society where we will spend \$135 a day to put a kid in a locked facility, but we'll quibble over taking care of their health in the first five years which are the most crucial years. If that child isn't healthy and loved and everything else in those first five years, you've lost the ball game and we've known that forever. You don't recover what's lost in those first five years. We're talking about probably the most crucial issue we are talking about in this Council today, and that is the health of this community.

Maria Del Rio: I'd just like to remind you that --

President Wortman: Excuse me a minute, tape again.

#### **TAPE CHANGE**

President Wortman: Okay, Dr. Hoover.

Councilmember Raben: He backed up on me last week.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll tell you what, I don't know who sets the rules for this game.

Maria Del Rio: I just wanted to remind you that it has taken us seven years to find even four buildings that have the parking, the location and the space that we need. If we wait another year to formalize anything we may not have those buildings again. I don't want to put pressure on you, but it has taken us this long just to find the space that we've got right now. I think our fear and our worry is that these buildings aren't going to stay available or these spaces aren't going to stay available. This is prime property in the downtown area with a lot of parking which we need for our clients. Waiting a year...we've waited this long, yes, we can wait another year, but in another year we may not have the space and it might

be seven more years before we find a space.

President Wortman: Can you go ahead and work on this until next week right quick and then come back?

Maria Del Rio: What would you like me to do?

President Wortman: Negotiate and just see what it is and come back and then we'll talk about the money and see what you come up with.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Wortman, regardless of what we do, okay, in this particular instance you're talking about 20,000 square feet of facility. It's very doubtful that by the end of next year you would even be prepared to move into it, but with a 200 and some odd thousand dollar or \$300,000 operating balance, unappropriated balance, if we give them an additional \$100 or \$200,000 in that line, I would think they would be well set to do whatever the heck they wanted.

Maria Del Rio: You mean to increase our budget for rent for that amount?

Councilmember Raben: Or the other operating, but you again...I don't think they need to jump through the hoop between now and next week because they've got ample monies to probably get them well through next year on whatever project...whichever building that they select. So—

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, I don't understand—

Maria Del Rio: My—

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm sorry, ma'am. I don't understand how can they even put anything in at all if they don't know what they've got? I mean, if we just give them \$200,000 and they're talking about \$500,000, or whatever, how are they...they can't negotiate.

Councilmember Raben: They'll never complete a project between now and the end of next year, but if we give them \$200, they've got \$200, that's \$400,000 right there.

Councilmember Bassemier: But the place they're leasing wants double that and they can't—

Councilmember Raben: Well, again, who knows? They don't even know.

President Wortman: Wait a minute. Let's don't forget the ownership of a building.

Councilmember Bassemier: They've got to have a place.

President Wortman: I think we're kind of missing the point there. It might end up buying a building instead of leasing because sometimes in a five year lease you could be kicked out and we've got the same expense over again.

Councilmember Raben: I agree with that.

Maria Del Rio: I think the board, when we were talking VNA, made it very clear that one of the guidelines that the board would like to make is a guaranteed 20 year lease. The problem is that I can't negotiate a 20 year lease when I don't know how much money I'm going to have in the budget next year. I have to have some guarantee whether it is \$200,000, \$250,000 or \$300,000 that I know I am going to have my money lessor otherwise I can't negotiate 20 years. That's part of the negotiation issue. I'll guarantee you a 20 year lease, but I'll want a lower rent. Without any guarantees with what is going to happen next year I don't think I can do any negotiation. We would really be on hold unless we know much money you feel we have to work with. If you feel we can work with

\$300,000 or \$250,000 we're going to try to go below whatever you give us, but we have to have a starting point of a guarantee in the budget so that I can negotiate a long-term lease.

President Wortman: But us Councilmen give our words. We look like good honest people, don't we?

Maria Del Rio: Oh, absolutely.

President Wortman: Any other questions? Okay, well thank you. Anybody else have any questions for the Health Department?

Councilmember Hoy: I just have one further comment.

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: As we look at this, and it looks like we may be working towards some kind of compromise, you all can be helpful in that is Mr. Elders pointed out something very important about the reserve fund, you don't need to come back up unless you want to, and that is if we have a health emergency he must have some money there to respond. There has to be a certain minimum and I don't know what that is, Mr. Elder, but if you would factor all that in for us that would be helpful.

Sam Elder: Well, you know one of the things is we've got probably somewhere between \$50,000 and \$100,000 inventory of vaccines that were furnished by the federal government. The trade magazines all say that this is going to stop. You know, would you want to discontinue the immunization program or would you like for us to use part of the unappropriated balance? This is just...and it may not stop, but the publications are predicting that there is going to be a drastic reduction in the immunization programs from a federal level.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else? We've got to keep moving here. We've got an hour and we've got a whole bunch of live people out there just itching to get to the microphone. Thank you, Sam, and your associates, Dr. Hoover and Dr. Heidingsfelder.

### ***CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU***

President Wortman: Next on the agenda is the Convention & Business Bureau, 178.

Dolli Kight: Hi, I'm Dolli Kight from the Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau. I also have with me Bev Oswald, our Commission President. I'm here to answer any questions.

Councilmember Smith: Yes, what kind of percentage did you figure in all of these?

Dolli Kight: We did figure the seven percent as we discussed a couple of years ago.

Councilmember Smith: Seven?

Dolli Kight: A couple of years ago, we discussed a performance based pay increase. Last year our actual salaries averaged four percent in pay increase. Staff received anywhere from three to five percent depending on their actual performance. We had presented that to the Council, I think, in '98 for the '99 budget and that was okayed at that time. So these actual salaries that I am presenting are at the top end, but it will be based on performance what the employee actually gets. I do have one change. Under Executive Assistant we had a staff change so actually that should be \$23,540.

Councilmember Hoy: Say that again, please.

Dolli Kight: Twenty-three five forty.

Councilmember Smith: Line item 3570, I think you've got less than one percent increase. Line item...oh, the Office Assistant, you've got not even two percent. If they are not worth more than a two percent increase they're not doing their job.

Dolli Kight: Well, but—

Councilmember Smith: I wouldn't keep them.

Dolli Kight: That is based on what they actually got this year. Actually salaries...for instance, the Executive Assistant, her actual salary before she left was \$25,245 even though we budgeted \$25,725 last year. Her actual salary came in lower based on her performance.

Councilmember Smith: But I'm talking about like your Office Assistant here. That's not even a two percent increase. The Coordinator is not even one percent. I don't understand this.

Dolli Kight: Uh—

Councilmember Smith: If the county is going to give three percent, four percent or whatever I don't think it's right to give somebody less than one percent.

Dolli Kight: But it's not. Her actual salary is \$24,255 the Communications Coordinator. A seven percent increase would be \$25,952.85, but she may not get seven percent. It depends.

Councilmember Smith: It isn't even one percent, it's point seven. You don't even have a one percent increase on that one.

Dolli Kight: Let me see how because I did the salaries, I figured them percentage wise.

Unidentified: I don't know if you did it on your calculator there.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, there are several above.

Councilmember Hoy: There is a couple...I'm sorry, go ahead.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess we're just working with the figures that we have here and the figures that we have are the amounts that were budgeted last year and the amounts that you put in your budget for next year.

Dolli Kight: Correct.

Councilmember Sutton: And when you take what was budgeted for this particular calendar year and compare that to next year you get a variety of different figures. For example, if you start at the very top 1110-3570 you've got a five percent increase there. 1120-3570 you get four percent. 1130-3570 three point five five percent. The Executive Assistant which is line item 1140-3570 you've got five percent there. Line item 1150-3570 Communications Coordinator is point seven percent. The Office Assistant, though you said there has been a change if you've factored that in as comparison to last year line item 1160-3570 will be one point nine percent so I guess we're trying to get an understanding of who gets paid, what the increase is going to be, because it's just kind of all over the board there. Just trying to get an understanding of what direction you're going.

Dolli Kight: I don't have a calculator in front of me and maybe I did miscalculate.

Councilmember Smith: Well, Dolli, my point was that I feel that if we give a four percent or a three percent across the board then everybody should get the same amount. Not somebody down here with less than one percent. That's just not fair.

Bev Oswald: Is it possible that we're going from the budget from last year to the budget for this year where actually this year they did not receive those increases? I know we had some staff changes where they are paid actually less, so she took the actual and projected the increases, not last year's budget.

President Wortman: Excuse me.

Jeff Ahlers: If I could, Ms. Smith and Mr. Sutton, I think I understand what she is saying just as a point of clarification is that the figures that shows for budgeted 2000 aren't what those people are making.

Dolli Kight: No.

Jeff Ahlers: And so that's why you get, I guess, what she is saying is the percentage is higher than what you are calculating, is that right?

Dolli Kight: Right.

Jeff Ahlers: Is what I thought I heard you say.

Bev Oswald: And there were several situations where we had an employee that had some tenure that left and so we have a lesser salary this year, so the actual this year we took seven percent and budgeted an increase, but when you are looking at budget versus budget it is variable because it is actually seven percent over actual salaries this year.

Councilmember Sutton: Where did the seven percent figure maybe come from? I hadn't heard that before.

Dolli Kight: We have a point system that we evaluate the employees on and base the range of points that they receive on their evaluation is where their percentage pay increase falls. I'd be happy to get you a copy of our evaluation form if you would like.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I would remind the Council, not that I agree with this, but we also moved these jobs out from under the Job Study about one or two years ago which gave you permission to use that kind of evaluation, so they're not necessarily subject to doing what we do with all the rest of the jobs. They're subject to staying within a budget.

Dolli Kight: However, the last couple of years our pay increases have averaged what county employees are getting.

Councilmember Hoy: Right, yeah.

Councilmember Smith: Well, that's what I thought and this is what I'm looking at the figures that I've got to go with.

Dolli Kight: Right.

Councilmember Smith: And Royce with a calculator here.

Bev Oswald: We should have actual for you.

Councilmember Smith: We need the actual figures.

Dolli Kight: I'll do that. I'll get that for you before next week. I can't do that in my head.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else?

Councilmember Raben: Betty, I don't—

Dolli Kight: I am pleased to say overall my budget did go down this year.

Councilmember Raben: —know if you....I think you and Bev were talking when Phil was giving his spiel just a minute ago, but two or three years ago actually I think we took their people out of our regular salary ordinance to allow them to offer an incentive program. So that's why their salaries vary so much.

Councilmember Smith: But when I am looking at the figures that I am looking at and that comes up with less than one percent then that's what I've got to go on and that's what I've got to vote on, so I have to have the right figures or I can't vote correctly.

Bev Oswald: You'll see their actual salary this year and then you'll see there is adequate budget there.

Dolli Kight: Yeah, I didn't have a place on my sheet.

Councilmember Hoy: Another thing Mrs. Smith is saying is, you know, if somebody is worth less than one percent then maybe you should replace them. And you don't have anybody like that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, can I raise a few questions on this budget? I'm trying not to skip over here. First would be on advertising. I have mentioned this before, Dolli, but currently we have a request for \$20,000 in our Burdette Park budget, but I think and this is not only myself but probably six other council people in this room think that that line should be funded through this budget.

Dolli Kight: We do have a grant program. They have applied in the past for brochure grants and we have granted funds for them.

Councilmember Raben: But they're talking outside of brochures. They not only want to be part of your brochures, but their billboards that they need throughout the year and whatnot. That park is really part of what you do. We would like to see you fund that line completely and maybe even give them more assistance, if you can.

Dolli Kight: Typically, when we advertise, we advertise outside of 150 miles of Evansville because we want those people to come in and spend the night and spend more money. I don't know if their billboards actually go out that far.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I don't know that they go out that far, but the ones that are closer than that for sure. I mean, you know the ones around town or Boonville or Henderson or wherever you've got them, I mean, they need to be part of your advertising scheme.

Councilmember Sutton: One thing they mentioned, for example, on one of the maps I guess that you guys put together of the different sites and attractions that they are listed in the list of attractions, but they don't actually get identified on the map because the map doesn't go over far enough to take them in. We feel like being a local attraction they need to be a part of the promotion of this community because of what they do.

Dolli Kight: And they are included in our visitor guide. I know it is hard to get them on a map because we only have so much space on a piece of paper often to do that. We are looking at doing some redesign with our visitor guide so maybe we can make some changes there. We could go to a larger sized visitor guide and we might be able to add them onto a map at that point.

Councilmember Raben: Not only I guess am I asking you, but I guess maybe Bev I should have asked this before she got away, but you don't have a problem with maybe funding half of their \$20,000 request or even the entire \$20,000 for billboards and advertising?



Bev Oswald: First of all we have some guidelines that the Bureau has established. (Inaudible comments made away from the mike.)

President Wortman: We need to be recorded, would you mind coming to the microphone please?

Councilmember Raben: I mean, I don't think we're talking in terms of matching really. Again, I guess we probably aren't asking The Centre to match dollar for dollar.

Bev Oswald: The way the program is set up, and I'm sure we can look at making changes to that, but a lot of different groups ask to have monies given to them so there is a program set up that's a matched—

Councilmember Raben: But this really isn't a group. This is another county entity.

Bev Oswald: Right.

Councilmember Raben: So you know, again, their whole business is very much what you all are about and I think their advertising line certainly meets your guidelines.

Bev Oswald: It probably does. We'll have to look at it. Actually, the Bureau, as you know, is to attract visitors to Evansville and I'm sure you get visitors that come in and conventions, that's their mission. Does Burdette mostly attract local people and if it is outdoor advertising in Evansville is that going to have other people from other communities want to come to Evansville?

Councilmember Raben: Oh, I think it attracts.

Bev Oswald: I would think that may not, I mean actually. It is to attract visitors and convention groups to Evansville.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm renting one of the shelters for a family reunion and people are coming from all over.

Bev Oswald: Yeah, I mean I think we'll just have to look at it and make sure it works within that. I'm certainly not opposed to it, but doing advertising in Vanderburgh County probably does not bring people to Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Hoy: We're looking at it—

Councilmember Raben: I agree, but my argument all along has not always been heads in beds either.

Bev Oswald: Right. It just depends on what they would classify our mission as and what our goals are. I understand them to be to bring visitors and convention groups to Evansville.

Councilmember Hoy: Your BMX track out there does bring a lot of heads in beds.

Bev Oswald: And there are lots of things that can. Burdette is a great...it's growing and the sport thing I think is probably—

Councilmember Hoy: We consider our park as a county...as not just a park. We consider it as a real attraction because of the people that come in and the water park.

Bev Oswald: I agree.

Councilmember Hoy: All of the extras it has.

Bev Oswald: It's just a question on where they actually advertise.

Councilmember Hoy: It's not a neighborhood park, it's a regional park to say the least.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Did you check out Burdette Park's feasibility study what attractions and the radius it will attract I think it's about 150 mile radius.

Bev Oswald: I agree. I think maybe that's was as far as...Again, for the Bureau I think that the park is excellent and I'm sure people come from the neighboring areas to go there. Just the advertising dollars spent maybe that is where they should be spread out to some of the communities around us because I think they would come from 100 miles to go to Burdette and spend time, spend a weekend or whatever, use a cabin. We should look into it. I don't think there will be a problem with it. I just don't want to say yes that absolutely fits because, certainly in Vanderburgh County, I think it is questionable on how many people that brings to the county by advertising within the county.

Councilmember Bassemier: That's why we spent the money on the water slides and all that to see what outside attractions would bring in and increase this park.

Bev Oswald: Sure, right.

Councilmember Bassemier: And it goes far out of Vanderburgh County, I am telling you that.

Bev Oswald: I think that makes sense.

Councilmember Raben: I don't know that I actually got my answer that I was looking to hear, but I mean I think it's reasonable to ask that in this \$280,000 line that we could get some sort of commitment for \$10 or \$20,000.

Bev Oswald: I agree with that. Yeah, I think we can do that and I was just saying as to where the advertising is spent needs to make sense for the Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Councilmember Raben: Could I ask another question, Mr. President.

President Wortman: Bev, would you state your name please?

Bev Oswald: I'm sorry, it's Bev Oswald. I'm president of the Convention & Visitors Bureau.

President Wortman: Fine, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Thanks, Bev. Contractual Services, that's up \$20,000.

Dolli Kight: Right, we have contracted with an outside accounting firm. Our bookkeeper left our employ in May and we are seeking the services of an accounting firm because of the financial situation that we have with the monies that are coming in we feel more comfortable handling that through an accounting firm rather than in-house. We also do give a grant to the Visitor Center for use of office space in there and that is how we fund maintenance for the Visitor Center as well.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, you say you've lost your bookkeeper and you're not going to replace them?

Dolli Kight: No, we have an office manager now that is taking on a lot of those duties. The bookkeeper was office manager as well and she was handling quite a work load.

Councilmember Raben: Which line is that? Is that the Office Assistant?

Dolli Kight: That is the Executive Assistant.

Councilmember Raben: Executive Assistant.

Dolli Kight: That's why that went down.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, which line was the bookkeeper?

Dolli Kight: It was Executive Assistant.

Councilmember Raben: It was that as well?

Dolli Kight: Yeah, because bookkeeper didn't really clearly define her.

Councilmember Raben: So you have replaced that person?

Dolli Kight: We have replaced that person, but she is not doing bookkeeping duties and her salary is substantially lower.

Councilmember Raben: Now you've really lost me.

Dolli Kight: That was the one that I asked that line item become \$23,540.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else? We've got to keep moving. We're getting behind here a little bit.

Councilmember Raben: No, that's all I've got.

President Wortman: Do you have anything else, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No, that will get me.

President Wortman: Alright, anybody else got any questions for Dolli and Bev? Thank you very much. Appreciate it.

### ***ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR***

President Wortman: Page 52.

Councilmember Raben: I don't believe there is anybody here from Armstrong.

President Wortman: I think they're on vacation if I am not mistaken.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, they are.

### ***TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND***

President Wortman: So we'll skip that and then we'll go to German Township.

Unidentified: What about Center?

President Wortman: Let's get Center first. Is Center around?

Councilmember Smith: Armstrong is not here, did you say?

Jeff Ahlers: Armstrong is not here.

President Wortman: You know, we didn't do Tourism Capital Improvement Fund, page 181. Take quick glance and look at that and then we'll start off with Center Township.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I don't think anybody has any questions on that account. Let's move on.

Dolli Kight: That's what we are paying off the loan.

Councilmember Raben: That's our obligation for the Pagoda project.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. Appreciate it.

### ***CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR***

President Wortman: Now then, we'll go to Center Township, 54.

Rebecca Galey: Center Township Assessor's Office, Rebecca Galey, Chief Deputy. We put in for the four percent like we were told to do. The rest of the budget is no different from last year.

President Wortman: Anybody got any questions on page 54? If not, turn to page 55. Not much change there. Anybody got any questions? No office machines they don't want. They're doing pretty good. Okay. Thank you, I appreciate your time.

Rebecca Galey: Thank you.

### ***GERMAN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR***

President Wortman: Next, German Assessor, page 56.

Tim Shaefer: Tim Shaefer, German Township Assessor. I increased wages like you asked up four percent and took care of the PERF and Insurance. I did add a line item for plat books, 2830. Our books are in bad shape. That did add \$530 to the budget, but I did take off some money on something else, so I think the budget increased roughly \$250 besides the increase in the wages.

Councilmember Raben: You took money off your maintenance contract.

Tim Shaefer: Correct.

President Wortman: Anybody got any questions for Mr. Shaefer? (Inaudible, mike not on.)

Tim Shaefer: Five hundred and thirty, I believe it is, Curt.

Councilmember Raben: But he took \$450 off another line.

President Wortman: Right, okay. Okay, good enough. Okay, do you got anymore questions? If not you can be excused. Thanks, Tim.

Tim Shaefer: Thanks.

### ***KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR***

President Wortman: Knight Assessor, 58.

Al Folz: Al Folz, Knight Township Assessor. Ready?

President Wortman: Any questions on Mr. Folz on page 58? He's got a Second Business Deputy. Anybody got any questions on that?

Councilmember Winnecke: Can you talk about that position, Al?

Al Folz: Yes, certainly. Well, I think this is what, the sixth year I have asked for one as a Business Deputy? We have this time around 6,200 business schedules and then of course what this relates to we figure this year is going to be like bringing in \$155 million and that's assessed value. With the guidelines that the state has sent down that things we have to be done at a certain period of time, we're finding that it's getting more difficult and more difficult. We try to bring in people that have part-time help, but by the time you train people into these intricate type of manuals and things like this, we find that all of a sudden they are gone so that it is getting to be a certain area here of money. You know Knight Township is bringing in like a billion six hundred million dollars a year. If you take that and divide that by three, now that's true tax value. Now if you get down to assessed value you're looking like 550 or 555 million dollars and if we're figuring that the business schedules alone are bringing in 155 million, and that's assessed value, you can see where a deputy can pay for itself very, very quickly. One thing that I'm sure you should realize is that the people that we do hire and the people that the Council does give us, makes money for the taxpayers of Knight Township and for the county. This, I think again, is reflected upon the amount of true tax value that is brought in by Knight Township. Now, something maybe that I have not brought up before is that in Knight Township we have almost ten months of vacation time, sick leave, personal days, funeral days, so that means that almost once every month we've got somebody out of here. I owe some comp time, but I can't let people off because I don't have enough people to actually help fill in. So to me that it just makes common sense that finally I'm going to get somebody, I would get someone that would be working with my personal property and deputies. I would appreciate any questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: I have been working with Al now going on seven years, and he has been very patient with us. Every year when I talk with him, he tells me he needs this person and I ask him, Al, please bear with us. We can find the money after the budget time to try to give this to you and I have been unsuccessful. I'm surprised he hasn't fired me by now for being his liaison officer, but I really think he needs this.

Councilmember Smith: The only one I knew that got fired was Curt.

Councilmember Bassemier: So anyway, I am just going to ask the Council if there is any way this year let's help our friend, Al, out on this one and give him this person. That's all I have to say.

President Wortman: With all these people being off we might have to change the personnel policy, do you think?

Al Folz: Well, either that or you are going to have to set up certain standards that say if you're here any longer than 15 years that's it, you know, 15 years and out. But a lot of people have been there 20 years and over.

President Wortman: Okay.

Al Folz: And this is just going to increase every year.

President Wortman: Yeah.

Al Folz: My people have been with me a long time, ever since I have been in the office. You see a lot of people come and go in other offices like that, but mine have been there. I've been very fortunate. Very efficient people and they know what they are doing. But finally you just reach a certain point from government regulations and such especially when you're in this personal property that it needs to be done.

President Wortman: I've notice, Mr. Folz, you have doubled the extra help.

Al Folz: Yes.

President Wortman: Would that affect the Second Business Deputy?

Al Folz: Not much.

President Wortman: Not much?

Al Folz: Not much because I should of had a full-time person many years ago and I should be up here asking for another one.

President Wortman: Page 59, Computers and Data Management, \$5,000.

Al Folz: That would be for another computer.

President Wortman: Another computer.

Al Folz: Yes, sir.

President Wortman: Then we go down to 3540 Maintenance Contract \$3,540.

Al Folz: Okay, that is that new copier that we have.

Councilmember Sutton: Back on that, Curt, did you get a computer last year, Al, or was it the year before?

Al Folz: I beg your pardon?

Councilmember Sutton: Didn't you get a computer last year?

Al Folz: So far, I have upgraded almost all of ours. I think I got two or three. But I used those out of the Reassessment Fund as we were told to do.

Councilmember Raben: Speaking of that--

Al Folz: This will have basically taken and upgraded most all of our things up now for whatever we have for the GIS and so forth. Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Where are we at--

Councilmember Smith: What you need most is space in your office.

Al Folz: I beg your pardon?

Councilmember Smith: What you need mostly is space.

Al Folz: Well, that's true, but have you noticed how Marion County has been doing theirs? They moved everybody out of the Civic Centers or Conference Centers up there and put them out in their own district.

Councilmember Raben: Al, where are we at in terms of reassessment? Have you stopped spending?

Al Folz: All we're doing is rechecking, yes. Now all we're doing is rechecking some of the stuff maybe we can't read. I have been using extra help money out of it. That fills in for what I have been needing as far as, you know, the checking and so forth like that. We've cut down on our personnel to about three now.

Councilmember Raben: I thought it was the intent...I mean, I thought we weren't going to spend any more from those accounts.

Al Folz: No, you didn't say that the last time. When I gave my report on this you said that we weren't going to get any more money.

Councilmember Raben: No, I think we had asked that all Assessors stop spending from those accounts, didn't we? I mean, did I read the memo different?

Al Folz: I don't think so. I don't remember that whatsoever.

President Wortman: I think what it was we said you had your six month appropriation, all Assessors, and when that money runs out—

Al Folz: That was it.

President Wortman: —it was it, that's done.

Councilmember Smith: That's exactly what every one of them was told because they wasn't going to give them anything and I said give them six months and they can get started on it, so until we know something from the state.

President Wortman: She's right and we don't know nothing yet, so we'll just wait until we hear something.

Al Folz: We should be hearing something I think by October or November from what I can understand. Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Say, Al?

Al Folz: Yes, councilman.

Councilmember Sutton: Line item 3130 and 3310 Travel Mileage and Training talk to us about that. What is going on there?

Al Folz: Okay, the state has been putting up more for the training than we've had before and, of course, we have to pay for mileage. I don't go to the County Commissioners. I take it out of our own budget. Many of them do go to the County Commissioners and say put it in there and then they get the monies from that, but we don't do that.

Councilmember Sutton: You're asking for an increase over last year.

Al Folz: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Doubling the travel and mileage and training. You're asking for about...you're doubling that too. I'm trying to get an idea of what brings that on.

Al Folz: Okay, because of the increased amount of training and travel with this. We had the Director of the State Tax Board down. I think I told you Councilmen the last time on this and they are really putting a push now because I think the legislators are demanding that they have more and better type of training. The other Director that was there he is gone, so what we have here is a Mr. Brooks, who is an attorney, who has been with the State Tax Board for a while and he is the one leading. So that's why I put that in there, Councilman.

Councilmember Winnecke: Al, is most of the mileage for this training is that mainly in Indianapolis or is it local?

Al Folz: Most of it is either we got to Vincennes or Indianapolis.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Smith: What about your men that go out to or your women or whoever it is that goes out and looks at the properties in Knight Township. Is that where part of that mileage goes there?

Al Folz: Certainly.

Councilmember Smith: Because they use their own cars so you would be using a certain amount of mileage there.

Al Folz: That's right. That's right. We figured that the mileage this year just from going out and checking our building permits which are up to, I would say, around 5,000 or 5,500. We're closing in now on 27,000 properties as far as total on this. Of course, when you have two guys out there checking out these building permits and such like that, you can figure that each one is going to put on I would say anywhere from 15 to 20 miles a day. If you do your calculations on this you can figure that that's going to run over, I'll say, \$2,100 or \$2,200 per year on the mileage.

President Wortman: Excuse me, Mr. Folz, we're going to change the tape.

#### **TAPE CHANGE**

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions for Mr. Folz?

Councilmember Sutton: What do you want to do? You said, you talked about a copy machine, your lease there, your computer, up on another line. Line item 4220, Office Machines, we gave you \$8,000 last year, you've only spent \$150 at least through the end of June and now you're requesting \$2,500. What's –

Al Folz: Because a lot of that has come out of the Reassessment Fund.

Councilmember Sutton: So you probably don't need that \$2,500?

Al Folz: Oh yes. I'll need that because my Reassessment fund is getting kind of short and I don't know that I am going to get any money as far as the Reassessment Fund is concerned.

Councilmember Sutton: Well you've got \$8,000.

Al Folz: I don't know how long it's going to hold up. It may go until next year, but all of a sudden I'm going need something—

Councilmember Sutton: I'm saying that you have \$8,000 sitting there from this year.

Al Folz: What we do not use from this \$8,000 is automatically turned back in to the General Fund.

Councilmember Sutton: Right, that's at the end of the year.

Al Folz: That would go automatically back, but I figure that what we did on this was take money out of the Reassessment for some equipment. I'm figuring that putting it back into the 25 that we may turn back in \$8,000.

Councilmember Winnecke: Royce, those year to date expenditures don't go through June. Those are March invoices paid in April so that's why that number would be lower. It's not really through June.

Councilmember Sutton: I get a feeling that number will go up here in the next couple



months.

Councilmember Winnecke: He's already spent that. He's spent more than that, but that's why.

Al Folz: I'll tell you what else I need. I need—

Councilmember Raben: I don't think we'll see a lot of that come back.

Al Folz: Oh, I think if you look back and see what we've already turned back in year by year, and I'm sure you have the records for it, we've turned in \$67,000 just of Reassessment. You sure can see that we don't come in spending all of our money.

President Wortman: Anything else? Mr. Folz? Okay, thank you for your time.

Al Folz: Thank you.

### **PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Next on the agenda is Perry Assessor, 61. Mrs. Glen Koob.

Glen Koob: Good morning, I'm Glen Koob, Perry Township Assessor.

President Wortman: We got any questions on page 61 for Glen? Look's like she's pretty well in line there.

Glen Koob: I've got a comment on the rent. I don't know what page it's on, but the comment on the rent is that I made the budget out before I talked to the landlord. Actually, I thought I had a four year contract, but it was only three. My contract for the rent is going to be up in December of 2000 so he asked for a three percent increase. I think it says...what a minute, I've got it here. \$95 what?

(Inaudible.)

Glen Koob: \$95 what? Oh here, wait a minute. I've got it here. \$95 what?

Councilmember Winnecke: \$9,588.

Glen Koob: And it's going to go up to \$9,876 for the rent. That's really the only change that I have to tell you today about.

President Wortman: Just tell him the Council only allowed half of that.

Glen Koob: Okay. Okay.

(Inaudible.)

President Wortman: She has a lot better place than what she had because she had water problems. She had all kinds of problems.

Glen Koob: You know, really, we've got 1,800 square feet for that price. I don't think that's bad at all. I don't know what that is. Royce, figure that out. Eighteen hundred square feet at—1,800 square—thank you, 1,800 square feet at \$9,876, please, thank you, Royce. I guess you better add \$200 a month, so \$2,400 a year for gas and electric and water. So it would be—

Councilmember Sutton: Wait a minute, start over again.

Glen Koob: \$9,856 for—I mean \$9,876 for rent and \$2,400 additional for utilities. See what

that turns out to be.

Councilmember Sutton: \$9876 as in nine thousand or ninety-eight dollars, okay.

Glen Koob: Yes, \$9,876, yes. Thank you.

Councilmember Smith: \$200 a month for utilities is cheap there though.

Glen Koob: Yes, I know.

Councilmember Sutton: Somebody else got that?

Glen Koob: That's an estimate. Well, whatever it is.

Councilmember Sutton: Changed the numbers too much.

Sandie Deig: I wasn't doing that.

Councilmember Sutton: Oh, you weren't?

Sandie Deig: I was doing something else.

Glen Koob: Well, never mind. I'll do it later and let you know. It's not that much.

President Wortman: No, that's fine.

Glen Koob: We don't have security and we clean ourselves.

Councilmember Smith: You don't have anyone to clean for you?

Glen Koob: No, we clean ourselves. We clean the windows. We do, we clean ourselves. I bought a vacuum cleaner and they're really good at it and nice about it too.

President Wortman: They're a happy bunch from what they were in the other building. You go in there, and they got smiles on their faces.

Glen Koob: Yeah, yeah. It's nice in there.

Jeff Ahlers: \$6.82.

Glen Koob: Pardon me?

Jeff Ahlers: \$6.82.

Glen Koob: \$6.82 per square foot. Is that what you're saying?

Jeff Ahlers: I took \$9,876 plus \$2,400 divided by 1,800. Isn't that what you wanted?

Glen Koob: Right, exact. \$6.82 a square foot is what we pay, and it's convenient for wheel chair patients. They put in a wheel chair bathroom when we went in there so it's up to code on that. I think it's pretty reasonable considered where we were with the bugs and water and everything else. That's all I wanted to say, that the rent should be \$9,876 because he didn't give me the contract until last week.

President Wortman: 4220, Office Machines \$7,500, Glen?

Glen Koob: Where are we?

President Wortman: That's on the bottom there, Office Machines.

Glen Koob: Oh, yes. That's for...Well, our laser jet printer has been there since 1993, and we are getting ready for this reassessment. We are going to have to print those form 11's on that laser jet. I'm not saying that we're going to need one, but I'm sure that we will. They are telling us...and my bubble jet--ink jet the other day went out. I called and told him that I need one. He said, well try this so it's walking on it's last leg, but it's not too much, only \$200-\$300 hundred dollars. Then for new office chairs, I have down there too. That's what that's for.

President Wortman: All right. Anyone else have any questions for Glen? Guess not.

Glen Koob: Don't you want to ask me about my salary.

President Wortman: She upped that pretty good.

Glen Koob: I did.

Councilmember Sutton: You've been around here for awhile and (Inaudible) step increase.

Glen Koob: Twenty-five years, yeah. And I don't get step raises, so I hear. I thinks that's discriminating too. I want to tell all you guys.

Councilmember Sutton: Age discrimination.

Glen Koob: It is. I'm going to be here for 25 years, and I make less than a Chief Deputy does. I brought this Ordinance up here. I'm not sure what a Chief Deputy...I'm not sure what thing they're in, but I go in at \$37,400 so I make less than a 20 year step four PAT. I make \$37,414 this year so I make a hundred and something dollars less than a class four PAT. I don't know what a PAT is. I know it is a non-exempt or exempt, non-exempt position? Okay, I make less than that, and I've been here 25 years. I used to be on a step schedule whenever I was Chief Deputy then when I moved over to Assessor somehow a couple years ago, we lost that.

Councilmember Sutton: That calculates to a 12.7 percent increase.

Glen Koob: Right. I put 12 percent, I think. Yeah, I put on there 12 percent. It's also 85 percent of the County Office Holder's salary. That's probably why I put 12 percent on there. I dropped the 7/10 ths of a percent whichever. It also comes to about 85 percent of a salary. Maybe you don't want me to bring this up, but the article in the newspaper, I think the Indianapolis people get their PERF paid. I don't know, I'm not a mathematician by any means to that extent, but some how or other it's cheaper for the county to pay that. They said the city paid it like ten years before the county did and now the county, about four or five years ago, in Indianapolis took over paying their PERF also. The city apparently here has been paying PERF for the city employees for four or five years is what a Councilman told me as I walked in. You might think about that, maybe it will be cheaper for you.

Councilmember Hoy: We thought about it a couple of times and we got bombarded.

Glen Koob: Bombarded by who?

Councilmember Hoy: The employees.

Councilmember Sutton: They didn't want it.

Councilmember Hoy: They didn't want it.

Glen Koob: Why would they not want that?

Councilmember Hoy: Don't ask me, but we got clobbered. That's the most response we've

had as a Council. I think every Council person got that so that's why we dropped it.

Councilmember Bassemier: That was either or. They either wanted their PERF or pay raise. That was either or. That's why some of them chose not to take it.

Glen Koob: I think in the long run they would be better off.

Councilmember Hoy: The Teamster's took it.

Councilmember Smith: The Teamster's took it, but the rest of the employees didn't want it because they had a choice.

Glen Koob: Maybe the majority, but it would probably be better in the long run for everybody concerned. That one year, you don't get a pay raise, but the next year is another year.

Councilmember Hoy: You don't pay taxes until you retire. It's a deferred.

President Wortman: Okay, got any other questions? Gotta get going so Glen we thank you for you time and effort.

Glen Koob: Did everyone get one of these? The rationale?

President Wortman: Yes, we all got that. Thank you. Did you have a good time in Texas?

Glen Koob: Pardon me?

President Wortman: Did you have a good time in Texas?

Glen Koob: Yes, as a matter of fact, I did. Thank you very much for asking.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you.

### ***PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR***

Councilmember Bassemier: Curt, Curt, before you get started Royce and I have bet with Paul there how many times he says "this is a no brainer."

President Wortman: Okay, Pigeon Assessor? I bet he won't have no more than a \$6,000 dollar raise here.

Paul Hatfield: I tell you, I've got a couple of remarks for you that you really ought to consider.

President Wortman: Okay.

Paul Hatfield: First of all, generally when someone comes up here and asks for money, particularly if it's capital improvement such as the Health Department, what they're telling you is not true. They can negotiate right now with zero money as to what it's going to cost me either lease or buy a certain building. You guys are always bombarded with we need a half million dollars, and you don't know what you're paying for. You got to have...I'll give a real good example, in my career as a developer, before I could develop a shopping center, strip center, or an apartment complex, I had to go out and get the estimates as to the cost down to the penny before I could go to the bank and borrow the money. Why should it be any different here? I mean, I'm telling you that it's mind boggling as to if they are wanting to buy or lease a building, let me tell you that I can walk right out that door and I can negotiate with any one of the people they've mentioned and come back here with a good solid figure and then you'll know what in the hell you're buying. It's preposterous, and you wonder where the money goes?

President Wortman: Yeah, yeah. Thank you.

Paul Hatfield: Now, Mr. Folz made a real good point because we are in the same position. It isn't on this budget because I'll take about two seconds for the budget. It isn't in this budget, but later on this year or early next year, we're going to have to have another person for really the same reasons he has given, in addition to what's coming forth in reassessment. Now, I want to tell you that I'm in touch with Tim Brooks every week, sometimes twice a week. I am giving them advice or they are asking for advice as far as this new manual goes. The reports that they have to give to the tax court every month, I get. If you want to know, call me and I can tell you what's on the agenda as to what is to be done when. The third thing is, the next legislative session will be a bloodbath over this reassessment. Don't be surprised if it doesn't go back to the state to the tax court, and we go on market. Just mark it down. Another thing in your deliberations, the law says that March 1, 2000 we are to go to 100 percent on assessed values. One hundred percent of the true tax, not a third. Do you understand me? There is a meeting going on today that I was supposed to attend, but I thought this was more important but now I've got my doubts. There's a debate as to when that is really going to take place, if ever. It will, but the debate is whether to go to 100 percent March 1, 2000 or March 1, 2001 which is the reassessment date we are coming into. Personally, I saw March 1, 2001 because then we will avoid two appeals. An appeal on 100 percent bit and the appeal on the new assessment. You understand me? So now these are the things that you guys really should be attuned to because it's going to make a lot of difference as to...if it goes March 1, 2000, it will make a hell of a lot of difference as far as the amount of money you're going to receive and the tax rates should go down. I'll repeat, the tax rate should go down. Now, as far as my budget is concerned, I'm asking for \$6,250 more than you gave me last year and that is in Extra Help other than the 4 percent that you told us to put in. That was in Extra Help because you cut me 50 percent last year because you told me that I could use reassessment money for that. Okay, you remember that?

Councilmember Smith: No, Paul, that wasn't what it was. It was that you could come back if you run out of money, come back and we could give you more but we had to come down. We told you if you run out to come back.

Paul Hatfield: Well, I'm going to run out the end of this year.

Councilmember Smith: Well, we figured to the end of the year.

Paul Hatfield: No you didn't.

Councilmember Raben: What he said was true. (Inaudible, mike was off.)

Paul Hatfield: So let me give you a little figure here. The Operating end of this, other than salaries, last year was \$18,850. This year it's \$25,100. That's \$6,250 more than last year. Now, let me tell you, I'm coming back. You made a statement that really you should all take into consideration. I'm in worse shape than Al Folz is as far as keeping people in the office. There is so much time that they've got coming...I'm down there now with two empty seats. One is an emergency and the other has been in my calendar for some time. I'm going to tell you, something has to be done, or I just need more people to fill the spot to get the job done in the time allotted. Now, you may not be...that may not be your responsibility. Maybe it's the Commissioners but something's got to be done. Nobody should get five weeks vacation. Not even me. Nobody.

President Wortman: That's what I said about the personnel policy. We might have to change it.

Paul Hatfield: All I'm doing down there is running an office, running it efficiently. We have increased the personal property over a million dollars this year and didn't even get credit for vehicles, some of them, okay? What I'm telling you on this reassessment thing, you keep in contact with me because I'm gonna tell you now, I do know what's going on.

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: We'll be calling you. Thank you, Mr. Hatfield. Anything else. Okay. The next is Scott Township. A great township in the North end. All the prosperity and everything.

Unidentified: Let's get our red pencils out for that.

President Wortman: Promised land and what have you. All kind of good names. Mr. Harris, evidently, is a school teacher, I guess, and he's not here so I don't see too much drastic about that. He's very conservative; I've taught him well.

Unidentified: Oh, my God!

**UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: And he listened good. He's a very good scholar of mine. Anyway we'll go on over to Union Assessor. And Union, I don't know who's in control of him, but he does pretty good too. He's got a large budget, and you can cut quite a bit out of that.

**COUNTY ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Now then we'll go to the County Assessor, page 48.

Cheryl Musgrave: Cheryl Musgrave, County Assessor. I'll answer any questions you have, but I would like to draw your attention to the booklet I gave you and the last two pages which deal with the increase for the hourly wage that I requested in July from \$7.00 an hour to \$8.00 an hour. I included in for you a picture that one of the Deputies took while he was out on another site visit of McDonald's at, I think, Green River Road. McDonald's is paying \$8.00 and I can only pay \$7.00 and my folks have...since I worked at McDonald's myself for probably more than a year, maybe two years while I was in college, I know that all the jobs I have in my office require more from an employee than most of the jobs at McDonald's excluding the management positions. I can't even compete with McDonald's at this point. I'm only asking you for \$8.00 an hour probably because I think you won't get me the \$10.00 an hour that I think the job should really pay to get the people in there who are capable of doing this kind of work. So I'm asking you for \$8.00, and I'm telling you that it's not even enough at that point. I think you need to look at the salaries a lot. I've listened to what you have to say, Mrs. Knight-Smith, about salaries and you're absolutely right. I lost another employee for another 50 percent increase just six weeks ago.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

President Wortman: Yes ma'am?

Councilmember Smith: Cheryl, I have a question. I got the book and looked at it and read it all over. But when you sent that out to us, it cost \$3.20, and I would imagine that most everyone of you got one. But why would you mail it and take \$3.20 when you could have taken it down to Sandie and it could have come out in our packet? I guess I have a problem with mailing things when it isn't necessary.

Cheryl Musgrave: Okay.

Councilmember Smith: She sends us our packets by the Sheriff's Department every time, and we could have gotten it that way and you could have saved \$3.20 per person.

Cheryl Musgrave: I'm sure you know that I didn't put it in the mail myself, but I'll let the staff know that would be the better way to go, okay?

Councilmember Smith: Well, I don't know who put it in the mail, but it—

Cheryl Musgrave: I'll go back and check for you, but I'll let them know that it would be a better idea to bring it on up to Sandie. I appreciate you bringing that up.

Councilmember Smith: It seems like foolish money spent when they send it to us every time we have a meeting. It's a nice book.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes, Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Cheryl, could you talk about the travel mileage? Generally, how is that money spent and the purpose of it?

Cheryl Musgrave: The travel milage is spent in two ways. Very few safe deposit boxes that we are still required to go inventory that Deputy drives to the bank and inventories the box and comes back. That's dwindled down to very few since the law changed, but there are still those people, amazingly enough, who years later discover their deceased relative had one and we have to go check it. So that's very minor. The rest of the travel is my Hearing Officer or the people who are assisting him going out to the properties in question, measuring, taking photographs, doing whatever the appeal process requires at that time.

Councilmember Winnecke: So it's entirely local?

Cheryl Musgrave: Oh, yes. It's also available to Board of Review members. I know we've had at least one difficult appeal where they felt it necessary, personally, to go view the property.

President Wortman: Okay, Ms. Musgrave, the 3140 Telephone, I noticed that \$2000, is that for...

Cheryl Musgrave: That's for the voice mail. We have three people with voice mail right now and a cell phone for the Hearing Officer because he spends a lot of time out in the field and come reassessment, he'll be out there even more. We'll probably not see him. We want to get voice mail to the rest of the office staff. My personal opinion is that I think voice mail should be provided by the Commissioners the way they do telephone for everybody else. I sure hope someone is working towards that. I thought maybe somebody was, but that's what it's for—voice mail and telephone.

President Wortman: Is that really necessary?

Cheryl Musgrave: Well, how efficient do you want us to be, Mr. Wortman?

Cheryl Musgrave: I didn't know, I was just...I didn't know how many other offices had it, see, that's the reason I asked the question.

Suzanne Crouch: We have it.

President Wortman: You have it down there?

Suzanne Crouch: Just for some of our desks.

President Wortman: Is it worth it?

Suzanne Crouch: I believe so. We have it in bookkeeping where we have employees that get involved in either waiting on other employees or working towards deadlines for reports, and we don't want to be unresponsive but sometimes when you get in the middle of bookkeeping, you need to keep focused and try to finish it. So we do have it in those positions, and I think it's worked for us.

President Wortman: That answers my question, thank you.

Councilmember Winnecke: Cheryl, what's the nature of the software expenditure?

Cheryl Musgrave: \$7,100 is the cost of one ARC Info Software license. I'm hopeful that one is all we will need for our office. I'm fairly certain about that, but I can't make that cost any different.

Councilmember Winnecke: Would Area Plan, they came before us, would they need a similar software package?

Cheryl Musgrave: Yes. Anyone who will be manipulating the map rather than just looking at it will need this type of license. Mrs. Crouch, her office with probably need this although we need to get further along the road to find out exactly what our deliverables are. Exactly who's going to do exactly what before I can say, definitively, these are the people who need it and these are the people who need this other kind. I'm certain that we are going to need it for the analysis work that we'll need to do on the parcel mapping.

Councilmember Hoy: When we were talking about this previously, maybe it was in the City/County hearings, we were talking about 10 to 12 licenses eventually and that's a guess, I know.

Cheryl Musgrave: That's a guess for the manipulating licenses, yeah.

President Wortman: Okay, you got any other questions for Mrs. Musgrave.

Councilmember Smith: Yes, Cheryl, why do you need law books because you get the code books from the state. Those come to...They used to come to the Clerk and the Clerk delivers them.

Cheryl Musgrave: And if I could tell them to stop printing that for me and please stop sending it to me, I would. All they send you is what happened that year so to find out what the state of the law is in any particular code, you'd have to start at a year and then you'd have to look it up in each and every book to make sure that nothing changed in those years going forward.

Councilmember Smith: But if there's a question...

Cheryl Musgrave: Count those books, that's all I have. It maintains getting the new ones as they come out, and they don't come out every year. Some years you just get the supplement.

Councilmember Smith: We have county attorneys that are supposed to answer the question cause you're not a lawyer anyway, your husband is. You know, I just wonder why they have to have law books?

Cheryl Musgrave: I feel it's necessary for the work that we do.

Councilmember Smith: But you get the Indiana Code books that's sent to you is what I'm saying.

Cheryl Musgrave: They aren't useful. I wished they'd stop printing them and stop delivering them. It's a waste of state money.

Councilmember Smith: Everybody wants them. The Judges want them. The Judges use them because they send so many out, and they tell you exactly where to take them.

Cheryl Musgrave: I will send mine to the Judges if they have a use for them.



Councilmember Smith: Everyone gets a set.

Cheryl Musgrave: I find them useless. They don't serve the purposes I need them to serve.

### **PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS**

President Wortman: Okay, anything else for Mrs. Musgrave. If not, let's turn to page Board of Appeals, 51. Okay, anybody got any questions on page 51?

Councilmember Winnecke: Cheryl, what's the nature of the Contractual Services? That's up considerably from this year? 3530.

Cheryl Musgrave: The Attorney for the Board is paid out of this. We ran short this year. This is our estimate of what she'll need next year and that can go up or down depending, you heard Paul Hatfield, what's going to happen? I don't know. All I know is that we ran short this year, and I'm trying to give you a solid figure for what the needs are for next year.

President Wortman: Anything else, Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Sutton: On the Contractual Services, so that's just a guesstimate of what you may incur there. Looking at the amount that you've spent there would appear that you are at the rate or pace that you would actually spend what you're requesting for next year, but every year things seem to fluctuate price wise.

Cheryl Musgrave: You mean price wise per hour for the attorney?

Councilmember Sutton: In terms of need. It's really hard to determine how much or how frequent you're going to require those services.

Cheryl Musgrave: It really depends on what comes up. As Councilmember Smith just said, I'm not a lawyer. For awhile there, when I first came into Office, I didn't have a Board of Review Attorney, and our office received...We got piled on for not being lawyers and how could we issue legal opinions? So we got the lawyer and now every legal question, and we have some very complicated exemptions and lawyers who represent appeals before us, they have to talk to a lawyer, and so that's when a lawyer comes in. Some issues are very complicated and they have to spend a lot of time researching it. All I do is pick up the phone and say, we have this problem, please work on it. Let me know what the solution is. Then we'll take it to the Board. I'm not a lawyer, I can't do it. She is very good, Becky Kasha. Seventy dollars an hour. She's paid the same rate, probably, as Mr. Ahlers. We've already spent that much this year. This year I expect to be kind of the same as next year. It's the year after that, the reassessment should probably hit the fan at the Board.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any questions? Board of Appeal? Listen, thank you and I appreciate your time.

Cheryl Musgrave: Thank you.

### **COUNTY COUNCIL**

President Wortman: The next is the famous County Council body sitting here.

(Inaudible.)

President Wortman: Right, right. Listening to all the requests. Page 122. Anybody got any questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Why is the Sheriff's Retirement in our budget?

Sandie Deig: The Sheriff's Retirement is in our budget because of the accrued termination

pay that we pay out. They're not on PERF, they're on Sheriff's Retirement so I always take like \$25,000 of the accrued amount requested. You know the \$50,000, I take \$25,000 and figure Sheriff's Retirement on it.

President Wortman: Okay, and the Accrued Payments, line item 1971, \$50,000 that's been running pretty good on that as you know.

Councilmember Hoy: All we've had to do is appropriate from time to time on it, have we not?

Sandie Deig: We have and I'm getting ready to file another one because I'm down to, I think, less than \$10,000 now.

President Wortman: Any questions on 123?

Councilmember Smith: I just think there's something gonna have to give because it's costing a lot of money where they're buying them out, it seems to me like until that person used the time up and would get paid, the other people have to carry the load. That's the way we did it in the Clerk's Office.

President Wortman: We're getting a lot of additional expenses, that's for sure.

Councilmember Smith: It's costing a lot of money. I don't know how much did we appropriate this year already?

Sandie Deig: You appropriated \$50,000 and we've received another \$50,000 and we've spent right at \$100,000 this year. We're just maybe \$90,000 right now.

Councilmember Smith: That's a lot of money.

Councilmember Sutton: Also, if you could touch up on the Consultant. The cost has gone down as opposed to what we're seeing. What's the rate of pay that we are paying on that? Talk about that a little bit.

Sandie Deig: Okay, the rate of pay, he has a contract with the Council for \$600 a month, \$800 a day per each budget day they attend. There is a fee for job study meetings of \$125 and \$175 for factoring out a job and writing a job description. It's lower because Councilman Wortman instructed me to put in a lower price.

Councilmember Sutton: You won't get any arguments or debates on a lower figure from me. I think we've had a little bit of discussion about that figure in past years. I guess the concern was the size of the fee during budget hearings. Granted, we know that there's work that goes on behind the scenes and there's other work that goes on, but that's pretty costly. That's the area, I guess, we've have a lot of discussion on. Good to see that it's going back the other way.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any comments before we recess the meeting today until August the 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00? So drive safely so we want you all back. Thanks a lot for your participation. The meeting is recessed.

**(Meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.)**

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
BUDGET HEARINGS  
AUGUST 15, 2000

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2000 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President Curt Wortman at 12:05 p.m.

President Wortman: The Vanderburgh County Council budget review is now in session, reconvening from the last Thursday and this is August 15<sup>th</sup> and so we would like to 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 Winnecke	X	
President Wortman	X	

President Wortman: And if we would all stand and Pledge Allegiance to the flag, please?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Wortman: Okay, the agenda, if it is agreeable with the other Councilmembers, that we'd like to, of course naturally the salaries will not be processed today, they will be September 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be some omitted, the ones that will be set in at zero only, and if it is all right with the Councilmembers, that instead of a roll call vote if we could raise our hands to speed things along, if that is adaptable and acceptable to the other Councilmembers, I don't hear no objection so it must be acceptable. Okay. We will just get right into it and we will go to the Treasurer, page 11.

TREASURER

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, County Treasurer.

Councilmember Bassemier: Curt, I'm sorry I don't, I'd rather have a roll call vote.

President Wortman: Well, let me explain and see if this is acceptable. If we raise hands then I'd say like, you and I and Betty vote against something, I'd say Ed, Betty and I vote against it and the other four members which we know would be for it or something, I guess. Would that acceptable to you?

Councilmember Smith: Well, Curt, if he wants a roll call, legally, it is supposed to be a roll call.

President Wortman: Yeah, okay, whatever Council thinks.

Councilmember Smith: We've got time, if he wants a roll call, let's roll call.

President Wortman: You would rather have that, Ed?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I would rather, I mean.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. All right let's start off then and I will reverse my recommendation then to a roll call vote and let's start off with the County Treasurer, page 11 and the representative, well it don't matter because we are going to do the talking today and everybody else do the listening. I think that is the process. Okay, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, page 11 all the way down to 1990 Extra Help be set in at \$1,000. All salaries, FICA, PERF and Insurance will be adjusted at our September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. All other 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a second and who was the second, Mr. Hoy? Mr. Hoy. Any discussion on the, Mr. Raben's motion? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1990	Extra Help	\$1,000.00
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**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

### **LEVEE DISTRIBUTION TAX**

President Wortman: Now we will take the Levee Authority, which is a joint City County venture.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 183. I move that all 1000, 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts be approved with the corrected total figure of \$1,016,170.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: Second, Mr. Winnecke. Any discussion on that adjusted figure? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Now, we will, excuse me.

Jeff Ahlers: Did you also say that the salaries on that would be adjusted?

President Wortman: No.

Jeff Ahlers: So they are what they are. Did you mean to adjust salaries later on that one too or no?

Unidentified: They are in at 3% (inaudible, comments made away from the microphone).

Jeff Ahlers: Okay, I just wanted to make sure that we didn't accidentally be inconsistent.

1100	Salary/Wages RE	\$440,996.00
1200	Clerical Reimbursement	\$21,200.00
1750	Tool Allowance	\$7,200.00
1900	FICA	\$33,763.00
1910	PERF	\$37,485.00
1920	Insurance	\$91,416.00
1940	Workman's Compensation	\$16,675.00
3000	Insurance	\$29,780.00
3610	Legal Services	\$16,480.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, just for the record I would like to reopen the Levee Authority, page 183 and just amend my motion to include that all salary lines, FICA, PERF and Insurance will be adjusted at our September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Councilmember Hoy: Is that a motion, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Sutton: Will be set in at our September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting?

Councilmember Hoy: Is that a motion?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll second it and it takes two-thirds.

President Wortman: You seconded it, Mr. Hoy. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. .

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

President Wortman: Okay, now we go to Weights and Measures, page 87

Councilmember Hoy: Was that, just so we are clear, the reopened motion also included saving those salary lines until next week?

President Wortman: Is everybody clear and understand that? Okay. Thank you, Phil. Okay, now we go to page 87, the Weights and Measures.

## **WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President. All salary lines, FICA, PERF and Insurance will be set in at our September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. All 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts as they are

listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

### **COMMISSIONERS**

President Wortman: Now then we go to the County Commission, page 81.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, all 1000 accounts, FICA, PERF and Insurance will be adjusted at our September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. All of page 82, down to line 3100 on page 83 Animal Control, the corrected figure is \$143,306. Line 3210 in the middle of the page. The corrected figure is \$88,679. On page 84, line 3500 Human Relations, the correct figure is \$32,639.

Councilmember Smith: Jim, what did you say on the 83, I lost you there. That was 3120?

Councilmember Raben: Line 3210-

Councilmember Smith: Line 3210, okay.

Councilmember Raben: -was \$88,679 and up above that Betty, line 3100 Animal Control, did you get that? It's \$143,306, account 3100.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, what is it?

Councilmember Raben: \$143,306.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now we are back to page 85, line 3750 Purchasing Department, the correct figure is \$87,701. Line 3850 Building Commission. The correct figure is \$348,614.

Councilmember Smith: Jim, was there a cut on Legal Services, 3610? Didn't we cut that before?

Councilmember Raben: Uh, not to my knowledge.

Councilmember Smith: I thought that we cut out \$15,000.

Councilmember Raben: Does anyone else have that?

Councilmember Hoy: I have it.

Councilmember Smith: I have it marked as cut out \$15,000.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that's line 3610 Legal Services would be set in at \$100,000. Lines, in this and we are unclear of and can set in the exact amounts in lines 3860, 3861 and 3870, the correct figure for a combined total of those three accounts is \$1,390,762. That is a reduction of \$82,650.

Councilmember Sutton: One more time, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: The correct amount for a combined total of those three accounts should be \$1,390,762, \$82,650 less.

Councilmember Hoy: Correct.

Councilmember Raben: Page 86, line 3890 Central Dispatch. The correct figure is \$577,163.

Councilmember Hoy: That's a minus of \$217,000.

Councilmember Raben: That's right. 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 Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: Second, Mr. Winnecke. Any discussion? Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: I think that Councilman Hoy was ahead of me. Go ahead.

Councilmember Hoy: I know that we are setting the salaries, the 100 accounts in later and I don't know if we can do anything about it but we did discuss it last week and I wanted to keep in on the floor, it is page 81, line 1260-1300 and it is currently reading Soil Conservation Educator and that title needs to be changed. But that was one that we only advertised it at \$17,680 and Mr. Wortman we discussed that and I wonder when we can attempt to get that higher figure in?

President Wortman: We intend to deal with that September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Hoy: Good enough.

President Wortman: We took that under consideration.



Councilmember Hoy: I appreciate it.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, I had a question. Mr. President. It is kind of more of a procedure question. I know that some of the figures that we weren't discussing some of these joint departments, we didn't have the exact figures but being that in several of the cases we are above what the legally advertised amount was and I know that we can reduce, but increase? Are we posing some issues for ourselves by increasing, I know that is the correct figure but you know, increasing what is advertised?

President Wortman: I think and there might be several opinions, here but . . . Mrs.?

Suzanne Crouch: Actually, what we advertised is the total General Fund amount and the budget was submitted for \$46,000,000 and we advertised for \$50,000,000 so that allows you plenty of leeway to make changes. Now, I think that it may take a certain amount of votes to raise a line item but in terms of, you can set that amount in for anything that you choose because we advertised high enough.

Councilmember Sutton: So in our advertisement, we didn't, we weren't getting to the fine details of what each line, just the overall total?

Suzanne Crouch: Correct.

Jeff Ahlers: You will need a three-quarter vote to raise the line item.

President Wortman: Which would be six votes?

Jeff Ahlers: Correct.

President Wortman: Okay, does everybody understand now? Okay, fine, thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: Is that, I thought that it was two-thirds on wages?

Jeff Ahlers: It is two-thirds if you are increasing during the year but not at budget time.

Councilmember Hoy: Not at budget time.

Jeff Ahlers: If you are increasing the number of employees or the salaries of employees, it takes two-thirds, which is five votes. Which during budget time that only takes four votes. So the only issue here is when you are increasing a budget line item above what was requested by the officeholder.

Councilmember Hoy: That has to be six.

Jeff Ahlers: Yes.

President Wortman: Okay, okay, so anything else? We have a motion and a second. Any more discussion? If not, then 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Now we will turn to page 78, Drainage Board.

3100	Animal Control	143,306.00
3210	Emergency Management	88,679.00
3500	Human Relations	32,639.00
3610	Legal Services	100,000.00
3750	Purchasing Department	87,701.00
3850	Building Commission	348,614.00
3860	Contractual Computer	797,138.00
3890	Central Dispatch	577,163.00

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

### ***DRAINAGE BOARD***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now Mr. President, all 1000, FICA, PERF will be adjusted at our September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and I will make that in the form of a motion.

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: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

***RIVERBOAT***

President Wortman: Okay, now then we will go sailing on the Riverboat, page 124.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President I will move that lines 3110, 3111 and 3112 be approved as they are listed and I will make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Mr. Sutton? Yes, sir. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

**CONVENTION CENTER OPERATING FUND**

President Wortman: Now we'll go to the Convention Center Operating Fund, page 182.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I will move that all accounts 3002 down through 4065 be approved as they are listed and I will make that 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman: ?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

**THE CENTRE**

President Wortman: Page 112, the Centre.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, line 1300 -1440 Overtime should be set in at zero; 1530 -1440 Shift Differential should read \$3,000; 1850 Union Overtime for \$35,000; all 1000 salary accounts, FICA, PERF and Insurance will be adjusted at our September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. All other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: I need 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1300-1440	Overtime	\$0.00
1530-1440	Shift Differential	\$3,000.00
1850	Union Overtime	\$35,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7 - 0)

**SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS**

President Wortman: Okay, Superintendent of County Buildings, page 91.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, line 4120 Buildings, \$5,000, all 1000 salary accounts, FICA, PERF and Insurance will be adjusted at our September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and all other line 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: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

***VETERANS ADMINISTRATION***

President Wortman: Now, we will go to the Veterans Administration, page 79. Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, all salary line items, FICA, PERF and Insurance will be adjusted at our September 6<sup>th</sup> 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: Mrs. Smith 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

***HIGHWAY***

President Wortman: Next is page 125, the County Highway Department.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, turn to page 130, line 3630 Equipment Lease and Rental, set that figure in at \$55,000, all salary line items, FICA, PERF and Insurance will be adjusted at the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and all other accounts as listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Jim, was that \$35,000?

Councilmember Raben: Uh, \$55,000.

President Wortman: Uh, \$55,000 , I thought that the state said to cut \$35,000.

Councilmember Raben: Well, they did.

Councilmember Sutton: That makes \$55,000.

Councilmember Raben: That makes \$55,000.

President Wortman: Okay, I am sorry. I got my figures backwards. Okay. Okay, I have to have a second.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: I have a second from Mrs. Smith. Any discussion on that? That is the state, they are the ones that suggested this. I can remember a long time ago it was \$400,000 sometimes. Okay, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3630	Equipment Lease & Rental	\$55,000.00
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**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***CUMULATIVE BRIDGE (Discussion continued on page 21)***

President Wortman: Okay, now let's turn to page 132, Cumulative Bridge.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, all 1000 salary lines, FICA, PERF and Insurance to be adjusted at our September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. All 2000, 3000 and 4000 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: Second from Mrs. Smith. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: I did have a question. I meant to mention this and I don't know if anyone could speak to this, John is not here but, on page 134, did he get into any details on line item 4230 Motor Vehicles? It has been moved up to \$70,000. Any details? I am on page 134, line item 4230, page 134.

Betty Lou Jerrel: I think that he wants to get a new tandem truck but I will go and call him.

President Wortman: Does that answer your question, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Mrs. Jerrel, did you, were you?

Betty Lou Jerrel: I think it is for a tandem truck but I will call him on his cell phone.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: I would like to know it too, because I don't want him to get an air-conditioned truck when he can get another work truck, you know, another good work truck.

Councilmember Sutton: That is the only question that I have.

President Wortman: Okay, you found that out, okay? Okay, the motions.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President could we table this budget and then come back to it after she gets in contact with him?

Councilmember Sutton: If we could.

President Wortman: It has been recommended and suggested that we table this.

Jeff Ahlers: Has it been seconded?

Councilmember Sutton: It has.

Jeff Ahlers: So you just want to table the vote?

Councilmember Hoy: Table the vote.

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

President Wortman: Table the vote because we were in discussion, so we will.



Jeff Ahlers: You can just do a hand vote for all of those in favor of tabling.

President Wortman: Raise your hand if you want to delay it until information is provided. Thank you very much.

Jeff Ahlers: Let the record show it is unanimous.

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

President Wortman: Let the record show it is unanimous. Okay, now then we will move on to Local Roads and Streets, Page 115.

(Discussion for Cumulative Bridge continued on page 21)

### ***LOCAL ROADS AND STREETS***

Councilmember Raben: Page 149.

President Wortman: I'm sorry I got the wrong thing, I was looking over my shoulder here, 149. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, if you will move down to 3481 Traffic Department. The correct figure is \$148,756.

Councilmember Sutton: One more time.

Councilmember Raben: It's \$148,756. 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 Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton seconded. Okay any discussion. No discussion, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes. You don't talk loud enough.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3481	Traffic Department	\$148,756.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7 - 0)

**BURDETTE PARK**

President Wortman: Okay, we will now go to Burdette Park, 115.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, if you will turn to page 115, if you will start at account 1130-1450, 1140-1450, 1150-1450, 1160-1450, 1170-1450 and 1171-1450, all six lines to be set in at zero. Line 1180 -1450 Other Employees, that new figure should read \$433,500. Line 1190-1450 is \$45,000. Other salary lines, FICA, PERF and Insurance to be adjusted at our September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. The 2000 accounts, --

Councilmember Smith: Jim, I have a question. Why are we cutting out the guards for next summer?

Councilmember Raben: By the request of Steve Craig, the manager of Burdette Park. We cut those out and increased his Overtime or his Other Employees by that same amount.

Councilmember Smith: All right.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Craig spoke to that last week. Because of the change in our school year plus the flexible years of the universities and colleges, he has to.

Councilmember Smith: Well, I am wondering why we didn't do it last week if that is what he wanted.

Councilmember Raben: We couldn't vote.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, we didn't discuss it but we . . .

Councilmember Raben: He did explain it to us. Mr. President, we will stop right there and take a vote on that.

President Wortman: Okay, do I have a second to what Mr. Raben proposed?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: All right 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1130-1450	Pool Manager	\$0.00
1140-1450	Asst. Pool Manager	\$0.00
1150-1450	Pool Head Guard	\$0.00
1160-1450	Pool Head Guard	\$0.00
1170-1450	Pool Head Guard	\$0.00
1171-1450	Pool Head Guard	\$0.00
1180-1450	Other Employees	\$433,500.00
1190-1450	Security	\$45,000.00

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

President Wortman: Okay, continue Mr. Raben

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now the 2000 accounts, line 2210 for \$7000, line 2230 for \$2,500, line 2310 for \$8,000, line 2550 for \$4,000, line 3200 for 100,000, line 3440 for \$1,000 --

Councilmember Smith: One thousand?

Councilmember Raben: Right and we had discussed this with the Visitors and Convention Bureau about funding \$20,000 to \$30,000 of that this year out of their budget.

Councilmember Smith: Cause last week, we set it in at \$10,000.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I changed it to \$1,000 to leave the line item open in case they don't live up to their commitment, we can come back in January and set a new figure in.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, Jim, it was just what I was picking up or gathering, maybe sometimes I perceive incorrectly, but I didn't hear much of a commitment on their part toward helping us on this advertising side. In fact, it was quite lukewarm. At least that is what I picked up. I don't know what the other Councilmen picked up but it didn't appear that they were really overly interested in funding much to help us on this advertising. So I would love to see them pick up some of them but I just wasn't picking it up that they were wanting to do that.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I thought that before they had stepped away that I had asked them to give us a more definite answer and I thought they had stated that she did not see any problem with it. I don't know.

Councilmember Smith: I think that is what she said.

Councilmember Raben: Right. I mean serving as the President, you know when you hear the President say that the Board, that they don't have a problem with it, I took it as if they were giving us their word.

President Wortman: I think that we have a little leverage there with Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: I doubt that. She is like her mother. She stands on her own two feet.

Councilmember Raben: And again, Royce, that is why I left money in the line -

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

Councilmember Raben: So that line would not disappear if for some reason the first of the year they don't live up to that obligation then we will have to put money in place.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, when their budget comes up, I guess, I think it is tomorrow, if they are here we need to make sure that we get a clear understanding. Otherwise, we are going to need to revisit this line again. So I just wanted to make sure on the record that they indicate that they are going to make a commitment to provide a certain number of dollars.

Councilmember Smith: Well, from what she said last time, she saw no problem with it. So I am sure, I know there are monies there.

Councilmember Hoy: That is what I heard too. If it, if that's not what they are going to do then we, of course we can also put pressure on their budget, if we wish. We are the budget, we are the fiscal body.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben, continue.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President then we move down to line 4080 on page 118, Pool Improvements. Set that in at zero and would request that the park manager file an appropriation for that amount yet this year. Line 4120 Buildings, set that figure in at \$20,000 and would ask him to file an appropriation for \$15,000 which Steve and I discussed this, the \$15,000 would get him started doing some plumbing and stuff that he can finish up this fall. Line 4230 Motor Vehicles, zero and also file an appropriation request for this year. All salary, well we have already voted on those. All other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Excuse me.

Jeff Ahlers: (Inaudible, microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Raben: Well, we took those in the first motion.

President Wortman: Right, okay. I need a second to that effect, Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, any discussion on this?

Councilmember Smith: Jim, did you say we are going to buy him a truck this year?

Councilmember Raben: Uh, uh.

Councilmember Smith: Good, been trying for two to three years to get one. That is great.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. Okay, no other discussion? Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes. I just want to make it clear and I don't want to keep beating a dead horse, but on that advertising side. What they were talking about, we are talking about two different pots of money. They were talking about their grants, if you recall, you can file for different grants through them, that is what they were referring to and not through their regular advertising budget that they have for the Convention and Visitors Bureau, so they said that they could and they wouldn't see any problem with Burdette Park submitting an application. So I just want to make sure that we are clear on that, that we are not talking about their regular budget. What we are talking about is the grant, which comes before this body by the way, when they have those grant requests.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President.

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Raben: Ed, did you have a question first?

Councilmember Hoy: I think he's ready to vote.

Councilmember Raben: I think if you look at the minutes from last week's meeting I stated that I was not looking at a grant, we are not looking for a fund to match. We expected that line to be, their advertising budget to be picked up from their advertising line. We talked about that.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, I am fine with it. I am just want to make sure that there isn't any misinterpretation from what they were saying.

Councilmember Raben: Again, and nothing is, anything is possible, Royce, and that is why we left that line open, was in case we need to come back to it after the first of the year.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Wortman: You got a motion and a second?

Teri Lukeman: We need to resume the -

Councilmember Hoy: We are down to, have you voted?

Councilmember Bassemier: I am okay with it, it is just going to take more votes if we change it, if we have to change it. I mean, I am okay with it too but if we vote for it now to reopen it now and put more in it, then we are going to need more votes? Am I correct?

Councilmember Raben: After the first of the year it is just a four-vote appropriation.

Councilmember Bassemier: After the first of the year?

Councilmember Raben: It is a simple majority vote.

Councilmember Bassemier: I just want to make it clear.

Teri Lukeman: Can I resume now?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I just want to preface my vote also connected with Mr. Sutton, my understanding is that it wasn't grant money. If it is grant money, they I would be, I'm going to have to reconsider because Burdette Park had submitted a grant to the Convention and Visitors Bureau that was turned down by that Bureau in the past. That is my information and secondly, what I wanted to say is that Mrs. Lukeman has the minutes ready. I haven't had a chance to read them but I will vote yes with those two conditions because I want to make sure that they have their budget.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

2210	Gas & Oil	\$7,000.00
2230	Garage & Motor	\$2,500.00
2310	Laundry & Cleaning	\$8,000.00
2550	Sand & Gravel	\$4,000.00
3200	Utilities	\$100,000.00
3440	Advertising	\$1,000.00
4080	Pool Improvements	\$0.00
4120	Buildings	\$20,000.00
4230	Motor Vehicles	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7 - 0)

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

President Wortman: Yes, ma'am.

Councilmember Smith: I think Mrs. Jerrel talks to Bev and she could find about that because before, maybe before today is over.

Betty Lou Jerrel: (Inaudible, comments made away from the microphone)

Councilmember Smith: Uh, um.

President Wortman: Bettye, you better come to the microphone, please.

Betty Lou Jerrel: I will call Bev.

Councilmember Sutton: We will make you work.

Councilmember Hoy: Mrs. Jerrel said that the grant that was turned down was for the

O'Day building, is that correct? So we get it on the record and this is a different kind of grant and I appreciate that information. Thank you.

***CUMULATIVE BRIDGE (Continued)***

President Wortman: Okay, before we get any further, I'd like to go back to the Cumulative Bridge.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: He hasn't called back yet.

President Wortman: Oh, you haven't gotten a call back yet, I'm sorry. If it would be all right with Councilmembers -

Suzanne Crouch: There is John.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I don't think he knows. Erik is the one. It wouldn't be John. It would be Erik.

President Wortman: I would like to say as Mr. Raben goes through so that we don't get mixed up, to complete and then a motion and a second and then a discussion and then we could go back because if we talk back and forth a lot of people will get . . . does everybody agree with that?

Councilmember Raben: So you want to move, you want to move back to the other budget? Is that what you are saying?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I've got the answer.

President Wortman: You've got the answer. Okay.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: This is what we thought it was for.

President Wortman: State your name.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Bettye Lou Jerrel, County Commissioner. This question concerned the \$70,000 and it is for one of the large tractor mowers, our other one has been repaired so many times that it is, that is the request.

President Wortman: Does that satisfy everybody? Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible, microphone turned off)

Bettye Lou Jerrel: No.

President Wortman: Now, we had a motion and a second.

Councilmember Hoy: Does it include air conditioning? I hope it does.

President Wortman: Yeah, is there anymore discussion? If not, then we will call the roll for approval.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

***COOPERATIVE EXTENSION***

President Wortman: Next, we have Cooperative Extension, page 73.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, all 1000 accounts, FICA, PERF and Insurance will be adjusted at our September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Line 2600 for \$5,000, line 2620 for \$300, line 3130 for \$6,000, line 3200 for \$4,000, line 3370 for \$3,300, line 3910 for \$7,000 and 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: 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 Winnecke?



Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

2600	Office Supplies	\$5,000.00
2620	Educational Material	\$300.00
3130	Travel & Mileage	\$6,000.00
3200	Utilities	\$4,000.00
3370	Computer (Data Mgt)	\$3,300.00
3910	Vanderburgh Youth Program	\$7,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**LEGAL AID**

President Wortman: Now, Legal Aid, page 119.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, all 1000 accounts including FICA, PERF and Insurance will be adjusted at the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. All 2000,3000 and 4000 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: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

President Wortman: Now we are going to change tapes, so we'll get ready, Mr. Raben, just a minute.

**TAPE CHANGE**

***LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 186?

President Wortman: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Legal Aid/United Way. All 1000 accounts FICA, PERF and Insurance will be adjusted at our September the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. All two, three and 4000 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've 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

***CORONER***

President Wortman: Now page 33, County Coroner.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, account 1130-1070, 1140-1070, 1170-1070, 1180-1070,

1190-1070 and 1200-1070 be set in at zero. Line 1990 Extra Help should read \$54,256,00. Page 34, line 2410, \$5,000. Line 3130, \$4,000. Line 3310, \$2,000. All other accounts as they're listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mrs. Smith.

President Wortman: Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Councilmember Sutton: Did we look at (inaudible).

President Wortman: Excuse me, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Raben: It's 3130 and 3310, I read both. 3310 is Training in the amount of \$2,000 and 3130 was Travel and Mileage in the amount of \$4,000.

President Wortman: Alright, Mr. Sutton. Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Don hasn't gone through this before so he...we did what you wanted us to do and put it all in there so that's the reason those were zeroed out. Okay.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Sutton: Did you say that 3310 was \$2,000?

Councilmember Raben: I did say that, yes. Mr. President, just for the record, I don't know if I've made this in my motion but all 1,000 accounts, FICA, PERF, and Insurance included will be adjusted at our September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

President Wortman: I've got a motion and a second, any more discussion? If not, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1130-1070	Deputy Coroner	\$0.00
1140-1070	Deputy Coroner	\$0.00
1170-1070	Deputy Coroner	\$0.00
1180-1070	Deputy Coroner	\$0.00
1190-1070	Deputy Coroner	\$0.00
1200-1070	Deputy Coroner	\$0.00
1990	Extra Help	\$54,256.00
2410	Body Transport	\$5,000.00
3130	Travel/Mileage	\$4,000.00
3310	Training	\$2,000.00

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

### ***911 EMERGENCY SERVICE***

President Wortman: Now, we'll turn to page 177, 911 Emergency.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval as it is listed.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, I've got a motion and 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

***LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION***

President Wortman: Okay, now we'll turn to page 175, Local Emergency Planning Commission.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I will move approval of this budget as it is listed and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I got a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded it. Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: 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 176, Local Drug Free Community.

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval of this budget as it is listed and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

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

Councilmember Sutton: I did get a chance to—

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I had some questions about this last week and did get some feedback regarding our agreement with the Substance Abuse Council on this. It's very much a needed source of funding. They called to make sure that we were still on board with them. So everything is okay.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Sutton. Okay, anything else? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions? I think that we moved right on today, the Council did.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Sutton: I was going to...I know we had set in on the Insurance...we were guesstimating. I know we had quite a bit of discussion last week about the insurance percentage that was set in at 24 percent. I think...I don't know if we've gotten any additional word in terms of where that figure may actually end up being but obviously it will have a great impact upon what we're doing here today and I think that some figures were going to be bounced around to some other different scenarios that's somewhere in the neighborhood of about 16 percent or so. If we could get it down further obviously that's going to be a significant savings to the county that would account for somewhere in the neighborhood of about two to \$300,000, you know, if the percentage is down. So just if we could get some updates on what that percentage may possibly be, obviously that will have an effect on other things. You know, because obviously we're...I really would like to see

us...it would be a great assistance to our good county employees and stay with that 4 percent. So obviously insurance can impact some things.

President Wortman: We don't have a figure yet have we?

Sandie Deig: The General Fund on the difference is 18 to 24.

Councilmember Sutton: Eighteen.

Sandie Deig: Eighteen is what they told me.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Smith: I heard eighteen somewhere. I don't know where I heard it.

Sandie Deig: There is a difference there of \$225,000 (inaudible).

Councilmember Sutton: That'll help.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any comments before we recess? We'll move right on...have we got a total of what we cut today? Did anybody keep track?

Sandie Deig: About \$333,000.

President Wortman: How much was that, Mrs. Deig?

Sandie Deig: I think it was...I have it somewhere.

President Wortman: Okay, just a minute, she'll have it. It was \$333,327 that was the cut. Of course, we'd like to reach the goal of 2.2 million at least, hopefully, if we could. I don't know, we'll see. Tomorrow we'll have some rather large department heads requests to handle. Anyway, everybody can, I guess if nobody else has anything, we'll recess until tomorrow. Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Just one other important piece of information. It's very important. Mr. Ahlers, please wake up. I just want to remind you of your Thursday responsibilities. I just want to make sure—

Jeff Ahlers: I thought we did that in September.

Councilmember Sutton: You're on tap.

Jeff Ahlers: I can do it whenever you want. I always thought we did it in September.

Councilmember Sutton: September? Now you're moving it to—

Jeff Ahlers: I can do it anytime.

Councilmember Bassemier: Both times.

Councilmember Sutton: Did Ed say both times?

Councilmember Hoy: Are we talking about the steak dinner?

Councilmember Sutton: That's what I'm referring to.

President Wortman: Okay, alright.

Councilmember Hoy: Well listen, I though it was plural, dinners?

President Wortman: Okay, we're going to recess the meeting until tomorrow at 12:00 and everybody can get back to work now, thank you.

**(Meeting recessed at 12:52 p.m.)**



VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
BUDGET HEARINGS  
AUGUST 16, 2000

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2000 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President Curt Wortman at 12:11 p.m..

President Wortman: Welcome everybody to this Wednesday, August the 16<sup>th</sup> the County Council session will reconvene. This possibly could be a little longer day than it was yesterday. Hopefully, it'll go smooth. So let's have a roll call madam secretary, please.

(Teri Lukeman called roll)

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

President Wortman: Would you all stand and pledge allegiance to the flag please?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Wortman: Okay, as of yesterday the Council cut \$397,578. That difference was \$82,650 on the computer services there. So make a notation. So we'll keep a running total through today and hopefully we'll know where we're at in the end of the day to kind of give us some direction of how we're doing. We've got a lot of large departments today, so tomorrow there won't be those large departments, so the cuts will have to be effective today, possibly. We've got to remember that the department still has got to operate, keep that in mind.

**FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES**

President Wortman: So with that in mind, we'll start off right away on page 139, the division of Family & Children Services.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, all salary lines, FICA, PERF and Insurance will be adjusted at our September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. All other accounts as they are listed and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second? Mr. Hoy seconded it. Any discussion on this?

Councilmember Smith: Jim, talk a little louder or speak into your mike, I can't hear you and go a little slower.

President Wortman: Just like you're an auctioneer, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, the motion was that all salary lines, FICA, PERF and Insurance will be adjusted at our September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and all other lines as they appear on your sheets.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Raben. Also if you'd go slower to give all these people

a chance to get everything down, they said just a little bit slower.

Councilmember Raben: What is this, pick on James day, today?

President Wortman: Yeah, okay. We'd appreciate it, they'd appreciate it, the way I understand. Okay, we've got a motion and a second. Any other discussion? Remember Mr. Schroder couldn't be here today, he explained it last week 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: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

### ***COUNTY WELFARE***

President Wortman: Now, we'll turn to County Welfare, page 138, right below that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'll move approval of the budget as listed.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: I've got a motion and a second. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

***PROSECUTOR***

President Wortman: Now we'll go to page 36, the Prosecutor.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President all salary lines, FICA, PERF and Insurance will be adjusted at our September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Move down to line...on page 38, line 3130 Travel and Mileage set that in at \$2,000. All other 3000 and 4000 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 from Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? No discussion, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3130	Travel & Mileage	\$2,000.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**PROSECUTOR IV-D**

President Wortman: Okay, now the Prosecutor IV-D Program, page 40.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President. All of page 40, page 41 starting with account 1290-1081, 1300-1081, 1310-1081 and 1320-1081 be set in at zero. All 2000, 3000 accounts as they are listed. All other salary accounts, FICA, PERF and Insurance will be adjusted at the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and that is my motion.

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

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded it. Any discussion on that? Call the roll--

Teri Lukeman: Could you get him to repeat the first three cuts please?

President Wortman: Jim, would you repeat the first cuts please.

Teri Lukeman: The first three.

President Wortman: The first three, she said.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 1290-1081, 1300-1081, 1310-1081 and for the record, 1320-1081 and 1350-1081, all five lines be set in at zero.

President Wortman: We've got a second to that.

Councilmember Sutton: Just to be clear, Mr. President--

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Sutton: --so that, you know, we kind of go through these numbers. I just want to make sure that everybody is on the same page. They have a request for a total of six Enforcement Officers and--

Councilmember Smith: We gave them one.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, we gave them one. Five of the six were deleted. They did receive one.

President Wortman: Yeah, that was on page 40 we left that in, Mr. Sutton, 1240-1081.

Councilmember Sutton: Correct, yeah, that was left in.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? Does everybody understand everything? Well, good. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1290-1081	Enforcement Officer	\$0.00
1300-1081	Enforcement Officer	\$0.00
1310-1081	Enforcement Officer	\$0.00
1320-1081	Enforcement Officer	\$0.00
1350-1081	Enforcement Officer	\$0.00

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

***PROSECUTOR PRETRIAL DIVERSION***

President Wortman: Now we'll turn to page 171, Prosecutor Pretrial Diversion.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll move approval of this budget as listed with the salary lines, FICA, PERF and Insurance to be adjusted at our September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. All other lines as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy Seconded it. Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Okay, yes.

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

***PROSECUTOR FEES-CHECK RECOVERY***

President Wortman: The Prosecutor...we'll go down where you've got listed under Prosecutor, Adult Protection Service, Drug Law Enforcement, Fees Check Recovery, Stop Domestic Violence and we'll just start out on page 47.

Councilmember Sutton: Page 47?

Councilmember Raben: Page 43.

President Wortman: You're right, page 43.

Councilmember Raben: All salary lines, FICA, PERF and Insurance will be adjusted at our September the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting all other lines as they are listed and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton seconded it. Any discussion on this? No discussion recognized so let's call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Sutton: Betty.

Councilmember Smith: I can't hear her. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

***PROSECUTOR DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT***

President Wortman: Now we'll go to page 44. Mrs. Smith, it might be...your microphone might not be working.

Councilmember Raben: On page 44, 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 Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mrs. Smith, any discussion on this? No discussion recognized, you can 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3994	Special/Matching Grants	\$118,941.00
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**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***PROSECUTOR VICTIMS/WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM***

President Wortman: Now we'll turn to page 45, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Line 3994 set in as listed and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second on that?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy seconded it. Any discussion recognized? No, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I'm sorry I was not...I didn't hear the motion. I don't want to vote--

Councilmember Raben: Approved as listed.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, as listed, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

***PROSECUTOR STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE***

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, give me just one moment.

President Wortman: Yes, sir. Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 46 line 3994 be set in at \$21,096 and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?



Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded it. Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3994	Special/Matching Grants	\$21,096.00
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**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

***PROSECUTOR ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES***

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben, the next one.

Councilmember Raben: Page 47 line 3994 as listed and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded it. Any discussion 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

President Wortman: Okay, that completes the Prosecutor. You can be excused, thank you.

**CLERK**

President Wortman: Okay, we'll go to page one, the County Clerk.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President. Starting with line 1670-1010, Court Clerk be set in at \$21,279.

Councilmember Smith: What's the line item Jim?

Councilmember Raben: Page four, line 1670-1070 be set in at \$21,279

Councilmember Hoy: 1670-1010.

Councilmember Raben: It's 1010, I'm sorry. \$21,279. Line 1680-1010 and 1690-1010, zero. Line 1970, zero. All other salary lines along with FICA, PERF and Insurance will be adjusted at the September the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Line 2600 should read \$90,000. Page five, line 3370, Computer Data Management be set in at zero and would like to ask the Clerk to file a request or an appropriation request for this year in the amount of \$146,000. All other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

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

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Winnecke.

Marsha Abell: I have a question. You set in account 1970 at zero?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Marsha Abell: Do you know who that is? That's the person you all made me hire to do the taking care of the records out at Kinder Moving and Storage cause you didn't want to create a new position.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so that line—

Marsha Abell: That was your decision I was...we were going to create a new position and you said no, you didn't want to do that. You wanted to put it under Temporary Replacement, so that's who that is.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that is confusing.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, I was going to vote no on that.

President Wortman: Well, let's see—

Councilmember Raben: That is confusing. I was...it's my understanding that was a Temporary Replacement line, which we don't have, but she is correct on that.

Marsha Abell: It is a temporary replacement. It's replacing in our office, the girl we took out of our office to do records management out at Kinder Moving and Storage. That was at your direction.

President Wortman: If I understand Temporary Replacement correctly, that is when someone you have to take out where they're on leave or gone and you put someone in their position, am I right?

Marsha Abell: That's exactly what we've done. We took Elizabeth Wilson out of my office and moved her out to Kinder Moving and Storage to do the Records Management and hired someone to replace her in my office under the Temporary Replacement line.

President Wortman: So we don't get that confused with Extra Help, I guess that's what I'm trying to say.

Marsha Abell: Extra Help is when we need extra help for all these other people that have got all this vacation and stuff.

President Wortman: Vacations and sick and all that. Alright Mr. Raben, do you want to correct your motion?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I will amend my motion to include 1970 in the amount of \$16,640.

President Wortman: Would you amend yours?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes, I'll amend my second.

President Wortman: Yeah, okay. Now, any other discussion? So we all understand this?

Councilmember Bassemier: I got something.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Marsha, on those two other cuts there on your Deputy Clerks, how's that going to affect your office?

Marsha Abell: Well, at Council's direction, the court set up a new small claims court this year called the Environmental Court and because of the large amount of traffic in the Misdemeanor Division there's now a Wednesday morning Misdemeanor Court and it's just a matter of numbers. You know, you keep adding courts, you keep adding judges, our staff does all the paperwork, eventually, we're going to get to the point to where we just can't do it. I mean, there just aren't enough hours in the day. Misdemeanor Court, my staff comes in in the morning at six in the morning and stays on Monday night until Monday night court is over and other nights, some of them will stay until 6:00 to try and get their work done. So you've got a lot of overtime hours on the books and there's nothing I can

do about it if you want these courts run. Now, if you want to stop the courts and fill up your jail with all those people, I guess we could do that.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President.

Marsha Abell: I can't continue.

Councilmember Bassemier: The fact I'm getting at is that you're losing workers because they're just overworked, they're bailing out on you.

Marsha Abell: I had one go to the Prosecutors Office and two have gone to Judges Offices and we had a position open we've given to someone who has no experience but we interviewed four people and they all turned it down.

Councilmember Smith: When I was County Clerk, I lost 33 going for better jobs. That's true.

Marsha Abell: Yeah, the judges pay a lot more for the same, actually less work than what we pay for more work and why stay with me when you can make more money downstairs and get off at 4:00?

Councilmember Smith: And work less hours.

Marsha Abell: Yeah.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, somewhere in this budget we...under Circuit Court we have an Alcohol and Drug Program where there are two positions that I thought were going to be self funding and if we take those out of the budget why couldn't we put...give you a second position anyway. There is a worker there however, that has been with us ten years and I'd hate to see that person in the Judge's program and I know this is kind of putting you on the spot. We'd like to see that...I'd like to see that worker continue if we shifted that over in your office. That's a lot to ask perhaps, but we were told that program will move from the SAFE House and would be self-supporting. So we've got two workers there, you know, two positions that we could...that's where we could get the money. But we've got a person there that I don't want to see...she's been with us for 10 years and I think...I've been told that this person is a valued worker and we'd like to keep her on. That puts you in an awkward position right now but we're also looking to try and get you another line item here.

Marsha Abell: Well, are you talking about reducing that by one or reducing both of those in that particular—

Councilmember Hoy: I'm talking about reducing both of them and then—

Marsha Abell: That would leave the one person because the other one hasn't been here very long.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, yeah.

Marsha Abell: Oh, I could consider that, sure.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't know—

Councilmember Smith: Marsha, would you put them to work in your office if we transfer them back—

Marsha Abell: If you give them to me...I know who you're talking about and she does have some experience.

Councilmember Sutton: She's got ten years' seniority and I don't want to see her lose her job.

Marsha Abell: I can appreciate that.

President Wortman: Then that one person you want, I think you can order to work like half a day—

Marsha Abell: That's the AAPS and DAPS person. The judge requested that to be in my budget.

President Wortman: You would be willing to go along with that?

Marsha Abell: If I could get another person...I know who you're talking about obviously, and she has experience in Misdemeanor and that's where I'm really, really hurting for employees is in Misdemeanor.

Councilmember Hoy: It seems to me that this gives us as a Council a chance to do the right thing for one thing budget-wise as well as for your office and for the employees, I don't want to leave them out in this equation. That's where I'm coming from. We were told that this would, you know, that those programs would take care of themselves and from what I've seen of the income there, they ought to take care of themselves. They've got a whopping user...whatever you want to call it, fees, that should pay for that. I mean, I forget how much it was, I don't have the figure in front of me, but it's considerable.

Marsha Abell: You mean the income?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah.

Marsha Abell: I don't know what the income off of that is.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, that's our problem and not yours but my problem was those two employees.

Marsha Abell: I understand that.

President Wortman: So you think you can handle that?

Marsha Abell: If I could get somebody to help out in Misdemeanor I can handle it.

President Wortman: Raise your right hand—

Marsha Abell: You know, I'm saying it with a microphone on and the media sitting back here, I don't think I'm going to change my mind.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay. Well, I apologize but this is something I've thought about and didn't have a chance to get to you and thought we ought to do this.

President Wortman: Yeah, he's made a good point there and I think that we're going to save some money and that will be self sufficient over there in the courts, you can have that and then you can get something done.

Marsha Abell: Well, I do know that position in courts is set in at a COMOT VI and I'm not sure that you want to bring it over to my office at a COMOT VI.

President Wortman: No, that's pretty steep.

Marsha Abell: That's pretty steep.

President Wortman: We might have to redo that, see.

Marsha Abell: I'd like for everybody to be a COMOT VI, but that would cause a lot of friction in my office if somebody came in at a COMOT VI.

President Wortman: That's right, we don't want...we want everything as smooth as can be.

Marsha Abell: Unless you want to bring everybody up to a COMOT VI, I'm sure they'd all be real happy about that.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd like to give them another employee, I really would,

Councilmember Raben: Okay, let me make--

President Wortman: Alright, we're settled on that now. Anybody else? Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Let me make sure I'm clear on what the Council wants me to do.

Councilmember Smith: Which line item are you going to put them in, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: Well, I guess we would move down to 1680-1010 and put in place another employee, correct?

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: Then, we're going to address removing the other two lines from the other budget when we get there. Okay. Mr. President, I do need to do one thing, and Marsha, not to confuse matters worse than they already are, but according to the employee handbook we can't grant temporary replacement in this line, okay. So I'm going to zero that line out and add that money to Extra Help, okay?

Marsha Abell: Okay, that's fine, just as long as it's still there, I don't care where you put it.

Councilmember Raben: I guess I need to make an amendment to my original...well, actually my second motion for that matter.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, you've already amended it once.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

Councilmember Sutton: Double amendment, that's a violation.

Councilmember Raben: Let me withdraw my original motion.

President Wortman: Completely, and start all over. And you withdraw yours, Mr. Winnecke? And anybody else associated with this motion. Alright, now then, let's start all over. Does everybody understand this? Proceed Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, starting with page one, through page two, through page three, down to page four, account number 1670-1010, \$21,279; 1680-1010, \$19,382; 1690-1010, zero.

Marsha Abell: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Correct?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, you're clicking.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, line 1970, zero. Line 1990, Extra Help, \$42,960.

Marsha Abell: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Line 2600, \$90,000. Page five, line 3370, Computer Data Management, zero and with that the Clerk...we would ask the Clerk to file an appropriation for 2000 in the amount of \$146,000. All other lines as they appear and I make that in the form of a motion.

Jeff Ahlers: Except the FICA, PERF and salaries.

Councilmember Raben: Along with that motion, all other salary lines including FICA, PERF and Insurance will be adjusted at our September the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a second, okay. Alright, now--

Marsha Abell: I've got one question. You said to file that appropriation for the year 2000, did you mean for the year 2000?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Marsha Abell: Right now?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

President Wortman: We're talking the fall of this year, October, November or something in that nature. Okay.

Marsha Abell: Before January 1, I got you.

President Wortman: Any discussion? Anymore discussion? We all understand everything? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1670-1010	Court Clerk	\$21,279.00
1680-1010	Deputy Clerk	\$19,382.00
1690-1010	Deputy Clerk	\$0.00
1970	Temporary Replacement	\$0.00
1990	Extra Help	\$42,960.00
2600	Office Supplies	\$90,000
3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	\$0.00

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

***CLERK IV-D***

President Wortman: Now we'll go to page six, County Clerk IV-D program.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, account 2600 and 4220 as they are listed and that is a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy seconded it. Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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



***ELECTION OFFICE***

President Wortman: Now, we'll turn to page 69, the Election Office.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, all salary lines, FICA, PERF, and Insurance will be adjusted at our September the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. All two, three and 4000 accounts as they appear and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second? Do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, 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, and I did have a question, I'll finish after the vote.

President Wortman: Okay.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

President Wortman: Now, Mr Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Marsha, I'm sure we hit on this last week. That Contractual Services, is that the rental on the tabulation machine?

Marsha Abell: Yes, that's the equipment. It's an every year thing.

Councilmember Raben: We have to pay that regardless.

Marsha Abell: We signed a three-year contract and they divide it up.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Marsha Abell: I would like to say, the \$1,000 for Legal Services may not even be used, that's in the event we have a recount and we have to have an attorney. That's the only reason we probably need an attorney, or if there's any question on ballots from the November election that runs into the year 2000, that's what that's for.

Councilmember Hoy: Some of us who are running are praying for a landslide.

Marsha Abell: I'm planning on a very smooth election.

President Wortman: Thank you.

Marsha Abell: Thank you very much, I appreciate it.

President Wortman: Okay, the next before we get the Sheriff, we're going to change tapes. So, Mr. Raben, you get ready, page 15.

## **TAPE CHANGE**

### ***SHERIFF***

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, starting with page 15, through to page 16, through 17 and 18, through 19 and 20, through 21 and 22, down to page 23, line 1130-0230 Court Screener zero; line 1300-1050 \$200,000; line 1510-1050 \$15,000.

Councilmember Sutton: One more time, Jim. I'm sorry.

Councilmember Raben: Line 1510-1050 \$15,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Line 1530-1050 Shift Differential \$67,600, and this is for union employees and sworn deputies only. There's so much on this budget I'm going to quit. All other salary lines, FICA, PERF and insurance will be set in at our September 8th meeting. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Smith: Question.

President Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Smith: How about the EMT, did you leave that in there that was in there?

Councilmember Hoy: That's in the Jail's budget.

Councilmember Sutton: What?

Councilmember Hoy: That's in the Jail's budget.

President Wortman: Jail, okay.

Councilmember Smith: Oh, okay.

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

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: And we've got a second, Mr. Winnecke. Alright, any discussion on Mr. Raben's motion?

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, you mean the sworn deputies in the jail right?

Councilmember Raben: Correct. Can I amend my motion? I need to back up to line 1130-0229 and set that rate in at \$26,172 which is a COMOT III Step Two. All other motions as were stated and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: You have to amend your motion to that effect. Do you amend that?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Wortman: How about the second?

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll second that.

President Wortman: We've got a motion and a second, any discussion on the amendment and the motion? If not, let's vote on this then. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1130-0229	Court Screener	\$26,172.00
1130-0230	Court Screener	\$0.00
1300-1050	Overtime	\$200,000.00
1510-1050	College Reimbursement	\$15,000.00
1530-1050	Shift Differential	\$67,600.00

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

President Wortman: That Court Screener might be subject to Job Study. You might want to think about that.

Councilmember Raben: Right, they'll probably want to come before Job Study.

President Wortman: Yeah, okay. We can correct that September 6th. I think he mentioned the 8th, but it's the 6th see, when we finalize. So we might consider that, every Councilmember might consider that and bring that up. Now, Mr. Raben, proceed.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 2000 accounts, line 2230 \$65,000; line 2640 zero; line 2650 \$5,000; page 25, line 3370 Computer Data Management zero, and would ask that they file a request for this year. Line 33, excuse me, 3725 \$10,000; line 4230 zero; line 4250 and 4290 zero, and would ask that they file an appropriation for those requests this year.

Councilmember Bassemier: On the motor vehicles?

Councilmember Raben: And the equipment and what not for them.

President Wortman: Okay, everybody understand the motion? Do I have a second to that?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith second. Mr. Bassemier discussion?

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, on that Shift Differential could you repeat who is covered under the Shift Differential?

Councilmember Raben: Union employees and sworn deputies.

Councilmember Bassemier: Sandie's got something --

Sandie Deig: The Sheriff's Department does not have union employees, they have only sworn deputies.

Councilmember Raben: Sworn deputies only.

President Wortman: Any other discussion affecting the Sheriff's department? Okay, I guess we're ready for a roll call vote, madam secretary.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

2230	Garage & Motor	\$65,000.00
2640	Narcotics	\$0.00
2650	Canine Corps	\$5,000.00
3370	Computer (Data Management)	\$0.00
3725	Meth Lab Clean Up	\$10,000.00
4230	Motor Vehicles	\$0.00
4250	Miscellaneous Equipment	\$0.00
4290	Vehicle Equipment	\$0.00

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

***JAIL***

President Wortman: Now page 27, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 27 through 28, at the bottom of page 29 starting with account 1130-0406 \$25,814; line 1130-0407 zero; 1520-1051 zero; 1530-1051 \$25,639 and that would be only union and detention officer employees; line 1850 should read \$10,000.

Councilmember Smith: Jim, on 1750 did you cut that? I've got a change there. Well it was \$38,000 and I've got \$32,000.

Councilmember Raben: I don't have that cut. That's a union contract.

Councilmember Smith: Oh, okay.

Councilmember Raben: I might ask Chief Williams if he knows, is \$38,000 the correct amount?

Eric Williams nodded in the affirmative.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Smith: I don't know where I got the change, but I did.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, we can't address the Sheriff, he's got a tie on today. Line 2200 \$50,000; all other lines as they appear and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Jeff Ahlers: Salaries and PERF.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, excuse me, all salary lines including FICA, PERF and insurance will be adjusted at our September 6th meeting, all other lines as they appear and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

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

Councilmember Bassemier: Sheriff, do you have anything to add to this? Are we on the same page on this? Is there something we might be making a mistake on or anything?

Councilmember Sutton: Oh no, now Ed that was a home run ball that you threw out there.

Brad Ellsworth: That last \$10,000 kind of threw me...(inaudible)

Councilmember Sutton: Just so we're clear on the EMT situation, we're talking about one. I know he tried to explain to us to the best of his ability in terms of the issue that they face there and recognizing that we do have some budget constraints, but I really think that is a position, both of them are really needed positions. I guess I would recommend that we give strong consideration to the other position at the first of the year. That's a position that from a health, medical and safety standpoint, I don't know if the case can be made much stronger. But I know we've got some limitations we're trying to work within, but first of the year I'd like to see us give some additional consideration to that second position.

Brad Ellsworth: Brad Ellsworth, Sheriff. Just to kind of reiterate, and I won't take long, but if you recall last year I asked for a third shift medical EMT and I know the members of the Council, at least several members of the Council, said come back and ask. They were supportive verbally on that. Obviously we'd like any support on that because, obviously the jail is probably our most critical area of the office and probably the place that can cause us, the county, the most problems. So if anything deserves attention it's that area. When they hit us, they hit us in medical services. And I appreciate that, Mr. Sutton, and the rest of you.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Ellsworth. Okay, anybody else got anything for discussion before we 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1130-0406	Emergency Medical Technician	\$25,814.00
1130-0407	Emergency Medical Technician	\$0.00
1520-1051	Detention Training Officer	\$0.00
1530-1051	Shift Differential	\$25,639.00
1850	Union Overtime	\$10,000.00
2200	Jail Expense	\$50,000.00

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

***SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING***

President Wortman: Now Jail Misdemeanor Housing, 174, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, all salary lines, FICA, PERF and insurance will be set in at our September 6th meeting, all other lines as they appear, and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Second Mr. Sutton. Okay, any discussion on this? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

**SHERIFF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

President Wortman: Now page 97, Community Corrections.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, starting with 97, 98, into 99 account 1850 \$40,000; line 1980 \$4,000; line 2260 \$200,000; line 2600 \$5,000; line 3310 \$6,000; page 101 starting with 4230 zero; line 4250 zero, and would ask that the Sheriff file an appropriation for one van and the needed equipment this year.

Councilmember Smith: One van and ten cars?

Councilmember Raben: No, we gave him ten cars in the Sheriff's budget.

Councilmember Sutton: Oh, okay.

Councilmember Raben: This request was for one van and two cars which he agreed to just one van this year.

President Wortman: Okay, got a second on that?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy, alright.

Councilmember Sutton: Does line item 4290 tie in to that request as well?

Councilmember Hoy: That's to equip the van.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, excuse me. Let me amend my motion.

President Wortman: Okay, amend your motion and then Mr. Hoy seconded it.

Councilmember Raben: I wasn't completely clear on the motion. Line 4250 was for new radio equipment, that is a request for this year as well. Line 4290 Vehicle Equipment zero and would ask that they file the correct amount for equipment for the van for this year.

President Wortman: And you amend you second, Mr. Hoy? Okay, thank you. Alright, are we all clear on that now? I think there are like two small compact cars involved in that, but if I recollect the Sheriff mentioned they might be able, him and Mr. Williams might be able to find some money out there some way or another to kind of subsidize those two projects. Okay, with that in mind any other discussion on this? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1850	Union Overtime	\$40,000.00
1980	Other Pay	\$4,000.00
2260	Food	\$200,000.00
2600	Office Supplies	\$5,000.00
3310	Training	\$6,000.00
4230	Motor Vehicles	\$0.00
4250	Miscellaneous Equipment	\$0.00
4290	Vehicle Equipment	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**SHERIFF/VCCC MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER**

President Wortman: Now we go to Misdemeanor Offender, 173. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, all salary lines, FICA, PERF and insurance will be adjusted at our September 6th meeting, all other lines as they appear and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

***DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE***

President Wortman: Now we'll go to page 110, Drug and Alcohol Deferral Service.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, all salary lines, FICA, PERF and Insurance will be adjusted at our September 6th meeting, all other lines as they are listed and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Who seconded it? Mrs. Smith, thank you Mrs. Smith. Okay, any discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

***SUPERIOR COURT***

President Wortman: Now then, Mr. Raben, we'll go to page 102, the Superior Court.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, starting with page 102, through 103, through 104, to page 105 starting with line 1630-1370, including 1640-1370, 1650-1370, 1660-1370, 1661-1370, 1670-1370, down to 1700-1370, page 106 1730-1370 all to be set in at zero.

President Wortman: Jim, would you want to explain your motion and kind of the Public Defender, refer to it?

Councilmember Raben: I just read off eight lines, all eight lines should be set in at zero.

Councilmember Sutton: Jim, just to make it clear when you read through all the lines and then at the end you said all those to be set in at zero, it was as if everything was at zero and I think you only just those specific lines.

Councilmember Raben: Well, we're not there yet. We're not all the way through them yet. We've got more on another page. Okay, just to make sure the motion is clear 1630-1300, 1640-1300, 1650-1300, 1660-1300, 1661--

Councilmember Sutton: 1370.

Councilmember Raben: 1370, I'm reading out 1300 but it's 1370, 1670-1370, 1700-1370, and line 1730-1370 are all to be set in at zero. Then on page 106, same page, 1803-1370 should be set in at \$5,400; page 107 1850-1370 should be set in at zero; 1860-1370 zero. All other salary lines including FICA, PERF and insurance will be adjusted at our September 6th meeting and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy seconded it. Mr. Raben do you want to make reference to the Public Defenders, this here motion?

Councilmember Raben: I think everyone understands --

President Wortman: Okay, just so they do. I just want it for the record, see.

Councilmember Raben: These are coming out of this budget and going into its own budget.

President Wortman: Okay, I've got a motion and a second then. Any discussion? Anybody not clear on this? Okay, call the roll please on this section.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1630-1370	Public Defender	\$0.00
1640-1370	Public Defender	\$0.00
1650-1370	Public Defender	\$0.00
1660-1370	Public Defender	\$0.00
1661-1370	Public Defender	\$0.00
1670-1370	Public Defender	\$0.00
1700-1370	Public Defender	\$0.00
1730-1370	Public Defender	\$0.00
1803-1370	Legal Trans/Pauper	\$5,400.00
1850-1370	Public Defender	\$0.00
1860-1370	Public Defender/Juvenile	\$0.00

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

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben, proceed.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, starting with the 2000 accounts, page 108, 3310 \$3,000; page 109, 3940 zero; 3943 zero; 3944 zero; 3980 \$8,500. Before I complete the motion I would like to go on the record as saying that Judge Dietsch and Rosemary have been more than gracious and helpful, they have been very instrumental in helping to establish the Public Defender's office. I think they deserve a thank you because they've been great to work with and have been a lot of help. I'm sure everybody appreciates it. That is my motion.

President Wortman: I've got a motion, Mr. Raben. Now, any second to that motion?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded it. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3310	Training	\$3,000.00
3940	Public Defender Secretarial Expense	\$0.00
3943	Pauper Expense	\$0.00
3944	Special Reporter	\$0.00
3980	Trans Child & Misc	\$8,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

***SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION***

President Wortman: Page 169, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, all salary lines, FICA, PERF and insurance will be set in at our September 6th meeting, all other lines as they are listed and I'll 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. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

***CIRCUIT COURT***

President Wortman: Now then we'll go to page 93, Circuit Court.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 93 starting with line 1160-1360 --

President Wortman: Hold up and give everybody a chance to...

Councilmember Raben: Page 93 line 1160-1360 zero; 1170-1360 zero; 1180-1360 zero; 1190-1360 zero; 1200-1360 zero; now page 94 line 1290-1360 zero; line 1360-1360 zero; line 1370-1360 zero; line 1380 zero; line 1610-1360 zero; all other salary lines including FICA, PERF and insurance will be adjusted at our September 6th meeting and I make that in the form of a motion.

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

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second Mrs. Smith. Okay, any discussion by the Councilmembers?

Karen Angermeier: I would just like to respond to something Councilman Hoy said on--

President Wortman: State your name please.

Karen Angermeier: Karen Angermeier, Circuit Court.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you.

Karen Angermeier: Those two positions you are referring to, those have nothing to do with the Drug and Alcohol program that were eliminated. The Pre-Sentence Investigators on 1360 and 1370, those have nothing to do with the Drug and Alcohol program.

Councilmember Hoy: That was not the information we were given.

Karen Angermeier: Those people work for the court. They do pre-sentence investigations required by the state that has the background information, victim's statements that is provided to the court and to the judge prior to the sentencing of every felony.

President Wortman: Karen, how are they funded? By the state you say? Who funds it, General Fund or do you come out...?

Karen Angermeier: General Fund.

President Wortman: The General Fund, that's why we wanted to have it funded over there in the Circuit Court.

Karen Angermeier: But it's a court function, not a probation function.

President Wortman: Well see, we shouldn't be obligated to pay those two people, the Council, at least I'm speaking for myself maybe, because that was okayed and it was my impression that was to be funded separately from that. They were reclassified. They

worked the night shift and then he put them on day shift over there.

Karen Angermeier: That's not the understanding --

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, may I --

President Wortman: Yes ma'am.

Councilmember Smith: Shall I give her one of these?

President Wortman: Yes.

Karen Angermeier: I understand this, but the two positions you are talking about in the county budget, these two Pre-Sentence Investigators, have nothing to do with the Drug and Alcohol program, John Street program.

Councilmember Hoy: Where are those positions then?

Karen Angermeier: These two positions are in Room 210 in the Courts Building.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, but where are the two positions that we funded for AISP and DISP, where are those in the budget?

Karen Angermeier: You don't fund anything out of the County General Fund for the Drug and Alcohol program. That's all in the 2600 budget.

Councilmember Raben: Which building do these two individuals work in?

Karen Angermeier: In the Civic Center.

Councilmember Raben: In the Civic Center?

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman? Karen, aren't those the two people when they were doing the bonds that were transferred from the Clerk's office?

Karen Angermeier: I don't know the history on that. I do know there was a gentleman when you were County Clerk. There was one position, I believe.

Councilmember Smith: One position, he was a handicapped man.

Karen Angermeier: That's--

Councilmember Smith: Yes, they were going to do away with it and then as soon as they got rid of him they've taken it back up. But these two girls here--

Karen Angermeier: They were originally Bail Bond. That was as a result of the Jail Study Committee requesting that the Circuit Court place these two people in their budget.

Councilmember Smith: Aren't those the two people we put back in Marsha's budget?

Councilmember Raben: Right, so basically we're putting them back in her budget, correct?

President Wortman: Is it agreeable to the Council to leave everything that was in place?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, basically what we're doing is taking the two positions out of this budget that was just created in the Clerk's budget. We're just basically putting these people back in the Clerk's budget.

President Wortman: Yeah, yeah.

Councilmember Smith: Because she has to take the project back over.

Councilmember Raben: Exactly, so everything's...I'm clear. Everybody understands that, right?

Councilmember Hoy: Apparently I was mistaken about the John Street location. That's my mistake, I'm still unclear about it.

President Wortman: Well I've got some history on it, the Bond and Fine Clerk, Bail Bond specialist. I don't have to read it, but I think we leave everything stand as it is now.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, can I ask a question of Karen? I guess I'm not clear on why they are listed in the budget as Bail Bond if you're saying that's not what they do.

Karen Angermeier: No, I wasn't there, but I think those went to the Job Study in June or July after the budget was filed, and those positions were changed to Pre-Sentence Investigators because they're holding more court hearings and are bumping up the date on the sentencings. We cannot prepare a pre-sentence fast enough right now with part-time people. We're doing 119 pre-sentences a month and it takes about eight hours to prepare one. So if you're talking about zeroing these out then we'll need more money in Extra Help because we simply can't get them on the judge's desks in time for sentencing.

Councilmember Smith: Karen, where is their desk, over on John Street?

Karen Angermeier: No, in Room 210 and Room 225 D. If you look back at the job description when it went back to Job Study it explained it is a function of when someone has been convicted of a felony before they are sentenced they come in for about a two to three hour interview. It may go over past drug and alcohol use, but it has nothing to do with the Drug and Alcohol program. They contact the victim to find out and determine restitution. They find out family background, employment background. All that is composed in a report that is required by the state that we give to the judges before sentencing, unless the judge states he doesn't want it.

Councilmember Smith: That's basically what they always did do anyway as a Bond Interviewer.

Karen Angermeier: It's separate.

Councilmember Sutton: They had a job, they had a family, they had a home here, they just interviewed them. That was basically what they did.

Karen Angermeier: This is in more detail than that.

President Wortman: Karen, do you have to have any special training for this position, both of them that are in there now?

Karen Angermeier: Not that I'm aware of, just on-the-job training.

President Wortman: Well I was under the impression, we was told that we do not fund that, we approved it this year when it went in. Remember, I think on June 7th, the judge, remember the request was made, withdrew these requests on June 7th. Then on July 5th he recommended that Council accept the position by the Job Study.

Karen Angermeier: Because it went to Job Study and they had recommended it a PAT IV.

President Wortman: Yeah, yeah.

Karen Angermeier: And he said no, leave it a COMOT VI. I just wanted to clarify that.



President Wortman: I think, I don't believe the county should fund that when it's in his program. That's what I'm up against. Those two employees I think should be funded by his program. I think what's right is right and what's wrong is wrong, and I think the Council is right. So with that in mind I think we'll let the order stand. Any more discussion? I'll call for a roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I think the prudent thing to do because I don't think anyone's, I'm not clear on what we're doing. What Karen is saying is these two positions are Pre-Sentence Investigations. What you're saying, and what we thought we had done earlier, was eliminate someone from the AAPS/DAPS. What she is saying is that's not the case. I think the prudent thing to do at this point is to table this budget until tomorrow, spend the rest of the day and the evening researching it. Maybe the judge could come before us tomorrow, it would be nice to see him tomorrow.

Karen Angermeier: He's out of the country.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'd be more comfortable clarifying what our vote is.

Councilmember Hoy: I wouldn't go on vacation during budget hearings.

Councilmember Raben: I would say this, we could leave our motion as it stands and we would have between now and September 6th to have a clarification.

Jeff Ahlers: We can always open it back up.

Councilmember Raben: So I'd say the motion stands.

President Wortman: Now then, I want to refer you to...in 2000 the AISP/DISP program was removed from the SAFE House and relocated on John Street. The Council informed Judge Heldt that the program would have to be self sustaining. Now, that's about as English as you can get, isn't it?

Karen Angermeier: That is correct, but all those expenses are contained in the 2600 budget. There is no Drug and Alcohol expenses in 1360 budget.

President Wortman: Okay, well I think we go ahead and vote and let it stand, and then we'll cross that bridge when we get there. Is that alright with the Councilmembers?

Councilmember Smith: I would like to wait until September and vote on this until we find out for sure.

Councilmember Raben: Well, with the motion as it is we can go back in and make a change.

Councilmember Smith: Bring it back, okay.

President Wortman: Yeah, we can open it up, but I think right now we need to make a decision and then cross that. And if there's any changes then we'll adjust accordingly. I think we ought to study this hard. I think we've got two positions over there that wasn't supposed to be if you really get down and dig--

Councilmember Smith: Well those positions were taken out of the Clerk's office because Judge Heldt took over the job, well it wasn't Judge Heldt it was Judge Young I think at the time, took over the job of the Bond Interviewers. Then he gave it up, gave it back to Marsha, so those two positions really should come back to Marsha which that's what we did.

President Wortman: Remember we also got the Sheriff \$2,600 being funded there.

Councilmember Smith: Yes, to do the night work and on Saturdays and Sundays.

Councilmember Raben: Exactly, it used to be accomplished with two people. Now, with Marsha's request for the Counter Clerk makes three positions, plus \$26,000. So basically you've doubled your force to handle the same task that two used to do.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President I don't disagree with anything anyone has said, but the fact of the matter is, I mean, I think there's a shell game going on here, to be very blunt, and I think that if we vote to cut these positions then the court could, theoretically, come grinding to a halt because there's no one doing pre-sentence investigations.

President Wortman: No, not necessarily.

Councilmember Winnecke: Who's going to do the PSI's?

Councilmember Bassemier: We're going to bring it back, Lloyd.

Councilmember Smith: Who did it before they got those two positions?

Councilmember Winnecke: That's why I'd like the judge, I think it's important the judge...I mean, he wasn't here last week and he isn't here this week. Everyone takes vacations, but...

Karen Angermeier: I can tell you we've always had part-time people.

Councilmember Winnecke: Pardon me?

Karen Angermeier: Part-time people.

Councilmember Winnecke: Did the pre-sentence investigations before?

Karen Angermeier: Right, right.

Councilmember Winnecke: Until what time did they do the pre-sentence investigations?

Karen Angermeier: Up until this Job Study meeting when these positions changed.

Councilmember Winnecke: And how many part-time people did that?

Karen Angermeier: I would say between five and six, but some worked 20 hours a week and some worked 30.

Councilmember Winnecke: And how is that, where was that funded from? What line item?

Karen Angermeier: Out of our Extra Help.

Councilmember Hoy: And at Job Study, I just asked Mr. Deisher, that Job Study was early summer this year. So that's a very recent change.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, we have a motion, let's go ahead.

President Wortman: Yes sir, we've got a motion and a second and we've had our discussion so call the roll please right quick before this tape runs out.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes sir.

1160-1360	Public Defender	\$0.00
1170-1360	Public Defender	\$0.00
1180-1360	Public Defender	\$0.00
1190-1360	Public Defender Secretary	\$0.00
1200-1360	Public Defender	\$0.00
1290-1360	Public Defender	\$0.00
1360-1360	Bail Bond Interview Special	\$0.00
1370-1360	Bail Bond Interview Special	\$0.00
1380	Pauper Compensation	\$0.00
1610-1360	Public Defender	\$0.00

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

President Wortman: Okay, we'll proceed right on then, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 2000 accounts--

President Wortman: Hold it, hold it, hold it, we've got to change the tape.

**TAPE CHANGE**

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 2000 accounts starting on page 95, down through the 3000 accounts starting at 3943 zero --

Councilmember Smith: What one? Where are you?

Councilmember Raben: We're completing that budget. We stopped through the salary account.

Councilmember Smith: Oh, okay.

Councilmember Raben: Now we are in the 2000, 3000, 4000 accounts. Page 96. Line 3943 zero; 3944 zero; line 4220 \$15,000. All other lines as they are listed and I'll make that in form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: And I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3943	Pauper Expense	\$0.00
3944	Special Reporter	\$0.00
4220	Office Machines	\$15,000.00

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

**CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION**

President Wortman: And now page 166, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, all salary lines including FICA, PERF , and insurance will be adjusted at our September the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. All other lines as they are listed and I'll make that in form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: Second, Mr. Winnecke. Okay, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes, sir?

Councilmember Raben: On Public Defender can we take that budget first thing in the morning?

President Wortman: I guess, if we had to we could. What's your reason?

Councilmember Raben: I've got a question on a few account numbers.

President Wortman: Is that agreeable with the Councilmembers?

Councilmember Smith: You said make it tomorrow?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

Councilmember Sutton: He should have had his homework done, no.

President Wortman: Is that agreeable with all Councilmembers? Fine, thank you. You too, Mr. Winnecke? Yeah, okay. Alright, thank you Councilmembers.

**BOND ISSUE**

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben got his wish so we'll go to page 188 Bond Debt Repayment.

Councilmember Raben: Page 188. I'll move approval as listed and I make that in form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Second, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

**AUDITOR**

President Wortman: Page seven, County Auditor.

Councilmember Raben: This is where we get all of our cuts.

Councilmember Sutton: Is she out of the country too?

Councilmember Raben: This is where we get all the cuts.

Councilmember Sutton: Oh, she's back there. I didn't see you sitting back there.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, all salary lines FICA, PERF, and insurance will be adjusted at our September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Page nine, 3370 should read \$22,100; 3401 zero; 3550 zero. All other lines as they are listed and I'll make that in form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second? I got a second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Sutton: We've already appropriated that money this year. Jim, I was just going to ask, on that line item 3370 as we've done in the other budgets, why wouldn't we have that appropriation made this year and just pull that out all together? Is there a timing issue there? Suzanne, maybe you could speak to it.

Councilmember Smith: We've done the rest of them that way.

Councilmember Raben: There's really not, and I don't have a problem with that.

Councilmember Sutton: 3370.

Suzanne Crouch: (Inaudible.) I can live with that.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess he'd have to make an amendment to his motion.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'd like to make an amendment for my prior motion and go to account 3370 Computer Data Management.

President Wortman: Do you accept the second there?

Councilmember Raben: Let me finish the motion of the amendment to read zero.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll amend my second.

Councilmember Sutton: He's in a hurry. You got a tee time set up? Is that it?

President Wortman: You got your motion made?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

President Wortman: And second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

President Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: And file an appropriation, yes.

President Wortman: Any discussion on that? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3370	Computer Data Management	\$0.00
3401	Microfilming/Scanning	\$0.00
3550	Repair to Bldgs. & Grounds	\$0.00

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

President Wortman: Okay, that completes this 16<sup>th</sup> today. Let's have a little tally here. Does anyone have the total here yet, what we cut today? Well hopefully we'll have that tomorrow before we start out. Does that sound alright? Okay, okay. Okay, we are going to recess until tomorrow at 12:00. Public Defender will be first on the agenda, Mr. Raben? Meeting is recessed.

**(Meeting recessed at 1:19 p.m.)**



VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
BUDGET HEARINGS  
AUGUST 17, 2000

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2000 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President Curt Wortman at 12:14 p.m.

President Wortman: Vanderburgh County Council is now in session this August the 17<sup>th</sup> about 15 minutes late. I'd like to have the secretary call 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 Winnecke	X	
President Wortman	X	

President Wortman: Will you all stand and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag, please?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Wortman: Okay, We're trying to get our finances ready, here. First on the agenda is going to be the Public Defender in the Courts on that. As of today, you all got a sheet, and we have additional cuts to maintain the property tax rate and remain under the freeze is \$807,456 we have to cut yet. We'll really have to see what we can do. I think Councilmembers are aware of that. Mr. Raben would you want to start off or have any other comments?

Councilmember Raben: You say, do I have any further comments? Thanks for putting me on the spot like that. Well, we'll just have to see what happens today. I think, as other Councilmembers are aware of, we are still trying to pin down the insurance figures as close as possible. It's going to be tough. At some point today, I would like to have discussion when we're all through and just see where we're heading in terms of the salary raises and what not because that's going to be real important as to what we need to do September the 6<sup>th</sup>. We may need to go back in and open some of these budgets and cut from some lines that we don't really want to cut from but in order to stay below the freeze that may be something we'll have to consider September the 6<sup>th</sup>. Maybe we can discuss it before we recess for the day.

President Wortman: Remember this, if we don't cut below the freeze, the state will cut it for us. I think we're all aware of that, see. They will come in and do it. We got a job to do, regardless, so we just have to stand up and be counted. It's just that simple.

Councilmember Smith: We may have to go back over some of the departments we've already gone over though. There's some places back there that can be cut.

President Wortman: Yeah, I think our wish list on some departments is way out of line, and I think we might have to do that. I hope we haven't scared anybody. Mr. Raben, you want to start?

Councilmember Raben: Well, just other than the fact that in preparing this budget, one

thing that I'm comfortable with right now is that a lot of the big line items that typically come back to haunt us throughout the year, like the Patient and Inmate, Postage, Jail Food, Overtime, those lines outside of the Sheriff's overtime which has been cut but it's still significantly higher than what we gave last year, we've not really tampered with those lines in an effort to protect ourselves next year because we know those lines are...even funding them for what the request is routinely much less than what you actually need year to year. If we can get through this and not get reckless and tear from those budgets, which we haven't done yet. That's what my efforts were, once again, to leave those big lines untouched. We may have to look at them and cut from them. I'm prepared to do whatever we got to do to keep the tax rate as it is. Page 90, unless someone else had any comment.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question. It was my understanding that we had not raised the tax rate in longer than four years. The newspaper reported it was only four years. Does anyone have any accurate information on that?

Suzanne Crouch: I don't believe it's increased since '95. (Inaudible.)

Councilmember Hoy: I just think it needs to go on record, the Auditor just informed me that it's been six years. You know, this is a bipartisan statement because we are made up of both parties and I think we deserve credit for doing a good job for the last six years. It hasn't been bad and that was incorrect. It's been over four years.

#### **PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, page 90 line 3945, Public Defender Commission, that line should be set in at zero.

Councilmember Smith: Are you on page 90?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, yes.

Councilmember Smith: And you're going to set the request in at zero?

Councilmember Raben: That request in at zero. Correct. Then in front of you, you have the complete budget that we were given actually last week with a few account number corrections. That's why we didn't handle this budget yesterday because we were still unclear on a few account numbers. Mr. President, if it's okay, rather than read through all these lines, if I could make a motion that we approve this budget as it's been submitted and have both pages entered into our minutes. I'll make that in form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and a second from Mr. Hoy. The figures you're going to use is both pages. First is Personal Service \$1,194,003 and the next page is Capital Outlay \$14—

Councilmember Raben: Well, no that's—

President Wortman: The total will be \$1,371,003.

Councilmember Raben: Correct.

President Wortman: Okay, everybody is that agreeable with all Councilmembers if we adapt that as listed on the pages?

Councilmember Sutton: The, Mr. President, the listings that we have here for positions, are all of the positions that we see listed here positions that moved over from the Circuit and Superior Court budgets? I know, obviously, the Chief Public Defender with the salary there

at \$85,500, that's a new position. What about the other positions as we go down? Are there any new or additional positions that have been added to this budget that were not reflected in the other two court budgets?

President Wortman: Would you state your name, sir?

Jack VanStone: Jack VanStone, Chairman of the Vanderburgh County Public Defender Board. Let's see if I can find it. Currently, there are ten public defenders in Superior Court and six in Circuit Court which is a total of 11 and we're going to 16.

Councilmember Smith: I count 21.

Jack VanStone: Twenty-one. Twenty-two including the Chief. Twenty-two including the Chief, yes.

Councilmember Sutton: So we had 16 and now we are going to have 22?

Jack VanStone: We had 16, you're right, we had 16 and we are going to 22.

Councilmember Sutton: Geez, how about other positions, the Secretary; the Paralegal; Investigative, I don't know what that means, are those all new?

Jack VanStone: Those are all new. There is a Secretarial Allowance in the budgets that is being taken out, but those were not positions. They were paid \$1,000 here. They were, yeah you could, you don't have. I've only got one copy, but I guess you can make copies.

President Wortman: Yes, the secretary can do that.

Jack VanStone: (Inaudible.)

President Wortman: Mrs. Deig, would you take that copy and run some copies off for us, please? Pass out to all the Councilmembers so everybody understands fully the Public Defender System.

Councilmember Sutton: No offense to you, Mr. VanStone, I think you guys have done a really good job in organizing it. Looking at this recognizing that we are going to receive a certain amount from the state, 40 percent? Am I correct? Forty percent?

Jack VanStone: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Forty percent back, but we are also adding several new positions. This is an expensive venture here. I mean, we are talking about being taxpayer's friends and reducing taxes, and we're adding expense here.

Jack VanStone: Yes, well if my figures were original based upon '99 budget so what she is copying is the 2001 budget. I've upgraded it to 2000 budget and now upgraded to 2001, and the big...as you know better than I do, the big unknown is the insurance bid. Every time--I've done this about six times and what she is doing is a comparison of what is now before you. What they are now doing and what we propose to do. With the 40 percent discount, my highest figure means a \$31 plus increase. Basically, we are doubling the number. Not quite doubling but because we're adding paralegals, secretaries, and investigators, because we're adding those three positions the number of attorneys won't be double. It's going from 16 to 22 so we're adding six instead of adding 16. The reason why we can do that is because of the support staff and the fact that we have a full time public defender that is going to administer this. That's needed more than anything, somebody to administer this because it's grown like topsy, and it's all over the place. It needs to be put together. I took the figures that are submitted here, and I took the figures that was reported as being suspended--what is the word? Reverted. Taken from Circuit and Superior and put in here. Those figures I got was \$418,000 from Circuit and \$487,000

from Superior for a total of \$905,000. I don't know how correct that is, but that was what I heard when we had the hearing. If you compare that with, and I've got another sheet you might want to make a copy of that too, if you take the 40 percent out of this budget then the total cost to the County is \$897,276 so we're actually saving money.

Councilmember Sutton: Say that again for me. The total cost to the County is \$897,000 and our present--that's under the--

Jack VanStone: Because the figures have been danced around, I'm not going to represent to you that it's going to be a savings, but the largest increase, I've had figures--I've done this six or seven times, and the largest increase in the budget has been \$31,000 after you take the 40 percent discount. The reason is that the 40 percent applies to everyone except the three misdemeanor public defenders and two juvenile public defenders. There's five positions that are not--we do not get the 40 percent on.

Councilmember Sutton: And that is determined by what? That is determined by what?

Jack VanStone: That's determined by the State Public Defender Board. The State Public Defender Board has guidelines and if you comply with those guidelines then we get 40 percent discount on those items. Now there's been a move to include misdemeanor and juvenile, and I was told that part of juvenile is going to be reimbursed. We're not prepared to do that now. If you just take the 40 percent on everything except those five positions, the difference between what is being proposed if you don't do it.

Councilmember Sutton: Do they determine--does the State Public Defender Board determine what the percentage...obviously, there are caseload limits that each public defender can actually carry. Do they determine the one's they are actually reimbursing and the one's they do not reimburse as well? Do they have a bearing on what the caseload should be for both of those types of positions?

Jack VanStone: They will not look at misdemeanor and juvenile until they start to reimburse those areas. Quite frankly for that reason, I have not looked at misdemeanor and juvenile. I just left that alone. We've got enough to chew on with all the rest of it. We had that verified by their representative that was down here. You'll see that there are two columns there. In the one column, you've got the five positions - misdemeanor and juvenile. Did you save one for me?

Sandie Deig: Yes, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, when they're finished, I'd like to comment on this one.

Jack VanStone: It's important and you really need to understand what we're doing here. If you look on chart one that's my calculation of what would be there if we didn't do this. That has to do with public defender. Now chart number two on the right-hand side, you see at the top it says, Miss/Juv, that's misdemeanor and juvenile.

Councilmember Sutton: Um-huh.

Jack VanStone: Both items are not subject to being the 40 percent. There is...This chart also tells me that they do not reimburse for appointments for Mental Hearings, and Mental Hearings is in the Superior Court budget. You see the \$118, then \$10, then \$9, \$6, \$25 for total of \$169,572. I took the figures, the total I have is \$1,371,003 and what is the total you have now?

(Inaudible.)

Jack VanStone: It's the non-reimbursables is that \$169 figure. Actually, I have it down at \$179. If you look at the top of the second page, you can see where I subtracted the \$179 and then added it back in. Eleven, nine, six, eighteen is the total budget here after you

subtract misdemeanor and juvenile. You take 60 percent of that, or minus 40 percent, and you have \$718,091. Then you add the non-reimbursable which is \$179,185 and that gives you a total of \$897,276 which would be the net cost after reimbursement of this budget.

Councilmember Sutton: Which would be an \$8,000 difference from what we have under our present system?

Jack VanStone: Less.

Councilmember Sutton: Less, yeah.

Jack VanStone: Minus. I did a caveat, you know, I've been living with these figures and making corrections almost daily before you got it and I don't want to say that you're going to save \$9,000 dollars and it's gonna cost you \$31,000. I'm giving you the worst case scenario in my mind that the most it would cost you is \$31,000 dollars.

President Wortman: But you're not sure?

Jack VanStone: I'm as sure as anybody can get, as anybody who's looked at these figures. Every time I put something together something else pops up. If you use the figures that were turned in...The figures on the proposed chart are correct. Chart number two, those figures are correct. If you take that and compare it to what you're taking out of Circuit and Superior, it is a decrease of \$9,000 dollars.

Councilmember Sutton: So when I look at the positions you have listed here, is that based upon the formula that's already been calculated from the number of cases that we presently have that are impacting the system or is this a projected figure? And how often, this is a twofold question, and how often are they going to go back and revisit the caseload to determine the number of public defenders that Vanderburgh County needs to have in this type of office?

Jack VanStone: We're doing something new so this is my thinking and recommendation. I know the state will do it on whatever rotation basis we pick. Normally, they pick it by the quarter. In other words, come March—January, February, March—come April, we would submit the number of new appointments for those three months. If those numbers per public defender are less than six point something, they are entitled to handle 75 cases a year. Presently it's 120 and they're going over the 120. The guidelines with full support is 75 cases. That's six cases a month plus three, I think. In my mind you would make a chart and the first guy on the chart in January gets six cases then the next guy on the chart gets six cases and you just go down the chart. You make sure that nobody gets more than six cases per month because when you submit it in for the first quarter. The problem, ordinarily when you submit it for the first quarter of the year, they will add in the previous last three quarters of the previous year to see whether or not the annual number is correct. Because we are doing a new thing, they have agreed that we will not use the 2000 figures. What we need to do in 2001 is to make sure that we do not get in trouble in 2002. Did you follow that?

Councilmember Sutton: Uh-huh. The question is—the question, I guess—

Jack VanStone: There was another question you asked too and I didn't answer it.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I guess the question to me is balance. If we are having more on one side than the other. I guess, I'm speaking more from the prosecutor's office. They implied when they were up here, with this increased number of public defenders that equally so, there would be a greater need for deputy prosecutors on the other side. Is that a fair assessment?

Councilmember Hoy: No, it's not.

Jack VanStone: I'll tell you why, because you've got...The prosecutor's office has grants and the prosecutor's office has a bunch of programs collecting bad checks, collecting support. He has...I have not looked at the prosecutor's budget. I would say there is a possibility and a possibility not, I don't know. I couldn't imagine that they would need to increase to the extent that we are asking for an increase.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess I'm just trying to get my mind fixed around what this price tag is going to be. Granted, we are getting a 40 percent increase, but how much of an increase are we having to take on to get the 40 percent discount on part of the budget? I guess that's what I'm trying to get a sense of adding positions—

Councilmember Hoy: May I comment on that, Mr. President? What Mr. VanStone is saying, and I've been following this project and sitting in on meetings, is they are putting in an increase of \$31,000 which is more than what's really been calculated but that was put in so we don't run into difficulty with this budget. We are going into a new area. As a Council, we are looking at 31,000 more dollars, maybe not even that much. The other side of the coin is we are looking at following a guideline that's a good guideline for the number of cases per public defender. They are carrying too many cases. They are good lawyers, that's not the issue. They have too many cases. This will smooth this out and make the state standard to get the 40 percent back except for the juvenile and misdemeanor that Mr. VanStone has mentioned. We have been very, very close to having lawsuits over overloads anyway. In fact, I think we had a suit that finally got settled. We are very much on the edge. In that regard, we are talking about 31,000 more dollars to do the right thing but also to protect ourselves from lawsuits. Secondly, we are proposing a budget that will help to further ensure the Constitutional Rights of the United States of America for low income people. The major position we're adding is an administrator who will do the appointing of the public defenders rather than the Judges. There is a fairness issue involved in that because here you have Judges appointing public defenders and there's a little conflict of interest there or a lot of conflict of interest. Financially, the maximum as best as we can reconcile it that we would be out is \$31,000 more dollars. May not be out that much, and we're going to ensure a much better system for our citizens across the board. It's that kind of fairness issue. I think those are the points I wanted to touch on.

President Wortman: They're going to be represented a lot better.

Councilmember Hoy: And that's not to throw rocks at the existing attorneys. They only have so much time that they are going to work for these figures here that you see.

Councilmember Raben: Will you just briefly hit on the criteria for, I think Royce had some questions in terms of the additional people, but tell him why that's important.

Councilmember Hoy: The additional people are important so that you can meet the state standard. It's that simple or you don't the 40 percent back.

Councilmember Sutton: And, I guess, that's what my question is. It will no longer be in our hands. I just want to make sure we understand what we are entering into here. I'm not saying I'm opposed to good public representation from a—and I think that's what everyone is entitled to. However, from our standpoint which is as a fiscal body that as we are going through the budget that we understand that this doesn't necessarily mean what we see here will be what the ultimate result may be based upon standards that we don't control.

Councilmember Hoy: This will be as much in our hands, frankly, as it is now. There will be no change there. I think, as I say, I've followed this through and watched Mr. VanStone with the two commissioners. By the way, two of those commissioners were appointed by the judges and one by the County Commissioners.

Jack VanStone: I was appointed by Superior Court; Pat Shoulders was appointed by Circuit Court; and Ross Rudolph was appointed by the County Commissioners. Let me say that the chances...they're not going to retroactively change the number state wise, and

I'm 95 percent sure that this number is gonna work. I'm not 100% sure because nobody has kept the statistics up to now. I've lived with it. There is a line item in the budget for Contract Attorneys. That's used whenever there's a conflict of interest or when there's a case overload. It's been used that way in the past. Hopefully, we're gonna use it some, but hopefully we're not going to use it much with these new public defenders, but there is that hedge factor in this budget. It's essential that we stay within the guidelines, otherwise, we don't get the 40 percent.

Councilmember Sutton: Keep in mind too, that the 40 percent is just like...We sometimes get to a point where we forget where the money comes from on these grants. The money may not always be there. We have to keep that in mind too. If that is the case, which it doesn't appear to be any implications that the money is going away next year or the year after, but if that does occur, the county will bear the full brunt of the expense of this. Just like we have with other people on grants here in the county, and we've gotten in situations like that. Just making sure that we are fully aware that grants come and grants go.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I want to address that issue. What we are talking about here is not a grant. This is not a grant program. This is a state budgeted item, and it's a voluntary program. Should the state pull the rug out from underneath us then we'll be forced to probably go back to the old way or do something else. We can do that; it's strictly voluntary. We're not looking at a grant program that has a time limit on it. It's in the budget. This is probably not a fair comparison, but it's as close as I can come. It's similar to what's budgeted. As you know, my fellow Councilmen, when you look at the budget for the judges you see a figure for \$5,000 dollars. Our judges don't work for \$5,000 a year, you all know that. It's in the nineties plus benefits and the rest of that comes from the state. This is very similar to that. To address your question, Mr. Sutton, which is a good one, about the prosecutor's—and he's not here. I don't see him here. Perhaps he could address this. We're looking at him prosecuting roughly the same number of cases with his staff. If his staff is working well, and it seems that they are, then he's not going to have any more cases. We're not looking at necessarily adding more cases. We are looking at, perhaps, adding a better defense.

Councilmember Sutton: If you recall, the statement he made is that they are struggling to keep up with what they've got right now especially with the changes that were made back in April.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, but again, you're only defending as many charges as he imposes.

Councilmember Hoy: He's the one who files the charges.

Councilmember Raben: He's the one that would...If anything, if he works harder he's going to back them up more. They're kind of at the tail end. They are defending not prosecuting.

Councilmember Sutton: Filing the charge and actually prosecuting the charge are two different things. I mean, filing the charges is just the paperwork. Now working that case all the way through the system is time consuming. I mean, we are talking about two different processes.

Councilmember Hoy: But we are talking about him presently defending the same number of cases and we're talking about the same caseload that will be spread out so that—and there will be better defense. I would have to believe that that shouldn't harm the prosecutor's office since he's got a good staff that can prepare a case. I'll be real candid, if their case is that weak, then it's that weak. I mean, we are looking at a justice system in the whole county. If you read the papers, or the paper since it's singular here, although I read some other papers. You're looking at situations where now DNA has entered the scene. Down in Texas you had a guy who had been in prison for ten years under a rape charge and now they find out that he's not guilty. If we can improve this system, I mean

none of us want people going to prison who are not guilty. Anybody in the world can file charges against anybody in this room. We're looking at a large picture of justice here that our county stands for.

President Wortman: We've got to change the tape.

Councilmember Hoy: It's tape time, isn't it?

### **TAPE CHANGE**

Jack VanStone: I'd be happy to answer anyone's question and if you still have one left I would be glad to answer it.

Councilmember Sutton: I think that pretty much exhausts my questions. I just want to make sure that you know as we are trying to look at ways to make reductions to our budget and find the most effective, cost effective ways, to fund—

Jack VanStone: Sure.

Councilmember Sutton: —county operation that we look at this. You know, a lot of people are all excited that the state is going to come and pay for 40 percent. You know, people get excited when they hear those type of things when in fact, yes, they are going to form 40 percent, but we also have increased our costs significantly and so there really isn't a drastic savings that we're seeing here.

Jack VanStone: The important thing about this is the justice issue. That we provide adequate representation for the people who can't afford it.

Councilmember Sutton: Without question.

Jack VanStone: That's number one. Number two is the budget and all the rest of the questions are important, but not that important.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else we've got for Mr. VanStone? Okay. Got a motion and a second. The discussion should be about over with I guess so call the roll please for approval.

Teri Lukeman: I don't have a second.

President Wortman: Yeah, let's see we had a second. Mr. Hoy seconded it.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1620-1303	Chief Public Defender	\$85,500.00
1630-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1640-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1650-1303	Public Defender	\$23,734.00
1660-1303	Public Defender	\$23,734.00
1661-1303	Public Defender	\$23,734.00
1670-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1700-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1730-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1850-1303	Public Defender	\$23,734.00
1860-1303	Public Defender	\$23,734.00
1160-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1170-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1180-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1200-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1290-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1610-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1680-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00

1690-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1710-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1720-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1740-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1750-1303	Secretary	\$24,109.00
1760-1303	Secretary	\$24,109.00
1770-1303	Paralegal	\$25,000.00
1780-1303	Paralegal	\$25,000.00
1790-1303	Investigative	\$25,000.00

1800-1303	Investigative	\$25,000.00
1900	FICA	\$67,555.00
1910	PERF	\$46,364.00
1920	INSURANCE	\$197,120.00
2600	Office Supplies	\$8,000.00
3310	Training	\$5,000.00
3410	Printing	\$5,000.00
3600	Rent	\$30,000.00
3946	Pauper Appeals	\$25,000.00
3943	Pauper Expenses	\$30,000.00
3945	Public Defender Comm.	\$0.00
3947	Pauper Transcripts	\$60,000.00
4210	Office Furniture	\$6,000.00
4220	Officer Machines	\$8,000.00

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

### ***RECORDER***

President Wortman: Okay, now turn to page 13, the County Recorder. Mr Raben.

Betty Hermann: Betty Hermann, County Recorder.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, all salary lines, FICA, PERF and Insurance will be set in at our September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and all other lines as they are listed and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Winnecke. Okay, any discussion on the Recorder? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I might just before Betty gets away, but I know this will be her last time to appear before us and she has always prepared a very tight budget and lived within her means and we thank you for that and I'm sure the entire county does. Thank you.

Betty Hermann: Thank you. I also would like to say that we are going on the Internet very soon in the next six weeks to two months and that we are also not using taxpayer's money. That should please all of you. We've saved our Recorder's Perpetuation money and we will give you all an invitation because we are going to be used as a pilot program and from all 92 counties a representative or recorder will be here at our grand opening when we plan on doing this. So I just want the taxpayers to know that we are saving our pennies and it is costing the taxpayers zero dollars and if more offices would understand user fees and use them I think they could do the same. Thanks.

President Wortman: Thank you, Ms. Hermann, appreciate it.

**VOTERS REGISTRATION**

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben, Voters Registration, page 71.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 71. All salary lines including FICA, PERF and Insurance will be set in at the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. All 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts as they appear and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: Second, Mr. Winnecke. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

***AIRPORT AUTHORITY***

President Wortman: Okay, now we'll go to the Evansville-Vanderburgh Airport, page 147.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. All salary lines including FICA, PERF and Insurance will be set in at the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. All 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts as they appear and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: I've got a second from Mr. Bassemier. Any discussion on the Evansville-Vanderburgh Airport? No discussion, call the roll please.

Jeff Ahlers: Hold on a second.

President Wortman: Excuse me.

Jeff Ahlers: Jim, when you say as they appear, I have in my notes that those figures were modified last time. I don't know if Mr. Working brought the figures, so do you mean as...I don't remember, I remember we amended it by motion last time.

Bob Working: I did have an amendment on the PERF.

Jeff Ahlers: 1910 and 2230, I guess is what I show were two numbers that changed.

Councilmember Raben: 1910 is the only number that I have.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay, you're right.

Councilmember Smith: I have 1910 changed, but we changed that the other day.

Councilmember Raben: Well, we'll set that in in September.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay, that's fine.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

***AREA PLAN COMMISSION***

President Wortman: Page...thank you, Mr. Working. Seventy-five, Area Plan Commission.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. I'll move approval–

President Wortman: Really, all the department heads don't have to come to the podium unless they are called if you want to.

Councilmember Raben: Right. All salary lines including FICA, PERF and Insurance will be set in at the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Page 76 line 3130 \$1,500; 3311 GIS/Equipment Training zero; 3610 \$60,000; line 4250 \$6,000 and on your GIS request we would ask that you would file an appropriation this year for that and we'll fund that out of this year's General Fund. I forgot to mention that, so all other lines as they are listed and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second, Ms. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3130	Travel/Mileage	\$1,500.00
3311	GIS/Equip & Training	\$0.00
3610	Legal Services	\$60,000.00
4250	Miscellaneous Equipment	\$6,000.00

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

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Ms. Cunningham.

### **COUNTY SURVEYOR**

President Wortman: Okay, page 31, County Surveyor.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. All salary lines including FICA, PERF and Insurance will be set in at the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. All remaining 2000 and 3000 accounts as they are listed and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second, Ms. Smith. Okay, any discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

***SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION FUND***

President Wortman: Now to page 172, Perpetuation Fund.

Councilmember Raben: Salary line including FICA, will be set in at the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. All other accounts as they are listed and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

***SURVEYOR MAPS***

President Wortman: Okay, now we'll go to the Map Fund, page 151.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, all 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts as they are listed and I'll put that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second? Mr. Hoy seconded it, 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, I'm sorry.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

#### ***HEALTH DEPARTMENT***

President Wortman: Now we've got the Health Department. I think Dr. Hoover would like to say a few words prior to the Health Department, is that correct? Would you step forward please and state your name.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: My name is Maria Del Rio-Hoover and I'm President of the Vanderburgh County Board of Health. I just wanted to clarify because I wasn't sure whether you all understood our dilemma before you take your vote. Our request for moving is a one time request and I do have some new numbers from Ms. Crouch that states how much unappropriated balance we have. That we could use some of that unappropriated balance for the actual move. We can't even move unless we have a line item on the budget that tells us what you think is an amount that we can use towards the rent in order to consider moving and getting more space whether it be here or elsewhere, so the main part that we need to know from you all is the decision to allow us to increase our space and thus have an increased number in our line item for rent so that we can discuss it with the different properties and consider moving and increasing our—

President Wortman: Did you say rent or purchase? You didn't say the word purchase.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: I didn't use purchase. Purchase is a possibility. It is my understanding that we can't own it. If the county wants to buy it and purchase it and rent it to us that would be fine, too. So for us it will always be rent.

President Wortman: I just wanted to clarify that.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: Yes.

President Wortman: Alright, now the unappropriated balance you've got is \$516,923?

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: Yes.

President Wortman: Okay. I don't know. We could—



Councilmember Hoy: How far into that—

President Wortman: Go ahead, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, that's a question. How far into that can we go?

Councilmember Smith: How much?

Councilmember Sutton: Five hundred and sixteen.

Councilmember Hoy: Five hundred and sixteen nine twenty-three. Mr. Elder mentioned to us that he has to keep some kind of reserve if there is an epidemic, you know, because you have to get vaccine and you can't wait to go through a Council meeting to get a loan when you've got an epidemic on your hands.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: That's right. We need a little bit of money as a backup because we can't come back to you to ask for more money except what is in that balance. The architect specified that in order for us to move and build the special laboratories that we need we would need give or take \$500,000 to move, but that could be less. You know, we won't know until we actually find a place and move so given that we have \$516,000 if you want to give us a little more to be able to have some backup money for emergencies we could use that for the moving money. The main issue is going to be our rent and our line item for rent.

Councilmember Sutton: Dr. Hoover, would you consider a little bit of money, using your terminology, \$50,000 or \$100,000?

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: I would think \$100,000 would be reasonable as we look at any emergencies. We haven't had any and we hope not to, but I think we need to look at an epidemic, a major problem, a major health issue. We want to be fiscally responsible.

Councilmember Sutton: I think I would agree with you.

Councilmember Hoy: Going down to the rent, what figure then?

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: The rent and the way we came to that number is based on 20,000 square feet of space.

Councilmember Hoy: In this building?

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: In this building based on our current rent which is about 15.3 dollars per square foot. That includes utilities. That includes the cleanup and the cleaning and the maintenance and that includes security. So that would include all of that. If you lower that we will have less square footage to work with but maybe, you know, some way of working with whoever is going to rent to us to see if we can get a lower rent.

Councilmember Hoy: My question is, and I have been working with you on this so, Council, this is one of my assignments, I would say we probably would not move until, what, May or maybe June?

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: Well, if we find a place and sign the lease and come to an agreement we can start then the remodeling fairly quickly. All the buildings that we've looked at are empty so we don't have to wait, so it would take us three to six months to get the move so we're looking at about six months.

Councilmember Hoy: So we could trim that figure a bit and not hurt the project?

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: Trim?

Councilmember Hoy: We could trim the rent figure and not hurt the process is the question to Council I guess.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: Well, the problem with the rent figure is that if we're going to be negotiating for a 20 year lease I can't say to someone I have \$150,000 this year, but maybe I can get more next year. I have to guarantee them some sort of line item and some sort of rent for 20 years, so I need to know how much you want to commit for 20 years so I can negotiate whatever rent I can.

Councilmember Raben: Let me ask you, you stated the buildings that you've looked at, what are they telling you in terms of rent? What have they quoted you?

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: It depends. When we talked to VNA which was as close as we were to this they quoted us \$14 to \$15 per square foot. That included utilities, security and everything that we have right now, so it was pretty close to the rent we had now. We're hoping that by signing a longer lease maybe they will come down on that, but I'm not sure how low.

Councilmember Hoy: That would leave us at the same point we are here which would be cheaper because our rent here is going up to \$16.35 a square foot. That's the ideal move. If I could persuade their board because the space is there and the location is excellent and the compatibility is wonderful.

Councilmember Sutton: It's right on a bus line.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, exactly.

Councilmember Sutton: You know, it's a very visible location. I don't know about renting the space. That doesn't seem to make a whole lot of economic sense to me. I don't want to say anything further than that. Prices tend to go up, but renting doesn't seem to make a whole lot sense to me in this case.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, and my point on renting, Councilman Sutton, is that if we were to purchase the building and turn it over to the Building Authority then we are going to pay \$16.35 a square foot to the Building Authority which is a wash in comparison with what we're looking at. I don't think that figure is firm with VNA or anybody else. We have not...we've met with four entities, four landlords, so a lot of work has been done on this. It's not as if we've been getting from it instead of scratch.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: To clarify, Councilman Sutton, we really, whether you buy the building, we don't really care who owns the building we just want a building that meets the needs of the people we serve and that meets our space needs and since we can rent from, you know, the Housing Authority or we can rent from a private enterprise that is not an issue with the board. That really isn't.

President Wortman: This unappropriated balance, can you transfer some out to the rent account?

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: Well, if you do it would be a one time thing because that money once it is depleted I can't get it refilled unless you give us more money, so if you transfer that to the rent account for this year it will be a one time increase in rent and I need to have a guarantee that you'll maintain it for the next 20 years so I can negotiate a lower rent and save you some money.

Councilmember Sutton: Do you know the total square footage in that building, Dr. Hoover?

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: In which building?

Councilmember Sutton: The VNA building.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: Yes, it has 50,000 square feet, two stories, 25,000 per floor.

President Wortman: At the present time adaptable to your operation?

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: Well, the building is, but the VNA when we made the proposal to them refused to adhere to our request which was the 20 year lease. They didn't want to give us a 20 year lease. We need to be guaranteed 20 years. You don't want me back here in five years moving again. So they did not want to provide us with a 20 year lease. They did not...we need the space together in the first floor to serve the clients and they wanted to split us up in upstairs and downstairs and because of that, that negotiation fell through and I think they rented to someone else. There is still a lot of room and that definitely continues to be a possibility, but that will be up to VNA.

President Wortman: There is no special grants or anything to help you finance this rent from the state or federal?

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: No. We get a lot of money from the federal government, but it is mostly for the programs that we use to supplement our budget right now.

Councilmember Bassemier: Dr. Hoover, if you decide to lease how many years will you have to lease it for? Is there three years, five years? How long are you planning on for the lease if you sign or find the building?

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: When the board came up with a proposal for VNA we requested a 20 year lease with a ten year option because we wanted to go long-term. That's why we're expanding the space so that we can find somewhere and be there. The Health Department isn't a department that should be moved from place to place. People need to know where it is and be accessible to them so we are talking a long-term lease. That's why we wanted the extended space. With VNA the question also was that they have enough space that we could expand if we needed to in the future and not have to move. The second request was that out of the 20,000 square feet that we wanted they still have 5,000 left over on the first floor and we requested if that were ever to be leased to someone else that we could have the first right of it to prepare for the future and they refused that, too.

Councilmember Bassemier: So we'll be locked in for at least ten years. That's what's on your mind?

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: We're hoping that we'll be locked in, you know, for longer unless there is an issue—

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, would could buy a nice building for that, for those kind of prices.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else? If not...Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Hoy: Well, the only other comment that I have is I have watched some of these governmental deals go down on leases and, boy, the leases have been out the ceiling. You ought to check the lease on the Veterans Administration building. That's privately owned. I don't know how many square feet is in that building, but the monthly payment is \$27,000. It's privately owned because in Walnut Center, you know we're looking at Walnut Center possibly, the guidelines on Walnut Center determine that only so much of that property can be owned by the government or be in the hands of non-profits. I don't know what the percentages are, but that can be found out from the Department of Metro Development, I've checked that out, and that's why you have situations like VNA, they don't own that building. They would be subletting to us is what they would be doing because as a non-profit taxes have to be paid on that. Taxes are paid on that building. Taxes are paid on the VA Clinic because it is privately owned. I ain't making this up folks.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Winnecke. Okay, anything else? Alright, I'll entertain a

motion, Mr. Raben, you do want to go over that?

Councilmember Raben: Well, Mr. President, we actually need to start from the top of the budget. Councilman Hoy and I have two figures that we just discussed. I'll go ahead and make a motion including those and we'll see what happens, okay? All salary lines including FICA, PERF and Insurance will be set in at the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. All 2000 accounts as they are listed. The 3000 accounts line 3510 \$75,000; line 3600 Rent \$225,000. All other accounts as they are listed and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy seconded it. Any discussion? Call the roll.

Councilmember Hoy: What I would like on the floor because this is going to cut it real close and maybe too close is...because that is going to put the Health Department back on its reserve and I would feel more comfortable if we...and I seconded it to get this on the floor because we've got to get it on the floor so we can discuss it. We've got to give the Health Department some assurances that if we have a crisis we're going to come up with some loan money as quickly as possible because, you know, we're responsible. We're responsible for the health of this community.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: I just wanted to let you know that with a rent at \$225,000 we can't move because the minimum space we need is 17,000 square feet and that would be about \$270,000 based on the current rent. Remember—

Councilmember Raben: I mean, you're probably going to be in here through the first half of next year.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: Yeah, we will, but the problem is how can I guarantee a rent that is higher than that when I don't have it on the budget.

Councilmember Raben: Again, you have to remember that you're not going to pay rent hopefully until you sign a contract and move in right?

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: Right, but how can I sign a contract if I don't have a guarantee that I'll have the money to pay it? If next year you choose to stay at \$225,000 for rent because we go from year-to-year I can't sign a 20 year lease with a one year figure.

Councilmember Raben: Well, you're not going to have in your budget a 20 year figure either.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: No, but I'll have a minimum figure.

Councilmember Raben: You'll only owe rent for the months that you rent the property for the year 2001.

Councilmember Hoy: I think you can...I would like to see...you know how I feel about it, Dr. Del Rio.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: I would like to see more money in here. I am looking for some sort of compromise so we can get this done. Who knows who is going to be sitting here next year.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: I guess I am—

Councilmember Hoy: But the point is, generally speaking, you can find that this Council since we are going to be making this commitment which is what we're going to be doing then we can phase in these increases and we will. I want to say this to the Council, we got sabotaged by someone else for a high rent and then, you know, of \$40,000 out in Darmstadt and you know about that—

President Wortman: Forty-four exactly.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, forty-four exactly and here we are, you know, with an entity that is coming in and intelligently discussing, you know, something with us which I appreciate. I think you can count on that for the year...for the following years.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: I just wanted to...if I am talking to a businessman that owns a building or a corporation and their rent is going to be \$280,000 a year and they see a line item for \$225,000 and I want a 20 year lease they are going to ask me where are you going to get the rest of the money for my 20 year lease? That's the only thing I need to be able to reply to them and I would like to ask you, what do I need to say?

President Wortman: You tell him just come down to \$225,000.

Councilmember Raben: What did you say they are quoting you per square foot? How much did you say they're quoting you per square foot?

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: Fourteen to fifteen.

Councilmember Raben: Fourteen fifty, then?

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: That was the only quote we had from before.

President Wortman: Mr. Ahlers would like to speak to you.

Jeff Ahlers: One of the things I wanted to point out to you, I don't know, do you have an attorney in the department? I'm not sure who is going to participate in drawing up a lease and the reason what Mr. Hoy and Mr. Wortman touched upon was we had an issue a couple of years ago and it took Joe Harrison and I probably about a year to finally get it back on track in terms of there are certain statutes in terms of governmental entities that talk about leases being subject to annual appropriation, so in part to answer your question, is that a lease is probably going to need to have that clause in it because there can never be a guarantee of funding for 20 years. Anybody that leases to a governmental entity realizes it has to be subject to, you know, annual appropriation in that standard language. For all we know the state could abolish the Health Department in five years and create some other kind of department, so I mean there needs to be certain language in there and I would suggest that whoever your attorney is or you might call Joe Harrison or I.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: Well, he is on the board, but our attorney for the Health Department is Joe Harrison, Jr.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay, well Joe will know this.

Councilmember Hoy: Joe will know that then.

Jeff Ahlers: What I would suggest you do is before you start negotiating with people you might check with Joe in terms of what commitment you can make. I mean, you can enter into a 20 year contract, but there needs to be a certain language in there, subject to annual appropriation because we don't know what is going to occur to tax rates or whether you've got prosperity or depression or whatever, so that's why there are certain statutes that sort of protect governmental entities and there needs to be so we don't run into a problem that

the county was in a few years ago with the incident that Mr. Hoy is referring to. So in part that will protect you, but there is no way to guarantee that there will always be that appropriation.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: I guess the guarantee is if you can't go up higher than \$225,000 this year, what makes you think you're going to go up to \$270,000 next for me to be able to guarantee a \$270,000 for the next year.

Councilmember Hoy: Because we usually...each year we do have more money coming in to the county coffers because of new construction and so on.

Councilmember Raben: And the other thing is, too, you also have your own levy that you have to contend with. We don't have any guarantees. I mean, next year for the year 2002 you'll probably need to find cuts of your own within your budget. If you have a lease that is going to typically run \$300,000 a year plus I mean there is no promises that...I mean, if we fund that line at that much in two years you'll have to make adjustments out of your budget elsewhere. You know what I am saying? There are no guarantees with any of this.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: Oh, I know there is never any guarantees, but if I only have a certain amount in my budget I don't know that I can...I have less of a guarantee than if I have the amount that they are requesting. I think it's a lot harder to go up than down.

Councilmember Sutton: But I think I want to touch upon something that Councilman Hoy did mention. The county can own buildings and property. Not just the Building Authority.

Councilmember Hoy: So we could own it instead of the Building Authority.

Councilmember Sutton: We could own the building. You know, if we were to, on the county side, if we're talking about say \$15 per square foot and their minimum amount that they're looking at is 20,000 square feet over 20 years that would be six million dollars that the county would be paying. That's an awful lot of money to come out at the end of 20 years and just have paid rent and not own anything. I mean, I don't see how those dollars equal up.

Councilmember Smith: The county doesn't have to turn it over to the Building Authority.

Councilmember Hoy: No, I agree with you. What I am basing this on is simply that this is what we've done. That's what we did with The Centre and the reason we did it with The Centre is because when we managed it ourselves the convention center was terrible. I mean, the ceiling...the roof had big cracks in it. We had lawsuits. A woman stumbled over a sidewalk repair that should have been made much sooner than it was. We paid a lot of money for that lawsuit. We had cracked plaster in the ceilings. We were lucky the ceiling didn't cave in. The boiler was in bad shape. We were looking at a building that we supposedly had maintained. Now, if we build a building for the Health Department then we've got to make a commitment to maintenance. I don't want to end up like the city has, frankly, with the lack of maintenance they have in certain facilities and they'll love me for saying that, but I can cite you six examples, but won't, you know, where they were supposed to have maintained but haven't. We're very good in the county and if we'll buy a building for the Health Department and commit to maintaining it then I'll be okay, but I've seen how we have not maintained, you know, in that auditorium. It was terrible. I fear that, you know, when you come into a body and you're subject to...you get a bill for \$200,000 for some major repair on this building, you know, then we may not have the money.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, let's just to get this thing moving—

President Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Doc, if you rent from this space for six months next year, the second six months at your 17,000 that you stated at \$14.50 per foot you're going to need

next year \$238,000. That will get you through six months here and six months there based on your figures. So I'll amend my motion to read on Rent \$238,000. Again, all we're doing with any budget is appropriating or setting in figures for what it takes to operate next year. We're not forecasting for 2002 yet.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Just next year. Okay, does everybody understand that? The motion amendment I am making is for Rent in the amount of \$238,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, then what is the Other Operating going to be for then? I mean, if you are just focusing on—

Councilmember Raben: Just to give them a cushion with their operating balance to cover any incurred expenses, correct.

Councilmember Sutton: I just think we probably haven't had the time to probably be involved...I know Councilman Hoy has been involved with this, but there is obviously a lot of options that can be explored here, a lot of different avenues. I mean, you could potentially and basically lease to own a building. You could own it. Just a lot of different options you could look at on this. I know they put in a lot of time and effort on this, but whatever decision is made, you know, we've got a pretty long-term fiscal impact and that is what we have to really examine here.

Councilmember Raben: Royce, you're in the lending industry. What is commercial property or what are people building commercial properties for per square foot now?

Councilmember Smith: And that rent also includes all utilities.

Councilmember Raben: Right, but what Royce is saying, and I couldn't agree more, is we could own cheaper than we could rent.

Councilmember Smith: Sure we could.

Councilmember Raben: And it is an asset to the community, but making that happen next year and that is something we may need to consider. We may not want you to sign a 20 year contract. I mean, we may want you to be in a new building in two or three years from now.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: Well, if you want to do that we would rather not move. It's not fair to the people or to the employees, you know, to go to the expense of \$500,000 to move somewhere to spend \$500,000 again. I think if that is your commitment it is up to you to make that commitment. We probably will not have these kind of properties available next year. So if we opt not to rent right now we will be stuck where we are unless you build us a building or we are lucky to find another piece. If that is what you want to commit to we'll wait the two to three years and let you get us a building, but you have to commit to it not give us 20 years and not be able to move again.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: I think we should put enough money in and I think we're getting towards that where the committee that is working on this could look at, there is enough time to look at construction. Perhaps that's the way to go and that could be done. But we need enough money in this so that this department can make an intelligent move and you don't want to move them twice because this is not like moving an ordinary office. You're moving...you've got to prepare this space for medical equipment. You've got to have a space, and I don't know what the terms are, Dr. Del Rio-Hoover, for the TB Clinic. You've

got to have a certain kind of atmosphere in that room, is the way I would put it in layman's terms and so, you know, you're not just going out and looking at any building. But there is every possibility if we allow enough here that this board could look at construction because they are actively looking now and I would hate to put you off. We have been waiting for this for ten years at least. This is not a service that is going to shrink because what is going to happen and we have to face this honestly is the attitude on the federal level right now is putting more and more on the local level at every point. So you're not going to see these services shrink and you're not going to see them increase whoever gets elected.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: I just want clarify based on the numbers that Councilman Raben gave that he cut our rent by \$14.50. Right now we pay \$15.36 and utilities are going up and he also cut our square foot by 3,000 feet from 20,000 to 17,000. Seventeen thousand is the minimum we need right now by the architect. So that is cutting it close for us to be able to make any deal even if it is for the rest of the year.

President Wortman: Can you come up in November and give us a progress report to see where you are at?

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: I would be happy to at any time.

President Wortman: I think that would be—

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: But I am just warning you that my progress may say that I can't find anybody because we have been cut by square footage and by numbers also. It's not the square foot at the current amount we're paying, it's the square footage at a lower fee. So I just wanted to clarify that to the Council.

President Wortman: Okay, now we've got an amendment to Mr. Raben. You made an amendment to your motion. So second Mr...

Teri Lukeman: Phil.

President Wortman: You made an amendment to your motion.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible, mike not on) was Rent in the amount of \$225,000. I have amended that motion for the amount of \$238,000. Now if the co-maker wishes to accept that amendment.

President Wortman: Do you accept that, Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: (Inaudible, mike not on.)

Councilmember Raben: Seventy-five thousand. They still have a \$516,000 operating balance yet this year. That will probably grow next year. We can always appropriate more money for them if we need to next year.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: Are you going to appropriate the full \$500,000 we asked for moving because I thought we had cut that back to \$100,000?

Councilmember Raben: Um, \$75,000 is what my motion was.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: For moving, so that means—

Councilmember Raben: Well, that is Other Operating.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: But that means that's the money that we have for remodeling and moving so we can't really use that for rent. You're cutting our rent by \$14.50. We now pay \$15.36 and you're cutting our space by 3,000 square feet based on your numbers.



Councilmember Raben: No.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: I just want you to be aware of what you cut.

Councilmember Raben: I figured the rent. You had told me it was between \$14 and \$15. I figured it at \$14.50.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: What VNA offered, what we pay now is \$15.36.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, but you had told me—

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: What VNA offered—

Councilmember Raben: —was \$14 to \$15 so I figured in \$14.50.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: Back then, right.

Councilmember Raben: And you said it was 17,000 square feet.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: Our minimum. What we're asking for now is 20,000.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well then I could be a few thousand off if you go from 17,000 to 20,000. You'll be within...well, we can figure it real quick.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: The \$500,000 is not money that we have to work with for rent money because we'll have to use that for moving and remodeling since you cut that back, too.

President Wortman: Okay, we've got to change tapes.

#### **TAPE CHANGE**

Councilmember Smith: -to \$50,395, what is that for? Each year it has been \$12,000, \$16,000 and \$20,000 and now it jumps to \$50,000.

(Inaudible)

Councilmember Raben: That's 3930.

Councilmember Smith: Yeah.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: I will have to defer that to Mr. Elder.

Sam Elder: I will tell you, that's-

President Wortman: I tell you, we have to keep going-

Sam Elder: Sam Elder.

President Wortman: Yes, Sam Elder.

Sam Elder: With the Health Department.

President Wortman: Yeah, we have to keep a going here, Mr. Elder wants to say a few words.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, I asked a question and he is giving me an answer.

President Wortman: Oh, I'm sorry, I'm sorry. Yeah, that's fine.

Sam Elder: That is to pay Browning Ferris, hazardous waste removal, it is the Xerox monthly charge, it is the book binding. We have, over the years, all of the old books from back in the 1800's for birth and death certificates. We hadn't been allowed to let the public use them cause they deteriorated. Every year we have done it over ten years and we are almost finished. We laminate those, whatever money we have left in that account, we use a portion of it to laminate more of the old books.

Councilmember Smith: Well, it has been like \$20,000 and then it has increased to \$50,000 so that is what I am going from and that is quite an increase.

Sam Elder: Well, we did, the County did pay for the Xerox. You know, we just took it up to the Auditor's office, for all of our printing and we had to buy our own Xerox machine now. We pay for that ourselves and it is expensive.

Councilmember Raben: But you are not going to have that same cost to incur next year, are you?

Sam Elder: What?

Councilmember Raben: You have paid for a new Xerox machine?

Sam Elder: Actually, we didn't pay for the new one. We paid for one and then they gave us another one and actually it lowered the cost. You say, buy those machines, but you still get a bill from them every month.

Councilmember Raben: Just a maintenance contract?

Sam Elder: Well, it is a maintenance contract but it is enough that it seems like it, it is awfully expensive after you run so many copies they add to it.

Councilmember Raben: Are you leasing it?

Sam Elder: What?

Councilmember Hoy: It is a maintenance contract.

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions? We are going to have to move here.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I think, I don't know if Betty.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I have a comment.

Councilmember Raben: I mean you bought that copy machine this year, right?

Sam Elder: We actually didn't buy it. The old one that we had, initially we offered it to anyone that wanted it, because they didn't want it. They didn't want to service it anymore. So they offered to lower the maintenance contract and give us a new copier. The same size, same capacity. Because they didn't want to service the old one and the service contract was so much that the Auditor didn't want it free. To give it to them, they came and got it. You know one of the things, when you are discussing the \$14.00 rent that you should realize with the exception of one building, all of them, was a triple net lease. This meant that we not only had to pay the rent but we had to pay the utilities, had to pay the cleaning, the inside maintenance.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: If I ask a question, if we set these amounts in at levels of this of the motion, could you in a month when we set the final budget in, could you take the time between now and then to seriously get estimates on lease arrangement and buying

and come to us in September and say to us in September, here are our recommendations. If we put these figures in at least it gives you an idea of what you have to work with.

Sam Elder: You know, I'll let you, it is kind of embarrassing to me to stand here because some of the Councilmen have asked me when are you going to move? I say, I don't know. And then they say, where are you going to move? And I say, I don't know. Well, you know it is difficult to give you any figures until you have settled on the location. I have no idea as to what it would cost to maintain and to rent some of these buildings that we have looked at but I think that it would be expensive.

Councilmember Winnecke: I can appreciate where you are coming from but what I am suggesting is, if we set these budget figures in today and you take the time between now and our budget, when we finalize it in September to come up with definitive options and then we will see there figures lie then. This gives you a-

Sam Elder: We could do it however you'd like. It is just like if, if it is not economically feasible to move with the amount of money the Council leaves, we just won't move that year. Dr. Del Rio said previously that she would rather stay in the building here rather than move on a short term lease. I don't have any problem with doing it however you want to support it. You know, if it is not adequately supported when we get down to a location when we look at it, we don't have any contracts that are not either written or approved by the County Attorney and that is on instructions from the Commissioners. I don't care how minor it is they want the County Attorney to do it. We don't have any attorney except the County Attorney.

Councilmember Winnecke: Well, I think that what you are hearing is that, I mean I think, my interpretation is that there is good support to help the department move and grow and I think that Royce raises some very good questions about renting versus owning. What I am suggesting is that we take a month or how ever long it takes to really look at it and say this is what we would like to do and here is what we think it will cost versus what you have appropriated.

Sam Elder: I have always felt that the only way that we were really going to better our situation in the long run for the long term was to have the building that was owned by the County or constructed by the County. You know, because I have been in these landlord situations before and it is just, the Building Authority is the best landlord that I have ever seen for a governmental agency and I have talked with a lot of the administrators. People come here and can't believe how old this building is. Heck, it looks just like it did when we moved in.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, in order to move this and consider what Mr. Sutton has said and what you have just said about a new building, I would rather, I would like to see us put in some moving money, some of the reserve for that as we said, and see if Mr. Raben would, I feel that if we put \$250,000 in that rent level then and you can consult with Mr. Harrison, because you have to because they are dealing with the government entity, I think that would give us enough to move this department by about mid-year or maybe before and I think that we can consult with, I have talked with a couple of these building owners and I think that we can get some flexibility with them and I don't think that this Council is going to vote money and when I say this Council, three of us are up for, well Mrs. Smith is running for another office and Mr. Bassemier and I are running, so you may see new people here and you may not but you will see some continuity in this body, you know. I think that you can depend on the continuity for the following year. I mean, I have to have some faith you know in this deliberative body and the processes we follow. I want to see us getting moving in 2001 and I think that we can. It is going to be impossible for us to come up with figures when we can say January 1<sup>st</sup> this is what it is going to be. But this would get us off of dead center and I will be glad to work...

Sam Elder: We can do it however you would like. I don't have any problem.

Councilmember Raben: I will amend my motion, my last and final motion on account 3600 to read \$250,000.

Councilmember Hoy: I will accept that.

Councilmember Raben: All other accounts as prior stated. All other motions as stated. I will make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: I will accept that amendment.

President Wortman: You accept that. Okay. Any more discussion?

Councilmember Smith: What is the amendment?

Councilmember Raben: \$250,000.

Councilmember Hoy: \$250,000 instead of \$238,000.

Councilmember Raben: And we would ask that before you get into any kind of long term contract that we look very strong at the possibility of building a new facility.

Maria Del Rio-Hoover: We can do that also and to answer Councilmember Winnecke's question, we can talk to the people that are considering leasing to us and have them give us an idea as to how much they would charge us so that you can get an idea of exactly how much we would be charged. But I don't know that we would have it in the month of final place, that would be the best place but it gives you the options and what the rent would be and I can get that for you all before the final budget and meanwhile as far as building or buying a building, we can also look at it at the same time we look at leasing.

Councilmember Raben: I would ask that you look into extremely favorably before you would sign any type of lease next year.

President Wortman: Okay, we have a motion on the floor.

Councilmember Hoy: One other comment, real quickly and I say this because of and I have said this before, when you are dealing with a Board and a group of people, they are very careful as to how they move into new things. You know and I know that they are going to move carefully. I have worked with them and I am hoping this is a good compromise. We all do. Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, we've got a motion on the floor. Any more discussion? Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Before I cast my vote I just want to concur that I just want us to move, we want to move deliberately and make sure that we examine all of our options and probably the only person that probably really likes moves is Councilman Winnecke's wife. So I know that it has been an unpleasant process for the Board, but we want to work with you, I guess that is what we are saying in so many ways. So 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: No.

3510	Other Operating	\$75,000.00
3600	Rent	\$250,000.00

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

***Convention and Business Bureau***

President Wortman: Convention and Business Bureau, page 178.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, all salary lines, including FICA, PERF and Insurance will be adjusted at our September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. All other accounts as they are submitted 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?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, did we want to talk about the Burdette Park issue?

Councilmember Smith: I talked with my daughter last night, and she said that there was money available so she will get with Bettye Jerrel and they can request and if it comes under their guidelines, the state guidelines, they would be glad to do it.

President Wortman: Does that answer your question? See what influence does? Anything else?

(Inaudible)

Councilmember Sutton: I guess the looks, seems like the look that I am reading on faces is, is it in the budget or is it not in the budget?

Councilmember Smith: They have to make a request.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: They have a large line and it is like \$280, what is it ? It is a very large line in this budget, \$280,000 for advertising, so.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: So would that come out of, would that come, would Burdette Park come out of the 3440 line which is Advertising or would it come out of, what?

Councilmember Raben: Matching grants.

Councilmember Sutton: Or 3494. Which line item are we talking about there?

Dolli Kight: Dolli Kight, the Convention and Visitors Bureau. It would, if it is actually advertising, yes, it would come out of the Advertising line item.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Dolli Kight: We are helping the county, too, in promoting the Centre. We are spending about \$87,000 out of that line item in trade publications ads for conventions so we are certainly doing our part to help the county in promoting its facilities.

Councilmember Hoy: We have also had some good press on that Centre. My wife is a writer and she writes in the entertainment field and so I have seen some of those articles and they are excellent.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes, I'd like to ask the question. Betty said that if it falls under their guidelines, I mean let's just cut right to it, does it fit its guidelines and what kinds of hoops are we talking about jumping through?

Dolli Kight: Well, what the state law says is that we are trying to promote tourism and outside of our county and certainly I would think that the Council would want visitors outside of Vanderburgh County so I think what we could probably agree to and I have talked with Steve Craig, or I have called Steve Craig, I haven't talked with him to see if maybe we can do advertising outside of this area. I think that most of the people in Vanderburgh County and the surrounding counties are pretty much aware of Burdette Park and let's try and get those visitors from outside of our immediate area. It may be that we run an ad that not only promotes Burdette Park but the City as well, the community, the County as well, featuring Burdette Park.

Councilmember Smith: I think she said they could do anything that didn't, in, out of Vanderburgh County.

Dolli Kight: Correct. That is where we try to spend our advertising dollars. I think that is the audience that we really want to come to Burdette Park as well. They are going to spend more money as they are coming from outside of Vanderburgh County.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? If not, then 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes, and now page 181.

***TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT***

Councilmember Raben: No, page 15, no page 181. I will move approval for this budget as listed.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, could we have a five minute break?

President Wortman: I guess, if everybody. Okay, take a short pause for a good cause. Five minutes at the most.

**TAPE CHANGE*****ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR***

President Wortman: Okay, we're back in session. Turn your page to 52, Armstrong Assessor. Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, all salary, FICA, PERF and Insurance will be adjusted September the 6<sup>th</sup>, all other lines as they appear and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: I've got a second from Mr. Hoy. Anything else? Any discussion? No discussion, call the roll.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Here, no, yes.

Teri Lukeman: Thank you, Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Sutton: You liked that one didn't you. That long break, I thought we'd take roll call again.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

***CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR***

President Wortman: Now, we'll turn to page 54, Center Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, all salary lines including FICA, PERF and Insurance will be set in at our September the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. All two, three and 4000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Got a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.



President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded it. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

***GERMAN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR***

President Wortman: Page 56, German.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, all salary lines including FICA, PERF and Insurance will be adjusted at the September the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. All two, three and 4000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Got a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy seconded it. Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

***KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR***

President Wortman: Okay, now page 58, Knight Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President. Page 58, line 1195-1130, zero. Line 1990, Extra Help, \$10,000. All other salary lines including FICA, PERF and Insurance will be set in at our September the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Page 59, line 2710, \$1,400. Line 3130, \$2,000. Line 3310, \$1,000. Line 3370, zero and would ask that this request be filed this year and be paid out of the General Fund, yet this year. All other three and 4000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have second?

Councilmember Smith: I'm going to second the motion, but Al called me and he has said he desperately needs this new individual and I guess when you give the lawyers...you gave them eleven more of them than they've had already, then we may as well give him that one too, when he needs it.

Councilmember Bassemier: I kind of have to agree, you know, we're talking about keeping the tax dollars...not raising any of the property taxes or anything. Here we've got a man here that goes out and does that for us and, like I said last week, he's asked this for going on I think seven years now, for this and I think the man deserves it.

Councilmember Smith: Well, we just gave them eleven new public defenders at a lot more cost than that one individual, Ed.

Councilmember Raben: No, just five Betty.

Councilmember Hoy: Five new Public Defenders.

Councilmember Smith: We had eleven, gave them 22.

Councilmember Hoy: The 22 includes all your support staff which was there and so on. Actually, you've five more public defenders.

Councilmember Raben: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm not arguing against this, I'm just saying—

Councilmember Bassemier: Right.

President Wortman: Okay, anymore discussion?

Councilmember Bassemier: As Phil said on his last comment to the Health Department, that construction is going up, that's why that will help pay for this.

President Wortman: Well, I just, you know, want to kind of remind everybody that we've got a lot of money to cut.

Councilmember Bassemier: I was just going on by what Al said earlier last week that this man will pay for himself. It won't cost us nothing. So that's a heck of a deal if you ask me.

Al Folz: May I say something?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Al Folz: Al Folz, Knight Township Assessor. Something I really didn't bring up this last time, as you know, the construction and I told Councilman Hoy, I said, being an assessor, kind of warmed my heart a while ago, it made me comment, you know, that we know we'll have more money next year because of the construction. What's happening on there is a lot of leases now. These things are net leases and so forth like this. These involve one heck of a lot of money and a lot of time to be able to go through all...each one of these leases. So this is something else that I have never brought up before to you in that this might pay for that little ol' salary in no time at all.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else for discussion?

Councilmember Raben: I'd like to make one statement that, you know, I'm sure construction is going up everywhere and I may have mentioned this during the joint City/County budget hearing but, you know, the one office that has to file every permit and probably does a ton of site inspection is the Building Commission, Roger Lehman's office. He's operated under a freeze for four or five years and he's not expanded his office and that's an office that has been a part of all the new construction as well. So, you know, there's certain times of the year that I'm sure there's a lot of offices busier than others, but you just have to work through it and I know there's been some new employees granted in other budgets which, you know, honestly I probably would have voted against all of them if I didn't realize that I wasn't going to win the battle anyway. You know, I think I'm happy with my motion and it stands.

Councilmember Winnecke: I would have just one question. Al, you said it would pay for itself in no time. We need, I think a little...something a little more specific than everyone knows that there's a lot of building going on and it's going to be paid for quickly. Help us understand that. Put it in some perspective.

Al Folz: Okay. I think I gave you a figure of \$155,000,000 a couple weeks ago that we're bringing in as far as personal property. The number of leases I've seen brought in that now has got to go through. I'm sure that we could almost quadruple the amount of the salary cause it takes time to go through a lease. Now those of you who are in businesses and I'm sure you see a lot of leases in your departments know you just don't glance at them and pick up one little piece and such things like that. You go through them and these are something that, you know, can bring in quite a bit of money, so that's why I can throw out here that next year you will see another great increase in this.

Councilmember Winnecke: So I guess what I'm trying to understand is how much more in revenue will this one position create?

Al Folz: Oh, I would say they would bring in at least \$100,000. I said I think they would bring in at least \$100,000 just by getting in here and doing the work on the leases.

Councilmember Winnecke: That's \$100,000 in new money the county has never realized before?

Al Folz: Oh, yes because we've got businesses...we've got businesses that we've never had before and more in the planning stage.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? I was just reading this slip here again. It says we've got to cut out \$807,000. I thought I'd just bring that out in my little discussion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, he just told you that he was going to bring back \$100,000 of that next year, so.

Councilmember Raben: That doesn't cut our budget though.

Councilmember Winnecke: Does that mean that money is not being collected now? I'm not following all the—

Al Folz: Oh no, oh no. If the...the leases that we have right now—

Councilmember Winnecke: You say it's going to bring in \$100,000 of new money—

Al Folz: —I'll tell you, when you look at all these leases like this and you're in such a hurry that we are to be able to meet the deadline that we're having to come up with, you know, when you get in too big a hurry, it's just like any kind of business that you're in and quite possibly you're going to miss some things. If we keep getting all the businesses in like we have been, you know, there's just no end to it because now they don't want to put residential up, now they want to put businesses up and they don't want to sell a building now they build it and lease it back to you. So this means on some of the subs that we're putting there...they're just going to need some attention. I don't want to miss anything that we can do to bring in enough revenue.

Councilmember Winnecke: I don't mean to be difficult on this but, I guess I'm still not clear.

Al Folz: Sure.

Councilmember Winnecke: If this person is going to bring in \$100,000 in new revenue to the county, is that money the county is not...we're not getting now, we're overlooking, we're too busy?

Al Folz: No, but it's to the point now that we will be that way. They're loaded up with just about everything they can do right now besides the personal property and check in all the records and such that come in. All the non-files, also that we've got to work with. The leases are just another part of it and these leases are big money. What I'm trying to say and get over to you is that from the building permits and things that from the building permits and things that have already started and from the new construction now, business construction that has already started, these are going to be leased and leased back buildings because the builders are making so much money now on this lease back kind of thing with their leases that it's astounding. I don't want to take those leases that we have coming in and saying well, you know, skim over these over here...you're going to have to skim over them to try and get it all done. It's not fair to the taxpayers of Knight Township. We've got a TIF district that's running all the way down from Lloyd Expressway going down to Burkhardt. You know, we've got enough of these kind of things in now that the taxpayers aren't really getting any benefit out of, not as much as they should because it's in a TIF district. That runs all the way down Burkhardt to Old Boonville Highway, completely all the way down to some of the big industrial parks that we have down there now.

Councilmember Hoy: That's all a TIF zone?

Al Folz: I beg your pardon?

Councilmember Hoy: That's all TIF?

Al Folz: That's all TIF district.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else, there's a motion and a second.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm in the wrong business.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I did mention that all other salary lines, FICA, PERF and Insurance would be adjusted, I didn't recall if I did. Line 2600, I set in at \$3,000. I was unclear if I had made that motion clearly. I just wanted that on the record.

Jeff Ahlers: Who seconded it?

President Wortman: Betty Knight.

Jeff Ahlers: Do you accept that?

Councilmember Raben: I wasn't sure if I had mentioned that all other salary lines including FICA, PERF and 2600, I wasn't sure if I had set that in at \$3,000 but—

President Wortman: Do you accept the amendment?

Councilmember Smith: You set that in at \$3,000?

Jeff Ahlers: Do you accept that amendment?

Councilmember Smith: Yeah.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else? Any other discussion? If not, call the roll—

Councilmember Bassemier: You left that in at zero, that eleven...I didn't hear the last part. Jim I didn't hardly hear, I'm sorry. 1195-1130, you left that at zero?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, the motion is still at zero.

Councilmember Bassemier: That's what I thought, okay.

President Wortman: Okay, everybody understand everything? Good, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I...there's a couple other things I want to look at. To move this on to get us under the levee, I'm going to vote yes. I have some questions about how this process works which I'll begin to look into before we settle this out finally, because I know how that area is growing and—

Councilmember Smith: I misunderstood you, I thought you had entered that in and you've taken it out. So I want to change my vote. I'm going to vote no.

Councilmember Raben: So we have three nay and one yea and I'll make it a second yea.

Teri Lukeman: Okay, Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm afraid I'm going to have to vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1195-1130	Second Business Deputy	\$0.00
1990	Extra Help	\$10,000.00
2600	Office Supplies	\$3,000
2710	Color Film	\$1,400.00
3130	Travel/Mileage	\$2,000.00
3310	Training	\$1,000.00
3370	Comp.(Data Management)	\$0.00

(Motion carried 4-3/Councilmembers Sutton, Bassemier, and Smith opposed)

Councilmember Hoy: I just have a comment on that...in favor of what Mr. Folz is asking for and that is we just built a 14 and 1/3 million dollar road right down his township, I think, for business and...which I wasn't in favor of, as everybody knows, but we did build it and I don't know the answer Mr. Folz, but I will certainly look at it.

Al Folz: Okay, that's all we can ask. Well, I'm getting closer.

**PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, page 61.

President Wortman: Page 61, Perry Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: I will move that all salary lines including FICA, PERF and Insurance will be adjusted at our September the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. The 2000 accounts as listed. The 3000 accounts, page or line 3372, Computer Software, zero and would ask that she would appear before us this year for that appropriation. Line 3600, Rent. The correct figure should read \$9,876. 4220, Office Machines, zero and would also request that the assessor apply for an appropriation this year for that line as well. And before I shut up on this budget, purely for sake of argument, somebody needs to drive out on the west side and see the development that this assessor has been faced with in the last year or two and yet you don't see a new employee request here. Not only just commercial, but a lot of residential. An apartment housing and she's making it with what she's got.

Councilmember Smith: I don't think it's expanded as much as Burkhardt Road and that area out there. Jim, I don't think there's any comparison.

Unidentified: It's close.

President Wortman: Okay, you've made the motion Mr. Raben and is there a second?

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

President Wortman: Now, any discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: Now, this is just a comment and that is, when he gave me that TIF zone I just wanted to, I mean, good grief, we talk about bringing money in but we got to...we all know what a TIF zone is and what it does. That means the tax that comes in there just goes to pay the tax. So we need to be thinking about...that's what Tax Incentive Funding, Financing means that you tax this entity and the assessor is here and she can correct me if I'm incorrect, but you have this entity but you use that tax money to pay for land and pay for other things and so you don't bring that in and I think that's something we need to look into, I mean, why in the world, you know, are we doing this and why are we doing some of the abatements we're doing and you know I beat that drum Mr. President. But we can talk about bringing in extra funds. I don't know, I grew up in business and the only thing that my parents ever got when they were in business was a tax bill.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Wortman: Yes, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: It was briefly mentioned last week regarding the first line item 1110-1140, Perry Assessor's salary there. It was a 12.7 increase there.

President Wortman: That will be taken care of September the 6<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, what's that mean?

President Wortman: Adjusted accordingly as Mr. Raben stated. Do you want to verify that Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I'm sorry I thought I had read that into my motion but just for clarification the motion was that all salary lines including FICA, PERF and Insurance will be set in and adjusted at our September the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

President Wortman: Any other questions?

Councilmember Sutton: No comment.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3372	Computer Software	\$0.00
3600	Rent	\$9,876.00
4220	Office Machines	\$0.00

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

***PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR***

President Wortman: Now, page 63, Pigeon Township.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, all salary lines including FICA, PERF and Insurance will be set in and adjusted at our September the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. All other 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: I've 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

***SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR***

President Wortman: Okay, Scott Township, 65.



Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President. All salary lines including FICA, PERF and Insurance will be adjusted at our September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Line 2600 Office Supplies, \$1,500. Line 2700, Other Supplies, \$1,500. Line 3140, Telephone, \$900. 3410, Printing, \$1,000. 4220, Office Machines, \$1,000. All other accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Winnecke. Okay, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

2600	Office Supplies	\$1,500.00
2700	Other Supplies	\$1,500.00
3140	Telephone	\$900.00
3410	Printing	\$1,000.00
4220	Office Machines	\$1,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Wortman: Page 67, Union Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, all salary lines including FICA, PERF and Insurance will be adjusted at our September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting all 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts as they are listed and I'll 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 from Mrs. Smith. Okay, any discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

### **COUNTY ASSESSOR**

President Wortman: Page 48, County Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: Okay all salary lines including FICA, PERF and Insurance will be set in at our September the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Line 1990, Extra Help, \$8,000. Page 49 line 3370, Computer (Data Management), zero. Computer Software, line 3372, zero and would ask that the Assessor's Office would apply for an appropriation this year. All other accounts as they are listed and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Winnecke. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1990	Extra Help	\$8,000.00
3370	Comp.(Data Management)	\$0.00
3372	Computer software	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS**

President Wortman: Okay, page 51.

Councilmember Smith: Do we have the Board of Appeals now? Do we have that this year? I thought they did after reassessment. I didn't know it went on every year.

Cheryl Musgrave: Cheryl Musgrave, County Assessor. Yes, it operates every year and taxpayers have the right to file an appeal when they get a form 11 and sometimes when they have a tax bill and as you know, as the Auditor can attest, the townships send out form 11's annually.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. We don't have a second yet Mr. Raben--

Councilmember Raben: I've not actually started this budget yet.

President Wortman: Oh, no wonder we don't have a second.

Councilmember Raben: I was researching something. Okay, Mr. President, page 51 starting with line 3310, \$1,500; line 3370, zero; line 3530, \$4,500. All salary lines including FICA will be set in at our September the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. All other lines as they are listed and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I got a second now?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: I heard a second, okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Jim, what did you do to Training, you said \$2,500, that's what it is.

Councilmember Raben: No, \$1,500.

Councilmember Sutton: It's \$1,000 okay.

President Wortman: I've got a motion and a second, Any discussion on this? Call the roll.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Mrs. Musgrave since you're up here, I know Mrs. Smith had a question last week about the postage situation about mailing things. Were you able to get that resolved on those items being mailed out? Working with, maybe Sandie and maybe getting some of those things delivered rather than mailing.

Cheryl Musgrave: I inquired and the documents that we mailed were ready after she had already sent that and so we didn't have an extra week's time to get them up to her and then to you before your meeting. So that's why those were mailed.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3310	Training	\$1,500.00
3370	Comp.(Data Management)	\$0.00
3530	Contractual Services	\$4,500.00

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

President Wortman: Now, we'll go to the—

Cheryl Musgrave: Mr. Raben, the computer line item as well that you reduced to zero, are you instructing me to file for that this year?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, I'm sorry, I forgot to add that caveat.

### **COUNCIL**

President Wortman: Okay, now then the County Council.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, the great infamous County Council.

Councilmember Hoy: It's where the buck stops.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Wortman wants his line zeroed out. We have to—

President Wortman: Poor Curt now is having a rough time.

Councilmember Hoy: Trying to save taxes, Curt?

Councilmember Sutton: We can save the taxpayers.

Councilmember Raben: Could you go to the podium please. Okay, Mr. President, I will move approval of this budget and...with the mentioning that all salary line including FICA, PERF and Insurance will be set in at our September the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. 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 Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded it. Any discussion, call the roll.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

President Wortman: Okay that completes our session here unless somebody's got some comments.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I do have just one brief comment and again, maybe asking this or preaching this for guidance. My figures that I have prepared in advance today differs slightly with the Auditor's Office because I figured the Insurance and FICA and

PERF for Superior and Circuit Court where we withdrew but we put back in the other budget which she did not have included in hers okay, because we hadn't made that cut yet but I had already jumped the gun and figured it in. There was one other comment that I had to make before I give you this total. We'll, it's not important. But the total...the rough total for our three days is \$1,491,916. So say, \$1,492,000. We need...the magic number according to prevent any sort of tax increase is \$2,400,000. So there will be some insurance adjustments and it's still my intent to get as close to that magic number as possible to prevent any sort of tax increase. So I'm open for suggestions between now and September the 6<sup>th</sup>. I know that it's important to several members of this body to include a four percent increase in lieu of a three percent increase which only amounts to maybe \$200,000 but that gets us closer to that magical number which I'm still, speaking for myself, I'm still pleased with the fact that we're absorbing the increases in Insurance and aren't asking the employees to contribute more and in doing that I don't feel the county really needs to offer a four percent pay raise. The three percent and absorb the increases in insurances is a very good gesture on the county's part and once again, I'm just letting it be known that, you know, we're still not at the mark where we need to be and if anybody's got any suggestions between now and September the 6<sup>th</sup>, you know, give me a call or stop in and see me or something because, you know, if you want the four percent increase we're going to have to make it up in other lines.

Councilmember Smith: Didn't they say Welborn HMO was going to be 27 percent? I think maybe the County should negotiate with the two other insurance companies and drop Welborn because you can take those other insurance options and go to either hospital anyway. If they've gone 27 percent and the other is 18, what I understand is that theirs at about 18...that's a heck of a lot of difference.

Councilmember Raben: It is Betty, I agree with that.

Councilmember Sutton: Maybe they can--

Councilmember Raben: That would have to be negotiated by the Commissioners.

Councilmember Smith: That's what I said, maybe they need to sit down with them and see if they can work out something.

Councilmember Raben: I don't know that you would work that out before September the 6<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Smith: The employees, I mean, I know the employees want the insurance but they could take either one of the other companies and go to any hospital anyway.

President Wortman: Any other comments from any Councilman?

Councilmember Sutton: Four percent.

President Wortman: Well, I think we've got to think long and hard here. What are we going to do? You've got \$800,000 to come out yet. If we don't do it, the state will. So I think there's going to be a lot things to take place here, in my opinion, I don't know how you all feel. So think long and hard. I think we've got to tighten up and double up on some of these departments to help one another out. That's the only thing I know. I've been through here 22 years and this one has been a rough one. So, anyway, anybody else got any comments before we adjourn? No, I guess everybody understands everything. Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Just a question. I hate to see taxes go up either but how can you go every year, year after year and hope that they don't go up. I mean, we've worked a miracle so far and you know, sometimes, eventually it's going to go up.

Councilmember Raben: Well, Ed it doesn't really have to because your overall assessed

valuation goes up every year.

Councilmember Bassemier: I know that. There...I know that--

Councilmember Raben: You know, which in turn, that's your revenue stream.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm just kind of curious--

Councilmember Raben: That's how your budget can go, just using figures, \$35,000,000 from one year to 37 the next year and not increase the budget. Again, it's because your assessed valuation is also going up.

Councilmember Sutton: But understand, too, though--

Councilmember Raben: What happens...what we're doing is trying to outgrow our revenue stream and that's how your tax goes up and I for one, you know, I think everybody deserves every bit a break they can get. To raise property taxes to simply give a four percent pay increase for six or 800 employees in lieu of a three percent I think is unfair to the taxpayers.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, again, consider too, that government is not free. It costs a lot of money to run the operation of government as we can see here with all this that we have to consider. Our cost of running government and operating government five years ago are not the same costs that we have today. True enough that assessed valuations do go up each year but in that period of time, over five years, we've built the Centre, if you look over the past couple of days, the Sheriff lost the grants that they got three years ago, so now we're absorbing those costs. The Prosecutor, in their office, there was a grant that was reduced there, we absorbed that cost. We're talking about this Public Defenders Office, yes it's supposed to balance out, at least right now but we're probably going to absorb some costs there. We've made some major decisions here in terms of additional employees. So what it took to run government ten years ago, five years ago, and even last year is not the same cost that we have right now. So if we look at it from that stand point, yes it would be nice if we didn't have all these additional expenses but it's just a fact of life. The price of everything is going to escalate, it's going to rise over time. If we are still thinking in the same mold of last year, or three years ago, we're just not there. The costs have gone up. Just the few things that I've mentioned here are prime examples of things that have escalated the price and if we go with this Health Department whatever decision we may go there whether it's leasing a new building or whatever, or buying, you're talking about additional expenses to the county. It's just the fact and reality of running the business of the county. The prices have gone up.

President Wortman: Remember this, five years ago, ten years ago we didn't have all these taxes now. You've got the county income tax, wheel tax, food and beverage tax, you've got all this. So even the AIC said that the legislature could lower it to four or four and a half percent cause they've got all these counties with all these taxes. So see, you really...to me government has got too many wish lists. I think that's what...they want this and they want that and then fine, it's fine to have that but we've got to say no to some. We've just got to stand up to them to me. They haven't grown that much to me. I think we've got to be more efficient. We've got office holders that quit...don't work eight hours a day. If they've got sixteen employees and they work a half hour a piece that employee would pay for itself.

Councilmember Sutton: I didn't hear anybody make a motion on the floor, here today, or the last three days to cut one employee. I didn't hear anybody talk about that. I don't think that's ever a consideration.

President Wortman: In Circuit Court, we took two.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, if we're saying that the county employees are not efficient, but yet we still add more employees, I think that's a mixed message that we're sending.

President Wortman: Mr. Ahlers?

Jeff Ahlers: One of the things I want to point out from a legal aspect is and the assessor knows more about this, but we've discussed that you know, I guess here in a year or two, out there looming is that Tax Court decision whenever they go to more of a market value approach which is going to increase taxes, some experts say, on residences, up to one third more. So just from that stand point to keep in mind, you may be looking at a double whammy. That's looming out there and I guess that's a year or two away.

Councilmember Bassemier: I've got another question? Do we have—

President Wortman: We're going to change tapes, excuse me Ed.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

### **TAPE CHANGE**

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: I know everybody wants to get out of here, but do you all feel like we have enough right now whether we vote on 3% or 4%, or do we dig back in and cut some other people or other areas until we know what those insurance numbers are going to be? Do we really know that just yet? Since it's gone up so doggone much, I think we need to know those insurance numbers before we do anything else.

Councilmember Raben: Well, Sandie Deig is working on those. She kind of... I think I showed some of the members earlier in the week where she did a brief comparison on the 24 versus the 18 and it amounted to, what just under \$300,000, \$286,000, \$290,000, something like that, \$290,000 there along. You know, it might be \$310,000, you know, we don't really have a clear picture on it. But let me just state this, we already know that HMO has stated its 27% increase, okay. The county pays 92% of the employee's insurance package, so the employee picks up 8% of it. We're talking about absorbing for the big majority of those employees a 27% increase. Now Betty, I understand what you're saying, and I couldn't agree with you more on finding another carrier or eliminating that carrier completely, but I don't think we do that between now and the first week of September. On the flip side --

Councilmember Smith: I don't know, an insurance company might be glad to get that big account.

Councilmember Raben: Well, but I just don't know that you could work out something that big, for that many people in that short of span. And again, that's the Commissioner's call, not ours. If the other ones go up 15% or they go up 18%, again, the employee contributes 8%, we're still absorbing a number twice as large as what they contribute, plus offering a minimum of 3%, some want 4%, but a minimum of 3%, I think we're being very generous. I've stated before, this county pays very well. I think anywhere in the private sector we pay as well or better than probably 75% of the businesses in this entire county. So that's my opinion and I'm one person, but I think we need to be careful. I'd hate to start cutting from lines that we know are going to come back to haunt us next year. I don't want to get reckless to get out of hand with pay increases.

Councilmember Hoy: Perhaps Mrs. Deig can answer this now or later because I don't want to put you on the spot because you work hard, and you work hard for us, we all know that. How many, I have no idea how many employees are on the Welborn program? That's my first question and my second one is, if that were eliminated, you know, what kind of impact would that have on those employees? That's an important consideration. You're talking about...well, the first question is roughly how many people are on the HMO, do you know?

Sandie Deig: I only have dollar figures. Teri, do you have that total on Welborn?



Councilmember Raben: Mrs. Deig and Teri, are you comfortable that it is over 50% with the HMO?

Councilmember Hoy: Don't try to get that today, just --

Sandie Deig: I have the dollar figures and she does have total number of employees that are on it.

Councilmember Hoy: My first question was just how many?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Hoy: So we're very close to what Mr. Raben said, it's 50%. If you shifted all of that, I assume that most everybody who is on that, a lot of those people go to Welborn Clinic, do they not? I mean we don't know, but--

Sandie Deig: Yes, in answer to your question, there has been a difference in what he originally quoted Teri and what he's saying now. He called me after the article appeared in the paper and said that it was 27%. Of course I explained to him that when we put a percentage in it's not just for Welborn, it's for all the insurance the county carries.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm trying to look at this from the standpoint of health care service. Living in that neighborhood I already know that we've lost our emergency room. I'm not happy to see that, but you've got to, I mean with the acquisition of Welborn by St. Mary's, that has occasioned major changes in what's available and I'm not quite ready to occasion more changes and may also to decimate, I don't know if we would or not. I don't have a clue, well maybe I do have a clue, but here you've got a facility, the Welborn Clinic, with 100 physicians with excellent specialties. We need those physicians. We need that facility to service not just our county employees, but to service this community. I don't go there so I can say this very freely, but I tell you that's an excellent clinic. I used to go there and you could get virtually every specialty you wanted in one building. If they're kind of on the ropes with this acquisition, then I don't want to put them on the ropes anymore for the sake of the health of the community. We have to look at that larger picture. Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, alright. Go ahead Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm just throwing this out here, this is with the YMCA. We pay \$24,000 of that you know, and I was just wondering how many people really use that?

President Wortman: Quite a few.

Councilmember Bassemier: Do they?

President Wortman: That's what I heard. I don't know, I don't go there. I work hard so I don't have to go there, see.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah that's the way I feel, you know. I've got my own. I'm just trying to say --

Councilmember Smith: You work hard on the golf course.

President Wortman: I know what you're saying, Ed.

Councilmember Bassemier: Instead of cutting their insurance, they'd rather see that go by the way rather than having to pay their insurance. You know if we need \$24,000, I was just curious.

Sandie Deig: To answer Councilman Hoy's question about the Welborn facilities now, we have had a number of employees that have voiced their concerns about their merger with

St. Mary’s. I believe that we will see an exodus from that, but we won’t know until the open enrollment. As far as the rates go, Councilman Bassemier, they never give us a firm rate until usually November, first of December.

President Wortman: Okay, now I want to thank everybody, Tim, Mr. Hoy there, Mr. Raben, Mr. Winnecke, Secretary Teri, Suzanne and her sidekick, Sarah, Betty Knight, Mr. Sutton, Ed Bassemier, Sandie and the attorney. You’ve all been very cooperative and I hope you’ll stay that way. I’d say any information that you get between now and September 6th call Sandie so we can communicate. Maybe somebody comes up with something that’s worthwhile. Does that make sense? We all can’t at one time because we get in violation, but I sure hope that we can get this solved because \$800,000 is a lot of money. I’ll entertain a motion for adjournment. Can I hear that?

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

President Wortman: So moved, got a second. All in favor say aye. The aye’s have it and then until September the 6th, we’ll see you.

**(Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.)**

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Curt Wortman

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Vice President Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Phil Hoy

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Councilmember Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2000**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2000 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 September the 6<sup>th</sup> and we’re going to, of course, open the meeting with that in mind and then we’ll have attendance for the roll call. Madam, would you call that please?

(Roll call taken by Teri Lukeman)

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

President Wortman: Would we all in the room stand to pledge allegiance, please?

(Pledge of allegiance was given.)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
AUGUST 2, 2000**

President Wortman: I will entertain a motion for the approval of the minutes from the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, 2000. Could I have a motion, Mr. Hoy?

(Councilmember Hoy indicated in the affirmative)

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded. Any discussion on the minutes? All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six. Okay.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

**CLERK (See Late transfer page 10 and continued discussion on page 11 for amendment to action taken)**

President Wortman: Okay now, appropriation ordinance. We’ll start on there and, Mr. Bassemier, would you want to read? Mr. Raben is not here.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, we’ll start out with the Clerk. I make a motion 1010-

1170-1010 Circuit Court Clerk \$1,848; 1010-1360-1010 Posting Clerk \$1,503; 1010-1460-1010 Certified Mail Clerk \$1,454; 1010-1990 Extra Help \$3,600; 1010-1970 Temporary Replacement \$1,289; 1010-3360 Cash Fund \$100; 1010-2600 Office Supplies \$50,000, for a total amount of \$59,794 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 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-1170-1010 (See page 11)	CIRCUIT CT. CLERK	1,848.00	1,848.00
1010-1360-1010	POSTING CLERK	1,503.00	1,503.00
1010-1460-1010	CERTIFIED MAIL CLERK	1,454.00	1,454.00
1010-1990	EXTRA HELP	3,600.00	3,600.00
1010-1970	TEMP. REPLACEMENT	1,289.00	1,289.00
1010-3360	CASH FUND	100.00	100.00
1010-2600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	50,000.00	50,000.00
TOTAL		59,794.00	59,794.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**CORONER**

President Wortman: Okay, County Coroner, Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Coroner, 1070-2720 Lab Supplies \$6,000, for a total amount of \$6,000. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1070-2720	LAB SUPPLIES	6,000.00	6,000.00
TOTAL		6,000.00	6,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

President Wortman: County Commissioners, Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, 1300-4232 USI/METS \$25,000, for a total amount of \$25,000. 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? No discussion –

Councilmember Sutton: Yes –

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Caught you talking back there, didn't I?

Tony Greubel: Yeah. Tony Greubel.

Councilmember Sutton: Tony, the question I had was regarding this particular appropriation. Now this is just for one year. Are there any indications if they intend to

return each year, how long they are looking at doing this? Are they looking at other funding sources that will supplement where they are short on this? What is the story?

Tony Greubel: No, what we'll have to do is at the end of the school year in May is see how the ridership was and if it is worth continuing or not. You know, all three parties are going to have to – the city, the county and the university are going to have to decide if it's worth continuing this program. So I guess you can say the first year is more or less a trial run on it and if it looks like it has been successful, then if we can get additional funding –

Councilmember Sutton: So the dollars only are for –

Tony Greubel: This \$25,000 –

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, just through May --

Tony Greubel: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: I was under the impression that this was going to be a little bit longer than through May.

Tony Greubel: No, it's not. I don't think they're going – they'll probably stop it or suspend it over the summer and then if it's worth starting back up for the fall semester of 2001, then they'll do it again.

Councilmember Sutton: Is this service running right now, or are they –

Tony Greubel: Yes, it is running right now.

Councilmember Sutton: And how are they paying for that?

Tony Greubel: With existing funds.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Wortman: Any other questions?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith? If not, call the roll please.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-4232	USI/METS	25,000.00	25,000.00
TOTAL		25,000.00	25,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

President Wortman: Okay, Local Roads & Streets, Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Local Roads & Streets, 2160-2530 Bituminous Materials \$450,000, for a total of \$450,000. I need a motion.

President Wortman: And do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith seconded it? Okay, any discussion? If no discussion, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2160-2530	BITUMINOUS MATERIALS	450,000.00	450,000.00
TOTAL		450,000.00	450,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

REPEAL - LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY

LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY

President Wortman: Okay, that completes the appropriation requests. Now we'll go down to the Transfers. Let's go to that repeal there on that, on the Local Drug Free Community.



Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, on the repeal Local Drug Free Community, 3280-3951 Treatment \$7,000 for a total of \$7,000. I make a motion to approve that.

(Councilmember Hoy indicated a second to the motion)

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy seconded 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3280-3951	TREATMENT	7,000.00	7,000.00
TOTAL		7,000.00	7,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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**CORONER (Two requests)**  
**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**THE CENTRE**  
**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
**COUNTY ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT**  
**PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT**

President Wortman: Okay, now the transfers. Anybody got any problem with taking all the transfers in one motion?

Councilmember Smith: I only have a – I have a question here with the Coroner. It’s hard for him to find somebody to work nights at \$5.15 an hour. Can he go ahead and start paying them or do we need to vote on that at \$8.00 an hour now?

Councilmember Bassemier: Is that all we’re paying is \$5.15?

Councilmember Smith: \$5.15, and it’s hard to find people that are qualified to work those hours. Right now, he’s paying them \$5.15 an hour and it’s hard to get people to work nights and doing that kind of work for \$5.15 an hour. For next year, we put that in a

different line item and we said he could use the \$8.00, but he needs to hire somebody now so can he pay them \$8.00 an hour now for the rest of this year?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, the question I have then, are you saying that the amount of \$1,200 remains the same or are you moving to change that?

Councilmember Smith: No, not \$1,200. What are you talking about, \$1,200?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, that's what the transfer request is, so –

Councilmember Smith: To the Extra Help right now on this transfer, it would be \$8,250.

Jeff Ahlers: I don't see that...oh okay, there's two of them. You're right: \$8,250. Okay. Well, the only question would be is on Extra Help, whether or not that's an amendment to the salary ordinance and I don't know if we can do that today as far as changing the hourly wage. Isn't that set out in the salary ordinance?

Councilmember Smith: For next year, we put it all in the Extra Help so that he could hire instead of in individual line items.

Jeff Ahlers: Right, I understand, and all I am saying is, Mrs. Smith, is that I am wondering if for this year what you are requesting is, whether that's an amendment to the existing Salary Ordinance for this year which means that we may have to have a separate amendment noticed –

Councilmember Smith: That's what I am asking. Can we do that now or does he have to come back and ask for that?

Jeff Ahlers: I think he needs to come back and ask for that because it's an amendment to the Salary Ordinance and it will need to be noticed.

President Wortman: It will have to be advertised because it's extra money. Is that right?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah.

Councilmember Smith: Well, like I said, it's hard to get people to do that kind of work just like you read in the paper this morning. They had to go to three different counties to pick up parts of bodies. I don't think I'd want to do that for \$5.15 an hour.

President Wortman: Why don't you submit your appropriation request by the 15<sup>th</sup> to Mrs. Deig and the Auditor.

Donald Erk: I will do that.

President Wortman: Okay, thanks a lot.

Councilmember Bassemier: You won't have any problem getting that approved. Ready for the transfers?

President Wortman: Okay, does anybody else have any problems with the transfers?

Councilmember Bassemier: Take them all at once.

President Wortman: With all of them. Do you want to take them all at one time? Is that alright or does anybody want to single any of them out?

Councilmember Hoy: Are you including the late transfer in that also?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll take that last if that's okay.

Councilmember Hoy: That's fine.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll just hold that out.

Councilmember Hoy: Alright, thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: There might be some questions on it.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, I don't know – this isn't a court of law or anything, but that last description that Mrs. Smith used, if there is a way that we can get that stricken from the record, that was a little graphic for me.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't know, somebody (inaudible) late at night reading these minutes.

President Wortman: Right, okay, Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, the transfer requests: Coroner, from 1070-1130-1070 down to 1070-1200-1070, to 1070-1990 for Extra Help for \$8,250. The next one, from 1070-3540 Maintenance Contract for \$1,200 to 1070-3530 Contractual Services \$1,200. County Commissioners from 1300-3460 Consultant \$250; 1300-3470 Appraisals \$500; 1300-2690 Demolition Fund \$1,500, to 1300-3130 Travel/Mileage for a total of \$2,250. The Centre, from 1440-1850 Union Overtime \$1,500 to 1440-1530 Shift Differential \$1,500. Health Department from 2130-3510 Other Operating for \$2,700 to 2130-2210 Gas & Oil \$2,700. Down to the County Assessor/Reassessment from 2492-1090-3370 Computer (Data Management) \$100,000 to 2492-1090-3530 Contractual Services \$100,000. The next page, Perry Township Assessor/Reassessment from 2492-1140-1990 Extra Help \$4,345 to 2492-1140-1930 Unemployment \$4,345. I'll 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 on that? All those –

Councilmember Sutton: What about the additional transfer?

Councilmember Bassemier: If you all want to take it now, I can take it now. What is your pleasure? Do you want me to go ahead and take – this request is a late transfer. Do you want me to take it now or do you want me to wait?

President Wortman: You mean the Clerk of Circuit Court?

Councilmember Bassemier: Do you want to wait?

President Wortman: We've already got a motion and a second. Let's go ahead and vote on this. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1070-1130-1070	DEPUTY CORONER	2,200.00	2,200.00
1070-1140-1070	DEPUTY CORONER	1,200.00	1,200.00
1070-1170-1070	DEPUTY CORONER	1,200.00	1,200.00
1070-1180-1070	DEPUTY CORONER	1,000.00	1,000.00
1070-1190-1070	DEPUTY CORONER	1,200.00	1,200.00
1070-1200-1070	DEPUTY CORONER	1,450.00	1,450.00
TO: 1070-1990	EXTRA HELP	8,250.00	8,250.00

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1070-3540	MAINT. CONTRACT	1,200.00	1,200.00
TO: 1070-3530	CONTRACTUAL SVCS.	1,200.00	1,200.00

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1300-3460	CONSULTANT	250.00	250.00
1300-3470	APPRAISALS	500.00	500.00
1300-2690	DEMOLITION FUND	1,500.00	1,500.00
TO: 1300-3130	TRAVEL/MILAGE	2,250.00	2,250.00

THE CENTRE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1440-1850	UNION OVERTIME	1,500.00	1,500.00
TO: 1440-1530	SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL	1,500.00	1,500.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2130-3510	OTHER OPERATING	2,700.00	2,700.00
TO: 2130-2210	GAS & OIL	2,700.00	2,700.00

COUNTY ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2492-1090-3370	COMPUTER(DATA MGMT)	100,000.00	100,000.00
TO: 2492-1090-3530	CONTRACTUAL SVCS.	100,000.00	100,000.00

PERRY TWP. ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2492-1140-1990	EXTRA HELP	4,345.00	4,345.00
TO: 2492-1140-1930	UNEMPLOYMENT	4,345.00	4,345.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>LATE TRANSFER REQUEST</b>
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**CLERK**

President Wortman: Now, Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, this is a late transfer. The Clerk of Circuit Court, this is from the General Fund, department 1010, line item 1010-1180-1010 Juvenile Clerk \$1,848 to 1010-1170-1010 Circuit Court Clerk \$1,848. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Winnecke. Any discussion on this? Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I thought, Lloyd, that you asked last week if she couldn't pay that out of her incentive fund.

Councilmember Winnecke: She said we can but it's only for child support so we –

Councilmember Smith: Well, but it's also for the Kinder –

Councilmember Winnecke: The record storage.

Councilmember Smith: – records, and they also store child support records, too.

President Wortman: Mrs. Abell, do you want to comment there? Give your name and everything.

Marsha Abell: Marsha Abell, Clerk of the Court. We haven't sent any over there yet. I hadn't thought about it along those lines. We could certainly look at that for our budget for next year, too. I mean, I've got plenty in salary. I mean, it's not like I don't because I had two long-term employees retire. But I hadn't thought about the fact that we will be, we haven't yet, but we will be taking some child support records over and we will then next year be able to take some of that expense at Kinder out of the incentive fund. I think that would be legitimate.

Councilmember Smith: I thought that's what you asked her last week because – to pay her back from the time that –

Councilmember Winnecke: Right, that's what we talked about but we had not thought of it along those lines so that's why she came up with money from another line item versus coming up with that request in an additional appropriation.

President Wortman: Is that agreeable with you, Mrs. Abell?

Marsha Abell: Now these are salary line items that I have left over that will be going back to the General Fund at the end of the year anyway.

President Wortman: Okay, is that agreeable with everybody then? Okay. Any other discussion on this late transfer? Got a motion and a second. If not, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1010-1180-1010	JUVENILE CLERK	1,848.00	1,848.00
TO: 1010-1170-1010	CIRCUIT COURT CLERK	1,848.00	1,848.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CLERK (Appropriation Request Continued)

Marsha Abell: Thank you.

President Wortman: Next is the Salary Ordinance Amendment. Hold on just a moment.

Sandie Deig: You approved the appropriation and the transfer.

Jeff Ahlers: Do you need to change, because you’ve approved the appropriation and the transfer?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, we changed it to an appropriation. If you go back...

Marsha Abell: We did?

Jeff Ahlers: Isn’t that also the same – that’s the same amount that matches up, up there under the General Fund appropriation request.

Councilmember Winnecke: Oh, that needs to be set in at zero, 1010-1170.

Jeff Ahlers: It’s been done twice essentially.

Councilmember Bassemier: So just withdraw? What do you think, Counselor? What do we need to do, just withdraw –

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I think just make a motion. You’re wanting to go back under the appropriation and just set that in at zero, that you’ve done the transfer on, alright?

Marsha Abell: Sure.

Councilmember Hoy: I move that we reopen that and it takes a two-thirds vote.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: I’ve got a motion from Mr. Hoy and, Mr. Lloyd Winnecke, did you...

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: Alright.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay –

President Wortman: Just a minute, we’ve got to open up, we’ve got to vote on that. All those in favor raise your right hand for opening it up. One, two, three, four, five. Unanimous.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

President Wortman: Okay, now then.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay 1010-1170-1010 Circuit Court Clerk, \$1,848, I make a motion to set that in at zero.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: We’ve got a motion and a second. Now 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-1170-1010	CIRCUIT COURT CLERK	1,848.00	0.00
TOTAL		1,848.00	0.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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CLERK

President Wortman: That completes that. We'll go to the Salary Ordinance amendments.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, I'd like to make a motion to approve the Salary Ordinance...

Marsha Abell: Done with me?

President Wortman: Yeah, okay, you can be excused. Thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, we'll start out with the Clerk. Now this is the Salary Ordinance amendments. I'll make a motion to amend the Salary Ordinance transfers as previously approved. This is for the Clerk.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

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

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

## **CORONER**

Councilmember Bassemier: Letter B, the Coroner. I make a motion to approve the amendment to the salary ordinance as the transfer was previously approved. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and a second. Any discussion, call the roll on that.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?



Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

## **THE CENTRE**

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, letter C, the Centre. I make a motion to approve to amend the Salary Ordinance as the transfer was previously approved.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Winnecke. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

## **PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT**

President Wortman: Now Perry Assessor/Reassessment.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, letter D, also I make a motion to approve to amend the Salary Ordinance as the transfer was previously approved.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Alright, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

## **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

President Wortman: Last is Community Corrections, Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, on Community Corrections, we need to set the line number 505-0136Z-1130 Electronic Home Detention Coordinator in as a non-union employee as per the union contract. I make a motion to do that.

President Wortman: Got a motion, do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy seconded it. Any discussion on this? If not, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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**RESOLUTION TO CORRECT A PROBLEM CONCERNING INDIANA TUBE CORPORATION LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

President Wortman: Any old business? No old business, let's go to new business. Resolution to correct a problem concerning Indiana Tube Corporation legal description. I'll entertain a motion to correct that situation.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy made the motion. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second, Mrs. Smith. Any discussion on this? Everybody understands this you've got in front of you? 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: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

**RESOLUTION GRANTING A DEDUCTION FROM PROPERTY TAXES FOR McCULLOUGH/HALLER LEISURE LIVING WEST LLC, LOCATED AT 3078 N. ST. JOSEPH AVENUE**

President Wortman: Next is a resolution granting a deduction from property taxes for McCullough/Haller Leisure Living West LLC located at 3078 North St. Joseph Avenue. I'll entertain a motion to that effect. I think that's a length of time. Legal counsel, do you want to comment on that? Is it one, two, three years? This is the original tax abatement. Original, this is not a new one.

Jeff Ahlers: Was that never originally set in? How come somebody from Metro Development is not here? I don't even...it's to set this in at three years for projects which created up to 25 jobs, although I am not sure that – I am not sure where they say that. In that Whereas clause, they say three years for projects to create up to 25 jobs, but, in fact, I don't recall them saying that when they were here.

President Wortman: How about this, maybe we ought to defer it until next month. Would that be in line with everybody?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, my vote will be the same.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, would we not want some input from DMD on this one?

President Wortman: Definitely, Mr. Hoy. I think you're exactly correct in saying that.

Councilmember Hoy: Because this has been a questionable one, anyway.

President Wortman: That's exactly right. Fine.

Councilmember Winnecke: In my mind, back from the requests earlier this year for this new abatement, there was nowhere near 25 jobs created.

President Wortman: No, no. Fine. Do you make a motion to defer it, Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I will make a motion to defer it to next month.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

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

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

President Wortman: The Honorable Scott Bowers, he was here last week and we don't need him this week, I guess, to explain his situation. So anything else to come before this Council this date? I'd entertain a motion for adjournment.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, before we adjourn, I mentioned this to you in passing. I saw in the newspaper where Rexam Closures is going to build a new plant in Madisonville, Kentucky. I have no objection to that, but the last time they appeared before us, and I don't know whether, are we still extending abatement to them, Mrs. Crouch? Do you...

Suzanne Crouch: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: The last time they came before us for review they had not met their goal, their employment goal and I think we should find out if they've – not that we can stop the development in Madisonville, but I think that it's information we need because it would bother me if they built a plant there with 100 jobs and had not fulfilled their obligation to us here.

Councilmember Sutton: They were here September of '98.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, and they had not reached their goal as I recall.

Councilmember Smith: I wonder if they've applied for tax abatement in Madisonville? That should be easy to check.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah.

President Wortman: Well, why don't we do this if this sounds right to Council. Have the Executive to send a letter to them informing them to appear at the next Council meeting and so we can handle that and I think that's a good point. And then we want to get a little low down – what is going on.

Councilmember Hoy: Find out what is going on, yeah.

Jeff Ahlers: Do you want our Executive Assistant to do it or do you want Metro Development? Usually Metro did that for us last time.

President Wortman: Okay.

Jeff Ahlers: But I mean, that's up to you, I am just pointing out –

Councilmember Hoy: – DMD to do that for us.

Jeff Ahlers: When do they come before us anyway? Isn't that coming up soon or no?

Councilmember Hoy: It's been a while. I know I voted yes because the jobs pay well and they have good benefits but they came back and said well, business was down and that's understandable and we agreed to go ahead with them because we understood that. I just think we have a right to know what is going on.

President Wortman: Okay, now is that alright with the Council? All raise your hand if you would like Sandie to send a letter to them to notify them to appear before us at the next meeting. Everybody raise their hand. Mr. Hoy there, thank you. Then that's what we'll do.

Councilmember Smith: I see Dolli Kight back there with the Visitors Bureau. I don't know whether she wants to speak about something or not.

Dolli Kight: (Indicated she did not wish to speak)

President Wortman: Everything is in good shape.

Councilmember Smith: Okay.

President Wortman: Okay, anything else to come before this Council? Pretty well discussed. Okay, we're going to pass some literature from Computer Services out, SCT, to all the Councilmembers before you leave here. So there will be a letter to read, so we'll do that. Now, anything else to come before the Council before we adjourn? I'll entertain a motion for adjournment.

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: Second. All in favor say aye, ayes have it.

**(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)**

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Curt Wortman

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Vice President Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Phil Hoy

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Councilmember Lloyd Winnecke

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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 6, 2000

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2000 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President Curt Wortman at 12:07 p.m.

President Wortman: The Vanderburgh County Council final budget session will convene now on September 6, 2000 about five or ten minutes late. We will open the meeting and we'll have a roll call first by the secretary, please.

(Teri Lukeman called roll)

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

President Wortman: Would we all stand in the room and pledge allegiance, please?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF BUDGET MINUTES  
WEEK 1 AUGUST 8, 9, 10, & WEEK 2 AUGUST 15, 16, 17, 2000

President Wortman: I will entertain a motion for the approval of the minutes for August 8, 9, 10 & 15, 16, and 17, 2000.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

President Wortman: Got a motion from Mr. Winnecke. Second?

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Raben. Any discussion on the minutes? All those in favor, raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, okay. This is the final budget hearing and the purpose is to complete this adoption of our budget and establish the salaries and all employee's benefits and also to recommend to the state what would be the proposed tax rate. Now today, the Chair will only recognize Councilmembers until after the Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben, has completed his duties. At this time, I am going to ask Mr. Raben, the Finance Chairman, to begin with the Salary Ordinance. So, Mr. Raben, would you?

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE WAGE INCREASE FOR 2001  
SALARY ORDINANCE, AMENDMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President. I would like to move that all county employees receive a three percent raise for the year 2001.

President Wortman: Okay, got a motion on the floor for a three percent raise from Mr.



Raben. Do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Winnecke. 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: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, the motion is defeated.

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

President Wortman: Is there anybody on the Council that would like to entertain a motion to another?

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, I make the motion that we give all employees in Vanderburgh County a four percent increase. We have proven that we have got the money and we have cut enough out of the budget and I think that they deserve it. So, I make the motion for four percent.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith makes a motion and, Mr. Sutton, you second it, right?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, any discussion on the four percent ? Call the roll, please. Mr. Raben, excuse me.

Councilmember Raben: I don't want to carry this out too long, but I would like to go on record as stating that in an effort to protect the taxpayers of Vanderburgh County, I don't see that it is fair that we are not only going to absorb a fairly healthy insurance rate increase but by the same token to turn around and give a four percent pay increase, I think is asking a little bit too much of the taxpayers and that is all that I've got to say.

Councilmember Smith: That is just a matter of opinion.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? If not, then call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I did want to add that given that we are absorbing some increases on the insurance side, we have been able to, through our Auditor being able to find that we are going to be carrying over a substantial sum from this year, so that will help in being able to absorb some of the costs that we are expected to exact with this increase. I am pretty excited that we are able to do a 4% raise. I think that our county employees deserve it and I think that if we have the ability to do it, which we do, then we ought to do it. So, a 4% raise, like I said, I am pretty excited about it. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Before I vote, the way the job market is today and our labor shortage, I think that we need to be competitive in order to keep our good workers and as long as it is not going to raise property taxes, and I was told it wasn't, I am going to vote 4%. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: No. So the 4% passes, 4 - 3.

**(Motion carried 4-3/Councilmembers Raben, Winnecke & Wortman opposed)**

President Wortman: Okay, next Mr. Raben, Exhibit A - H be approved in the 2001 Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we can take that and with that Mr. President, I would also like to add that everyone has been given a copy of the Salary Ordinance corrections along with title changes. I would like to ask that these be entered in as part of the minutes. I won't read all of the changes as we go through each budget but I will, in the case where we are zeroing a particular request on a new employee, I will hit on those as we go through each budget. But all other title changes and errors that are part of the book, the corrections are all right here and I will make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion from Mr. Raben and Mr. Hoy seconded. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, Mr. Chairman, the sheet that we have here, that list, all those positions and the appropriate salaries that go along with those, do those represent a four percent on there or three percent on the increase?

President Wortman: Four percent.

Councilmember Sutton: A four percent, okay. Thank you.

President Wortman: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

President Wortman: Now, Mr. Raben, the corrections amendments, please.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, we just hit on that. That was part of the prior motion.

President Wortman: That was part of your motion. Okay, everybody understand that?

Councilmember Raben: Again, I will mention it again. Everyone has been given a copy of the salary corrections along with title changes and these will be added to the minutes for this meeting. We can take another vote on it.

President Wortman: Is it necessary, Councilmembers? He included that, is that satisfactory with you all?

Councilmember Raben: It was part of the prior motion.

President Wortman: Okay, everybody seems to be in agreement. Okay, continue, Mr. Raben.

**COUNTY CLERK**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, we will start from the front and work our way back. Go to page four, line 1670-1010, should be \$22,130; line 1680-1010, zero; line 1690-1010, zero; 1970, zero; 1990, \$42,960; 2600, \$75,000; 2611, zero. Page five, 3370, zero; and as we stated at our initial hearings that we would ask that an appropriation be filed for \$146,000 for this year. Mr. President, I will make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

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

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I thought that we were considering line by line, instead of as a group by department.

President Wortman: No, this is just the corrections. Does that sound right to you, Mr. Raben? Isn't that what?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, if we went line by line and voted each time we would be here until midnight.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, I think that he is wanting to make one change, or he'll vote no for all of them.

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes, I would like to separate one.

Councilmember Bassemier: He would like to separate one.

President Wortman: Okay, does everybody understand this now? I think that Mr. Winnecke is asking about the one line item there, or one or two that he would like to delete and then vote on it separately. Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I will amend my motion to exclude 1680 -1010 and all other items as they were previously mentioned.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy accepts that?

Councilmember Hoy: I will accept that.

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

Councilmember Smith: Uh,

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, he pulled it out.

Councilmember Smith: Are you giving her two, is that what you are giving? Just one.

Councilmember Bassemier: Right now, just one. He is going to take the other separate.

Councilmember Sutton: He just, he pulled that, he is going to vote that one separate.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, okay.

President Wortman: Everybody understand his motion? No 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1670-1010	Deputy Clerk	\$22,130.00
1690-1010	Deputy Clerk	\$0.00
1970	Temporary Replacement	\$0.00
1990	Extra Help	\$42,960.00
2600	Office Supplies	\$75,000.00
2611	Child Support Supplies	\$0.00
3370	Computer (Data Management)	\$0.00

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

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I will move line 1680-1010 be set in at zero.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: I will just to get it on the floor.

President Wortman: Okay, got a second from Mr. Bassemier. Now, discussion. Any discussion? Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Did you want to vote, that's to give the second position.

Councilmember Smith: Is that to give it to them?

Councilmember Raben: No, to set it in at zero.

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No, I think she needs that.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, it's five to two, is that correct?

Councilmember Winnecke: No, it's four to three.

President Wortman: Okay, it's four to two, I'm sorry.

Teri Lukeman: Four to three.

President Wortman: Four to three, okay.

**(Motion fails 3-4/Councilmembers Sutton, Bassemier, Hoy & Winnecke opposed)**

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. Chairman, can I make a motion?

President Wortman: Yes, sir, if you want to make another motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: I would like to move that line item 1680-1010 be set in at \$20,158.00.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: I've got a motion and a second to set the salary in at line item 1680-1010, Deputy Clerk for \$20,158, is that your motion?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes, sir.

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

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, someone in the congregation out here asked that we make clear where this is being added and it is in the Clerk's budget.

Brad Ellsworth: Shouldn't you mention the office that you are talking about?

Councilmember Hoy: It is the Clerk's office, Clerk's budget, for a deputy clerk.

Councilmember Sutton: Congregation or audience? I don't want, I am just trying to make sure that we are on the right forum today.

Councilmember Hoy: I just looked at you and saw a halo.

Councilmember Sutton: I want you to get a little confused.

President Wortman: He is used to a congregation. Okay, any discussion? Everybody understand the motion? Call the roll, please.

(Inaudible)

President Wortman: It's \$20,158.

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.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: No. Okay, it passes.

1680-1010	Deputy Clerk	\$20,158.00
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**(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Raben and Wortman opposing)**

#### **COUNTY CLERK IV-D**

President Wortman: Okay, next, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: County Clerk IV-D, there is no change there.

#### **COUNTY AUDITOR**

Councilmember Raben: Page seven begins the Auditor's office, turn to page nine, line

3370, zero; line 3401, zero; line 3550 is zero and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: I have a second, Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? As we go through these different departments, as Mr. Raben illustrated in his motions and reading, a lot of this computer data management and things of that nature, in reference to the Sheriff and the cars and the equipment, that will hopefully all be phased in this year yet. So that's so everybody understands that and the audience understands that. So try to get some of that in so it won't be so hard on us next year. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, Mr. Raben.

3370	Computer (Data Management)	\$0.00
3401	Microfilming	\$0.00
3550	Repairs to Bldgs/Grounds	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**COUNTY TREASURER**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 1990, Extra Help for \$1,000; 4220, \$4,000 and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Hoy. Any discussion on this, on the Treasurer? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke:

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1990	Extra Help	\$1,000.00
4220	Office Supplies	\$4,000.00

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

### **COUNTY RECORDER**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 13, County Recorder, there are no changes. Let's start with page 15 of the Sheriff's budget.

Councilmember Sutton: Excuse me, Jim, do we want to go ahead and just for record sake, for the County Recorder, just get a motion on the floor and approve that, I mean even though there weren't any changes?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, if you look at item eight on our agenda, that's when we will approve all other lines that we are not making corrections for. We will make final approval on all 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts at that point.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: I am just following the agenda here.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

### **SHERIFF**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we'll start with page 23, line 1130-0229, set that amount in at \$26,172 and that is a PAT III Step 2 position.

Councilmember Smith: PAT III or COMOT III? I have COMOT III.

Councilmember Raben: PAT III, Step 2 and would recommend that go before the Job Study for review. Line 1130-0230, zero; line 1300-1050, \$200,000, line 1510-1050, \$15,000 line 1530-1150, \$67,600 and this is for union employees only.

President Wortman: Excuse me, Jim, did you say 1530-1050?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Wortman: Okay, I think that some of them questioned the-

Councilmember Raben: It's 1530-1050 in the amount of \$67,600.

President Wortman: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Page 24, line 2230, \$65,000; line 2640, zero; line 2650, \$5,000 and page 25, line 3370, zero; line 35, I'm sorry excuse me, line 3725, \$10,000, line 4230, zero, line 4250, zero; and line 4290, zero and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Got a motion, Mr. Hoy seconded it. Any discussion? Is everybody keeping up? He's not going too fast is he? Is everybody keeping up with it okay? Okay, no other discussion? Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1130-0229	Court Screener	\$26,172.00
1130-0230	Court Screener	\$0.00
1300-1050	Overtime	\$200,000.00
1510-1050	College Reimbursement	\$15,000.00

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1530-1050	Shift Differential	\$67,600.00
2230	Garage & Motor	\$65,000.00
2640	Narcotics	\$0.00
2650	Canine Corps	\$5,000.00
3370	Computer (Data Management)	\$0.00
3725	Meth Lab Clean Up	\$10,000.00
4230	Motor Vehicles	\$0.00
4250	Miscellaneous Equipment	\$0.00
4290	Vehicle Equipment	\$0.00

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

### ***JAIL***

Councilmember Raben: Next, we move to the Jail, turn to page 29, line 1130-0406, \$25,814; line 1130-0407, zero; line 1520-1051, zero; line 1530-1051, \$25,639 and that is for detention officers only. Page 30, line 1850, \$10,000; line 2200, \$50,000; line 2240, \$125,000 and I 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.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1130-0406	Emergency Medical Technician	\$25,814.00
1130-0407	Emergency Medical Technician	\$0.00
1520-1051	Detention Training Officer	\$0.00
1530-1051	Shift Differential	\$25,639.00
1850	Union Overtime	\$10,000.00
2200	Jail Expense	\$50,000.00
2240	Medical	\$125,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY SURVEYOR

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, there are no changes to the County Surveyor’s budget. Turn to page 33, County Coroner.

COUNTY CORONER

Councilmember Raben: Line 1130-1070; 1140-1070, zero, line 1150-1070 oh, that’s a correction, let me skip below that, we answered that in our prior motion. Line 1170-1070, zero; line 1180-1070, zero; line 1190-1070, zero, line1200-1070, zero. Line 1990, Extra Help, the correct figure is \$54,256. Page 34, line 2410, \$5,000; line 3130, \$4,000, line 3310, \$2,000 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 it. Any discussion? Call the roll, please.

1130-1070	Deputy Coroner	\$0.00
1140-1070	Deputy Coroner	\$0.00
1170-1070	Deputy Coroner	\$0.00
1180-1070	Deputy Coroner	\$0.00
1190-1070	Deputy Coroner	\$0.00
1200-1070	Deputy Coroner	\$0.00
1990	Extra Help	\$54,256.00
2410	Body Transport	\$5,000.00
3130	Travel/Mileage	\$4,000.00
3310	Training	\$2,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Prosecutor’s office. Line 1250-1080, \$24,510. Page 38 line 3130, \$2,000; 3410, \$1,000; 3520, \$2,500 and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, got a second, Mr. Hoy. Any discussion? No discussion, call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: I'm sorry, excuse me, could you repeat the last three?

Councilmember Raben: I can certainly do that, 3130, \$2,000; 3410, \$1,000; 3520, \$2,500.

Teri Lukeman: Thank you. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1250-1080	Part Time Deputy	\$24,510.00
3130	Travel/Mileage	\$2,000.00
3410	Printing	\$1,000.00
3520	Equipment Repair	\$2,500.00

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

#### ***PROSECUTOR IV-D***

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 40, Prosecutor IV-D, line 1240-1081,\$24,109. Page 41, lines 1290-1081, 1300-1081, 1310-1081, 1320-1081, 1350-1081, those lines be set in at zero. Line 2600, \$3,000 and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Winnecke. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1240-1081	Enforcement Officer	\$24,109.00
1290-1081	Enforcement Officer	\$0.00
1300-1081	Enforcement Officer	\$0.00
1310-1081	Enforcement Officer	\$0.00
1320-1081	Enforcement Officer	\$0.00
1350-1081	Enforcement Officer	\$0.00
2600	Office Supplies	\$3,000.00

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

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben.

**PROSECUTOR DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 44. Line 3994 should read \$118,941 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 on that?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3994	Matching Grants	\$118,941.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**PROSECUTOR STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Councilmember Raben: County Assessor, page 48.

Councilmember Smith: Jim, did you pass page 46? I have a change there, or is that one that we have already done?

Councilmember Raben: No, we did not, there may have been some prior discussion on that but this figure that is in the book is correct.

Councilmember Smith: I had it at \$21,096.

Councilmember Raben: Sandie checked on that and it is the correct figure, the \$28,000.

President Wortman: I think that is a requirement more or less, is what it amounts to, necessary, I guess. Okay, Mr. Raben.

**(Line item cut August 17, 2000 by 7-0 vote. Reference page 38 of second week budget minutes. No motion made or vote taken to set line back in to original request)**

**COUNTY ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 48 County Assessor, at the bottom, line 1990, \$8,000, page 49, line 3310, \$2,500; line 3370, zero; line 3372, zero and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: 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: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1990	Extra Help	\$8,000.00
3310	Training	\$2,500.00
3370	Computer (Data Management)	\$0.00
3372	Computer Software	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEAL**

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben, page 51.

Councilmember Raben: Line 1180-1091, \$2,800; line 1990, \$2,280; line 3310, \$1,500; line 3370, zero; line 3530, \$4,500 and I make in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: Second, Mr. Winnecke. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Excuse me, Mr. Raben, we are going to change tapes here for just one minute.

1180-1091	Per Diem	\$2,800.00
1990	Extra Help	\$2,280.00
3310	Training	\$1,500.00
3370	Computer (Data Management)	\$0.00
3530	Contractual Services	\$4,500.00

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

## **TAPE CHANGE**

### ***KNIGHT ASSESSOR***

President Wortman: Okay Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Now if everyone would turn to page 58, Knight Assessor. Line 1195-1130...we're on page 58, County...Knight Assessor. Line 1195-1130, zero. Line 1990—

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim. I'm sorry. Can you do them like you did Marsha since you're taking out a line item? I think last time some of us voted in favor of that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, let me start over. Page 58, line 1195-1130, zero and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: I've got a second from Mr. Winnecke. Any discussion? Call the roll on this one position.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: No.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, we may have a question here on this.

President Wortman: Yes sir?

Councilmember Hoy: We were voting to set that in at zero?

Councilmember Sutton: That's right.

Councilmember Hoy: If I may, I want my vote to be yes.

Councilmember Raben: He misunderstood the motion. He wants his motion as yes. His vote is yes.

President Wortman: Alright, we set it in at zero?

Councilmember Raben: Right.

President Wortman: Let's try it over again to make sure everyone understands that.

Councilmember Sutton: No do overs.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith, you had it set in at zero?

Councilmember Smith: I voted no on that.

President Wortman: I did too. That's what I said.

Jeff Ahlers: No, you voted yes.

Councilmember Raben: The motion is to set the line in at zero.

Councilmember Bassemier: That's why we're saying no. We'd like for him to have that.

President Wortman: Okay, that's alright, that's no problem.

Councilmember Bassemier: Phil was thinking about letting him have that, but he's changed his mind.

President Wortman: Alright, okay.

Teri Lukeman: Do you want me to recall that?

President Wortman: Let's have a recall.

Councilmember Raben: The vote is three to four. Everybody is clear on that.

President Wortman: My vote is to set it in at zero.

Councilmember Raben: The vote is three to four. Motion carries.

President Wortman: Okay, good enough. I just wanted to be clear, okay.

1195-1130	Second Business Deputy	\$0.00
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**(Motion fails 3-4/Councilmembers Smith, Sutton, Bassemier & Wortman opposed. No new motion made, therefore, vote taken on this line August 17, 2000 prevails. Reference page 104 of second week budget minutes)**

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Line 1990, 10,000. Line 2600, 3,000. Line 2710, \$1,400. Line 3130, \$2,000. Line 3310, \$1,000. Line 3370, zero, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: We've got a motion and a second. What about 3540? On page 59.

Councilmember Raben: That's the correct figure. What's listed is correct. It's \$3,540.

President Wortman: Leave it as it is. Okay, that's fine. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1990	Extra Help	\$10,000.00
2600	Office Supplies	\$3,000.00
2710	Color Film	\$1,400.00
3130	Travel / Mileage	\$2,000.00
3310	Training	\$1,000.00
3370	Comp.(Data Management)	\$0.00

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

***PERRY ASSESSOR***

President Wortman: Okay Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Perry Assessor, page 61. Well, it starts on 62. Line 3372, zero. Line 3600, 9,876. Line 4220, zero and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mr. Sutton. Any discussion? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3372	Computer Software	\$0.00
3600	Rent	\$9,876.00
4220	Office Machines	\$0.00

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

President Wortman: Okay Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Sutton: Before you move on too far I did have a question. What was the...I seconded it, but what was the figure on 1110-1140?

Councilmember Raben: Line 1110-1140?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Well, the correct figure will be \$38,911.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Again, that's part of your attachments here.

Councilmember Sutton: Right, okay. I just wanted to make sure.

### ***PIGEON ASSESSOR***

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 63, Pigeon Assessor. Line 1990, \$6,200. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1990	Extra Help	\$6,200.00
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**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**SCOTT ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Page 65, Scott Assessor. Line 2600, \$1,500. Line 2700, \$1,500. Line 3140, \$900. Line 3410, \$1,000. Line 4220, \$1,000 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? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

2600	Office Supplies	\$1,500.00
2700	Other Supplies	\$1,500.00
3140	Telephone	\$900.00
3410	Printing	\$1,000.00
4220	Office Machines	\$1,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**ELECTION OFFICE**

Councilmember Raben: Page 69, Election Office. Line 2600, zero. Line 3410, zero. Line 3420, zero. Line 3610, zero and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

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

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

2600	Office Supplies	\$0.00
3410	Printing	\$0.00
3420	Legal Advertising	\$0.00
3610	Legal Services	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**VOTERS REGISTRATION**

President Wortman: Okay Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Page 71, Voters Registration. Line 1990, zero 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 it. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
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**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

**COUNTY CO-OP EXTENSION**

President Wortman: Okay Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 73, County Co-Op Extension. Line 2600, \$5,000. Line 2620, \$300. Line 3130, \$6,000. Line 3200, \$4,000. Line 3370, \$3,300. Line 3910, \$7,000 and I'll 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? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

2600	Office Supplies	\$5,000.00
2620	Educational Material	\$300.00
3130	Travel / Mileage	\$6,000.00
3200	Utilities	\$4,000.00
3370	Comp.(Data Management)	\$3,300.00
3910	Vand. Youth Program	\$7,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**AREA PLAN**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 76, Area Plan. Line 3130, \$1,500. Line 3311, zero. Page 77, line 3610, \$60,000. Line 4250, \$5,000 and make that in the form of a motion.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3130	Travel / Mileage	\$1,500.00
3311	GIS/Equipment & Training	\$0.00
3610	Legal Services	\$60,000.00
4250	Miscellaneous Equipment	\$5,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

President Wortman: Okay Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 81 starts the County Commissioners. Line 1260-1300, the correct figure is \$26,900. Page 82, line 3040, \$8,000. Page 83, line 3100, the correct figure is \$143,306. Line 3210, the correct figure is \$88,679. Page 84, line 3500, the correct figure is \$32,639. Page 85, line 3610, \$100,000. Line 3750, \$87,701. Line 3850, \$348,614. Line 3860, \$797,138. Page 86, line 3890, \$577,163. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: I got a second from Mrs. Smith. No discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question.

President Wortman: Yes sir.

Councilmember Hoy: Line 3040, what was the figure on that one?

Councilmember Raben: That's \$8,000.

Councilmember Hoy: That's fine, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay—

President Wortman: Wait a minute we've got to vote. Any discussion? Now we've got to vote. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1260-1300	Water Quality Specialist	\$26,900.00
3040	Soil & Water	\$8,000.00
3100	Animal Control	\$143,306.00
3210	Emergency Management	\$88,679.00
3500	Human Relations	\$32,639.00
3610	Legal Services	\$100,000.00
3750	Purchasing Dept.	\$87,701.00
3850	Building Commission	\$348,614.00
3860	Contractual Computer	\$797,138.00
3890	Central Dispatch	\$577,163.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION**

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Page 90, line 3945, zero. Then, everyone has a separate sheet with the lines for all the accounts for the Public Defenders Office. All the salary lines, the FICA, PERF, Insurance, Office Supplies, Training, Office Furniture. I would like to move that this be entered into the minutes and would make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, I've got a motion and a second on the Public Defender. That's the document you've got in front of you that lists all the probation and public defenders and the money requested and then the account numbers.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Counsel, that is okay to do that, correct?

Jeff Ahlers: Just to put it in the minutes, sure. Just make sure that it's noted in the record. The auditor will note that that's an appendix to and in place of the current, of what is in the book, those line items.

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

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question. This came up earlier. Should those jobs also go through Job Study? I don't know, I raised the question. Should we recommend that those go through Job Study since they're new, some of them? Or do we need to do that? We don't need to vote on that today, it's just a...I think we need to—

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, they have their license and they've passed the bar exam. I don't know what the Job Study could help them with.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, certain positions in there are not, they're not lawyers.

Councilmember Smith: There's a few, yeah. The attorneys, I don't think they would have to.

Councilmember Hoy: The positions that are not lawyers...I just think that it's something that we should have in the record just in case because we do try to stick by that Job Study.

President Wortman: I think for the due process, if we do that, according to Mr. Hoy, if we did that, then it's legal and has run through the process.

Councilmember Smith: Are you talking about the attorneys too?

President Wortman: Yeah, the whole works.

Sandie Deig: No.

President Wortman: No?

Jeff Ahlers: The attorneys are exempt. It would just be the staff positions that are being added that would need to go through Job Study.

President Wortman: Is that what you meant, Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah. I know the attorneys are exempt but the other positions are not.

Councilmember Raben: That really only pertains to about four positions.

President Wortman: You understand that then, the staff members? Okay, anything else, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3945	Public Defender Comm.	\$0.00
1303-1620-1303	Chief Public Defender	\$85,000.00
1303-1630-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1303-1640-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1303-1650-1303	Public Defender	\$23,734.00
1303-1660-1303	Public Defender	\$23,734.00
1303-1661-1303	Public Defender	\$23,734.00
1303-1670-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1303-1700-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1303-1730-1303	Public Defender	\$23,734.00
1303-1850-1303	Public Defender	\$23,734.00
1303-1860-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1303-1160-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1303-1170-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1303-1180-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1303-1200-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1303-1290-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1303-1610-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1303-1680-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1303-1690-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1303-1710-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1303-1720-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1303-1740-1303	Public Defender	\$33,161.00
1303-1750-1303	Secretary	\$24,109.00

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1303-1760-1303	Secretary	\$24,109.00
1303-1770-1303	Paralegal	\$25,000.00
1303-1780-1303	Paralegal	\$25,000.00
1303-1790-1303	Investigative	\$25,000.00
1303-1800-1303	Investigative	\$25,000.00
1303-1900	FICA	\$67,555.00
1303-1910	PERF	\$46,364.00
1303-1920	Insurance	\$238,163.00
1303-2600	Office Supplies	\$8,000.00
1303-3310	Training	\$5,000.00
1303-3410	Printing	\$5,000.00
1303-3600	Rent	\$30,000.00
1303-3946	Pauper Appeals	\$25,000.00
1303-3943	Pauper Express	\$30,000.00
1303-3947	Pauper Transcripts	\$60,000.00
1303-4210	Office Furniture	\$6,000.00
1303-4220	Office Machines	\$8,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS**

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 91, Superintendent of County Buildings. Line 4120, \$5,000 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? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

4120	Buildings	\$5,000.00
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**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

### ***CIRCUIT COURT***

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 93, Circuit Court. Line 1160-1360, 1170-1360, 1180-1360, 1190-1360, 1200-1360 be set in at zero. Line 1290-1360, zero. Line 1380, zero. Line 1610-1360, zero. Page 95, line 1990, \$10,000 and I make that...no excuse me, we've got more. Page 96, line 3943, zero. Line 3944, zero. Line 4220, \$15,000 and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second from Mrs. Smith. Any discussion on Circuit Court? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1160-1360	Public Defender	\$0.00
1170-1360	Public Defender	\$0.00
1180-1360	Public Defender	\$0.00
1190-1360	Public Defender Secretary	\$0.00
1200-1360	Public Defender	\$0.00
1290-1360	Public Defender	\$0.00
1380	Pauper Compensation	\$0.00
1610-1360	Public Defender	\$0.00
1990	Extra Help	\$10,000.00
3943	Pauper Expense	\$0.00
3944	Special Reporter	\$0.00
4220	Office Machines	\$15,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**SHERIFF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 97, Sheriff Community Corrections. Line 1110-1361, that line should be deleted. The very first line, 1110-1361. Delete that line. Turn to page 99. 1620-1361, zero. Line 1750, \$25,000. Line 1850, 40,000. Page 100, 1980, \$4,000. 2260, \$200,000. 2600, \$5,000. 3310, \$6,000. Page 101, line 4230, zero. Line 4250, zero and 4290, zero and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: I got a second from Mr. Sutton. Any discussion on—

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. Chairman, line 1630 on our salary ordinance the title salary position changes, there's no salary listed there. Do we need to read that in, the correct figure, the Medical Educator?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, we can do that. 1630-1361, I will amend my motion to read line 1630-1361, Nurse EMT, set in at the figure listed which is \$35,738.

Councilmember Sutton: I'll accept that.

President Wortman: You'll accept that amendment, Mr Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Wortman: Okay.

Jeff Ahlers: That's in place of the Medical Director, to make the record clear.

Councilmember Winnecke: Medical Educator.



President Wortman: Are we talking about 1620-1361?

Councilmember Raben: No we're talking about 1630-1361.

President Wortman: Okay.

Jeff Ahlers: Which is currently listed as Medical Director—

Councilmember Smith: Medical Educator is what it has on there.

Jeff Ahlers: Medical Educator. You're changing that, the job description to be Nurse EMT, is that right?

Councilmember Sutton: I thought he said a paramedic?

Sandie Deig: No.

Councilmember Raben: So, we're not changing the name on it?

Sandie Deig: No.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, just the line stays as stated.

President Wortman: Okay, we're all clear on that now? Okay, everybody is clear? Okay, go ahead Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, we have a motion.

President Wortman: You completed page 100?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I've already made the motion.

President Wortman: You've got all that. Then we've got a motion and a second from Mr. Sutton. No 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1110-1361	Director / Court Services	Delete
1620-1361	Correction Supervisor	\$0.00
1630-1361	Medical Educator	\$35,738.00
1750	Clothing Allowance	\$25,000.00
1850	Union Overtime	\$40,000.00
1980	Other Pay	\$4,000.00
2260	Food	\$200,000.00
2600	Office Supplies	\$5,000.00
3310	Training	\$6,000.00
4230	Motor Vehicles	\$0.00
4250	Miscellaneous Equipment	\$0.00
4290	Vehicle Equipment	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**SUPERIOR COURT**

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Superior Court. Turn to page 105. Line 1630-1370, 1640-1370, 1650-1370, 1660-1370, 1661-1370, 1670-1370, 1700-1370, page 106, 1730-1370 all to be set in at zero. Line 1803-1370, \$5,400. Page 107, 1850-1370, zero. 1860-1370, zero. Line 2600, \$20,000. Page 108, line 3310, \$3,000. Line 3520, \$10,000. Page 109, line 3940, zero. Line 3943, zero. Line 3944, zero. Line 3980, \$8,500 and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

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

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1630-1370	Public Defender	\$0.00
1640-1370	Public Defender	\$0.00
1650-1370	Public Defender / MT	\$0.00
1660-1370	Public Defender / MT	\$0.00
1661-1370	Public Defender	\$0.00
1670-1370	Public Defender	\$0.00
1700-1370	Public Defender	\$0.00
1730-1370	Public Defender	\$0.00
1803-1370	Legal Trans / Pauper	\$5,400.00
1850-1370	Public Defender	\$0.00
1860-1370	Public Defender / Juvenile	\$0.00
2600	Office Supplies	\$20,000.00
3310	Training	\$3,000.00
3520	Equipment Repair	\$10,000.00
3940	Pub. Defen. Secretarial Ex	\$0.00
3943	Pauper Expense	\$0.00
3944	Special Reporter	\$0.00
3980	Trans Child & Misc.	\$8,500.00

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

### ***THE CENTRE***

Councilmember Raben: Turn to page 112, the Centre. At the top, 1120-1440, delete this line. Line 1300-1440, zero. Line 1530-1440, \$3,000. Line 1850, \$35,000 and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: I got a second from Mr. Winnecke. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1120-1440	Assistant Manager	Delete
1300-1440	Overtime	\$0.00
1530-1440	Shift Differential	\$3,000.00
1850	Union Overtime	\$35,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**BURDETTE PARK**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 115, Burdette Park. Line 1130-1450, 1140-1450, 1150-1450, 1160-1450, 1170-1450 and 1171-1450 be set in at zero. Line 1180-1450 should read \$433,500. Line 1190-1450, \$45,000. Page 116, 2210, \$7,000. Line 2230, \$2,500. Line 2310, \$8,000. Line 2550, \$4,000. Page 117, line 3200, \$100,000. Line 3440, \$1,000. Page 118, Line 4080, zero. Line 4120, \$20,000 and line 4230, zero 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 it. Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

1130-1450	Pool Manager	\$0.00
1140-1450	Asst. Pool Manager	\$0.00
1150-1450	Pool Head Guard	\$0.00
1160-1450	Pool Head Guard	\$0.00
1170-1450	Pool Head Guard	\$0.00
1171-1450	Pool Head Guard	\$0.00
1180-1450	Other Employees	\$433,500.00
1190-1450	Security	\$45,000.00
2210	Gas & Oil	\$7,000.00
2230	Garage & Motor	\$2,500.00
2310	Laundry & Cleaning	\$8,000.00
2550	Sand & Gravel	\$4,000.00
3200	Utilities	\$100,000.00
3440	Advertising	\$1,000.00
4080	Pool Improvements	\$0.00
4120	Buildings	\$20,000.00
4230	Motor Vehicles	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY HIGHWAY

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, County Highway. The only cut in this budget is on page 130 and that's line 3630. The amount should read \$55,000 and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton seconded it, okay. Any discussion? Okay, the state set

this figure in so we had to put it in. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3630	Equipment Lease / Rental	\$55,000.00
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**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**

### ***COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT***

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, County Health Department. Turn to page 145. Account 3510, \$75,000. Line 3600, \$250,000. Line 3930, \$30,000 and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mrs. Smith. Any discussion? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3510	Other Operating	\$75,000.00
3600	Rent	\$250,000.00
3930	Other Contractual	\$30,000.00

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

### ***AIRPORT AUTHORITY***

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben.

President Wortman: Okay, Airport Authority, page 148. Line 3140, \$125,000 and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Winnecke seconded it. Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3140	Telephone	\$125,000.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**LOCAL ROADS AND STREETS**

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 149, Local Roads and Streets. Line 3481 should read \$148,756 and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton seconded it. Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

3481	Traffic Department	\$148,756.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President at this time that pretty much will conclude all the corrections that need to be listed. So we would move to item eight. Let me double



check something, just one moment.

President Wortman: Excuse me. Go ahead and look, Mr. Raben, we're going to change tapes again.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

#### **TAPE CHANGE**

<b>APPROVAL OF 2000, 3000, 4000 ACCOUNTS FOR ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS FOR THE 2001 BUDGET</b>
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Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, at this time I would move that the 2000, 3000, 4000 accounts of the 2001 budget be adopted as previously approved for the following, and I'm going to list all the accounts, so here goes: Airport Authority, Area Plan, Armstrong Assessor and Reassessment, County Assessor, excuse me. The Assessor and Reassessment, the Auditor's Office and Reassessment, Bond Issue, Burdette Park, Center Assessor, Center Assessor Reassessment, Circuit Court, Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, Clerk, Clerk IV-D, Sheriff Community Corrections, Convention Center Operation Fund, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Cooperative Extension, Coroner, County Commissioners, County Commissioners CCD Fund, County Council, Cum Bridge, Drainage Board, Drug and Alcohol Deferral, Election Office, Family and Children, German Assessor, German Reassessment, Health Department, Highway, Jail, Knight Assessor, 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, Perry Assessor Reassessment, Pigeon Assessor, Pigeon Assessor Reassessment, Property Tax Adjustment Board of Appeals, Property Tax Adjustment Board of Appeals Reassessment, Prosecutor, Prosecutor IV-D, Prosecutor Fee Check Recovery, Prosecutor Drug Law Enforcement, Prosecutor Victims and Witness Assistance Program, Prosecutor Stop Domestic Violence, Prosecutor Adult Protective Services, Prosecutor Pretrial Diversion, Public Defender Commission, Recorder's Office, Riverboat, Scott Assessor, Scott Assessor Reassessment, Sheriff, Sheriff Misdemeanor Housing, Sheriff VCCC Misdemeanor Offender, Superior Court, Superior Court Supplemental Adult Probation, Superintendent of County Buildings, Surveyor, Surveyor Maps, Surveyor Corner Perpetuation, The Centre, Tourism Capital Improvement, Treasurer, Union Assessor, Union Assessor Reassessment, Veterans Administration, Voter Registration, Weights and Measures, County Welfare, and 911 Emergency. Our secretary, there was some conversation prior to me beginning this motion, stated that in our salary ordinance, we did not state that the Coroner's office part time personnel would be paid at the rate of \$8.00 per hour.

Councilmember Smith: We did?

Councilmember Raben: We did not.

Councilmember Smith: We didn't.

Councilmember Raben: So I would also like to include that in this motion.

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

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second, Ms. Smith. Any discussion on that? Okay, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

<b>APPROVAL OF AMENDED INSURANCE DATA</b>
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President Wortman: All right, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President. All Councilmembers have been given the final insurance data. I would move that the County Council approve the 2001 Insurance budget as listed and ask...yes, everyone was given a copy of it, so I would make this in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy, second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: The Insurance items, I guess, as we see it presented before us reflects approximately \$5,000, excuse me, a \$540,000 increase over the 2000—what we budgeted in the year 2000. So in 2001, we should see a \$540,000 increase.

Councilmember Raben: That's based on 15 percent over what was appropriated for 2000. That should cover us if there is anyone who bails out of Welborn and would possibly go to one of the other carriers. We should be covered.

President Wortman: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

<b>APPROVAL OF COUNTY TAX RATE</b>
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President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben. County Tax Rate.

Councilmember Raben: I move that the County Council set a County Tax Rate as deemed appropriate by the Indiana State Tax Commissioners following their review of our budget. I make that in form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Ms. Smith, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

<b>APPROVAL OF CUMULATIVE BRIDGE TAX RATE</b>
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President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben, Cumulative Bridge Tax Rate.

Councilmember Raben: That really should have been included with the prior motion.

President Wortman: Want to mention what the .15 cents. I think it's 15 cents as it's been in the past. We haven't changed it.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. We'll maintain the same levy of 15 cents. I would make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Okay, make that in form of a motion. Mr. Hoy seconded it. Any discussion? Call the roll, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: What was that levy one more time?

Councilmember Raben: Fifteen cents.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

President Wortman: Okay, any new business to come before this Council this day?

Councilmember Raben: No, sir, Mr. President, but I would like to state before we adjourn

that with the cuts that have been made today, the figure I have is not correct because we did let an employee slip by today that I hadn't anticipated. With these cuts, we should be at about \$2,450,000. Mr. President, I would also like to state that it's been a pleasure working with everyone this year, and I think everything went smooth. One thing that I'm quite pleased with is a lot of the budgets are fully funded. A lot of the historically large accounts that we've re-appropriated money in two or three times a year, we pretty well funded with what they requested this year, so I think we have a very workable budget. (Inaudible.)

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, Mr. President, I'd kind of like to second that. I think the beauty of this whole budget process is that in 2001, the county will have some additional positions in place that we maybe had anticipated that we wouldn't be able to do but were able to fund. Most importantly, like I say, is that the county offices will be fully operational in terms of staffing and that the challenges that are kind of before us for county, we've done an excellent job in preparing the county to meet those challenges without a tax increase. That's a great thing. Even though we have a significant increase on the Insurance side, and we been all bemoaning that big increase, I think we are seeing some significant progress on this budget.

President Wortman: Okay, Councilmembers, thank you. Everybody cooperated, I think. Everybody's got a smile on their face. Everybody's happy, and I like to see everybody leave that way. I'll entertain a motion for adjournment this day? Mr. Hoy. Do I have a second anybody? Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: All those in favor say aye. Aye's have it. Meeting's adjourned.

**(Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.)**

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Curt Wortman

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Vice President Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Phil Hoy

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Councilmember Lloyd Winnecke

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 4, 2000**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2000 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m. by County Council President Curt Wortman.

President Wortman: The Vanderburgh County Council is finally in session here October the 4<sup>th</sup> quite a bit later but anyway, I'll have the opening of the meeting, of course, and the attendance and roll call, please.

(Roll call taken by Teri Lukeman)

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

President Wortman: Now we'll all stand and pledge allegiance to the flag please.

(Pledge of allegiance was given.)

<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES SEPTEMBER 6, 2000 FINAL BUDGET HEARING SEPTEMBER 6, 2000 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING</b>
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President Wortman: Okay, we'll have to make up for a little lost time here, so now then, number four, approval of the minutes September the 6<sup>th</sup>, 2000 regular meeting and I want approval at the same time on the budget minutes. So I'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

Now then, before we get into the appropriation ordinance, we're going to take Judge Trockman for a few minutes here. He's going to do an explanation. Oh, excuse me, Mr. Hoy would like to say something first.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, you know, I think we ought to celebrate the achievement of one of our members. Mr. Sutton was in the paper today with a promotion and I want to congratulate him and I think we all join in that.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you, Councilman Hoy. I appreciate that and the rest of you.

<b>CREATION OF DAY REPORTING GRANT PROGRAM</b>
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President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Mr. Sutton. Okay now, Judge Trockman, would you please step forward and he's going to explain the system here.

Wayne Trockman: I don't know about that but thank you for having me and thank you to the job study that met on very short notice. A quick capsule of what I have done is that a grant application was submitted into the Indiana Department of Corrections to start a new probation service for lack of a longer explanation and it's going to be a day reporting program. The Department of Corrections has agreed to fund all components of the program except for one employee and that is going to be paid for at least initially through some separate funds, no request from the county is being made at this time for any funds, salaries or any other administrative costs. But I did ask and took through job review just a few moments ago the three positions that will be paid by the county, two of which by the Department of Corrections funds, one of which through separate funds, local funding, and I explained to job study that that third position that will be paid for with local funding, at some point I may need to come to the county and ask for some assistance in keeping that employee in place but not immediately. And I've looked for and I've received private sources of funding on that position. But the three positions which were approved by job study at a meeting at 3:00 today are an unclassified position for the director of the program, an administrative assistant, those two positions will be paid for completely by the Department of Corrections and that is salary, benefits and all other components of their package. And then the third position that was approved by or recommended at least by job study today was a day reporting officer and that is the one employee that will be paid for through local funds. And so requesting approval by Council for the creation of these three positions, the executive director, the director of the program, an administrative assistant and the day reporting officer, the first two positions will be paid for 100% by the Department of Corrections grant and the third position will be paid for at least during the first year through private sources of funding.

President Wortman: Have we got any questions for Judge Trockman?



Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, we decided, Judge, right, on that administrative assistant be titled Administrative Aide?

Wayne Trockman: Yes, Administrative Aide.

President Wortman: That's number two, administrative instead of assistant, it will be Administrative Aide on that. Thank you, Mr. Bassemier. Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Judge, who would the executive director report to?

Wayne Trockman: To the Superior Court judges.

President Wortman: Okay, and then also the ones that wasn't at the meeting, there's going to be some user fees coming back into the county according to the Judge and so evidently you've got to give him a chance to get started here and if we don't have any more questions, why I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, we're not going to take a motion on this at this time. This will become part of our Salary Ordinance amendments.

President Wortman: Oh, okay. So we should...

Councilmember Raben: If I understand that correctly.

President Wortman: Should we have a motion on that?

Jeff Ahlers: Then take it all at once then?

Councilmember Raben: Well right, because again, we're not voting on any particular line item, just the concept and idea which you'll pick up in your Salary Ordinance amendments.

President Wortman: But see, he wanted it to be effective pretty soon, though.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, what he first has to do, he has to make for sure that the grant monies are in place before he hires them anyway. We can't pay them until the grant money –

President Wortman: The money is not in place then.

Wayne Trockman: The money has not been received yet. What I thought that I would do and I haven't received any assurance that the money is going to be received tomorrow or next week is to find out when the money is going to be in place and that's when I'd like to make a commitment at least to the director that I want to hire, would be a starting date. Now I am looking for November 1 and I think that that's realistic as long as that will work so far as the Council is concerned if the money is received.

President Wortman: Okay, now remember, you've got to file this October the 13<sup>th</sup>, I believe. You need to file that for November to be effective, Judge, so make sure that when you get the money be sure to do it, so it's effective November, we can vote on it, see.

Wayne Trockman: Alright, and do you have a set time for that meeting or does that meeting take place after this is filed?

President Wortman: Well, you'll file it but our next meeting is in November unless we call a special meeting prior to – on Personnel & Finance –

Councilmember Raben: Well, Mr. President, first, when did you plan to start these people?

Wayne Trockman: I was hoping to hire the director on November 1.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so we'll vote on it the first Wednesday of November, so we'll still be alright. The money will be in place for payroll. So all we're going to do today is approve the Salary Ordinance, then we'll vote on setting the money in place and salary lines November...the first week in November.

Wayne Trockman: Or, could you vote on it subject to the grant money being received?

President Wortman: We could get a show of hands of support, I guess. Would that be out of line there?

Councilmember Sutton: We'd have to have all the money in place before we could do that.

Councilmember Raben: Right, plus the fact, Mr. President, we have to have line items in place and, Judge, I don't think we're actually that far along. You don't have assigned line items for these employees or anything yet probably, do you? Won't he, he'll have to have all that, I mean, we can't vote for anything basically today other than approving the idea and we do that with our Salary Ordinance.

President Wortman: Okay, that's fine.

Councilmember Smith: I think it's the consensus of the job study and most of us are on the job study, I mean, we all approved it if that's what he needs, because I don't think there will be any of us voting against it, but until it's all set up we can't vote on it. But I think from the feel that you got at the job study, we voted in there and the majority of us voted for it.

Wayne Trockman: I don't anticipate any problems and we'll get it all together and bring it to you at your first meeting in November.

President Wortman: That will be fine. Okay. Thank you, Judge.

Wayne Trockman: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Yeah, appreciate your presentation.

<b>APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE</b>
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## **AUDITOR**

President Wortman: Now we'll get right on in the appropriations and the County Auditor will be the first one. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'll move approval of 1020-3370 and 1020-3550 in the amount of \$23,100.

Councilmember Sutton: Second the motion.

President Wortman: Got a second. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1020-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	22,100.00	22,100.00
1020-3550	Repair to Bldgs/Grounds	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total		23,100.00	23,100.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF (TWO REQUESTS)

President Wortman: Okay Sheriff, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, line 1050-3370, 1050-4230, 1050-4250, 1050-4290 for a total request of \$300,000. I'll move approval.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	10,000.00	10,000.00
1050-4230	Motor Vehicles	240,000.00	240,000.00
1050-4250	Misc. Equipment	20,000.00	20,000.00
1050-4290	Vehicle Equipment	30,000.00	30,000.00
Total		300,000.00	300,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Okay, now the Sheriff again.

Councilmember Raben: Okay line 1050-2210 in the amount of \$42,000. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-2210	Gas & Oil	42,000.00	42,000.00
Total		42,000.00	42,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL (TWO REQUESTS)

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben, next.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, line 1051-2200 Jail Expense in the amount of \$14,000. I'll move approval.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-2200	Jail Expense	14,000.00	14,000.00
Total		14,000.00	14,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Now then, we'll go to the County Coroner, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: We've got the 1051-2260 Jail/Food in the amount of \$72,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Smith: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-2260	Food	72,000.00	72,000.00
Total		72,000.00	72,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**CORONER**

President Wortman: Now, Mr. Raben, County Assessor, page two.

Councilmember Raben: Uh, County Coroner, 1070-3650, \$27,000; 1070-3640 \$5,000 for a total of \$32,000.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1070-3650	Autopsy	27,000.00	27,000.00
1070-3640	Diagnostic Studies	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total		32,000.00	32,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY ASSESSOR (TWO REQUESTS)  
PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS

President Wortman: Now then, go to page two, County Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 1090-3530 Contractual Services in the amount of \$4,000. I 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR	REQUESTED	APPROVED
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1090-3530	Contractual Services	4,000.00	4,000.00
Total		4,000.00	4,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: County Assessor again.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I am going to go ahead and take the Property Tax Assessment with this as well: 1090-3370 in the amount of \$3,500; 1090-3372 in the amount of \$7,100 for a total of \$10,600. And account 1091-3370 Computers in the amount of \$3,000. I'll move approval.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Wortman: Second Mr. Winnecke. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1090-3370	Computers (Data Mgmt)	3,500.00	3,500.00
1090-3372	Computer Software	7,100.00	7,100.00
Total		10,600.00	10,600.00

PROPERTY TAX ASSESS. BOARD OF APPEALS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1091-3370	Computers (Data Mgmt)	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total		3,000.00	3,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)



President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben.

**KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Knight Township Assessor account 1130-3370 Computers in the amount of \$5,000. I'll move approval.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1130-3370	Computers (Data Mgmt)	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total		5,000.00	5,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE**

President Wortman: Okay, now Cooperative Extension.

Councilmember Raben: Okay 1230-1920 Insurance in the amount of \$5,082. I'll move approval.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1230-1920	Insurance	5,082.00	5,082.00
Total		5,082.00	5,082.00

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

#### **AREA PLAN COMMISSION**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 1240-3311 GIS/Equipment & Training in the amount of \$41,000. I'll move approval.

President Wortman: Do I got a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Wortman: Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I am going to vote yes for this but I asked them to bring us a figure so that we know exactly what it's going to cost us or approximately what it's going to cost us because today it's around \$199,000 more when they've already had \$900,000 appropriated.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Are we going to do something with this map out here? Is anybody going to talk about that? Nobody is going...okay.

Barbara Cunningham: Cheryl is.

Councilmember Sutton: I know it's voting time, but it's been sitting here, you know...

President Wortman: Okay, before we vote on it then, let's let the representatives there –

Cheryl Musgrave: Cheryl Musgrave, County Assessor.

Councilmember Sutton: That's not you guys? You guys not –

Barbara Cunningham: We're going to be doing some work on it. We're going to be working on it.

Councilmember Hoy: It belongs to a lot of people.

Councilmember Sutton: Well let me just go ahead and – 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1240-3311	GIS/Equipment & Training	41,000.00	41,000.00
Total		41,000.00	41,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (TWO REQUESTS)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, County Commissioners account 1300-3050 Patient/Inmate \$540,000. I'll move approval.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3050	Patient/Inmate Care	540,000.00	540,000.00
Total		540,000.00	540,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Okay, now then, County Commissioners.

Councilmember Raben: 1300-3314 GIS/Contractual Services \$101,000. I'll move approval.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

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

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Sutton there.

Councilmember Sutton: Me?

President Wortman: Discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Oh, I am sorry. I was in two different conversations here. I'm sorry. Let's try it again.

President Wortman: Okay. Yeah, the discussion. The only thing, my comment is that all this money on GIS, I think one thing that on receiving revenue, we're going to have to charge the private sector. I am definitely in favor of that and then I'd like to have a report monthly, quarterly, to see how this is progressing so that the County Council knows and everybody else, how we're doing so we're just not throwing money there and it's not going to work. And I think that should be taken very seriously. Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I think it would be very beneficial for us if we did take the time to have the discussion you just suggested as to who – the people we may charge, the people we may not charge or how we're going to handle that. I'm very interested in as much accessibility as we can get but on the other hand, I think some of this is going to be extremely beneficial to a community of business people, etc., who could maybe help fund this. I don't want to make a decision on it until we discuss it and I agree with you on holding that in this forum. Thank you.

President Wortman: Yeah, I think the little old lady down the street wouldn't have any benefit on this, you know, but the people that use it, developers, real estate, all these other business people, then I think they'd be agreeable to pay. Now you heard Bill Jeffers from the Surveyor's Office state that, how they can charge and they don't bat an eye, see. So I think we should consider that especially the representative here, and what's involved in this GIS. Any other discussion?

Councilmember Winnecke: I would just have a question of Cheryl and Roger. What is the status of the gentleman you brought in last week?

Roger Lehman: Roger Lehman, Building Commissioner and Chairman of the GIS Technical Subcommittee. He is bringing his wife this weekend and are looking for a house, so we take that as a very good sign and we believe that with his help, that we can answer all the questions and also that when we come back to Council next year for 2002 budget requests, that we will have some palatable ideas on funding and revenue sources that we don't have right now and we can't have until we get the product. So my commitment to you is that if you approve this today, that when we come back to Council in 2001, we'll come back with something that is acceptable to you all as far as funding methods up to and including charging for certain portions if necessary. But something that will be acceptable. We've got to get the product before we can come to really that conclusion.

President Wortman: You know, I was thinking, how much money is going to be spent 'til we get to the end of this before it levels off? Are we talking maybe five, six million dollars?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, we are.

Roger Lehman: I think the total, and if you include what the city has spent, some eight hundred and some odd thousand is at the – if this appropriation is approved, will be about two and a half million including what you see before you for the Assessor's transfers and all the other issues, too. The large expenditures will, that is the last of the large expenditures, okay. That is the last of the big projects. Everything else is going to be \$50,000 - \$100,000 items that will be looked at individually, we assume, when they come up.

Councilmember Smith: Bill Jeffers said that Area Plan and the Surveyor is the only one that can sell maps.

Roger Lehman: Certified maps, that correct.

Councilmember Smith: Certified maps and that is basically what this is, too.

Roger Lehman: No, this isn't going to be certified. When it's on the Internet it will be a disclaimer at the very beginning of the program saying that this is not an official document to be used for legal purposes and that is normal.

Councilmember Smith: But your developers and your realtors are the ones that are going to use it. Like you said, the little old lady down the street doesn't have any use for it and is not interested in it.

President Wortman: Do you have any knowledge of any other counties charging for these in the business line?

Roger Lehman: They're, we've had some conversations with some counties. Some have charged and quit doing it because it was costing them more to man the bureaucracy of the charging for it than they were getting in for it, so it was not practical. But again, I think in our locale with the people that we have using it, that we will come back with something that will be palatable to the Council but we need to have the product before we can have anything that's salable.

President Wortman: Well, I know the taxpayers paid for this and I think they should have

something in return to a certain extent.

Roger Lehman: Right, and again, looking out into the crystal ball a little bit, what we'd like to do probably is have some basic information available on the Internet for no charge and have the more detailed at some level to be looked at. Again, with the product and without our guy that's going to lay this all out, like I said, if you can trust us – we're from the government – trust us until next year at budget time, we'll come forward with something that we think you all will be –

President Wortman: That's what I said last week, have faith in your department head.

Roger Lehman: And I appreciated that a lot.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, that's why I agreed with you about this discussion. I think that's something we need to have down the road and this may sound tacky but I sure hope the guy buys a house in Vanderburgh County so he helps pay for this. I know we can't require that but I am one of those officeholders that's bothered by people living outside the county and getting county wages.

Cheryl Musgrave: We've gone further than that, Phil. We're kind of insisting that he live on the west side because we think it's the best side.

President Wortman: Mr. Winnecke, do you want to say something?

Councilmember Hoy: I live on the west side. If you look at a map of the city and put a point in the middle of it, downtown is on the west side.

Cheryl Musgrave: We've thought about that and we're pretty insistent on it as well.

Roger Lehman: We're taking him to the Fall Festival Saturday night so we'll get him.

Councilmember Raben: Curt, just one trip out west and he'll want to stay.

President Wortman: Ed Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Lehman, did you tell, I heard this little old lady, now she might not know what she is getting, but would you explain how it could help this little old lady that don't know what she's getting? If we've got a problem, why this can be helpful to her.

Roger Lehman: Yeah, let me have Cheryl take a –

Councilmember Bassemier: – especially when you've got problems underground and zoning and, I mean, –

Cheryl Musgrave: Well, the little old lady is one of the people who pay the taxes and she might not log on to the Internet to look at this, but that little old lady is surely the lady who is paying the bill that pays the people like me and my staff, Roger's staff, the township staff, to answer the developer's questions. So the cheaper we can answer the developer's questions, the less that little old lady has to pay in taxes because it's not ordinary taxpayers who use the building and use the resources and use the people here the most. They're professional users who use this building the most and we have to deliver the services that they require in the most cost effective manner possible and this is the most cost effective manner possible because we've transferred all the energy and work necessary to answer their question to them. They have to do the work, they have to do the research and it frees up the staff here for the little old lady when she does call, and they do call, but just not in the volume or with the demand that the business users use this product for.

Councilmember Hoy: We have a 70 year old lady at Tri-State Food Bank who is still working full-time who knows exactly how to trace anything on a computer so I think we

should be non-sexist here and include the little old man. And Mr. Raben wants to know their names.

Councilmember Bassemier: I am kind of thinking in the future of busted water lines, fire service, police service, –

Roger Lehman: Absolutely.

Councilmember Bassemier: The whole system. That's what I am thinking, how we can help the little old lady on the corner.

Roger Lehman: This will be used by the new CAD system, Computer Aided Dispatch system, the data in here will be used by them. It's universal.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, just as a matter of clarification, and you had raised the -- the initial question that you raised was how much more are we going to spend and I want to make sure my understanding is still correct. It's my understanding that all, from the county standpoint, we really needed to get through was phase II, correct? For the aerial mapping and the parcel lines and whatnot? So basically, the county is pretty much complete, right? In terms of what we need for our Assessors and Area Plan, I mean, all of our capital that needs to be spent has been spent, correct?

Roger Lehman: As far as capital goes for those projects, yes. You do have to have something to operate all that information on. That's the basic system that we're after now which will be an annual, an annual joint funded between the county and the city, and we'll have to obviously fight that battle every year and the amount of that, though, in a few years when you start realizing payback, because you don't realize payback in the first few years because we're doing everything twice. We're doing it electronically and hard copy until we get all of the electronic stuff in and then we quit doing it the hard copy way and then you realize some savings and, like I said, potentially in the long run, you have potential personnel savings because after the thing is operational for a while, then as people retire you may not need to replace them. Like when we went to computers from paperwork.

Councilmember Raben: Right, but from a county standpoint, we all understand that there is maintenance, there is operational fees, but we're pretty much through. We've got what we need, is that not correct? I know, and again, Roger, I know that police, fire, sewer, water, they'll have their own attachments that they'll want to put in place that aren't part of what we're concerned with –

Roger Lehman: Yeah, I think I know the answer to your question now and it was a good question. This is the base map for everything that will be done from here on out, the photograph and the parcel lines and the street lines is the base that everything else from here on out will be built on and it will have to be maintained and operated, but that is the end of the base map except for periodic updates when we have to re-fly the county because there has been a lot of development and building and where we fly portions of the county in two to five years again, that we'll have to come back and ask for that or be part of the operational budget. But the other projects as I see them in the near future are 50 - \$60,000 data conversions and maintenance – my department is going to be maintaining the flood map so we may have some costs to maintain that part of it but –

Councilmember Raben: So again, I am still trying to ease everybody's mind along with my own. Annually, from this point forward starting with 2000, what can we expect that the county will have to spend to maintain the GIS program? From this day forward.

Councilmember Hoy: For better, for worse.

Councilmember Raben: Right.

Roger Lehman: It's actually going to be from 2002 forward because this money has taken care of 2001.

Councilmember Raben: Right, 2002 forward.

Cheryl Musgrave: First, I want you to understand that you're switching mapping systems. You're switching from the big books that we have in the Assessor's Office and the Auditor's Office. You're switching to this format. You've been paying big bucks every year to maintain this system. Some of the money that you spent maintaining this system will be seamlessly transferred to maintaining this system. What I think you're asking is, over and above that, what can you expect?

Councilmember Raben: I mean, I think everybody here needs to know that – I heard \$5,000,000 brought up. I don't know if it was the gentleman to my left or someone in the crowd.

President Wortman: It was me.

Councilmember Raben: Or the gentleman to my right. It's my understanding that we're not looking at that. I mean, it's my understanding that the county's portion of this is more or less complete. What we need to assess properties –

Cheryl Musgrave: You will have an annual operating budget.

Councilmember Raben: Other than our annual operating budget and the few little attachments here and there, our lake is filled, correct?

Cheryl Musgrave: Your parcel lines are done, the photograph is done, there are multiple layers that we didn't have easy access or useful access to, that is done. The Assessors will be able to do their work with this map almost completely and then when the law enforcement, their little module that they're attaching to it, it will make it fully functional not only for the Assessors but for everyone else. You will have to pay the GIS service manager his salary every year. You will have to maintain the server, you will have to upgrade or replace the server every so often, you will have connectivity issues. You might run across some data you want to convert or some of these other officeholders will. But this is the framework.

Councilmember Raben: Maintenance and operations.

Roger Lehman: Right, maintenance and operation. This is the basis.

Councilmember Raben: This is pretty much all that we have to look –

Roger Lehman: I think the only thing that is ringing any bells at all is the addressing and we're hoping that's going to be dealt with through the computer aided dispatch in our conversations with them. That's the only fairly large issue that we haven't got that's just nailed down in stone. But that's the only thing. Other than that, I think we can say pretty much unequivocally that as far as startup costs and just big hits like \$600,000 and \$400,000, that stuff is done. The rest of it is going to be maintenance and we've projected from \$250,000 to \$320,000 a year. It depends on personnel and how we switch them around and all that. But that will be every year. We'll bring it up and you all will have a shot at it.

Councilmember Winnecke: Roger, I think one thing that will be really helpful for the Council, if you could bring back a list of what in your mind are the top priorities of sort of add-ons that additional departments are going to come and ask for us to fund. I think, you know, everyone is going to want their project funded and we should understand what the priorities are from the view of the technical committee.

Roger Lehman: And we think our manager, our new person we're going to hire will be able



to do just that. It's hard for us to do because we're trying to do ten jobs at once and his job will be this. And so, we can do that and I think we can bring back a prioritization and every time a request comes to Council for funding, it should have a comment on it from the GIS project guy that says either this is needed for this reason, it's a high priority, it's a medium priority, it's low priority, and –

Councilmember Winnecke: Well, I think the sooner we get a list of priorities, the easier we'll feel about the whole process. I mean, having sat through the jail commissions, there are a lot of expenditures coming up and we'd like a list of priorities. What's important and what's less important as we move forward with this project.

Roger Lehman: And we can get that to you. We're anticipating he's coming the first of December. We'll get that to you in January at the latest.

President Wortman: And I think, also, we need results and progress of what's going on because if not, I think the Council could deny funding, you know, if we're not making any progress, see.

Cheryl Musgrave: Well, let us show you some results right now. That's why this map is here and you were asking about that before. Area Plan Commission sent four staff members, the Auditor sent one and I sent one, a total of six people went to North Carolina all last week to learn how to do the mapping, to begin getting their feet wet because these are the folks who are going to be taking over the line work on the digital map. In front of you, you will see a very large printout. I think they just print continuously and my guy came along and said, oh thanks, I'll just take this home. So it's work in progress. This is the photograph. This is half of the pilot project, Lynch Road, Oak Hill is in the middle, Green River is on the far end, Hitch and Peters is down here. They have some of the parcel lines completely drawn in on here. Some are in draft and some are clearly they hadn't gotten to that little section yet. If you come down and look at this, you can see what type of information that we can expect and the format we can expect it in. I showed you, these are, they use a technical term, I call them our maps, they call them source documents. These are the source documents that the parcel lines on this map came from. These are the official county maps now. It's very instructive to come and look at these official maps and then look at the photograph and notice the things that are wildly wrong, flat out missing, impossible to understand on this map versus that map. There is a huge, huge difference here and I am just going to throw this out, I really do think that the first time any of our little old ladies or men get a look at this, they're going to change your mind about how useful it is. So before you leave, Mr. Wortman, I'd sure like for you to come over here and take a look at this.

President Wortman: I'd like to have a comment from Mr. Jeffers here on this. Can you comment please to the Council?

Bill Jeffers: Sure.

Barbara Cunningham: Mr. Wortman, while he's commenting, can I just extend an invitation to come to the Plan Commission office. Mr. Hoy said it very well at the last meeting and when I got up I forgot to tell you all, but if you want to see how we incorporate this into our maps, just give us a call and we'll set up a demonstration with Jim or drop in. He's, except usually not on Friday, but on any other day just drop in and we'd be glad to show you the things that we can do with mapping and the different things that we can do with what we have now and what we project to do. So I really encourage any and all of you to just stop by and look at, see the kinds of things that we spent your money on in the last few years.

Councilmember Sutton: Stand up, Jim, so they can see who you are.

Barbara Cunningham: Stand up, Jim.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Jeffers.

Bill Jeffers: Bill Jeffers from the Vanderburgh County Surveyor's office. The statute to which I referred last week has been changed or it has been augmented in the last few years to address the new GIS-driven map technology which require public agencies and private endowment funding in the larger cities, like Indianapolis. And so that's what I am referring to, what is going on in Indianapolis. And the agency in Indianapolis who manages and distributes GIS maps helped write the current legislation which allows the agency who disburses the maps to charge "a reasonable percentage of the disbursing agency's direct cost of maintaining, upgrading and enhancing digital maps and other requested products". With regard to the cost, the statute requires "the fee to be subject to the fiscal body of county government", and that is you guys. The fee must be waived for public agencies, non-profit agencies and activities, journalism and academic research. So we currently don't charge other public agencies, non-profit organizations, journalism or academic research now. The basis of the statutory language, specifically upgrading of digital maps, is due to development that rapidly occurs subsequent to the initial aerial photographs that you're looking at here. What they are shooting for is that these maps won't be marketable if someone comes in two years after a new development has gone in and we haven't gone out there and re-flown the area and worked that in to our digital format. So the cost of upgrading the digital maps is taken into account by the legislation. I gave your attorney a copy of reference to that legislation. The statute allows the fiscal body of government, in this case the County Council, to establish the cost of the maps to be sold and also to establish an electronic map generation fund, so you may establish a fund specifically for digital maps. And that fund is endowed by the fees that the agency selling the maps, whether it's one agency or any agency, and you can designate the agencies allowed to sell the maps, it doesn't have to be restricted to APC and the Surveyor's Office any longer. That fund is endowed by the fees that we collect from selling those maps. As I mentioned last month or last week, we have been charging five dollars for a blue line map, commonly called a blue print. For all other maps other than those given to government agencies, non-profit, schools, etc., we charge nothing for Xerox copies of portions of the maps. We're probably the only agency in this building that doesn't charge for Xerox copies and we charge nothing for a full copy of the map when the customer brings in his own blue print paper or her own blue print paper.

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

**(Tape changed)**

Bill Jeffers: We pay for that Xerox paper and the toner, etc., we pay for that out of the fees we collect at \$5.00 a copy for the blue prints. We were asked by Councilman Bassemier to compare our fees to other municipalities. Our fee of \$4.00 or \$5.00 compares to the \$4.00 charged by the City Engineer's Office, \$4.00 by the County Engineer's Office, \$4.00 by the Warrick County Engineer's Office, \$5.00 in Lake County, \$4.00 at Area Plan Commission. With regard to the \$100 fee I mentioned last week for a one square mile digital map on a floppy disk, that's what's referred to in the statute as electronically enhanced format. I have drawn quite a lot of criticism over the last week from one member of the GIS committee who wishes to distribute that free, from my opponent in my political race in a public forum, from a representative of a private development corporation, all of whom publically state that we should distribute this information free and they're entitled to that opinion. I may agree with it but at this time I am just providing information. First let me point out it cost the county for the 1990 project approximately \$1,500 per square mile to develop the digital maps that we're selling for \$100 a piece. There has been no request for digital maps except in the more actively developing sections, so there is no way we're going to recoup the \$1,500 per square mile in areas of the county where no development is going on. No one is interested. However, at \$100 a piece, we have been able to maintain a paper account and continue to provide this service. Secondly, allow me to point out that the \$100 that is commonly charged per hour for a three man survey crew working for the private developer, that is the common charge, 100 bucks an hour for a three man crew to go out. It takes about an hour of windshield time to go to and from a development site, so developers who may question our fee at this time, they're already paying \$100 for three men to eat doughnuts and drink coffee on the way to and from a work site. I don't

mean to be flippant but the digital information for which an engineering firm pays us \$100 per square mile represents about 16 days of work for a three man topographic crew. Based on 40 acres per day that a crew like that can gather the information that's on the maps we sell for \$100, they charge \$800 a day. So someone would be billed about \$12,800 for the topographic information given to them for \$100 per square mile in digital form, \$12,800. By comparison with other communities as I was asked by Mr. Bassemier, the only other Indiana community that we were able to locate in the past week that has digital maps available for their public is Indianapolis. And we called Lake County, we called other large counties that Indianapolis suggested we call: they're not up and running. Indianapolis charges four cents per acre, per layer, and a layer would be like the roads. Another layer would be the topography. Another layer would be the utility poles. Another layer would be the buildings. So they charge four cents per acre, per layer, and I have the calculation there, that what we give them, generally they use about fourteen layers, the rest of it on there is extraneous information. Six hundred forty acres in a square mile times fourteen layers times four cents is \$358.40 and Indianapolis charges \$50 an hour processing fees, so the minimum for one square mile would be \$408.40 for what they get here for \$100. I'd like to point out at this time, that's a combination of public, private and academic process up there. There is some private funding available. I've been told by several people we should be seeking private funding and joint effort by public, private and educational facilities for this project. There may be some money available that we haven't found or looked for yet. As we are encountering criticism due to some degree by self-interest and special interest, we are going to reduce our fees at this time to \$3.00 for a blue line copy of a one mile map and we're going to reduce our fee to \$50 for the digital format until further notice and we're asking the Council to work with us to establish a reasonable fee based on the statute, a copy of which I've given your lawyer or we will at your discretion abolish fees altogether if that's what you wish. If our paper fund or our map maintenance fund then becomes depleted, we can't help the city with the blue print maintenance of their machine, we will simply ask the customers to bring their own paper along, their own toner, their own ammonia until the issue can be resolved to the satisfaction of all interested parties. And then I have been faxed – Imagis is the corporation, the private corporation that manages the mapping distribution for Indianapolis and I've attached their schedule and fee and there is the layers that they can give you at four cents per acre and some other information from Marion County. And again, your attorney has the copy of the enabling legislation where you can set fees, you could establish a department, etc.

President Wortman: Okay, have we got any questions for Bill Jeffers from the Surveyor's office?

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question for anyone. So we're looking at a map here from a certain section. This is –

Bill Jeffers: That is probably two sections together there.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, a couple of sections. Now, if a developer comes along and wants to develop, there's some land there that's not covered with buildings. Then you have to get more aerial photographs, is that correct, to update this map or how do you update the map?

Bill Jeffers: (Portions inaudible because Mr. Jeffers made comments away from microphone) In 1990, this subdivision didn't exist, so on our current topographic map, Oaklyn Subdivision does not exist. And then there is a convenience store over here and then (inaudible) is now developing this, etc. So like if somebody wanted to come in and locate here, they'd want to know about these rooftops, they want to know about other things, we could send up an airplane and fly just a strip photograph of the area that a person was interested in, that we know that that's now developed and we could immediately download that information in digital form into the map and it becomes more valuable to a developer.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, then who pays for that?

Bill Jeffers: Under the legislation, what would happen is that would become an upgrading management cost and if you guys establish a department or a fund for that upgrading that cost would proportionately (inaudible) by percentage it would become a proportionate additional cost.

Councilmember Hoy: But there are some who want all of this to be free. Is that correct? Am I incorrect?

Bill Jeffers: There are some people who would like all of this to be free. However, I'd like to point out, if you have a digital map of the quality that your Assessor is attempting to produce for you, a lot of land surveying will be eliminated because this section corner right here would be available on the map within a couple of eighths of an inch of correct, and they wouldn't even have to send a crew out there at \$100 an hour to lay out a new subdivision. Their primary plat that they bring to Area Plan Commission could all be laid out in exact conformance with the land itself on a digital imaging machine in the office.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, where I am going with this question, I think you know where I am going with this and that is, I see a difference between a developer coming in to develop a multimillion dollar suburban development or shopping development or whatever and the little old man, little old lady who just simply wants to get something off –

Bill Jeffers: – didn't know where their house is as relates to the neighbors lot lines –

Councilmember Hoy: – exactly and it seems to me that this may be inapprop – and that's why I wanted the discussion. I thought we were going to do this later but here we are, well, it is later than it was a while ago.

Roger Lehman: It's getting later all the time.

Councilmember Hoy: But it seems to me that the cost for this should be borne by business.

Bill Jeffers: And that's what –

Councilmember Hoy: And that's why I am balancing that out because I am one of the strongest advocates of GIS, I think, in any, among all elected officials and we haven't talked about the value of this in terms of public safety and the Local Emergency Planning Committee and all those other uses that obviously this is going to be a real marvelous thing to have. So I am not opposed. I am just looking and saying well, maybe we need to think through who pays for this kind of thing.

Bill Jeffers: I would say that a property owner who wants to know that their garage is not overlapping their neighbor's lot line should have this information free or very cheap. But what I had a guy do to me today, he says, I am a taxpayer; here is my dollar. I am paying for this and now you're asking me to lay another dollar down to get a copy of it? That's fine for somebody here in Vanderburgh County to say to me but when somebody from Bentonville, Arkansas sends in a huge project that they propose to have (inaudible) then we can send them a copy of this for \$100, they never have to set foot in Evansville. And they've never paid a penny in tax here. I'd say it would be appropriate to have them as a developer help pay for that.

Cheryl Musgrave: May I say something?

Councilmember Hoy: That sounds like a bargain to me. I mean, to have a guy assess my house to tell my loan company that it was no longer a duplex cost me 125 bucks.

Cheryl Musgrave: Let me go over what the Assessors are building this map for. The fact that it is useful for Mr. Jeffers or for Mr. Lehman or for the Sheriff, that's just gravy in my opinion. But I have put my effort into this because it's useful for the Assessors. Now you're all aware that the Assessors are going to be going out and reassessing property fairly soon and I've listened to the State Tax Board Chairman again this week. They

expect residential properties to jump on an average about 30%. Part of my purpose in developing this map was not only so that the Assessors could do a better job, a fairer job of assessing, my hope is that when the assessment notices go out and they're called Form 11's, when the Form 11 arrives at your mailbox, your neighbor's mailbox and all the people who vote for you, their mailbox, and they see that minimum 30% increase, that they will have this resource on the Internet where they can pull it up. They can check their neighbors' homes, they can check homes that are like their home, they can check all over the county if they want to, and they can compare their assessment and perhaps, just perhaps this will minimize the tens of thousands of appeals that I expect right now. If you do what Mr. Jeffers suggests, and with all due respect what Mr. Wortman suggests, and you don't make this available to them, not only have you sent the Assessors out to reassess them, jack their taxes up by a minimum of 30% on the average, but then you're going to charge them to look at the comps one at a time. I don't think that that would be politically astute. I think that you would be harming the taxpayers. So this is one of my key goals here, making this information available to people with regard to their assessment so that they can compare.

Councilmember Hoy: I have no objection, if I may, just give me another moment. I have no objection to that and I am trying to figure out how we do that for the taxpayer but I think a person coming in to develop this land, then they ought to make some kind of contribution. Whether you could do that or not and split it that way, that would seem to me to be fair. I have no problem with the individual owner accessing this at all.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Why don't we delay this right now and finish up back there with the other people and then come back to it because they're sitting there and it's time for them to close their offices and whatever.

Roger Lehman: Could I make a quickie suggestion? If the only issue which I am hearing and I think it is, is charging the public, then if I could refer back to my other comment, that's something we need to have meetings with the private industry about and that's going to take a period of time. What I would ask is that we've got to get this thing rolling. We need this operational fee for 2001 or we're not going to have anything to talk about charging, okay. So that is a separate issue and I would like very much to have the opportunity to talk about that at length at a different forum than today. We need to notify people, let them come in and express their opinions and all that type of thing. But I would like to get this thing voted on as soon as possible.

President Wortman: I'm going to bring the little old lady along.

Roger Lehman: And that's fine. We'll be glad to have her. But we need, if we can get –

Councilmember Hoy: We do have a motion on the floor, I believe.

President Wortman: We've got a motion and a second. And the discussion is pretty well over with because I know we've got to keep moving but it was very interesting. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3314	GIS/Contractual Services	101,000.00	101,000.00
Total		101,000.00	101,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Now, Mr. Raben, continue where you left off after a long discussion.

Councilmember Hoy: Sheriff/Community Corrections.

**SHERIFF/COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS (TWO REQUESTS)**

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, 1361-3600 Rent in the amount of \$8,100. Let’s move now to the next request, 1361-4230 Motor Vehicles \$30,000, 1361-4250 in the amount of \$15,000. I’ll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second, Mr. President.

President Wortman: Okay, got a motion, got a second from 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SHERIFF/COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1361-3600	Rent	8,100.00	8,100.00
Total		8,100.00	8,100.00

SHERIFF/COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1361-4230	Motor Vehicles	30,000.00	30,000.00
1361-4250	Misc. Equipment	15,000.00	15,000.00
Total		45,000.00	45,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Superior Court: 1370-1803-1370, 1370-2600, 1370-3250, 1370-4210 for a total appropriation request of \$20,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second from Mr. Hoy. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**SUPERIOR COURT****REQUESTED****APPROVED**

1370-1803-1370	Legal/Trans/Pauper	5,000.00	5,000.00
1370-2600	Office Supplies	5,000.00	5,000.00
1370-3250	Law Books	5,000.00	5,000.00
1370-4210	Office Furniture	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total		20,000.00	20,000.00

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

**BURDETTE PARK**

Councilmember Raben: Burdette Park: 1450-1180-1450, 1450-1900, 1450-3120, 1450-3520, 1450-3550, 1450-4080, 1450-4120, and 1450-4230 for a total of \$95,300. I'll move approval.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second Mrs. Smith. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes. I just wanted to say, just to acknowledge Steve getting the report to us that I had requested last week about what the revenue picture looked like on the various revenue generating sources at the park there. The pool, as you can see in the report, we were \$12,000 below what we did in 1999. This is through September 30<sup>th</sup>. But the rentals were up \$34,300 and the day camp was up \$25,500. So a few other positives and a couple of the negatives, but the net with all of the different areas ends up being a nearly \$41,000 increase over last year. So good thing we're not solely dependent upon just the pool operations and we've got other things going on out there because it gives us an opportunity to really have a good story to tell. So keep up the good work.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Sutton and Burdette Park manager out there. Okay, Mr. Raben, have we voted on that yet?

Councilmember Raben: No, we haven't.

President Wortman: No, we've got to 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1450-1180-1450	Other Employees	30,000.00	30,000.00
1450-1900	FICA	2,300.00	2,300.00
1450-3120	Postage/Freight	500.00	500.00
1450-3520	Equipment Repair	1,500.00	1,500.00
1450-3550	Repair to Bldg & Grnds	3,000.00	3,000.00
1450-4080	Pool Improvements	16,000.00	16,000.00
1450-4120	Buildings	15,000.00	15,000.00
1450-4230	Motor Vehicles	27,000.00	27,000.00
Total		95,300.00	95,300.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COUNCIL

President Wortman: County Council, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 1480-1971, 1480-1900, -1910 and -1911 for a total request of \$28,548. I'll move approval.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-1971	Accrued Termination Pay	25,000.00	25,000.00
1480-1900	FICA	1,913.00	1,913.00
1480-1910	PERF	1,208.00	1,208.00
1480-1911	Sheriff's Retirement	427.00	427.00
Total		28,548.00	28,548.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

President Wortman: Okay, Local Roads and Streets, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 2160-3930 in the amount of \$30,000. I'll move approval.

President Wortman: Got 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2160-3930	Other Contractual	30,000.00	30,000.00
Total		30,000.00	30,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION**

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, Surveyor Corner Perpetuation Fund line 2650-3530 in the amount of \$40,000. I'll move approval.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Second Mrs. Smith. Any discussion?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President? Can we just take a show of hands in lieu of a roll call? Does that matter? We've still got a lot on this agenda.

President Wortman: Transfers, we could do that. Why don't you just finish out if you don't mind, right quick.

Councilmember Raben: Alright.

President Wortman: I'll hustle it along.

Councilmember Raben: We have a motion.

President Wortman: And a second. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2650-3530	Contractual Services	40,000.00	40,000.00
Total		40,000.00	40,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION  
SHERIFF - GENERAL FUND REPEAL  
PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEAL - GENERAL FUND REPEAL**

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Local Emergency Planning Commission 2861-3140 Telephone in the amount of \$350. Next we'll move to the repeals. Sheriff's Department 1050-1550-1050 in the amount of \$20,000. Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals 1091-1180-1091 Per Diem in the amount of \$4,000. I'll move approval on all three requests.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2861-3140	Telephone	350.00	350.00
Total		350.00	350.00

<b>GENERAL FUND REPEAL REQUESTS</b>
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SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1550-1050	Comm. Corr. Salary Adj.	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total		20,000.00	20,000.00

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1091-1180-1091	Per Diem	4,000.00	4,000.00
Total		4,000.00	4,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b>
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CLERK  
GERMAN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY HIGHWAY  
FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES  
COUNTY ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT  
PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEAL/REASSESSMENT  
PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT  
SHERIFF - LATE TRANSFER  
AIRPORT AUTHORITY - LATE TRANSFER

President Wortman: All the transfers if it is okay with the Councilmembers if Mr. Raben would take them all at once, if that is satisfactory? Fine. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President. I'll move approval of the County Clerk's request as listed, German Township Assessor, County Commissioners, County Highway, Family & Children Services, County Assessor/Reassessment, Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals/Reassessment, Pigeon Township Assessor/Reassessment, Late Transfers: the Sheriff's Department and Airport Authority all as they are listed and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Got a second?

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: And I got a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes. This is on...yes, Family & Children. John, just a question real quick. If you could come up real quick and respond to a question I've got on that.

President Wortman: Question for you, Mr. John Schroder.

Councilmember Sutton: I like to know what I am voting on. What is Preservation Services? What we're transferring out of Out of Home Placements-Institutions to Preservation Services, what does that entail?

John Schroder: Okay, John Schroder, Assistant Director of the Vanderburgh County Office of Family & Children. Preservation Services are social services either ordered by the court or recommended by some of our workers for children who are in need of services. They call them CSHCN's. They may be wards of our department and these services include counseling, a whole list of different kinds of services including some transportation to get

these kids there. Also for children who are in placement with families that have been returned to placement with their families. Under the agreement by the families through the courts that, say the parents attend some type of drug counseling or go through drug testing on a regular basis and all of these are part of the things that are required by the placement and these are what are paid from the Preservation Services account. We're looking at trying to keep the children in the household as much as possible, in the homes, and a lot of services can be provided in this manner that are less expensive than putting children in institutions and taking them out of their home.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you. John.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Schroder.

Councilmember Smith: A motion has been made.

President Wortman: Made and seconded. Alright, all those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

COUNTY CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1010-1640-1010	Bond & Fine Clerk	9,274.00	9,274.00
1010-1260-1010	Appeals & Ven. Clerk	2,200.00	2,200.00
1010-1540-1010	Abstract Clerk	1,714.00	1,714.00
1010-1180-1010	Juvenile Clerk	704.00	704.00
To: 1010-1970	Temporary Help	6,045.00	6,045.00
1010-1360-1010	Posting Clerk	1,883.00	1,883.00
1010-1390-1010	Juvenile Clerk	1,085.00	1,085.00
1010-1460-1010	Certified Mail Clerk	261.00	261.00
1010-1190-1010	Sub/Summons Clerk	3,914.00	3,914.00
1010-1380-1010	Deputy Clerk	704.00	704.00

GERMAN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1120-3540	Maintenance Contract	360.00	360.00
To: 1120-3130	Travel/Mileage	360.00	360.00

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1300-3610	Legal Services	9,000.00	9,000.00
To: 1300-3130	Travel/Mileage	4,000.00	4,000.00
1300-3760	Occu-Med	2,000.00	2,000.00
1300-1990	Extra Help	3,000.00	3,000.00

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2010-2550	Sand & Gravel	10,000.00	10,000.00
To: 2010-2560	Concrete	10,000.00	10,000.00

FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2042-32520	Out of Home Placements-Institutions	350,000.00	350,000.00
To: 2042-32540	Preservation Services	350,000.00	350,000.00

COUNTY ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2492-1090-3310	Training	6,500.00	6,500.00
To: 2492-1090-3530	Contractual Services	6,500.00	6,500.00

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS/REASSESSMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2492-1091-3310	Training	1,800.00	1,800.00
To: 2492-1091-3530	Contractual Services	1,800.00	1,800.00

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2492-1150-1130	Land Coordinator	10,820.00	10,820.00
To: 2492-1150-1990	Extra Help	10,820.00	10,820.00

LATE TRANSFER
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SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0203	Process Server	2,000.00	2,000.00
To: 1050-1540-1050	Process Server Vacation Coverage	2,000.00	2,000.00

AIRPORT AUTHORITY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2140-3530	Contractual Services	10,000.00	10,000.00
2140-2700	Other Supplies	10,000.00	10,000.00
2140-2790	Other Materials	8,000.00	8,000.00
2140-3230	Judgements/Refunds	5,000.00	5,000.00
To: 2140-3530	Contractual Services	23,000.00	23,000.00
2140-3140	Telephone	7,500.00	7,500.00
2140-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	2,500.00	2,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE
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President Wortman: Mr. Raben, we'll go to the Sheriff, Repeals - the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Yes, Mr. President, we have quite a few of those today. Superior Court, set line item 1370-1803 Legal/Transfer/Pauper in as appropriation was previously adopted in the amount of \$5,000. Burdette Park, set Other Employee salary line 1450-1180 in as previously adopted in the amount of \$30,000. County Council, set salary line 1480-1971 Accrued Termination Pay as the appropriation previously adopted for the amount of \$25,000. Coroner, set part-time Deputy Coroners to be paid at the rate of \$8.00 per hour. County Clerk, set salary lines 1010-1970 Temporary Replacement, 1010-1360

Posting Clerk, 1010-1390 Juvenile Clerk, 1010-1460 Certified Mail Clerk, 1010-1190 Sub/Summons Clerk, 1010-1380 Deputy Clerk in as the transfer previously adopted. Classifications for salary lines...let's see, that's it for that. Sheriff's Department, set salary line 1050-1540-1050 Processor Server Vacation in as transfer previously approved. Set Salary line 1550-1010 Community Corrections Salary Adjustment line in as previously adopted. County Commissioners, set Extra Help salary line 1300-1990 in as transfer previously approved. Set salary line 1300-1260 Soil Conservation Education in at a 2000 annual rate of \$26,900. And that is the same salary as previously approved in the 2001 budget. Pigeon Township Assessor/Reassessment, set salary line 2492-1150-1990 Extra Help in as the transfer previously adopted. Day Reporting Grant Program, move to set the following position classifications in: the Director will be unclassified, Day Reporting Officer at a PAT V, Administrative Aide at a COMOT V – or PAT IV, COMOT IV, excuse me. Knight Township Assessor, move to accept Dana Gries, Knight Township Assessor employee's hire date at August 23, 1999. Ms. Gries was originally hired as a full-time reassessment employee with full benefits. She is currently listed as 1130-1160 Deputy Assessor/Deeds salary line rated at COMOT III. That is all I have and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: Okay, any discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: I have a comment. On County Commissioners, that Soil Conservation Education has been changed to Water Conservation Specialist. Same position just a change in title.

Councilmember Raben: I will amend my motion to read County Commissioners, and again, Mr. Hoy, that was...

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, the Water Conservation Specialist.

Councilmember Raben: Uh, County Commissioners, set salary account 1300-1260 should read Water Conservation Specialist not Soil Conservation Education. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: And you second that? Okay. Amend your motion and you accept that. Alright, any other discussion? All those in favor of this, what he said, raise your hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

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

President Wortman: Now then, Old Business. Any Old Business?

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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## **APPOINTMENT TO PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS**

President Wortman: New Business, three items. Appointment to the Property Tax Assessment Board, the name is Paul Farmer. He would be appointed through December 31<sup>st</sup> of this year, which is 2000 and whatever happens next year, so I'll entertain a motion for that effect. Do I have a motion to accept that?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

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

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



**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/METH LAB CLEANUP**

President Wortman: The Sheriff's Department/Meth Lab. I talked to Chief Williams and he's going to set that in December for January on that and that repeal. So we'll kind of cross that bridge. So we're going to do that.

**PMSI/JAIL SPECIAL MEETING OCTOBER 20, 2000**

President Wortman: We're going to have a special meeting for PMSI October 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in room 301, and it's going to be very interesting, I think. Mr. Hoy and Mr. Winnecke there and Jim Raben and I occasionally attend and I guess the rest – and it's going to be interesting here to see and so we've got to watch our nickels now because I tell you, it's going to get tough out there with all these expenditures. Anybody got any comment on that? Okay, listen I'll take a motion for adjournment.

Teri Lukeman: Would the Council like to direct the Auditor's Office to advertise that then?

President Wortman: Yes, I'd like to address – if that's agreeable with the Council, to advertise that and the meeting.

**CHANGE FILING DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2000 COUNCIL MEETING**

Teri Lukeman: And then also, did you want to mention changing the filing date to October 13<sup>th</sup> for the November meeting?

President Wortman: Yes, and October 13<sup>th</sup> is the filing date because otherwise the 15<sup>th</sup> comes on a Sunday and we'll back up to the 13<sup>th</sup>. Okay, got a motion for adjournment and I got a second. All those in favor say aye. Ayes have it.

**(Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.)**

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Curt Wortman

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Vice President Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Phil Hoy

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Councilmember Lloyd Winnecke

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

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VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 20, 2000

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2000 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President Curt Wortman at 8:34 a.m.

President Wortman: The Vanderburgh County Council is now in session this October 20<sup>th</sup>, and everybody please take their seats so that we can keep this thing, got a long agenda today. We'll start off by having the roll call for the attendance please.

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

(Councilmember Sutton arrived shortly after roll called)

President Wortman: Now then if we would all stand, the Council and the audience to pledge allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Wortman: Everyone on the Council is aware of your agenda here for today and there is going to be, of course, explanations, and then of course we will have questions, intervals, and then it depends on how long this goes on, we might have a break halfway through or sooner, whatever it is. Now, I might also add that any member in the audience, especially a taxpayer, has got a right to be heard for or against this or comments. If you do, you have to raise your hand to be recognized and if I don't and my attention is directed somewhere else, why the Executive Assistant, Sandie Deig, would recognize them I am sure, back me up. Does that sound alright? So, we will start off and I would like for the Project Management Services, Incorporated group, if they would come forward and state their names, each individually, so we know, so that the secretary gets them down and we wouldn't have to repeat that continuously when you get up and speak and I am sure that you will be addressing different areas. So, would one of you at a time, get up and state your name?

Bill Shepler: Okay, I am Bill Shepler. I am president of Project Management Services and we will just go down the line.

President Wortman: That would be fine, I appreciate that.

Al Bennett: I'm Al Bennett.

President Wortman: Thank you, thank you.

Cid McNeilly: I'm Cid McNeilly.

President Wortman: Thank you.

Julie Von Arx: Julie Von Arx.

President Wortman: We have two women and two gentlemen here so, and we are

represented pretty good. Okay, so we will start off and we will take the first on the agenda as they demonstrated here, the introduction with whoever wants to explain the introduction why, step forward, please. Thank you.

Bill Shepler: I will do that and part of it was just introducing who we are and what I had in mind and talked with you earlier. We will give you a very short introduction into each section as we go in and then we would just like to open it for questions that you may have that are related to the report and try to answer any gaps or questions you have. When we are done with that we will move onto the next section. So, rather than try to shotgun this, we thought that we would take it one section at a time and certainly get through it as quickly as you will allow us to do that. But, we don't want to skip something so, if that is okay, we will start, I think juvenile is on there first and we will let Al kind of start it off and when we are done there we will move to the next section.

President Wortman: That will be fine.

Bill Shepler: Thank you very much.

President Wortman: Thank you, Bill.

Al Bennett: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As a part of this team, the County Commissioners requested that we take a look at the criminal justice system. I was asked to share the part that looked at the needs of this county regarding the juvenile justice system. I was very fortunate to have a number of people throughout the community to have input too, in regards to looking at the juvenile justice issues. I was very fortunate to have Mr. Wortman and, of course, Reverend Hoy from your Council that participated on the juvenile justice study committee. We had quite a number of people and I won't name them all but the committee actually was about 15 in number and we invited in quite a number of other people, including the outgoing Judge Lensing, who is a present juvenile court judge, input from the Sheriff's department, the Evansville Police Department, the School System, Judge candidates as well as the Indiana Department of Correction. We looked at the problems overall and what we were basically asking was, what do we need to plan for the next 10 to 20 years? Taking a look at the issues today, but what were the plans that we perhaps could be thinking about for the next 20 years so as to be able to provide better services locally that would be of concern to the Council as well as the County Commissioners. One of the issues that we looked at and of course none of us are attorneys and don't profess to be, but we sure like the idea of what the judiciary brought to us and more specifically I might add, Judge Tornatta gave a presentation at the request of the presiding Judge, Scott Bowers, in which the judiciary has been looking at for some time the potential of having a family court. It was brought to the committee's attention that the Supreme Court in the state of Indiana has had three pilot programs of family court and that the Supreme Court Justice Shepherd, who formerly was a judiciary here, on the bench here, of course is heading this up with the legislature support for looking at the potential of family court being something that is growing in the future for the state of Indiana. The committee recommended that we support this direction for the future so as to be able to give the proper attention to some families in which they may be in need of the courts services but might be in something like three or four different courts, where perhaps they might be under one court if they had a family court in Vanderburgh County. So we did make a recommendation to give support to that direction and that planning. Hopefully, in the next legislative session, if the Supreme Court gets their way, perhaps when they expand to more than three and perhaps going up to as many as 10 counties, Vanderburgh County, we would hope, would be able to be one of those. The other issues was to take a look at the need for detention services. In this county, girls, females are taken to the Village, actually the facility at Knox County and which is an hour north of here. There is also some boys being taken there if they are not qualified to go to the youth facility at the Evansville Rescue Mission. Because the Evansville Rescue Mission pretty much screens for certain types of boys, those that are not aggressive and are not inebriated, those kids have to go to the Village in Vincennes and some of the, of course the rest of the boys are sent here to the Mission. The Mission, when we got involved with this study, was having problems

meeting the standards and with their state inspections, we did help them and gave assistance and they had a very good inspection last month. We have not received the copy of the report but we pretty much have been given a verbal report on some issues that they can take care of in the future, but it is much, much better. The committee on this issue suggested that there be some formal contract with both the Village for girls and for boys at the Youth Village or the youth facility here at the Mission, for it to be more formalized so that we can, they would know that there is, there will be a future in the use of the facility. The present juvenile court has cut back on their use of the Rescue Mission because of the, some change in personnel and change of some programs, we are recommending that as long as they are up to the standards that they should be by the state inspectors that there should be a formal contract with them so that the entire system of law enforcement and the court system probation people can see that there is good services and these services will be provided even if they are private providers. The other issue that we recommended, the committee recommended to the Commissioners, is to formally develop a 24 bed juvenile detention center for both boys and girls and for it to be developed locally. And for the girls not to have to go an hour north for detention services, and even for some boys to go there and for the county to develop a facility even though it would be quite small, it would be one of the smaller in the state and we are not talking about a lot of beds when we are saying 24 beds. That it would be available and not have to be concerned about private monies and things like that, which you have to do with the Evansville Mission. So, it was our collective thoughts, the committee, that is, that the Mission perhaps could be used for more non-secure programs. The last area of concern that really has a lot of people excited is the potential of developing a day treatment center. We believe that with a day treatment center it will bring the school system, the Court system, the county government that is concerned about this, that I am talking about, the law enforcement, both city and county as well as the concerns that were expressed by the County Commissioners, that there be more support for families and for kids that are in trouble in school, that we have a day care type program that would be running all day instead of half a day and for that perhaps could receive monies from the state through the Community Corrections Juvenile monies to go towards such a program. This would be a structured program that would be for the youth and would give support to families that need this support in this community. So, a day care type program could be developed and doesn't necessarily mean that it has to be a new building or even a secure building, it could be a non-secure. It would be a program that would bring the different entities of this community together to really address the concerns that children may have on a daily basis whether it be problems in their family or problems at school or problems anywhere else in the community. So, these were the recommendations that the juvenile committee brought forward. Of course, I would be glad to answer any questions that I could.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Mr. Bennett. Any questions, Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: I just have a couple regarding the day treatment center. I think it is one of the most enticing things of the entire recommendation personally but how much room are we talking about? You said that it didn't have to be its own building or a new building. How large and who would actually oversee this? Would it be Juvenile Court?

Al Bennett: That of course, hasn't been determined, but it would need to be addressed as the planning develops. It could be a separate person, under the court, it probably would not do well if it was run by the school. I don't think that the school people would want to run it but they certainly support the need for it. I would think that perhaps it could come under the Community Corrections Board and particularly if they receive monies from the state to help finance and to help operate this facility. We see the potential of the program that is school related and program related like substance abuse and programs that would take care of anger management and things like that before those kids are in trouble or nearly in trouble. So, it is a service to the court but it is also a service to the school if they are having problems in school. This same program could be for the kids that might be in the detention center because they are all the same kids and some maybe in just a little bit more trouble than others. So, we are not talking about a building that is extremely large, we are talking about one that has two to three classrooms and some space for some

activities for volunteers to be able to come in and provide tutoring. The day treatment center would not be a residential center, it would not be where some people would sleep overnight. It is only day care. But, it could be next to the juvenile detention center which of course is residential.

Councilmember Winnecke: How large a staff would your company envision, once you got beyond?

Al Bennett: I would envision that the staff might not be more than four or five but they perhaps could have some part time staff or even some volunteers that could key in on some of the programs. Again, it kind of depends on how obviously classrooms have to be manned with a teacher and perhaps even a teacher's aid but those type of, that type of planning has not been finalized. We really did not get into the detail except to, really kind of supported the concept. My suggestion would be that in the planning of the different people coming together, the courts and the county officials, the Sheriff and so forth, with the school system, take a couple of trips to see some facilities. Day treatment centers are throughout the state of Kentucky so there are a couple of fine facilities that's not really too far from here. So, I think that a field trip would educate some people and bring in even some people to provide some workshops and to have some, to kind of educate everybody as all part of the planning.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Excuse me and to connect with that because I was in on those discussions, I would think that, Mr. President, we would want somebody, you and I were connected with this, for somebody from this body to be on that trip because we are going to be looking at the financing. I have a question because as you know I very strongly support this idea. On the funding of it, you know we have been penalized as a county because our adult community corrections program preceded the state legislation and we hope to correct that. We hope that our legislators from this area will help us correct that because it is an unfair burden on Vanderburgh County as you know. Since we have not funded a juvenile facility of this kind in community corrections, do you know, would we be eligible then for state funding? Because that would certainly-

Al Bennett: For the day treatment center?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, for the day treatment center.

Al Bennett: I believe that you would.

Councilmember Hoy: Since we are not putting money there.

Al Bennett: You are not supplanting here. Now, we can not, Julie is a little bit closer to the community corrections funding than I am, but in my discussion with Julie, she feels like this concept would work well because it is not supplanting. So, I think that is a place to go, the first place to go.

Councilmember Hoy: Because as you know, we get asked funding questions all of the time. That would certainly be a help.

Al Bennett: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

Bill Shepler: We have included just for your information, in the community corrections program, we do have adult and juvenile being reported as space being allocated to that.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes. No, I was thinking more of financing this.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: I think maybe-

President Wortman: Anybody that speaks, would they come to the microphone, please?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: You are going to have trouble getting construction money, Phil, you can get operational costs, but you are going to have trouble.

President Wortman: And what was your name?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Bettye Lou Jerrel.

President Wortman: Thank you. I think that Mr. Hoy mentioned that finance thing and I think that before this thing gets down the road too far, the legislative process should be used and there is a surplus of money now in the state and I think that we might as well tap it. If we don't and it wasn't there, then we would have more problems. If you don't start and get some of these things done, we are going to have problems worse than what we have now, see?

Al Bennett: I think that you are right and it is very timely. The next session is the budget session and it is the long session, as everybody knows and they will be putting a budget together for the next two years and that budget goes into effect next July. And so, we are now, Community Corrections has 42 million dollars for the two year period and it has gone up every time. I think that Community Corrections started with two million dollars back in 1980 or '81 and it has gradually gone up. There isn't any reason why Vanderburgh County's plan shouldn't be there.

Councilmember Hoy: I think it's, I think at least three of our legislative candidates have no opposition. We know who to lobby right now.

Al Bennett: That's right.

President Wortman: Who would be good? Would you assist in lobbying along with our legislature and our local officials to get this done?

Al Bennett: I'd be very happy to do that. Obviously, to see the fruits of our labors become reality would be something that we would very much enjoy. The great thing about the day treatment center is that it does bring the people that are concerned about children and particularly adolescents at a troublesome time for most juveniles, during the teen and formable times of their life, bring this type of focus onto their concerns. Whether they have problems with in school or whether they have problems getting in at night, parents would have a resource in which to try and deal with some of the problems and for it not always be something that law enforcement has to deal with.

Councilmember Hoy: The more than side comment, one of the things that we also discussed, and this really is School Corporation business, but, none of these alternative schools that we now have run all day. I think a lot of the public thinks that they do and funding is needed for that and the state is also in a good position as we mentioned to fund some things.

Al Bennett: I am sorry to interrupt. The committee was very fortunate to have the Superintendent of Schools and the Chairman of the School Board as part of our committee and they had a great deal of input on what they felt the juvenile justice committee should recommend and so they very much supported this program and they support all day. They know that what they have now, which is half day, is very limited.

President Wortman: Mr. Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: I have a question that actually the Sheriff may be involved with too. In the report it talks about how policemen on the street are confused about where to

take a child. Would a juvenile detention center cure that problem for officers on the street?

Brad Ellsworth: That was going to be my question also.

President Wortman: Would you step forward, the local Sheriff?

Brad Ellsworth: Brad Ellsworth, Sheriff. That was going to be my question when I raised my hand also. I think there is confusion on the difference between juvenile detention and juvenile corrections and I was going to ask you to touch on that and what this 24 beds was actually going to be used for. The confusion comes because five or six years ago when the law changed and didn't allow us to house juveniles in the county jail for any more than six hours, we were making those long trips to Johnson County back and forth three and four times a night and then we've got the city police, obviously more than the Sheriff's office, got very creative at not housing juveniles and that has carried over even they can take them to Youth Care, it became, like I said they became creative and turning them over to the parents but it also causes a problem when the Youth Care Center can not house them for their standards and there is no place and the parents won't take them. It happens every once in a while. I would like Al to touch on that, what this 24 beds is going to be. I know what I think it means, but could you, because that is where I am getting the confusion from the public, is what detention-

President Wortman: That is a very good point. I am glad that you brought that up, Mr. Ellsworth.

Al Bennett: Well, and I apologize for that and this should be covered. The 24 bed juvenile detention center should be for boys and girls and many of those that they are not here at the mission have to go an hour away. That type of service is needed immediately and it needs to be a service that is in the community. Rather than the law enforcement folks, whether it is the Sheriff or the P.D. having to make that trip. As the Sheriff said and we heard these stories on the committee of them babysitting with kids for several hours because they perhaps couldn't be taken care of locally with the Mission, perhaps Vincennes was full and they didn't want to go and take a three hour trip to Johnson County or somewhere else. This is a service that needs to be locally and they are, it needs to be for children that need to be detained. More and more because of kids being high on drugs, or the fact that and they are not all this way and most of the children are not this way, but perhaps their attitudes need to be taken care of in regards to at least overnight in a detention center. For it to be a good place, safe, sound, clean, sanitary and good staff that is available 24 hours a day and for it to be for providing the services that you would have in a jail but in this case it would for juveniles. So, it is that type of service that is strictly for the 24 bed facility. I might address the fact that there are 22 detention centers in the state of Indiana. All of them are basically regionalized except for Indianapolis, they only take care of Marion County. But, the rest of them are handling several counties and we are suggesting 24 beds which is basically about the smallest you can build and for it to be cost effective. You have got to have programs there that the state and national standards call for, space for classes and exercise so that they can have things to do that are constructive during the day and for these programs to be available right there at the center. The 24 beds could probably be very adequate for a few years and it could handle children in adjacent counties if they would choose to bring them here. So, and we would suggest that in the future that 24 beds need to be added to the original facility be designed and built so that it could be added onto with very little trouble anytime in the future that the county would want to do that.

President Wortman: Anybody else got any questions? Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Al, what is the difference in this facility versus the facility that was built probably five or six years ago in Warrick County?

Al Bennett: Warrick County?



Councilmember Raben: Was there not?

Al Bennett: I don't believe that Warrick County has a juvenile center.

Councilmember Raben: A correction facility?

Al Bennett: Warrick County has a new jail that was built four or five years ago.

Councilmember Raben: So, they didn't build it?

President Wortman: Mrs. Jerrel, would you step forward, please?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: They were going to build and they had a lot of controversy over it and because as Al pointed out, a juvenile detention center could be to hold young people from a few hours to a few days. They are sent to Boys School and Girls School as perhaps other placement by the judge. I think, after they discussed it a lot in Warrick County, they didn't want to build one, some did and some didn't and they didn't get the funding, so they built a new jail instead.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I was going to ask you, in coming up with your recommendation on the number of beds, what factors do we use to come up with the 24 beds? I mean are you looking at population trends? Initially you were looking at a 10 to 20 year span of time that you are looking at as far as recommendations. So based upon maybe the window that you, or the horizon that you are looking at for the recommendation, how do we come up with the 24? Is it based upon where we were, can you talk us through that?

Al Bennett: Of course, this is not an exact science. But, the fact that the county does not have a center now was a factor. They have the Mission that is available for certain kids that qualify, only boys and only boys that are not aggressive and hostile and only boys that are sober. So, all girls and the boys that don't qualify have to go an hour away. So, the fact that you don't have a center was a factor. Then we recommended that because you need one, that you not build a large one. If you would take a look at counties, and the population size of Vanderburgh County, many of them like Johnson County, which is smaller, has 48 beds. If you take a look at Porter County, they have 36 beds. Indianapolis has 144 beds. Elkhart County which is about your same size in population has 32 beds. So, we were suggesting that simply a facility that you have never had built and operated, simply you go at the minimal so as not to have more than you really need but yet it would be enough that it would take care of you for several years. I suggest that, my prediction would be, and I don't know who is going to remind me of them when they prove me wrong or if they prove me right, that 24 beds will not be enough for 24 years. But, I think that it is certainly the way to start. I would not suggest that you go for 24 beds simply because it is the beginning and I think that you would need to, you would have a lot of good use for that. Now, another concern that we had and I didn't mention this morning but was talked about a lot by the committee, Judge Lensing has been 17 years as your Juvenile Judge, he is not running for re-election. His philosophy was not to lock kids up in detention and that is one reason that they have used the mission less and less but we were hearing stories of the law enforcement folks and school officials that there is a need and for us to have one and have that immediate service, it should be used right. So, we are trusting that the next juvenile judge will set the criteria that is reasonable and for law enforcement and for the community to live by. So, it is not an exact science on coming up with 24 beds.

Councilmember Sutton: Also, I was going to ask you, with 24 beds, is that based upon the needs of Vanderburgh County or is that based on this kind of corner of the state, here in Southwestern Indiana, maybe a regionalized basis?

Al Bennett: That is a great question and I think it would be both. The nearest facility, which is a great one, is a 40 bed facility in Vincennes, privately run by Corrections Corporation

of America, and we generally call them the Village but that is a 16 county facility. Vanderburgh County is not one of those 16 even though they do have a contract or an agreement to be able to send their girls there. So, we are suggesting because of your size and because of the lack of detention beds in the southern part of the state, 24 beds is certainly adequate at this time.

President Wortman: Excuse me, we're going to change tapes.

**(Tape Change)**

Councilmember Sutton: I take it...would you say that the Vincennes facility has a contractual agreement with those sixteen counties to house their youth or is that just some type of—

Al Bennett: That was their arrangement before they were built. These counties agreed that they would send all their kids there. Vanderburgh County...and that was probably seven or eight years ago.

Councilmember Sutton: So that contract has an end, I'm assuming, I guess—

Al Bennett: Those 16 counties get a three or four dollar break per day on their per diem. They of course, are given first preference. It's not been a problem for you, particularly for your girls because you've only got two or three at a time, on the average.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess, maybe where I'm going, I guess I see that our area here in terms of our transportation network and the other things that go on in this community and the services that we offer and that are available that may be in addition to maybe a detention facility that we would want to see a facility that would serve greater than just one county, Vanderburgh County.

Al Bennett: I think it would serve that way and I think that there is a good chance that Posey, perhaps Warrick, the adjacent counties...I think that what you have would be a facility that is not large but very adequate at this time. You could always jump it to 36. You could even go to 48. But I don't think that you need that at this time.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any questions for Al? He's well versed on these things, you can tell. He does a real good job. Mrs. Jerrel, would you step forward please? No rest for the wicked.

Betty Lou Jerrel: Would you want to give us a thumbnail, best guess per bed cost?

Al Bennett: How many square feet did we say Bill? You generally estimate the cost by square feet and we said it was, what was it, 10,000?

Unidentified: I'm getting there. Twenty thousand.

Al Bennett: We estimated the cost totally for the facility to be probably between three and a half to \$5,000,000 depending on how much program space is planned and perhaps some other programs that could be planned at the same time like there's some phases like the program space could be available to the day treatment center. At this time we were simply dealing with issues or concepts and have not really gotten into the details of the cost. It's generally accepted that the square foot cost of a detention center or jail is about \$150 a square foot. A building like this or an office building might be around \$100 or a little less per square foot so, it's quite a lot more expensive because of the mortar and steel and the automatic lock systems and things that you have to have for good safety and sanitation.

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: Just to clarify, when you talk about cost you're excluding costs of land acquisition?

Al Bennett: I'm only talking about construction. I am not talking about fees or the land acquisition or anything that would be above and beyond the construction costs.

President Wortman: Operating is what you meant. Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Bennett, I was looking for the page where you listed the various costs of facilities around the state and I can't find it.

Unidentified: It's page 88.

Councilmember Hoy: Is it 88? I think that's a--

Al Bennett: The counties around the state charge a daily per diem. Generally what they do, and I'll take Johnson County because I did some work for them earlier this year. They are charging basically \$100 a day. I think in January they're going to go up to about \$110 a day. That's about average. It ranges as low as...in Elkhart County it's about \$70 a day but that does not count the cost of food and utilities. If they add the cost of utilities and food they would be closer to \$100. There's some that are much higher. I think St. Joe County, with a brand new facility are charging \$150 per day. So there's a range there. The mid...about \$100 is about midrange.

Councilmember Hoy: The other page I was looking for too was where it cost, you know, the costs that existed like Wernle and Father Gibault and places like that cost...that's \$185 a day, I was talking more about per diem than construction.

Al Bennett: We did throw in the report some of the costs because the courts...the Juvenile Courts in this county for long term treatment, I'm talking about after a child has been in detention and the court has found the child guilty or they've been processed through the Juvenile Court they are taken out of the home and placed in a...at the state in a boys school or girls school or a number of private facilities like Father Gibault School in Terre Haute. Those costs are extremely high because of long term treatment and the cost of expense of salaries for physiologists and psychiatrists, teachers and so forth. So, again, we're talking about here a short term treatment center as Commissioner Jerrel has said that is...most of the time it's going to be a few days and could be as long as two weeks to thirty days waiting for placement somewhere. It's really a short term facility that is needed here. The best way to look at a juvenile detention center..people seem to understand what a jail is for adults. A juvenile detention center would be the same thing except it's for juveniles, short term, waiting to go to court or waiting disposition on where to be placed whether it's back home or in a group home or on to another facility.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: The other thing I would add, politically, is that in our meetings we had all four of the juvenile candidates in to our meeting and all four of them support a detention facility, in fact, they support all of these recommendations. They do support these recommendations. We're going to see a change in philosophy in juvenile court in terms of...in a number of ways and that's one of the ways we're going to see it.

President Wortman: Mrs. McNeilly?

Cid McNeilly: Those various per diem costs were like third to the last page in the appendix.

President Wortman: Okay, have we got any...Mr. Ellsworth has got a few words to say.

Brad Ellsworth: One more thing. We're talking about more than just a few cells. There's a few (Inaudible) extras because I know that the school corporation by law and the jails have to provide space for juveniles that are in need of special services to provide GED classes and you have to by law to be able to continue their education while they're incarcerated. Hopefully they won't be in long enough, like I said, short term, but we do have to have some class rooms, small facilities, one on one rooms in there so we could provide for these juveniles. That can also be done as long as we have some kind of class room or some kind of one on one service. Just food for thought.

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: What difference does it make in terms of location of a facility like the one we're talking about here? Does that enter in as a factor? Does it need to be close to the court system? What thoughts do you have there?

Al Bennet: Probably the ideal would be to have a center that's near the probation staff of the court. You could always place an office or a court in the facility for the Magistrate. In Johnson County the Juvenile Magistrate that...the actual judge is in the court house but the Magistrate is located in the center with all the probation staff that might provide counseling and so forth, that's ideal. It doesn't have to be that way. That would almost be ideal.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: One of the thoughts...I don't think this is unrelated to what we're discussing here today. As we look at this whole package and I ask that we look at what's happening in this complex here people moving...all kinds of departments moving out. I think it's high time that we had an overall study. I don't know whether we need to hire somebody to do this, or we do it ourselves, the study of building usage anyhow. I've been sitting here almost eight years and some of the moves look half haphazard rather than planned. I'm speaking beyond just the criminal justice system, but this might give us an opportunity to take a good look at that as well and just attaching to what you just said about having a probation department in this facility, well if that facility is somewhere else then you're going to vacate some space over here and we need to be looking at that in terms of the management of tax dollars.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Hoy. Okay, anybody else got anything for Al?

Al Bennett: I might say at the end here that this has been a tremendous experience. Of course, my work is more than just juveniles, I also deal with adult and jail and work release so as a team member I've contributed to the whole study. The experience with the people concerned about the juvenile matters, the public school people, the courts, Judge Lensing, even though he's going out of office, was very cooperative, and I think the fact that you and the Commissioners are taking the lead on these issues tells...gives a message that everyone is really concerned about all the issues and the case of juveniles, my feeling has been that this community certainly cares about the kids whether they're in trouble or if they're not in trouble.

President Wortman: Yeah, I think we've got the Council, Commissioners, and office heads, a lot of people involved are real cooperative. I think they want to see some results here. Its got to the point where we don't have any choice, I thinks that's what it amounts to. So, you've done a very good job. You can tell by your documentation in this book here, you've spent a lot of time.

Al Bennett: Thank you very much.

President Wortman: Yeah, yes sir. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Al, just one quick question. Reflecting on your...and again, I guess we were coached, a year ago in November don't put your foot forward and speak in terms

of cost in any project until you get a little further along but, you stated five or six million dollars which could be on target or may be way off. I'm looking back at the amount of dollars that we as a county spend in outside housing and—

Al Bennett: And transportation.

Councilmember Raben: —and transportation. This year alone we'll spend, what, about one million three, Bettye Lou?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: But remember, we will still have to spend that in placements for boys school and girls school, that won't change.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that's what I'm trying to figure out—

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Yeah, this will be in addition.

Councilmember Raben: —is how much savings would this be to that?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: We spend about \$40,000 a year for the Youth Care Center placement. Then we have transportation and the girls at Village.

Al Bennett: Our rough estimate is that you spend about \$100,000 for detention service here and the Village and so forth.

Councilmember Raben: So, it's not really going to pick away at that big picture?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: No, the big picture is going to stay.

Councilmember Hoy: The other thing, and correct me, Mr. Bennett, if I'm incorrect. Presently, with the meager use of the Mission facility, it's questionable how much longer they can financially continue the Youth Care Center with the meager usage of it, they don't have enough income coming in, they may want to close that.

Al Bennett: I did not elaborate on that issue, but we did talk about it in the committee that the Evansville Rescue Mission of course was a mission for adults. A few years ago at the request of Judge Lensing, he said, why don't you get into the juvenile business. So, they built a fine facility, just not built totally up to standards as it should have been, but early this year, in April exactly, they wrote a letter to Judge Lensing saying they were having problems keeping up financially. As long as they're private and like that, I think that's a service that you've got to depend on. You've got to be able to take all children. So when you take a look at the whole picture and down the road a ways, it was just kind of determined that you need your own center. Now, if they want to have non-dependent and neglected kids and have services for them that would be a very fine service for what they could do in their present facility which is not a secure facility.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Bill has some—

President Wortman: Bill and Bettye are going to comment now.

Bill Shepler: I was going to tell you in 1999 you spent \$289,000 with the Youth Care Center and you spent about \$42,000 with the Village. Some of that Village may not be directly relatable to savings if you had your own area but I'd say last year you spent \$320,000 to \$325,000 that you should be able to put into housing your own people.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: And you recall that we pay for the boys school and girls school on a deferred basis after each six month billing which runs about \$600,000 a billing. This facility is about 30 or \$40,000 a month. You know, we've got to think about that because they're wanting to expand and we're going to need them during the construction but we're going to have to decide whether we're going to encourage that expansion because they have to

have guaranteed placements or they're not going to be able to pay for it. For instance, they have an arrangement I think five or six spaces are devoted to Posey County. Is that right?

Al Bennett: Yes, they do.

Bettye Lou Jerrel: In order for them to make it now. There's a lot of side issues that we need to take into consideration.

Councilmember Hoy: As a clergyman, I'd like to comment on that. I think in the public perception, I know in the public perception, they look at places like Father Gibault or however you say it, whether in French or English. The Fort Wayne's Children's Home, I'm very familiar with that facility because it's our denominations and all of these. People think that since those are there and built by the churches they're not costing the taxpayer and they're wrong. Those places financially can not exist without our payments. It's a mistake to think that it saves us construction costs maybe, but it doesn't save us operational costs or placement costs and that's what I'm trying to say. That's why I was looking for that page a while ago when you see what it costs per day in these facilities. I've toured those facilities years ago and so it...the cost is going to be there that's my point and where you place this and if we run it our per diem is not going to go up.

Al Bennett: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: It may be about the same, we would hope.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any questions for Al Bennett? Okay, if not—

Al Bennett: Thank you.

President Wortman: —if we've pretty well discussed things why we'll move onto the next, B, the Court Process, that would be Julie Von Arx, please.

Julie Von Arx: Thank you.

President Wortman: Yes, Ma'am.

Julie Von Arx: If I could maybe correct my own agenda, I would probably change that to processes that impact the jail. I think it's sort of a misnomer and I don't want anyone to feel that we're pointing a finger at the courts when we looked at this process. In looking at this process too, it's not as black and white necessarily, it's not as glitzy and glamorous, and it's not as easy as just adding additional beds, and it's a little more complicated. But without looking at this piece there's never going to be a full understanding of what some of the causes are of jail overcrowding, and realizing what those causes are also gives you an understanding, but simply adding capacity is not going to solve your problem. Adding 500 beds to the jail is not going to solve Vanderburgh County's jail overcrowding problem unless we get a handle on those processes that impact the jail population. In its most fundamental sense, and this is very fundamental, the thing...the two things that most impact the jail are how many people come in and how long they stay. The final report, I think, covered that on pages 20 through 30. We gave you, I think, some pretty specific statistical information about what has occurred in Vanderburgh County over the last ten years about how your numbers have been affected about numbers coming in, inmates, and how long they've been staying in the jail. I think a significant fact, and I know the media has covered this, and we certainly weren't pointing a finger at anyone, but I think, it was significant and I didn't want to draw a conclusion in the final report about it, but I think it's very significant in terms of how your jail has been impacted in that in Vanderburgh County whose population is about 168,000, the filings for at least '97 and in '98 were higher than those in Allen County whose population is about 315,000. I'm not sure what that says, and again, I don't want to draw a conclusion about that but I would definitely say that the filings in Vanderburgh County are very large, and it also impacts how well the courts are able to

manage the numbers that are coming into them. I would probably say that the people that are making those arrests and filing those cases are doing their jobs. But we need to figure out how to manage the volume of those cases when our bed capacity has not changed. We made several recommendations for the criminal justice system itself and for the courts specifically. I do want to commend the court, I think that you have a judiciary here that...I've been in many counties working on jail overcrowding and I think I would have to say that the judiciary here has been the most cooperative in terms of providing us information and willingness to look at themselves and to make changes once we pointed out a couple of things to them that needed to be done. You do have a wonderful software system here that the court is using and is going to provide them with very valuable information about how to better manage the case loads that they have. We were not able to track what had occurred with the courts over the last ten years because prior to the new software system it just wasn't providing good information. But you all, along with the Commissioners, I think, were very progressive in funding Courtview 2000 and it will help the courts manage themselves. But what we thought was very important is that they begin using the Court Administrator to help them manage that information. If you're going to have and pay for a wonderful software system, use the information it's giving you. The Court Administrator, I believe, I talked with Judge Bowers today, at least with the Superior Courts, the Court Administrator is going to begin functioning in that way and will keep the courts advised about their caseloads and how well they're managing. The final report also compared Vanderburgh County with several other counties in terms of fillings to dispositions, and again, that goes back to how many inmates enter the system and how long they're staying. So, it's very important that the courts continue to look at that information. Probably another significant recommendation, at least, that I felt in this section that didn't have to do with court processes was talking about merging the booking process with the detaining of prisoners. In touring the facility that the Evansville Police currently operate for booking in of inmates, I can't probably be more candid with you, and this may not be politically correct to say this, but I felt it was dangerous. I felt it was dangerous for the employees. I felt it was dangerous for the inmates in terms of security issues and just how the inmates are booked because of the facility design itself. I very much believe that whole process needs to be looked at and amended. I would probably at this point make a recommendation that the Sheriff take over the booking process. Most other jurisdictions in this state, there are only nine where that function is split between two different law enforcement agencies. Because the Sheriff has the responsibility from the state for detaining prisoners and there is a detention situation even if you're booking in a prisoner for four hours, you still have to detain them safely. I would feel that the Sheriff probably is in the best situation to handle that. Probably, the other most significant recommendation, there were probably about ten or fifteen, and I'm not going to go through all of those, but I think it's very important that the efforts of the Blue Ribbon Committee that stated, I believe, a couple of years ago, and then the committees that we were operating, they must continue because as I said, the 500 beds that were recommended whether you agree that that is a necessary thing, and I hope you do, it's going to be very important that the continued collaboration and communication of all of the criminal justice players have to continue or those 500 beds are not going to be enough. I also did the Community Corrections section, unless someone had a question and wanted me to take questions about that section.

President Wortman: Your comments earlier was the judicial system, I think you were referring to the judge's cooperation?

Julie Von Arx: Yes.

President Wortman: How's that work versus efficiency over there?

Julie Von Arx: I think because they're cooperative and they came to the table and are willing to look at having the Court Administrator function the way that a Court Administrator should function in my opinion. We also recommended that they set goals for themselves in terms of how long a time it should take for a court case to be disposed of. They're not the only ones though that affect that. The important thing about setting that time goal is

that it's communicated to the Prosecutor and Defense Bar. I think that the judges are very willing to do that. As long as they're willing to do that and communicate what their goals are, I think the rest of the system players will abide by that. So in terms of cooperation, I've not seen a willingness in some of the other counties that I've been in, even to have their statistical data looked at, that's not been the case where that's been offered in other counties. They were very willing to have that data looked at.

President Wortman: Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: This might be a question better suited for Judge Bowers, I don't know, back when PMSI made the recommendations to the Commission, I believe that Judge Bowers or Judge Heldt talked about the state discussing a new computer court system for...around the state. Judge, do you know where that stands? Are you familiar with that?

President Wortman: Would you come forward, Judge Bowers, please? He likes to come forward, he's grinning, I can tell.

Scott Bowers: Always a pleasure to be here. In regard to where that stands, I know that they have just changed personnel and I have not spoken to the new person. Judge Knight is on the state Court Technology Committee so we'll be part of that process. I think their first two goals that were articulated was to set up a standardized system of communication throughout the state on all courts and I think the idea was to get statewide data as part of that process, standardize the reporting procedures and so on. That's going to be their big push in the coming year. Also, as part of that process they are going to be formulating standards and making recommendations so that there can be uniformity on software and on systems used in the courts. Primarily, they're looking at data issues, but they're also looking at things like digital recording which is becoming standard for the federal courts and has been used widely in the medical industry for oh, a decade. So, those are the things that are going on right now, and as I said, I hope we'll be more a part of that. I haven't heard from the new person personally, but I hope to shortly. Does that sufficiently respond to your question?

President Wortman: Bettye Lou Jerrel?

Bettye Lou Jerrel: Just to give you an update, Lloyd. The committee that is working on determining the budget for the Supreme Court or the judicial center met on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October. I represent...I'm a chair of the Judicial County Committee, state wide. We made our recommendations; I appeared before the Budget Committee as did Judge Shepard and Judge Sullivan. Judge Bowers is correct, the technology component is very important, but this year, for the first time, the Supreme Court that oversees the judiciary system has asked for additional budget money to give back to the counties. This is a first and they realize how important it is for all the reasons Judge Bowers said, but most of the fees that are paid in our courts are divided, you know, among the judicial center...state center funds the salaries of the Judges and the Magistrates and certain other things, and then the other portion of it comes back through our County Clerk. We lose money, the counties lose money on this exchange, we spend a whole lot more. The state is funding theirs and they're running a little bit ahead on their money and I think now, the realization is not just Vanderburgh County, all over the state of Indiana counties are hurting. All of the costs of the criminal justice system are literally taking money from anything else the counties want to do. So I applaud the Supreme Court for asking that some of this money come back to you.

President Wortman: Thank you. Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, I'm not going to reference a page because I've got so many markings in my book. I think it would be good to have it on record, if this is the case, and I think it is, again, we're dealing with perception that our county is somewhat behind everybody else. In your estimation, not to put us in the one to ten position, but from my



information, every county is dealing with the same problem, are they not?

Julie Von Arx: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: With overcrowding, with making the system work and all of that. I think it's important for the people who live here to understand that we're not behind anybody else. Is that correct?

Julie Von Arx: Oh, definitely not. I believe your leaders, and there was a sophistication level that all of us felt from the very beginning. I would put you clear at the top.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you. We get...often, we're treated strangely down here.

Julie Von Arx: I apologize really if I didn't emphasize that enough. We were able to make I think, quite a bit of progress and headway because of the sophistication level and because of the collaboration that had already been occurring. It wasn't something that we were having to form ourselves.

Councilmember Hoy: By this question, I'm not trying to focus blame on anybody. I would prefer to use the word as my ethics prof used to say, responsibility, which is the ability to respond rather than blame. It seems to me that when we did appoint the Blue Ribbon Committee that made the system work better.

Julie Von Arx: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Then, when we brought you all in the system worked better and thirdly then, you're encouraging us to continue this sort of involvement, am I correct?

Julie Von Arx: Yes I am. I can only, I guess, speak for my own experience having been involved as a participant in a criminal justice system myself and being under a consent decree that when we had an Overcrowding Committee that was not communicating and wasn't collaborating, the numbers crept back up and reached capacity. I think that's...maybe it's human nature, where the spotlight is lit, people respond to that and I just think it's real important, especially as the litigation progresses, if it progresses, I should say if, it's going to be very important that this group stay together.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, this is comparing apples and oranges, but at the Tri State Food Bank, we're inspected by fifteen entities, and whenever an entity is coming in, the place gets a lot cleaner.

President Wortman: Excuse me, we're going to change tapes again.

**(Tape Change)**

President Wortman: Mr. Sutton has a question.

Councilmember Sutton: No, no, just a point of information.

President Wortman: Oh, I see. Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: We were doing the tape scorecard.

President Wortman: Anybody else have any questions for Julie? She's been well versed, too, like Al.

Brad Ellsworth: I've got one.

President Wortman: Yes, sir, Mr. Ellsworth.

Brad Ellsworth: I think this is what Commissioner Tuley just asked, but I wanted to go a little bit further. The county is under a gentlemen's agreement with the ICLU cap at 329 and our bunks are at 268. I'd like Julie, and I think Commissioner Tuley, to explain her experience because I know she's worked in jurisdictions with caps before and I know that the ICLU talked about that they were going to come back after this report was done. What can we expect from the ICLU, and what's this cap mean, and what did you do in your jurisdictions?

Julie Von Arx: Thank you, Sheriff. I was remiss in not addressing that myself. Really, a lot of that is going to depend upon what the penalty that the judge decides to affix. Whether it's telling the sheriff to open his doors and let people out on the street, if the cap is reached, or whether the county is going to be fined each inmate over that capacity per day. I've worked in counties where both of those scenarios have occurred. In either case, I think it's very important, and again, it's going to be very important that all of the players communicate because if one person over that cap causes the county to either be fined or let a prisoner out the door, it's going to be very important that the players decide and set an emergency placement protocol. By that, I think I did put that in the final report, that particular inmates are identified for either placement in another county. I would hope that would be the last resort. I don't think that should be used. I think that the system players here are sophisticated enough where other options and alternatives can be derived. A snapshot needs to be taken of the population of all of the inmates. Anyone that is ready to go to the Department of Corrections or any other jurisdiction that they are sentenced to, all of those prisoners need to go first. All of the inmates that need to be in another place, need to be there. Usually, that can be up to 25 to 30 people. That can give you a cushion. I guess, what I'm saying is not to get too detailed and too specific for you is, it's important to have a plan and to know what to do and have those players in place to respond immediately when that particular magic number is reached. I've also recommended that the judges and system players research pre-conditional release programs such as electronic monitoring or drug monitored release. Those have been successful in many other jurisdictions as well. I know in other jurisdictions that I've been in, an emergency group meets once a week just to talk about moving bodies around. I told the people as we met, you've not existed in this kind of a crisis situation. We've felt that it's coming but it's not here yet. When it gets here, the criminal justice players that can make decisions, and it's going to have to be office holders, will have to be prepared to make time on their calendars to meet weekly to address this issues. I don't know if that addressed your concerns?

Bill Shepler: We were going to do this a little later anyway, but I will give you kind of an update of what that situation is. I'm going to kind of work backwards. July 10<sup>th</sup>, the county entered into a non-binding agreement with the ICLU capping the current jail at 329. I think Brad said that very nicely. The cap is at 329, we've got 268 beds, that means we have people that don't have beds except for mattresses and thing like that on the floor. That expires on November 15<sup>th</sup> of this year. That whole thing dates back to a 1979 action which was...you entered into a county agreement to make some changes periodically. It happened a couple different times in the jail. This whole thing goes back to an initial case back to 1979. What happens from here on, and I've got a whole list of these court cases, if you're interested. I don't want to bore you with all that. Probably what will happen is at the end of this expiration of this, some action will come out. The county has asked for a dismissal of a couple pieces that are out there and that might come about. My guess, and it's strictly a guess, is after the end of November, the ICLU will get very active in this. Their action will probably be based on the recommendations that are in our report. I don't know what that's legally going to mean to you, but I would anticipate by the first of the year that they will get pretty interested in this county. You're not alone. They entered into a very similar agreement with Terre Haute. They didn't give Terre Haute as much cushion as they gave you in their original agreement. I can answer questions specifically, or I can pass this letter around from the County Attorney. If you want specific cases, I didn't want to take a lot of time on that but give you an update on that.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't know about anyone else, but I'd like a copy of that.

President Wortman: Beings we're in the process here and getting the train moving, to use those terms, will they have consideration there?

Councilmember Hoy: The ICLU.

Bill Shepler: I'm not sure what your question is?

President Wortman: We're trying to make some progress here. I know that November 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline, as you mentioned. If we are making progress and showing a good, honest effort, do you think they will have consideration on that?

Bill Shepler: Yes, I do. Our experience throughout the state has been a little bit different in other places. I can tell you that all three of us were involved in a project in Cass County. We had finished the design. We had a contractor and the foundations were in the ground, and we got a mandate from a judge to reduce down to the rated capacity in a couple days. We had to find homes for 25 people. Julie came in and did very similar to what she's recommending you do, to put into place this implementation and we were able to pull many of those people back in and wasn't doing that. To say, well yeah, they're going to give you consideration and nothing will happen until you get something else done, may or may not be the case. In some cases, the court has entered into an agreement with the county to do certain things, and everything else was dismissed as long as the county did those things. It's kind of a mixed bag.

President Wortman: I noticed, Julie, when you commented that certain places they did release some people, did that have an affect on things?

Julie Von Arx: Definitely, but we were able to come up with pre-conditional release programs. No one was ever just let out the door. In the particular county that Bill was referring to, they were spending over \$60,000 a month in out-of-county placements so that they could meet their cap. Once I left, that was down to zero. I do think with the collaboration that's already going on here, I'm hoping that expense won't have to be incurred here.

President Wortman: Yeah, thank you. Anybody else got any questions for Bill or Julie?

Bill Shepler: I hope that kind of brings you up, we wanted to do that anyway.

President Wortman: Okay. Are you through for this?

Julie Von Arx: I'm going to do the Community Corrections section.

President Wortman: Yeah, that's what I'm saying because we are suppose to be out of here at 11:00, and it's getting around 10:00.

Julie Von Arx: Okay, I'll be brief. I think everyone is probably pretty well up to speed on the Community Corrections Program. There's been a lot of things written about it, and I know there's been a lot of discussion. We, of course, did recommend that the grant totally be rewritten and that Vanderburgh County start receiving what its due is. Unfortunately, they have been underfunded and they're blameless in that...and I do believe that legislatively something can be done. I also think that DOC realizes there is a new environment here, and I do believe that they are willing, if the grant is rewritten, I really believe they will come forward with additional funding. That would include juvenile funding as well. I do believe the sheriff and the commissioners have made a lot of strides in the last year, and I did want to publically commend them for taking control of the program because I don't believe that the program would exist today had that action not been taken. The other recommendations that I made specifically involved...the Community Corrections Program is only as good as the people chosen to participate in it. I do believe the eligibility criteria in Vanderburgh County probably needs to be looked at. It provides for or allows for participants spending a four year sentence to participate in community corrections. If you

compare that around the state most other counties don't have anyone there longer than a year to a year and a half. I think that speaks to the level of individual that you're placing out in your community. I'm a little uncomfortable, really, with the people that are participating in community corrections today. I made some specific recommendations about the operation, and I won't go into all of those, but I do think that if those recommendations are followed that the Community Corrections Program is one that you will be proud of. The most significant one, and the one that I can't make happen, is that the Advisory Board must step up to the plate and start taking responsibility for that program. If they don't, there's not much that the commissioners or the sheriff can do. They have to provide that guidance and the direction and be willing, I think, to backup the sheriff in terms of what he does with the operation. Statutorily, it was provided for that all of the players in the criminal justice system provide that direction and it has to occur.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, and this body and the commissioners some years ago, we had to push very hard to get that point across. I think that...I'd just like that reemphasized that that Board is responsible. By statute they are responsible. That responsibility kept being pitched around here and there. I want to go on record as defending this body to some extent and also the commissioners because we pushed for that. We had to push hard just to get that out in the open, and I appreciate you reinforcing that.

Julie Von Arx: I would go so far as to say that the Department of Corrections, I don't think, will entertain additional funding unless the Advisory Board starts participating.

Councilmember Hoy: I have one more question. I'm looking in the back here at the...there's not a page number on it, but those types of crimes where a person should not be there. In the past, and I'm looking at the word rape here, in the past we had rapists there. In your observation of what's going on now, do we still have rapists there, child molesters there, people that don't belong there? Because I, personally, think those people should be moved to DOC. I don't think they belong in community corrections. The complaint I hear from the neighbors, and they ring my phone is, I don't like them living out there. At one time they had a rapist delivering pizzas. That was his job. Ain't that wonderful? Has that improved? I think that's a crucial question. I'm well known for laying it out there on the floor, but I would like your opinion on it.

Julie Von Arx: I was only able to obtain a snapshot because there isn't, I don't think, a regular observation of who is in the program, and that's something I think the board needs to be looking at on a regular basis. I would say that the program does contain people that I wouldn't be comfortable having in a community corrections program.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you. That's more nicely put than I say things. Thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: Phil, I think we can go a little further with what you just said about who's there. At one time, we had inmates, not inmates but guards that had charges the same that were guarding these people. They did their time but they were...

Councilmember Hoy: You're quite right, Mr. Bassemier, and I've seen those records with my own eyes and I think you have, too.

Councilmember Bassemier: And the sheriff has corrected all this?

Councilmember Hoy: That's why I was so happy to hear her say that we made the right decision in administration. It puts a lot of burden on your shoulders, Sheriff Ellsworth, you've done well with it so far.

Brad Ellsworth: I'm not sure if you made the right decision or not, but I will defend to a point, I agree and when a person comes in and is, by our great system, adjudicated and sentenced that we shouldn't say they can never have a job again. I'm not sure that it's the right one that they are working in a correction center. I think we do still have two people at the complex that have criminal records. The others have moved on in one way or

another. Going back to the criteria for coming in, I'm pretty comfortable. We have Major Woodall and a committee of two or three people that go over the minutes and the dockets of when a person comes in. When we first got involved at this extent, we did make motions and the board did lower the criteria for how long a person comes in. Like I said, we had one, and it was an unusual case, but a person was sentenced out to the Community Corrections Complex for twenty years. That won't happen again. It was a pretty tumultuous time, I guess. There were a lot of defense attorneys showing up and a lot of jockeying for that. They didn't want to see the system change. We did narrow that down from an open ended sentence where they could be sentenced on direct placement from six down to three years, so they can live there no longer than three years which is still high. I understand that but it's what we could get done at the time. Another stipulation was that on bring backs, a person that goes to DOC and is then brought back, would be no longer than one year of live time at the Community Correction Complex. Another thing is that on the non-direct or the direct placements, if the judge and this is what the board passed at this point, was if the judge could articulate in the minutes why he went against that, either be longer or brought somebody back against that, at least he'd be able to articulate that in the minutes as to why he felt that he could do that. That does give the judge some leeway there, but that's what we were able to get passed with the Advisory Board at that time. I'm pretty comfortable, Mr. Hoy, with the checks and balances we have in place. I'm not saying it will never happen, but I've caught two or three where we've called the judges and said judge, this isn't one where it goes with our Advisory Board's thing. They either then articulated in the minutes or agenda. As far as the crimes that say you cannot go to Community Corrections, I'm comfortable saying that they are not there.

Councilmember Hoy: Good, you know me well and I carry a hammer and nails with me, and I like to get things nailed down real tight.

Brad Ellsworth: I'm with you 100 percent. Thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you. Now we go to the next one which will be "D", the jail. Whoever?

Bill Shepler: I said whoever because I didn't know what your questions will be. I'm going to kind of move these two together a little bit so that they'll...you're getting a little short on time. The reason we didn't spend a lot of time in the report necessarily on the jail is there's a couple facts you need to understand. Your jail currently does not meet any state standards. It was built prior to the standards being in place. They just weren't there when you did that. And the way the state interprets remodel and changes in a jail, if we start going through and making major structural changes, now we can fix things and repair things and make things a little better, but as soon as you start into repairs that would be involved in major structural changes, the state would say, bring that jail to current standards. In the process of doing that it will be costly and it will be difficult. It certainly can be done, but your capacity will go from about 268 beds to right around 100 beds. So in that process of dealing with the jail as it stands, it doesn't leave you a lot of leeway. It became apparent that probably whatever we do that jail needs to stay in its current location, in its current capacity until we get a long term solution done. With that being said, I'd be happy or anyone here would be happy to answer questions relating to the existing jail before we go into facilities.

President Wortman: I think everyone is kind of aware of the situation, pretty well. Have we got a hand raised out there, Mr. Ellsworth?

Brad Ellsworth: Bill, would you clarify is that state standards on the physical plant itself or operations in the jail an on-going because I've got reporters and that in here and would you please take that a step further?

Bill Shepler: That has to do with the physical plant. The sheriff is operating at a great handicap in the physical operation of that because of many things that are happening.

Visitation isn't happening the way it ought to be happening. That's a breach of security. Julie said earlier about people coming in to the intake area. It's terrible. I mean, it's not safe. Those are conditions he can do certain things with but they cannot be solved in that facility. What I'm speaking to in bringing it to standards, I'm talking about physical standards. There are within the ACA guidelines there's about 50 standards that relate to a facility. You're in compliance with none of those standards. That's kind of where you stand. That's why dealing with the existing jail, in its current location, doesn't make a whole lot of sense. Soon as we start trying to make things better, we lose capacity because of bringing it into compliance. We're better off leaving it alone until we come up with a really long term solution. Did that answer it?

Brad Ellsworth: Clearer.

President Wortman: Okay. Judge Bowers? That gentleman back there. Come on forward, please. I'd like to hear from you.

J. T. Kinkel: Thank you. If I could make a comment on that. I'll tell you who I am.

President Wortman: Your name, please?

J. T. Kinkel: My name is J. T. Kinkel. I'm a consulting engineer and I'm also a taxpayer. What's been said by Mr. Shepler is very true. I think when you hear things like the present jail cannot be fixed. Nothing can be done to it. Well, your mind starts thinking that there is no solution on this site, and that's not the case. We have been working with the current jail inspector and the former jail inspector. We know that a satellite building that is attached and adjacent to the courts is completely feasible and will work for all your needs and the tax savings is just incredible. I don't understand how that can be overlooked. I heard earlier how important it is to be efficient. Well, I think it's more important that a judge be effective and everyone who supports the judge, that's where your efficiency comes in because that's the great number of people and the great tax burden. If the people running around the sheriffs, the policemen, etc., all those people, if they are running from a far away site transporting people to the jail, that's your big savings. A capital expenditure, you can ask any businessman in town, capital expenditures are nothing compared to employees. I thought it was important when I heard Mr. Shepler say that, to remind you that maybe the existing jail there's a problem bringing it up to standards. One thing is that you don't have to touch it. Secondly, if you build a building next to it and attach it on the same site giving you all the advantages, that is not the same as touching that jail and does not require you to bring that jail up to standards. I thought those were important points. Thank you.

Bill Shepler: That is a correct statement. At this point in time, I don't know how long that will stand, but at this point in time if you don't go into it, you do not have to do anything. The concern I have with that is fixing the problem that exists in many of these areas. By using that, you can't fix visitation. The other thing you have to consider when you say okay, we're going to keep this here and move over there is that your current staff is not going to change. You're going to operate that jail with the same amount of staff that you're operating there. Then you add a satellite and you add staff again. I agree that that's something you ought to consider in this next step but keep in mind the cost of the jail is cost of jail operations. We have to...if you look at the cost of a jail to a county over 20 years, roughly ten percent of that cost over 20 years is in bricks and mortar and those kinds of things. About ten percent of that is in maintenance and paying the lights and paying the other, and eighty percent of it is in operation. So long term as a county, whatever solution you want to look at, it has to include an analysis of the operation to really know what your effect is because we can raise money to build about anything you want to within your tolerance of what the tax base is. That's the easy part. The operation, every year that Sheriff Ellsworth comes back to you and says I need more people and more this and more that, that's the tougher one. So, I think the statement is correct but whatever solution you look at, yes it has a first cost but it has to ultimately be done looking at the operational costs and make sure that you're not building yourself into something that you

can't afford to operate.

President Wortman: Okay, Ed Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Bill, do these new facilities have to be new? Can't we take an existing building in a right location, the number of square footage and build and design it where it would pass all state and federal regulations and it's got the right square footage and at half the cost? What's your feelings on this?

Bill Shepler: Jail two at Marion County was put into an old warehouse. It does meet the current standards. That is possible to do. Yes, the answer is that it is possible. Generally, it becomes a little more difficult but...

Al Bennett: Let me add something to what Bill is saying. Jail two in Indianapolis is a jail annex so it's considered to be medium to minimum in security. It's very difficult to take a warehouse and convert it into a maximum security jail that you need. It would be...it's been proven that it's more costly to convert something for maximum security use than it is to build it from the ground up. But you can do something with the dormitory style housing and things like that, but that's a different type of jail.

Councilmember Bassemier: You know, I've been working with the architect over in Kentucky and the reason why I brought this up, in fact, the sheriff was with me and several other people at the judicial system a couple of years ago and we looked at the Green Convention Center, the old Green Convention Center and the Annex, and it's just a shell. But now the county, a few years back, we did a \$15,000 study on this facility to see if it was structurally sound, and it came back passed in flying colors. So I didn't know if you all ever had a chance to look at this facility which is just a couple of blocks away.

Bill Shepler: We haven't done that at this point in time and what we're recommending, that is a part of the next step. What we have developed in each one of these cases is a non-site specific program, okay, and that template can be applied to a number of different options but the first thing is, we had to understand what the needs were, what all you needed to happen here and then you could take that template and say, okay, now, what if we looked at that. Does that space work, what else would have to be done. There are as many options probably as you want to begin to look at.

Councilmember Bassemier: Right, and the reason why I brought this up was, you know, we're saying all three of the facilities are going to cost 28 to 35 million dollars and I was just kind of making that suggestion because my options are open just like everyone here and I just wondered if you ever had a chance to, when you get farther into this to check locations and...

Bill Shepler: And we're ready to begin that and we have the tools at hand to do it with.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Bill Shepler: And that's one of the reasons I didn't, in this report, put all the details of the programs and budgets in there because, you know, the hard part of this is – is not what I give you, it's what I don't give you. And, I mean, we would have had to come down, there's a lot of information that is summarized here in a lot of places. We're ready to do that, we're ready to look at a number of different options. I wouldn't rule anything out. In fact, one of our recommendations is to look at privatization. It works some places and it doesn't work other places. And we're here to help you work through those options, give you the cost, the cost of operation of each one of them and you can decide where your tolerances are in those particular areas.

Councilmember Smith: Are you saying that we can't add on to this jail that we've got? I mean, I have thought about this ever since this started to going back over the parking lot and adding to there, and you're telling us this can't be done?

Bill Shepler: No, that's not what I said. I said it would be difficult, it will be costly and if you come into the existing jail, you will lose capacity because as soon as we start remodeling the existing jail, you will lose capacity. The other thing is, is if you chose that solution, even if you don't change the floor plan of the jail, there are a number of things that has to happen in that jail. There is a number of functions that would have to be moved over into that area. Your kitchen is inadequate, you have no place to go with it, your booking is inadequate, you have no place to go with it. It is an option.

Councilmember Smith: Well, I think it's the best option because you wouldn't have to build, you could build out, build your new facility back there, your kitchen and whatever, and then after that was finished, you could go up and remodel the new part and I think it would still be less expensive for the taxpayers in Vanderburgh County than to build a complete, new facility.

Bill Shepler: I can't answer which is the best option at this point in time. We're open to look at any of those that make sense in this next step. And like I say, when you look at that, you not only have to look at those first costs but you've got to make sure you look at the operational costs. Which one of them, ultimately, is going to cost the county less, not...

Councilmember Bassemier: One more question. So in other words, in the near future here, we're going to, you're going to be studying some more on this, so we're going to get another bill, right?

Bill Shepler: That's strictly up to the Commissioners, but that's the idea.

Councilmember Bassemier: I haven't heard this yet, but you're going to go along with this --

Bill Shepler: In fact, part of what I want to show you is how we do that and what is next in that process.

Councilmember Bassemier: But I just wanted to say, I think you all did a fantastic job --

Bill Shepler: Thank you very much --

Councilmember Smith: Well, we know we can't go up so we have to go out.

Councilmember Bassemier: And I know it's all going to be dollars and cents and what's legal and all this, but, Betty, I think you have a good idea, too. So...

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I want to go back to a statement I made earlier about looking at the total usage of this complex and what we're going to build because if we don't do that, we're going to end up with something that doesn't function well. Somehow, we have to get these prisoners to court, we have to get them there safely, we have to have space for the court and so on, and that's why this next step is so important and we can't resolve that in this forum here today. An idea that occurred to me and I don't even know whether it's feasible is this tower that Mr. Kinkel is recommending, putting the whole jail there and then making this jail into community corrections because I think there are some cost savings by keeping those things together. I am not sure that's feasible. I am personally, even though it will cost us more, hopeful that we keep the juveniles in a separate facility. There is just something that appeals to me about that and not having the juveniles in some kind of campus with everybody else. And that's, I can't give you rational reasons for that, it's a gut feeling, but I think that's where we are now because we're sitting in a building that's just not big enough any more and for that matter, the federal building across the street isn't either. Social Security is not in that building any longer. That wonderful idea of having all the government offices in one location where you can find them was shot to blazes -- I cleaned that up -- a long time ago when we started moving people out. And I think we need to be realistic about that.



Cid McNeilly: I think the difficult part that you're raising and that I am hearing in the discussion here is that there are a lot of ideas out there and there are an incredible number of options. But what we've observed here in Vanderburgh County and what we've really appreciated about working with you and is probably the struggle you're having now, is that when you move forward, you want to do it on purpose and you want to do it well. And, you know, you explore these options and I think there are times when some would criticize you for not coming to these decisions quicker and just getting this done and moving on when you know what the problem is. But identifying the problem is usually not as difficult as identifying the solution. And I think in fairness to you, you need to consider these options and there's, oh there's so many more than even the number of individuals in this room, and that is what we do and would love to help you do. But those decisions haven't been made yet. But that's the difficulty.

Councilmember Hoy: I lived in southwest Georgia for a year when I was a volunteer for Habitat. I do not want to see here what I saw there. That complex was way out in the country. I thought I was in Nazi Germany and they were packing every – you talk about packing people away into facilities, including juveniles. I knew a young man in our community who stole a candy bar and they packed him away for a sentence and I thought, give me a break. Adults filch newspapers out of the vending machines that cost more than the candy bar.

Bill Shepler: Well, you see why I put on here, whoever. So, I mean, we've kind of been down here a long time so we all have a little bit to contribute to this. One other thing, –

Councilmember Hoy: We were going to tax you, you know.

Bill Shepler: One of the things that I will let you know is, in the jail program we did include several things that will facilitate that no matter where it's at that will help you. One of them is, we've included a small court in there so that you can do arraignments and those kind of things. The other thing is we've included video arraignment in that budget. Not knowing exactly where things will be and might make sense no matter where things are at. So we're trying to use technology where technology makes sense to reduce those costs, travel, but the decision of where to put it is really these bodies' decision.

President Wortman: Excuse me, we're going to change tapes.

**(Tape change)**

President Wortman: Okay, any other questions for Bill? If not, we're going to move on to the financing information which that really affects this body.

Bill Shepler: Chris, we're going to ask you to come on up. Chris is here with Municipal Consultants and kind of give you an overview of what that might be.

Chris Johnston: Good morning. My name is Chris Johnston from Municipal Consultants in Indianapolis. My role here this morning is a lot like yours and that is just to listen to the recommendations. I don't have a recommendation of the financing plan for you. It's really to listen to your feedback as you receive the recommendations and so we can formulate and really work with the county in terms of putting together a successful financing plan. And that really is the summary of a financial advisor. Working with you, knowing what your priorities are in terms of helping you achieve a successful financing at competitive rates. Now what that does is there's usually competing interests. If I ask somebody out there, and we're probably going to consider a tax-exempt financing, if I ask somebody out in the municipal marketplace, how would you like to buy some jail bonds? They'd say sure. You know what, I really like that billion and a half dollars of Vanderburgh County assessed value. And so let's just levy a tax and that's the cleanest deal there is out there. That's what the municipal marketplace likes. Is that the best deal for Vanderburgh County? I'm not saying that because what our role is, is to come in and look at the financial resources, look at the options, gauge your priorities, because you have competing interests. They

want the cleanest and the easiest deal but you want something that you can live with: a financial plan that whether it's 15, 20, 25 years of financing that you're going to be able to be comfortable with, that you explored all the options. And so that involves looking at County Option Income Tax. You currently have a Cumulative Capital Development Fund that could be used for this financing, gaming revenues, in addition to a debt service levy to be used for financing the bonds. You've used County Option Income Tax in the past not in so much to actually draw upon those funds to make debt service payments, but as a credit enhancement for your TIF bonds. TIF is coming in to place, you paying your bonds, but the County Option Income Tax is used as a credit enhancement. That's a technique that could be used here, I am not saying that it is County Option Income Tax, but maybe use the property tax base as your enhancement by looking and exploring these other funds that you may have available to you. Again, we're just picking up what the costs are today and again, you have a lot of decisions ahead of you before we even get to the financing as to what sort of facilities that you need, but I'll give you a few things that we're going to be thinking about besides exploring the various financial resources. On the face of it right now, it's a very sizable bond issue. Vanderburgh County is capped at 2% as all governmental units are capped at 2% of their assessed value for general obligation bonds so a billion and a half or a billion four, so we're talking 28 to 30 million dollars. So it looks like we are going to, in terms of tax exempt financing, look at a building authority or a building corporation financing. What that does is that is the means at which, and I think it was done with the Convention Center, through the Evansville-Vanderburgh County Building Authority, that is the mechanism at which most school deals and other large capital projects are done in Indiana, is using a building corporation with a lease financing because it is not deemed to be against your two percent debt limitation. What that brings with it is capitalized interest which adds to the cost of your financing. Capitalized interest is because the bond market is not a patient place, they want to have their interest payments every six months but by law we cannot start the lease payments on a finished project, capital project, until that project is ready for use and occupancy. So if we have a construction period, and we haven't even gotten into this discussion, but of a construction period let's say of two years, that bond market wants payments in those two years but we don't have a means to make those payments, so you would actually end up bonding for that to make those payments. Again, that drives what we're talking let's say a 35 million dollar project, now you've got to layer on capitalized interest for two years, that gets up to 37 million dollars, 38 million dollars, let's say. So that's an issue that we want to wrestle with. Is there a way to mitigate that? Other things, if property taxes would be pledged, we have a trip to the State Tax Board, they approve all the projects where taxes are pledged to pay debt service and really we would want to show this to the rating agencies, Standard & Poors and Moody's. A project of this size, a financing of this size in the municipal marketplace, we'd be looking at what is the credit rating of Vanderburgh County on this transaction. And so it's a long process just like getting to this point has been a long process for all of these folks but again, my job here today was to start getting us involved as to seeing what the priorities are for the county and so we can really come in and work through a lot of these issues with you as we move forward.

President Wortman: Any questions on the financing, the options?

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question. What is our credit rating with Standard & Poors? Does anybody know that?

Suzanne Crouch: A.

Councilmember Hoy: That's what I thought.

Chris Johnston: I believe that most of the – several other bonds have been insured by municipal bond insurers and so those carry a triple A, but the '95 bonds were a standalone COIT deal and I believe it carries currently an A rating by Standard & Poors.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: What has ever been done within our state in terms of changing your sales tax rate, local sales tax? Or you could change our local rate, 5% to say 5 1/4, 5 1/8 or....

Chris Johnston: Well, the folks in Lake County want to change it all the time because that's how they want to lower their property tax burden but it's been mandated by the General Assembly and they're the ones who set it and there is not fiscal home rule locally for the sales tax. So that's why you've gone to these other sources such as a Food & Beverage, maybe a Hotel/Motel, other excise taxes but the sales tax has been stuck by the General Assembly.

Councilmember Hoy: It's too bad we couldn't put two cents on Food & Beverage because one cent is financing 35 million dollars worth of bonds across the street. Not a bad tax.

President Wortman: You mentioned Riverboat, see, that's not a steady income, though, or gambling.

Chris Johnston: No, but the reason I brought that up is I would not necessarily say we pledge that to the bond issue, it's more of a management issue for the Council, Commissioners, Auditor Crouch to think about, in terms of if we go ahead and get a debt service levy but using gaming revenues or COIT or some of these other revenues to lessen the impact on the property tax base. So it's more of an internal management issue --

President Wortman: Like a down payment.

Chris Johnston: -- to look at.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, currently we have a third in Welfare to Work of the Riverboat money and a third in Infrastructure and a third in Economic Development, so some of that is tied up right now, I believe. Aren't we still paying out of that for the Daylight Sewer?

Betty Lou Jerrel: It's paid for.

Councilmember Hoy: Good, so that money would be available.

Betty Lou Jerrel: Right.

President Wortman: Mrs. Jerrel, would you come up and elaborate on what's available and what's not available?

Betty Lou Jerrel: I wanted to remind you how smart you were. You don't spend Riverboat money in the future, you only spend what you collected last year so you're spending '99 money now. And at any time you can change your priorities between the Commissioners and the Council, we can work out the availability of those funds. By the way, you want to give them the name of the company you're representing? And we hired this company for Monday night as our financial representative.

Chris Johnston: Some people may recognize either name, I guess, Municipal Consultants has been around for 35 - 40 years providing advisory services but we're actually owned by Crowe Chizek and Company, a CPA and consulting firm. They are headquartered in South Bend and the eighth largest CPA firm in the country. But I work in the group of state and local government, our entire client base are local units of government primarily here in Indiana. And Counselor Hoy, to go back to your question and to elaborate on Commissioner Jerrel's comments, yes, these are other sources but obviously, it's what are you taking from them, whether it's COIT which is a property tax relief mechanism itself because it's used to fund county operations, but even the same thing for Cumulative Capital Development, it becomes how are we going to handle and balance these scarce

financial resources?

Councilmember Hoy: Well, we have to be honest and say whatever we do, we're going to probably increase or shift some tax money and increase tax money as well. I don't see how we can avoid that. It's not something that any of us like to say but we're probably at that point.

President Wortman: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Sir, say on a 30 million dollar bond issue, we'll try to take that out probably with a 15 or 20 year loan, what would our payments be to, say at the present rates today, per year on a loan that size?

Chris Johnston: Well, I actually did it for a little bit larger than that just to see what the sort of the pain would be. Actually shooting at a project fund amount of about 40 million but because of that capitalized interest I was mentioning, we're closer to actually borrowing 45 million dollars. Average rate today, I think we ran it higher than today's market by about half a point, so I think it was based on an average rate of 6 ½, which is really probably at least a half a point higher than where the market is today. But you're talking three and a half to four million dollars. And I think that was over 25 years because what we did is we matched that first cut or this first run against the financing for the convention center which was a 25 year bond, which is not unreasonable because what a lot of the rating agencies in the marketplace looks at, are you matching your financing with the useful life of the asset that you are financing?

Councilmember Sutton: What was the term that you were using to calculate that payment?

Chris Johnston: Twenty-five years.

President Wortman: You have dealt with other counties in a similar situation?

Chris Johnston: We're working with a county which is much smaller but they're dealing with the same issue and they're probably facing putting on a debt service levy that is always tough to confront when you're dealing with a jail, but they're looking at pledging their Economic Development Income Tax and their Cumulative Capital Development levy which they've already got that, that rate's already in place, to help mitigate the impact of the property tax burden. But we're also working with another county that has overcrowding and they're waiting for their court action to begin and so we're in the middle of financing and also planning for financing in other communities.

Councilmember Hoy: I want to be clear then, and I think I am clear but I want to hear it for sure, okay, and that is that whatever creative means we use such as the Cumulative Capital Development Tax or Riverboat Tax, I have a question about the report on it too, it's unrelated to financing if we have time about the Riverboat, that's my own personal issue, I think you used the word mitigate, we're still only going to mitigate some of the hit on property tax.

Chris Johnston: Right –

Councilmember Hoy: We're still going to be using property tax to...

Chris Johnston: I would say so. I'm not prepared today because we have not gone into looking at COIT –

Councilmember Hoy: I'm just looking at when you say, and correct me if I am incorrect, I wrote down three and a half and four million a year in payments over 25 years.

Chris Johnston: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't see those other taxes bringing in that much money.

Councilmember Sutton: It's 87.5 million to a hundred million dollars for the total cost on the  
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Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, when you figure the financing, yeah. We have two bankers from the same bank, we might beg for mercy.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any —

Councilmember Bassemier: I was just thinking, well, you know, we pay a little over six hundred thousand dollars now for the rent on the jail and the juvenile detention center is costing us about \$378,000, and of course, we're paying Community Corrections I think it's \$37,000 for rent out there. I know we can combine some of the costs and put them in one building, but we're still way off from four million dollars. We're about three million dollars short of making our payments at the present time.

Councilmember Raben: Part of your statement goes back to what Councilman Hoy was saying earlier in the meeting that we as a body, along with the Commissioners, have to look at the future of this building because even if you ever move out of where the jail currently operates today, the county still has an obligation for that space, so you're not really getting out of that rent. So again, that's part of what his prior statements were all about, I'm sure.

Councilmember Hoy: You're right.

President Wortman: Okay —

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, I think some — this is kind of also kind of related to what Councilman Hoy was talking about and what you just mentioned, Councilman Raben, in relation to our usage of this building and evaluating where we are and how we may effectively utilize this space since we are into a long term agreement and it would seem to me that administrative space is a lot cheaper than jail space. We're talking about \$150 per square foot, that's pretty expensive and I think you can get administrative space down below, you can get it below the \$100 per square foot range. So not proposing or saying one thing or another, but what I do believe, perhaps if we do evaluate this whole space issue, there might be some opportunities for us even within this facility, maybe the jail space expands over into this facility more so. It's always more difficult to renovate or rehab an existing space than it is to build new, but from an economy (inaudible) scale standpoint, how much longer do we have from the administrative side and a useful life span do we have in this facility in terms of how we are utilizing it right now. So that is another area that I think we need to explore and that is expanding the administrative space and then maybe moving over the jail space over into what is administrative space presently.

Chris Johnston: I'll work on the interest rates coming down. I'll let them work on the facilities.

Councilmember Sutton: You just raise that price tag!

Councilmember Hoy: If you're getting ready to close out this meeting, Sir, I have one comment and that is, going back to what you said about processes, I hope that we don't forget what she said about processes because those processes are every bit if not more important than construction because I made some notes a while ago and I packed them away, but your operation costs for what we're going to build I think you said are 80% —

Bill Shepler: The recommendations that we've made on sizes of facility are based on the fact that you fix the processes because if the processes aren't fixed, our recommendations aren't large enough.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes. And we could build –

Bill Shepler: They go hand in hand --

Councilmember Hoy: – a thousand rooms and probably fill them up – beds and probably fill all of them and I don't want to see it. There's, I think there's no answer to this question and that is, and I asked you this in the Commissioner's meeting, you know, about the aging of the population, because we do know that as the population ages, generally young people get in more trouble than those of us –

Bill Shepler: I did.

Councilmember Hoy: So did I. This is public confession. I am not going to say what, though. With the aging of the population, that might have some affect on what we're seeing, I would hope. The other thing that I would hope we would see, and maybe I won't see it in my lifetime, but I am real concerned that society is virtually demanding, I mean, they want to lock up people who's dogs bark at night, you know. Put them in jail. And I think that attitude has got to change. I think this is probably too far reaching, but it might be good to look at what some of our European neighbors have done because per 100,000 population, we have twice as many people in jail as any developed nation. There is nobody close to us and it does, I think, should cause us to begin to ask the questions as to why. The other question I had just had to do on, with something that is one of my pet things, on page 54, and that is at the bottom of the page, due to projected increased economic development in Vanderburgh County and surrounding areas, particularly Riverboat gambling, crime is expected to increase. Now the reports we've had is that Riverboat gambling has not increased. Are we getting wrong information or what is that based on?

Bill Shepler: It's based on –

Councilmember Hoy: I am a guy who was against Riverboat gambling and voted against it and everything else.

Bill Shepler: It's based on what has happened in other locations.

Councilmember Hoy: In other locations. Because the information we have here is that we have not seen – the only thing we've seen here is a lot of check cashing places and pawn shops. That's a growth industry.

Bill Shepler: Yeah, part of this that you're speaking to is, there's a second part to each one of those, it's, what if we're wrong. It's 500 beds with room for 200 more. It's 24 beds with room for 24 more. We don't think it's appropriate to try to build yourself out of this thing, but you do have to make a solution that if you're wrong, you don't end up back at this location in a few years trying to figure out what to do again. So you have to make an automatic next what, what is next?

Councilmember Raben: And I think your last statement is important to what was said earlier about continuing this process or we will prove ourselves wrong.

Councilmember Sutton: What is the next step? I mean, if we're talking about, you know, obviously you guys have done a wonderful job in putting together this material and the study, and the Commissioners, the Sheriff, and so many others, the judicial part, who have been very much involved with this, and Councilman Wortman and Councilman Hoy who have taken an active role in this. What's, I guess we really need to talk about what's next and obviously what's next is not free. So, and they've intimated that with discussions they've had, they'd be happy to assist us with this process. I picked that up. But I guess I am kind of trying to get a feel and sense of what we need to do from here and we've got a big thick binder with a lot of good information but that's not going to resolve the jail overcrowding problem.

Bill Shepler: If you permit me, you moved right in to our next idea. I'd like to give you two really quick pieces and I want to be very careful of your time so that at 11:00 o'clock we're done. So, the first one, and this is going to be really hard to read from back there, so I put some big print on it. I've run a schedule of what this process looks like so you can come up and see it later. But the important part is, is today you're right here. Can you see that? It's tough. The important part is, you're right here today. You've done some of this other stuff. To get from where you're at today to have a facility that might be ready to start construction, I am not saying ready to move into; to start construction, at the very best you're at a year, more likely a year and a half. Depending on how many of these options you want to work through, how many locations you look at, how many financing options you want to consider, so you're probably looking a year and year and a half from today to get to a point that you're ready to start building something. From that point, and I broke this up because this thing gets really, really long, from that point to actually moving into a facility, something the size you're looking at, it's another year and a half, maybe two years. So if you said get going as fast as you can and let's get into that facility, you're looking at probably two and a half years before you move into it at the very quickest. And then following that, there's a whole other year of warranty, a period that has to be monitored. And I'll leave this with the Commissioners so you can kind of get down and look at it a little closer, but just to give you an idea of the kind of time frame you're looking at, that's why these recommendations are very, very important. You have to survive the next two and a half, three years, whatever you do. You've got to live with the facilities you've got. So we're not saying move people out of the jail and go do something else. So not only are these recommendations important for keeping the size we're looking at, but it is part of your survival plan. With any good plan to build has to be, what do I do until it's ready to go? So those are important. Just so it's not so scary, I've got a – I'm going to put this up here – I've actually got a handout you can use on this – and it gives you kind of a stepwise process that you guys need to be looking at, at how you get, answer your question over here. Right now we've been in the planning phase and we've still got a little bit more work to do in the planning phase but every project is broken down into a series of phases. It goes into a planning phase, a design phase, a construction phase and then an occupancy phase. And each one of those have phases in their own. This schedule that I showed you here gets very convoluted when you – on this here I've got a (inaudible – comments made away from microphone) financing. Well, the actual financing schedule is about three pages long to do that so each one of these may have much more detail, do have much more detail in themselves. But the thing that's important about the process and the way this, we go about a project is each one of those, you come down to a point down here that says owner makes a decision. So you don't commit to the world necessarily, but each one of those phases, you decide, this is what we've decided, this is what we've decided we will commit to, this is what we've decided we'll expend and we move to the next phase. So it's not really as big a hole as it might seem like it is. It can be organized, it can be done in a way that you'll feel comfortable as you go along that way. But it does bring you down to a series of points. You say yes or no and if the answer is no, you've got to go back and fix it. You say no, I don't like that financing scheme. It doesn't do this that I want to do, so we have to go back and work on that a little bit more, bring you to a point that says okay, yes, we're ready to move to the next phase and we understand what we've committed to and we understand what we're about to commit to, to make the next phase. So there is a method behind this madness. I didn't want to walk away from here and you guys feel, go okay these guys are going off and leaving us in a hole. That's not the intent. So I have smaller of these if anybody wants them that they can kind of look at and I'll leave the bigger schedule with the Commissioners so that they can, you can see that. I know it's almost impossible to do that at this point.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else want to talk to this? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: You guys' involvement, well said in terms of laying out the phases there, your involvement, if the county chooses to proceed forward with your involvement,  
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Bill Shepler: Our involvement would be from...till you get past the warranty phase and

beyond actually. Most of the time our involvement runs out four or five years on most projects. Typically, Vanderburgh is a little bit different – typically, what we’ve gone through is really just a part of the front end of our contract, we do in most counties. What is unique and this has to be said, what is unique is we generally come in and do a study for a jail or a facility or whatever and they go, okay, now we’re going to build a new jail. And all the way through that, we’re talking about operation, we’re talking about changing the policies and procedures so that we don’t end up, and Vanderburgh County to my knowledge is the first county in the state of Indiana who has really sat down and taken a comprehensive across the board look at all these things prior to making that first step. Generally, we bring them into looking at staffing and looking at those issues Julie talked about, kicking and screaming. You know, nobody wants to talk about them, well, you’ve got to talk about them. So, I commend you very, very much for being, the term was progressive. You’ve been very progressive in that respect because you’ve got a better understanding of what the mechanism is and that building any one facility is not the only answer. It’s a piece of the answer.

Councilmember Sutton: I’m sorry, just one more thing, and I guess I am just trying to assess, not to try and say we are trying to direct one thing or another, but just trying to assess based upon, okay, we’ve looked at the cost of an actual, physical facility. For you to continue to guide us through this if that’s the direction we decide to go, what is the consulting end going to cost us? We’ve spent roughly about 95 –

Bill Shepler: It will be – if the Commissioners so choose and we hope they do, we’ll put together a proposal for doing that. And some of that depends on how much assistance they want with some of the other recommendation on the project management part that we talked about, the financing, the building, the design, all that. We’ve got a pretty good handle on what that is. And it’s time for us, but how much help do you need in some of the other recommendations with maybe the grant or with putting together these contracts. So again, we need to figure out what we’re being asked to do and then we’ll come back and address those issues.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, if I can’t pin you down to a number, then give me a range.

Bill Shepler: Typically, our fees run, we’ve never done a project that’s been over 3% of the project cost. Typically on something like this, it will be one and a half to two percent over four or five years.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

Bill Shepler: And typically what we try to do is set that up, and again, that’s a deal with the Commissioners, but we try to set that up as an hourly until we decide what the final scope is set because yet, right now, we don’t know whether we’re talking about a juvenile center, which is a 4 million dollar number and a jail that has a 30 million dollar number, so those are the reasons that it’s real difficult to get pinned down on that until that point in time.

President Wortman: Okay, alright, let’s see, have you got anything else to add, Bill? I tell you what, in summarizing and everything, Mr. Kinkel there, come forward. I think what it amounts to is all your statements and what you’ve processed here, you gave us a warning, I guess, in plain words. Does that make sense, what I am saying?

Bill Shepler: The problem isn’t going to go away.

President Wortman: That’s right. So we’ve been warned. Okay, go ahead, Mr. Kinkel. We’ve got a few minutes here.

J. T. Kinkel: It will just take a moment. All I want to do is remind you of, as we got into the financing and processing I sat out in the audience just like everyone else and I started thinking, well, what am I not hearing that I think I should hear. And the first one was, well, what is the monthly savings for the capital dollars that you put in? Per million dollars put



in, what is that savings monthly? And I think that's something that has to be asked and has to be looked at. We've talked about how the cost goes on and on. Well, it will on a monthly payment and that's a large portion. Secondly, as far as processing, well, is any process helped by moving the physical structure away from the courts? Just – is it? I don't know. But I think that needs to be looked at. I can't imagine that it would help. It seems like it would only hinder. And then, part of that report, if you are looking at moving things away, why wasn't an estimated cost given for transporting an inmate? I'm saying one block or seven miles, that's about what we have to deal with. And look at those numbers and figure out what the in between is. And then if you do move away and I think this was brought up I think by Councilman Raben or maybe Councilman Winnecke, well, you're tied to the existing jail. How many dollars do you have to put into the existing jail to make it anything but an existing jail? You know, the Sheriff said, well, we need places for classes. We need to do this. We need facilities outside of normal jail facilities to help our jail function. Well, wouldn't that be the best way to spend the money to fix the jail? Change the way the booking operations worked to add a class and then still be connected to a new building? And thirdly, and this goes back to the financing as well as the processing, what are those land development costs? Has anybody looked at those? That's a lot of money and it's a big problem. There's not any real estate in my neighborhood but I don't think you'll find many neighborhoods that are willing to share their real estate with either a corrections center or a jail. Maybe a juvenile center, they might be more likely to. But you have the property here. And I've put together a lot of schedules. I've been in the construction business probably not as long as Mr. Shepler, but for a few years, and I just wanted to remark that our plan has been studied for a long time and know that it can be operational and occupied within two years given a start date.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Wortman? And you raised an important point and I can finish that out for you, it's the NIMBY effect, not in my backyard. They don't want the juveniles either. I've worked in that field and, in fact, they don't want anybody in group homes because we have a fairly restrictive ordinance in this city about how close group homes can be located to each other whether they're housing former mental patients or whatever. Villages, we ran into that, the Southwestern Indiana Mental Health Center ran into that, so that's a point well taken. As far as land costs are concerned, I've looked at those also and you're talking about six or eight bushels of cash for land in this county.

J. T. Kinkel: And sewers and paving and sidewalks, and you know, it goes on and on and on and that's what developers are for. Thank you.

President Wortman: Thank you. Now then, the next on here is available sites. I understand the County Commissioners have asked Joe Harrison, Jr. to be looking at possible sites.

Bill Shepler: Yeah, and Joe couldn't be here today so –

President Wortman: Just a minute, we've got a tape change here.

**(Tape changed)**

President Wortman: Okay.

Bill Shepler: Joe couldn't be here, that's why you got stuck with me on the update on the court process. What I would say to the gentleman's comments: he's absolutely right and each one of those has to be a part of this next step as you evaluate your options. You can do that without making those steps. So –

President Wortman: I think the Commissioners understand.

Bill Shepler: So I don't disagree with what he said.

President Wortman: Right, I think the Commissioners understand that and everybody else.

Now then, the next thing on the finalization is additional meetings for the Council, Commissioners, committees, what have you and I think we've got to get together soon so I am going to arrange on my part with the County Councilmembers if that's agreeable so we get this thing going and you will be consulted for advice again, and then the Commissioners and anybody else involved so we get this ball rolling. Does that make sense?

Bill Shepler: Yep. Thank you very much.

President Wortman: Well listen, I appreciate you coming down here. You're well versed, well knowledgeable about this subject. I think you're doing a pretty good job.

Bill Shepler: Thank you very much, but I had an awful good team.

President Wortman: I know it. Al there has been real good and Julie and Mrs. McNeilly there. You all read real good as advisors so anything else to come before this meeting? Motion, Mrs. Smith and then adjourn. Meeting is adjourned.

**(Meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.)**

## VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Curt Wortman

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Vice President Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Phil Hoy

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Councilmember Lloyd Winnecke

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

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VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 1, 2000

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2000 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: We'll call the meeting to order this November the 1<sup>st</sup>. Fine weather outside and about the same inside. So we're going to have the, of course, the naturally opening of it, and welcome everybody, and we're going to have a roll call by the secretary, please.

(Roll call taken by Teri Lukeman)

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

(Councilmember Sutton arrived after roll called)

President Wortman: Would we all stand here and pledge allegiance?

(Pledge of allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
OCTOBER 4, 2000

President Wortman: I'd like approval of the minutes from the October meeting, the 4<sup>th</sup>, 2000.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

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

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

CLERK (TWO REQUESTS)

President Wortman: Okay, we'll get right on in the appropriations. Mr. Lloyd Winnecke, would you comment on the first request?

Councilmember Winnecke: The first request from the Clerk's Office for \$146,000 has been withdrawn. I've spent quite a bit of time talking to the Clerk about this request. This is to

fund the Internet access of court records and we all had a lot of questions last week and the Clerk was able to provide a lot of answers but I think there's still some questions out there and so I've asked her to try and get that information so we can bring that to the Council at another time. But essentially the concept is to provide Internet access to the records that are already available in the Clerk's Office now. When you walk into the Clerk's Office, the records that you can access at those computer terminals is what we're talking about having access to on the Internet. Essentially mirroring what's available there and the Clerk estimated that the county could recoup it's investment of \$146,000 in a couple of years time frame by subscription fees that law firms and other companies that would be interested in utilizing that information, by utilizing through subscription fees. After that, it would be a net revenue stream to the county. But she and Mr. Cottun are going to talk to the potential vendors who come back with more specifics about how things actually would operate and addressing some of the other concerns that the Council made last week, so we're going to table that for now.

President Wortman: Okay, thank you, Mr. Winnecke. So I'll have a motion that we – entertain a motion from the floor from the Councilmembers to set that in at zero.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	146,000.00	0.00
Total		146,000.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Now then, Mr. Raben, the Clerk.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'll move approval of 1010-3530 in the amount of \$3,080.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and a second. Any discussion? Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Contractual Service, what is that if that's for part-time? What's she contracting out –

Councilmember Winnecke: For a temporary help agency. She was unable to find some temporary relief staff and the only help she could find was through temp agencies and we had to create this line item so we could pay the agency.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, but don't they make like ten dollars and something an hour?

Councilmember Winnecke: I don't know, you pay directly to the agency and not to the individual, so I don't know the answer.

Councilmember Smith: I think it's over ten dollars an hour and the regular employees aren't making, some of them aren't making that much. That's kind of bad.

Councilmember Winnecke: You may be right. I don't know the answer to that.

President Wortman: Okay, any other discussion? If not, call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: How many people are we talking about here?

Councilmember Winnecke: I believe it was three but I'm not exactly sure. Sandie, do you know that?

Sandie Deig: I don't know.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President? Royce, did you have another comment? I know this probably isn't, I mean, the discussion should have taken place, but we may be setting a precedent here. I don't know, with regards to temp agencies –

Councilmember Smith: Kelly Services charges ten dollars and something an hour.

Councilmember Raben: And I'm sure you're probably correct on that and I do know that along with full-time help, also part-time help is extremely hard to find. So I don't know, could we possibly delay this until next month as well?

Councilmember Sutton: We started to vote.

Councilmember Winnecke: I think this is – time is more of the essence in this request than the other.

Councilmember Hoy: I understand the problem with this. I know when we bring in temporary help, it's \$11 an hour to the agency. The employee gets about six dollars of that is all.

Councilmember Smith: But we're paying eight dollars and –

Councilmember Hoy: I know.

Councilmember Smith: – you know, and so it's kind of silly to have to pay ten or eleven dollars to go through an agency. That's my question and that was my problem with it, the reason I voted against it. Because I think you could find somebody for eight dollars an hour.

President Wortman: She's repealing this money. If you look in the Repeals, you know, put it back in.

Councilmember Hoy: What is she repealing from, Mr. President? I've forgotten. What is she repealing, I've forgotten what it was.

President Wortman: Second page, Extra Help, the Clerk, 1010-1990. Second from the bottom, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President? I'm sorry, did I interrupt?

Councilmember Hoy: I just, I was just going to comment on what I think you said, Councilman Raben, about precedent. You know, we – I'm reluctant to open this door because then someone else is going to come in and, you know, I don't know. Maybe she is in a bind, that's a tough situation.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, excuse me, Suzanne, I don't mean to put you on the spot other than the fact that your office pays – is responsible for the payables for the county, but do we have other offices as well that use temp services or is this –

Suzanne Crouch: I wouldn't know that without checking --

Councilmember Sutton: But if you can recall, I guess like Paul for a period of time, if you can recall, we've had a number of discussions and requests come before Council in particular from the Assessor's offices and the difficulty they've had in getting people to fill their positions. I would think they would probably be the logical people that would be next in line who would want to make a request along this same line because of the difficulty they've experienced and have made that very clear and so moving forward with this, and I am more than sure that Marsha has exhausted as many options as she possibly can. I do recognize that there – or there has been a shortage of workers out there but I don't know if I am prepared to move forward in this direction at this time until we get some further information or really look at this a little more closely. Not to say we want to be, if she's got a need here we want to be sensitive to that need, I guess that's maybe the kind of the balance there, we'll be sensitive to that, but the greater whole, I guess, is what we have to consider as well.

President Wortman: I think it goes back to years ago, I still think it should be in effect, forming a pool, five, ten people. Get some retirees or what have you that's capable of operating a computer, what have you, and then you could draw from this pool regardless of your political affiliation. I think there ought to be a pool, then we'd solve this problem. Now whether we'd have to go from eight to nine, to ten dollars an hour, then we'd be across the board.

Councilmember Smith: Well, we basically paid seven and then we have okayed eight just this year, but when we start to paying – and you're going to have to consider that at ten and eleven dollars an hour, your regular employees, there's a lot of them that doesn't make ten and eleven dollars an hour.

Councilmember Hoy: The other problem I have with it is, and I understand the difficulty in getting people quickly for eight dollars an hour, but these folks that come from a temp service are not going to make eight dollars an hour. I mean, how come we can get a pool of workers – I like your idea, because how come we can get a pool of workers who will work for six dollars an hour through a temp service, but we can't find someone who will

come in for eight bucks an hour? I mean, I'd rather make two bucks more an hour and not come through a temporary service. It would seem to me there are some folks out there that we ought to be able to reach with eight dollars an hour if they are able to get them for six bucks an hour. That's –

President Wortman: We're going to have that problem when reassessment comes up on part-time help. If we start this, then Kelly Services is really going to be (inaudible). So I don't know if it's agreeable, table this thing and if it's an extreme emergency, we'll call a special meeting and have it if that's what it amounts to or –

Councilmember Hoy: We have to finish this vote and the only way we can get it off the floor is to vote it down and then – or we could – I am trying to think parliamentarily, how we can get by, you know, with getting this off the floor so we can handle it.

Councilmember Raben: What we could do, Councilman Hoy, we could approve it under the account number of Extra Help...

Councilmember Hoy: She's got that. That's where she's trying to repeal.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, that's right. She's got it in Extra Help so she can, if she continues her effort to find –

Councilmember Smith: Pay it out of the Extra Help.

Councilmember Raben: Right, so we just simply need to deny this at this time.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I think you're right. I think we almost have to continue with the vote.

President Wortman: Yeah, I think, is there any other discussion? Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I am going to vote no because I need some more answers and I am not saying I am against it, I just don't have enough answers to it since she's not here, so I am sorry it has to go down like I am against it. The only reason why, I am not against it, I just don't know enough –

President Wortman: I think that's the general sentiment of the whole Council, I think. The way I understand it.

Councilmember Hoy: Did you vote, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Uh, Mr. Bassemier kind of skipped over me there, but she hadn't actually gone back to the roll call, so he's just making his position known on issue. So it isn't actually his vote yet, so I guess I am ready to vote –

Councilmember Hoy: Are you voting –

Councilmember Sutton: I guess I am ready to vote. I am ready to vote.

Councilmember Hoy: We need to vote, sir.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: For the second time, no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.



Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No, and does that count as two votes then?

Councilmember Sutton: Some people might want to use those next Tuesday.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: I am going to vote no but then Mr. Winnecke, I think, should go contact her and I think then we'll kind of go from there and see what happens and make her aware of this situation if that's suitable with Lloyd and that way we'll kind of go – so the motion is defeated six to one.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-3530	Contractual Services	3,080.00	0.00
Total		3,080.00	0.00

**(Motion fails 1-6/Councilmembers Smith, Sutton, Bassemier, Hoy, Raben and Wortman opposed)**

President Wortman: Okay, we'll move right on to the next one.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, a lot of these are, I hate to use the term insignificant, but they are small and if nobody objects I am going to take several of these at one time. Does anybody have a problem with that?

Councilmember Sutton: Before you move on, real quick, Jim, I was wondering, the idea, I think it's a good idea that Curt brought up too, about this pool of workers that we might share. I don't want to spend a lot of time with it but I didn't know if we want to maybe form some type of group that pursues it and takes a look at this and studies this as a possibility for the county. I think it could be an excellent opportunity for us to address some of those issues.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, if you need a motion I'll –

Councilmember Sutton: No, no. He initiates that. I know where you are going.

**SURVEYOR  
PROSECUTOR  
PROSECUTOR IV-D  
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS (TWO REQUESTS)**

President Wortman: Alright, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, County Surveyor, account 1060-1910, 1060-1920 in the amount of \$900; Prosecutor 1080-3900 \$4,000; Prosecutor IV-D 1081-3140 in the amount of \$1,200; Community Corrections 1361-1160-1361 in the amount of \$66, 1361-1270-1361 Corrections Supervisor in the amount of \$1,144, 1361-1560-1361 Case Manager in the amount of \$77 and Community Corrections account 1361-1850 Union Overtime \$20,000, I'll make those in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SURVEYOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1060-1910	PERF	200.00	200.00
1060-1920	Insurance	700.00	700.00
Total		900.00	900.00

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1080-3900	Return of Fugitive	4,000.00	4,000.00
Total		4,000.00	4,000.00

PROSECUTOR IV-D		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1081-3140	Telephone	1,200.00	1,200.00
Total		1,200.00	1,200.00

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1361-1160-1361	Case Manager	66.00	66.00
1361-1270-1361	Corrections Supervisor	1,144.00	1,144.00
1361-1560-1361	Case Manager	77.00	77.00
Total		1,287.00	1,287.00

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1361-1850	Union Overtime	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total		20,000.00	20,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CCD/SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

President Wortman: Okay, Mr. Raben, page two.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Superintendent of County Buildings account 2031-1310-4120 Buildings in the amount of \$55,000. Again, I'll approve this amount but I wish at some point in time we would look into waste oil furnaces particularly for the garage out there because it would be a significant cost savings to the county.

President Wortman: Okay, got a second to that?

Councilmember Winnecke: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CCD/SUPT. OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2031-1310-4120	Buildings	55,000.00	55,000.00
Total		55,000.00	55,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF/VCCC MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER (TWO REQUESTS)

President Wortman: Sheriff/Misdemeanor Offender Fund.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 2760-1850 Union Overtime in the amount of \$5,000, 2760-1910 PERF in the amount of \$149 and I'll move approval.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SHERIFF/VCCC MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2760-1850	Union Overtime	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total		5,000.00	5,000.00

SHERIFF/VCCC MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2760-1910	PERF	149.00	149.00
Total		149.00	149.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION

President Wortman: Local Emergency Planning Commission.

Councilmember Raben: 2861-3310 Training in the amount of \$3,100. I'll move approval.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2861-3310	Training	3,100.00	3,100.00
Total		3,100.00	3,100.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>GENERAL FUND REPEAL REQUESTS</b>
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**CLERK**

President Wortman: Now the repeal.

Councilmember Winnecke: Withdraw this request.

Councilmember Raben: This one has been –

Councilmember Smith: Shouldn't we hold that one then and leave that money in –

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I am going to move that be withdrawn or the request set in at zero. My motion is that 1010-1990 be set in at zero.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Got any discussion on that? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-1990	Extra Help	3,080.00	0.00
Total		3,080.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS
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- SHERIFF (TWO REQUESTS)

PROSECUTOR IV-D

SUPERIOR COURT

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

KNIGHT ASSESSOR/REASSESS.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPP. ADULT PROB.
- JAIL

COMMISSIONERS

LEGAL AID

CENTER ASSESSOR/REASSESS.

PERRY ASSESSOR/REASSESS.

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY

President Wortman: Yes, and now the transfers. Mr. Raben, you want to take them all at one time or does anybody got any objections?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll be glad to take them all at one time if everybody is comfortable with that.

Councilmember Hoy: Go with it.

Councilmember Raben: Go with it? Okay, Mr. President, I will move that we accept all transfer requests 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 from 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0063	Patrolman	2,151.00	2,151.00
To: 1050-1130-0036	Patrolman	565.00	565.00
1050-1130-0208	Clerk Typist	1,586.00	1,586.00

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1510-1050	College Reimbursement	4,000.00	4,000.00
To: 1050-1210-1050	Payment Officer	4,000.00	4,000.00

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1051-1130-0310	Detention Officer	205.00	205.00
To: 1051-1130-0304	Detention Officer	205.00	205.00

PROSECUTOR IV-D		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1081-1150-1081	Deputy Pros. Atty.	1,500.00	1,500.00
To: 1081-1990	Extra Help	1,500.00	1,500.00

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1300-2610	Copy Machine Supplies	3,000.00	3,000.00
To: 1300-3760	Occu/Med	3,000.00	3,000.00

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1370-1804-1370	Court Reporter	1,339.25	1,339.25
To: 1370-1260-1370	Court Reporter	1,339.25	1,339.25

LEGAL AID		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1460-3371	Comp. Hardware	2,989.00	2,989.00
1460-3000	Bond & Insurance	20.00	20.00
1460-3010	Other Insurance	37.00	37.00
1460-3450	Yellow Pages	600.00	600.00
1460-3520	Equipment Repair	578.00	578.00
To: 1460-3372	Comp. Software	2,120.00	2,120.00
1460-3410	Printing	1,526.00	1,526.00
1460-2600	Office Supplies	578.00	578.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-1140-2030	Operator	5,000.00	5,000.00
To: 2030-1930	Unemployment	5,000.00	5,000.00

CENTER TWP. ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2492-1110-1920	Insurance	10.80	10.80
To: 2492-1110-1910	PERF	10.80	10.80

KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2492-1130-1920	Insurance	1,003.13	1,003.13
To: 2492-1130-1910	PERF	1,003.13	1,003.13

PERRY TWP. ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2492-1140-1920	Insurance	1,310.00	1,310.00
To: 2492-1140-1910	PERF	1,310.00	1,310.00

CIRCUIT COURT SUPP. ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2600-3530	Contractual Services	3,000.00	3,000.00
To: 2600-2720	Lab Supplies	2,000.00	2,000.00
2600-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,000.00	1,000.00

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 4290-3120	Postage/Freight	100.00	100.00
To: 4290-3990	Miscellaneous	100.00	100.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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President Wortman: Now then, Mr. Raben, the salary ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I will move approval of Exhibits B, C, D, E, F & G, so I'll start at the top. Community Corrections salary line 1361-1160 Case Manager, 1361-1270 Corrections Supervisor and 1361-1560 Case Manager in as previously adopted. I'll move to set the Union Overtime line 1361-1850 in as previously adopted. I also move to set Community Corrections Misdemeanor Offender Union Overtime account



2760-1850 in as previously adopted. As far as the Sheriff's Department, set salary lines 1050-1130-0063, 1050-1130-0036, 1050-1130-0208 and also account 1050-1510 College Reimbursement and 1050-1210 Payment Officer in as the transfer was previously adopted. Jail, set the salary line 1051-1130-0310 Detention Officer and 1051-1130-0304 Detention Officer in as previously adopted. Prosecutor IV-D account 1081-1150 Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and Extra Help line 1081-1990 in as previously adopted. Superior Court, line 1370-1804 Court Reporter and 1370-1260 Court Reporter in as previously adopted. And Cum Bridge, I'll move to set line 2030-1140 Operator and 2030-1930 Unemployment in as previously adopted. With that, I will make all that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy seconded it. Any discussion? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
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**LEISURE LIVING WEST LLC - 3078 N. ST. JOSEPH AVENUE  
RESOLUTION GRANTING A DEDUCTION FROM PROPERTY TAXES FOR A THREE  
YEAR PERIOD**

President Wortman: Number nine, Old Business. Resolution granting a deduction from property taxes for a three year period. Deferred from September 6, 2000 meeting. I'll entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Wortman: And got a second? Do I hear a second? One more time, do I have

a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Got a second. Alrighty, and any discussion? No discussion, call the roll.

Councilmember Hoy: Is anybody here representing them today?

Councilmember Smith: That's on those apartments out there off of St. Joe, isn't it?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, where the rent is –

Councilmember Smith: \$625 to start.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, and the number of employees is minimal and the wages are minimal. They have two employees and not much in the wage department.

President Wortman: Yeah, Leisure Living, and that was one of the original start out, they wasn't approved last time because they tried to get it through and it didn't go. Anybody else got anything to say?

(Inaudible - microphone not turned on)

President Wortman: We wonder if we ought to go get them. Why don't we, would you mind go getting them and have a little explanation and we'll go on to the New Business there and we'll come back to that, Sandie. I appreciate it.

**(Discussion continued on page 17)**

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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**FUNDING FOR BURDETTE PARK 2001 ADVERTISING**

President Wortman: Steve Craig from Burdette and Dolli Kight from the Convention & Visitors Bureau, the matching grant funds. If you want to step forward please and give us the good word.

Dolli Kight: Dolli Kight from the Convention & Visitors Bureau. Bev Oswald, our board president, sends her regrets. She is out of town.

Steve Craig: Steve Craig, Manager of Burdette Park.

President Wortman: Okay, so you want to explain anything to the Council?

Dolli Kight: Well, what we're proposing, the Council had requested that the Convention & Visitors Bureau assist with Burdette Park's advertising for 2001 and state tourism has a grant program for tourism projects, marketing, advertising, research. So we're proposing that we apply for that grant in the amount of \$10,000. The Convention Bureau will put up \$10,000 and we weren't sure from there whether Council was willing to commit \$10,000 so we reach that \$30,000 figure.

President Wortman: Yeah, you just want a firm commitment from us is what it amounts to, don't you?

Dolli Kight: Right.

President Wortman: If everybody could comment, would –

Councilmember Smith: I think we all suggested this before because, with the park out there that we had asked Steve to go to them and ask for money.

President Wortman: I think that's fine. Does anybody on the Council have any objection to giving their blessing to the Burdette Park and Convention Bureau? Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: No –

President Wortman: All those in favor raise your right hand. Hold it, Mr. Sutton –

Councilmember Sutton: Oh, oh, oh. I've got to get a comment. I don't have an objection to it, but if the grant is not received for some reason or another, where would that place us?

Dolli Kight: Well, that's the big question. We're willing to put up the \$10,000 and we didn't know if Council was willing to go \$10,000. So that would, if the grant is not granted, we have at least \$20,000 to work with. It would be nice if we got that ten and we're going to work hard. We've got a meeting with the representative from state tourism on Monday to discuss it with them.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I am just trying to get a determination if it weren't received whether you guys –

Dolli Kight: No, we're still going to commit that money.

President Wortman: I'd like everybody on the Council to raise their hands in good faith for support.

Councilmember Hoy: We're going to have for sure \$20,000, right?

Dolli Kight: We're going to commit ten and you're committing ten, so yes. We have twenty.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah.

President Wortman: Yeah, all support. Yeah, we don't have to have a motion, see, this is just concerning to give us our –

Dolli Kight: General consensus.

President Wortman: Yeah, okay. Well listen, we thank you for your participation. And thanks for coming. You can be excused now and get back to work.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b> <b>OCTOBER 20, 2000</b> <b>SPECIAL MEETING</b></p>
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President Wortman: Next on the agenda is approval of the October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2000 special meeting minutes. Do I have a motion to that effect?

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Wortman: And I got a second from Mr. Hoy. Any discussion on that? Everybody raise your right hand. I think that's good enough. One, two, three...

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

Councilmember Smith: What am I voting on?

President Wortman: Your special minutes, approval. Thank you, Mrs. Smith.

<p><b>CHANGE OF FILING DATE FOR DECEMBER 2000 APPROPRIATIONS/TRANSFERS/REPEALS</b></p>
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President Wortman: Now I'm going to, we've got filing dates for November the 15<sup>th</sup> for the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, also December the 5<sup>th</sup> for the January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, 2001. So I thought I'd bring that up and Sandie will send a memo out to that effect and so we'll just kind of take a little minute or so here until she finds this person to come in and explain it to us.

Councilmember Raben: While we're waiting, and I only ask this because I have a great deal of respect for the integrity and the dignity that our existing Sheriff's Department has brought to our Sheriff's Department. So I feel comfortable in asking this question. If the Sheriff was here, I'd ask him. Eric, the Chief Deputy, is here. And just for the record, it's always been my understanding that only judges could release prisoners and we have an ad floating around that states that Commissioners are allowed to do that. Are Commissioners allowed to release criminals?

Eric Williams: No sir.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody got anything else to say before this election next week?

Councilmember Sutton: Phil, this is your last chance.

Councilmember Bassemier: I was going to ask Eric, I was going to ask him a question. Now can a Sheriff release somebody without a court order?

Eric Williams: No sir.

Councilmember Bassemier: At one time could they, years and years ago? I remember...

Eric Williams: Different jurisdictions have arrangements granting some authority from the courts to the Sheriff. But in this case we rely on the courts to grant OR's, bond reductions, whatever. We just wait for them to tell us when to turn the keys before we let people –

Councilmember Bassemier: I knew that's the way it was now but I was thinking years ago, I was just – for information purposes. I am not politicking.

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman?

President Wortman: Yes, Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: When that first started out that they had the bail bonds, they could OR them and most of them were college kids. My son was one of them and then the judges took that authority away from them because I guess they thought it was taking some of their authority. So then to OR, they had to get in touch with a judge to get that done. So that judge is the only one that would grant an OR. So that is the only one that can release them.

President Wortman: Thank you, Mrs. Smith. I appreciate your input. And here we've got the head honcho coming in here now.

**RESOLUTION GRANTING A DEDUCTION FROM PROPERTY TAXES FOR A THREE YEAR PERIOD FOR McCULLOUGH/HALLER LEISURE LIVING WEST LLC LOCATED AT 3078 NORTH ST. JOSEPH AVENUE (Discussion continued from page 15)**

President Wortman: You might as well come on up and explain. We've got some

questions on this Leisure Living is what we have. And tell your name please.

Mary Wildeman: Mary Wildeman, Department of Metropolitan Development.

President Wortman: I appreciate your coming. Mr. Hoy, or who had some questions to ask about that?

Mary Wildeman: Now, hopefully, all of the answers are in that memo that we sent you because I'll have to read through my file to answer any questions, but go ahead. I'm ready.

Councilmember Raben: Originally this was denied just pending the statement of benefits, wasn't it? Or was it postponed maybe? There was a...

Mary Wildeman: No, when this was approved there was no length of deduction set. We were waiting for the final investment to come back to us so that we could set the length of the deduction based on that investment. And so that's the paperwork you have before you to approve now, is that we're setting the length of deduction at three years.

President Wortman: That was the main concern, the three year cycle, if I understand. That was our main concern because it wasn't established, see.

Mary Wildeman: Yes, it was not originally established because of the very reason, we thought that the investment would not come in as what they had initially stated. So we wanted to wait until the project was completed.

President Wortman: That's fine.

Councilmember Smith: What are we voting on, three years? Is that...

President Wortman: Yes ma'am. Everybody understand that now? Did she explain it pretty good to everybody? Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Are you all making any recommendations any more? At one time you stopped and then –

Mary Wildeman: Well, we made a recommendation for you to approve the tax abatement, as tax abatement for that property. We told you at that time we would come back and set the length of deduction when the investment came due and when the project was completed. So we did make a recommendation for approval months ago, a year ago. Some time ago. I don't know when it was.

President Wortman: Now I'll entertain a motion for approval. Anybody got any questions or any more discussion?

Mary Wildeman: Let me say, we usually set the length of deduction in the original resolution but we did not at this time. We don't have to and we chose to do it separately.

Councilmember Hoy: And so we're looking at three instead of ten, the usual ten, right?

Mary Wildeman: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't have the minutes in front of me. I thought Mr. Robling recommended against this one but I must be mistaken.

Councilmember Winnecke: This was, actually he had made no recommendation –

Mary Wildeman: Oh, is this the one?

Councilmember Winnecke: It is. They made a second request in the spring over and above this.

President Wortman: Yes, if you recall, I was not here and it was a three/three vote.

Mary Wildeman: I wasn't here either.

President Wortman: And you wasn't either. It was three/three so that was a defeat, see. Okay, then they wanted me to bring it back and I said no, it's settled. It's done. You can't keep redoing things because everybody else would do that, see. That's the way I looked at it, so I didn't bring it to the floor. Is that satisfactory?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, because there is a time frame you have to wait now.

President Wortman: That's right, yeah.

Councilmember Hoy: And so back to that now.

President Wortman: Yeah, okay. So anyway...

(Inaudible)

Mary Wildeman: I'm telling you what I know although small it is.

President Wortman: You've got to wait a year, I believe, if I recall. Somebody correct me if I am wrong but I think that's right. So everybody in agreement? Alright, I am ready for a vote. Is everybody ready? Call the roll please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I am going to vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I am going with their recommendation. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes. Okay, it fails, what was that – four to three.

**(Motion fails 3-4/Councilmembers Smith, Sutton, Hoy and Winnecke opposed)**

President Wortman: Anything else to come before this Council?

Councilmember Smith: I'd just like to explain why I voted against it is because of the rent being as high as it is for a three room apartment. It's \$625, I don't think that's low income.

President Wortman: Yeah. Okay, anything else to come before this Council? Yes sir, Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I move we adjourn.

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

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Wortman: All those in favor say aye. Ayes have it, meeting is adjourned.

**(Meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.)**

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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President Curt Wortman

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Vice President Ed Bassemier

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Councilmember James Raben

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Councilmember Phil Hoy

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Councilmember Lloyd Winnecke

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Councilmember Royce Sutton

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Councilmember Betty Knight-Smith

Recorded and transcribed by Teri Lukeman.



VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 6, 2000

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2000 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:39 p.m. by County Council President Curt Wortman.

President Wortman: The Vanderburgh County Council is now in session this December the 6<sup>th</sup>, 2000, last official meeting unless we have a special meeting. So we’re going to open the meeting naturally and have attendance for the roll call. Madam Secretary, call the roll please.

(Roll call taken by Teri Lukeman)

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

President Wortman: Would you all stand, the audience and the Council, and pledge allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 1, 2000

President Wortman: Next on the agenda, I’ll entertain a motion for the approval of the minutes from November the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000. Do I have a motion?

Councilmember Smith: So moved.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Wortman: And I got a second. Any discussion? All those in favor raise your right hand. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Wortman: Okay, before we get into the appropriations we’ve got some students from North High School, future Councilmen, Commissioners, legislators, what have you. So if you’d all stand when I call your name. Now if anybody wants to come forward and give a five or ten minute speech, we’ll welcome you. But the first is Crystal Ashby, would you stand please and be recognized? Thank you. And Amanda Lents, thank you. Nicole LaRue, thank you. Emery Peck.

Councilmember Smith: Is that North?

Unidentified: North.

President Wortman: And Heather Bender, okay, thank you. Jeff Olberding, thank you. And William Wangler, thank you. And Jimmie Leslie. Is he – he's not here yet. Okay, well you might remind him if he runs for office, he can't be late for meetings. Okay, we sure welcome you, future politicians. Pay attention, listen real carefully, because we've got to be replaced one of these days, so keep that in mind. Okay, we'll get right on in – oh, I might ask this, that anybody's got a right to be heard for or against any of these appropriations, transfers or what have you. You've got a right to speak, so I thought I'd let you know that. Don't hear nothing, don't see nothing, so we'll go on into the appropriation ordinance and, Jim Raben, would you start?

<b>APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE</b>
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**CLERK (Two requests)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'll move approval of 1010-3530 Contractual Services in the amount of \$3,080.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and a second Mr. Sutton. Any discussion on that? We did preview this last Wednesday so that's why it probably is going to go pretty swift, hopefully. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-3530	Contractual Services	3,080.00	3,080.00
Total		3,080.00	3,080.00

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

President Wortman: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, the next Clerk’s request which is 1010-3370 has been withdrawn, so I’ll move that we set that in at zero.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Wortman: And 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	146,000.00	0.00
Total		146,000.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT

President Wortman: Next, County Council, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Circuit Court, 1360-3260 Law Library Books in the amount of \$10,000. I’ll move approval.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-3260	Law Library Books	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total		10,000.00	10,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COUNCIL

President Wortman: Next, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, County Council 1480-3460 Consultant \$1,125. I'll move approval.

President Wortman: Got a second?

(Councilmember Hoy indicated a second to the motion.)

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy seconded it. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-3460	Consultant	1,125.00	1,125.00
Total		1,125.00	1,125.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

GENERAL FUND REPEAL REQUESTS

CLERK

President Wortman: Now, Mr. Raben, the Clerk’s repeal.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we have a repeal in the amount, account number 1010-1990 for a total of \$3,080. I’ll move approval.

(Councilmember Hoy indicated a second to the motion.)

President Wortman: And I’ve got a second from 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-1990	Extra Help	3,080.00	3,080.00
Total		3,080.00	3,080.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p><b>TRANSFER REQUESTS</b> <b>LATE TRANSFER REQUESTS*</b></p>
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TREASURER	SHERIFF	CORONER
PROSECUTOR	PROS. FEE CHECK RECOVERY	CO. ASSESSOR
ARMSTRONG ASSESS.	CENTER ASSESSOR	KNIGHT ASSESS.
PERRY ASSESS. (2)	PIGEON ASSESSOR	SCOTT ASSESS.
ELECTION OFFICE	VOTER REGISTRATION	AREA PLAN
COMMISSIONERS	WEIGHTS & MEASURES	CIRCUIT COURT
SUPERIOR COURT (2)	DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL	BURDETTE
LEGAL AID	COUNTY COUNCIL	COUNTY HIGHWAY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	KNIGHT/REASSESSMENT	PIGEON REASSESS.
CIRCUIT CT SUPP.	SUPERIOR COURT SUPP.	PROS. PRE-TRIAL
CLERK*	GERMAN ASSESSOR*	COMMISSIONERS*
WEIGHTS & MEASURES*		

President Wortman: Okay, now then next is Transfers. Does anybody have any objection, Councilmembers, if we take all the transfers at one time? Has everybody looked them over and reviewed them and have any discussion before Mr. Raben ties into it?

Councilmember Smith: Mr. Chairman, what about the late transfers? Have they looked at them? We've got two late transfers here.

President Wortman: Right, he's going to mention that possibly, the late transfers, won't you, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I'll tell you what, we'll throw them all in. We'll cover them. Is everybody okay with them? Okay, –

President Wortman: You'll mention in your motion, then, there'll be early and late transfers?

Councilmember Raben: Yes sir. I'll move approval of all transfers as they are submitted, all late and previous transfers, and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

(Councilmember Hoy indicated a second to the motion.)

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy seconded it. Any discussion on the late transfers or early transfers? No? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1030-1920	Insurance	100.00	100.00
TO: 1030-1910	PERF	100.00	100.00

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1050-1510-1050	College Reimbursement	490.00	490.00
TO: 1050-1910	PERF	490.00	490.00

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1070-3660	Forensic Dentistry	470.16	470.16
1070-3310	Training	1,200.00	1,200.00
1070-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,800.00	1,800.00
TO: 1070-1140-1070	Deputy Coroner	78.60	78.60
1070-1190-1070	Deputy Coroner	1.35	1.35
1070-1200-1070	Deputy Coroner	247.20	247.20
1070-1910	PERF	143.01	143.01
1070-3200	Utilities	600.00	600.00
1070-3190	Solid Waste Disposal	600.00	600.00
1070-2600	Office Supplies	1,800.00	1,800.00

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1080-1920	Insurance	252.11	252.11
TO: 1080-1910	PERF	252.11	252.11

PROSECUTOR FEE CHECK RECOVERY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1082-1920	Insurance	54.71	54.71
TO: 1082-1910	PERF	54.71	54.71

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
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FROM: 1090-1920	Insurance	40.00	40.00
TO: 1090-1910	PERF	40.00	40.00

ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1100-1920	Insurance	7.00	7.00
TO: 1100-1910	PERF	7.00	7.00

CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1110-3410	Printing	200.00	200.00
TO: 1110-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	200.00	200.00

KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1130-1920	Insurance	444.17	444.17
TO: 1130-1910	PERF	444.17	444.17

PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1140-1920	Insurance	310.00	310.00
1140-3380	Photo/Blue Print	250.00	250.00
TO: 1140-1910	PERF	310.00	310.00
1140-3130	Travel/Mileage	250.00	250.00

PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1140-3120	Postage/Freight	474.00	474.00
TO: 1140-2600	Office Supplies	474.00	474.00

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1150-1920	Insurance	118.92	118.92
1150-3520	Equipment Repair	2,384.63	2,384.63
TO: 1150-1910	PERF	118.92	118.92
1150-4210	Office Furniture	2,201.75	2,201.75
1150-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	182.88	182.88

SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1160-1920	Insurance	76.00	76.00
TO: 1160-1910	PERF	76.00	76.00

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1210-3520	Equipment Repair	202.00	202.00
1210-3420	Legal Advertising	600.00	600.00
1210-3410	Printing	200.00	200.00
TO: 1210-2290	Election Board Meals	200.00	200.00



1210-1910	PERF	2.00	2.00
1210-2600	Office Supplies	250.00	250.00
1210-3600	Rent	335.00	335.00
1210-3570	Janitorial Service	165.00	165.00
1210-2280	Precinct Meals	50.00	50.00

VOTER REGISTRATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1220-3410	Printing	20.00	20.00
TO: 1220-3520	Equipment Repair	20.00	20.00

AREA PLAN COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1240-1920	Insurance	727.83	727.83
TO: 1240-1910	PERF	727.83	727.83

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1300-3600	Rent	4,000.00	4,000.00
TO: 1300-1990	Extra Help	1,000.00	1,000.00
1300-3760	Occu-Med	3,000.00	3,000.00

WEIGHTS & MEASURES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1302-1920	Insurance	272.56	272.56
TO: 1302-1910	PERF	272.56	272.56

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1360-3902	Grand Jurors	925.00	925.00
TO: 1360-4220	Office Machines	925.00	925.00

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1370-1700-1370	Public Defender	4,496.18	4,496.18
TO: 1370-1970	Temporary Replacement	4,496.18	4,496.18

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1370-3600	Rent	12,000.00	12,000.00
TO: 1370-1920	Insurance	12,000.00	12,000.00

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1371-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	482.18	482.18
TO: 1371-1910	PERF	482.18	482.18

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1450-1130-1450	Pool Manager	1,403.00	1,403.00
1450-1150-1450	Pool Head Guard	39.00	39.00

1450-1160-1450	Pool Head Guard	418.00	418.00
1450-1171-1450	Pool Head Guard	216.00	216.00
1450-1280-1450	Office Assistant	590.00	590.00
1450-1180-1450	Other Employees	2,500.00	2,500.00
TO: 1450-1190-1450	Security	5,166.00	5,166.00

LEGAL AID		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1460-1920	Insurance	405.13	405.13
TO: 1460-1910	PERF	405.13	405.13

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1480-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,112.00	1,112.00
1480-3520	Equipment Repair	650.00	650.00
1480-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	118.00	118.00
1480-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	119.00	119.00
1480-1971	Accrued Payments	812.00	812.00
TO: 1480-4220	Office Machines	399.00	399.00
1480-3460	Consultant	1,600.00	1,600.00
1480-1220-1480	Secretary	812.00	812.00

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2010-1068	Gas Man	20,000.00	20,000.00
TO: 2010-1850	Union Overtime	20,000.00	20,000.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2130-2420	Mosquito Control	5,300.00	5,300.00
2130-3510	Other Operating	2,520.00	2,520.00
2130-3530	Contractual Services	5,500.00	5,500.00
2130-4230	Motor Vehicles	3,774.00	3,774.00
2130-4290	Vehicle Equipment	5,000.00	5,000.00

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TO: 2130-1460-2130	Clinic Clerk	398.00	398.00
2130-1470-2130	Admin. Aide	1.00	1.00
2130-1500-2130	Health Educator/OARR	38.00	38.00
2130-1990	Extra Help	1,197.00	1,197.00
2130-2241	Institutional & Medical	7,300.00	7,300.00
2130-2600	Office Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00
2130-2700	Other Supplies	3,000.00	3,000.00

2130-3130	Travel/Mileage	2,500.00	2,500.00
2130-3230	Judgements & Refunds	210.00	210.00
2130-3440	Advertising	450.00	450.00
2130-4220	Office Machines	6,000.00	6,000.00

KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2492-1130-1920	Insurance	68.64	68.64
TO: 2492-1130-1910	PERF	68.64	68.64

PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2492-1150-1920	Insurance	2,000.00	2,000.00
TO: 2492-1150-1930	Unemployment	2,000.00	2,000.00

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2600-1980	Other Pay	1,794.00	1,794.00
TO: 2600-1850	Union Overtime	1,794.00	1,794.00

SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2620-1980	Other Pay	1,228.80	1,228.80
TO: 2620-1110-2620	Probation Officer	563.90	563.90
2620-1190-2620	Probation Officer	520.90	520.90
2620-1900	FICA	84.00	84.00
2620-1910	PERF	60.00	60.00

PROSECUTOR PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 2630-1920	Insurance	70.88	70.88
TO: 2630-1910	PERF	70.88	70.88

LATE TRANSFER REQUESTS
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CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1010-1430-1010	Domestic & Civil Clerk	300.00	300.00
TO: 1010-1640-1010	Bond & Fine Clerk	300.00	300.00

GERMAN TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1120-2600	Office Supplies	260.00	260.00
1120-3120	Postage/Freight	20.00	20.00
1120-3130	Travel/Mileage	320.40	320.40

1120-3410	Printing	47.09	47.09
1120-3520	Equipment Repair	179.50	179.50
1120-1920	Insurance	309.01	309.01
TO: 1120-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	1,136.00	1,136.00

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1300-3000	Bond & Insurance	40,000.00	40,000.00
TO: 1300-3130	Travel/Mileage	3,500.00	3,500.00
1300-3050	Patient/Inmate	32,800.00	32,800.00
1300-3530	Contractual Services	2,500.00	2,500.00
1300-3532	Garage Remediation	1,200.00	1,200.00

WEIGHTS & MEASURES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
FROM: 1302-3130	Travel/Mileage	975.49	975.49
TO: 1302-4250	Misc. Equipment	975.49	975.49

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<b>AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE</b>
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President Wortman: Now the salary ordinance amendments, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we have several of these. The Coroner’s Office, set salary lines 1070-1140, 1070-1190, 1070-1200 in as the transfer previously adopted; Commissioners, set salary line 1300-1990 Extra Help in as previously adopted; Superior Court, set salary line 1370-1970 Temporary Replacement in as previously adopted; Burdette Park, salary line 1450-1190 in as previously adopted; County Council line 1480-1220 Secretary in as previously adopted; County Highway, line 2010-1850 Union Overtime as previously adopted; Health Department, lines 2130-1460, 2130-1470, 2130-1500, 2130-1990 in as previously adopted; Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, line 2600-1850 Union Overtime as previously adopted; Superior Court Supplemental Adult Probation, salary lines 2620-1110 and 2620-1190 in as previously adopted, and I make all those in the form of a motion.

President Wortman: Do I have a second?

(Councilmember Hoy indicated a second to the motion.)

President Wortman: Mr. Hoy seconds it. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LEISURE LIVING</b> <b>RESOLUTION GRANTING A DEDUCTION OF PROPERTY TAXES</b></p>
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President Wortman: Now then, old business. We've got a resolution granting a deduction of property taxes for a three year period, Leisure Living. If you recall, we passed it but we didn't give a time limit, so a three year is proposed. Do I have a motion to entertain a motion?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Smith: Second.

President Wortman: And Mrs. Smith seconded it.

Councilmember Smith: And that is going to be set at three years?

President Wortman: Yes ma'am.

Councilmember Smith: I think that's where we didn't put the time on it before. That was the problem.

President Wortman: You're right. That's fine. Thank you, Mrs. Smith. Anything else to add?

Councilmember Hoy: As I understand this, we actually did approve it, even though some of us voted against it, we did approve this abatement and this just sets the time in because –

Councilmember Smith: That's what I understand.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, it's not an abatement, as you know, I was in favor of.

President Wortman: Correct, correct. Any other discussion? If not, call the roll please for approval.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

**(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Sutton & Hoy opposed)**

<b>COUNTY CLERK SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT</b>
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President Wortman: Okay, new business, County Clerk Salary Ordinance amendment. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I am sure there will be some discussion on this one, and I am sure most everybody recalls back in September we approved the rate that had been approved by our recommendation committee, the Job Study Committee, back in April. It was April 25<sup>th</sup> when they approved the rate of pay increase and I guess there was some confusion on the County Clerk as to filing for an appropriation and getting final approval from this body, the County Council. So what she's asking is that we make this retroactive from April 25<sup>th</sup> 'til the said date that we approved it back, what was that date, September 8<sup>th</sup>? Is that correct, Sandie?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Raben: September the 6<sup>th</sup>. Now, I, myself, have some concerns with this. One is that we are setting a precedent, that this body has always stood firm that we don't pay retroactive to Job Study's approval. But this is, Councilman Winnecke and I, prior to walking in this meeting, had some discussion on this and it does have a case for – it does penalize the employee that accepted the job and accepted the move to this job based on this rate of pay increase. So does this body want to follow a policy and penalize an employee for an oversight by the officeholder? At the same token, had we approved this, well, the Job Study approved it on April 25<sup>th</sup>. It would have been June – our June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting would have been the earliest opportunity this body would have had to approve their recommendation. So I don't see that it's really fair that we go all the way back to April 25<sup>th</sup> because again, we would not have approved it until June 7<sup>th</sup>. And after our approval it doesn't take effect until the next pay period which would have been the 14<sup>th</sup>. So if we wish to approve this, I do think it would be just that we make the adjustment, not as far back as April 25<sup>th</sup>, but to June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Smith: It's always been that it goes back to the date that the Council approves it. Now I would think if someone's sitting there and supposed to get a raise to that effect from April until September they could have come up and said hey, what's wrong with my paycheck? So I don't think it was all just the Clerk's fault. I think part of that would probably be the employee's fault, too. So I feel that we should stick to the rules and that's from the time the Council actually approved the salary.

President Wortman: Any other discussion? Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I think in this case, this is a case where the employee of the county in good faith took on additional responsibilities and anticipated the salary increase. The Clerk, it's been well documented, came forward and publically acknowledged that she didn't process the paperwork; she was not aware of the procedure. I think there are two issues. One, I think that we need to follow up on what we set out as a Council, that is issuing rules so that all officeholders know what each rule is when it comes to processing paperwork for salary increases. I think that's one. Secondly, I think we need to honor what this employee anticipated and that is in good faith they took on additional responsibilities and I believe they are being penalized for an oversight on a supervisor's fault and I don't think the employee should be held accountable for that.

President Wortman: Any other discussion on this? Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I just think Betty has made a good point but I think it was an oversight and we would have approved it. It did come before the Job Study and if it wasn't an oversight, it would have been passed. So I've got to agree with Mr. Winnecke, there.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, but should we approve it, I think we have to –

Councilmember Bassemier: The earliest it would have been passed here, I think that's the fair thing to do.

Councilmember Raben: We can't go back to April.

Councilmember Bassemier: Right, right.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, that really is opening a can of worms.

Councilmember Bassemier: Right. So are you going to make a motion, Jim, to June, what is it, June 7<sup>th</sup>? Does that go back retroactive to June 7<sup>th</sup>? Is that what –

Councilmember Hoy: We don't have a motion on the floor yet.

Councilmember Bassemier: No, Jim, you want to make that? If you don't, I will.

Sandie Deig: I think it's the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Bassemier: Is it the 14<sup>th</sup>?

Councilmember Raben: It would be, June 14<sup>th</sup> would have been the following pay period, so yeah, I'll make a motion to that effect that we approve this amendment to the Salary Ordinance for the County Clerk's Office with the adjustments made that it be paid retroactive to June 14<sup>th</sup> of the year 2000.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll second.

President Wortman: Alright, Mr. Bassemier seconded. Now discussion.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Wortman: Yes sir, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: I, in this case, would favor some kind of compromise as well. I always get a little nervous when we play with our rules and I don't know this employee. I don't know why they didn't speak up. I've known employees who wouldn't speak up even to me at my place. They were afraid they would jeopardize their raise when they were due one. So I am trying to be fair to this person. I'll probably vote yes but I do think that in the future probably we should make sure we look at what the Job Study – and I am not

blaming you, Councilman Bassemier, I don't mean to say that.

Councilmember Bassemier: I agree with Betty also on her point. She made a good point.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, but I am not saying it was your responsibility as Chairman because it was not, but I think we need to make sure these officeholders understand because we could get a deluge of people coming in as we all know.

Councilmember Sutton: What is the financial impact? I mean, how much are we talking about here?

Councilmember Winnecke: Well, the rate that's presented is \$1,265.98 but it would be less than that.

Councilmember Sutton: Less than that based upon June?

Councilmember Raben: It would be about 20 or 25% less than that. Roughly 25% less.

President Wortman: I might inform the Council that it's going to take five votes.

Councilmember Hoy: So we're talking about roughly \$750?

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

Councilmember Bassemier: And she did do the work.

Councilmember Hoy: And she did the work and we could say Merry Christmas.

President Wortman: But the only thing is when you think about it, what happens when the next case comes up, you know?

Councilmember Winnecke: I think the next case we judge on its merits, and in this case I think the merits speak to benefitting the employee who in good faith took on the responsibility and they should not be penalized as a result of the oversight.

President Wortman: Mrs. Abell, would you want to address this situation?

Marsha Abell: Yeah, I have something to say.

President Wortman: Your name and all?

Marsha Abell: My name is Marsha Abell and I am the Clerk who didn't process the paperwork properly, which I did admit to and I still admit to. I'd also like to point out that this is probably the first time that this Council has ever put together an employment package like this where this woman still has the same line item number, but she got a pay increase and then I hired somebody as a permanent part-time employee to do her job in the office while she is out doing this, and then when she comes back, she gets her job back and that person leaves. I mean, that whole thing was so messed up, it was so hard for me to understand, it was obviously hard for you all to understand because you zeroed it out of my budget for the first of the year and had to put it back in. So it was confusing to everyone and she did ask about it and all I kept saying to her is it's just taking time because that's really what I thought. You know, it isn't her fault for not asking. First of all, she's not in the office very much. She's over at Kinder Moving and Storage in a warehouse that's not heated, working her can off, and I think she deserves this money. I just think it would be totally unfair to not pay her for this work that she's done.

Councilmember Hoy: Aside from this issue, I'll probably open a can of worms, but when we voted on that storage, I am upset, I'll be honest with you, because when we were voting on that storage space, we were talking about brand new storage space that was heated and that was more suitable and I know I can't now, now I can't do a thing about this, but



it really upsets me that we have put this in another place that's not as good and that is not heated and we expect somebody to work there. And I'll probably lose a bunch more votes next time I run but I've taken this risk before. I think that's not good politics. Thank you.

President Wortman: Mrs. Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I agree with you, Phil. I thought it was supposed to be heated, too. I know it was –

Marsha Abell: The one I presented was the one over at Willow Road and it is heated.

Councilmember Smith: But for the girl to be standing over there as cold as it is in a building, that's not right, and I think when that contract comes up we ought to take a darn good look at it. I won't be here, but you think of that. If a person has to go over there and pull files, which they do –

Marsha Abell: Every day.

Councilmember Smith: Every day to stand in a building that is that cold, they're going to get pneumonia. I don't know when that contract comes up, but that's not right because I would have never voted for that had I known it wasn't heated and wasn't neat and clean because we had the thing over here at Garvin Park Industrial Mall that was terrible. And obviously, this is not any better.

Marsha Abell: Well, it's not right now and I agree with you. I was under the impression it was – it was presented in a much different light.

President Wortman: Does she have a portable heater over there?

Marsha Abell: She has a portable heater that – but, you know, she's not at one place. That's the problem with a portable heater, she can't carry it with her everywhere she's going. She's over here getting boxes, bringing them back to a table, going through them, looking, you know, she's in there filing stuff that hasn't been filed as long as Garvin Park has been around. I mean, it's –

President Wortman: How long is that contract, Mrs. Abell?

Marsha Abell: You'd have to ask the Commissioners. I didn't even see the contract. Mr. Harrison wrote it up and the Commissioners signed it. I haven't seen it. I don't even have a copy of it.

Councilmember Hoy: Please tell me it's not a kerosene heater.

Marsha Abell: No, it's an electric heater.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay.

Marsha Abell: But it's a bad situation. She was in the office bringing in files just the other day with gloves on and a big heavy coat and a hat and, you know, this is a girl who went to college to get an office job and she's out working in a warehouse.

President Wortman: Yeah, but I've seen steel workers out working outside in the day, too, you know. And I work outside like that.

Marsha Abell: Well, she didn't plan for that, though.

Councilmember Hoy: She doesn't get paid what a steel worker gets.

Marsha Abell: Yeah, that wasn't in her –

Councilmember Smith: She doesn't get paid what an electrician would, either.

Marsha Abell: No, and she doesn't own her own business.

Councilmember Winnecke: Let's call for a vote.

Marsha Abell: I can't tell you what a wonderful job she is doing and all the judges are thrilled that this stuff is being properly cared for at this time.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, you have my yes vote. We probably should get on –

Marsha Abell: Okay. If that's it, then; if I've got five votes I'll sit down.

President Wortman: Okay, alright, I am going to inform the Council – Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Just, if the recommendation was for one space, how did we not get the space that we wanted? I guess maybe that's a question to you, Marsha. You selected a particular space that you felt was suitable for your needs in terms of what you intended to do and all the other factors you looked at, location and things like that, how did we not – how did we end up with space B if you selected space A?

Marsha Abell: Well, we got what was shown to us in the middle of the summer and I was under the impression that everything was going to be fine. I think what happened is that Kinder had no idea what they were biting off and I think that's what happened, is they thought that that would all be in their warehouse within just a few weeks and I can tell you that just with what's over at Garvin Park that we're trying to clear out, is three times what they would have ever thought they were going to get into. And they didn't realize that we were going to be there at this time of year. They really thought this would all be done and that they would be pulling these files for us. We'd just call over with a bar code number and they'd go in and pull that file and we'd just drive out there and they'd hand it to us. But we're still trying to get stuff in the warehouse.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think it would be – my suggestion, if this contract is not what we thought it would be, I don't think we wait 'til the end of the contract. I mean, I think if we thought the space was going to be one thing and it's not, obviously, it's not heated, that's not suitable for anyone to work in. I think that's a matter that needs to be addressed more closely than at the end of the contract. I think it needs to be addressed right now --

Marsha Abell: Okay, I'll be happy to do that if that's within my authority. Since I didn't sign the contract, I don't know where I stand.

Councilmember Sutton: I'm not saying you, but I mean, obviously, the Commissioners sign contracts, but –

Marsha Abell: And the heaters are there. They're hanging on the walls, they just won't turn them on.

President Wortman: The Commissioners presented this and –

Councilmember Winnecke: Have we asked why?

Marsha Abell: She asked them to turn them on. And they wouldn't turn them on.

President Wortman: Mrs. Abell, now the Commissioners approved this contract and the Council approved it financially. So we should have objected then instead of now.

Councilmember Smith: We didn't know it.

Councilmember Sutton: It was warm.

Marsha Abell: Well, the thing is the heaters are hanging there. I mean, I saw them and so I knew there was heat in there and Elizabeth told me just about week before last that she asked them to turn them on and they wouldn't turn the heat on.

Councilmember Winnecke: May I make a suggestion? We have two issues here. One, we have a pay issue which I think I'd like to see the vote on. Secondly, on the issue of the facilities, why don't we ask the County Attorney to contact Kinder and ask them to turn the heater on?

President Wortman: That's a fair assessment. I'd go along with that.

Marsha Abell: I'll do that.

Councilmember Hoy: I have one more comment and that is, that when we voted on the contract, on the money, we thought it was going to be located out on Willow Road.

Marsha Abell: No, that was a different facility altogether. That was the one I wanted.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, but when I voted on that contract, I never dreamed it was going to be in a place that was unheated. I don't think anybody around this table did.

Marsha Abell: And it is heated. I mean, it has those huge heating units hanging on the wall.

Councilmember Hoy: Alright, Councilman Winnecke is correct, and they ought to turn them on.

Councilmember Raben: Marsha, how much longer is this individual going to be out there?

Marsha Abell: Heat won't be a problem by the time she gets finished. It will be well into the summer.

Councilmember Raben: So again, next year, none of this is going to be a problem, right, because they'll be retrieving records.

Marsha Abell: Yes, next year, once we have everything put away, they'll be pulling the records from the warehouse and bringing them to their office and then we'll be going to the office and picking them up.

Councilmember Raben: So we just need to get through this winter?

Marsha Abell: Yeah.

President Wortman: Okay, and then next they'll want air conditioning in the summer time, so we've got reverse here, see.

Marsha Abell: Well, she didn't have it this last summer and she did okay with fans because it's open. They open all the doors and it wasn't too bad.

Councilmember Bassemier: Ms. Abell, how does that contract read? Does it say that they're going to provide heat or air? Does it say that?

Marsha Abell: I don't know because I wasn't given a copy of it. It must be in the Commissioner's – is it in the Commissioner's Office?

Tony Greubel: I'll go look.

Marsha Abell: Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd kind of like to get an understanding from all of us, if they

don't turn the heat on, we stop the payment on their rent.

Marsha Abell: Sounds like a fair trade.

Councilmember Bassemier: I mean, you know, anybody that owns rental property, if they, you know, a lot of times you pay for the heat and air.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, but what you have to remember here is that the contract was for moving and storing the records. I don't think you even thought that at this point in time you were still going to have that person there.

Marsha Abell: None of us realized it's as bad as it is.

Councilmember Smith: Jim, aren't you the one that talked to Mr. Kinder about this? I think you mentioned it to me first.

Councilmember Raben: Right. Initially, about two years ago, but then the Commissioners...I mean...that was initially –

Councilmember Smith: Well, I think you sold them a bill of goods because it was you that brought it up here and it was you that said that this is a place we could put it when we were talking about putting the records.

Councilmember Bassemier: He was trying to sell tires.

Councilmember Raben: Right, that –

Councilmember Smith: No, he was taking care of a Republican buddy.

Councilmember Raben: I don't even know what the man's politics are but, Betty, what I am telling you is initially, and that's, I said two years ago, that was probably four years ago. Probably four years ago when we initially talked about this and I asked him to come in. But –

Marsha Abell: Well, not quite yet. I wasn't here four years ago. Betty was still over there four years ago. And Betty talked about it for eight years and she didn't get anywhere either, so...

President Wortman: Mr. Ahlers here, the County Attorney, would like to address the issue.

Jeff Ahlers: I was going to ask you, is there any reason that these records, I mean, do they have to have some kind of heat to make sure that there isn't any deterioration or –

Marsha Abell: They do say that it's humidity controlled, that a fan'll come on if the humidity builds to a certain degree and dry it out.

Jeff Ahlers: But there is nothing to do with the records if they would say freeze and then thaw. I mean, does that cause any problems with the –

Marsha Abell: It probably would if we had, like the Court Reporter's tapes or something. I don't think on the paper it's going to make much difference, but I think that if it gets to a certain degree, there is probably some kind of heat that kicks on. I mean, obviously, it won't get to 30 below in there; it would crack their concrete. But, you know, it's too cold for human beings to be real comfortable in there because she's wearing gloves and, you know –

Councilmember Sutton: I think the major issue with any type of paper is the –

Marsha Abell: Humidity.

Councilmember Sutton: Humidity and insects, that type of thing and temperature really doesn't have that large of an effect unless it's so hot that the humidity builds up to such a degree where it does affect the paper but cold doesn't really affect it.

President Wortman: Marsha, as far as you're concerned, there was no humidistat involved in the contract that you know, controls humidity.

Marsha Abell: I do believe that there is some – I mean, again, I haven't seen the contract, but I feel pretty comfortable there is something in there that does address humidity. I am sure there has to be because these historic documents have to have a certain –

President Wortman: Okay, is there a sprinkler system in that building?

Councilmember Sutton: Are we going to get this vote on this first one?

President Wortman: It must be a dry system then, and –

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I'd be glad to call the management of this company after this meeting and ask them to turn the heat on.

President Wortman: Well, we're getting all kind of things here.

Jeff Ahlers: Tony, is that contract –

Councilmember Hoy: I move the previous question, we've got a motion on the floor and if Mr. Winnecke will get the heat turned on, I'll be happy.

Councilmember Smith: I have one question I wanted to ask. Marsha, did you take the big tables that held all the books? That belongs to the Clerk.

Marsha Abell: Yeah. And no, they are going over to the County Garage. But I have pictures of them and we have 70 file cabinets that we're willing to pass around if anybody wants them. So if you need some in the Recorder's Office, I'll be happy to give them to you.

Councilmember Smith: They're real strong, those great big –

Marsha Abell: Actually, I think it would be great for us to advertise those to some other County Clerk and to sell some of them.

President Wortman: Okay, I think we're going to go ahead and vote on it. Anybody – okay, call the roll please for approval.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: I'm going to vote yes because I feel sorry for anybody standing in a cold building and that's from June the 14th.

Marsha Abell: Thank you.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: This argument has come full circle. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

Marsha Abell: Thank you. I am sure Elizabeth thanks you.

<b>ACCRUED TERMINATION PAY</b>
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President Wortman: Next is accrued termination pay. Mrs. Deig, do you want to cross that out or how do you want to handle that?

Sandie Deig: No, I think Councilman Raben has the motion.

President Wortman: Mr. Raben, would you proceed with that?

Councilmember Raben: I'll move or I'll make the motion, it is the policy of the Vanderburgh County Council that a total of one year earned vacation will be the maximum amount paid out at the time of termination. A maximum of 60 accrued sick days will be the maximum paid at the time of termination. County employees should not accrue time after the set termination date. And again, this has pretty much been our policy all along but once again, we're making this statement publically. So, 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 on that? Everybody understands that? I think what prompted this and brought it to our attention was that we have several that's exceeded that and they wanted that extended and this one in particular person, we're going to let it play out in his line item until he's done. That's the only way he can do it. Okay, anything else? I'll call for a vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Smith?

Councilmember Smith: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Wortman?

President Wortman: Yes.

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

President Wortman: Okay, that takes care – now one thing is, December 18<sup>th</sup> we've got the Personnel & Finance meeting. Put that on your calendar for January and we'll have – anything else, Mr. Winnecke? You want to say something?

Councilmember Winnecke: At our last official meeting I think it would be appropriate to thank Mrs. Smith for her dedication to the Council and I'd like to thank you personally for your assistance in my first year on the Council and we wish you well in the Recorder's Office.

Councilmember Smith: I want to thank each and every one of you. It's been nice working with you. We sometimes disagree and we agree, but we usually leave here smiling and it's been a pleasant four years.

Councilmember Bassemier: You're going to be here December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Smith: I'm going to be here December 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Chairman, I have something I want to bring up before you adjourn.

President Wortman: Alright, proceed, Mrs. Smith.

Councilmember Smith: Okay, Pat Tuley was talking to Bill that works for Suzanne Crouch and they are going – and there was a notation that come out to employees – department heads and clerks and uh, payroll clerks and whatever, that they were gonna – the last pay voucher of December would be the 15<sup>th</sup>, the payroll department would have three days to process the last pay of the year and they'd receive 120 hours. Uh, but then they would not get another check until December – January the 12<sup>th</sup>. There's always been, and I don't know why this happened, they asked Bill Fluty about it the other day and he said he hadn't had any complaints. Well, I had some calls at home on it because the employees doesn't realize this, but you're talking about a three weeks' waiting period and they've never done that over the years that I've ever been here, and I don't think that that's right. I thought that the County Commissioners sets the payroll time and if they get a check December the 22<sup>nd</sup> and don't get one until January the 12<sup>th</sup>, that's a long time. A lot of people can't wait that long between paydays. And Pat Tuley asked Bill about it the other day and he said well, it made a hardship on their employees. Well, we have a lot of things making hardship on employees. This one back here is working in a cold building but she is still doing her job and we didn't know anything about it 'til today, but I still feel like they should receive a check before the – uh, not have to wait that long. That's three weeks in between paydays. And I think this is gonna come back up in front of the County Commissioners again Monday night. And I believe, Suzanne, that the County Commissioners sets the payroll dates. We looked in the law book and we can't find where you would do it and obviously, it was done in your office.

Suzanne Crouch: Well, I appreciate you bringing that to my attention.

Councilmember Smith: Okay. Thank you.

President Wortman: Okay, anybody else got any comments? Okay. If nothing else, I am going to ask for adjournment of the meeting for this last official meeting.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Wortman: Got a motion and a second. All those in favor say aye.

**(All members voted aye)**

President Wortman: Ayes have it. Thank you.

**(Meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m)**

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