

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JANUARY 2, 2002**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 2nd day of January, 2002 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m. by Vanderburgh County Auditor, Suzanne Crouch.

Suzanne Crouch: Good afternoon and Happy New Year. Is the Sheriff here where he could open the meeting please?

Brad Ellsworth: Oh yes, oh yes, oh yes, the Vanderburgh County Council is now in session pursuant to adjournment.

Suzanne Crouch: Thank you. Secretary, could you take the roll please?

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

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

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

Election of President

Suzanne Crouch: Thank you. The Chair will now entertain motions for president of the Vanderburgh County Council.

Councilmember Wortman: Madam Chairman, Auditor, I would like to nominate Lloyd Winnecke to be president of the County Council for 2002.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

Suzanne Crouch: There's a nomination and a second. Are there any other nominations? May I have a motion to close nominations, please?

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

Suzanne Crouch: Alright, Madam Secretary, could you take the roll please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Uh, okay.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Do I have to vote now? Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Suzanne Crouch: Congratulations.

Councilmember Raben: While we are giving him a minute to get his affairs in order, I found it – it's kind of ironic, we're all up here freezing and when I walked in, the outside loading dock facility has two heaters running. They're heating the outside and we're not heating this up here today.

President Winnecke: First of all, I'd like to thank you for your confidence on being elected to president. I'll work hard to run efficient, professional meetings and I look forward to a productive year, not only with this body, but with all departments within Vanderburgh County government.

Election of Vice President

President Winnecke: At this time I'll entertain motions for Council Vice President.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. President, I'd like to nominate Ed Bassemier, Vice President.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second that motion.

President Winnecke: Are there other nominations? Hearing none, I'll call for a roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you.

Appointment of County Council Attorney

President Winnecke: At this time we need to make our legal appointment for the coming year. At this time, I'd recommend the reappointment of Jeff Ahlers as our Council Attorney and would entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Wortman: I'd like to make a motion we appoint Jeff Ahlers as the County Council Attorney.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second that.

President Winnecke: Other nominations? Hearing none, call for a vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Give me a legal opinion on that. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Jeff Ahlers: Thank you.

Appointment of Finance Chair and Personnel Chair

President Winnecke: Okay, at this time, I'd like to appoint the, make the president's appointment to the Finance Chair and the Personnel Chair. I appoint Mr. Raben as the Finance Chairperson and Mr. Wortman as the Personnel Chair.

Approval of Minutes December 5, 2001 Regular Meeting December 19, 2001 Joint Council/Commission Meeting December 19, 2001 Special Meeting
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President Winnecke: And at this time I would entertain a motion to approve minutes from the December 5th regular meeting and the meetings, plural, on December 19th.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: All in favor, raise your hand please.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: Okay.

Jeff Ahlers: (Inaudible)

President Winnecke: Unanimous. Before we get to the appropriation ordinance, Mr. Hoy asked to be recognized for a bit of good news.

Councilmember Hoy: As you know, I have this ongoing crusade to remind this county of the good things that it does and our Legal Aid Society, to which I've been liaison, has been recognized by the Indiana Bar Association and you may take a copy of that and pass it around. Also, it's been noted in both local newspapers. They have produced a video for landlord and tenant rights and responsibilities. It's a very valuable tool. This used to be done in print and now it's being made available to clients. I've read it and seen it and it's a useful tool and I think we should give credit when people do something well. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Mr. Hoy.

Additional Appropriation Requests
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CLERK

President Winnecke: At this time, I'll turn the agenda over to our Finance Chair, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. First on the agenda is the County Clerk's Office which the original request was for \$500. That has been withdrawn.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-3530	Contractual Services	500.00	Withdrawn
Total		500.00	Withdrawn

AUDITOR

Councilmember Raben: Next is the Auditor’s Office, 1020-2840 in the amount of \$1,000. I’ll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1020-2840	Recording Fees	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total		1,000.00	1,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

RECORDER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next on the agenda is the Recorder’s Office, 1040-1210-1040 in the amount of \$318. I’ll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

RECORDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1040-1210-1040	Deeds Deputy	318.00	318.00
Total		318.00	318.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: And before we move on, Mrs. Smith would like to make a brief comment.

Betty Knight-Smith: I want to thank the Council for giving me my employee that I asked for last year. And I passed out the difference in the money that we brought in. Last year, they brought in \$634,189.50. This year, we brought in \$835,915.50. Made it a total of \$201,726 difference. So you can see why I needed the employee and I want to thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you.

Councilmember Tornatta: Great job.

SHERIFF (Two requests)

Councilmember Raben: Next is the Sheriff's Office, 1050-1130-0213, in the amount of \$9,956. And if you remember, this was omitted during the budgets, so I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1130-0213	Process Server	9,956.00	9,956.00
Total		9,956.00	9,956.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Next, under the Sheriff’s Department are four requests for a total amount of \$11,940. I’ll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1951-1050	Civilian Teamsters Ed. Fund	1,040.00	1,040.00
1050-1751	Civilian Uniform Allowance	2,500.00	2,500.00
1050-1531-1050	Civilian Shift Differential	2,400.00	2,400.00
1050-1301-1050	Civilian Overtime	6,000.00	6,000.00
Total		11,940.00	11,940.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL (Two requests)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, the Jail. There are three requests for a total of \$2,354, on page two, under account 1051-1950-1051 is a request for \$4,472. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1951-1051	Civilian Teamsters Ed. Fund	104.00	104.00
1051-1751	Civilian Uniform Allowance	250.00	250.00

1051-1301-1051	Civilian Overtime	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total		2,354.00	2,354.00

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1950-1051	Teamsters Ed. Fund	4,472.00	4,472.00
Total		4,472.00	4,472.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, County Assessor. There are three requests for Level II Certification, FICA & PERF, for a total of \$1,190. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and second. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1090-1972	Level II Certification	1,000.00	1,000.00
1090-1900	FICA	115.00	115.00
1090-1910	PERF	75.00	75.00
Total		1,190.00	1,190.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Center Township Assessor, two requests for the Assessor and the Level II Certification, for a total of \$1,223. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and second. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CENTER TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1110-1110-1110	Center Assessor	223.00	223.00
1110-1972	Level II Certification	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total		1,223.00	1,223.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, the next one is Scott Township Assessor. There are two requests, one is 1160-1110-1160 and 1160-1900, for a total of \$6,122. At this time I'm going to move that both requests be deferred.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Councilmember Sutton: I'm sorry, what reason do we want to defer it?

Councilmember Wortman: One reason is, he gets his salary shared by a Trustee, and he's a combination. I think there's only three of them: Armstrong, Union and Scott. And that was the reason why. But he says to bring it up to German, then I think we'd better figure

that out first before we act on it because it can always go retroactive. But I thought we'd better ask, and that is from the good promised land out there in Scott Township, Royce.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I mean, what are we wanting to know? What are we trying to find out, I guess that's maybe what I'm trying to get an idea.

Councilmember Wortman: Well, we've got to find out if it's worthwhile, the increase, that's what I want to find out for sure. That's my point.

Councilmember Raben: Curt's going to work on it with –

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I mean, any – have we gone through Job Study or anything like that to evaluate any of this?

Councilmember Raben: That position wouldn't go through Job Study, but I tend to agree with Councilman Wortman. I guess you need to weight out because it is kind of a split office. You need to weight out what both pays equal to and his intent is to try to reduce this amount.

Councilmember Sutton: Hasn't it always been this level of pay? I mean, –

Councilmember Raben: No, no, no. I don't have the – well, I can get it for you, though, hold on. He's making, I'm going to say around \$3,000 for that position, currently.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman, you've got to remember this, you know, a lot of these officeholders knew what that salary was when they came into office, too, when they ran for the office. So you've got to consider that, too. You know, his time will be up next year.

Councilmember Sutton: His predecessor, what was – if he's making around \$3,000, what was his predecessor making?

Councilmember Wortman: That's been a long time ago, Royce.

Councilmember Sutton: Just trying to get an idea if we're deferring, just trying to get an idea why we're deferring. It seems like –

Councilmember Wortman: That's fine, that's fine. But we'll come back with an answer for you.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that position for 2002 is at \$4,240 and what his intent was with this request was to bring him up with German Assessor. But what Councilman Wortman is saying is that that figure is less than German because he kind of wears two hats with that position. He's also the Trustee for Scott. So there may be merit in what Councilman Wortman is saying. German's, for 2002, is \$9,912, so again, he's trying to get his increased to the same as German's but, you know, again, we have to look at why it was originally less anyway, so...

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess in his request, his appropriation request, it was based upon the size or the number of parcels between German and Scott and trying to be on equal footing in that regard, I guess that's what was in the appropriation request. And in that we've got several other townships, and I know we've had requests before from our Assessors wanting us to factor in the number of parcels to determine what the salary levels would be and if we're going to go in and do this, what's the next request we're going to get from this from the Assessors?

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman? I might comment on that, you've got to think of Mr. Harris has just got an employee last year, too, so he's got two full-time employees

where I think German has only got one. So you see, the load can be shifted there where he wouldn't be overworked, I guess.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I don't know what you're going to bring us back, but who all is going to work on that? Okay, that's going to be yours, Curt? Okay --

Councilmember Wortman: I can handle him.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay.

President Winnecke: Any other questions or discussion?

Councilmember Raben: Well, and again, I mean, the intent in deferring it was to allow Councilman Wortman the opportunity to get with Mr. Harris and work that out, Royce, so...

President Winnecke: The motion on the floor is to defer, any other discussion?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: I've already voted.

Councilmember Wortman: I seconded.

Councilmember Tornatta: No, that was his discussion on his vote.

Councilmember Sutton: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Tornatta: Uh-huh, I voted.

Councilmember Sutton: Did we start?

President Winnecke: No, we didn't start the voting yet.

Councilmember Tornatta: I voted yes and it went to him. That's fine, I don't care.

President Winnecke: Roll call.

Teri Lukeman: Okay, for the record, Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: I would be okay with deferring this matter.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SCOTT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1160-1110-1160	Scott Assessor	5,672.00	Deferred
1160-1900	FICA	450.00	Deferred
Total		6,122.00	Deferred

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Sutton opposed)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next on the agenda is Superior Court, Day Reporting Officer, FICA & PERF, for a total appropriation of \$40,089. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: We have a motion and a second. And Judge Trockman is here, we asked Judge to come back for this meeting based on the length of our previous meeting. Judge, do you have comments you'd like to make about this request?

Wayne Trockman: If you would listen for a few moments, I did bring a couple of things and I would like to tell you a little bit about the request. Wayne Trockman, Superior Court, for the tape. I did bring for everyone a copy of our policy and procedures manual which might be of some interest. Some of the members of the Council have come and visited the Day Reporting Drug Court. Some of you haven't had an opportunity to make it yet. I would encourage you to do that. I think what we're doing is some very interesting and very worthwhile work here in the county with your help. We meet every Tuesday at 2:00 and our next session is next Tuesday at 2:00, and I'd welcome you any day of the week. We hold court 52 weeks out of the year. If I could take two minutes to tell you a little bit about what we're doing and a little bit about this request. We started this program in April of 2001, just about eight or nine months ago. I amended the VCC grant and we received total funding for this for everything except for one employee, and that employee is Jon Voight. He was an existing employee of the county, in fact, he's been with the county for now 18 years. The Department of Corrections funded this entire program except for Jon Voight's salary which they required a local match on. They wanted some local commitment to this program and when I asked the VCC advisory board, and when I asked you, Council, for approval to start this program, I told you or asked you that I would be back at some point asking for some financial help that I thought that I could come up the money to pay for Mr. Voight at least for a period of time to show you that the program was worthwhile and to ask for your assistance. And I think I've done that for those of you that have visited or have seen some of the statistics of the program, you'll what it's doing. And, in fact, there's an individual here who I think may want to address you for just a moment or so, who is involved in the program. Very quick, the cost of having these individuals at the Department of Corrections, we all know what those costs are, would be about 290 to close to \$300,000, the cost of having the number of individuals that are involved in this program in our county jail would be about \$240,000. Those are based upon some of the numbers that have been bantered about during the jail discussions. The cost of the program annually is about \$170,000. Now I've been Jon Voight's salary with the help of the Sheriff, who is here, who has agreed to provide some forfeiture money, the Prosecutor's Office has helped, the Police Department has helped, we started a not-for-profit foundation which has been raising money and we found a lot of support in the community. We're raising money to pay for a lot of our drug testing that we do as often as twice weekly with our new participants. But it has been difficult and if the county would see fit at this point, we would appreciate very much if we could start using some of this not-for-profit money that we've been raising to provide some social services for the individuals in our program and to continue to help pay for our drug testing. One of the things that I don't think people realize that happens in our community that this program affects directly, and when you come and visit, you'll see, is

the many of the individuals involved – the typical individual involved, well, Troy, when you were there, you heard an individual tell this story. How much do you use everyday? Well, I was using \$100 or more of–what did say one to \$200 a day in cocaine. Well, how long has it been since you were employed? Well, I haven't been employed for eight years. How do you support your habit? Shoplifting, every single day. And she could give you a list of every store in town that took a return without a receipt for cash, and I can't tell you how many of those individuals are in the program. And so, you know, if I asked for everyone in the room to raise their hands who hasn't somehow been affected by drug or alcohol addiction, at least those few that wouldn't or couldn't raise their hand, they're still affected in that way. Significant cost. So I would like very much for the Council to give Mr. Voight the security of knowing that his job will be funded in the future and I think with Sandie's help and with Jim's help, we did set this up as a Superior Court line item, although Mr. Voight has been a Vanderburgh County and a VCC employee in the past. And if you'll indulge us, I think that – would you like to say a word at this time? We have the support – we have a member here who's come to watch, who's interested in seeing the program going forward and I think that – let me just thank you for being here and supporting us. Can I answer any other questions that you have with regard to the program or invite you to come see us?

Councilmember Wortman: I read the article in the newspaper and it illustrated what happens and what don't happen. Mr. Voight's picture was in there and so was the other lady.

Wayne Trockman: It was time that our community started approaching some of these problems in a little different way, in a way that at least has proven (inaudible) in the short term, has some success, and we're having some success.

Councilmember Wortman: That makes you think the jail's not the answer. If you can rehabilitate them, fine. I think that's the answer. Make them productive citizens and taxpayers.

Wayne Trockman: Well, I agree with you, Curt. Somebody told me once that you put in jail and imprison the people you're afraid of and you give help to the people you're scared of. I'm sorry, you give help to the people you're mad at. The people you're scared of, you put in jail and these are the people that we just get mad at.

Councilmember Wortman: I appreciate what you're doing.

Wayne Trockman: Thank you, Curt.

President Winnecke: Other questions?

Councilmember Tornatta: Is the funding out on the position right now? I mean, is –

Wayne Trockman: We're out of money as of day after tomorrow.

Councilmember Tornatta: Is that right? Okay.

Wayne Trockman: So that would be a definite yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Wayne Trockman: Actually, we ran out of money for his position three or four months ago and the Sheriff agreed to give us, actually the Sheriff, the Prosecutor and the Police Chief gave us some more money from the forfeiture account and so they've heavily supported this program since its inception.

Councilmember Tornatta: How long ago, this was started –

Wayne Trockman: April of 2001.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, right. And how many people are in the program right now?

Wayne Trockman: Currently, 23 or 4; there have been as many as 30. I've got that number, 33.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Winnecke: Judge, before, as she walks up, could you answer a couple of other quick questions? To what degree of success are you enjoying with collecting user fees?

Wayne Trockman: I think I'd want Debbie to, because I don't have any information in that regard and Debbie might be able to answer that questions. I would say that it's hit and miss, but we are charging and we are attempting to collect the fees with regard to the program.

Debbie Mowbray: I'm Debbie Mowbray, I'm the director of the program. And right now when the people first come on the program, we put them into treatment and that's one of the requirements. And until they are completed with their treatment and they're also paying for their urinalysis fees, and so that's what we're working on at this point. And so when they move to phase two and three is when we hit them with user fees. So right now, it's very low and that's why we're coming to you. We don't have user fees to do that because some of them are not employed while they're in residential treatment, and if they're even in day treatment or an intensive outpatient treatment, they're paying the treatment bill on top of paying the urinalysis fee, and so once that's done in phase two, well, phase three and four of the program, they're not tested as often, twice weekly, and that's when they can start catching up on their user fees.

President Winnecke: What is the plan once the revenue stream increases from the user fees, for other social services?

Debbie Mowbray: Right, in order to get them job training, some of them need parenting skills, we work with the treatment providers with individual plans for the different people. The different people need different things. Some of them are dual diagnosed people where they have some mental illness along with their substance abuse and they need medication. And we try to get them employed after their treatment so they can get insurance and get on the right medications and things like that.

President Winnecke: Thank you.

Jane: Hello.

President Winnecke: Can you state your name please, for us?

Wayne Trockman: May I ask that she not state her real name? She's made a request if that is acceptable.

President Winnecke: Okay, that's fine. Welcome.

Jane: Thank you. I am Jane that was in the newspaper article and I just really would like to encourage this Council to take time to consider the request for this program. I truly believe this is a vital program. Like Judge Trockman referred to, the disease of addiction and alcoholism affect this community as well as everywhere and in ways that you can't possibly understand unless you – well, I take that back. You can understand that. Every day I open the paper and I see newspaper articles of things that happen that are contributed to other things, domestic abuse, violence, so many things that I know this disease has a part of. And I would like to say that Judge Trockman, Miss Mowbray, the whole drug court program has been vital in my recovery. If I had went to jail or if I had been ordered to the SAFE house, I honestly don't believe I would be in the solution of recovery. I think I would still be in the problem, that I wouldn't have found a solution to my addiction.

That in order for you to recover from this disease, you have to have a change in your life and you cannot find that change unless you go through some things. To me, you can't find that change when you go to jail. You don't find a solution, you don't change, you stay the same. And then when you come out of jail, you just go back to what you know unless you find another way to live, another way to be a productive member of society, to learn how to change your personality, how to cope with life. This disease will take you to death as well as jail, and institutions. And we are a burden on society until we find a way to live. And I cannot stress enough how important this program is. There are a lot of us with this disease. And I'm very grateful that I've had the support and I'm very sorry for the crime I committed, and I can't find a proper excuse for it, but I do know that if I did not have -- the disease of addiction, led me to do a lot of things that I'm not proud of and that I would not do today. Like I said, their support has been just very vital, very vital. It takes a lot of support. This disease is just as damaging as cancer, diabetes, or any other disease. This is recognized by the American Medical Association, and you know, we have to find a new way to live and we do a lot of things we're not proud of when we are in active addiction. But I thank you for listening to me and just -- I tell you, anything we can do in this community to help fight this disease is vital because this disease is not going away. It's spreading and it's becoming larger and I have two children -- I mentioned that in the article. This disease continues and continues and continues. There's a cycle of it, until you break that. And to know that things out here are available, not only for me, but for generations to come, is very important. And we have a good DARE program in this community and that's a good place to start, but my generation, there's a lot of us already inflicted with this disease and active in this disease. And, you know, we can't go back there, but we can start today and start with a new way of life. And hopefully, we're not a lost generation, you know. We don't have to be.

President Winnecke: Thank you for your courage to speak out on behalf of the program and good luck in your recovery.

Jane: Thank you.

Wayne Trockman: Once I say this, we'll have a failure tomorrow, but of the 33 that we've had go through, we've had relapses which is expected, but no recidivism, no one has committed a crime while in the program.

Councilmember Hoy: Being one of those who've visited the court, I am very impressed with it and you are doing what I'd like to see us do more of because this is an illness. A lot of people are addicted in a lot of ways and I'll say this publicly, Judge, you carry into that courtroom just about the most perfect balance I've seen of compassion and tough love. And I hope you'll keep up the good work.

Wayne Trockman: Thanks, Phil.

Councilmember Tornatta: One other question, are there any other opportunities to get any other funds? In the future, have you, what kind of things have been checked out along those lines?

Wayne Trockman: Yes. We have two grant applications, one that's pending that I'm told has received at least preliminary approval and that's a Burn grant and I asked for some salary for a day reporting officer, which would be the same position that Mr. Voight has now, hoping that number one, if we didn't get funding here, I might be able to find funding there for him. Or, if the program grows, that we would have some additional money if I was successful today. I asked for his salary and I asked for some drug testing money, some equipment, minor equipment and some training. It all totaled about \$65,000. That looks good, but I can't tell you that there's any money in hand, and that's supposed to be, I believe April 1. And I'm submitting on Friday, a grant to the office of Justice Programs, which is the Department of Justice, for a \$500,000 three-year grant, which we would find out on this summer.

Councilmember Tornatta: In the event that you do get that, and that would go to Mr.

Voight's salary, could we then make a determination at that point whether we want to hire somebody or we could apply that to his salary? At least in the infancy of the program you were trying to get it going with funds outside of the county. I mean, that's how it was (inaudible) and just staying with that line of thought, we'd like to, you know, show also that we –

Wayne Trockman: I'd be happy to report back to you on whether or not the Burn grant – I've received information that the grant has received staff recommendation and that the board has met on it and is recommending that the – the executive board is recommending the full board approve it. And then the full board meeting is in early March and I'd be happy to report to the Council on the success of it and then maybe we could decide whether we want at that point the program to grow or to apply those funds towards this line item that you may or may not approve today. But I'd be happy to make that report.

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm very impressed with the court. I do know that it was my understanding that the funds, he was going to and be a self-supported entity. Even though it's doing great things, I'd like to see that support itself as best it can, but I'm not – I'm into the program enough that I am interested in making sure Mr. Voight continues with the great job he's doing at this point. But I'd like to see that possibly be taken into a grant and at a later time, once we get some other issues knocked out, then we can decide whether the day reporting, how big we want to expand that at that time. But –

Wayne Trockman: I'd be happy to make a report back to you in March. I think it looks good, but I can't tell you that it's been approved. And as we all know, until the check arrives, it's still in the mail.

Councilmember Hoy: The other comment I would make, and I agree with Councilman Tornatta, but after hearing this young lady, that one life is worth more than this appropriation that we're about to do here. We are charged with looking after the finances of this county, but I think we're also charged with looking after the value of human beings and I have trouble putting a price on that.

Councilmember Sutton: I echo Councilman's, the previous Councilman's thoughts. I truly believe that the issues with addiction are our number one community health problem here and being able to be pro-active with issues like this and being sensitive and caring, while at the same time putting a program in place that will get people back or gain their lives back, that means an awful lot for what we're trying to do here as a Council, and what we try to do as public servants. And so I definitely appreciate Jane coming forward and sharing her story. I know it's not easy to get at that microphone up there. That's a very tall microphone, so I know –

(Inaudible – several speaking at once)

Councilmember Sutton: So I definitely appreciate the courage in sharing the story. And for those who haven't read the newspaper article, it was really was a very telling and touching story about the impact of the whole addictive issue and the impact of what a pro-active court can do in a situation rather than just locking up and throwing away the key. It reduces the burden up on the county when we are proactive in this fashion.

Wayne Trockman: Our people are all OR'd immediately. They all go into treatment immediately. They all attend 12 step meetings every day. They all report to one of our three staff every day, including New Years Day, Christmas Day, and they're all required to be employed, pay their child support, pay their debts. Really interesting – I'm taking way too much time – I have all of the participants show me their chip when they get a 30 day chip, 90 day chip, six months, what have you, and there was an individual who came on the program that really couldn't even complete a sentence when we started. Relapsed early, had him locked up, into treatment, etcetera, and he had his 90 day chip the other day and he was very proud of it, but he pulled it out of his pocket with tears going – and this was a 40 year old man. He looks 50, but he's probably 40. He shows me with tears going down his cheeks, the red tag that he'd had cut earlier that week off of his – well, you were

there.

Councilmember Tornatta: His utilities.

Wayne Trockman: Yeah, off his utilities. He says I've been living without utilities like an animal for X number of months. And he says, Judge, I did it. And he holds up that red tag and he had welded that red tag back together on his key chain. And he was more proud of that than he was his 90 day chip.

President Winnecke: We need to change the tape real quick.

(Tape change)

President Winnecke: One quick question, is it your judicial discretion as to who can be deferred to the program? And do all the judges participate? How does that work?

Wayne Trockman: All of the judges have been involved in the formation, or have been supportive in the formation of the court. I modeled it after the typical drug court, only we added a Day Reporting component. I've got the final say on whether or not an individual comes into the program, and then the final say on whether or not an individual is removed from the program. We have a team that consists of a treatment provider, one of the local mental health agencies, a Prosecutor, a Public Defender, myself, the staff (Inaudible. Comments made away from the mike.) We meet for about a half hour, 45 minutes before every drug court session, and come to a consensus on what we are going to do with regard to each participant that day. So, I've never, I've never gone out on a limb and gone against what the team has decided on, but I'm sure it will happen.

President Winnecke: But all the judges are participating in terms of making referrals to the court?

Wayne Trockman: Yes.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Wayne Trockman: Yes. There are several other judges that fill in for me when I'm unavailable, but about 90% of the time I do handle the drug court sessions.

President Winnecke: Okay. Other questions or discussion?

Councilmember Raben: Other than, you know, I agree with everything that's been said and, Judge, you mentioned the number of like 33 individuals who have participated, which that doesn't sound great, but if you look at children and spouses that are also affected by it that that number, I'm sure, is a lot larger in people that you are helping. So, job well done.

Wayne Trockman: Those numbers will grow. I agree with you, Jim. In the beginning, this program did not have many participants, and it's just within the last 60 to 90 days started to grow, because this is non-traditional and it's taken a period of time to educate the attorneys and the judges and all the other individuals involved as to what we do and it's benefit.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes. Thank you, Judge.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-1820-1370	Day Reporting Officer	35,586.00	35,586.00
1370-1900	FICA	2,723.00	2,723.00
1370-1910	PERF	1,780.00	1,780.00
Total		40,089.00	40,089.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

RIVERBOAT

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, next on the agenda is Riverboat, 1490-3111, for a total request of \$124,871.00. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Is there discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

RIVERBOAT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1490-3111	Welfare to Work	124,871.00	124,871.00
Total		124,871.00	124,871.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/AUDITOR

Councilmember Raben: Next on the agenda is the Auditor under Reassessment. I'll move approval, it's a request of \$5,000.00.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Is there discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1020-1990	Extra Help	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total		5,000.00	5,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, next we have all of our Township Assessors offices reassessment budgets. If you recall back in budgets, we had asked them to file a

request for Office Supplies, other supplies, things of that nature in the reassessment budgets, so most of those requests are due to the fact that we didn't fund them in our General Fund budget. So, as I go through these keep in mind that that's why those figures are in there. Along with this is stipends for the Assessor's themselves. I say this now, because, you know, we've got everyone of them coming up here, but it's my intent to not fund anything at this time in terms of a stipend. I think that is something that we can look into near or at completion of reassessment, but I think at this time it's putting the cart before the horse. We need to see how well they work with their money, and we'll make that determination at the end of reassessment whether or not there's any additional monies due for them. So, I'll start first with the County Assessor. Under account 2492-1090-1110, Assessor, \$0.00. 2492-1090-1300, Overtime, \$0.00. 2492-1090-1900, FICA, \$0.00. 2492-01090-1910, PERF, \$0.00. All other accounts as they are listed, and I will make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President?

Councilmember Sutton: Go ahead, sorry, go ahead.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I talked with Ms. Musgrave today on some of this, and I think she might want to address this. Cheryl, did you want to talk about this a little bit? So we all fully understand it.

Cheryl Musgrave: Cheryl Musgrave, County Assessor. Tammy tells me that the line 1090-1900, FICA, that some of that money is required to pay the overtime that has already been appropriated to our office. Is that right, Tammy? The Extra Help, sorry. There's apparently an Extra Help line item funded, but no FICA for it. So, some of that is needed. She couldn't give me an exact figure right now, so I will ask that you set it in at \$500 just so that we can actually hire some Extra Help with the money we already have. Mr. Sutton, when I was here at your last meeting, you asked me to get some sort of idea about what stipends were being paid—

Councilmember Sutton: Uh-huh.

Cheryl Musgrave: —around the area. I had a staff member call the members of the Southwest District, and a couple of the counties that are about our size, I'll just read some of them off to you. Some Townships are getting, in Allen County they are paying \$40 a day to Townships. In Daviess County, \$70 a day. In Knox County, a lump sum of \$2,000 a year. In Lawrence County, \$60 a day. In Martin County, the County Assessor gets \$10,000 in a lump sum, or per year, and the Townships are getting \$1.00 per person. Perry County, the Townships are getting something, but the person we asked didn't know how much. Pike County, the County Assessor is getting \$8,000. In St. Joseph County, the County Assessor and the Township Assessors are get \$12.00 an hour. Right around us, in Warrick County, that County Assessor has another full time job at Toyota, and they've hired out their entire reassessment and they are not getting paid anything extra. Posey County, we couldn't get any response, nor in Gibson. So, you asked and—

Councilmember Sutton: Appreciate you putting that together.

Cheryl Musgrave: —there's the answer for you.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Cheryl, I might ask on those that you have mentioned, are they also, are they hiring extra help?

Cheryl Musgrave: Oh, undoubtedly. Or sometimes they are hiring the whole job out.

Councilmember Raben: I understand that, but are—

Cheryl Musgrave: The last time, your Townships hired it out in '89 at a cost of \$1.1 million dollars, I think, to hire that out. They also got paid a stipend. So, this time they didn't spend the \$1.1 million to hire a contractor to do it, and they are only asking for the stipend.

Councilmember Sutton: Cheryl, can I have a copy of that?

Cheryl Musgrave: This is my only copy.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, if you want to just get it to me.

Cheryl Musgrave: I can get another one, but you can have this one.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Okay.

Councilmember Raben: And, again, that's another argument for another day, but I don't, regardless, I don't think you pay it up front.

Cheryl Musgrave: My understanding—

Councilmember Raben: I think we look at it—

Cheryl Musgrave: —is that it's paid every two weeks. That's how it was done the last time.

Councilmember Raben: I think we wait and see how well everybody manages their money.

Cheryl Musgrave: Do you have some guidelines to see how well we should manage? The target that we should meet?

Councilmember Raben: Well, I mean, we know what's available in the reassessment budget, and if we run out by mid-year, then we know that we've not done a very good job managing our money. But, I—

Cheryl Musgrave: And if we don't run out, do we get the rest?

Councilmember Raben: Well, we'll look at it. I mean, that's when this Council can look at it and make a determination, but I think right now—

Cheryl Musgrave: Well, that's a little unclear to me, so perhaps we can have a conversation later on where you can give me more, a better understanding of what you expect from not on me, but the other Assessors in order to earn this stipend.

Councilmember Raben: That's pretty easy, to complete it in a timely manner and at the most efficient and inexpensive way we can do it. So, I mean, I don't know if we can set out guidelines, but that pretty much in a nutshell tells you exactly what we want.

Cheryl Musgrave: Maybe we can talk numbers, because, you know, your concept of timely and efficient might be different from mine. I think it would be helpful to get on the same page. I would like to tell you that I have reported on the reassessment software issue when I was here the last time, and the situation has not improved. I believe I sent you a copy of the letter that I mailed to the, our current contract provider, Manatron, and we've given them to the 7th, January 7th, to give me a response about whether or not they are going to give me the software. The only new piece of information I have is that even if they were to give me the program, this is my understanding at this point in time, it would not have the associated cost tables with it, so we couldn't even price anything using the new software. The program providers plan is not to give us those cost tables until the state certifies the software. Your next question will be, well, when is the state going to certify the software? If I knew the answer to that, I'd have this week's winning lottery numbers too, and I wouldn't be here asking for any of this stuff. I don't know. I can't predict. You are welcome to call

the State Board and ask that question. I'm sure that if all of us called, we'd all get a different answer.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim—

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm sorry.

Councilmember Raben: You were probably going to ask if I would amend the motion to include the \$500 in FICA—

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, why don't you? I want to ask you a question, too.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. I would like to amend my motion to include FICA in the amount of \$500.

Councilmember Bassemier: And I would like to ask Jim a question. Jim, your research and—

President Winnecke: Wait, wait who seconded?

Councilmember Wortman: I did, and I'll go along.

President Winnecke: Okay, the motion has been amended and seconded to include \$500 under FICA.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay and, Jim, there is a good chance in your research in this that, there is a good chance that they will get that extra money, right? If they manage it.

Councilmember Raben: Again, I'm not making any promises at this point. I know we have in the past, and have not in the past, so.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: You know, I think we look at the monies that are available, you know, upon completion and see what we can do. This body maybe back eight years ago, or I don't recall which one it was, but I think we had set a figure of like a quarter or fifty cents per parcel. You know, we could do something like that again, but right now I think I'm taking a back seat, and kind of a let's see what happens point of view on it, so.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, sir.

President Winnecke: Any other questions or discussion? The total for this appropriation now is \$198,100.00, including the \$500.00 for the FICA. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Before I vote, I think that, I think that we do need to come up with some ideas on an avenue that we are going to achieve paying them, and I'm okay with setting it at zero for now, but I would like to get a, kind of like Ms. Musgrave, I would like to get a better idea of what we want to do. Kind of a game plan we want to take before we just hang them out there and just possibly not give them anything. I don't know if that's how I'd, how I'd want to handle an employee of mine. So, if we could just, you know, entertain that, that would be great. I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: 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 Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1090-1110	Assessor	4,000.00	0.00
2492-1090-1300	Overtime	1,000.00	0.00
2492-1090-1900	FICA	1,683.00	500.00
2492-1090-1910	PERF	250.00	0.00
2492-1090-3530	Contractual Svcs.	187,500.00	187,500.00
2492-1090-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	6,600.00	6,600.00
2492-1090-4210	Office Furniture	3,500.00	3,500.00
Total		204,533.00	198,100.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESS/PROP. TAX BOARD OF APPEAL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next is the Property Tax Board of Appeals. 2492-1091-2600, in the amount of \$1,500.00. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: A motion and a second. Discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Curt, is that \$1,000.00 desk out of that?

Councilmember Sutton: That was the last request.

Councilmember Tornatta: Huh?

Councilmember Sutton: (Inaudible.)

Councilmember Tornatta: Oh.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

REASSESS/PROP. TAX BOARD OF APPEAL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1091-2600	Office Supplies	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total		1,500.00	1,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESS/ARMSTRONG TWP. ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next is Armstrong Township Assessor, 2492-1100-1110, \$0.00. FICA, to be adjusted. 2492-1100-1910, PERF, \$0.00. 2492-1100-1990, Extra Help, \$15,000.00. All other accounts as they are listed, and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Is there discussion? I have a question. What are we setting the FICA in at?

Suzanne Crouch: (Inaudible. Mike not on.)

Councilmember Raben: Do we need to set in an actual amount?

Suzanne Crouch: (Inaudible. Mike not on.)

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Let's set in FICA at \$1,000.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman, will you?

Councilmember Wortman: Agree.

President Winnecke: Okay. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

REASSESS/ARMSTRONG TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1100-1110	Assessor	650.00	0.00
2492-1100-1900	FICA	1,360.00	1,000.00
2492-1100-1910	PERF	38.00	0.00
2492-1100-1990	Extra Help	17,000.00	15,000.00
2492-1100-2600	Office Supplies	1,500.00	1,500.00
2492-1100-2700	Other Supplies	700.00	700.00
2492-1100-3120	Postage/Freight	960.00	960.00
2492-1100-3130	Travel/Mileage	700.00	700.00
2492-1100-3390	Assess. Plat Sheets	1,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1100-3372	Comp. Software	2,500.00	2,500.00
Total		26,408.00	23,360.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Tornatta: What was that, what was that total number?

President Winnecke: I'm adding it right now.

Councilmember Tornatta: Oh, I'm sorry.

REASSESSMENT/CENTER TWP. ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Next is Center Township Assessor. 2492-1110-1110, \$0.00. 2492-1110-1300, \$0.00. 2492-1110-1900, \$2,500.00. 2492-1110-1910, PERF, \$0.00. 2492-1110-1990, Extra Help, \$30,000.00. 2492-1110-2610, \$1,000.00. All other accounts as they are listed. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Is there discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/CENTER TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1110-1110	Assessor	7,000.00	0.00
2492-1110-1300	Overtime	8,500.00	0.00
2492-1110-1900	FICA	5,700.00	2,500.00
2492-1110-1910	PERF	350.00	0.00
2492-1110-1990	Extra Help	59,000.00	30,000.00
2492-1110-2610	Copy Machine Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1110-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1110-3390	Assessors Plat Sheets	1,500.00	1,500.00
2492-1110-3410	Printing	1,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1110-3520	Equipment Repair	1,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1110-4220	Office Machines	6,000.00	6,000.00
Total		92,050.00	44,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/GERMAN TWP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next is German Township, 2492-1120-1110, \$0.00. 2492-1120-1900, FICA, \$3,000.00. 2492-1120-1990, Extra Help, \$20,000.00. All other accounts as they are listed. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Sutton: I'm sorry, one more time, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, FICA, \$3,000.00. Extra Help, \$20,000.00.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: The stipend at \$0.00. Then everything else at it's listed. Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: PERF, that's what I'm.

Councilmember Raben: PERF it will be, I mean, that will be slightly over, but we can leave it.

President Winnecke: So, Jim, line item 2492-1120-1140, Field Coordinator?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Winnecke: Leave that in?

Councilmember Raben: Leave that in.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: I think he's probably spoke with most of you, but he does need that position, and, you know, his area is where a lot of the growth is at in terms of housing and we'll give him the benefit of the doubt and see if it makes a difference.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I'm going to vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/GERMAN TWP. ASSESSOR

REQUESTED

APPROVED

2492-1120-1110	Assessor	2,808.00	0.00
2492-1120-1140	Field Coordinator	21,849.00	21,849.00
2492-1120-1900	FICA	4,120.00	3,000.00
2492-1120-1910	PERF	1,093.00	1,093.00
2492-1120-1990	Extra Help	32,000.00	20,000.00
2492-1120-3120	Postage/Freight	300.00	300.00
2492-1120-3310	Training	1,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1120-3372	Computer Software	1,400.00	1,400.00
2492-1120-3410	Printing	1,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1120-3600	Rent	2,400.00	2,400.00
2492-1120-4220	Office Machines	5,500.00	5,500.00
Total		73,470.00	57,542.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Sutton opposed.) * Later in meeting, Councilmember Sutton changed his vote to yes.

REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Knight Township Assessor, 2492-1130-1110, \$0.00. 2492-11130-1300, Overtime, \$0.00. 2492-11130-1900, FICA, \$7,500.00. 2492-11130-1990, Extra Help, \$50,000.00. All other lines as they are listed, and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes. Can we, Teri, I'm sorry. Can you change my last vote? The vote no. I meant to vote yes, actually, on that last one. *

Teri Lukeman: Alright.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Teri Lukeman: On this vote, then, is your vote yes?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1130-1110	Assessor	13,750.00	0.00
2492-1130-1120	Office Coordinator	21,639.00	21,639.00
2492-1130-1300	Overtime	10,000.00	0.00
2492-1130-1900	FICA	9,975.00	7,500.00
2492-1130-1910	PERF	5,832.00	5,832.00
2492-1130-1920	Insurance	17,172.00	17,172.00
2492-1130-1990	Extra Help	85,000.00	50,000.00
2492-1130-2710	Color Film	1,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1130-3400	Printing Plat Sheets	3,000.00	3,000.00
2492-1130-3410	Printing	5,000.00	5,000.00
2492-1130-3520	Equipment Repair	1,500.00	1,500.00
2492-1130-3370	Computer/Data Mgmt.	8,000.00	8,000.00
Total		181,868.00	120,643.00

**(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)* Re-opened for another vote later in the meeting.
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Councilmember Raben: Next—

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. Raben, on the Knight Township, the Insurance, what does that go to? I caught that one, looking at that?

Councilmember Raben: They probably messed up there and figured insurance for part time, but some of that would be for the Office Coordinator, which—

Councilmember Tornatta: That doesn't go in there.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, that's, yeah, I'm sorry. I did not set that in at \$0.00. Can we go back to Knight? I left that out.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I vote that we re-open on the Knight Assessor.

President Winnecke: Will we actually vote on it?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah. If there's a second on that.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Raise your hand for a vote to re-open.

Sandie Deig: Reassessment insurance is not paid out of the General Fund.

Suzanne Crouch: (Inaudible. Mike not on.) Insurance line item in their budget.

Councilmember Raben: Right, so it is (Inaudible. Mike not on.)

Councilmember Tornatta: Extra Help?

Councilmember Raben: That's what I'm thinking maybe.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: That would be (Inaudible) for that. Let's go ahead and re-open and let's—

Councilmember Tornatta: Unless he—

Councilmember Raben: —set in a figure—

Councilmember Bassemier: Ten, \$10,000.00. Insurance.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. Folz, do you, could you clear something up for us possibly? How did you come up with the Insurance number?

Al Folz: My Chief Deputy came up with it.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, okay.

Al Folz: I'm Al Folz, Knight Township Assessor. What it does, it covers into the Office Coordinator, which is a full time position.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, but that would almost, that would be paying as much, just about, as you are paying her.

Al Folz: Well, you know, I argued about that. I told her, you know—

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, I did too.

Al Folz: —you've got a wrong figure here. I don't know how she, who she cleared it with, or whatever, but anyway, I thought it was pretty high.

Councilmember Raben: Let's, let's set it in. We've already moved to re-open. I'm going to set it in at \$10,000.00, so.

Al Folz: You can't pay anymore than what it's going to be anyway. I thought it was kind of high.

Councilmember Sutton: By chance, would you happen to know what plan this person might be covered under?

Al Folz: No, no, I don't.

Councilmember Raben: It would have to be the gold package.

Councilmember Sutton: Platinum.

President Winnecke: Okay, the motion was unanimous to re-open it, so do you want to re-make your?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, I would like to amend my motion for Knight Assessor under

account 2492-1130-1920, Insurance to be \$10,000.00.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben, do you want to go ahead and clarify the rest of the line items there, just so we are all–

Councilmember Raben: I can certainly do that. 2492-1130-1110, \$0.00. 2492-1130-1300, Overtime, \$0.00. 2492-1130-1900, FICA, \$7,500.00. 2492-1130,1920, Insurance, \$10,000.00. 2492-1130-1990, Extra Help, \$50,000.00. All other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Further questions or discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: I’m sorry I didn’t catch that.

President Winnecke: Roll cal vote please. Thanks for the clarification.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1130-1110	Assessor	13,750.00	0.00
2492-1130-1120	Office Coordinator	21,639.00	21,639.00
2492-1130-1300	Overtime	10,000.00	0.00
2492-1130-1900	FICA	9,975.00	7,500.00
2492-1130-1910	PERF	5,832.00	5,832.00
2492-1130-1920	Insurance	17,172.00	10,000.00

2492-1130-1990	Extra Help	85,000.00	50,000.00
2492-1130-2710	Color Film	1,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1130-3400	Printing Plat Sheets	3,000.00	3,000.00
2492-1130-3410	Printing	5,000.00	5,000.00
2492-1130-3520	Equipment Repair	1,500.00	1,500.00
2492-1130-3370	Computer/Data Mgmt.	8,000.00	8,000.00
Total		181,868.00	113,471.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/PERRY TWP. ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Perry Township Assessor, 2792-1140-1110, \$0.00. 2492-1140-1300, \$0.00. 2492-1140-1900, FICA, \$2,500.00. 2492-1140-1990, Extra Help, \$30,000.00. All other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Tornatta: Is, oh, glad you’re coming up. Is the \$7,000.00, is that?

Glen Koob: Glen Koob, Perry Township Assessor.

Councilmember Tornatta: Is part of that for your Field Coordinator?

Glen Koob: Which line, Troy?

Councilmember Tornatta: 2492-1140-1300, Overtime.

Glen Koob: No, it’s actually Extra Help down here, 1990. Reassessment, 1140-1990, Extra Help.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Glen Koob: That \$43,500.00, that’s, I think, \$10,800.00 comes out of the \$30,000.00 for my regular field man.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Glen Koob: So, actually I have, what, \$20,200.00 left over for Extra Help.

Councilmember Tornatta: Is that, is that, I know that we cut that out again. Mr. Raben, is that what it was last year, or close to it? I mean, for taking care of--

Councilmember Raben: I don’t recall, but--

Councilmember Tornatta: She needs that field man, I guess.

Glen Koob: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: This monies to get them up and running--

Glen Koob: Well--

Councilmember Raben: --and we’ll have to make adjustments at a later point in this year, but--

Glen Koob: \$10,800.00 is what we've had for the last three or four years, maybe longer than that, for his salary. Yeah.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Glen Koob: So, he's covered under that. The \$20,200.00, if I don't have enough, I'll come back. Which is the question I have. How much do we have in reassessment, for the record?

President Winnecke: Do you have a financial statement? There was about \$1.5 million at the end of the year. We'll get that. Jim, while they are searching, can you clarify those line items again, I'm sorry. Just run—

Councilmember Raben: 2492-1140-1110, \$0.00. 1140-1300, \$0.00. 1140-1900, \$2,500.00. 1140-1990, \$30,000.00. Then everything else as it's listed.

Glen Koob: Excuse me. I don't really need PERF. If you are not going to give us the Assessor and the Overtime for the deputies, I don't need PERF either. So, you might as well zero it out.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that's correct.

Glen Koob: Seriously.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 1140—

Glen Koob: Okay, and then the—

Councilmember Raben: 1140-1910, PERF, should also be zero.

Glen Koob: Then you are leaving in the Unemployment, right?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Glen Koob: Okay. Thank you.

Suzanne Crouch: Glen, there is \$1.5 million.

Glen Koob: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: Right. Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: Suzanne, was that \$1.5 million?

Suzanne Crouch: Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Any questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: There will be some adjustments down the road. Don't get upset.

Glen Koob: Oh, I'm not. I'm not upset.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible. Talking over each other.) Just see where we stand.

President Winnecke: She's just cold, like the rest of us.

Glen Koob: No kidding. Maybe we'll give you a little money, Curt, to pay your bill. Not out of my line item, but maybe Pigeon's, or somebody's.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: This would be a good place for a wood burning stove.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: I know where you can get one cheap.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

REASSESS/PERRY TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1140-1110	Assessor	10,000.00	0.00
2492-1140-1300	Overtime	7,000.00	0.00
2492-1140-1900	FICA	4,629.00	2,500.00
2492-1140-1910	PERF	850.00	0.00
2492-1140-1930	Unemployment	500.00	500.00
2492-1140-1990	Extra Help	43,500.00	30,000.00
2492-1140-3120	Postage/Freight	500.00	500.00
2492-1140-3390	Assessors Plat Sheets	2,000.00	2,000.00
2492-1140-4220	Office Machines	5,500.00	5,500.00
Total		74,479.00	41,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, Pigeon Township Assessor, 2492-1150-1110, \$0.00. 1550-1300, \$0.00. 1550-1900, \$3,500.00. 1550-1990, Extra Help, \$35,000.00. All other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, on Pigeon, Extra Help, you kept that the same? You read that off, I didn't know.

Councilmember Raben: Actually, that's not really (Inaudible. Mike not on.) that's lower than (Inaudible. Mike not on.)

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, you read it off, I had figured.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible. Mike not on.)

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: He has to come back.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Since Pigeon Township, for me, is God's country, I'm going to vote yes. I think he's going to need more money in Extra Help, but I'll vote yes to get it moving.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1150-1110	Assessor	10,000.00	0.00
2492-1150-1300	Overtime	40,000.00	0.00

2492-1150-1900	FICA	6,503.00	3,500.00
2492-1150-1990	Extra Help	35,000.00	35,000.00
2492-1150-2600	Office Supplies	5,000.00	5,000.00
2492-1150-3130	Travel/Mileage	2,500.00	2,500.00
2492-1150-3310	Training	2,000.00	2,000.00
2492-1150-3400	Printing Plat Sheets	2,500.00	2,500.00
2492-1150-3410	Printing	2,000.00	2,000.00
2492-1150-3520	Equipment Repair	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total		106,503.00	53,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. President?

President Winnecke: Yes.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Hatfield couldn’t make it. He’s under the weather. Kind of sick, so, I thought I’d tell you.

President Winnecke: Send him our best.

LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY FUND

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Local Drug Free Community, I’ll move that this appropriation be approved as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Is there discussion or are there questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Has anybody here to present any information on this? Okay.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I’m going to, I think this is the one...is there a grant, is this the grant program? Is that correct?

President Winnecke: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Right. Right. This is the one (Inaudible) was going to speak to.

Councilmember Hoy: I’m going to vote yes, but I would like to ask them next year to, as you know, you may find this strange as a clergyman, but I’m a great believer of separation of church and state, and I have problems with programs that proselytize, or try to convert and use government money to do so, but I’ll vote yes to get it moving, but I would like to see that looked into.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3280-2990	Discretionary-Ofc. Exp.	5,000.00	5,000.00
3280-3951	Treatment	5,000.00	5,000.00
3280-3952	Prevention	5,000.00	5,000.00
3280-3953	Law Enforcement	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total		20,000.00	20,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR REPEAL

Councilmember Raben: Next, Mr. President, we’ve got a Pigeon Township Assessor Repeal, which there are about seven different accounts for a total of \$107,500.00. I would like to move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: A motion and a second. Discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Oh, yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes, I think this is where he’s repealing a lot of money, so.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR FUND REPEAL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1150-1990	Extra Help	65,000.00	65,000.00
2492-1150-2600	Office Supplies	7,000.00	7,000.00
2492-1150-3130	Travel/Mileage	5,500.00	5,500.00
2492-1150-3310	Training	5,000.00	5,000.00
2492-1150-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	16,000.00	16,000.00
2492-1150-3372	Computer Software	8,000.00	8,000.00
2492-1150-4220	Office Machines	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total		107,500.00	107,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Requests for Transfer

AREA PLAN

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, under the transfers, Area Plan has asked that this request be deferred. I would take the Recorder and Cum Bridge as they are listed, and that's my motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: On the Area Plan, what was the, why are they wanting to defer it? Did they indicate why?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, Barbara Cunningham had stopped me out in the hall and said that they were going to address it in a meeting next week. They would come back to us at that point, so.

Suzanne Crouch: Jim, are you, two late transfers.

Councilmember Raben: Right, there is two later transfers. There is the County Engineer, and I am looking for, and the County Commissioners, as well as Public Defenders. There is three late transfers that you have before you, that I would also like to include in that motion, if no one sees any problems with either of those.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: On the Public Defender, I guess, this is more of a request to their

President. I would really like to see, maybe, the Public Defender give us an update on what they are hearing on state reimbursement dollars. We haven't seen those dollars come through, and part of the reasoning, the rationale, for the Public Defender Program was the merits of the state sharing some of those dollars in that cost. We are bearing all the cost of this program, and to no fault of the Public Defender's Office, of course, but I would like to know from their vantage point if they are hearing anything different? I know the state is experiencing a severe budget crunch, but that is something that we really ought to be very mindful of in terms of what type of burden that we are carrying as a county. Not quite the amount that we, we are carrying more than we had anticipated carrying for this program.

President Winnecke: That's a great observation, and if Sandie would ask Mr. Owen to come to our next meeting to report on state reimbursement.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm the liaison to that department, and we have had some money come in, have we not?

Suzanne Crouch: I believe that we had a check for \$250,000.00 come in earlier in the year. Then here in December we received a check for \$159,000.00.

Councilmember Hoy: Did we?

Suzanne Crouch: It was for the 4th quarter of 2000, so that is over \$400,000.00 that we've receipted in to date.

Councilmember Hoy: I think one of those was reported, Mr. Sutton, when you were not with us. There is another, he's filed another appropriation with the state. I just talked with him this week, but he would be glad to come in and, you know, give us a final on that. I, my prediction is exactly what I said when we began this program. I spoke for the program, and that is, I was not convinced that it would necessarily save us money, it may cost us a bit, but it wouldn't be an exorbitant amount. It was the right thing to do. It was another one of those things where low income people were not being served well. If you remember, we had a major expenditure because someone was not represented properly in a death penalty case. So, I think we've developed a strong program, but he'll be glad to come in and report on that.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think what we are trying to get with this program is, the last time they were here, I think it was in September, they were still anticipating some dollars and had not received anything. So, if we just something in December, obviously, that's great news. If we are going to be bearing a larger burden, we at least can get a sense and feel of what that burden is going to be. How much responsibility we are going to be carrying for this department.

President Winnecke: We have a motion and a second on the transfers and the late transfers. Further discussion or questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

RECORDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1040-1140-1040	Misc. Deputy	3,165.00	3,165.00
To: 1040-1210-1040	Deeds Deputy	3,165.00	3,165.00

AREA PLAN		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1240-1110-1240	Executive Director	6,357.16	Deferred
To: 1240-1970	Temp. Replacement	6,357.16	Deferred

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-1100-2030	Asst. Co. Engineer	25,000.00	25,000.00
To: 2030-1970	Temporary Replacement	20,000.00	20,000.00
2030-1990	Extra Help	5,000.00	5,000.00

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1300-3600	Rent	3,630.00	3,630.00
To: 1300-1150-1300	Secretary	3,630.00	3,630.00

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1303-1290-1303	Public Defender	16,882.00	16,882.00
To: 1303-1970	Temporary Replacement	16,882.00	16,882.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Salary Ordinance Amendments

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, next under Amendments to the Salary Ordinance, we have several of them that I would like to just ask that documents that are before you be made part of our minutes, but I would like to state that the Scott Township Assessor’s Office is deleted. The County Assessor’s Office be deleted. Center Township Assessor, delete line 2492-1110-1300. Knight Assessor, delete 2492-1130-1300. Perry Township, 2492-1140-1300, and Pigeon Township, 2492-1150-1300. Everything else would be correct and would move that we approve these amendments and they be made part of our record.

President Winnecke: Is there a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: Discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: May I change the tape before we (Inaudible)?

President Winnecke: Yes, you may.

(Tape change)

Liaison appointments

President Winnecke: You have before you the Council liaison appointments for the coming year. They are the same with two exceptions, Mr. Hoy has picked up Community Corrections and Convention & Visitors Bureau and Mr. Sutton has added City/County Purchasing. Other than that, I believe, they are the same.

Job Study appointments

President Winnecke: And we have the president's appointments to the Job Study Committee. Mr. Wortman will be its chair, myself, Mr. Raben as Finance Chair, Mr. Sutton, Judge Trockman, Commissioner Mourdock, Auditor Crouch, Recorder Smith, Mr. Brown from the Prosecutor's Office, Major Woodall from the Sheriff's Department, Mr. Corbitt and Ms. Hochstetler round out the Job Study board.

Jeff Ahlers: Do you just want to make that part of the record?

President Winnecke: Yeah, we'll make that part of the record. Thank you.

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. President?

President Winnecke: Yes sir?

Councilmember Tornatta: We skipped old business.

President Winnecke: Pardon me?

Councilmember Tornatta: We skipped old business.

President Winnecke: Oh, we did, didn't we? Well, we'll get back to old business.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Winnecke: Forgive me.

Appointment to ABC Board

President Winnecke: At this time we need a motion to make our appointment to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

Jeff Ahlers: It's Alcohol Beverage –

President Winnecke: Alcohol Beverage Commission. What did I say?

Councilmember Sutton: Alcoholic.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. President, I'd like to nominate Frank Daugul.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll second that.

President Winnecke: Sorry about that. No offense. Motion and a second. Roll call vote please on Mr. Daugul's appointment to the ABC. I should have just said ABC and I would have been fine.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Other Council appointments

President Winnecke: You also have before you the other Council appointments that are numerous in length. I would ask that they be made part of our record. Do we need to vote on that? Okay.

Council meeting dates

President Winnecke: At this time we'd also like to make part of our record, our Council meeting dates both Personnel and Finance as well as regular Council meetings, make those part of the record.

Approval of 2002 amended salary ordinance
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President Winnecke: And I understand that I, in addition to skipping old business, I skipped the fact that we need to make this part of the record, the amended 2002 Salary Ordinance which you also have before you. Do we need to vote on that?

Jeff Ahlers: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Move approval.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Winnecke: Discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: Is Mrs. James here for her – okay.

Jail discussion

President Winnecke: Okay, old business. I have something but if someone has...

Councilmember Tornatta: Go ahead.

President Winnecke: I guess I would like to make a comment regarding our December 19th meeting. We've had a couple of weeks to discern the information that was presented to us at that time, probably disrupted by the holidays. I think it's important that this body have a healthy discussion and debate for which I think we're all up for. I would ask that each of you really review the material that was presented to us at the December 19th meeting and come to the Personnel & Finance committee meeting on the 30th ready for discussion, exchange of ideas about how to move forward and what kind of direction to provide the County Commission. Personally, I was disappointed at the material and information that surfaced following our meeting. The fact that each of the four scenarios included the entire Sheriff's Department. I think, I have a call into both Crowe Chizek as well as Mr. Burgess with United Consulting to see what kind of information they can provide, sort of amending those four, each of the four scenarios to not include the Sheriff's Department, and I'd like to have – hopefully, I would have that information the next meeting. And whatever research the each of you feel compelled to do before that meeting, I would encourage you to do so. Discussion or questions?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, part of that research I think was already done and, Catherine or David, Commissioner Mosby is coming to the podium. I guess, does anybody have their PMSI books off chance?

President Winnecke: Not with me.

David Mosby: I got one if you need it.

Jeff Ahlers: The one they passed out, you mean?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, that's – did you pass...

Jeff Ahlers: You talking about the jail scenario book?

Councilmember Tornatta: No, the PMSI study.

Councilmember Bassemier: You talking about the PMSI study, the big book?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

President Bassemier: The \$100,000 book?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah.

David Mosby: Well, I think everybody's got a copy of just some stuff that was copied out of the PMSI book.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah.

David Mosby: Just to reflect some important issues so that there's no misunderstanding where a lot of this information came from. One thing I do want to clear up, because I spent time on the phone with Craig Burgess today, scenario one does not include the Command Post, scenario one does include the Sheriff's operation and the Chief Deputy's operation, but it does not actually include the Command Post. And I just finished talking to Paul Summers and Craig Burgess at 3:00 this afternoon. What we came to, square footage that you could possibility pull out of scenario one, and if you wanted to go with just a jail scenario only, and he would have a Corporal or Lieutenant or whoever runs the jail...major.

Just for the major to have his office and operations in the jail scenario, you can pull out approximately 48,052 square feet.

President Winnecke: What was the cost per square foot?

David Mosby: \$182. So if you wanted to look at it, it'd be \$981,000 you could save if you took the Sheriff, his Chief Deputy, his secretaries and them out of that operation and basically left them at the Civic Center and put the jail somewhere else. You would save yourself \$900,000.

President Winnecke: So if you pulled out the 4,852 square feet, that gets us a jail facility with how many beds?

David Mosby: Okay, you increase 36 beds. We went through that, too. You'll gain an estimated 36 beds by pulling off his operations out.

Councilmember Tornatta: And I'd like to go about talking about when you said you're saving that much money. We don't know that right now. You're saying that's cut off of the total price.

David Mosby: Everything a projected cost. I mean, we're looking at projected costs. In the book that he's referring to – I'm going to try to find this real quickly because it was interesting when I came across it again. First of all, I will say one thing, the information we copied for you in the PMSI study, and if you look at a couple of these pages, which I noted this earlier in my PMSI book – I'm trying to find the exact pages – I don't have a number on it, but it's where they come up with the square footage, watch going by the square footage because they're not right.

President Winnecke: I'm sorry, say that again.

David Mosby: They're not right. The square footage are not right in the PMSI book because I went back over and added them all and they're arithmetic was off. But what I was going – in here, I have marked down originally, I think it was Ed Hafer when I was with him, gave me a square footage calculation of about \$225 a square foot. So we're estimated at about 195, so I guess my point is, everything is projected cost. Nobody knows exactly whether it's going to be \$195 or if it's going to be \$225 and I know PMSI was using a figure sometimes of \$145 to \$165, \$165 to \$180. So the case is, you can get a different number from everybody.

President Winnecke: And to clarify, if you eliminate the 4,852 square feet for administrative purposes, for the same amount of money, \$35,000,000, we add roughly approximately 36 beds. Not an either/or?

David Mosby: No, what you'll end up – you're either going to get the Sheriff, the Chief Deputy, – I'm trying to figure out what all we removed here. But you're going to get either that operation or you just get a jail with 484 beds and his man to oversee the jail because what you're pulling out is the Sheriff, the Chief Deputy, the receptionist, the bathroom, the conference room, the personnel office, the chaplain office, the educational service, the three finance stations and the data support.

President Winnecke: But does it get us all the necessary ancillary support to run the jail that we would need?

David Mosby: Yes, but no executives. Not like – because the PMSI study, and that's why we copied this information for you so you can look at it. In their scenarios, you'll where they have, you know, administration, in their scenarios. And that was always included.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, and the patrol division.

David Mosby: Right, and the patrol division. And the patrol division was put in scenario

two, three and four. When we told United to look at the bare minimum for 35 million, all they did was the Sheriff's Department and the Jail because I talked with Craig Burgess today. Scenarios two, three, and four, they put the patrol division and everything in when we actually wanted to see what the cost would be to do this, this and this. But to come up with the cheapest price, that's what they did and he said if you want to take the Sheriff operation back out and move them back over here, then take out 4,852 square feet times \$192, \$981,000, you get 36 beds.

Councilmember Sutton: Hasn't much of our discussion, I guess, in the presentation that we had back on the 19th, didn't really focus on the type of detention facilities for the most part. I mean, we've all been asking questions, you know, how many beds and I think I, in one of our previous meetings had asked, I wanted to know if we took all three detention facilities and put them together what the cost would be, if we only did two, that type of thing. And somewhat these scenarios, I think that's what we've been focused on as a Council and I know my train of thought, you know, the logical sense, we obviously need some type of operation, some individuals who are going to work and handle whatever type of facility we may end up with. And we probably didn't go into the questions regarding the administration or the office part of this, but maybe somebody can correct me if I'm wrong, but that's really what our discussion has really been. So unless there's something else, unless something I missed, you know, most of our discussion has been on, okay, are we going to go with a juvenile or are we talking about the jail and how many beds in a jail, or are we talking about community corrections and that's really what our discussion has centered around and I don't think that is the full extent of this type of facility. I think we want to know, we're talking about different price ranges, what can we get for our dollars? Like I say, unless someone has heard something different, I think that's what our discussion has been up to this point.

President Winnecke: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on) special meeting, why wasn't anything brought up about, I'm going to it the Sheriff's complex? (Inaudible) detention facilities, the jail, the SAFE house and juvenile, and all of the sudden it pops up that there's a Sheriff's complex, and I know it was never brought up. I was just kind of curious. Did they say why they didn't bring it up?

David Mosby: I think they as well as assumed that everybody had read the \$100,000 book and assumed that in their scenarios you will see on all these pages that motor patrol, administration, everything was addressed and even though they didn't use, I'll say all of the PMSI study, and as I said, I can go through here in my book and show you all the corrections I've made, you know, because a lot of their figures don't add up. They validated some of the information, took some of the information that they thought was good, and they came up with the scenarios. I mean, I'm sure they assumed, as I assumed, everybody had read this study and went through it and looked at it. So, I mean, I don't think it was a point to say, you know, we're buying 36 toilets and 14 desks, they just didn't itemize everything if that's what you're asking me.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I was just kind of curious.

David Mosby: And that's the best answer I can give you, is they didn't go through and itemize every particular thing. We asked them, you know, bare minimum, what can you get for 35 million, so they gave us a Sheriff's Office and a jail, and then what do you get here when you combine this, this and this. And they went through and put the motor patrol and everything in it.

Councilmember Bassemier: If they thought we read the PMSI study, their square footage was a lot less than what their square footage was.

David Mosby: Well, and that's what I say, you've got to go back because I'll just take page 67, for instance, where they got 43,586 square feet, if you add that column, it's actually 48,838 square feet. If you go back to page 88 through 92, I'll give you all the corrections because nothing adds up. I mean, you can have my book, everything is highlighted.

Councilmember Bassemier: I've got one.

David Mosby: And I did it on three different calculators. I thought I got a bad calculator, but, you know, I didn't. And the price that Ed gave me was \$228, that was the figure I was looking for while ago, when I had sat down with him and Mike Farley from up at Jacobs. And they said, you know, here is the national blah, blah, blah, so everything is projected, I guess, is my point there.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I'm a little confused and that's why I like your suggestion, Mr. President, that we take some time next meeting, and before next meeting to look this over because I thought we had pretty much discounted or jettisoned the PMSI study, the original study, and perhaps we haven't. The other thing that disturbs me and this is about the players. The same man, and I asked this question on the 19th, Mr. Al Bennet was on the PMSI team, on the jail team, now he's on the jail team again, and at one point he said one thing, if we were a university city we needed this many beds and now he's changed. I have not followed Ms. Von Arx's recommendations quite as closely as I've followed Mr. Bennet's because he did the juvenile section and that was the one that drew a lot of interest from me. But I understand that there are some differences there, too, and that's why I just need some time to look this over because I'm looking at experts here who – there's nothing wrong with this, understand, they're consultants, but they hire out. And when they're hired one time, they tell us one thing and then when they're hired again in a different configuration of players, they say something else. And I appreciate the material that you've given us today, I'm just asking for some time to look it over. I still would like to see some of us get in small groups and then take a look at exactly where we're going with this because there were some surprises and I am not blaming the Sheriff for this because I've called the Sheriff and asked for time to look at the big book because I want to look that over, too, and see what's in there, what they're suggesting because there may be some ideas in there that have not occurred to us yet. I just presenting feel that we're still in a state of confusion and we need to work out of that as quickly and as methodically as we can.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben, did you have a comment?

Councilmember Raben: Phil pretty much took the words out of my mouth. I was curious why all of the sudden we're referring back to the PMSI study as well. I thought that was thrown in the waste can and that's why we had an appropriation come before us a couple of different times now for this. So, I mean, we're either going to use it or we're not, but I hate to keep referencing conversations back to that study when, in fact, I guess we're no longer using it. And secondly, and I don't know if this is the time to bring it up, but there was action taken last Wednesday and I only say this because, I guess, my name was part of the minutes and been brought up several times that the action taken was under my direction which is not true. I think if we look at the minutes from our joint meeting, I state several times that what I want is the original documents rescinded and a new document prepared and that's not what had taken place last Wednesday in your meeting. So I wanted that on the record for clarification and –

David Mosby: The only clarification I'll make to that is we didn't rescind the document and I said we wouldn't. But we did take all the amendments that we talked about with PMSI – or with United Consulting. And I guess my only question to that is, you don't rescind the constitution of the United States every time you amend it. I mean, you just amend it, add the addendums and go on. And there's nothing wrong with that and we're going to be amending further once you decide a scope and you decide a price, there's going to be further amendments to this.

Councilmember Raben: Correct, and at that point, it will be my intent not to go a step further until we get just that, rescinded original document in a completely new, redefined document along with these language changes. That's still my position and I want that on record.

David Mosby: Ball's in your court.

Councilmember Sutton: So you're saying, Jim, that you said, nothing move forward until you get what you want?

Councilmember Raben: Again, the biggest part of my spiel there was that my name was mentioned throughout the meeting Wednesday that they were taking action upon what I had requested that they do and that is the opposite of what I requested that they do. I made it quite clear during our joint meeting that I wanted the original document rescinded and this language corrected and be part of a new document. And never at any point did I state that this is what I wanted. And the record from their meeting states Wednesday and I said otherwise.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, if the language is being corrected, I'm just trying to understand what we're saying here. So if the language is being corrected to reflect what both parties are wanting out of it, whether you're rescinding it, whether you are amending it, if you're ultimately getting what you want, where are we going here? Maybe I –

Councilmember Raben: I don't want to get into a lengthy conversation on this but we still have figures that are incorrect in the original document that, again, after we make the decision on what we can afford to do, those figures need to be part of a new document along with these changes.

David Mosby: And they will be.

Councilmember Raben: So what we're looking at now is a set of amendments. On down the road we're looking at another set of amendments and I have said all along, that's not what I want. I want a clean document when it's said and done.

Councilmember Sutton: When you say you, I mean, I think we act as a body here. No one individual acts as a individual on this and –

Councilmember Raben: But again, there was a Commissioner –

Councilmember Sutton: Just a second, I let you talk. I think if there are some areas of concern that the Council has, not the Finance Chair, that the Council has, then the Council makes that recommendation to the Commission and if those actions are ignored or if they're acted upon, then so be it. But I don't think any individual, whether it's the President, Finance Chair, Vice President, whatever, myself, no one can act as an individual for the County Council. I think we can all bring recommendations of changing. I think you've done a great job in working with them in trying to get that done, but I guess we just need to be very careful with how we phrase that. And I keep hearing I, I, I, rather than we, as a Council.

Councilmember Raben: And again, I agree with you 100% on what you're saying, but I am clarifying what a Commissioner said that was requested of me and that is not – and so that's where all the I comes in, because it was my name that was stated, this is what Councilman Raben stated he wanted us to do and it is not. So that's why I say I. I'm defending my position in lieu of some statements that were said last Wednesday.

President Winnecke: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, Mr. Sutton, I just wanted to – Jim, I guess he's talking with Phil and we all met with the Commissioner Mosby and we talked with, is that Burgess, is that his name?

David Mosby: Craig Burgess, yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: And we had 20 points that were discussed that they were going to make changes on and I think that's what Jim's referring to. And I don't think Jim

said I. It was kind of, you all asked to be on a committee –

Councilmember Raben: No, and I appreciate that, but that's not what I'm saying at all. I'm just defending my position based on last Wednesday's Commissioners meeting.

David Mosby: And I'm sure I'm the only that said Councilman Raben, and I mean, I'm not ashamed of saying that. I mean, it was the 20 demands that I was handed. And we met 13 of the 20 demands. You know, the only reason you can't meet the other six or seven is because you don't have a scope or a service, so, I mean, I'm like Royce. I still don't understand where he's coming from and I can't meet demands, you know, that I don't know where he's coming from. And to rescind the whole document makes no sense. I mean, Mr. Ahlers is an attorney, you can amend anything. I mean, I amended stuff for 14 years on the City Council. I amended that ordinance code book down there I don't know how many times. And to make an amendment and put an addendum in and as soon as we get the scope and all of the costs and the prices, I had a conversation with Craig Burgess on Friday which I was going to tell Councilman Raben, he was willing to start cleaning the document up and sending a new one in and it would be our amended copy. And I told him, just hold off because we have to get the Council to give us a scope and a price. And once we do that, everybody can see what the consulting fees are going to be and they have come down. The fees have come down on their scenarios. And we will clean up the whole document at that time and provide everybody with an amended document.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, part of the reason why I said what I said, because, I mean, I just recall the gentleman standing there in one of our meetings from United and being amendable to making amendments and changes. If they would have been resistant or standing back a little bit and saying no, we're not interested in changing anything that we've talked about before, I'd have some real reservation about moving forward. But it appears that they understand the concern the Council has in this matter and –

(Inaudible – David Mosby speaking over Councilman Sutton)

David Mosby: Am I right? I think everybody was mailed and amendments?

(Unidentified - Several Councilmembers answered yes to the above)

David Mosby: And I will admit, United has been very easy to work it. You know, we call them, they've been very responsive, they work with the Sheriff, the Chief Deputy, they've been very responsive. We've called them on Saturday mornings, they send people to the office to talk to us, we call them, they've been very responsive.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, they could very well just take a –

David Mosby: They're the only reason –

Councilmember Sutton: – we know what we've got. We don't have to do anything else, but I'm just basing it on what he said up here at the microphone which was a part of public record, that they were willing to make adjustments to the whole agreement.

David Mosby: Right, and United Consulting is the only reason we're as far as we are. I mean, if it was between the Commissioners and Council, you know how far we'd be. And we haven't gotten very far and I'm sorry to say that because it reflects on me, too. But, you know, we have not gotten very far. We can't even pass a resolution that says we intend to build a jail and deem it necessary. So, I mean, if it was up to these two bodies and I'm a part of it, we would be in very sorry shape right now.

President Winnecke: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: I would like to see everybody make their movements in the amount of time that you said until our last meeting which I believe is on the 30th. Isn't that what he said? January 30th. I'd like to see people start making their movements so we can

get this process on the road. We're going to find ourselves in an interest crunch, we're going to find ourselves in some areas that we don't want to go possibly and I think we need to do our due diligence to get in and talk. You've got questions, get it resolved and let's quit going back and forth. I think the 30th ought to be the meeting we get a lot of stuff covered, if not everything and start getting this thing on paper so we can quit this process. People out there want to see something happen and they want to see it done once, and they want to see it done right. And that's what I'm going to stand behind, and they want to see it done now. And that's the road that I'm going to take and Commissioner Mosby and we've got all the players in here and by the 30th, we need to get our butts into gear and get this thing resolved so we can make some decisions on the February meeting and get some stuff handled, and quit this back and forth stuff.

President Winnecke: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Mosby, are we getting any closer to a location and a cost yet?

Councilmember Raben: I asked Councilman Raben to call me and I'll go, you know, to a meeting with him any time he wants. We had one set up and we cancelled it and at the last joint meeting we had, I told him to give me a call and we'll go meet any time. He had wanted me to go to the Mayor's office with him –

Councilmember Bassemier: About the five locations?

David Mosby: We're really nowhere.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

David Mosby: Oh, we're losing time. We're losing time, I was asked that question earlier. We're losing 30 days every time we walk out of these meetings because we walk back in 30 days later and –

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

David Mosby: We haven't asked the consultants and the engineers to really work on location. I mean, they worked on the one part of the contract which was the added value services that came into the Sheriff. And, I mean, since then, we have not paid them for that and, you know, we haven't asked them to do anything else. And, I mean, when we do locations, other parts of that money go to other consultants. And if we don't have a contract with them, I really don't think they feel like they have a contract and how can they promise somebody else their money?

Councilmember Tornatta: I don't expect them to do any more work if we can't –

David Mosby: I don't either. I guess that's what I was almost at the point to say, you know, is I can't really expect them to go out and spend a lot of money with other companies because they don't do it all. I mean, there's a local firm that will be doing the civil cites and everything and it's kind of hard to ask them to keep spending their money when we haven't anted up one penny.

Councilmember Tornatta: Can I add, how can we know exactly without knowing a scope and how big we're going to make this thing, how exactly do we know where we can put it?

Councilmember Bassemier: You wanted to put it on the back 40, I mean, you named that. He said a million dollars (inaudible) just got to have an idea, I mean, --

Councilmember Tornatta: I think we have an idea and we've made mention that we'd put it back in the back 40 originally. So, I mean, if we went with no other place, we've got that one that's being investigated. I think that's

David Mosby: And I'm still willing to go with Councilman Raben to a meeting. I mean, we cancelled the one and I talked to the Mayor's Assistant, Joan David, and I mean, I'm still willing to do that and I stated that a couple of weeks ago.

Councilmember Raben: And I spoke with Joan quite some time ago and she said if we could get through the holidays his schedule would free up and they'd be willing to sit down again. But they have, I mean, I guess in David's defense, he has stated that the back 40 is his number one preference and I think Brad has even stated it and I've heard some of the other parties state that that's still their number one choice.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

David Mosby: Them are the things we have to look, and that's going to be the thing that we got to look at because we've got to provide, if we're going to take parking out, we've got to provide parking before we can start tearing up things. So how much further is that going to set up behind? I don't know and that's what worries me.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, because we could run into the situation they've run into at the stadium, you know, where they built the rink and, you know –

David Mosby: Sure.

Councilmember Hoy: Commissioner Mosby, excuse me, I've got a bad cold. You're looking for two things from us, scope, is that correct?

David Mosby: Sure.

Councilmember Hoy: And cost.

David Mosby: Now scope and cost are going to go hand in hand.

Councilmember Hoy: I know, but I mean, those are the two things. Should we come up with a, it sounds like United – in our conversation that we had in your offices, Mr. Burgess seemed to be very willing to make some changes. So if we come up with those, would they be willing to come up with – I mean, I'd be happy with a revised contract, but I don't – I think, you know, we're dealing with language here whether we use the word rescind or revise. Revised would, you know, the language would be worked into the contract so that we're looking at a whole document because I'm, it doesn't work and I'm anxious to, and I do want to pay them for that work. But if those are the two things, perhaps we can bring, I don't know why we couldn't bring that together on the 30th and hope that Mr. Greenspan in Washington (inaudible).

David Mosby: I worry about that, too, believe me. That's why I wish we were further along than we are because –

Councilmember Hoy: My guess is we're going to be – those rates are going to be low for a while but anybody's guess can be way wrong.

David Mosby: This is one time I hope you're guessing right.

Councilmember Hoy: I do, too.

President Winnecke: I would just ask one other question just for clarification, is the Commission's position still that the only copy of the building plan is in the possession of the Sheriff and we need to visit with him to review it or will be made available to the Council?

David Mosby: I think there's one for the Council and I think there's one –

Unidentified: (Inaudible – comments not made from the microphone)

David Mosby: Yeah, we finally got one Friday or Thursday or something. So there is some copies that people can start looking at.

President Winnecke: Thank you, appreciate it.

David Mosby: The only other thing I can say is, if you've got any questions of myself or Commissioner Fanello, feel free to call. It's fairly easy for these guys up in Indy, when I was talking to them this afternoon to pull out these square footage. I mean, the 4,800, the 3,400 on a couple rooms that they had in another scenario, 20,000 for motor patrol. It's real easy for them to pull these out and give you a cost projection of \$192 a square foot and tell you where you can get to. And as we did that it was Paul Summers was on the phone and he said, you know, this is what it is per bed, so then he broke the square footage back into beds and said you could get approximately this many beds out, that's where the 36 came in. So if you've got any questions, I mean, I would be happy to try to answer them. I would be happy to do as I did the other day and we'll go over there and make a conference call. Tammy has got a speaker on her phone and everybody can – well, three of you guys can be in there, four can't. Sorry about that, you've got to leave Susan out.

President Winnecke: Could you ask Tammy to make a copy and provide to Sandie or Sarah for us, please?

David Mosby: Of that whole document?

President Winnecke: Right.

Commissioner Fanello: It's a bound document, we'd probably have to have United make a copy.

President Winnecke: If they could do that and submit it to the Council office.

David Mosby: Yeah, we can get you a copy. But, I mean, that's the only thing I ask is that you call us. I just want to see the project move farther. There's a lot of things, there's a lot of other projects, I should say on our plate that we need to be dealing with. I think we sent you a letter after the Commissioner's meeting asking about the Old Courthouse. I know the jail is very important, I know it's one issue we've got to get out of the way. I can tell you the frustration is building on me and as far as I'm concerned, you can come back and tell me you want to spend \$35,000,000 and build a jail with 484 beds and that's yours. I won't argue with you.

Councilmember Raben: I've got one question and I don't advocate doing this, okay? I mean, I'm not telling you that I support this, but probably like some of you, and I'm sure you've had several phone calls, I guess some time ago when English was talking to the Commissioners and were talking to us, you had told them that, allow you to get the proposals back from United and then you would look at their proposal, is that still in the works?

David Mosby: As far as I'm concerned, once you give me a scope and what you decide you want to do, and like I said, if it's the \$35,000,000 and you want 484 beds and nothing but a man there guarding the jail, then I will look at that and I will look at what they can build it for. If I feel it's reasonable enough and we can save enough money that it might be feasible, then it might be the thing we'll look at doing. I want to make sure, you know, that their proposal is not 484 beds and a jailor and my proposal is 484 beds and a Sheriff, and a Chief Deputy, and Personnel and the whole nine years. So I want to make sure we've got apples to apples and oranges to oranges. And once you come back and give me a scope and a cost and tell me this is what you want to do for the community, we'll move forward and we'll look at theirs, too.

President Winnecke: Right. Thank you.

David Mosby: Thank you. Have a nice day.

President Winnecke: Ms. Fanello would like to make a –

Catherine Fanello: Catherine Fanello County Commissioner. A couple of things. Just to address Jim's comment about the PMSI study, the study was bought and paid for. It has merits within that realm and it's got information in it there that we have to use that we can't ask United to go back and get with all those people and duplicate the information. So yes, we have taken this as a base and moved forward with it. Second thing, with communication seeming to be the problem, because there are so many Councilmembers and –

President Winnecke: Can you hold on one second? I'm sorry.

(Tape Change)

President Winnecke: Okay, I'm sorry.

Catherine Fanello: With communications, it seems to be a problem and it's hard to track down seven Councilmembers and let each Councilmember know what's going on every day. I'm suggesting, and I'll suggest it at the Commissioner meeting on Monday, that we just go ahead and hold a progress meeting every week or bi-weekly and would like to advertise that as a public meeting because there is no way that we can kind of track each one of you down all the time and let you know what's going on, so I think it's probably just be better if we just go ahead and hold a public meeting at least bi-weekly if not every week until we can get this thing on the ground and moving, because we're losing too much time and it's costing us all a lot of money by losing this much –

Councilmember Sutton: Commissioner, are you talking about part of the Commission meeting or you talking about a separate meeting?

Catherine Fanello: No, I'm talking about a separate meeting.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, what are you thinking about in terms of time –

Catherine Fanello: Maybe no longer than an hour but it's the communications seems to be a problem because that's kind of where I've seen the confusion at and the only way to combat that is for people to meet and have a progress meeting and for enough people to be able to attend and not have a problem with the Open Door Law, we just need to advertise it as a public meeting. So I'm suggesting at least bi-weekly, if not every week.

President Winnecke: I think that's a great idea.

Councilmember Raben: I do, too.

Catherine Fanello: So I'll propose that at the next Commission meeting.

President Winnecke: Any other business to come before Council?

Councilmember Hoy: Will you all, as Presidents, take care of that scheduling?

President Winnecke: I guess, yes.

Brad Ellsworth: I gave three quick points. I'm Sheriff Brad Ellsworth. A, as part of the donors on the \$100,000 study, I think 50% came from the Sheriff's Commissary fund. We didn't – I won't use the terminology, we didn't can that. The stakeholders, PMSI facilitated two years of meetings or whatever it was. I sense a little animosity about this study and how much it cost. This Council voted to fund that, as I did, chose to fund it, to get this ball rolling. So I'm hearing some mixed messages if this study was good or not. I'm still a proponent of what we went through to get to that point. That's all good information. That

was the stakeholders' meeting with PMSI, all the judges, some County Councilmen, Commissioners, under the start of the past administration. So I don't know why I'm hearing all of this negativity about the \$100,000. It's a good base.

Councilmember Hoy: Excuse me. I don't know who on this Council is – I've not expressed that, Sheriff.

Brad Ellsworth: I heard it just about 15 minutes ago from this Council floor, but –

Councilmember Hoy: Negative about PMSI.

Brad Ellsworth: Yeah, about the \$100,000 study. That's good information. That's a lot of good information.

Councilmember Hoy: I think it's great information. I think some errors have been pointed out in it, but –

Brad Ellsworth: Just like this, it's a working, living document. We're not throwing that information – it's good information gained over two years of meetings that we all attended – some of us more than others. But on to the next point. I know the President of the Council has asked for a copy. As one of the main players in the program, that's who, my staff and I and judges, Council, I know — well, I think Curt Wortman and Tornatta were in some of these programming meetings. This was the original copy of the bound book. My staff and I are now – this is the results from minutes and notes taken by the consultants. They took it back, they put it in a typed form and they're going back. What I'm asking the Council is, that when you get these copies, there are things we're redlining, there's things were changing in here daily as we go through them, such things as square footage, does this person need a cubicle or does this person need an office? Do we need three stalls in the bathroom, do we need two? Does this need, you know, four cars in the bay or does it need a place for two? Should be able to fit a bus in there or a van? There's a lot of things that we're changing in this copy, that when you get the copy clean from DLZ, United, whoever, that you're not going to see what we are changing in this. It's really not fair for you to look at it until we send our recommendations back as the professionals with hundreds of years in jail operation, you know, you're going to see things in there that we might want to take out, that I think we should have the privilege of taking out before you all get it and try to make a deal out of it in regards to my office and the operation of the Sheriff's department. I want to make one more quick comment. The consultants came, we played this out in the paper last week. You know, when the consultants were down here they also didn't mention court space. It was never mentioned, courtroom or anything like that. Nobody brought that up, but you're going to find in this book that there's a courtroom in there with jury chairs and the judge's chair and a place for a magistrate because all through the programming, you know, right back here it said all the players agreed, many felt a fully staffed courtroom in the jail would be beneficial in terms of case flow management as well as security for the court staff. That has all been played out about the judges need more court space, Judge Bowers, they've all got up and testified that we need more courtroom space and that would do it. It was programmed in there as a maybe. That maybe if the money is there, we can put a courtroom in this thing. That would require a place for the magistrate or judge. It would also require space for the County Clerk or County Clerk's employee, not her whole operation. But if we're not looking ahead, you know, if we wouldn't have said, well, do we need Clerk space, and we had to put her or her employee out in the hallway on a cardboard box, then somebody is going to jump us for saying well, gosh, didn't they think of that, that they'd need Clerk space? In this program, we're trying to think ahead of the needs and, like I said, my staff is busting their butts to try to think ahead. If it came in at \$150,000,000, I'd still be proud of the work that we've done in this program. No, we can't afford \$150,000,000, let's start cutting back, if that means the operation, if that means cutting the courthouse out, if it means cutting out our operational business, that's fine. But it's easier to cut back and say, you know, look ahead and what we need in 30 years. If we can't do that, let's start cutting back there, but let's program in what we think we need for 30 years and that's all we've done in this. But, like I said, I can almost, you know, I feel like, you know, I can see the future here when you all get this book and say well, why does that

person need an office and not a cubicle? I may have already changed that to a cubicle and an office of six and you all don't know about it, and I'm going to read about it the next day. So give us the benefit of the doubt on some of this stuff that we're changing this as we go. I think there's one reason this document came out early. It's early for it to come out because ultimately what I think I should happen, is we should send this back in what we think is acceptable form, then they print it up like this, and then present it to you. I think the reason it came out now is because between the Commission and the Council, you all want to see that this company did some work and with an appropriation. But I think it was early for this – this became the proof that they did \$300,000 or \$600,000 of work, when this is not ready for release yet. It's not that we're trying to hide anything, give me credit. I wouldn't try to sneak in an 11,000 square foot building into this new complex. It's merely looking ahead. If we're doing this, would it also make sense to bring it – if the lease is going to end out there and we're paying \$10,000 a month, would it be cheaper to bring that operation under one roof? Of course, I hear today, now we're talking about giving a fourth location, that we're going to have to work out of four different locations now by leaving the Sheriff's office, my civil process down in that little corridor that, quite honestly, isn't adequate to what we're doing down there. But, you know, we'll do whatever – whatever you all build, we'll work with and run to the best of our abilities.

Councilmember Hoy: What's the fourth location? I'm –

Brad Ellsworth: Well, if you're pulling out the Sheriff's Office, the Chief Deputy's office, my civil process division, my computer services division, my personnel unit, and not leaving anything ancillary, I think President Winnecke said, you know, that jail upstairs, I don't know when the last time (inaudible) was up there. I've got three lieutenants working in a jail cell where the food – the cell is locked and they still have food slots in the doors, and I'm talking about an area less than the area you're sitting in, Mr. Hoy. And with the doors and the food slot, and they had to put a hasp on to lock it. That's my lieutenants' office, because all three of them share at one time. But you can't squeeze – come up and look at what my staff is working in, how many staff bathrooms they have and where they are. You know, –

Councilmember Hoy: Sheriff, –

Brad Ellsworth: It's getting depressing.

Councilmember Hoy: Sheriff, my problem is, and I have a real bad habit of taking on the people over there who buy ink by the barrel, and now I want to question the man who wears the badge. But on the 19th I got two phone calls, both after 8:00, saying you can come down and look at this document between now and noon. And there are seven of us there certainly wasn't enough time and then when you came before us, you said, you really said, this document didn't have that much in it and we had a little humor about Mr. Mosby bending over, and then we find out that the Command Post is being moved and we have a lease that runs till what – 2008?

Councilmember Tornatta: Seven.

Councilmember Hoy: 2007. And as a Council, with all due respect to you, sir, we have sat here, I can't recall that I have ever voted no on anything for your department. We voted a new structure, a Chief Deputy and three Majors, you know, so that you could run three locations, and I think this Council has been very cooperative and we do need to look at this document even though there may be changes. And the Clerk's office was the second surprise that came out and so that's where my concerns are right now and that, I mean, it may not sound pleasing to you but I have to express my feelings.

Brad Ellsworth: No, we're on the same page. I just think that, A, I don't know, I remember coming and saying there is a lot of boring stuff in this book about like, is this ceiling tile or this concrete and is it this and that? I don't know who called you after 8:00 in the evening and said you can come down between 8 and 12?

Councilmember Hoy: No, it was on that Wednesday morning of the meeting.

Brad Ellsworth: Well, that wasn't anybody from my office, I don't think, that said come down between 8 and 12.

Councilmember Tornatta: That was Sandie. Sandie or Sarah.

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Brad Ellsworth: Yeah, but I thought you were directed to have the Council come down and look at it.

Councilmember Hoy: That's correct.

Brad Ellsworth: But you said 8 to 12 hours –

Councilmember Hoy: No, no, no, 8 to 12 that morning.

Brad Ellsworth: I'm down there every day.

Councilmember Hoy: No, the call, what I'm saying is, I didn't say 8 to 12 hours. The call came in somewhat –

Brad Ellsworth: On that day of the meeting.

Councilmember Hoy: On that day, yeah. And that was not simply – I was scheduled, and all I'm saying is there are seven of us –

Brad Ellsworth: When I fanned the document up here and talked about that, that was long before the day of the meeting, wasn't it? That County Council –

Councilmember Hoy: I think what he's –

Brad Ellsworth: – any time and look at this.

Councilmember Raben: Right, what he's referring to – he would have only had a four hour span is what he means by the 8 to 12. I don't think he's – it may have sounded that way but you didn't mean that they only gave you that window to see it?

Councilmember Hoy: No, no, no. That's not what I'm saying. I'm just saying prior to that meeting, that's all we had and we were in this major meeting and I want to be clear. I don't want to try to micro-manage, but I don't think it's micro-managing when you're talking about the kind of what we're paying and, to be honest with you, I'm sitting here saying well, Mr. Ellsworth has, you know, eight years probably to be Sheriff and Mr. Hamner had eight years and then, you know, we get the next regime of Sheriff who says, oh gee, I want that post back out there. This county can't afford to make those kind of shifts. We really.

Brad Ellsworth: There was never any – anybody ever said, now you can say this is a play on words, of closing down the Command Post. I think if you don't look at all those things, you know, we also, before this is over, have to look at what to do with this square footage that we're in right now. You know, that's going to have to happen. Now, somebody would assume we're already closing down that jail. That's not an assumption we can make yet. There's a lot of decisions to be made. That was just one more thing to look at, is while this is going on, is that lease going to run out and would it be more practical at that time to move this command post in to this thing? Same with that courtroom. To be perfectly honest, and I talked to the judge, the jailor down in Owensboro, and a nine county jail, now we have a courtroom that everybody said yeah, that would be beneficial, we have a courtroom and nine jails in Kentucky, and not one of them operates as a courtroom anymore. They welded bunks into the walls and they use them as storage space. That's something we are going to, as a group, and the Commission and you all and us, are going

to have to decide is somebody going to use this thing, because I sure don't want a courtroom in there that they use for a year or don't use at all, and then we weld bunks into. But that's programmed in here, it's a decision to make. Just like this Command Post, it's programmed in here, but I'd rather do it now and eliminate it, than to be an afterthought a year down the road when it's too late to add in.

President Winnecke: I would jump in here just because we're on a – I don't mean to cut anyone off. Jim and Troy, then Ed.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm okay.

President Winnecke: Oh, okay. Jim and then Troy, and then I'm going to close it out so we can get the next meeting going. Jim.

Councilmember Raben: Brad, how far through that document are you in terms of making revisions? Could you give a percentage?

Brad Ellsworth: Probably halfway or more. It won't take – a few more days.

Councilmember Raben: Well, that was going to be my question. How much time does your office need to complete your changes and...

Brad Ellsworth: If you give us to the end of this week, middle of next week, we can go through it, send it back to them, they clean that up as best as they can, then I'm comfortable with anything it says and I'll stand by anything it says from our office. But I think it's only fair that we have a chance to eliminate some of it. And then you can say, Sheriff is asking for, you know, mahogany walls in his office.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, do you find that reasonable? I mean, I...

President Winnecke: We can wait for a copy from United till after you send yours back.

Brad Ellsworth: That would be great. That would --

President Winnecke: – that's fine.

Councilmember Raben: It would be nice to have if we're setting the 30th for a target date to draw some type of conclusion. It would be nice to have the week ahead of that.

Brad Ellsworth: If you give me till the 15th, you know, like I said, I'll get it back to them by the – if I've got that time, the end of next week, and then they can make the copies and change it in their computer and send it back down, I'm cool with it.

President Winnecke: Okay. Councilman Tornatta.

Councilmember Tornatta: I just want to make a quick couple of points. On page 86 of the PMSI study, it says the advantages and disadvantages, and if everybody could review some of those, it will help out. One of the points they make is a single project rather than a multi-phase would save 10 to 15 percent. And then in the last part, the package you were given, it says rental of beds. If you had a – if you just had 50 detention beds for outside users, there's possibly revenue of \$821,000, and then it tells what in Valparaiso with the new \$37,000,000 jail, what they're doing up there and how they are going to house some other inmates. So, I mean, all those points are established in other places and it is well documented that there are ways to offset some money.

Brad Ellsworth: Can I make one more comment to Councilman Hoy? And I agree the Council has been great with me. I think we've worked together famously. The reason, when on like voting with me on the Majors and that, you know, I was asked to take over Community Corrections. At that point I changed my table of organization to reflect on the running of three different (inaudible). Now, I then eliminated a second Chief Deputy and

cut his salary by, I don't remember, 7 or 8 thousand dollars. That's a pretty hard thing to go in and tell one of your top individuals. When we go to this new, if we ever go to a new building, when we go to this, I will then have to look beforehand at staffing analysis and look – I may be changing that – coming before you again and saying, now with this, a new table of organization comes in, we may be able to save a whole lot of, you know, I won't say save money, but you're talking about running three different places that answer the phones 24 hours a day. If you can not have three people doing that, and having one, there's a cost right there savings. You know, there's just all kinds of staffing issues in this that we'll be looking at hours on end, every day. And like I said, I may have to change my table – you know, the next Sheriff may have to change his table of organization, not necessarily the build, that...that's a thought. Moving that building is a thought. Putting a courtroom in is a thought. We all have to think through that. But, like I said, the next Sheriff may come in, whatever he's dealt or this building deals, we'll probably be changing again. But it will be for efficient reasons just like I think that going from two Chief Deputies and two Captains to one Chief and three Majors was an efficient move and it proved to be that way.

Councilmember Hoy: And we agreed with that.

Brad Ellsworth: Right. This is the end of everything.

President Winnecke: Just a second. I want to make a comment. Just to sort of put a period at the end of the sentence, I think the Sheriff's comments are well taken. I would just say that as one of seven Councilmembers, I don't fault anyone for looking into the future. I think the challenges, as Commissioner Fanello said, is communication. All of the information is great information, we should have heard it on the 19th and not through the news media. I think that is the challenge that most of us have with it. And before I ask for a motion for adjournment, I'd like to wish our legal counsel a happy 40th birthday. May I have a motion for adjournment?

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: We're adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Ed Bassemier

Vice President Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2002**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 6th day of February, 2002 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by County Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: I was wondering if the Sheriff could open our meeting, please.

Brad Ellsworth: I'll try. Oh yes, oh yes, oh yes, the Vanderburgh County Council is now in session pursuant to adjournment.

President Winnecke: Thank you. Roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

President Winnecke: Would you please stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance please?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Winnecke: Before we get to the appropriation ordinances, we have a couple of issues I'd like to get to immediately. First the floor recognizes Mr. Raben.

Presentation of plaque for Ed Bassemier

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, the first matter I would like to make a presentation to our fellow councilman Ed Bassemier, as president for year 2001, so on behalf of myself and the other County Councilmembers we have a plaque that we give to each outgoing president and would like to say job well done and thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, sir. This is a surprise.

**\$2,700,000 Jail Project set aside/
\$2,478,423 COIT Windfall set aside**

Councilmember Raben: Alright, I laid on everyone's desk a copy of our new 2002 unappropriated General Fund monies. Along with that I have offered some scenarios. One, if you look, currently there is almost \$7.5 million in our General Fund unappropriated and just below that I show an appropriation for \$670,000 for Burdette Park, just below that \$2.7 million dollar jail set aside and part of that \$7.5 is COIT windfall that we received of \$3.8. So setting aside almost \$2.5 of that, if we

did just what that states, we would have an unappropriated balance of \$1.6 million. And that is taking care of again, Burdette, our jail set aside, and if you look just below that you'll see the Jail Fund which is account 3660. And looking at 2001 and 2002 set asides, you know that would make our effective balance \$5.4 million. Then just below that you see our COIT windfall. If you recall a few years ago we set aside and we established that account 4131 and set aside that \$466,000 in COIT. And if you combine that with the \$2.4, our new COIT windfall balance would be \$2.9. So, that's I guess what I am saying is that is what my recommendation would be that we do as a Council. So, I will entertain any questions.

President Winnecke: Maybe at this time Auditor Crouch could explain the COIT windfall and how that comes about.

Suzanne Crouch: Well, I believe that everyone was on the Council except Councilmember Tornatta when we received another COIT distribution back in 1995. What happens is that the State projects what our COIT revenues are going to be 18 months in advance. If they then come in, in excess of what they projected, they put that into our account and it becomes a surplus. This year, or last year, the State decided that all COIT counties, they would distribute the surplus to them. And that's what happened if you all remember back in 1995 and I think the distribution at that time was the \$2.1 or \$2.2 million and I believe that we used that money for Azteca and maybe Daylight, I am not sure, I would have to go back and check but that in effect is what that is. It's kind of a distribution that we can't expect every year and the State has suggested in a lot of instances that you try to segregate that and don't depend upon it in your General Fund operating balance. That is what you all did back in 1995 and of course that is your option as to whether or not you choose to do that this year.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion of either Mr. Raben or the Auditor? Royce.

Councilmember Sutton: Suzanne, I was just going to ask you. On the COIT windfall, that distribution, what formula is that based on and is that something, in terms of that amount, I mean that is a pretty healthy amount and obviously that amount would fluctuate. Is this kind of a one time thing this particular amount? Or, is this something that we should maybe anticipate some distribution but maybe not this amount but some distribution?

Suzanne Crouch: Well, I don't think that we can really depend upon it, Councilmember Sutton. We did receive one in 1995 and we are receiving one because the economy has been strong. I don't believe all counties probably are receiving this amount. We are required by statute to have a three month balance within our account and because they make those projections 18 months in advance that is what they determine that they are going to give us. If in effect, we collect more COIT than what the state has determined they are going to give us then that surplus goes into our account balance and because of the surplus that is, has appeared, in a lot of those accounts, the state made the determination that they would make this one time distribution similar to what they did in 1995. I don't think we should count on that in the future because if the economy slows down and those revenues slow down we won't anticipate that surplus. So, that is some of the thinking in terms of trying to set it aside and segregate and not co-mingle it with your General Fund operating. That is what you as a Council did back in 1995, again that is your option.

Councilmember Sutton: On our, thank you, on our financial statement that is not

shown.

Suzanne Crouch: Well, it is actually part of the General Fund right now, revenue stream.

Councilmember Sutton: So, that \$7.4 includes, that 7.4 unappropriated balance in the General Fund would include the \$2.9? Okay.

President Winnecke: Other questions? Councilmember Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you Mr. President. Mr. President at this time I would like to move that, I will make a motion that we authorize the Auditor to earmark another \$2.7 million as set aside for the jail project or relating bonds.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

Councilmember Raben: I would like to make that in the form of a motion.

President Winnecke: There is a motion and a second from Mr. Bassemier. Are there questions or discussion? Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: On your motion, Councilman Raben, now I know that we have talked about some of the scenarios on the set aside. What length of time are we committing ourselves to on setting aside this \$2.7 million? Or have we made a commitment or are we going to do this year by year? I know we are addressing this year but what kind of commitment do we have here on this \$2.7?

Councilmember Raben: Well, it would be my intent that we, you know, if this Council, and I really believe that we will be able to, that we do this annually, that we do this every year that you know eventually it will become old hat. But, you know particularly now when the funds are available I think it is responsible of us as a group, you know it is part of planning for your future.

Councilmember Sutton: I just want to make sure that we are clear on it. I mean, I think the \$2.7, if we have got the ability to do that, which it is very clear that we've got the ability, could probably leave a little bit more, I guess if we wanted to. We've got the ability to do it and it's always good to prepare for a rainy day which we've obviously got some, several things in the hopper. I guess I am thinking kind of in the back of my mind as we look at what we have discussed on our \$35 million proposal on the jail and just keep in mind that the assumption is based upon a 25 year commitment to setting aside \$2.7 million and I don't know about you guys, maybe Curt might still be around, but I don't think that I will be around in 25 years when the Council at that point, or even 20 years to try to make that allotment over on that side.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Sutton.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: I guess I was also wanting to know as far as the rainy day situation, the \$2.78 for the COIT Windfall, is that, I mean, we want to put that aside when we know that there are several projects that need to be looked at, the Old Courthouse and some other projects that are coming down the pike. Isn't that a perfect spot for that as opposed to putting it in the jail which we really don't know-

Councilmember Raben: We are not actually putting that in the jail. We are setting aside almost \$2.5 of COIT Windfall-

Councilmember Tornatta: Earmarked as jail.

Councilmember Raben: That is going to go into the COIT windfall account that we can use at some point if we need to for capital projects. So, again we are just getting that out of our General Fund. It is like the old scenario, if you don't see it, maybe you forget about it and it, you know the chances of it being there when you need it are far greater than if you see it everyday.

Councilmember Tornatta: So, you are not earmarking it for the jail project?

Councilmember Raben: No, no, no, that is an additional set aside. That is for a rainy day fund.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, I am fine with that. When you were talking about it, I thought that you were saying that also gets set aside for the jail project.

Councilmember Raben: No, no, no.

Councilmember Tornatta: I would be-

Councilmember Raben: Just the \$2.7. Again the motion was just to instruct the Auditor to set aside that \$2.7 million just for the jail project and any related bonds so that and only that \$2.7.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: If we would assume that we did not even have the COIT windfall and we set aside the \$2.7 for the jail project, we would have you know \$2.3 basically in unappropriated balance so that is still pretty healthy.

Councilmember Raben: Now, I mean it is my intent after this motion, I think we probably need to make a motion to set aside the COIT as well, don't we? Right, so I will do that in another motion but this particular motion on the floor is just for the \$2.7.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I would like to make another motion that we instruct the Auditor to set aside in our COIT, of our COIT windfall, in the amount of \$2,478,423.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Is there no earmarking on that? I mean we can set that aside without an earmark for a project?

Suzanne Crouch: Typically the Council states their intentions on what they would like that to be spent on. Back in 1995, you had indicated that it would be spent for infrastructure and capital improvement projects and they used it for the Azteca bond issue and then for the Daylight. So, probably in your motion you ought to include your intentions on what you'd like that to be spent on.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well I had stated that in earlier discussion, but as part of this motion, I would amend my motion to read that the \$2,478,423, that we are instructing the Auditor to set aside, is to be used on infrastructure and capital improvement projects and to be decided upon by this Council; so that is motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, then I've got a question, maybe for the Auditor. I guess that I am always of the impression that if you get a little bit of extra money the first thing that you ought to do is look at paying your debts and obligations and try to get an idea of things that we may have outstanding out there in terms of bonds or other debts or obligations that as a County that we presently, we are paying towards.

Suzanne Crouch: You have a number of bond issues. The Burkhardt, those bonds are not callable until 2008 and there is monies building up in that account that hopefully will be available to pay those when they are callable. I will have to check on call dates for other bonds issues, I don't believe that we have anything this is callable at this date.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Suzanne Crouch: You all did budget last year at budget time, monies for payments of the bonds in the bond issue accounts so there is money currently for current

payments. But, I can check on-

Councilmember Sutton: I guess I am thinking with that, I mean obviously approve our bond rating and capacity if we are able to eliminate some of the debt that we possibly have out there.

Suzanne Crouch: I can check that and get back with you.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. If you could please.

Councilmember Raben: Royce, I might also mention that you see this \$670,000 for Burdette and there was some material given to us last week at our meeting that at some point there will be future requests for equipment and furnishings and some other items for that facility. You know, that again would be something you would probably tap back into your rainy day fund for. You recall that sheet that was passed out last week?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, but that sheet didn't have \$2.4 million on it.

Councilmember Raben: No, but I meant that was just an example of what you might at some point want to come back to this fund for.

Councilmember Sutton: I understand.

President Winnecke: Okay, roll call vote please and this is to vote to set aside the \$2,478,423 from the COIT Windfall.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>Resolution of the County Council of the County of Vanderburgh, Indiana, Determining, after Investigation, that a New or Improved Jail Facility is Needed</p>
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President Winnecke: One other piece of business that we have before we get to the appropriations, you have before you a resolution. It is called A Resolution of Necessity. This Resolution of Necessity is required by Indiana law in order for the bonding process to proceed with the jail project. The County's bond counsel, Tom Pittman, prepared the original draft of this resolution and following a conference call with Mr. Pittman, Council Attorney Jeff Ahlers and myself, Mr. Pittman made an addition to the original document at my request and the addition is the inclusion of a design and construction cap of \$35 million. I asked for the figure to be included based on our meeting of one week ago. At that time, five members of this body, indicated that they were comfortable with spending \$35 million on this project. Two others felt that the figure should be higher. There was a request for an additional special meeting between the Council and Commission to continue the discussions on the scope of this project. I believe that the communication between each body is improving weekly and while another special meeting may continue to foster positive communication, I believe it would further delay the Commissioners ability to move forward on this project. The Commissioners have asked for clarification on our spending limit and I believe in including the \$35 million figure in the resolution of necessity provides them the fiscal direction they seek, at the same time satisfying the state requirement to begin the process, the bond process. I have spoken to almost every member of the council, some multiple times in the last few days, and if you want a couple of minutes to read it. Many of you know the basic intent and I will be glad to give you a couple of minutes and then entertain questions.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, would we want to read this into the record, I guess? Is that appropriate?

President Winnecke: Oh great, thanks. Go ahead.

Jeff Ahlers:

"WHEREAS, the County Council (the County Council), of the County of Vanderburgh, Indiana (the "County"), has determined, after investigation, that it is necessary and desirable that a new jail facility be constructed for use by the County, or that the existing jail facility be remodeled and/or improved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Council of the County of Vanderburgh, Indiana, as follows:

1. The County Council hereby determines that a need exists for either a new jail facility or the remodeling and/or improvement of the existing facility, which need can be served by the acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of the jail facility. The County Council further determines that the funds needed therefor exceed the funds presently available to the County.
2. The County Council reaffirms the Resolution to Set Limit of Funding for Jail Projects, Resolution No.C.C. R-04-01-002, passed by the County Council on April 4, 2001. County Council shall only approve funding for all jail projects, including a new or improved jail, and/or juvenile detention and/or

community corrections facilities, not to exceed an aggregate of Thirty-Five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000.00) from all funding sources.

3. The County Council hereby determines that the amount of bonds to be issued by or on behalf of the County to finance the jail facility shall in no event exceed Thirty-Five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000.00) in aggregate principal amount. The County Council hereby reserves the right to approve the specific amount of the bonds to be issued by or on behalf of the County. No bonds or leases shall be valid or enforceable without the prior approval of the County Council.

4. This Resolution shall not in any way prohibit or prevent the County Council from making future determinations or from providing future input as to matters relating to the contracts for the construction, remodeling and/or improvement of the jail facility, the acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of the jail facility, or the appropriation of funds for the payment of costs relating to the jail facility.

5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and upon compliance with the procedures required by law, except as amended hereafter by the County Council at its discretion, which is hereby expressly reserved to the County Council.

Duly passed and adopted this 6th day of February, 2002.”

Signature lines for all Councilmembers and attest by the Auditor.

President Winnecke: Fine dramatic reading, thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: So, if we’ve got questions, we can ask questions?

Councilmember Raben: Should we get a motion on the floor?

President Winnecke: Let’s get a motion on the floor and then we’ll open up for discussion.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I will move approval.

President Winnecke: There’s a motion. A second? Discussion?

Councilmember Bassemier: I would like to ask-

Councilmember Hoy: I will second it to get it on the floor, or are you going to second it?

Councilmember Bassemier: No, I wasn’t going to second.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question about four.

President Winnecke: Point four?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah before I second this. Tell me what that paragraph means.

Jeff Ahlers: Actually that was a paragraph that was put in by Tom Pittman after our

discussions. I think Phil Hayes, we talked with him briefly yesterday about it and what they are talking about is that there is concern that if this resolution was passed would County Council no longer have any involvement in the process and in order to state that it was not the intention of this resolution to say that we wouldn't continue to have involvement if needed or desirable that was sort of a statement that was put in there to accomplish that purpose. Now, legally, obviously there are limits as to how much involvement that the County Council can have when you come to the execution phase. Obviously much of that responsibility goes to the Commissioners. But, to the extent that there are matters that would allow input or require approval of Council it was meant that this resolution was not to be interpreted to override or give away any authority we may otherwise be able to retain. It was to retain as much authority as possible to the extent that we can, okay?

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, then my question is, suppose that the Commissioners come back and say we can do this project for \$38 million, does this paragraph give us an opening to go above the \$35 million?

Jeff Ahlers: I'm sorry? To stay at 35 or to increase?

Councilmember Hoy: To increase.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I always think that you have the authority to increase. I mean there is no question, it is your prerogative to either appropriate more money out of other funds or if you reach, you haven't reached a point of no return in the bond process, we can talk with Mr. Pittman, but I assume that until you get deep into the process you can change your mind and increase the bonding amount. But, I mean there is nothing that ever keeps you I suppose from spending more money if that is the will of the majority of this Council.

Councilmember Hoy: The reason I ask is that I would, I would hate to see us get to the point where you know this project could be blocked for lack of 2 or 3 million more dollars which some of us might feel we'd like to afford to move it ahead. I just don't want to be totally locked in. Is that a fair interpretation? Am I understanding you correctly? I know that I am pushing this but I am, I want to know for sure.

Jeff Ahlers: I think what this resolution, what this resolution is to primarily do, this is something that is a statutory animal that under the Indiana Statutes and I will give you that site, I.C. 36-1-10-7 is the statute that this resolution is being made under and what that statute says is that before the bonding process can move forward that it requires a resolution by the County Council stating that he sees a necessity for this jail facility and then allows the bonding process to move forward. And so, part of the language that was put in here was to make sure that this resolution would not be interpreted any broader other than to accomplish that statutory purpose to allow the bonding process to go forward. There is nothing in here that changes the authority of County Council. If you so choose to make other appropriations in the future, you know you still have that right to do so but I think it was also to be a direction to set a budget in terms of both bonding capacity and I guess as direction to the Commissioners as to what you are now stating the budget is.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, well, I'll second it to get it on the floor, Mr. President.

President Winnecke: Okay, thank you. Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah a couple of things. First thing is that I think we have

asked this before and I don't understand where \$35 million comes from and the second thing, it does say that the County Council has now determined that we need a new or improved juvenile detention/community corrections facilities when in all actuality the County Council doesn't recognize it, but the group that studied that did recognize that and brought it back to us saying the community corrections situation and our insurance agent says that we do need a new facility. So, I guess after my first question, my second question is that would definitely have to be erased from this resolution because that's an untrue statement.

President Winnecke: I believe and Mr. Ahlers can correct me if I am wrong but I believe the statute says that the fiscal body of the county has to determine that a need exists in order to begin the bonding process and the \$35 million to answer your initial question was determined a year ago based on revenue projections made by the Auditor in conjunction with Crowe Chiziak, the county's financial advisors, and that would be the amount of money that we could, the size of the project that we could fund using roughly \$2.7 million a year to service a debt of \$35 million -

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, the-

President Winnecke: Go ahead.

Councilmember Tornatta: From what I was understanding, this was a year ago, okay but we are not a year ago we're today and our interest rates are going to change from here on out and so we can't use interest rates a year ago either. But, we should have that number that is our bonding capacity that you pulled that from in the first place to be on this if that is the case. If that is where you are pulling it from, not your projections, if that is not the case and that was supposed to be to not raise taxes and from all that I have seen, \$35 million would raise taxes.

Councilmember Raben: I might, when you stated that our bonding capacity, that is the purpose in establishing an authority or using an existing Building Authority because you know again they are not bound to what our bonding capacity is.

Councilmember Tornatta: So, where did that number come from?

Councilmember Raben: The \$35 million?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: Well the number-

Councilmember Tornatta: What's that mean today, to me?

Councilmember Raben: Was does that mean today to you?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: The number originally was based on, off of the PMSI study, at that time, which still is today, what we are working off of.

Councilmember Tornatta: But that is supposed to, there again, that's supposed to not raise taxes in the county with this number right here and I don't, I didn't find that to be true. I didn't find where the \$35 million working that number backwards, I didn't find that we were able to save taxpayers money on the tax roll going this route. Now, that is all that I am asking, that's the statement as presented to me.

Councilmember Raben: To me, I don't know.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, it was said that we could do this without raising taxes. I didn't find that was true, so I just need to know the numbers so that I could just get to this point, to where I am comfortable with the \$35 million, plucking this number, picking this number up somewhere and saying this is what it's going to take to not raise taxes and for the taxpayers, I didn't find that to be true with this number.

Councilmember Raben: Maybe this clears it up, I am still unclear as to what you are trying to say, but the \$2.7 okay is a figure that we deemed a year ago that this county could set aside annually without creating any new taxes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: For instance, an increased COIT or establishing a new tax for the solely the purpose of a jail, So, I don't know if that answers you or not.

Councilmember Tornatta: I guess, where did the \$35 million come in? I mean why are we stuck on \$35 million? I guess, just answer that question.

President Winnecke: Well, I think we discussed that at length last week.

Councilmember Tornatta: I don't think we have.

President Winnecke: I think last week, for a fair amount of the meeting, five members of this council indicated that \$35 million was the figure that they felt comfortable in terms of a cap on this project. So, that is where that figure comes from. The Commission has asked for direction, specific direction as to how much money this Council is ready to fund and I believe that is why this figure is in there.

Councilmember Sutton: I was just going to ask-

President Winnecke: Wait, Councilmember Bassemier was first and then we will get to you.

Councilmember Bassemier: I was just going to ask. I have a couple of questions I was going to ask all of the Councilmembers, we have set it at \$35 million and I have agreed to \$35 million, now do we all still have the intentions with that \$35 million building the jail, the juvenile detention center and the community corrections with that \$35 million or are the Commissioners going to come back and say well with \$35 million we can only build a jail with that. Is that open, do we still have the intention of \$35 million for all three projects? I was just kind of throwing this out here.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I don't know how to actually answer this outside of hurting your feelings but I guess you never really did have that authority, okay?

Councilmember Bassemier: I understand that.

Councilmember Raben: You have always had the authority to state how much we were going to spend-

Councilmember Bassemier: And I understand that.

Councilmember Raben: But you never did actually.

Councilmember Bassemier: I knew that we never did have authority it was just kind of a wish list that we was all hoping that \$35 million and you made the statement that you would like to have all three projects yourself for \$35 million so what happens if, when they put the pencil to it-

Councilmember Raben: I think it would be up to Commissioners to decide what they wish to use this money on and I think that I stated last week that I am sure they are going to do whatever they can to get the most for what we can get.

Catherine Fanello: Exactly. I think that you have probably said it right there. I mean whatever you give us, which sounds like \$35 million, we are going to take it and use it the best we can. Which first priority is a jail. So, all of the money will go to the jail first and if there's, if there is anything we can possibly do after that, which I don't think there will be anything left over, but the jail is first priority.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, thanks. Now, my second question, I was wondering on the \$35 million, now going by our scenario from last week, we can only get 484 beds for \$35 million but that does not include the land cost and parking needs and if you all decide not to add on to our present jail, you know, we might even have to fund a parking garage. If you guys decide to build it on the back forty. So, I just wondered if it's worth it to us and the taxpayers that since we have got the figure at \$35 million and we still have to buy the land and build the parking garage and then turn around now we might drop this cost, I am going to round it off to about \$30 million so right now we are only going to build a 411 bed facility now, so our present jail is 268 so we are, I think, we are only going to gain about 140 beds-

Catherine Fanello: I don't follow your numbers, but from what United, and I didn't bring my financial papers with me but they went back and did what can we get for \$35 million construction costs and that is 480 some beds.

Councilmember Bassemier: Uh, 84 but that does not include the land cost, the parking needs and if a parking garage is needed. So, that 35 is going to dwindle. Now we know a parking garage average spot runs about \$10,000 per spot, I know over there, so I am just kind of, so we really don't have --

Catherine Fanello: I mean, that's your decision as a Council, you know what we have presented to you as far as numbers, it is your decision as a Council as to-

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, well I was just kind of throwing this out, is it worth it to us to go ahead and spend \$35 million and we are only going to add 146, 147-

Catherine Fanello: Well, I still don't agree with your numbers. So, I think that-

Councilmember Bassemier: I know you can't build, it said 484 for \$35 million, but we still have to buy the land, still maybe have to build a parking garage.

Catherine Fanello: Well you are not going to build a parking garage, buy land out of \$35 million and get-

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, that's what I'm saying, so, I am just throwing-

Catherine Fanello: As we move along in this project-

Councilmember Bassemier: Now, do you see where my numbers are coming from? We can not build a 484 bed facility for \$35 million. Do you agree on that?

Catherine Fanello: No.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, this is wrong then.

Catherine Fanello: No, because you, the Council, have told me that you are going to give us \$35 million to build a jail facility. Is that correct?

Councilmember Bassemier: I am just going by this.

(Inaudible - too many people talking)

Councilmember Tornatta: He is talking about you can't do everything with that project, build a parking garage-

Catherine Fanello: Well, we wouldn't be building a parking garage just by ourselves, hopefully, anyway.

Councilmember Hoy: Right, the site hasn't been determined yet.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, the site, but you know unless somebody gives us the site or you build it on a county site, we still can't build 484 beds because we still have to buy the land.

President Winnecke: Let me jump in here.

Councilmember Bassemier: Help me out here.

President Winnecke: Let me try and get this thing back on track. I appreciate where you are going, Councilmember Bassemier, what's before us is a resolution of necessity, which gives the Commission a direction on the amount of money for the design and construction of a new jail.

Councilmember Bassemier: I understand that.

President Winnecke: And before we get into the different scenarios of where it could be based on the media accounts of Lynch Road, the back forty or South Kentucky, we could sit here until the cows come home to discuss a lot of what ifs, what if we need to buy, I think we should let the Commissioners take the next step, which is a site vote on Monday and then after that we see what happens. But, after that, this \$35 million, in my opinion, is a direction to the Commission as to what they can spend for the design and construction of a new jail.

Councilmember Bassemier: And I tell you what, your point is well taken. The point that I am giving you is, before I vote yes to something, I would like to know what we are getting for \$35 million. Are we, I know it's not my, it's out of our, what they do with it, I know that's in their territory but what I get for my \$35 million that I vote on, I would like to see what we are getting for our money.

Catherine Fanello: Well.

Councilmember Bassemier: Are we getting a hundred or are we only getting-

President Winnecke: I believe that the United Consultants came back and they said for \$35 million we will get 484 beds and the necessary support space to support that facility.

Catherine Fanello: I think that your question goes along with what Councilmember Hoy said a minute ago were you locking yourselves to \$ 35 million, you know there may be, as Councilmember Hoy said.

Councilmember Bassemier: And I agree, okay? Even if it is 484, evidently we are going to have to do away with our juvenile detention center and our community corrections-

Catherine Fanello: Well, we never had a juvenile and since you brought up community-

Councilmember Bassemier: It was a wish list.

Catherine Fanello: It was a wish list.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Catherine Fanello: Just to give you an update on what we talked about on Monday real quickly-

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Catherine Fanello: We talked about site selection and we are calling, I am calling for a vote on Monday as to whether we will stay within our spaces out here or will we go to a green field site. We will be moving on that on Monday. As far as community corrections, the discussion did take place that with the concerns of insurance and the condition of the building, that we would probably pursue closing community corrections.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you.

(Inaudible, too many people talking)

President Winnecke: Are you done?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I am done.

President Winnecke: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Well, and what I am going to say is at the risk of going beyond the scope of what we do as a Council, but I have really looked hard at this and I know that you have too and all of us have. But just to address the issue of parking, I am a very practical guy so between 10:00 and 11:00 on a weekday I checked the parking garages and this parking garage over here which is about a block and a half away which is closer than the lower forty, between 10:00 and 11:00 which is not a lunch hour, there were 153 vacant slots unreserved. In the lower forty, this really surprised me-

President Winnecke: Can you hold on a second while we change the tape?

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I am hitting the tape. It makes me feel good because I just had a birthday and I hit the tape three times.

(Tape Changed)

Councilmember Hoy: I went to the lower 40, found 170 vacant spots and I don't know what's happened to the reserved spots on Locust, but over half that parking lot was vacant and then the parking lot diagonally across from Integra, which is four blocks away. God forbid, Americans walk. I mean, that's why we buy memberships in health spas, but anyway, there were about 60 vacant spots there. And my point is, we keep talking about parking and we have some spots available. If we have a convention, I see Mr. Bays sitting here, I rarely drove to a convention, but if I drove, usually the hotel had a parking garage where I could park my car just like I could at the Executive Inn. That's why he has a parking garage there. So I don't see a convention necessarily overrunning it. The other – the final thing about parking and I'll let go of it, is that it would seem to me that we should – all of us should overture the Building Authority because they do own some land where a parking garage could be put and they could bond that, and God knows how much cash they have in the bank anyway, which would be an advance towards that. So I think that factor is one that we might eliminate and I connected it to my preference and that is for the jail to be over here on this lot right behind the courts. If that happens, –

Catherine Fanello: Well, since you said that, I've got some figures as to how big that lot is, and it's 1.2 acres, which doesn't fit really our needs of –

Councilmember Hoy: You'd have to go multi-story –

Catherine Fanello: While the back 40 is 13.23 acres.

Councilmember Hoy: I mean, just for the jail, you'd have to go multi-story. If you went back here, if you lost all those slots, it'd only be 64.

President Winnecke: Could we get back to the – not to interrupt anyone, but to the discussion of the resolution before us.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah. As we discussed this... I think, the only reason I mention all of this is that this is the sort of stuff I think the Commissioners, and it's their job and not ours, to have to throw into the mix. And there are some factors there I don't think we've taken a hard look at. Parking being one of them. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Councilman Raben.

Councilmember Raben: And Ed, just for peace of mind, I wanted to add something, it would be only my intent to vote for this just to meet the state guidelines for bond counsel to begin the bond proceedings, okay. You know, the Commissioners, unless I'm wrong, we still have two proposals you're looking at Monday.

Catherine Fanello: Right.

Councilmember Raben: From two private firms that, they're still looking favorably –

Catherine Fanello: They'll be back Monday, yeah. Just to let you know, I had dialogue with Councilman Winnecke yesterday about the resolution. I'm in perfect agreement with the wording in the resolution. The Commissioners passed their reimbursement resolution based on a 35 million dollar budget, so I think they go hand in hand. I don't have a problem with this at all and I really encourage each and every one of you to pass it today so we can get moving on the bond issue.

President Winnecke: Thank you. Councilman Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you, Mr. President. I think we did get word back in November or early December when the Commissioners gave us the whole layout of the timing of when things need to occur, that we actually need to have this resolution pass. As Councilman Raben was stating earlier, they were hoping to have had this from us about 30 days ago, so we are a little bit behind. Obviously, there's been a lot of discourse that's taken place, but I guess in relating to the resolution, I don't know if we may be giving ourselves a little bit more latitude than what the County Council should actually have here or if we've added too much to the resolution to make it a little bit more cloudy. I guess I'm looking in section four, and would like to get a little bit of clarity. I guess we're kind of – we're back to that section four where it begins to discuss providing future input as to matters relating to the contracts, etcetera, and going on and on and on. It seems that that language begins to overstep the bounds of the County Council to a certain measure. Obviously, we're very much a part of the relationship with whomever may build this because we're providing the funding. But as far as the contracts themselves, that's the Commissioner's call. So if you could maybe help me to understand why that particular language needs to be included here.

Jeff Ahlers: That came about in discussions with Phil Hays and Tom Pittman and I, in terms of concerns to try to establish a working coalition here, I guess to please everyone, was to make sure that this resolution did not do anything that would erode any authority that this Council had. That this resolution would not be misinterpreted in that way. And as Phil Hays had said, and I think Ms. Fanello just said, she's fine with this language, so I don't think the Commissioners see it as such. But at any rate, the purpose is just to state that, you know, whatever authority we have, whatever involvement we have, this resolution is not meant to in any way diminish that authority, and to hold on to whatever authority we have. In other words, if there is any other approvals that need to be made along in the process, that we would still need to make those approvals. That, by passing this resolution, we're not giving away that authority. And so that was the purpose for this because at this point, the Commissioners haven't made a decision yet – as we said, it's not until Monday we're even going to know where the sight is. You know, who's going to build it, what's going to be built. There's still a lot yet that we don't know about so the purpose of this is merely just to say, let's move along the bond process so that the bond counsel can start doing what they need to do because that's something that takes half a year, roughly, give or take, to get the bond done, but that really, you know, we don't have a lot of details right now, so I guess it's to sort of harmonize that. It's really, as I said, a statutory creature under Title 36, just, the resolution of necessity is something that needs to be done to move the process along. And that's what it's meant to fulfill.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, with all due respect, I still believe that despite – though the Commissioners are agreeable to the language, that's an area that has nothing to do with the County Council's authority. And whether the Commissioners are agreeable to it or not, has nothing to do with it. The state law gives us the authority to act and not to act as the fiscal body for the county, and that's solely our responsibility. And so as far as contractual matters are concerned, obviously, we're involved because if they don't have dollars for those contracts, they don't have a contract. They can't agree to a contract unless the dollars are actually there. So I guess that's where I feel like that particular area, like I say, that's some language that doesn't apply to us per se, as far as our resolution and we may be adding a little bit much. I've got one more point I want to make.

Jeff Ahlers: Anyway, that particular language was drafted by Mr. Pittman, so...at any rate, it just says it's not to prohibit or prevent, if you're talking about paragraph 4. It just says a resolution shall not prohibit or prevent Council –

Councilmember Sutton: From making future determinations –

Jeff Ahlers: Correct, so what it's saying is it's not to do anything to diminish whatever power we have in that regard.

Councilmember Sutton: But we don't have any power in that regard.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I don't know that you can say that. I mean, we would get into all sorts of hypothetical issues, but there are a lot of items that Council could be involved in. They're going to have to equip the place, aren't they? They're going to have to buy items to put in the new jail.

Councilmember Sutton: And we won't sign off on any of those items. We will provide funding, but as far as those items, we won't sign off on any of those items.

Jeff Ahlers: I don't know that it says that.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, let me move on to the next point. I guess when we talk about this particular resolution, does it provide, I think the question was asked a little bit earlier, I just wanted to make sure we get an answer, does it provide some flexibility here? If we are seeing that the 35 just restricts this project too much, do we have flexibility within this resolution to come back and extend this amount beyond what's stated here?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I think the Council always has the right to appropriate more money or to amend, you know, resolutions. I think that obviously there becomes a point at which you get far enough down the bond process, how far that is, I don't know, I guess Mr. Pittman will tell us, where you may be beyond the point where you can make this bond for any higher amount and you may have to float a new bond or something. I don't know what that point of no return is when the bond counsel says, okay, I've got to have your final number and I mean now, because today is the day. That's something you need to ask the bond counsel. I'm not sure when that day comes, but it's not now.

Councilmember Sutton: Because in that paragraph 2, it says – and I'm in the middle of the paragraph – it says, not to exceed an aggregate of 35 million dollars from all funding sources. Now that's a new one. I thought the 35 million dollars was strictly from property tax.

President Winnecke: Actually, it was never supposed to be from property taxes, it was supposed to be from COIT and that was the same language that we used in the resolution from last year.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, but the 2.7 is coming from property tax, not from COIT.

Councilmember Raben: The General Fund is made up by a lot of incoming revenue, so, I mean, I don't think anything singles out that the entire 2.7 million dollars comes from just property tax. Property tax is a major part of what makes up your General Fund operating balance, but I guess, you know, everything that is part of our revenues pays a certain part of it.

Councilmember Sutton: Now, we aren't basing this 35 on our bonding capacity, or I guess that's what I'm assuming. Our bonding capacity is only 31 million.

Councilmember Raben: Again, Royce, and the county, that's why you establish a different authority. That's why we used the Building Authority for The Centre.

Councilmember Sutton: Right, but we don't have another authority in place for this project.

Jeff Ahlers: That's why it says not to exceed. We can't exceed beyond our authority.

Councilmember Raben: You could actually use the Building Authority for this project. I think the Commissioners have elected to establish a jail authority, okay, which serves the same purpose, which has no bearing on our bond capacity. That's why you establish different authorities.

Councilmember Sutton: But no one has come here and made a presentation to that effect. I mean, we haven't had the discussion as far as using it – and believe me, I think we all would be agreeable to that.

Councilmember Raben: Well, Royce, I think if you recall, maybe in a couple meetings I've addressed with the Commissioners and we have addressed with you before in the same room, that your intent is to establish a jail authority, correct?

Catherine Fanello: Pretty much, yes, because under the current Building Authority situation, the way Building Authorities are set up in the state of Indiana, the Sheriff really wouldn't have control over the facility, the Building Authority would. And as I understand it, a jail authority would give him that power, I guess, to manage the facilities.

Councilmember Sutton: And what would be the difference of the bonding capacity of having it under an authority as opposed to –

Catherine Fanello: Well, we could not do this project at all under just the county's G.O. general obligation bond capacity.

Councilmember Sutton: Exactly.

Catherine Fanello: Under a jail authority we have unlimited bonding.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess that's just the areas where I do have some pause, like I say, just, we're not really stating where these dollars, what it actually relates to. I think, I don't want to go back over what's already been said, but we all know that 35 million, we are going to be far short of what it's going to take to complete this project. I mean, we've already got the numbers last week, so to set in an artificial number, I don't know if we are communicating a false impression to the public about what this jail actually will cost because we know it will not cost 35 million dollars. I mean, if we're going to be realistic with ourselves, and even at the 484 bed, if you assume that, if you assume that and if we're offsite, and I know we don't want to get into all of the land stuff, but the reality is, somebody is going to have to pay for the land if we're not on the county property, city/county property back there, somebody is going to have pay for the land.

President Winnecke: Councilman Tornatta, I'm sorry, and then Councilman Bassemier.

Councilmember Tornatta: I guess what I'm saying, could this thing be written without a price limit?

Jeff Ahlers: Boy, I don't know. I don't know that you would want to. You're just going to leave it up to the Commissioners to fill in the blank on the check and put a hundred million dollar bond? I mean, you've got to put some kind of limit, that's your responsibility.

Councilmember Tornatta: No one said that.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, is that a legal response? I mean, I think your bond counsel or from a legal standpoint, you can write it any way you want to, if I'm not mistaken.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I don't know why you would want to. I mean, you're saying you don't want to set a limit or funding –

Councilmember Sutton: Is that a legal opinion or is that just your personal opinion?

Jeff Ahlers: Well both. I mean, you have fiscal responsibility. Are you saying you don't want it? I mean, I don't know how to respond to you. You've got to put some amount in there. It's this body's job to set what the price tag is going to be to a certain extent.

Councilmember Tornatta: And is that what this is...I guess I want to know, is that what this is saying or are we just setting, cause obviously, we're picking a 35 million dollar number kind of as a figure we want to stick around, but I've heard it more than once: but if it goes over, that's okay. Well, would you not set that higher or I didn't know if that 35 million dollar needed to be there because if it didn't and this just had to say that we all know that there are needs in this county and we'd like to get a bond issue started, I mean, –

President Winnecke: With all due respect, if we put 45 million dollars in there and it came back to be 49 million, we'd be in the same situation, so putting a number of 35 million dollars in there, the specific purpose behind that is to give the Commission a direction as to what their design and construction cost can be on the jail.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, but we've been at this long enough to know that we're not getting this for that type of money and so I guess why be so naive, why would you set a budget for your business that is lower than what you already know you're going to spend? And so, are you going to cut a service, cut an employee? So I mean, when I look at this, I say that 35 million dollars is great, but we all know and have heard multiple times from multiple people that we'll probably have to go up on top of that and just to save, you know, if 38 million dollars, Mr. Hoy, is what you're kind of thinking that you'd go, I mean, let's look more toward that. Let's be realistic. Or go 40 million coming down to something. But I guess what's I'm saying, to set at 35 million and by reading this, it's strictly 35 million, I think we're fooling everybody.

Catherine Fanello: But –

President Winnecke: We're going to do brief comments from each of you and then we're going to take a vote on this. Councilman Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Troy, first of all, back to the 35 million dollar figure, I think there is probably five of us in this room that support the 35 million dollar figure and that is our benchmark, and my message that I'm sending to the Commissioners is hey, make it work. You know, do the best you can with 35 million, that's what's available, and again, those numbers have been confirmed by our financial advisors, the Auditor's Office, you know, those are the numbers that we think we can afford without creating an additional tax purely for the purpose of a jail. So again, that's where the 35 million dollar figure came from and again, that was based on the PMSI study that, their projection was 28 to 32 million dollars for that facility, but that's been a year ago. But that was their projection on that facility. So again, I still stand behind 35 million.

President Winnecke: Councilman Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: The reason that I – you know, you've got to set a figure in because you can't write a blank check. And frankly, I wish we could write a bigger check but we can't in my estimation because if you're reading the paper and watching the news and checking what's happening in Indianapolis and with the reassessment going on, market value, the taxpayers are going to be hit anyway. My prediction is they're going to get a penny increase on sales tax. I think that's very much a given, and so that's why we're being careful. But, not all, but most of those firms that lined up with our RFQ's said that they could stretch and give us everything for 35 million – I don't think they can – but they were stretching and I think the Commissioners will take this and they'll stretch this as far as they can. I know they will and they'll shape those plans and that's their task and we have to give them something to go by and say, okay, take this and work with it, work with your contractors, work with everybody you've chosen to work with and get as much as you can for us and I've asked for it to be expandable. I think that makes sense, so at some point, and I think today is the day, we have to do that. It's not what perhaps all of us would like, it's not what I would like. I just think it's what we have to do and if we come back, and as I've said before, and that's why I asked my question of our legal counsel, we may say, okay, you know, two million more, three million more, we've got that and we can do that to make a certain thing possible. I think this Council would be open to that. At least I would be, I'll speak for myself.

President Winnecke: The only person who's not made a comment is Mr. Wortman. I'll let him speak and then we'll take a vote.

Councilmember Wortman: We've got to live within our means, regardless of where it's at. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Short and sweet, just like Mr. Wortman. Okay. There's a motion on the floor for the resolution of necessity that's been read into the record and has a second. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: I want to get the project going, but I can't go by this resolution. I vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes. The resolution does not pass.

(Motion fails 3-4/Councilmembers Tornatta, Sutton, Bassemier and Wortman opposed)

President Winnecke: Okay, on to the appropriations.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President?

President Winnecke: We're going on to the appropriations unless someone has a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Is there, I mean, before this withers away, we know this is something that has to be done.

President Winnecke: I'm sorry, say that one more time.

Councilmember Sutton: This resolution, before we walk away from this even though the vote has been taken there, we know this needs to be done, we don't meet again until next month. Is there something that we can put together to make it agreeable? I mean, because by this Council not passing this that delays the project that much further, the Commissioners are ready to go –

President Winnecke: Mr. Ahlers and I will go back to work and draft something that hopefully will pass by a majority of the Council. Okay, let's go on to the appropriations.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, in order to expedite this, would you be willing to convene a special meeting just for that?

President Winnecke: I'm open to that, yes. I'll communicate with the, let me sit down with Mr. Ahlers and I'm going to be out of the city tomorrow, so it will probably be Friday or Monday.

Councilmember Raben: Could I raise one question to Councilman Sutton? If part

of the change that you want to make is to increase the figure about 35 million, would you state that now?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, if you will tell me how you're going to pay for the operational cost of this facility.

Councilmember Raben: If I will tell you how I'm going to pay for the operational cost?

Councilmember Sutton: You're stuck on the 35 million, tell me how you'll pay for the operational cost because that's one of my major concerns.

President Winnecke: With all due respect to each of you, we've debated this. We've got to get on. There are people here who have business before us. I'll get with the parties who have concerns on the existing language. I'll get with Mr. Ahlers, we'll get a special meeting to help the Commissioners move forward. Let's go on to appropriations please.

<p>Approval of minutes January 2, 2002</p>

President Winnecke: We need a motion to approve the minutes from our January 2nd meeting.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: All in favor, raise your right hand.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>Additional Appropriation Requests</p>

**SHERIFF (Two requests)
SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING**

President Winnecke: Okay, appropriations.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, first on the agenda is the Sheriff's department. Account 1050-1530 Shift Differential \$580, next is 1050-3010 Other Insurance \$18,000; along with that motion I am going to –

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me, I'm going to start over. 1050-1531 Shift Differential \$580; 1050-3010 Other Insurance \$18,000, then under Misdemeanor Housing, I'm also going to include this in my motion which is 2780-1850 Union Overtime for \$4,000, and I move approval.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please. Did you have a question? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1531	Civilian Shift Differential	580.00	580.00
Total		580.00	580.00

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-3010	Other Insurance	18,000.00	18,000.00
Total		18,000.00	18,000.00

SHERIFF MISD. HOUSING		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2780-1850	Union Overtime	4,000.00	4,000.00
Total		4,000.00	4,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SCOTT TWP. ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Scott Township Assessor in account 1160-1110-1160 and account 1160-1900 for a total request of \$6,122. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Wortman: I think Mr. Sutton requested a report to the Council

comparing Scott with German. And in reference to Scott, they have total parcels of 4,099, of that, residential is 3,923, commercial is 176. Out of the commercial, there's five abatements, Matrixx, Azteca, Ameriqua, Graham Packaging – by the way, Graham Packaging, I understand has been informing that they want to add on out there to double the size, so I think that might have been a good thing – and I can't recall that other name out there. I don't know if the Auditor has that. But anyway, that's five abatements. And Darmstadt, you know, the famous town of Darmstadt, we've got 35 commercials out there and that's pretty good. Now then, we'll go back to German and they've got a total of commercial and residential combination \$3,744, 124 are commercials. Now a lot of these commercials include beauty shops, all small and large alike. They have no abatements and that should take care of it if anybody got any questions. Mr. Harris has to mind the shop today because the girls are gone to some school or something, so he told me to –

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton, does that answer all of your questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Appreciate it, Councilman Wortman, that's very helpful.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SCOTT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1160-1110-1160	Scott Assessor	5,672.00	5,672.00
1160-1900	FICA	450.00	450.00

Total		6,122.00	6,122.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMISSIONERS (Two requests)
SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next is Commissioners, 1300-1150-1300, 1300-1900 and 1300-1910, for a total request of \$23,925. Below that, you have account 1300-3700 Dues & Subscriptions in the amount of \$750. Along with that, they generally take care of Superintendent of County Buildings as well, so I’m going to include account 1310-2860 Building Supplies in the amount of \$2,496. I’ll move approval.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-1150-1300	Commission Secretary	20,830.00	20,830.00
1300-1900	FICA	1,872.00	1,872.00

1300-1910	PERF	1,223.00	1,223.00
Total		23,925.00	23,925.00

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	750.00	750.00
Total		750.00	750.00

SUPERINTENDENT OF CO. BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1310-2860	Building Supplies	2,496.00	2,496.00
Total		2,496.00	2,496.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, Burdette Park 1450-4120 Buildings, the correct amount should be \$666,700.

Councilmember Sutton: One more time?

Councilmember Raben: \$666,700, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I'm curious, building this building and all these other, possibly, they call them necessary things. What are we going to end up with the total package cost on this building? Does anybody know?

President Winnecke: Mr. Craig presented that to us at our last meeting. In addition to this, there's a list of additional needs in the neighborhood of 4 to 5 hundred thousand, I believe, if that's in the ballpark. He presented it at the last meeting.

Councilmember Wortman: Well, it kind of bothers me a little bit. Here we're spending a lot of money on a new building, no insurance, and we've got a roof over here at the courthouse leaking, so these are things we've got to watch out. We're going to run out of money if we're not careful. So that's why I asked the question. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: A comment on the furnishings, I know people are worried about that. In addition to walking the parking lots of the city, I went to the bowels of this building with Bennie, who is the man we've hired to look after maintenance, and contrary to what we hear at this mike right out here from time to time, there are some very nice desks down there and filing cabinets and tables and they do have little tags on them and the tags say Ben on them. And the reason they have his name on them is to reserve them for the county so the city doesn't use them. And in addition to all of those desks, I'm getting to a point, sir, I promise.

President Winnecke: I trust you.

Councilmember Hoy: I found a whole row of computers and I think you're going to find about 60 more down there, so it seems to me that we probably can furnish a lot of things with what we have on hand. And I assure you of one thing: the next time an officeholder asks me for a desk, whatever it may cost, Mr. Wortman, I'm going to ask him to go to the basement first. They said there are no drawers in the desks. When you move a desk, you take the drawers out and you set them aside. All of the drawers are sitting right next to the desks, and all you have to do is set it back up and put the drawers back in. But I think we can do a lot of furnishing at Burdette with stuff we have on hand and be able to finish this. And I would be happy to see this finished.

President Winnecke: Mr. Craig is acknowledging that and I think he is going to proceed post haste to Ben in the near future to see what he can earmark for that project. Did you want to make a comment?

Councilmember Tornatta: I guess the only thing we need to worry about, is there a code for building a place, a facility for kids on the furniture? I mean, do they have to have any certain...

Steve Craig: No, the furniture and that they're talking about, we've been working with Bennie and he's putting computers back for us and they're putting back office equipment and desks and we've worked with Bennie for the last year and Sandie's been helping us too, that we're going to cut costs everywhere we can. And everything that we do put in, it will be code for the kids. That usually runs with the playground equipment and that when it does, and we're going to have tables and chairs.

Councilmember Hoy: And Mr. Craig, I assure you I do not want this facility as wonderful as it is, because I've been out there and I've looked at it, the lake is wonderful and the whole thing is going to be really good. You know, we're not going to strap you with a lot of junk, you know that.

Steve Craig: No, but we will use what we can from down here. We always have.
President Winnecke: Okay, there's a motion and a second on the floor. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Now this is obviously something I've been supportive of for quite some time. Just glad that we now have the adequate funding to be able to make this project move forward. I guess their wait has probably been a little bit longer than mine being they have to see it every day and plan for this thing, but I think it's pretty exciting for Burdette Park. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: As one who's been swimming in that pool ever since it was salt water, I love it, and yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1450-4120	Buildings	670,000.00	666,700.00
Total		670,000.00	666,700.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Local Roads & Streets, 2160-4830 in the amount of \$200,000, I will move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah. Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Is there discussion or questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2160-4830	Elmridge-Congress Drainage Project	200,000.00	200,000.00
Total		200,000.00	200,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL PROJECT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, do you think it would be wise, or I guess we did, as a body, decide that we’re going to hold a special meeting for the other dilemma that we face, should we just postpone this one until we –

President Winnecke: No, I’d like to proceed with this.

Councilmember Raben: You want to proceed with this one?

President Winnecke: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, account 3660-4192 in the amount of \$373,830, Mr. President, I’ll get it on the floor. I’ll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: Discussion? We’ll start with Mr. Bassemier and then go to Mr. Raben. Go ahead.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on) - course I don’t know how many times we’re going to bring this back. Could you tell us now, when this is approved, could this be taken as approving the contract that’s – you made a speech before, does this open the door now? Is this kind of like signing a blank check again or could it be, or...

Jeff Ahlers: I’m sure there would be those that would argue that by appropriating that money, if it is to be paid under those purported contracts that this Council doesn’t recognize, that someone would argue that that’s ratification. Whether they would be successful in that or not, I don’t like to get into all the legal arguments in an open forum, but yeah, that’s a risk that someone will argue that that’s ratification of those contracts.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, sir.

President Winnecke: I’d like to make a comment along this. I clearly supported this last month to the chagrin of a lot of people, but I feel based on the actions of the Commission at the end of December, that this warrants funding today and I’ll tell you why, because the last part of December, the Commission ratified amendments to the contract that they recognize and one of the most important elements to that amendment in my opinion, is the fact that they said the architectural fees would be those that were presented to our joint meeting on December 19th. That is, on the 35 million dollar project, the combined architectural fees were approximately \$250,000. That’s a half million dollars lower than what was in the original contract

and I think that amendment solidifies what the fees would be, significantly lower than what were in the original contract.

Councilmember Raben: And I might, you said a lot of what were going to be my comments, that, and Ed, you were part of meetings that I was part of and I know Lloyd was, Phil was, Curt was, I think Royce or Troy, I don't recall, but you know, all along we prepared a list as a group of several demands that they have in fact met and have made those amendments in the original document or in the original contract and along with that, our other problem with the original contract was the fee which Councilman Winnecke addressed, they did reduce the fee by a half million dollars. So we did that, we did get the changes made that I, for one, am comfortable with. Probably the only demand that they did not meet which is just part of compromise, you know, I had asked that they rescind the original document and draft a new one, and they opted not to do that, but they did sign off on the amendments that do, again, meet our demands. So, I mean, personally I think we're as close as we're going to get in the spirit of compromise and I'm okay at this point with paying this fee.

President Winnecke: I'll add one more thing to his comment and that is Commissioner Fanello and I did have discussion on this issue yesterday. The \$373,830 is a portion of the \$500,000 that's in the program plan and implementation that's in the budget that was presented to us under the 35 million dollar scenario, so that would be coming out of that. These fees would be reimbursed to the general fund at the sale of the bonds and I guess that's it.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Winnecke: Mr. Bassemier and then Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: I just want to say, I know they agreed to some of it, but Jim, I (Inaudible) there's nothing in writing. Does any of this bind the Council to what they agreed to do and make the changes out of that – I think there's 20 points on that thing that we discussed, but it's just a verbal agreement.

President Winnecke: No, they passed them in a meeting in December.

Councilmember Bassemier: I know they passed it, –

President Winnecke: It was in writing.

Councilmember Bassemier: But that doesn't mean, that according to this contract, it doesn't really mean anything, does it? Just because they –

Jeff Ahlers: They have made some amendments. I don't think that in terms of your collective list, they did not change all of the items that you requested. They did make some changes. In terms of their enforceability, I guess that goes back to the original debate we had as to whether or not we recognize contracts where there's no appropriation in place as being valid and enforceable. So I suppose that all pre-supposes whether you've got a valid contract to amend. But I guess that's a legal debate. But nonetheless, I'm advised, I didn't look at the minutes themselves, but I'm advised that the Commissioners did pass at a meeting and that the contractors apparently did sign some amendments to those purported contracts.

President Winnecke: Yeah, we all got a copy of those late in the month. Mr. Hoy, did you have –

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I knew I had a copy but I just wondered how binding they were –

President Winnecke: Did you have a comment?

Councilmember Hoy: I think my question has been answered. Mr. Raben said that they have signed off – the Commissioners have signed off on those amendments and the company has signed off on those amendments. Then that makes me much more comfortable with it, of course.

President Winnecke: We're going to change the tape and then Mr. Tornatta.

(Tape changed)

Councilmember Tornatta: I was just going to say, if we have this money in our account at this point, and if this were no more than just for that booklet, that's what we would pay them for and so would that not also be looked at as a legal transaction in that aspect, aside from getting into contracts and everything else, if you just look at it.

Councilmember Bassemier: I don't know. I was just asking the attorney.

Councilmember Tornatta: And I guess that's what I'm looking at with you, we're not paying the full amount, this is just for services rendered up to that point. So this really doesn't even, getting into the contract.

Councilmember Bassemier: The only question I have, I have no problem with it, but this could, what I'm reading from our attorney, this is opening the door, it could be that we are accepting the contract that they presented to us, and there's a lot of open ends in that contract that kind of scares me, so that's the reason why I was asking the attorney. And I'm going to put him on the spot. As our attorney, would you advise us to support this? Your personal opinion as an attorney.

Councilmember Sutton: Is that a legal opinion or your personal opinion for that speech?

President Winnecke: No, with all due respect to Mr. Ahlers, he should offer a legal opinion and not a personal opinion.

Councilmember Bassemier: I value his opinion, too.

President Winnecke: But he's paid to be our legal counsel.

Councilmember Bassemier: But he's my friend, too.

President Winnecke: But you should address that elsewhere, with all due respect. Legal.

Councilmember Sutton: That's kind of hard to do, isn't it?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, it's obviously, well, I'm just saying there's two obvious issues. I mean, in terms of I'm not sure what the legal question is and that I already responded to, your legal question in terms of the contract, we've kind of had those issues before Council about the last three or four months and I think I outlined the legal positions whenever Council – in fact, Council did pass a resolution stating that

it considered the contracts to not be enforceable, okay? There's now been some, you know, amendments made, so it kind of becomes a big gray area in terms of where we are. I mean, in terms of, I guess, if you're one of the people that voted with the majority that said we didn't recognize valid and enforceable contracts, I guess you can't amend contracts that you don't recognize as being valid and enforceable, however, if this would ever end up in litigation, it won't be us that will make that decision, a judge will decide whether he thinks that they're valid and enforceable and unfortunately, I can't predict what a judge will do or I would probably make a lot more money than I do if I could predict the outcomes of those things. So, be that as it may in terms of the contract, I mean, in terms of legally, I think that, as I said, you know, that you have to be prepared for whatever arguments that may be made. I think that if you want to state on the record that you're paying a bill and you're not paying it and you don't want it to be considered as that you are endorsing the contract, you can certainly say that. Whether or not that would have any effect if the matter were ever litigated, I don't know. Obviously, how each one of you feel about that contract or about the money being paid to those contractors, I mean, that's something that each of you will have to make your decision on that.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben and then we're going to vote.

Councilmember Raben: Ed, again, for peace of mind, and I don't know, there's often so much laid on this desk, I wouldn't find fault in anybody for not catching a piece of paper, but I think we were all given a list of the – or actually, the document that the Commissioners signed off on that states all the amendments or changes made to that original contract, and I don't have any of that with me today, I didn't think I would need it, but when I tell you that they did not respond to all of them, they did most of them. And the ones that were critical, extremely critical issues to this Council, they did address. And where there were paragraphs that we recommended that they have stricken from the contract, they struck them. So, you know, again, the only thing that I see that they didn't do that was part of our demands was, you know, tearing up the original document and starting fresh. They didn't do that, but they did make most of all of the amendments that we required or requested that they make and they did do that. And again, you know, probably the biggest victory for this Council was the fact that we weren't happy with the original fee and the fee was reduced by a half million dollars. So, you know, I'm comfortable with it.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible) – I think you had a good idea. I would like to see it postponed until the special meeting, but I know it's a motion on the floor, but I just wondered, too, if part of this fee is included into that jail complex (inaudible).

Councilmember Raben: This is part, I mean, this is part of –

Councilmember Bassemier: I meant the Sheriff's complex.

Councilmember Raben: No, this comes off of the 35 million, Ed, and I do need to address this in maybe amending my original motion. But this \$373,000 comes off the 35 million, okay? And probably, I would like to make this amendment in my motion that any further bills incurred are to be paid out of the bond proceeds. So I would like to add that amendment to my motion if my seconder will accept that amendment.

President Winnecke: Who seconded this? Mr. Sutton seconded it.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm sorry, what was the –

President Winnecke: The additional appropriation or bills would come out of the proceeds of the sale of the bonds.

Councilmember Raben: And Royce, before you comment, I might tell you that Councilman Winnecke did address that with Commissioner Fanello and she was comfortable with that.

Councilmember Sutton: Understand that, but she doesn't serve on this body, but we don't have a bond issue yet. To say we're going to take it out of the bond issue, we don't –

President Winnecke: No, no. It says the bonds, this money will be reimbursed at the sale of bonds.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Okay.

President Winnecke: And that future bills –

Councilmember Sutton: Well, the way you said it initially –

President Winnecke: That future bills would not come before this body, but will be paid from proceeds of the bond.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, but if we get, say, another bill before we actually get --

President Winnecke: I don't think we will, but –

Councilmember Raben: We won't. It has to wait until the bonds are in place.

Councilmember Tornatta: And they're okay with that, I think?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I'm fine. I agree to the amendment.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

JAIL PROJECT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3660-4192	Architectural & Construction Mgmt. Fees	373,830.00	373,830.00
Total		373,830.00	373,830.00

(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Bassemier & Wortman opposed)

REQUESTS FOR TRANSFER

**DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL
REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Mr. President, we have transfers first. There's Area Plan in the amount of \$6,357.16. Next is Drug & Alcohol Deferral in the amount of \$150. We have under the Reassessment account for Knight Township, we have a request for \$500. I am going to exclude the County Highway for this motion. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to take Area Plan separate. You can just take it and put it on the bottom. Is that possible?

Councilmember Raben: And I'll amend my motion to exclude Area Plan and I'll make the motion again. Drug & Alcohol Deferral in the amount of \$150, Knight Reassessment in the amount of \$500. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Are you just amending your motion? Okay, I'll accept the amendment.

President Winnecke: Discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1371-2600	Office Supplies	150.00	150.00
To: 1371-4210	Office Furniture	150.00	150.00

REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2492-1130-1990	Extra Help	500.00	500.00
To: 2492-1130-1972	Level II Certification	500.00	500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AREA PLAN

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I wish for the sake of this next one, I wish Commissioner Fanello were in the room –

President Winnecke: She had to leave.

Councilmember Raben: She had to leave so she is out of the building?

President Winnecke: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Area Plan, we have a request for transfer in the amount of \$6,357.16. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Raben: Can I make a quick comment on this? And then I know Councilman Wortman has probably got some problems with this one, but I did address this with Commissioner Fanello back before the end of last year. There is a gray area. There's two paragraphs that address this issue in our personnel policy. The first paragraph, my personal opinion reads pretty clear. The second paragraph is a little bit gray. The Commissioners have approved this request and with that I ask of them that after they approve it and it comes before us, that they immediately address that paragraph in our personnel handbooks and they've agreed to do that and I think they need to act on this quick before this matter comes before us again. But again, it addresses the second paragraph, so I'll let Councilman Wortman make his comments on it.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Now the Area Plan, I have nothing against the executive director, which she's out there in the audience, but we've got a personnel policy. If you're going to abide by it, you stick with it. If not, put it in that wastebasket back there. It's just that simple. Now Jim talked about the gray area, the first paragraph says it definitely, a gray area is just halfway. So I'd say the personnel policy in the first paragraph says it all. So, to me, I'm just doing what I think is right.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, and I tell you what, I'll agree with you, Mr. Wortman, but sometimes we've got to make an exception to the rule. And the last several months Barb hung, she stayed there and tried to make a smooth transition when she was leaving and whatever. And I think sometimes, in fact, I was in her office several times. She made my life easier on several occasions. So, and Mr. Wortman, you're right, there is a personnel policy and there is a gray area, but in this if I'm going to err wrong, I'm going to err in the wrong of Barb, and I'm going to support her to get this because she did work hard the last several months to make everything go smoothly. But I respect your decision.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: I'd just like to thank you for all your years of service, and I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

AREA PLAN**REQUESTED****APPROVED**

From: 1240-1110-1240	Executive Director	6,357.16	6,357.16
To: 1240-1970	Temp. Replacement	6,357.16	6,357.16

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

COUNTY HIGHWAY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, last on the agenda is the County Highway and it's my understanding that Ralph was wanting to make a brief presentation on this request, so can we give him that time?

Ralph Kissinger: I would like to give the Councilmen two papers. I thank you for letting me address the Council today. In July, 2001 I went before a Job Study committee. At that time I asked for a salary increase. During the meeting, a salary increase was approved to raise my salary at that time. I'm not going to read the letter verbatim, but I will address what my concerns are. I, at that time, after another month went by, I sent a balance transfer to the Council floor. At that time, the balance transfer was denied. At that time, I never got a definitive answer on why that was denied, but that's neither here nor there. I've come to you today to ask you to reconsider the salary increase. As a department head at the County Highway department, I have tremendous responsibility. I have 53 full-time employees, not including myself. I have over 500 miles of county road and an endless number of subdivisions which we approve a new one every week, but I am responsible for taking care of, and also considered the head of the department as far as Cumulative Bridge is concerned. We take care of every bridge in the city and the county not to and not excluding all the ditches and all of the waterways that are on county right-of-way. I'm responsible for nearly or over \$6,000,000 in budgets a year but yet I still remain the lowest paid department head in the county. It puzzles me to an extent...I'm not here to tell you your job is to do this or do that, I just feel and the Commissioners agree, that I was due an increase at the end of last year. And at the Job Study I was

due the increase, I did not receive it at that time. I did receive an increase at the budget hearings to go in effect as of 2001, but I did lose the extra monies that I have earned between August and January, plus the extra increase I would have incurred if the raise had been instituted at that time. Whether or not you agree to the balance transfer that I have requested, I'm not asking you for additional funds, I'm asking you to transfer and grant me this. I will continue to do my job as I have in the past. This will not affect my job performance. I serve the taxpayers of this county. I try to save them money. I've instituted several programs while I've been in here. I've instituted one program which is a safety program. And in the past, there's not been much safety out there. Our insurance premiums are leveled out this year and hopefully

I will get to be dropped from comp claims. We have safety meetings regularly. I have incentives for people who do not get comp injuries and do not have work related accidents as monthly prizes, and at the end of the year I have a cash prize I give away. This comes out of my pocket. This is an incentive to my people to do a better job, safer. I've instituted several programs to save the county money and I've saved over \$30,000, there is a price breakdown sheet, I won't read it verbatim, but for instance, just the salt purchase along, I saved over \$6,000 by not using our vendor and negotiating with the city to sell me more salt. There's several ways that I do try to save money for the county and I am working for the betterment of the taxpayers' money. And I would just like for you to reconsider today, the raise that I asked you for last year.

President Winnecke: Questions of Mr. Kissinger?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, before I make this motion, I would like to state to Ralph, Ralph, all signs that I have to date, I think you're doing a good job! I mean, I think you're doing an excellent job and would certainly want to encourage you to continue to do so. I guess I look at it from the standpoint of – from August

to date, we have increased his salary by 8%, which and I have a great appreciation for what you're saying. That probably still doesn't compensate you for the duties that you feel that you hold, but I think it would kind of be unprecedented of this county if we would increase it another, well, it would be close to probably ten percent in such a short period. I would certainly be the first to tell you, I will look at it very favorably in August at budget time, but I just, doing it again so quick, it just concerns me about what precedents we're setting.

Ralph Kissinger: I understand your feelings and if you will, look at my side. I know, traditionally in the past, this has been a low paid job. In the private sector for the amount of hours I put in, I would be paid well over \$65,000. I'm not threatening to go to the private sector. That is not my intention. I know that the public sector does not pay what the private sector does, but I put in a tremendous amount of overtime, too, that is not compensated for. I mean, there were well over 300 hours last year alone that I served on overtime. And I've already had probably nearly 40 hours this year on overtime just from weather related, storm related, different things that add up through the year that really there is no compensation because as far as allotting enough time to take off the time I worked over, there's not enough hours in the day.

Councilmember Sutton: Refresh my memory a little bit on the Job Study's recommendation.

President Winnecke: The Job Study recommended that it be taken to \$41,000. It came before Job Study, I think in August –

Ralph Kissinger: Yes.

President Winnecke: Of 2000 –

Ralph Kissinger: It came before Job Study in July actually and –

President Winnecke: And then it came before the Council the following month or the second month and it was denied to take it to \$41,000 for the balance of 2001, but it was set in at budget time at the recommended level by the Job Study beginning this year.

Councilmember Sutton: And that level is...

President Winnecke: \$41,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: And currently, that's what he's being paid.

Councilmember Tornatta: But it should have been at that point if that would have been voted in like normally has been the case, traditionally, it would have been \$41,000 at that time and then when he gets the percentage rate, then that would go up from there?

President Winnecke: Your point is well taken, but just because it passes Job Study does not mean that it's an automatic. I mean, it is up to the Council whether it wants to approve what Job Study recommended. Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I tell you what, serving on the Job Study at that time, I voted for it, of course, but I denied it when they first brought it before budget

hearings and Ralph is new at the job and I wasn't too sure, but since then I've had a change of heart about Ralph. I've been out there going by that garage at 6:00 in the morning, his truck is there. I go out there after 6, 7:00, I see his truck out there. Ralph has, he's right on this. He didn't carry a grudge over this. In fact, I think he's even worked harder since he was denied that request at that present time. And I've had a change of heart here and I'd really like to see him get it. He is under, from some of the other managers and I'd like to see him this, my personal opinion.

Ralph Kissinger: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben, you want to make a motion, please?

Councilmember Raben: Well, and Ed, I might recommend that we do one thing, refer it back to Job Study one more time. And quite frankly, Ralph never heard anything from me before this meeting which I would normally tried to have done, but there's a lot of, this meeting had resolutions and we had to arrive at our budgetary figures and what have you, so my time has been occupied on a lot of other things, but Ralph, I would recommend that we would take this back to Job Study.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, it passed if I recall. It passed, but I don't think the Commissioners filed it, you know, –

Councilmember Raben: No, it passed at \$41,000 and we approved it. That went in effect January 1.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, but I think Ralph thought he was going to get that increase right away.

Ralph Kissinger: I was told that the reason I didn't get the increase immediately is because I didn't send the balance transfer in. So when I sent the balance transfer in to the floor, then that is when it was turned down. I was under the assumption that after the Job Study closed, it had been approved and it needed to be funded by the body and that is why it took me a while to get the balance in. And this is the way it went.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm curious, what would the Job Study, since it's already passed, going back to it, I mean, it's going to pass again, I mean, I'm sure.

Ralph Kissinger: And the amount that I included should include all of the social security and everything. That is not all to go actually onto my check. That should cover all the social security, benefits.

Councilmember Sutton: Ralph, what is your request here in terms of the total amount? I know we're at the 41,000, but how much are you requesting here?

President Winnecke: Here's – let's get – I'm sorry, go ahead.

Councilmember Sutton: That's alright.

President Winnecke: Do you want to make a motion?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, Mr. President, I'm going to move, there is a request for account 2010-1001 and 2010-1850. As they are listed, they are actually backwards. So those would –

Ralph Kissinger: I sent an amendment in –

Councilmember Raben: Right, they would need to be reversed. But at this time, and again, at this time I'm going to move that the request be denied. But Ralph, again, with further discussion and maybe if we take it back to the Job Study we'll revisit this.

President Winnecke: There is a motion, is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2010-1001	Supervisor	4,900.00	0.00
To: 2010-1850	Union Overtime	4,900.00	0.00

(Motion carried 4-3/Councilmembers Tornatta, Sutton & Bassemier opposed)

Ralph Kissinger: Thank you for your time.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I would like for us to move in the direction that Mr. Raben suggested. I did the math on it and it is a 12% increase over what we had voted in the budget and I do have, I think it needs to go before us in August.

President Winnecke: That's a point well taken and Mr. Wortman is our Job Study

chair this year. You probably need to schedule a meeting soon to consider this and other requests that are before us. Before we go on, we're almost done here, we still have several people to hear from. Auditor Crouch has been under the weather. She left to go home. She's just not feeling very well. We wanted to get that on the record.

Amendments to Salary Ordinance (Continued on page 50)
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President Winnecke: Next, up under New Business.

Councilmember Raben: Well, no, I need to go to the Salary Ordinance amendments.

President Winnecke: I'm sorry, Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: On the Salary Ordinance, first we have the Sheriff's department, I move to amend salary line 1050-1531-1050 Civilian Shift Differential as previously adopted; Scott Township Assessor, salary line 1160-1110-1160 as previously adopted at an annual salary of \$9,912. Under the County Commissioners, I move that we amend salary line 1300-1150-1300 Secretary as previously adopted, with an annual salary rate of \$24,833 after completion of six month's probation period; Sheriff Misdemeanor Housing salary line 2780-1850 Union Overtime as previously adopted; Area Plan salary line 1240-1970 Temporary Replacement as previously adopted; Prosecutor salary – move that we amend the salary ordinance creating a new line number which is 108V-1120 Attorney (part-time) setting the annual salary rate at \$33,000 and this is to be funded out of grant money. Knight Township Assessor/Reassessment, amend salary line 2492-1130-1972 Level II Certification for Mary Fischer in the amount of \$500 as previously approved. German Township Assessor, we have a correction, set salary line 2492-1120-1140 Reassessment Field Coordinator in at a rate of \$21,639 annually. The previous amount that we set in was \$21,849, and that was found incorrect. Community Corrections salary line 136.1-1300 Case Manager in at \$32,252, the salary is frozen in accordance with the reorganization agreement. And then for Burdette, that no changes or increases in the hourly rates for part-time grounds crew and part-time campground managers that were approved in our 2002 budget. So, I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

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 with my vote, I would also like to ask, at some point, Mr. President, we, as a body, need to address how many Level II Certifications we need in each Assessor's office. I mean, it – do we need to continue funding them? Is one or two or three enough, or do we – what do we want to do?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

John Bays/Executive Inn funding request
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President Winnecke: At this time, I'd like to call up John Bays, the owner of the Executive Inn, along with his counsel, Mr. Johnson. And as they approach, I would just like the record to reflect that I've had the opportunity to do both personal and business business with Mr. Bays's facility and I think he has done a great job in turning the facility around and clearly, it's an asset for our community and I appreciate that. And it's yours.

Edward Johnson: Thank you very much. When we were here a little less than a year ago, we asked the Council to participate in a 3.3 million dollar economic incentive program, your part being \$500,000, the County Commissioners being \$500,000 and the city of Evansville being \$2.3 million dollars. At that time, Mr. Bays told you that he would do what he said he was going to do before he asked for the money or before you had to spend it. He said he would – in writing he told you that he would spend 8 million, he spent 10 million. He got title to the property, which is a huge problem from a legal standpoint. That hotel was on leased property. The previous owner didn't even own all of it. Mr. Bays acquired that at over a million dollars. He's brought it up to standards that makes it a convention hotel. He's filed and recorded in Vanderburgh County, a covenant running with the land binding him and future owners for ten years to do what he said he's going to do. If it ever doesn't do what he says he's going to do, there's a huge fine. He has done everything. The over – the walkway has been let for contracts, he signed a contract with ARC, a local contractor, a union contractor, they've started today, we've got everything in place, the Building Authority has agreed, has signed an agreement with us to do it. We've got all our encroachment agreements done, the contractor has started as we speak tearing out part of the hotel to put the walkway in. For the record, not that it's – just so you'll know – the walkway, itself, has turned out to cost over twice as much as we thought it was going to cost. We did that because the County Commissioners asked us to make some revisions to it, to do it their way. We've done it, that's part of the deal. All we're saying to you is, the city has gone ahead and paid what they have agreed to pay on their January installment, the County Commissioners voted last Monday night to go ahead and fund us with \$500,000 that they had promised. I hope that you are as pleased and as proud of

the hotel as we are. I know John wants to talk to you for just a second. I just want to tell you, also, not just is it a class operation now, something to be proud of, more important to you is, we're getting the convention business back and we're working real hard. And where that convention business is building, he's had some conventions over there, we've gotten tremendous reviews, people want to sign up and do it again next year. So I'm going to turn it over to John Bays.

John Bays: I would just like to say that, again, thank you for – when I came here nine or ten months ago, for voting to approve our incentive and I really appreciate that. And I have done everything I said I would do. The crosswalk would have been done in October, but the county changed – wanted to change it to make it more like their building. And that's the only reason it's not done. I think 90 days from now, it will be totally finished. Counting operations, I spent over 11 million dollars over there and I promise you that as long as I'm in this town I'm going to keep spending more money because I'm going to make this the nicest hotel in the state. I think our customer satisfaction numbers are pretty high. I'm really into this getting them the highest in the state to keep bringing this business in here and I told you I would get all of your money back for you fast – and I will do that. We just had 15,000 theatrical students there, which no intention of being here next year – and they were so happy, they signed up on the spot for next year and that was hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of business. But we are booking, we're putting in a lot of new things with new computer systems over there. We're doing the stairwell, which is costing a lot more than I had planned. One thing I'd like to say is, I had this walkway planned on about \$300,000, and when the county changed the walkway, and I tried to explain to them, this is not \$25,000, but no one listened to me, our bids came in around \$796,000. I think the lowest bid was about \$600,000, so it was double what I had planned on spending. But I did it because I said I'll do whatever it takes to make everyone happy. One thing I would like to say and I don't want anyone to hold this against me, I think that, you know, you have a city license in the city and I've never run into that in all the places I've worked. In fact, this year, I got four awards. Four cities gave me the renovation of the year award. I did over 40 million dollars worth of work in four different states this year, this past year. I have never run in to the problem where, when you have to hire a union contractor, which is great with me. I don't mind union contractors, I use them, that's what I want to use. But with a city license, you have a certain few people you've got to deal with. I could have saved a quarter of a million dollars on this walkway if I could have hired union people that didn't have to have the city license. And you were talking about this jail. I'm going to tell you something. If you can't build that jail for 28 million dollars, there's a problem. You need to be able to let more people bid on this thing. Make everybody competitive. Let these union guys in town that's got a city license. Really be competitive because I spend a lot of money on renovation and I've got a lot more things to upgrade or do over there, but I am really locked in when you're talking about the city license. And I don't know if you have to have the same thing with the county, but it does stop a lot of people from being able to bid. To keep everybody honest and make sure that you're getting your money's worth, that's something, someday you should consider because, I know, I got bids from all different places on this walkway. A quarter of a million dollars is a lot of money to throw away. I'd rather throw that away on employees and upgrades in the hotel, but I'm doing it and it will be done and I've tried to do everything I promised you and you've seen nothing yet on what this hotel is going to be like. It's nice, it's first class, our customer satisfaction is very high and as long as I'm in this town, I plan on being here a long time, you're going to see big numbers out of this hotel. I don't care what it did in its heyday, we can bring that back and we're going to do that. And again, I thank you for having the faith in me, and I always do what I say I'll do, and I always do more. And I am planning on spending, I mean, money is tight right now with the

war going on, in a lot of areas, but I plan on getting all the business out there. We're going to hurt Indianapolis. You watch us bring that business in this town. And I'm tickled to death. I want to get hooked to that convention center. We need to be hooked up fast and again, I would have had this done in October if all the plans didn't get changed. Again, thank you very much. And we would really like to get our money if we could and we really appreciate it if you could do that, and you're going to be proud of what I'm doing in this town and what I'm going to do.

President Winnecke: To that point, thank you. To that point, I've asked Mr. Raben, our finance chairman, to make sure that we get that appropriation taken care of and he's exploring a couple of different funds that we have available so you can get your money at our meeting in a month.

Councilmember Raben: Can I address that now?

President Winnecke: Certainly.

Councilmember Raben: Some time back, and Joe Vezzoso, that's a member of the Convention & Visitors Bureau, is present, and it's my understanding you're the newly elected treasurer, too, but at some point in the latter part of last year, or middle or latter part of last year, I had approached the Convention & Visitors Bureau about using their funds to fulfill this commitment to John Bays. And John, this probably isn't any concern to you. You don't care where the heck the money comes from, I know. But while Joe was here, if anybody has any questions, I'd like to get them answered. And which, the board had voted in support of doing that in the original agreement that we had worked out; they were going to pay the county \$125,000 at the end of last year, \$125,000 at this beginning of this year, and then over the next two years, two installments of \$125,000, which basically, we would have been paid out in two years, or reimbursed within two years. Well then, they found out that there were some major accounting errors within the Bureau and where some payments were being made out of wrong accounts, and the monies weren't quite as hefty of sums as what they thought they had. But I've spoke with Bev Oswald and Becky Alcorn, who is their accountant from Gaither & Rutherford, and they've worked on their projections and what have you. They've got an unappropriated balance right now in their capital development fund of about \$420,000, but they really don't have much of any surplus in their operating fund. Although they do have a budget, we approved a budget for this year that they're operating, but it's not like they've got a substantial amount of money in excess of what was budgeted, which most offices, or most departments have nothing in excess of what we budget. Both Bev and Becky had referred me to Joe and said, you know, Joe is our treasurer. If Joe says it's okay, then it's okay. Well, I've spoke with Joe. Joe says that he finds that it's doable, but he can't play catch up. That we may have to start from scratch and they might only reimburse \$125,000 this year and we may have to wait and eventually be paid out over a three year period, which is better than the county assuming the whole lump sum on their own. And I, really, in my own opinion, this really meets the mission of your bureau. I mean, this – John's commitment that was made by the Commissioners is all about convention business –

President Winnecke: Can I interrupt? We need to change tapes.

(Tape changed)

Councilmember Raben: – a short story longer, I'm going to let Joe address what we're talking about here. But again, initially, the county will probably have to...well,

we're going to have to pay the \$500,000 out of general fund, but we will get paid back eventually.

Joe Vezzoso: Well, I'll tell you, I was just elected, so I've been in the position of treasurer of this organization for one week. But I'll try to address your concerns. What had happened that depleted the operating funds was that sometime between the transition of Dolli Kight and to our new executive director, Marilee Fowler, they were using those funds to pay the debt service on the Pagoda, the train station and some other obligations that we had. So they had to take money out of the Tourism Capital Development fund, which is where the money should have come from in the first place, reimburse the operating funds. The Bureau has always tried to maintain about a six month operating fund balance so that if something were to happen, that the Bureau could continue their operations. So that's why they've always tried to keep a surplus. As most of you know, for us to appropriate that money, it takes a little bit of effort and that effort would be that we would have to submit a request and I would be more than happy to work with Phil Hoy as the representative from the County Council, to go to the Bureau's commissioners and ask them to bring a resolution back to you all, which at one time you would have to then approve that resolution for the appropriation to use the money out of the Tourism Capital Development fund. We have used that money, as you all know, two cents of that money currently goes to offset the operational costs at The Centre. We have a balance in there in excess of \$400,000 currently. There are no other project requests before the Bureau at this time. I don't believe that the Bureau commissioners would support an idea of depleting that fund entirely. I do believe that they would support and have indicated that they would lend their support to help fund this appropriation for Mr. Bays. So I would work very diligently with Phil Hoy to come up with a resolution. I would also work very diligently with the other commissioners to bring a resolution back to the County Council. I do think over the next three years that we could certainly meet those obligations that you would request. I think that all we're going to see is an increase in those funds simply because of the additional business we're going to have. I would ask that you support the Innkeeper's Tax increase that has gone before, I think you're going to ask for a resolution out of this body today if you didn't last week that's going to go before the state. I was and am a member of the Evansville Hotel/Motel Association and we fully support that increase with one-half of that percent going to operations of the Bureau, the other half going into the Tourism Capital Development fund which amounts to about \$300,000 in total. So I think with those additional funds which would be approved by the County Council, we certainly could meet that obligation and I will do everything in my power to support that and see that it gets through both the commission and back to you all. Any questions?

Councilmember Raben: One last – no, let's vote on this.

Joe Vezzoso: Okay.

President Winnecke: There's no vote to make today. We're just hearing the presentation and to let these gentlemen know that we're working to get the money appropriated at our meeting in one month.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Bays, to let you know, we're going to keep our word to get you that money, okay, because you have done a wonderful job over there.

Councilmember Raben: I might, while Joe Vezzoso is here, and Joe, I hate to spring this on you at the last minute, but I had requested that I be given a copy of the delinquencies from the various hotels here in town. And one of real interest is the

Schmidt Motel on Fares Avenue, is almost three years behind or delinquent in paying their Innkeeper's Tax. When I spoke with Bev about this issue just this morning, she had stated that she was concerned that by the time they paid an attorney to go after these delinquencies, that it would probably never offset the actual amount owed, but I would like to ask that your board or a member from your board go before the Commissioners, where we have a full-time county attorney, that you go before them and ask that they put him on the mission of getting these unpaid taxes collected.

Joe Vezzoso: We also have an attorney that represents us and I would just say that the total dollar amount, Marilee, is how much? About? Not just for that, for all of them?

Marilee Fowler: That's all very confidential. I'm Marilee Fowler, I'm the Executive Director at the Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau. All of those numbers are confidential for each hotel. We only know a lump sum and letters have been written to that particular property and the owner/manager is assuring us that they do not have any short-term stays, that they're all long-term. But we don't have anything officially from them.

Joe Vezzoso: The state law states that if someone stays in a room in excess of 30 days, there is no Innkeeper's Tax due. And what this gentleman is probably saying to our attorney is that his is long-term stay. So that waives him from that tax. Now for us to do that, they're going to have to probably go in and subpoena his records and make sure that it is long-term stay and not short-term. The total amount of money from all the entities is about \$6,800, so we could eat that up in attorney fees, but I would agree with you, that you can't let one hotel or one motel out there get by without paying their taxes. There has to be some legal action taken and I will take that back to the –

Councilmember Raben: Okay, are we advertising for their establishment in any of our propaganda or materials?

Joe Vezzoso: They would be included probably in our brochures and at this time, to take them out, it would be fairly expensive. So –

Councilmember Raben: Okay, well I would recommend that –

Joe Vezzoso: We will take action, sir.

Councilmember Raben: – and we may even require or request that they remove themselves as a hotel if that's the case. But I feel like, you know, like everybody in this room pays their taxes and if there's somebody out there that's not, that are still operating, then we need to do what we can to retrieve that money.

President Winnecke: Excuse me, we have about seven or eight minutes before we need to conclude and the next meeting to set up, so...

Joe Vezzoso: Hey, I'm done.

President Winnecke: Mr. Bays, we'll take care of you. And appreciate, again, what you're doing and living up to your commitment.

Central Dispatch request letter
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President Winnecke: Next on the agenda, the Central Dispatch letter. Sheriff Ellsworth, is that...?

Brad Ellsworth: Good afternoon, and we'll try to keep it under six minutes. Sheriff Brad Ellsworth. I'd like to introduce Lt. Walter Kochersperger, with the Evansville City Police. I'll just let Kochie go over the project and I can tell you a little bit about our request and then I'll let him explain the project. To go along with our Project 42 we're making this request. The city police had a grant that allowed them money to buy our computer communication systems. What that required for us, since we're going to have a joint dispatch system, would require us to come to you from the Sheriff's department for about a \$180,000 appropriation on our behalf. What we preferred after meeting with the Evansville City Police, what we thought might be a better use is for both agencies to come before this board and have this, since we think it fits in with the mission of the E911 funds, take the whole appropriation from that fund. And I'm going to defer to Lt. Kochersperger, he can give a little more of the details, fine details.

Walter Kochersperger: Project 42 is a city/county project where we're upgrading our dispatch –

President Winnecke: Excuse me, Lieutenant. Could you state your name for the record?

Walter Kochersperger: Walter Kochersperger. It's the upgrade of our computer system. Our computer system is 12 years old. It's a VAX mainframe. We're going to a Windows environment. It involves the CAD, Fire Department, the Sheriff Department, the Jail, records package, and it also involves a mobile reporting package which enables us to take reports and transmit data and graphics to the cars, the computers in the cars. With our current dispatch system, it's a 9200 baud rate on the frequency. We need a 1900, two 19,200 baud rate to transmit to the computers in the cars, new software package that will enable us to transmit text, pictures, graphs and maps and this project, this radio frequency request from us would allow us to do that.

President Winnecke: Questions of the Lieutenant or the Sheriff?

Councilmember Raben: Lieutenant, do you know of any or foresee any capital projects beyond this over the next ten months?

Walter Kochersperger: Not to complete what we proposed to do here.

Brad Ellsworth: And on behalf of the Dispatch board, we talked over this with Deputy Chief Wazny. We're on the Executive Dispatch board as well as the full dispatch board, and we think everything is covered under the city's budget and that. We don't see any large outlays of funds that we'd need this fund for in the foreseeable future.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Now –

Brad Ellsworth: Can I say one more thing, Councilman Raben? Also, as new phone companies come on line on this, every new cellular phone company comes on has to pay into this fund. What was an income of about \$35,000 a month, every time a new line comes on and every time there's a 911 call from a cell phone, that fund gets a cut of that. So we're looking for some pretty good increases in that fund.

Councilmember Raben: Brad, I guess my only question is, typically, the city has always funded their portion of 911 and you had stated earlier that the county's portion is about \$180,000. And that would be the only thing, that I think maybe they need to continue to fund their share of it.

Brad Ellsworth: And they are, and there was also a question on some of the things that the county's portion funds out of that. Even though we have control, the County Council has control over the funds, it does have incoming (inaudible) cell phones made from the city and the county and the 911 calls made in the city of Evansville. So, like I said, I can speak for the Dispatch Board, saying they were pretty comfortable, but I understand what you're saying. The grant they have on the multi or the mobile data computers, they can buy additional computers that enables them to do this with this 180. Like I said, we were going to have to come to you for an appropriation probably out of the Sheriff's budget for this and that's when we thought it might be just as simple to come out of these funds.

Walter Kochersperger: That was coming out of the local block grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance. That was plan B.

Brad Ellsworth: And it does, and Kochie, correct me if I'm wrong, it's 20 units for each, the county and the city. And although they're about double our size, we will get the exact same amount of terminals in our cars, correct?

President Winnecke: Thank you, gentlemen.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you.

Steve Owens, Chief Public Defender

President Winnecke: Steve Owens.

Steve Owens: I'm Steve Owens. I'm the Chief Public Defender. I've presented a report that I copied to Council chambers. If you have any questions regarding that report, I'll be happy to answer them.

President Winnecke: I think most of us are seeing this for the first time today, so I don't know that we necessarily have had time to digest it. But any comments or questions of Mr. Owens?

Steve Owens: Councilmen, if you don't have time to digest it, I'll be happy to come back on another day.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, since we – and I appreciate your patience, Mr. Owens, in sitting here and listening. As the liaison to this department, Mr. Owens, if you're willing to come back when we are not pushed so hard on schedule, I'd like to do that because I think Council needs to have time to look at this and time to ask questions. Are you okay with that?

Steve Owens: That's fine. That's absolutely fine.

Councilmember Hoy: I think that would be better. We're pushing the limit here pretty hard.

President Winnecke: Thank you for your patience. I appreciate it.

<p>Resolution Supporting the General Assembly Bill To Increase Vanderburgh County Hotel-Motel Tax</p>
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President Winnecke: We have one other piece of business before we adjourn. Marilee Fowler of the Convention & Visitors Bureau asked us to pass the resolution regarding the Hotel-Motel Tax. You'll recall last week, we took a – we wrote a letter of endorsement of this. Our legislative delegation has asked that we pass a resolution. It is before you. And since we weren't as successful on passing a resolution read by our attorney, maybe we'll have more success if I read this one.

Councilmember Hoy: Since you've had experience as a newscaster, go ahead.

President Winnecke: It says:

“WHEREAS, the Vanderburgh Convention & Visitors Bureau Board supports a one percent (1%) increase in the Vanderburgh County Hotel-Motel Tax; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana General Assembly is considering the passage of a Bill that would increase the Vanderburgh County Hotel-Motel Tax by one percent (1%); and

WHEREAS, the Vanderburgh County Council supports the proposed one percent (1%) increase for the Vanderburgh County Hotel-Motel Tax as endorsed by the Vanderburgh Convention & Visitors Bureau Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Council hereby requests that the General Assembly pass legislation that will enable the Vanderburgh County Hotel-Motel Tax to be increased by one percent (1%), as endorsed by the Vanderburgh Convention & Visitors Bureau Board.

PASSED this 6th day of February, 2002, by the Vanderburgh County Council.”

And all the signatures lines, and attest signature for the Auditor.

Councilmember Hoy: I move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

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 Jeff, just so you know, you need to be a little more theatrical when you read resolutions. Maybe you could get them to pass.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: If you would each come up and sign this so we can get this out to the legislative delegation right away.

Amendments to Salary Ordinance (Continued from page 41)
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, and Mr. President, if I didn't just cover it back up, before we adjourn I overlooked one salary amendment that I need to make for the Sheriff's department, and it is to amend salary line 1050-1531-1050 Shift Differential as previously approved. The salary lines are as follows: 105Q-1851 Overtime in the amount of \$300; 105Q-1531 Shift Differential in the amount of \$977; 105Q-1751 Uniform Allowance at \$250; and 105Q-1951 Educational Fund at \$104. These funds are to be transferred from a cash card to the 2700 account, which is a Narcotics cash card. So I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Sutton: Before you hit that gavel, a couple of things real quick. There was something in our packet from the Prosecutor's Office about a new position that is going to require additional funds from our standpoint. They've received some state grant, but if we can find out what the length of time is on that state grant, that would be very helpful in light of the fact that grants do have a limited amount of time and we want to make sure that we –

President Winnecke: Sandie, can you find that out for us?

Sandie Deig: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: And then there was also this agreement for legal services with Mr. Ahlers. Does this –

President Winnecke: We're going to look at that next month. I haven't had a chance to look at it. We just got it today.

Councilmember Sutton: So we don't pay him in the meantime, right?

President Winnecke: We're not going to pay him until (inaudible).

Councilmember Sutton: The last thing, the special meeting, the bond resolution.

President Winnecke: I'm going to work on it and get back with you.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: Motion for adjournment.

President Winnecke: So ordered.

(Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Lloyd Winnecke

Vice President Ed Bassemier

Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2002**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in special session this 27th day of February, 2002 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex, to discuss and take final action on the Resolution of the County Council, Determining, After Investigation, That a New or Improved Jail Facility is Needed, and to discuss and take final action on any other matters that may properly come before the Council as placed on the agenda by the President.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by County Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good afternoon. I'd like to call the special meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council to order and I'd like to take attendance, please. Roll call?

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

President Winnecke: If we could stand and take the pledge, please.

(Pledge of allegiance was given.)

President Winnecke: Before we begin, I'd like to acknowledge the passing of our colleague, Mr. Wortman's father, this past weekend, and I'd like to take just a moment of silence for Mr. Wortman and his father, please.

(A moment of silence was observed.)

President Winnecke: Thank you. Our purpose for the special meeting is to consider a resolution of necessity on the bond issue for the jail. If Mr. Ahlers will present the resolution. And as that's being passed out, I've spoken to every member of the body multiple times over the last couple of days. I appreciate everyone's input. It's been my intent to satisfy as many people as possible and, as we all know, not everyone will be 100% satisfied. But I believe this – I'm hopeful, I should say, that we'll have four votes necessary to pass this resolution so that we can continue the process of getting this new jail going. And as soon as everyone has a copy, Mr. Ahlers, I would ask you to read it, although, and hopefully, our luck will be better this time with your dramatic reading.

Jeff Ahlers: The title of the document is:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF VANDERBURGH, INDIANA, DETERMINING, AFTER INVESTIGATION, THAT A NEW OR IMPROVED JAIL FACILITY IS NEEDED.

WHEREAS, the County Council (the “County Council”) of the County of Vanderburgh, Indiana, (the “County”) has determined, after investigation that it is necessary and desirable that a new jail facility be constructed and/or leased for use by the County, or that the existing jail facility be remodeled and/or improved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Council of the County of Vanderburgh, Indiana, as follows:

1. The County Council hereby determines that a need exists for either a new jail facility or the remodeling and/or improvement of the existing facility, which need can be served by the leasing, acquisition, construction, installation and/or equipping of the jail facility. The County Council further determines that the funds needed therefor exceed the funds presently available to the County.
2. The County Council reaffirms the Resolution to Set Limit of Funding for Jail Projects, Resolution No. C.C.R-04-01-002, passed by the County Council on April 4, 2001. County Council shall only approve funding for all jail projects, including a new or improved jail, and/or juvenile detention and/or community corrections facilities, not to exceed an aggregate of Thirty-Five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000), with the exception of State and/or Federal funding.
3. The County Council hereby reserves the right to approve the specific amount of the bonds to be issued by or on behalf of the County. No bonds or leases shall be valid or enforceable without the prior approval of the County Council.
4. This Resolution shall not in any way prohibit or prevent the County Council from making future determinations or from providing future input as to matters relating to the contracts for the construction, remodeling and/or improvement of the jail facility, the leasing, acquisition, construction, installation and/or equipping of the jail facility, or the appropriation of funds for the payment of costs relating to the jail facility.
5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and upon compliance with the procedures required by law, except as amended hereafter by the County Council at its discretion, which right is hereby expressly reserved to the County Council.”

It then states that it's duly passed and adopted this 27th day February, 2002, signature lines for all County Councilmembers and attest by the Auditor, Suzanne Crouch.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'd like to bring this to the floor, so I'm going to make a motion that we approve this resolution on this day.

President Winnecke: We have a motion, do I hear a second, please?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: We have a motion and a second. And before I open it up for discussion, which I'll do, I'd like to make just a couple quick comments and allow everyone to have their say. This is by and large the same resolution that we considered a month ago. There were several deletions, two additions and I think the most notable is in paragraph two that states, it's the parenthetical clause, "with the exception of state and/or federal funding." Specifically, my intent in inserting that phrase is to not prohibit the county if we are fortunate enough to receive funding from other governmental entities as Commissioner Fanello has been lobbying for state aid, but this would allow for us to spend \$35,000,000 and to receive state and/or federal funding if we're so lucky. Those are my only comments. I know everyone has some concerns and at this point if you would like to begin to express them before we take a vote. Mr. Tornatta.

Councilmember Tornatta: This is a question for counsel. In paragraph four it says, "future determinations or from providing future input as to the matters relating to the contracts." Is that something that we could say in a – because we don't control the contracts or we don't have jurisdiction over the contracts.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, what that's meant to say is to the extent that we do in terms of, obviously, we have control over the funding –

(Inaudible – Councilmember Tornatta interrupted)

Jeff Ahlers: Of funding.

Councilmember Tornatta: Should that be funding – should the funding be placed in this contract? I mean, as not to say, the way this reads, we can relate to matters with construction contracts, remodeling contracts for a jail facility and I didn't know we had the ability to do that. I thought that was all the Commissioners.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, to the extent that we have the ability, that's reserving that to do that. Yeah, you're right, I mean, to a certain extent it's limited. But, for example, a bond is a contract. A promissory note is a contract. I mean, there are a lot of different types of contracts and all this is to say is that by passing this resolution of necessity and enabling the bonding process to commence, that you are reserving whatever rights you may have had to be involved in that process. In fact, the specific, I think you may have mentioned at the last meeting, you had a question about this clause and I had indicated to you that I had spoken with Tom Pittman about that and this was a clause that him and I had talked about together in terms of just making sure that this wasn't the end of the road as far as Council goes, in terms of if, you know, there's still issues concerning, for example, what's going to be the exact amount of the bond. I mean, this is basically saying we'll allow a bond up to \$35,000,000, but what if they come back, or there's a proposal and they decide they only want to fund \$32,000,000, or what if it's different? So the point being that the County Council would just retain whatever control that it had and wants to still be involved in the process to the extent it can. I mean, obviously, by a resolution, we can't change the statutory powers that exist between the bodies. If that answers your question, I mean, this can't change a statute, so if we don't have the power to do something, this resolution isn't going to give us the power to do it. But it's just to make sure that we reserve the right for whatever powers we would have and to have input at whatever other stages that we can. Like I said, with regard to contracts, you're right. In terms of certain details, you know, that's the function of the executive except with regard to funding as we went through with the other contract. I mean, depending on how they decide to go about it. I mean, it seems to me, you know, they're indicating they don't want to do leasing, but if they

change their mind and they did, that's a different kind of contract than a construction contract or maybe they've got a different kind of funding mechanism that hasn't been talked about today. And it's just merely to say that whatever is out there, we don't know where they're going to put it or what they're going to build, so there's a lot of unknowns and it's just to reserve to you all whatever powers you may have to still be involved in that process.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. President, I would like to address my question to one of the County Commissioners, please. And my concern is site location. If I recall, you were going to have a location February the first, but now then it's almost March the first and I was wondering, is there any problems or complications involved?

Catherine Fanello: Thank you, Councilman Wortman. I think we're very close to that. It's been on the agenda for the past two weeks that we've talked about it. This past Monday night United Consulting gave us the pros and cons of looking at the judge's parking lot and the back 40. And Commissioner Mourdock wanted to get some questions answered this week, so it's back on the agenda for next Monday. So we are getting closer but those were the two sites that we've looked at first.

Councilmember Wortman: And that's okay, so we'll expect something possibly –

Catherine Fanello: I would say that you'll expect something or you'll get something or get a result here very soon. I mean, it's my full intent for us to have this issue resolved within the next couple of weeks.

Councilmember Wortman: That's one of my main concerns, see. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Catherine, I was trying to catch you before you left. This doesn't have a lot to do with this resolution, although it does in a way, but it's my understanding that Representative Vaneta Becker has requested an opinion of the Secretary of State as to the possibility or the legalities of a lease/rental arrangement. And I wanted your input on that should the Attorney General's office say that it does fall within all the guidelines and it is legal, where do we go from here?

Catherine Fanello: It will not change my opinion. I did not agree with the private proposal so I do not intend to waste any more time on it.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so –

Catherine Fanello: That's my personal opinion. I can't speak for the other two Commissioners, but Commissioner Mosby is here. He could give you his opinion, but I don't intend to explore that option any further.

President Winnecke: I would just say – do you want to say anything? As he's, Commissioner Mosby is approaching the microphone, Representative Vaneta Becker has made a written request, I understand, with the Attorney General's office. I've spoken with Greg Zoeller in the AG's office each of the last two days. He tells me at their first blush, and this is really just sort of for the record more than anything else, at their first blush, that there is no legal impediment to an arrangement that was proposed, but they continue to do research and it would be several weeks

before an official opinion would be rendered in writing.

David Mosby: To answer your question and I'll answer it briefly and be glad to share any information with you that you don't have, I don't know if you've seen the 21st Century proposal, but after going through them, if you look at scenario one which we are talking about, we're talking about today building 484 beds in the United proposal. They're talking about 448 which is about 40 beds less. But if you look at the bottom line project cost, that's the one I'm looking at, project cost. Very minimal difference. So we're talking 40 beds less but minimal amount of money. What their proposal will tell you, and you have to cipher through it on your own, they cut a lot of the furnishing and fixtures. They took the utility costs from 440,000 down to 200,000. They took supplies from 130 down to 30. They took trash from 60 down to 20. Now you tell me where that different comes in. How can, under their proposal, you haul trash for \$40,000 less? How can you heat a building at the same cost per kilowatt, but they can do it \$200,000 less? I think your millions of dollars, that they try to explain to you, and they did this over a 25 year period, so they're saying take what little bit of money I can save you, add 3% to it, add cost of living to it, let's stretch it out 25 years, and you come up with, you know, millions of dollars. I'll say, you know, at \$60,000 per bed and I'm getting 40 beds less, you take 40 times \$60,000, take 3% and stretch it over 25 years and see what you save.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Mosby, I'd like to ask you one more question, please. How will the old jail fit in to this pattern?

David Mosby: Last time I think we was up here we talked about that. It would be my envision right now to, and as soon as we could, and I mean, I'm a very big advocate of the back 40, and I'll tell you that that's probably the only site I'm looking at, so if we want to put all the hiddens out there in the air, I mean, that's where I'm at. Free land, courthouse, everything we need right here. My envision would be that the juvenile detention facility, which was recommended by United Consulting, which is 19,000 square feet, would go in the old jail. We'll have 35,200 square feet there or 800 square – 35,800 square feet to deal with once the jail is gone. So we could take that 35,000, I would envision moving Judge Niemeier's office, which he has asked for more space. He's got 3,200 square feet of space over where he's at. If we wanted to bring juvenile detention to the jail, which is approximately 19,000, give Judge Niemeier say 6,000, maybe double his space, 25,000, you still have 10,000 to deal with. Utley, Mr. Utley had a plan on the books before he left to take Judge Niemeier's space and make two full courtrooms out of it. That 3,200 square feet for approximately, I'm going to say 3 or 4 hundred thousand dollars will get you the two courtrooms you need. So now you've satisfied your courtrooms, your juvenile facility and you've also got Judge Niemeier's space and you've pretty well got it all built under one...

Councilmember Wortman: One more question. Has there been any consideration on federal prisoners considered?

David Mosby: It would be part of my plan to consider state and federal because we can bring money in on the state level and the federal level and it will be money that you can put back in the budget to use for operating costs that we might see as an increase, you know, throughout the time as we go on if we need more people. But I think that's one way you could look at operational costs if you feel like there's going to be an operational cost there that you need to offset in your budget.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: You may as well just stay up there, Dave. Oh, I thought you were –

Councilmember Hoy: I do have a question.

David Mosby: You want to know about the Health department.

Councilmember Hoy: That's not what I was going to ask, but I do want to know about that, of course. You know that. We've discussed that.

David Mosby: We've discussed it, that's why I said that.

Councilmember Hoy: Since we've finally paid the bill to United, and that's the firm you selected and it looks like we've been able to negotiate some things in the contract that everybody is agreeable to, so that looks much, much better than it looked to me before. I'm happy to see that. It's been a lot of work but we've gotten to that point. As a Councilman I would like to see, then, you know, I'm not terribly interested in reading a 240 page book, but I would like to have the freedom to see the documents they present as we go now, since we've paid the bill. Is there any problem with that?

David Mosby: I don't see a problem one. I mean, we've paid the bill and you've did your job and I appreciate that and I don't see a problem with, you know, us getting copies of that document and distributing it to you.

Councilmember Hoy: And we'll talk about the Health department some other time.

David Mosby: Okay. They still do fit in my plan is what I was going to tell you.

Councilmember Hoy: Huh?

David Mosby: They still fit in my plan. That's what I was going to tell you.

Councilmember Hoy: Good.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't mean to interrupt, but Mr. President, are we going to stick to the resolution here or –

President Winnecke: I'd like to keep the discussion –

(Inaudible – several speaking at once)

President Winnecke: We have loads of time but I would like to keep the discussion to the resolution so we can...no disrespect, but other questions of Commissioner Mosby while he is at the podium?

Councilmember Sutton: I was going to...well, it's kind of on your response, if we could kind of follow up on the question that Curt had...were you, is it your thoughts or your suggestions based upon what we have in a resolution that all of those costs, when I say all of those costs I mean the actual existing jail, the acquisition would be a part of the \$35,000,000?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes sir.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I don't know if –

(Inaudible – Councilmember Wortman interrupted)

Councilmember Sutton: – structured here.

David Mosby: Maybe I misunderstood. I mean, and that is my plan and what I'm looking at, but now whether all that will fall within 35,000,000...okay, I'm not going to guarantee you that you can remodel the whole jail and build a new jail. Okay, okay.

Councilmember Sutton: That's why I wanted to make sure I'm very clear. I mean, I could be wrong, somebody could correct me, but I don't think that's the intent of the way this reads.

President Winnecke: Maybe I should clarify that. I mean, my intentions since (inaudible) been part of me it seems like for so long, my intent is that this covers...this allows the Commissioners to proceed with \$35,000,000. They need to decide what is in the best interests of the county to build for \$35,000,000. If they come back with additional needs, whether it's for land, whether it's for the remodeling of the old jail, then they need to come back to us and I think that's – that's my intent of the wording.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, another thing, too, now this resolution itself, this resolution is written for who? I mean, for what purpose, so that we can be very clear.

President Winnecke: This resolution of necessity is required to begin the bonding process and it was initiated I should say, actually in December by Mr. Pittman, with the help of the Commissioners. It's taken on different forms but this is ultimately what it says: this Council has determined that a need exists, so the bonding process can begin.

Councilmember Sutton: And I think that's – as we look at this resolution, the intent is to confirm that the need does exist here in Vanderburgh County, but I know we want to try to look at some options and make sure that we have an opportunity to get additional funding for this project possibly from the state, possibly from the feds, but it seems like we're trying to lump too much in here to say what we need to say, which essentially, all we need to say is that we see that we need a jail and we don't have the cash in the bank to be able to fund it out of our existing resources. And so as I say that, I guess I'm looking at kind of paragraph two and paragraph four seems to be a little bit more than maybe what we really need by law or statute, you know, to say what we need to say. And I guess when we look at the resolution that was passed last year, the April resolution, and pretty much, we've already set in our funding cap on this. I don't know if we need to go back in as far as the state is concerned to reiterate that same point. We've already said that.

President Winnecke: I think I would address that, too, and I think that's a fair question. However, I had asked initially that the \$35,000,000 cap or that the cap be inserted in this because for months now the Commissioners have asked for clarification in various forums, whether it be in this room or in their hearing room, about what our intent was in terms of how much money we would spend. We were on record, you are correct, from last April. To me, this reiterates that. They've, I think, sought direction from us as to how much money we were willing to spend. I think that's what this does. So it kills two birds with one stone, if you will.

Councilmember Tornatta: And then does that money, when it says with the exception of state or federal funding, is that in addition to the 35,000,000?

President Winnecke: It means we can spend \$35,000,000 from this body, from the county, and we can take all the money anyone else wants to give us.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, but does that pay down the \$35,000,000 or can that be used in excess?

President Winnecke: It would be used in excess. If the state of Indiana comes back and says it wants to give us a gazillion dollars to build a community corrections center, then we can spend a gazillion dollars, theoretically, plus the \$35,000,000.

Councilmember Sutton: One other thing, I mean, if we're going to put together a resolution, we want to make sure that we have words spelled correctly before we send it on to state. If we can look in paragraph one, the last sentence, the County Council furthermore determines that the funds needed *therefor*, with an "e" on the end.

Jeff Ahlers: You can spell that either way.

President Winnecke: That's a legal – actually, that's a legal –

Councilmember Sutton: Well, it's spelled with an "e" on the end at the beginning of the paragraph: "Now, *therefore*, be it resolved, and so maybe on the –

President Winnecke: It's a legal spell check thing, I believe.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, so you've got it spelled both ways there.

Jeff Ahlers: To point that out, Mr. Mosby's attorney, Tom Pittman at Baker & Daniels, drafted that paragraph. I have his draft right here.

Councilmember Sutton: Does he have spell check as well?

Jeff Ahlers: I suggest that you speak with him if we're going to start throwing rocks.

David Mosby: He did tell me he did that and he just wanted to see if you'd catch it. He told me, I'm just going to –

(Inaudible – several speaking at once)

President Winnecke: Councilman Bassemier next.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I'm going to address this to our counselor. On number four, Jeff, now if this \$35,000,000 is approved today and if there's a contract that the Commissioners want to enter into for \$10,000,000 on something, does that statement mean that they have to come back for approval on that contract for the \$10,000,000 or does it still give a blank check on the \$35,000,000? They can spend it any way they want to, up to \$35,000,000? How am I reading number four because it says funding, so they have to come back to us, so how am I reading this? What is the correct way?

Jeff Ahlers: Well actually, this resolution will not change in terms of the way that County Council and the County Commissioners would normally function in that

regard, so it's a little difficult for me to answer your question in the sense that it's – you know, an ambiguous, hypothetical without having exact facts. I mean, all this is doing is starting the process to allow the bonding process, the county's bond counsel to begin to move forward to start the bonds, okay?

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Jeff Ahlers: In terms of what they're spent on, okay, is a different issue, okay? Now in terms of if it is a contract, for example, that once the funding is in place, that if, for example, it was a contract that did not require Council approval and that the Commissioners would be able to enter into it, they may not need to come here for approval. On the other hand, if it is a contract that would require some sort of Council ratification, or approval of funding, they would need to do so. The problem is we've got so many options that have been considered out there, it's difficult for me to answer your question in that regard. I think that what you're basically doing to a certain degree is that you have to understand that you're making a decision today if you support that, that you are going to spend...you are authorizing or saying that the process can start for bonds to be authorized up to \$35,000,000. In speaking with Mr. Pittman, I did talk to him and he indicated that the bonds would be coming back here in terms of, you know, being approved or obviously any lease. If, for example, if the Building Authority would be the entity that would be doing the bonding, for example, and that the county is going to lease the jail from the Building Authority, you know, a lease obviously would, may need to be approved by this body in terms of the funding for that. On the other hand, certain ways of going about doing this, whether you have a jail authority, a building authority, a private leasing arrangement, they may require, you know, other avenues, so I know it's difficult for you to maybe understand my answer because I'm not sure I can give you an exact answer because we don't know what they're going to do, or I don't know what they're going to do. Somebody –

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I'm looking at it then, number four is incorrect because as you read it, "providing future input as to matters relating to the contracts for the construction, remodeling and/or improvement of the jail facility, the leasing, acquisition, construction, installation and/or equipping of the jail facility, or the appropriations of funds for the payment of costs relating to the jail facility," so I'm reading it that anything they do to that has got to be appropriated by us. Am I reading that in that? I mean, appropriation of funds.

Jeff Ahlers: To the extent that the law would require them to come before us for approval, that is correct. However, in response to Mr. Tornatta's question, as I said, this resolution doesn't change any constitutional separation of powers, okay. All that's doing is reserving whatever rights you would have had to do that. It's not necessarily giving you – I mean, it is sort of reserving saying that we are making this resolution based upon this is our understanding. As I've told all of you if you've called me or consulted with me on this, I think if you're going to vote for it, you have to vote for it from the standpoint that you're possibly turning loose of \$35,000,000. As to what legal turns it would take if we disagree coming down the line, we'll just have to examine that when we get to it –

(Inaudible – Councilmember Tornatta interrupted)

Jeff Ahlers: – promises, that there aren't some issues there.

Councilmember Tornatta: And you said that this right here is what we need to get the bonds going, but have you ever seen one with less wording? Have you ever

seen one come across your desk that didn't have as many words?

Jeff Ahlers: I saw one that you drafted. I saw one that Mr. Pittman drafted. Is that what you mean?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah.

Councilmember Bassemier: Can I finish, Mr. President?

President Winnecke: If Mr. Bassemier could finish.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, the reason I'm bringing this up, 'cause it really matters how I vote on this. Obviously now, you're telling me on the 35,000,000, we're opening up a blank check for this \$35,000,000, possibly. I mean, that's a possibility. And the reason why I'm bringing this up, because up to this point I really haven't seen an overall plan. What are we getting for our \$35,000,000? We don't know yet what the cost of the land is going to be and it's hard to design it without that. And what I've heard in the past, I've heard for \$35,000,000, we can only build a 487 bed facility and now we're minusing another 40 beds, –

David Mosby: No, that was in the private proposal.

Councilmember Bassemier: Probably, and we got a 268 bed facility now, so just say it is 487 beds, we're only going to gain about 140 - 150 beds for \$35,000,000, and I had a design team down here February 11. I was told we can add on to our present jail, double the – I know, but I need to say this because it's important to how I vote – we can double the size of our present jail, build it over the parking lot right beside of it for \$8,000,000 or this other design team can build a whole new facility with 500 beds for \$20,000,000. So if we don't have any input over this \$35,000,000, where it's going to be spent, are we still giving them a blank check?

President Winnecke: I'll respond and then we're going to go to Councilman Hoy and Councilman Tornatta and then Mr. Raben, and then we're going to call for a roll call vote because we have other business. The answer to your question, I believe, if I'm hearing you correctly, we're saying that a need exists –

Councilmember Bassemier: I understand.

President Winnecke: And \$35,000,000 is the cap. The Commissioners, now, it is their role to determine what to build for \$35,000,000.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, number four statement is incorrect then. It's not saying that we control any appropriation for funding then when this \$35,000,000 is awarded to them.

President Winnecke: It says that, it does not prohibit – this resolution says it does not prohibit us from having input on future appropriations or future contracts regarding the construction, remodeling, etcetera.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, does that input, does that mean they hear us and do what they want to do, or does that mean it's binding?

President Winnecke: It means if they need more than \$35,000,000 –

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, in other words, we're opening the door for

\$35,000,000.

Councilmember Hoy: That's right.

President Winnecke: Yes, absolutely.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: But quite frankly, you know, we did that last April.

Councilmember Bassemier: But no you didn't because you didn't have in there on the funding that we control – on the contracts, installation, improvements or anything, that we've got to approve the funding for it. Right now, I don't see four should even be in there.

President Winnecke: All due respect, I don't believe it's the Council's role to determine what is done with the money. I believe that's the Commissioner's role. Councilman Hoy.

(Inaudible – several speaking at once)

President Winnecke: Councilman Hoy, please.

Councilmember Hoy: That's, you said pretty much what I wanted to say because it's time that we gave you all the green light to move ahead and working with the firm that you've chosen, which it is your prerogative to choose. I have full confidence that you will work with them to get the most you can out of the dollars allocated. And I'm ready to pass it on to you all. You do contracts. We did the same thing with The Centre. As a body, we voted a certain amount and then the Commissioners took the ball and worked with the architects and worked with the contracts and that's the way the system works. And I'm ready to go.

David Mosby: I appreciate that.

Councilmember Raben: And Ed, I might add just for peace of mind and I really do appreciate where you're coming from, I wish we had more powers than what the law allows, too, but –

Councilmember Bassemier: Not to interrupt, but we do when it comes to funding.

Councilmember Raben: Just to echo what Councilman Hoy is saying, any large bond we've ever had, once you approve it and sign off on it, and along with any appropriation you basically make in this room, that you have to trust that the right things will be done with it from that point forward and we really don't have any say in that. I wish we did, but just for peace of mind, you never have and probably never will.

Councilmember Bassemier: But its been a year now. I guess we do because it's been a year and we're still here. So we do have control on what they do.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, may I call for the question?

President Winnecke: I promised Councilman Tornatta and then we're going to vote.

Councilmember Bassemier: But when he addresses me, I should get a chance --

President Winnecke: We're going to wrap it up here.

Councilmember Tornatta: I guess we kind of all came to the same conclusion. There were five yes votes on April 4th to set that limit which would essentially tell the Commission, and that's why this was drafted, to tell the Commission what their budget was going to be. And there were five on there. And Royce was absent and I voted no. So of the other five, they voted yes and it passed and so we've essentially already done this part. So this is kind of a moot point. About the other things, then that's a question. But I was just kind of addressing that to Mr. Bassemier and, no disrespect, but that has already been taken care of, fortunately or unfortunately, and that's about...

President Winnecke: We're going to call –

Councilmember Bassemier: No, I tell you what. I think it's fair I get to address that because –

President Winnecke: We're going to change the tape and then we're going to vote.

(Tape changed)

Councilmember Bassemier: Can I have one --

President Winnecke: I've given everyone a chance, with all due respect.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, when he uses my name and makes a statement, I think I ought to be able to address it, Mr. President.

President Winnecke: We're running out of time. We have another meeting to start and I appreciate it. Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Real quick, not a lot of change between the first draft and the second draft, although there are some things that were taken out. I don't believe that the Council has any jurisdiction over contracts, however, our counsel assures me that this is merely a funding procedure, and to get this process going. I've been proactive to bring another resolution, but in looking at the time I'm going to vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I've obviously had a lot to say about this as well and recognizing that in all honesty, this county needs to present a united front if we're going to get state dollars and federal dollars for this project. And I've been saying that all along that if we're going to do this project, we're going to need more than \$35,000,000, and obviously, the state and federal money that we could potentially get is possibly some avenues that we need to pursue to make this project what it needs to be to meet the needs of Vanderburgh County. There is one area in our previous resolution that does contradict what we have in this existing one that we probably need to go back and clear up. In the prior resolution, it says that the project is not to exceed \$35,000,000 from all funding sources. I think we need to go back and clear that up because in our present resolution, we say "exception of state and federal funding." So if we could go back and clear that up, I'd go ahead and vote yes for this.

Jeff Ahlers: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Sutton: But the resolution that was passed says all funding sources, \$35,000,000.

Jeff Ahlers: Correct, but this one changes that and says “with the exception.” It says it reaffirms “with the exception of.” I think that’s the intention of that. But, I mean, you can make that clear on the record however you want. You have to understand, in responding to all of your questions, I’ve been through a lot of drafts of this and so there’s a lot of language in there that came from a lot of places. So you have to understand that this document is kind of a consensus building type document. So it is what it is, you know.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, well I just wanted to make sure we’re not saying two different things there.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: When I first supported this first one, I thought we was going to get three facilities out of it. I understand now we’re only getting one, so I vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: I’m going to vote yes.

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

President Winnecke: I would just add, I appreciate everyone’s input. This has been a consensus-building effort. I realize it doesn’t have everything for everyone, but I vote yes. The resolution passes and I would look for a motion for adjournment, so we can re-adjourn.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Let’s take two minutes, maybe five minutes, and then we’ll re-adjourn.

(Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.)

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Lloyd Winnecke

Vice President Ed Bassemier

Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MARCH 6, 2002**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 6th day of March, 2002 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. by County Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: I'd like to welcome everyone to the March 6th meeting. Gee, I'm going to get carpel tunnel syndrome with this thing here. Welcome everyone, I mean everyone to the Vanderburgh County Council March 6th meeting. Sheriff Ellsworth, would you open the meeting for us, please?

Brad Ellsworth: Oh yes, oh yes, oh yes, the Vanderburgh County Council is now in session pursuant to adjournment.

President Winnecke: Attendance roll call, please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

President Winnecke: Would you please stand and pledge allegiance, please?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Winnecke: Before we get started on the approval of minutes from February 6, a couple of housekeeping items. First, Mr. Ahlers is on vacation this week. Todd Barsumian is sitting in in his absence. And I'd like to welcome the government students from North High School, Mr. Scheller's class, if you all want to stand up and do the wave, whatever. We all signed their agenda to make sure they were here today. Welcome to the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2002**

President Winnecke: At this time I would entertain approval of the minutes from the February 6 meeting.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

President Winnecke: Is there a second please?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS
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President Winnecke: Let's get right to the appropriations, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. Raben.

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. First on the agenda is under the Jail, 1051-1850 Union Overtime. I'll move approval of \$40,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Are there questions or discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: And this will carry through the end of the year, right?

Brad Ellsworth: Hopefully.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-1850	Union Overtime	40,000.00	40,000.00
Total		40,000.00	40,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SURVEYOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next is Surveyor, 1060-3520 Equipment Repair and 1060-3700 Dues & Subscriptions for a total of \$1,100. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Discussion or questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes,

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SURVEYOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1060-3520	Equipment Repair	1,000.00	1,000.00
1060-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	100.00	100.00
Total		1,100.00	1,100.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMUNITY GUN VIOLENCE PROSECUTION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next on the agenda is Community Gun Violence account 1087-3994 in the amount of \$20,384. I'll move approval.

President Winnecke: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion?
Councilman Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: Yes. I think with these matching grants, that there's a considerable amount down there in the Prosecutor's Office. And I think if you don't take advantage of that, what would we do if we wouldn't have those grants? So I think that would be a very good thing for them, especially, we're faced with crime and drugs and alcohol and all these things and they're all related, and I think this would be an opportune time to support this. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I don't know if Stan or anyone – oh, there's Doug, okay. Doug, just a quick question, this \$80,000, does it stipulate whether it's for one or two people or is it just a grant?

President Winnecke: Doug, would you approach the microphone and just state your name?

Councilmember Raben: It does state two people and not one?

Doug Brown: That's the way it's written, I believe, yes. My name is Doug Brown, Vanderburgh County Prosecutor's office. It's written for two people.

Councilmember Sutton: Doug, you guys, – oh, I'm sorry, Jim. Were you through?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

Councilmember Sutton: You guys did state last week but I didn't get it down, the total amount that the county will, that you're expecting for the county to fund over the course of the three years was \$150...

Doug Brown: I think it was 105.

Councilmember Sutton: 105?

Doug Brown: For the three full –

Councilmember Sutton: For the three full years.

(Inaudible – comments made away from the microphone)

Doug Brown: 129.

Councilmember Sutton: 129, okay. And you did indicate that in addition to working on gun related issues, that the attorneys will also work on other types of cases as well.

Doug Brown: The grant allows for that, yes. They'll also be doing normal tasks that other deputy prosecutors do.

Councilmember Sutton: You guys have space down there in your office you can – you're packed in kind of tight down there.

Doug Brown: We always have space for new employees.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Councilman Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, I recall a prosecutor last week said you had 80 cases a year involving firearms, so they will be assigned other things. We're going to supply \$20,384 this year and each year it will increase some, is that correct?

Doug Brown: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: And then after the three years, you'll put it in your budget?

Doug Brown: We don't know what will happen after three years. We don't know how long the grant will go. Everybody, the people who we're talking to about this job, they will be well aware that when the grant runs out, that's all we can guarantee them.

Councilmember Hoy: That's one of my problems with federal grants.

Doug Brown: I understand.

Councilmember Hoy: You know, we've all had experience with them and they dangle that cash and then they pull it away.

Doug Brown: It's not our intent to try and add this on for the county to pick up.

We're just –

Councilmember Hoy: Making good use of it.

Doug Brown: We're making good use of what we can.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: I might ask one other question. I don't remember if the Prosecutor addressed this last week, could you give us a view of how this can really help the efficiency of the office?

Doug Brown: It'll help the efficiency just – we are beyond overburdened as far as the number. Right now we're preparing roughly for 20 trials per week. That means we are sending subpoenas out on 20 different cases. There's anywhere from two to fifteen to twenty witnesses per case. And it is using our entire staff to prepare for both Circuit and Superior Court. So while these prosecutors are primarily handling gun cases, they will pick up some of this overflow. They'll pick up just basic court coverage. It's going to make life much better.

President Winnecke: Great. Other questions?

Councilmember Raben: I just, one quick comment. Doug, it would be nice, because I know, before, you know, your office is one of the few offices in the last few years that have received new employees from this Council, but I would look forward to hearing back maybe in about 90 days as to the progress that we've made with these two individuals and –

Doug Brown: Sure. I'd be glad to (Inaudible).

President Winnecke: Other questions?

Councilmember Tornatta: I was curious about a technicality. Do they get – if there's a percentage pay raise, is that factored into this?

Doug Brown: Yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Doug Brown: The steps are factored in. They are treated like a normal employee. They will get normal raises but, –

Councilmember Tornatta: Is that written into the grant or is that –

Doug Brown: I am not certain.

Councilmember Tornatta: What we pick up –

Regéne Newman: (Inaudible – comments made away from microphone)

President Winnecke: The county –

Councilmember Hoy: The county makes up the difference.

President Winnecke: The county makes up the difference to –

Councilmember Hoy: Also we cover their health insurance and their PERF.

Councilmember Raben: This is an \$80,000 per year grant. Each year it will be adjusted for salaries –

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I’m going to vote a reluctant yes. As you know, I have problems with these grants and I’ve also looked at the budgets of comparable counties for the Prosecutor’s Office, and I’ll cave in this time but I think we should be looking at that Farm Bureau book and seeing how much we’re spending. I don’t think that Vanderburgh County is any more lawless than other counties I’ve lived in. But I’ll say a yes after that speech.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I’d like to second what Councilman Hoy just said because that’s a concern of mine as well, that our Prosecutor’s Office is significantly larger than most others in the state and this would never have been given this opportunity for my vote had it not been a grant. And I do hope that these people are aware, and Stan stated last week that they do realize that their jobs are very iffy three years from now. So I’ll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COMMUNITY GUN VIOLENCE PROSECUTION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1087-3994	Matching Grant	20,384.00	20,384.00
Total		20,384.00	20,384.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Doug Brown: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Doug.

VETERANS SERVICES

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next is Veterans Services, 1270-3600 Rent in the amount of \$8,175, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Other questions or discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: I'm just checking my memory from last week. This simply was left out of the budget as I recall, is that not correct?

President Winnecke: Yes, that's the note I have.

Councilmember Hoy: Because I was concerned when I first saw it that we were looking at new rents at the courthouse.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

VETERANS SERVICES

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1270-3600	Rent	8,175.00	8,175.00
Total		8,175.00	8,175.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (Three requests)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under the County Commissioners is 1300-4432. The request was originally \$12,000, then it was changed to 10. I'm going to move that this be set in at zero, and I have spoken with Commissioner Fanello and asked them to appropriate this out of Infrastructure money and she's fine with that, so motion to set this in at zero.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second to set this in at zero. Are there questions or discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: When will this come back before us?

Councilmember Raben: They'll blue claim, the money is in Infrastructure now.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Suzanne Crouch: They can blue claim it tomorrow.

Catherine Fanello: Yeah, we don't have to ask for an appropriation.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-4432	Pigeon Greenway	12,000.00	0.00
Total		12,000.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Next under the Commissioners is 1300-4433 Southwest Indiana Disaster Resistant Community Corp. The amount is \$10,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Are there questions or discussion?

Councilmember Raben: No sir. Just for the record, I had requested some information on this organization and the Commissioners got that to me, so I'm comfortable with it.

President Winnecke: Okay. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-4433	SW Indiana Disaster Resistant Community Corp.	10,000.00	10,000.00

Total		10,000.00	10,000.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next is Abstracts under account 1300-3471 in the amount of \$48,750. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes! I mean, second.

President Winnecke: We have a motion and a premature vote with a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3471	Abstracts	48,750.00	48,750.00
Total		48,750.00	48,750.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT OF CO. BUILDINGS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, under Superintendent of County Buildings, under 1310-4121, Old Courthouse Roof, I'm going to move that this be set in at zero and that the Commissioners pay this out of CCD. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Are there questions or discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: What about the windows? We had some discussion about the roof and the windows and obviously we've got two significant systems on that building that need some work. What is the – if we're talking about zeroing out this, what is the thought on trying to get those windows done as soon as we can? Obviously, the roof is probably the top priority that needs to be done. I mean, what's the –

Councilmember Raben: I might, and President Lloyd was at a meeting that I attended yesterday with Commissioner Fanello and she may even want to speak to this, but Councilman Winnecke had recommended that they look at a firm that could assist them in restoration of the Old Courthouse. I believe the Commissioners are in the process of doing that now. And if I'm not mistaken, I think he has said that really all we had was one estimate on those windows, that the figure could change anyway, so, I mean, they're working on it but we're not at the point of appropriating any monies yet.

Catherine Fanello: Catherine Fanello, County --

Councilmember Sutton: Excuse me, let me follow up there. So if and when we do get the estimates, what is the thought on where those funds will come from?

Councilmember Raben: I would say CCD.

Councilmember Sutton: Now, if I, like I said, so we're gonna – let's say maybe on a low end those windows came in and I think the number was \$600,000, say just by some magical situation they came in at \$400,000, I see here on my balance sheet, you know, CCD has 1.6 in it, that's going to take that down to a little bit of nothing. Wouldn't you be concerned about taking it down that low?

Councilmember Raben: Not any more than I would be taking our general fund down any lower. It's either going to come out of that or our general fund. And just my thoughts on that are this: with our general fund, we fund – and I don't have the exact count, but probably 35 to 40 other departments out of our general fund. The CCD is really responsible to one department and that's the Commissioners. So I would much rather safeguard our general fund than the CCD account.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I don't know if you want to –

Catherine Fanello: Yes. I do want to interject on that one.

Councilmember Sutton: – discussion because obviously that's the first I've heard this.

Catherine Fanello: Well, that is the one point that Councilman Raben and I do not agree on. I'm not really in favor of taking any fund down that much. I don't mind us going ahead and possibly doing the roof, but to do the windows out of there also will probably be near to impossible. My thought is, and I've said this before, I would like to have an architect on board because no matter – and even Councilman Winnecke said it yesterday – no matter what we do with the Old Courthouse, whether it's, you know, private offices or public offices, we need to look at the total picture of restoring that facility and what it might cost. And as you know, Will Fosse served on that committee to do the study on the Old Courthouse and I think he might be an

excellent resource for us to go to to get an overall estimate. But, I mean, we're only going to be able to afford to do the roof. As far as the windows, we're not going to be able to afford to do that.

Councilmember Sutton: Where does the one million dollar price tag – where did that come from? Do we really know how much this roof is going to cost?

Catherine Fanello: We really don't know. I mean, it probably will be even more than that in my mind if we're going to do it the right way. And I think Will had estimated \$738,000 plus, but more realistically, closer to a million dollars, just in conversation with him but it might even be more than that.

Councilmember Sutton: When do we anticipate this being bid out, you know, moving forward, because I really would like to see you guys come back with what these costs are even if they come in under one million dollars – I'm really concerned about the integrity and securing that building. We had this kind of put in our laps, not because we wanted to, but now that we have ownership and care-taking responsibilities here, I just want to make sure that we really, truly have a game plan here, making sure that these major systems are cared for and that the dollars don't end up outstripping what we have available here.

Catherine Fanello: I completely agree. John Stoll got in touch with Will yesterday and talked with him because we would need someone like him and he has historic experience. We would need someone like him to write the specs for what we're looking for and he gave us kind of an estimated price on what his services would cost and I will take that to the Commissioners on Monday and see if they would be interested in funding that out of our Riverboat/Infrastructure money to hire him and get that going.

President Winnecke: Councilman Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, what was the estimate he gave?

Catherine Fanello: 50.

Councilmember Hoy: \$50,000?

Catherine Fanello: Uh-huh, for his architectural services.

Councilmember Hoy: He's an excellent architect. I think he's a good choice.

Catherine Fanello: He was very – served very excellent on the committee and a lot of knowledge, so I don't think we could find a better person to do that.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question. I've got two or three things of our Auditor. The CCD fund will receive more funds this year, is that correct or not?

Suzanne Crouch: Your financial statement reflects what it will receive this year.

Councilmember Hoy: For this year?

Suzanne Crouch: That is correct.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, but next year?

Suzanne Crouch: Next year it will receipt in approximately 1.5 million, in that neighborhood.

Councilmember Hoy: So by January we'll have another million and a half in this fund?

Suzanne Crouch: That will be revenue, and a lot will depend on the cash balance and what is not spent this year.

Councilmember Hoy: My only point is that this is a fund that does get replenished. I don't want to take it down to zero either, but it is a fund that I was on Council when we established this and I think it was a good fund to establish, although it caused us a lot of problems at the time because the Commissioners at that time thought that these funds were on top of everything else and they came out of the General Fund and we had a funding crisis that I well remember and some other Council and friends should remember that also, because we had to readjust a lot of things, which we did, and it created a, I think, an excellent fund. I like the idea. The other comment is, I like the idea of seeking some bids on the windows and probably you'll find, I think, that some windows are in much better shape than others. It depends on whether or not they had a window air conditioner sitting in them that dripped water all over them and so on. And if we get a lower bid, I still would like to follow through on seeing the private sector have a part in this, the restoration of this building. And my final point is that when we looked at it, you know, for the courts, and we did, you all may remember, we gave them some money for sound equipment and they tried to hold court over there and the echo was too, they couldn't get a good recording because the echo in those old rooms is pretty bad. We're looking at a lot of money over the long haul with this building. We inherited from the board that was running it – I don't know how to say this kindly, so I'll just say it – we inherited problems that stacked up year after year after year after year. That same board got rid of two tenants that they shouldn't have gotten rid of that had some income. So we've got a lot to address there. I think you'll find this Council willing to work with you, but I would like to see the private sector come in. We have a lot of people in this city who say they're preservationists and say they want to preserve. It wouldn't hurt some of them to write a check.

Catherine Fanello: I don't disagree with you, but I just – I am personally against spending the CCD money down too far. To me, that's just not sound fiscal management and the reason I want to look at what it will cost to restore the whole facility is that I don't think it's wise or cost effective for us to go in and piecemeal repairs, you know, once a year or, you know, as we have money available. I think we need to look at what the overall restoration is going to cost.

Councilmember Hoy: And my response is, you're probably right, and then when we look at that figure, we're going to piecemeal it because it's going to be so high. This is what we experienced, Commissioner Fanello, when the judges looked at it, you know, restoring it to courtrooms, the costs besides the echo in the rooms and the inability to record properly, the cost is going to be astronomical because of the neglect. I want to preserve the building, but I –

Catherine Fanello: You will see a high number, but I think that's when we all have to decide, are we going to undertake the whole project and I just don't think it's wise to try and do a few things here and there every year. You'll never get finished if you do that.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm not, we may never get finished with the building. I think

we need to preserve the shell so that it doesn't deteriorate more and then go from there with – perhaps then maybe doing some sections or something, depending on the stated use of that because I know you all and the committee that studied it say that its highest and best use is for government. Then it remains to be seen what governmental offices would you put there and what would they need. What are we allowed to do with the old rooms to preserve their integrity architecturally and in terms of preservation. Those are going to be key questions.

President Winnecke: I'd just like to make a few points here based on the meeting that Councilman Raben, Auditor Crouch and I had with Commissioner Fanello and would like to echo a point Royce made, and I think the consensus of that meeting was, it's important for a consultant or an architect to come on board and use the task force study as a baseline and develop an overall plan, as Councilman Sutton suggested, and determine the priority and the timing and all that. I agree with the Commissioner, the estimation on the roof is \$737,000 and that does not include the four copper-clad domes and I think they estimate those at \$70,000 each. So a million dollars is probably a pretty close figure, if not a little low, on the roof side. Second of all, I think the task force, if you haven't read it, this group did a really great job on behalf of the county. It's a great baseline for the consultant that we'll hopefully get on board and just to reiterate to some, I know the Commissioners have sought and are seeking areas of sources of grants and I know that will be a continuing effort on the Commissioners part.

Councilmember Tornatta: I just get real nervous when you start talking about architects again.

Catherine Fanello: Well, I'm not qualified to –

Councilmember Tornatta: That's just a joke.

Councilmember Raben: Can I –

Councilmember Bassemier: Are you referring to the ones they used?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I would like to – Troy, were you finished? I'm sorry. I would like to make just one more comment and we hit on this a great deal yesterday and I know Catherine needs to talk to her fellow Commissioners and her County Engineer as well, but I would still like to ask that they consider reducing our Cum Bridge rate and transferring a penny or two cents to the Cum Courthouse Fund for the reasons you've stated, that there are a lot of repairs that need to be done. Our General Fund cannot support a new jail, the operations of a new jail and the Old Courthouse. And you don't want to spend any of your money to do it, or don't want to spend all of your money to do it. So you need to – I strongly urge that you consider doing that. That's all.

Catherine Fanello: I'll take that suggestion back to the board.

President Winnecke: Okay, we have a motion and a second to set this in at zero. Any other questions or discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Catherine, before you get away, Catherine, one more thing. The consultant, what is this consultant going to do?

Catherine Fanello: The architect would take an overall – build on the study that they did and come up with a complete cost of restoring the whole facility and he would

also assist in writing the specs for the windows and roof.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question, too. I don't want to assume anything, so may we assume that you, as Commissioners, would be willing to take the roof money out of CCD? Is that...?

Catherine Fanello: That's what I'm going to propose Monday night.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: Okay, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Real quick, the original motion, did it say –

President Winnecke: The motion is to set this in at zero.

Councilmember Tornatta: But also it was mentioned about take the rest out of the CCD...

President Winnecke: For them to come back with this request out of CCD.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. I'm okay with setting it in at zero. I'd just like to – I'd like to talk about where we're going to get the other funds when they come back. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I echo what Councilman Tornatta said and would like to see the plan, prioritized plan, developed so that as soon as possible we can get something before us to take a look at, to know exactly where we stand. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SUPERINTENDENT OF CO. BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1310-4121	Roof Old Courthouse	1,000,000.00	0.00
Total		1,000,000.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Superior Court 1370-3947 Pauper Transcripts in the amount of \$1,500. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Are there questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-3947	Pauper Transcripts	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total		1,500.00	1,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COUNCIL
COIT WINDFALL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under County Council, there's 1480-3110 Economic Development. This was for the commitment to Bays. This request is in here twice. I'm going to move that we zero out this request and approve \$500,000 under account number 4131-3110 in the amount of \$500,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Are there questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-3110	Economic Development	500,000.00	0.00
Total		500,000.00	0.00

COIT WINDFALL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4131-3110	Economic Development	500,000.00	500,000.00
Total		500,000.00	500,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next is Tourism Capital Improvement account 3600-

4060 in the amount of \$213,984. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Are there questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3600-4060	Transportation Ctr./Pagoda	213,984.00	213,984.00
Total		213,984.00	213,984.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REPEAL REQUESTS

SURVEYOR MAPS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Surveyor Maps Fund repeal under account 2420-2600 \$1,525. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SURVEYOR MAPS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2420-2600	Office Supplies	1,525.00	1,525.00
Total		1,525.00	1,525.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Councilmember Raben: Next under Convention & Visitors Bureau, this is a repeal request 3570-4111 and 3570-3450 for a total request of \$238,984. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Are there questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3570-4111	Improvements	213,984.00	213,984.00
3570-3450	Yellow Pages	25,000.00	25,000.00
Total		238,984.00	238,984.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

COUNTY CLERK

RECORDER

PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION (LATE)

CONVENTION CENTER OPERATING FUND (LATE)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, next we have the transfers. Is everybody comfortable with taking them all at once? There is a late transfer as well for the Commissioners. Does everybody have that? Okay, there is a late one in the amount, I believe it's late, under Utilities-Electrical to –

Suzanne Crouch: That's Convention Center Operating Fund.

President Winnecke: It made it in there, in the revised.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, they've got it, it's headed under Commissioners.

Suzanne Crouch: That's correct, but the account numbers are in the operating fund.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Is everybody comfortable with taking these all at once? Okay. Mr. President, I'll move approval of all transfers as they are listed.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Are there questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1010-3540	Maintenance Contracts	2,850.00	2,850.00
To: 1010-4220	Office Machines	2,850.00	2,850.00

RECORDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1040-1140-1040	Miscellaneous Deputy	2,277.00	2,277.00
To: 1040-1130-1040	First Deputy/Bookkeeper	2,277.00	2,277.00

PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1303-3482	Investigative/Cont. Svcs.	23,577.00	23,577.00
To: 1303-1790-1303	Investigative	20,928.00	20,928.00
1303-1910	PERF	1,047.00	1,047.00
1303-1900	FICA	1,602.00	1,602.00

CONVENTION CENTER OPERATING FUND		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 3650-3203	Utilities-Electrical	6,200.00	6,200.00
To: 3650-3002	Coupon & Bond Exp.	5,000.00	5,000.00
3650-3470	Appraisals	1,200.00	1,200.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, last is the amendments to the Salary Ordinance. There's five of them today. First, under the jail I'll move that we amend salary line 1051-1850 Union Overtime as previously approved; Recorder amend salary line 1040-1130 First Deputy/Bookkeeper as transfer previously approved, the annual salary is set in at \$35,526. Next is Public Defender, I'll move that we amend salary line 1303-1790 Investigator as previously approved, the salary should be set in at an annual rate of \$25,750, the annual salary was \$25,000 in 2001. The new rates will include or reflects a 3% salary increase for 2002. Community Corrections, amend salary line 1361-1400 Correction Officer and set salary in at \$28,215 for 2002, an incorrect hire date was listed in our salary Ordinance. The current employee's salary is \$26,215. The base salary and four longevity increments at \$500, and the correct hire date is April 24, 1989. That was an error in our Salary Ordinance. Prosecutor's Office, amend salary ordinance as Community Gun Violence Prosecution grant appropriation previously approved and set the following salaries in: under account 108Z-1110 Deputy Prosecutor at a salary of \$40,054 and account 108Z-1120 Deputy Prosecutor at a rate of \$40,054. That's all we have and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Are there questions or discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Raben, looking at the, at least the last one, the Prosecutor, I was listening to what you read, I guess, the assumption was that was going to pass, I guess. I said, this was written with the assumption, I guess, that it was going to pass. When you read it, it was as previously approved, so I guess the action that we took earlier?

Councilmember Raben: Right.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Teri Lukeman: May I change the tape before you move on?

President Winnecke: You may.

(Tape changed)

STEVE OWENS - PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

President Winnecke: Okay, moving on to Old Business, Steve Owens from the Public Defender's office. Mr. Owens has graciously sat through a very lengthy meeting a month ago only to be asked to come back this month for his sort of state of the department, and I appreciate your patience.

Steve Owens: No problem. I had presented a report prior to the last meeting and I provided all of the Councilmembers with a copy of that. I think it's fairly self-explanatory as to where we are and what we've done in the past year. If you have specific questions, I'll try to address those. I would anticipate that there will not be much of a change in staffing requirements. This year, with the exception of at some point asking you for another position for a juvenile public defender, because they're woefully overworked down there. Unfortunately, we don't have access to as much grant funds as do some of the other agencies and we are exploring trying to get some grant monies with both juvenile court and with Judge Trockman's drug day reporting court. Hopefully, if those come through, we'll have some additional monies there to employ some additional public defenders.

President Winnecke: Are there questions of Mr. Owens?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: What's going on – you know, my favorite area of concern...

Steve Owens: (Inaudible) – reimbursement, so I guess that's kind of where it's coming from.

Councilmember Sutton: Where's the money, yeah. How is it coming along in terms of what are you hearing as far as the state reimbursement and are the percentages going to stay the same that they have been up to this point on the types of cases?

Steve Owens: I'll try to take that in two different responses. As you know, we've received \$412,000 back from the state last year. We have another request for

reimbursement in the amount of \$113,000 that will be filed before May 15th, I believe it is. At that time we will also be filing a request for reimbursement for the first quarter of this year. Based upon my conversations with the Public Defender Commission, I anticipate that they will approve those requests for reimbursements, but they will be prorated based upon the amount of money that is available for this fiscal year. So, and the best guess at this point is that we will get somewhere between 20 and 30% as opposed to 40% of our expenditures. In July, the new fiscal year will begin and there will be \$7,000,000 credited to the Public Defender Commission funds at that time, and that should carry us over.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, and then I guess what I also wanted to know, you know, obviously, the funding is to a certain degree beyond your control and recognizing that the state has its own financial woes right now, and that could potentially have an impact upon us, are you hearing anything on the state's side about how they intend to address this whole issue and how it may affect your office and so many other public defender offices around the state, because last year they were very late in getting the reimbursements out. Are you hearing anything?

Steve Owens: Well, at this point, they're in the same crunch that everybody is in. They anticipate asking for additional funding with the blessing, I think, of Chief Justice Shepard, for the 2003-2004 fiscal year. There's going to be \$7,000,000 which is coming in in 2002-2003, which was a substantial increase from the 2.4 that they were getting before by statute. They believe they will probably ask for and hopefully will receive between nine and ten million for the next fiscal cycle and they think they can meet all of the obligations. Obviously, not every county in Indiana has come on board that program. They have backed off somewhat from soliciting counties to get into the plan simply because of the money crunch. What they experienced the latter part of last year was the result of an overpayment that they made earlier in the year to a number of counties and they are in the process of recouping that now by reducing their reimbursements.

Councilmember Sutton: Of course, we know that doesn't include us, but –

Steve Owens: No, it didn't include us because we didn't file and get the overpayment.

Councilmember Sutton: And do you have any openings in your office right now?

Steve Owens: I have with the approval of the transfer of the fund, we'll be hiring an investigator to come in full time before the end of the week. I have an open paralegal position which we are interviewing for now. I hope to have that filled within the next week or ten days. At that point, we'll be fully staffed.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Winnecke: I have a question or so. According to the misdemeanor division, in your report you talked about how at this time the state commission does not mandate that counties meet a guideline – I don't know if I'm wording that correctly, but –

Steve Owens: I know where you're going.

President Winnecke: – at some point, how is that, if they say hey, you have to reach a certain standard, how will that impact us?

Steve Owens: It's going to impact us at some point down the road. How many years away that's going to be, Marion County has been in this plan for, I believe, five years, four to five years, they are not yet in full compliance across the board and the commission understands that. They would like all counties to be 100% in compliance in all areas. But they recognize that that's going to be difficult to do, they don't give us a reimbursement for that. I don't foresee in the near future that they're going to come to Vanderburgh County and say you have to get into compliance in that particular division. If they do that at some future date, we may have to look at a different way of allocating the people we have. But the net effect will be we'll end up needing more people somewhere along the line.

President Winnecke: And you anticipate that being a few years rather than a few months?

Steve Owens: I anticipate that being in the next three, four or five years.

President Winnecke: Okay. Other questions? Thank you. Appreciate your time.

Steve Owens: You're welcome.

*(Councilmember Raben left meeting during this discussion)

<p>MARSHA ABELL/DOUG KNIGHT COURT TECHNOLOGY</p>
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President Winnecke: Court Technology. Good afternoon. Who would like to begin?

Doug Knight: I'm Doug Knight, Judge with the Vanderburgh Superior Court.

Marsha Abell: I'm Marsha Abell, Clerk of the Court, and we'll answer any questions you have.

President Winnecke: Why don't you start at the very beginning. Maybe not at the very beginning.

Councilmember Hoy: Do you subscribe to the big bang theory or what?

Marsha Abell: Judge will start at the very beginning.

Doug Knight: In the beginning, there was no law. Everybody was happy, weren't they?

Marsha Abell: No need for a jail.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll give you high points for that. That's a good line.

Doug Knight: Actually, we're here in reference to a project that was approved by Data Board in February of 2001 concerning the upgrade of Courtview, which is a court software application package that runs the business of the court from day to day and the upgrade was needed for a host of reasons and its become more and more critical since February of 2001. As a highlight, the upgrade is required because we cannot automatically produce 1099's that have to be sent to attorneys, and Marsha can answer this a lot better than I can, who receive any money through

the courts. The Internal Revenue Service now requires that those attorneys receive a 1099. To do that manually is one Herculean task and Marsha just showed me a printout of the kind of checks they write in one single day, which they're doing now manually, and it's a tremendous amount of labor hours. We're no longer or cannot interface with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles in sending them their reports, and that has to do with points and driver's license suspensions and other things such as that. This version of Courtview is version 1X. The vendor of Courtview is now in the process of bringing out version 3, so we're pretty far behind in our upgrades. As a result, we've not been able to take advantage of many fixes and patches that have come along in the upgrades or enhanced versions of Courtview 2000. Tim VanCleave is here, he has two four-inch notebooks of material that detail the enhancements and the upgrades. It's to the point where some of the – well, many of the workers that call the Courtview help desk ask for a patch or a fix for problems they're running in to. They're now being told well, that was in the upgrade version or that's in the enhanced version, that's how we took care of that. We can't solve your problem on version 1X, where we're at now. We're probably at that space in time where they may no longer have any obligation to even support our version 1X. I'm told that the industry standard is that the version that gets supported no later than, it's the current version minus one that is the industry standard to be supported. So when they come out with three, subtract one, that's version two that would be supported. We're in version one and we'd like to get forward in time off of version one so we can continue to be supported. We've missed out on a tremendous amount of enhancements that impact the efficiency of the court and that's the first step, and everybody agreed that we needed to have Courtview upgraded to a more current version. And we started down that path, and what we discovered was that the Courtview upgrade requires more powerful computers than we currently have on our desktop. And that was something that we did foresee in the past and put into place some sort of funding, currently, I think it's \$125,000 for a gradual refresh of all these desktop units or the computers that are sitting on the desks. And that would have been fine. We can take say 50 at a click and there's about 250 of them, and \$125,000 would take care of the first 50. That money is right here in place. As the technicians, the people that have a computer science degree started getting involved in this, it was discovered and recommended that those desktop units are not powerful enough. You've really got to upgrade them tremendously and that now balloons up the expense. So what we've determined is that we can't install the Courtview upgrade until we refresh or replace all 250 units because you can't just say to the Courtview software package, only run on these 50 that we've refreshed and don't run on those other 200. So now the expense has grown as a result of that. And part of the reason why they're not powerful enough is that we're not just simply running Courtview 2000, there are other necessary software that has to run on the computer and that's the anti-virus program, so we can keep viruses out of it. We have to do our e-mail, we have to do word processing, and when you add all that together, it puts a tremendous demand on the ability or the power of that unit. When all of these problems came together, we were faced with these choices. We asked ACS to come up with a reasonable solution that would solve those problems and also be sensitive to the costs to the county or the court in the future. Can we solve this problem along with a lot of other problems in an efficient, cost effective manner, and do it in a way that would maintain the flexibility of the future of the court in terms of directions that they're going on a technological basis. In short, we asked ACS, can you do it fast, cheap and free? No, we can't do it free. Well, they came up with a plan and I hope everyone has a copy of the upgrade plan. It's not easy to understand and my degree was in law, not in computer science, so I got to page two. No, I really got farther than that. But as a simple way of looking at it in my mind and in a miniature perspective, we have budgeted accurately, in my opinion, \$125,000 to replace only 50 of the 250 computers that we use. We need five times

that many. Well, five times \$125,000, to get all 250 computers replaced which we need to do immediately, would cost \$625,000. That's a lot of money. When Tim VanCleave came back to me with this proposal, I noticed the bottom line, \$625,000. I don't know if that's coincidental or not, but I asked him, you mean we get all of that for \$625,000? And he said yes. And I said, how are we going to come up with \$625,000? We only have \$125,000. And he says, not to worry, I've worked out this deal with Compaq, which I couldn't believe, but they will give us all 250 computers now and we lease them over a three year period and pay zero percent on the lease, so it's a zero percent lease. We get all 250 computers today, we pay only \$125,000 in this year, which is budgeted. But obviously, we need to make a commitment over the next year, two or three years for the difference in the \$625,000. And I would say to you, that we would be there one way or the other two years from now, three years from now or whatever. That's the number that we would have to achieve in any event. But this solution brings along with it so many other advantages that include remote connectivity, the ability of computer services to disperse changes and upgrades and enhancement to every computer without having to go to each individual desk and spend time and labor at each desk, which we pay for, and other services or other departments that need serviced don't get it because they're over there working on my court reporter's computer or my bailiff's computer and not someone else's computer in the Auditor or Treasurer's office or whatever. And also, then my employee has to stop work and go someplace else so that they can work on that unit and so there's down time associated with that. There are other upgrades that come along with it like Word Perfect. We're now several versions behind in Word Perfect. We get documents from the state that are written in Word and the Corel Word Perfect package that we have, its translation program is too old to translate those newer versions of Word. So we need to upgrade that as well. That's a part of the solution. This solution provides for connectivity to other departments like, well, John Street, for example, where AAPS and DAPS exist, that need access to the court data. Other agencies want access to court data, law enforcement does, Department of Metropolitan Development, DADS, some others. I think, and Tim can answer this more specifically than I, will provide that kind of connectivity so that they don't have to ask for that expense in their budget. There's some backroom stuff that's involved in this that I don't understand, but it's not a huge sum. I think that's \$27,000. It would be huge to me if I had to come up with it tomorrow, but, and there's also a storage solution that is involved. As you know, we're all dragging a technological trail that gets bigger and bigger and the more data that we put into the computer system, we can't just let it fall out the back end after five years, it still has to be accessible and available. So the storage demand increases as time passes. I hope I haven't –

President Winnecke: Judge, if you don't mind, I'd like to jump in for just a minute, maybe for clarification and lead on some questions. The Council, toward the end of the year, I think it was October maybe November time frame, encumbered \$350,000 for Court Technology, so actually, that's the budget versus \$125,000, just so everyone is on the same sheet of music there. The other question that I had, 200 - 250 overall units seems like a lot, how does that break down per office?

Doug Knight: It probably depends, like if the Clerk's office is going to have a whole bunch right there in the Clerk's office, and their satellite office is down the hall, and my office has one for each of my employees, that's three employees, a court reporter, riding bailiff and a bailiff, and I have one. And that's the way it is in all the Judge's offices except when you move to juvenile court, you've got a lot of probation officers down there that also have the need to have a computer. And the same would be true of adult probation in Circuit Court. Circuit Court has support staff as well, court reporters and bailiffs and such as that, that use the computer. Either they

get the jury out, there's a jury package that's part of Courtview 2000, that helps the bailiff compile a list of jurors, send out the notices to come to court and then do the billing or the mileage fees for the jurors. And then the Clerk's office has –

Marsha Abell: I have 60, 60 computers in my office and then each courtroom has another one. And Misdemeanor Court has two, in fact.

President Winnecke: And then the other question has to do with the Prosecutor's office, does this plan include the Prosecutor's office?

Doug Knight: No.

Marsha Abell: But the connectivity, I think, helps the ProsLink work, is that correct?

Tim VanCleave: (Inaudible – comments not made from microphone)

President Winnecke: Tim, you want to come to the microphone please? Sorry, just making it a little more crowded.

Tim VanCleave: Tim VanCleave, computer services. Presently, we do include about 50 units for the Prosecutor's office in that 250.

President Winnecke: And is the 250, is that the number or are we running into the same issue we ran into when we bought the computers for the Assessor's offices, it might be 69 or it might be 75? Is that the number?

Tim VanCleave: 250 is not the number. It is, from the records that we have, a good estimation for budgeting purposes. Obviously, the first step, once we obtain approval to move forward is to better detail that bill of sale.

President Winnecke: And then, I guess I would be curious to know, how does that break down per unit?

Tim VanCleave: For the actual computer cost? We had budgeted \$2,500 –

President Winnecke: Including software?

Tim VanCleave: Including the cost for the labor to set those up because there's not enough resources presently in computer services to fill the demand for the courts and continue the normal operations, so a third party has to be contracted to fulfill that. So that is what is most of the cost of that 2,500, not the actual hardware. In the proposal that is before you, the actual cost of the computing equipment has been driven down to below a thousand dollars.

President Winnecke: Did you have a question?

Councilmember Tornatta: You said a leasing situation, are they doing, do they not have a program now that they lease for two or three years and then work on a replacement, so it's a continuous revolving door or then do we just have these computers? How does this work?

Tim VanCleave: That is one of the options of the Compaq leasing agreement. There is actually three options that they had presented. One is a dollar buyout of the equipment, another one is when it's done they just come in and pick up the equipment and you have nothing left on your desk, which then means you have to

do something to replace it. Another option is exactly that, which is a refresh program. Now that would usually entail a higher cost because at the end of three years, they're going to bring more equipment in. But maybe that is something that certainly, the county may want to address, because this is going to come up again in three years. And furthermore, it's not just something for the courts. It's something that's going to face all of your county offices.

Councilmember Tornatta: I just think that, you know, I guess this goes back to the chicken or the egg theory we've been dealing with the whole time. We are always going to have a technical dilemma because, obviously, we keep on, I mean, there's more upgrades thrown out there and on a more consistent basis now. So we're – from now on out, we've taken that jump with computers. We're going to have to look at maintaining those and how we do that might be the effectiveness of how we run our government here and some of that's probably got to be looked at clearly and efficiently and see if there are programs, especially now when computers are – technical is down in sales, they're trying to put programs out there that are very – put some incentives out there for different people. So one of the things that I'd like to look at and we've tried to do that. I know the Data Board and everybody else has tried to do this, but try and see if there are programs where you can do a one or a two or possibly a three year – even three years, it seems like computers are outdated. But you get a three year process that, maybe spend a little more, but know that at the end of that three years, that you have the brand new stuff sitting on the desk. You don't have to worry about paying an exorbitant amount to come in and do that. That's already set up and you don't have to think about it and it's a process then as opposed to getting to that point and then starting from square one.

Marsha Abell: We feel that \$250,000 every year is going to be the minimum it's going to cost to keep the technology going in the court system because if we bought computers, if we bought all of them right now, in three years you couldn't sell them for anything because we wear them out. I mean, they're on every day all day long and they're worn out when we're finished with them. There is no salvage left to them.

President Winnecke: Councilman Hoy, did you have a question?

Councilmember Hoy: This has been approved by the Data Board, yes or no?

Doug Knight: In February of 2001, the Data Board approved the upgrade for Courtview 2000 and then when we moved forward on that, it was then discovered that the desktop units were not powerful enough to run the upgrade and so that part (inaudible – comments not made from the microphone) to the original approval of the Data Board as (inaudible) solution.

Councilmember Hoy: And this would change, would not move us to the top level with Courtview?

Doug Knight: No, it would not.

Councilmember Hoy: It would move us to what level?

Doug Knight: Version three has not yet come out. Do you know when it's scheduled to come out?

Tim VanCleave: They're presently developing version 3.0 or the version 3X; 2.9 is the current version of Courtview that has been distributed across the United States.

Councilmember Hoy: But this is – this doesn't take us to 2.9?

Tim VanCleave: This will – this is providing the foundation for getting us to 2.9.

Marsha Abell: If we had the hardware we can go to 2.9. If we don't have the hardware sufficient enough to run 2.9, we can't go to 2.9.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, but then we'll have additional costs with software to move to 2.9? No?

President Winnecke: That's included in the cost.

Marsha Abell: That's included in our cost.

Councilmember Hoy: That's included in our cost.

Marsha Abell: That's included in our annual contract with them.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, I wanted to get that clear. I think we'll have to move to this, but one thing that's bothering me immensely after sitting here and into my tenth year is that when we were originally sold some of these computers and these computer programs, we were told that they would make things more efficient and perhaps even reduce personnel. I have not seen any reduction.

Marsha Abell: Well, I think you have, because I can tell you that if we were typing our docket sheets manually, my staff would be over a hundred instead of at 54.

Councilmember Hoy: I know that people say that and I just –

Marsha Abell: Well, let me show you one little thing.

Councilmember Hoy: Let me finish my statement. It just is a comment about the whole computer enterprise and I just think they have us by the throat, by the wallet because they keep coming out with this stuff, you know, time and time again, the criminal charges are still the same in terms of the description on the charge and things like this and I think we'll be sitting here – I'm not going to be sitting here ten years from now, I'm not going to run that many times, but I think when I come back in ten years because I plan to be around, this same discussion will be going on, the same kind of expenditure, and I'm beginning to really question what they're doing, and that's not your fault.

Marsha Abell: Well, and a lot of it is state driven. That's what I was going to show you here. This, I have someone in my office doing this manually right now. In other words, she's actually typing in the cause number, the check number, who we wrote it to and how much. This is one day. These are checks that we gave to lawyers. This isn't something we want to do. The IRS came in and said you now have to provide us with a copy of – with a listing of every check you give every lawyer because they're going to start making them claim this as income. So, and that's garnishment checks, even settlement checks that they turn over to their client, they still have to have – so, and here is what we've did last year in six months manually. The new upgrade will automatically, when we produce the check and we put an attorney's number beside it, will automatically give us this and at the end of the year will automatically produce a 1099, which we actually sat down and did manually this year. It has taken a world of someone's time to do that and they did it in overtime and I owe them comp time for it. And the other thing is, when I first started, which

was only six years ago, the state didn't require very many reports from us at all. Now, just this week, I got a notice from the Supreme Court, and I found out after I questioned it that it's not a request, it's a order of the court, that I have to produce the docket sheet, some of which – there's one murder case in there that I know we must have, I'm guessing, 89 - 100 packets of docket sheets for over 400 cases because they just want to review them for judicial order –

President Winnecke: Marsha, can you hold – we need to change the tape real quick. Sorry.

(Tape changed)

Marsha Abell: Luckily, we can go into the computer, even though it's still going to take a world of time to do, and reams and reams of paper, but we can at least go into the computer, put in the cause number and tell it to print out the docket sheet. If we didn't have our computers we'd have to go find the file, hope we find the file because old ones could have been destroyed, photocopy the docket sheet, you know, you can see that what the computers have done is caused us not to reduce staff, but certainly has caused us not to have to increase staff because we couldn't keep up with these demands the state keeps levying on us, every year more and more reports that we haven't had to do in the past.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, and my question is, to what end, you know, what value are all those reports? I've seen, you know, I've worked with the government, I know, I've been in the attics where they stack this stuff.

Marsha Abell: And we agree. As a matter of fact, I didn't want to do them and when I took them down to Judge Niemeier and he came out laughing and I said, well, this was ordered by the Supreme Court.

Councilmember Hoy: You already know I'm not against your proposal. I'm just sitting here observing that somehow we, as a society, are going just a little haywire.

President Winnecke: Councilman Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Oh, I just think it's the pace of business nowadays. You can no longer take the time that it takes to go and look up something in a filing cabinet. People want that right away and that's how the system works, too many impatient people, and I guess that's where business – we've got one store that's on computer and one that's not, and I can tell you, there's a big difference.

Marsha Abell: Well, and I'm sure the demand wouldn't be there if they thought we had to do it manually. They would figure out a way to not ask us, but they know we can do it, so I'm sure they don't hesitate to ask us.

Councilmember Hoy: I understand that, Mr. Tornatta. I just know that when I go into the service station to get my tire fixed, it still takes a human being to plug it or to change it and it always will. And working at the food bank, we were highly computerized, but those damned computers never lifted a box.

President Winnecke: I have a question. Would the expense be dramatically increased, and does it make sense to take it to Courtview 3.0 versus getting us to 2.9?

Marsha Abell: Well, 2.9 can go on immediately, as soon as we can get all the

hardware here. And the sooner that we can start tracking some of this stuff in 2.9, the conversion up to 3.0 is seamless as far as we're concerned. But the longer we wait, we have to manually load everything that 2.9 is not pulling right now.

Doug Knight: We don't know the exact date 3 will come out.

President Winnecke: Okay, and the other question is really sort – what you're looking for today is, we know we have \$350,000 encumbered for this year, what you're looking for is a nod from the Council as to whether we would fund the balance of the \$625,000 over the next two years. And I guess my question is really directed to Todd, we've not advertised this and a vote. Is that something we can take action on today or do we need to advertise it and come back next month or what, or do you know?

Todd Barsumian: Well, I guess, quite frankly, I don't know the answer to that. As I understand it, the amount requested is more than the amount budgeted, but there would be an immediate up front payment and that's something I would have to look into and actually would, since I'm not normal county counsel, would like to take that to Jeff Ahlers and see what his thoughts are on that. I know he'll be back next week, or he should be back the end of this week and will be around next week.

Councilmember Hoy: We're not being asked to vote on this today.

President Winnecke: No.

Marsha Abell: You're being asked to make a commitment for the next Council actually.

President Winnecke: Well, I mean, I guess since I want to make sure we're on firm legal ground and –

Councilmember Tornatta: We're giving a non-verbal commitment.

President Winnecke: But –

Councilmember Tornatta: But we're doing it on a year by year request, so we're not necessarily – we would do it year by year and at this time, we'd have this year's –

President Winnecke: \$350,000 –

Councilmember Tornatta: Set in place and then next year, they come back for a request for an amount.

President Winnecke: And my question is, what official action can we take?

Councilmember Tornatta: What we've done, obviously, this year already is, you know, give some type of affirmation that we're on with it and then if we want to set it in, that's their idea to go away from this Council with some type of idea on how we think this is going – how we feel about it, I guess, and that's their judgement. But a lot of times I think we've done this by showing an appreciation or dissatisfaction to what they're doing and maybe that's – and they're questioning – but I think we can do that without taking a vote or we have in the past.

Councilmember Hoy: If Mr. Ahlers were here, and I think I'm correct on this, it's similar to what we just voted for the Prosecutor. I mean, we voted \$20,000 and next

year, we'll have to vote that match. And the third year, we'll have to vote that match again because we cannot vote funds we do not have in the bank. So what we'd be doing with this is in good faith saying yes, we want to move ahead with this, and then when we get to budget time, we had better plan to cover that budgeted money. You know, but in truth, we cannot bind future – we can with a bond issue or something like that, but this is not a bond issue.

President Winnecke: Is there a distinction between purchase and lease, though? I mean, if we buy something I understand that, but we're leasing it?

Councilmember Hoy: It's still the appropriation of funds whichever way you look at it. That's my point, whether you appropriate funds because you could say the same thing as regards salaries. You might cut some positions, and I hope not, but in future years, you know, there's no guarantee.

Councilmember Tornatta: I still would like to see and have an idea on which way we think – which A, B or C, which way we think we're going to go with that, on whether we want to lease with no replacement, lease with replacement or buy the things in total. And then have some idea on that, so I think we're a little bit far off from where we want to be right now anyway.

Doug Knight: I don't think we'll get all 250 units and the other servers and what we need to get the job done without a commitment for the entire duration of that lease.

Councilmember Tornatta: But I guess what I'm trying to say is, I'd like to know –

President Winnecke: What happens after that?

Councilmember Tornatta: Right. If it's going to be 625 or if we do it a different way thinking we're going to save some money down the road, it's going to be 850 per se, and I'd like to –

Doug Knight: (Inaudible – comments not made from the microphone) a while ago, was my math tells me it's going to be 50.5 (inaudible) 250 desktops no matter which way we go.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, no. Uh-uh. What Mr. VanCleave is going to tell you is that if they put new desktops on the desks in three years, they might want \$850,000, but add on that third year, we've got computers for three more years already worked out.

Doug Knight: We've refreshed them –

Councilmember Tornatta: Exactly, right, and I think also in that 3.0, what they're going to do, if you buy 2.9 close to 3.0, they're going to give you a discount on that anyway, so I think you were asking about that. When they do these systems, normally, if you get one that's the number two and they come out right away with number three, they'll give you a break on that.

Marsha Abell: The upgrade is free anyway. If they upgrade four or five times a year, we get it free. It's the hardware that we don't have that will support it.

Councilmember Hoy: I have another question. Two questions really. I would feel better if I had a breakdown of the 250, a little more precise breakdown of where 250 computers go, because I'm still doing the addition on it and haven't come to that

figure, and you've included the Prosecutor's office, I believe, with 50 computers there. Does this include the Public Defender's office as well?

Tim VanCleave: I believe that in my count, about ten units.

Councilmember Hoy: I'd like to know who all, the universe of who it includes, that would – would you, Mr. VanCleave?

Tim VanCleave: I guess my thought, when the problem was presented and the parameters that Judge Knight and Marsha Abell brought to me, I wanted to find a solution that would help everyone. And I was not sure if a zero percent lease would even be something that the county would want to pursue, because in the past as I've been on site here for nearly nine years, leasing has not been something that the county or the city have been too interested in pursuing, mainly because usually there is a percent profit that goes to the leasing company, but at least at this particular time, Compaq is willing to step in and provide the financing at zero percent cost. So one of my thoughts was, I was not sure if this is something that the Council would want to entertain for the county. So I wanted – I advised them to come before you to see if this was something that we would want to pursue because the next step, obviously, is the Commissioners have to agree to go into a contract and we also have some potential issues with a time period of the zero percent lease. Obviously, depending on the environment of the business, what they're willing to do now and in the next thirty to sixty days if we have to go out for bid, may no longer be in place. You know, they may come back and say, well, that offer is no longer in place. So, we're also trying to move – we want to make sure that this is a solution that everyone is comfortable with, attempt to pursue that, and then come back with some final costs so that everybody can feel very confident because what we have, as I mentioned, was a \$350,000 allotment, but only \$125,000 of that was allotted to work stations. There was several hundred thousand dollars that were allotted to other pieces, one of which is purchasing licenses for the new public safety application that is starting to move forward. So we only have that \$125,000 to work with this year without additional appropriations.

President Winnecke: Not to cut anyone off, but I mean, I think there was probably general support for the concept of moving forward, but I think there are some questions. If you could get the information that Councilman Hoy has requested about the breakdown of where the units go and if, Todd, you can get with Jeff about sort of where we stand legally on what kind of action this body needs to take, you know, hopefully at next month's meeting, I would think we would be able to move on this. Does that sit well with everyone?

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, and that goes along with what Mr. VanCleave said about the zero percent. If there's a time issue there, we might, this is an issue where we could definitely save some money by doing an action, so I guess we could call a special meeting if we had to. Normally, we wouldn't do that on something like this, but I guess if you were saving in percentages, but I would still like to know what opportunities we have in A, B & C range as far as those three scenarios that we talked about. And if you could get that back and let me know or let Marsha know, let me know, I'd appreciate that because that might be an opportunity as well. And then if we've got a month, that would be good and we can talk about this next month and get it on the agenda.

Marsha Abell: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: You mentioned about the span of time on this agreement with Compaq or the proposal that they have presented. Is this kind of – one other

element that may factor in here that isn't finalized, I guess, that's been kind of reported kind of widely that Hewlett Packard is in the process or attempting to buy Compaq, so I don't know how much impact that may have upon your proposal here, but in all likelihood, it's going to have a significant impact upon what you presented here.

Councilmember Hoy: And in the back of my mind is, what's the five letter word? Enron? I mean, you know, how far do these companies, you know, they're floating on so much credit. We're going to see some more crashes –

President Winnecke: I appreciate the report you've all presented because it's, I mean, I've read it multiple times, I mean, there are a lot of facts here and, obviously, a lot of thought has gone into this. I appreciate it, but if you could do that and maybe we can move on this next month. And, you know, you might consider, I don't know what kind of Commissioner concerns there might be about a lease, there might, it might be worth talking to them, too. But I think we can hopefully move on this next month, I would hope.

Marsha Abell: Okay. I do have one thing. Mr. Hoy, you asked me last week if I would give you some report on outstanding warrants?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Marsha Abell: Well, I have the printout here of the outstanding warrants. There's like 10,000.

Councilmember Hoy: What I asked you for were how many, you know, is there any way to judge how many of those warrants involve people who no longer really need a warrant issued on them or how many people have died? Because we're hearing figures that are just curious to me.

Marsha Abell: Yeah, one of the things that the new computer system will do is it will have an alert for warrants to be pulled. We, in my office, I don't have the authority to just pull a warrant. The judge can only pull a warrant and what we're going to need to do is probably find someone who is willing to sit down and pull these up one by one on the computer and say this one needs a judge to decide. The one has obviously already been served, needs to be withdrawn, I mean, – no, the answer I guess is no. This is going to take somebody looking at every one of them.

Doug Knight: I don't know how we catch the people that have died and there is a bench warrant out for – it doesn't seem to be, there's no harm, so there must be no foul. No one is going to go dig them up unless they didn't get cremated.

Councilmember Hoy: That's not in Indiana, we hope.

Doug Knight: And probably the bulk of these are misdemeanor warrants, my hunch is, rather than felony warrants. They automatically expire, die themselves, at the end of six months unless the Prosecuting Attorney's office for some policy reason asked that the warrant be renewed and then they do go on. If we have the time and the material, I guess starting with warrants that were really old, there's probably no interest whatsoever in those, and we could knock those off.

Councilmember Hoy: I just want to deal in real numbers and because of my stance, Judge, I get a lot of phone calls, you know, from people that are telling me stories that are a little upsetting, you know, about –

Marsha Abell: I'm sure that occasionally, one of these slips through, but usually if it's a warrant that has expired and the Sheriff picks someone up and they check in the system and see that it's an expired warrant, they wouldn't arrest them, I wouldn't think.

Doug Knight: And if at any time you want to sit down and share your thoughts or tongue lashing or whatever...

Councilmember Hoy: No, no, I just, you know,...

Doug Knight: I'd do that, I sincerely mean that.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I know that. No, I have called a couple of times on calls and things have gotten straightened out and so on. You know, it's a very difficult system to make work as you know. It really is. It's cumbersome, it has many parts and it concerns me, it has for a long time, though.

Doug Knight: There are times that I know, this is true of all judges, that don't want to issue bench warrants and will say, well, can you get your client here next week? And the not issue the bench warrant and give them a second chance. There are other times when the state statute says the court shall issue a bench warrant. And I don't like that. In some instances it's not what I would do if I had a choice.

Councilmember Hoy: Sometimes you're not allowed to be a judge.

Doug Knight: No.

Councilmember Hoy: You're mandated, I know that.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't want to take up more time than necessary, but you mentioned that and I would be interested in finding out how this whole bench warrant thing works, too, in terms of, especially the type of situation. Someone just shared some information with me, just here, an incident just happened here in just the last few days. A gentleman was picked up on a bench warrant, arrested for a seat belt violation, cuffed –

Doug Knight: How long ago?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I don't want to – the person obviously wouldn't want their name, so I won't give the time span, I can talk to you later, but handcuffed and taken down on a seatbelt violation. That's just ludicrous.

Doug Knight: Do you want to respond?

Robert Pigman: I'm Bob Pigman, Superior Court judge and Misdemeanor Court supervisor, so I guess I'm the one you need to lash with your tongues. I don't know anything about that particular case, okay, and like Judge Knight has said, in some instances, I don't believe the seatbelt is one of them, but in some instances the state statutes require bench warrants on non-appearance. We run 18 to 19 thousand cases through Misdemeanor Court. The appearance rate is very high, and a given Monday night when there's a traffic court, it's not unusual to have dozens, literally dozens of people not appear. When I first took over supervision of Misdemeanor Court, there was a process in which after that happened there was a warrant issued for people – now these are people who have gotten tickets, signed the promise to appear, address is good and all that, they just don't come in. We were allowing

those people to walk into court, have their attorneys bring them into court, and at random times, that would create a real problem for us because Misdemeanor Court, during the day is hectic anyway and we were getting an awful lot of people who would come in and show up and they didn't have their files, the Clerk couldn't find the file – no disrespect meant to the Clerk because everybody is busy, and then they show up in court and sure enough, there would be something done, but the warrant wouldn't get recalled because the file wasn't there, so we designed a special session of Misdemeanor Court designed specifically for people who do not appear. And so if a person does not appear and they realize they haven't appeared, and all they to do is call the Clerk's office, the warrant is withdrawn right away, they're given that any Tuesday morning at their choice, they don't have to appear at any given Tuesday, but at any Tuesday morning at their convenience, they can come down then and get the matter taken care of. The warrant is withdrawn right away and the non-appearance rate, believe it or not and this is called add-on court, for the people who don't appear the first time, it's still more than ten percent. It's still more than ten percent of those people do not appear. So it's a difficult situation to manage. That has helped. That process has helped, has given us, and by us I include the Clerk in that, a roster of people who's names we know should be off the warrant list because they're on the add-on court list and that's helped reduce the number of bad bench warrants that have been out there. But there's no simple easy solution. And again, I parrot Judge Knight's statement, if you have a particular case you'd like to discuss with me, Councilman, I'd be more than happy to sit down and talk to you about it. I'd be interested in knowing what happened in that particular case so that, you know, maybe there are some further additions, corrections, modifications of the system we can make. We're trying to do it as efficiently as we can and given the fact that when we deal with an extremely high volume of cases and we are like every public institution, met with a rising tide of incivility and non-compliance, and that's also part of the problem, too. So we've got to keep that in the back of the mind. We don't get what you would call good cooperation from a significant portion of people that appear in that court. But I will be glad to sit down and talk to you about that.

Councilmember Sutton: I'll be happy to share it with you. Thank you.

Robert Pigman: Okay.

President Winnecke: Thank you all very much. It's good discussion, I think.

JEFF AHLERS - CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES
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President Winnecke: Next on the agenda is the contract with our county attorney that was presented to us actually two meetings ago.

Councilmember Bassemier: Got out of that --

Councilmember Sutton: Were we going to postpone that?

President Winnecke: Pardon me?

Councilmember Sutton: Were we going to postpone that? What happened on this?

President Winnecke: So I would look for a motion to ratify that contract that was presented to us by Counselor Ahlers.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

President Winnecke: There is a motion. Is there a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Can I vote last? Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy? Councilmember Hoy?

President Winnecke: This is a vote on the contract with Mr. Ahlers.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes. Thank you very much.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD APPOINTMENT
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President Winnecke: Next under new business, the president has a couple of appointments. I have not made one for the Old Courthouse board yet. I have appointed Barbara Witte to the Human Relations Board. She has served on the board in previous years and I would welcome any input on the other appointment.

MARILEE FOWLER - CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU
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President Winnecke: Finally, we have Convention & Visitors Bureau, Marilee is here for a marketing presentation. Thank you for your patience.

Marilee Fowler: Thank you for the opportunity.

President Winnecke: Sure.

Marilee Fowler: I'm Marilee Fowler, I'm with the Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau and I'd just like to quickly give you an update on what we've been working

on. For the year 2001, it was a year of change. It was change in staff, change in marketing strategies, change in facilities and ultimately, change in the vision of the way the Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau pursues potential visitors. With that change came a lot of new opportunities. We looked at marketing Evansville very strongly for conventions and meetings and now we can say very proudly, we have a first-class state-of-the-art convention center and a first-class state-of-the-art convention center hotel to go with it. So we've got a product and we should be very proud of what we have. So with that came a marketing plan. With the help of Gray Loon Advertising Group we've developed a new advertising campaign which is really focused on The Centre and the suitable convention quality hotels that promote Evansville. We are successfully, at this point, promoting Evansville for meetings for groups from 40 to 4,000. To do that we had to have new products and in that packet includes our new meeting planner guide which really talks specifically about the services, the facilities that Evansville has to offer. It has inserts on all of the facilities, The Centre, the Victory, Roberts Stadium, all of the convention center hotels as well as all the other hotels in Evansville. So we think that's a really good package when we're working with meeting planners to sell Evansville. It also includes our new convention shells that we make available to meeting groups if they need that type of publication, it also includes our new visitor guide that's used for an abundance of meetings and opportunities to promote Evansville. And also, we brought today one component of our trade show booth. Again, you can see that there's an image throughout all of these. We've tried to brand Evansville, that it is a beautiful community, a beautiful city, located on the river and that's the brand that we're trying to educate and promote when we talk about Evansville. When we look at how we're going to sell Evansville, we now have a product, we now have the marketing plan, we now have the sales tools, what do we do to sell Evansville? Our focus is on Evansville – excuse me, on Indiana State Associations, governmental groups. We have just recently booked the Association of Indiana Counties for 2004, religious groups, educational groups, the Kennedy Center that was here in January is again returning next January, an incredible group that we got through professors at the University of Southern Indiana. Sports groups, we just had Great Lakes Valley Conference, in two weeks we're hosting the NCAA Division II Elite Eight. We're working on soccer tournaments, hopefully, a big golf tournament and I think very soon we'll be looking at ice hockey opportunities. We're looking at a regional approach. We're looking at the state of Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, looking at those groups that meet in this part of the country with that regional focus. To do that we attend several trade shows. We just did a religious conference management show. We do several meeting planner shows. There's a tri-state one we'll be doing next week that focuses on meeting planners from Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana, and then we'll be doing a couple in the Chicago market. After we have the opportunity to meet with people, share with them discussions and collateral material, we did invite them to come to Evansville and experience what we have to offer firsthand. Last October we did this for the very first time. There were six organizations that attended and since that time we have booked those six meetings here in Evansville. We'll be doing this again in the spring with the focus of golf and all the golf courses that we have to offer that can certainly tie into a meeting here. What we also do is customize, if we have groups that are interested in coming and they need to come immediately, we have one right now that's over at the Executive Inn finalizing their convention for this May, we will invite them and personally sit up and take care of all their needs. We've done that since I've been here with religious leaders, military planners, governmental groups, so once we get them to Evansville and they see what we have to offer, the sale is done. At that point, it's just getting them to sign contracts. On the aspect of tourism we continue to oversee the visitors center at the Pagoda as well as the Black River Welcome Center located on the eastbound direction of I-64. At the Pagoda, in 2001 we hosted 130,000 visitors and

on the Black River site, we served 180,000 visitors through our community. We are also designing new kiosks that will update information on the attractions, events and lodging facilities and these will both be installed at these two new, the two visitors sites. We also continue to work very closely to hold special functions at the Pagoda. The groups that we have worked closely with are the Arts Council, Doctor's Day which was just last Saturday, the Ohio River Sanitation Commission which is bringing a big aquarium exhibit in April and then we also work with groups that want to hold private functions, receptions, weddings, that type of thing. So we very much encourage people to use that facility for things other than just a visitors center. We've also in the past year won an award from the Indiana Department of Tourism for our newly designed website. We think it's state-of-the-art and we get great compliments. So to be recognized by the state we thought was very, very nice. The other exiting thing that we've been involved with is bringing a new attraction to Evansville. It's called the Chattanooga Star, it's an excursion side-paddle river boat and it will be arriving here May 31st and it will be offering both public and private boat cruises throughout the summer, so we think that's a nice addition, a nice way to experience Evansville aboard a boat on our river. In summary, we think our commissioners and staff believe we have very exciting years ahead of us and we've discovered some wonderful opportunities that makes Evansville very appealing. We've discovered we are a very affordable destination, we are very accessible when you look at the Midwest, we are a safe community and as we know as to what we've experienced since September the 11th, that makes it very important when you're looking at a destination for a meeting or for a visit. And I think probably the most important factor of all that we've discovered in selling Evansville is the friendliness of our community. People embrace our visitors and they feel very warm and invited and that's a very important aspect when we're talking about people coming to visit us. So these are important keys that I think we've discovered that make Evansville very sellable. If it's agreeable with you, I would certainly like to come back, perhaps on a quarterly basis, and just bring you up to date on what we're working on and what's happening at the bureau. Also in your packet today is a list of the conventions that we have booked primarily since October and we will provide those to you also when we come. So if that's agreeable and you would like to just have an update occasion, we'd be certainly glad to provide that.

President Winnecke: I think that's a great idea. I think if you want to get with Sandie at the end of the next quarter. I would just offer, I think the collateral is beautiful.

Marilee Fowler: Thank you.

President Winnecke: I think it really represents the community well. I would just be curious to know how, specifically, the refurbishing of the Executive has helped in your recruitment.

Marilee Fowler: Well, we've actually, we had lost some business, it being primarily the Association of Indiana Counties. They had to cancel at the point that hotel was at closure. So we've really courted that group and now they embrace us and even though they're not coming until 2004, they are serving as a referral to other organizations as to what our accommodations are all about, how we will work with them to meet their needs. So I think that is probably the best example that we have. A group that we've lost that we've actually re-booked and now is a referral for us. The comments we're getting on the Executive Inn are outstanding. I think Mr. Bays should be recognized for not only the commitment, but the above board action that he has taken to turn that hotel around so quickly. So that's a big component when we go to sell that. If they're going to use The Centre, that hotel has to be in line with the facility itself, and it's working.

Councilmember Hoy: Two questions, and I've forgotten the date, because I am your liaison as you well know, the Orsanco Aquarium, what's the date on that?

Marilee Fowler: April 27th.

Councilmember Hoy: You all need to...it's a 600,000 gallon aquarium and they're going to fish fish out of the river and it's going to be just an exciting fun thing. And I'm excited about that and have they set a completion date of the bridge across Martin Luther King?

Marilee Fowler: The group that we have in town as we speak, it's the White Shrine of Jerusalem, they will be here, I think it's mid-May, and our whole goal was to have that walkway completed for that particular group. These people are going to be here for about a week. There's a lot of very elaborate formal wear that these people will be involved with in their conference. So we've really strived to have it done by then. And knowing how Mr. Bays operates and his punctuality, I have no doubt in my mind it'll be finished by then. Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: I did want to make a comment and Marilee, you guys have obviously spent a lot of time putting all of this together and one of the things that I've kind of talked about maybe with some of your predecessors and I would like for you to also give it some, not only just thought, but also some really, some action in this regard. And, you know, as I look through the material, I'm not sure if it totally represents our community and that does concern me. I saw a couple of pictures of African-Americans in there, one playing basketball and another was taking a hotel key, but like I said, I really would like to see a little bit more of a diverse spread in how we present Evansville. Quite often it's materials like these that are the only thing that people will get in their hands, whether it's at a rest stop, whether it's material that you guys may send out, and if this is the only picture that they get of Evansville, I think it would be somewhat of an inaccurate picture. The other thing, too, looking through the events through here, there aren't – the month of February, if anyone isn't aware, that is Black History Month, that's not even listed in the events and there's been events in this community going 20, 30 years plus each and every year. I mean, there's at least ten to fifteen different types of activities and events that are going on. And I really think that that should be very much a part of the fabric and what's mentioned in the list of events of this community because of the one, the long-standing nature of them, but also the cross section that they draw at the different events. And then the promotion to different groups out there, I didn't hear you mention much about any of the other types of organizations. You mentioned religious organizations and some of the others, but I guess what comes to mind, you know, I'm thinking there is a huge group, you know, the Indiana Black Expo, NAACP has their annual functions, you've got a ton of different groups out there, you know, what is being done to really reach that particular market? Because the thing that I guess I hear quite often when I travel to other parts of the state is people have the impression that Evansville is not a place one, that there are even African-Americans here or very many, but also it's not something – they're not actively courted for their particular events and their functions. So I'd like to see some direction or some thoughts that you may have in seeing if we can do a better job in getting the word out about Evansville and what it offers to a broad cross-section and promoting also our diversity here in this community.

Marilee Fowler: I could not agree with you more. As far as the publications, it was an urgency to get these turned around very quickly, so I do apologize. We tried to use the pictures we had but obviously, we need to improve our pictures of diversity. So yes, that is a priority. I have been working with Brenda Murray-Pittman for just

what you said, there is an organization of black meeting planners and it's a very influential, very strong group throughout the country, and getting involved and seeing what we can do to bring some of those meeting planners to Evansville and those types of events. I apologize over the February omission; you're exactly right. Some of the Black History events should have been included in that and they will be in the future. So we could always improve upon our publications, on our programs, and it's feedback from the community that will make those things happen.

Councilmember Sutton: Just as a thought here, I come from a pretty large family and once every about five years our family reunion comes through this way. Now when we talk about a family reunion, we're not talking about, you know, twenty or thirty people. When we have our family reunion here, we're talking about 800 people, so why wouldn't you market to that type of group?

Marilee Fowler: Can we count you on having that group come as a convention?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, you've got to sell it to them. That's your job.

Marilee Fowler: You've got it. You tell me which family member I've got to sell to. I'll be there.

President Winnecke: We need to change the tape real quickly.

(Tape changed)

Councilmember Hoy: I agree with you, Councilman Sutton. I will say this in partial defense of the Convention & Visitors Bureau, my wife works with Evansville Living, as you know, and Evansville Living in connection with the Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Chamber of Commerce put together a big Evansville booklet for this year. My wife puts together the calendar for Evansville Living for every two months. I don't think Evansville Living can pay her enough money to put that calendar together. One of the most difficult things is to get organizations to respond.

Marilee Fowler: That's true.

Councilmember Hoy: She has sent e-mails, letters, phone calls, and they're getting free publicity in that magazine or in that Chamber of Commerce book, and you know what I'm talking about, they don't respond. And I'm not saying that people in Black History month didn't respond or that blacks don't respond any better than whites, I don't want to be misunderstood because this has nothing to do with race and everything to do with the fact that somehow people in PR, which I've done a lot of all my life, don't understand what PR is about, and do not get the information in. And that's a difficulty with putting this together.

Marilee Fowler: And the more we have, the better we can serve people. We get calls daily about things that are going on in Evansville that we don't always know about. So the more we can pick up and learn or find out about, the better we can serve those people that are calling and wanting to know about those events.

President Winnecke: I think Councilman Sutton makes some really great points and I would just –

Councilmember Hoy: 800 Suttons?

Councilmember Sutton: No. Scary thought.

President Winnecke: But I would just like to say from my perspective it seems like, I mean, I've only been on the Council a little over two years, but this is the first time in a couple of years where I feel like there's really some traction and some good momentum in this regard, and points presented, I think you're making some very good strides.

Marilee Fowler: But we look for that type of feedback. We can't improve if we don't know what else we need to do. So thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, one of the things I really appreciate sitting in on their meetings is that what you see here, these are all signed on the dotted line. You don't sit in that meeting and hear perhaps, maybe, well, we kind of think. But what you get is the actual folks we have signed on the dotted line. These folks are going to be here and having been one of those Councilmen who voted for The Centre over here, I'm very happy to see this to say the least.

Councilmember Tornatta: Motion to adjourn.

President Winnecke: We are adjourned. Thank you everyone.

(Meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Lloyd Winnecke

Vice President Ed Bassemier

Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
APRIL 3, 2002**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 3rd day of April, 2002 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by County Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: I'd like to call the April 3rd meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council to order. May we have attendance roll call please?

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

President Winnecke: Would you please stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance, please?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

<p style="text-align:center">APPROVAL OF MINUTES FEBRUARY 27, 2002 SPECIAL MEETING & MARCH 6, 2002 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING</p>

President Winnecke: We'll consider a motion to approve the minutes from our February 27th special meeting.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Are there questions, discussion or amendments? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: I'd also entertain a motion to approve the minutes from the March 6th regular meeting.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: Any questions, amendments or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS
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SHERIFF

President Winnecke: Okay, we'll move right to the appropriation requests.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, first on the agenda is the Sheriff, 1050-3725 Meth Lab Cleanup in the amount of \$32,064, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion for the Sheriff? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-3725	Meth Lab Cleanup	32,064.00	32,064.00
Total		32,064.00	32,064.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, just real quickly, just something I was meaning to ask on that, just kind of an FYI type of thing, just maybe trying to get an idea of maybe from the Sheriff about how much we're approximately running on, per month, on this type of – the meth lab cleanups.

Brad Ellsworth: It's hard to say. They usually range – of course it depends on how – we

did one this morning, Councilman Sutton, so it's hard to say. The lab cleanup is anywhere, for a small one, in the 750 range up to 2,500 to 5,000 for a larger one. So —

Eric Williams: (Inaudible)

Brad Ellsworth: I don't know what he's showing you.

Councilmember Sutton: That's just this year — over the last couple of years, okay.

Eric Williams: The current invoices.

Brad Ellsworth: Did what he showed you answer the questions?

Councilmember Sutton: It's active. You had quite a bit of action there.

President Winnecke: So we get everything on the record, I believe what he said last time if I'm not mistaken is, those are invoices that go back and they are outstanding at this point, right?

Councilmember Sutton: Go back in 2000?

Eric Williams: It's the same thing I read to them last week, but the invoices this is paying for go back to July 11th of 2000.

Brad Ellsworth: So we're looking at a month, it looks like an average just going down through there, somewhere between 600 and \$2,000 a month, with an average per claim, with an average of \$1,300 to \$1,600.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

AREA PLAN

President Winnecke: Okay, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Area Plan, 1240-1110-1240, 1240-1900, and 1240-1910 for a total request of \$364, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Are there questions or is there discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

AREA PLAN		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1240-1110-1240	Executive Director	322.00	322.00
1240-1900	FICA	25.00	25.00
1240-1910	PERF	17.00	17.00
Total		364.00	364.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMISSIONERS (TWO REQUESTS)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next on the agenda, Commissioners 1300-3760 Occu-Med in the amount of \$10,000 and account 1300-3860 Contractual Computer in the amount of \$25,580. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Are there questions or is there discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3760	Occu/Med	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total		10,000.00	10,000.00

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3860	Contractual Computer	25,580.00	25,580.00
Total		25,580.00	25,580.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Just real quick, I see Catherine is in the audience. Most of this is for drug testing, I think we talked about before. What are we paying per test? Do you know?

Catherine Fanello: That's a good question. Catherine Fanello, County Commissioner. I don't know the answer to that question, but I will know the answer because I've requested a meeting with Maureen O'Connor after seeing the amount of drug testing bills that have gone through, and I have some concerns on some of those.

Councilmember Raben: Do we utilize one facility for that or...

Catherine Fanello: To my – St. Mary's is our...

Councilmember Raben: St. Mary's?

Catherine Fanello: Yeah. I think they just have one location because –

Councilmember Raben: Because that is negotiable, you know, those tests, you can get pretty reasonably today if you negotiate them.

Catherine Fanello: And we did. We went through an RFP process for that. I didn't know if you were aware of that, but we did, and St. Mary's still came out to be the best deal.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Superintendent of County Buildings, 1310-2860 Building Supplies, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Is there discussion or questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, on the motion, Jim, you said 1300-2860 rather than 3860.

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me, that’s account 1310-2860 in the amount of \$5,000.

Councilmember Sutton: 28?

Councilmember Raben: I’ve got 28.

Councilmember Tornatta: 2860, it’s the next one down.

Councilmember Sutton: I’m sorry.

President Winnecke: No, he did those two together.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I took those two Commission requests together.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1310-2860	Building Supplies	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total		5,000.00	5,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

RIVERBOAT

Councilmember Raben: Next under Riverboat 1490-3111, Mr. President, I'm going to move that this be set in at zero.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Are there questions or is there discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Were we going to have someone discuss that? Gary and –

President Winnecke: We invited Gary Heck from Lieberman & Associates to come. Several of us had questions regarding the Welfare to Work program, and if Commissioner Fanello would like to – I don't know if she'd like to join us or not. But, Gary, if you'd like to come on up?

Gary Heck: Gary Heck, Lieberman & Associates with the Gatekeeper Program. This is very similar to what happened last year where there were some lapsed funds from the previous years and I'm just, this is just a request to get them back. I know, at least from my experience last year, this is not my only opportunity. It's probably nothing personal so I can come back again, but I would be more than happy to answer questions. At the table in front of you, I was out of town last week, but I did get a voice mail message from Sandie that asked me to give you information about money that's been spent year to date and then also from the very beginning of the program, I give you two spreadsheets. So behind the small sheets on your legal size, the first one that says Council 2002 at the top left hand corner is all of the claims from January the 2nd through April 3rd, through today, and then the second spreadsheet has all of the funds that have been spent since the program started in 1997. So as of today there's been \$2,205,559.12 spent. And as of for 2002, there's been \$220,418.39. We have a balance of somewhere around \$300,000 in the accounts. When I checked with, I believe it was Anne Virgin in the Auditor's Office - she sends me reports once a month. That's when I discovered that the funds from 2001 had lapsed and we're going to be needing that money later on this year, much sooner than later, if we're going to be able to continue to serve clients. So that's why I'm here. I'll be more than happy to answer questions.

President Winnecke: I guess – who would like to start? Royce?

Councilmember Sutton: I think, Gary, what we were requesting, you've obviously put together for us, we appreciate you putting together a report that shows us where we stand. I have asked that we would, if we could take a look and see what your balances were and where we stand. I guess what we are wanting to – and I think you have already touched on this – primarily what we're wanting to see is basically where your balance stands and if you can kind of – one more time through here because you've got quite a few pages and it just arrived on my desk.

Gary Heck: This particular one doesn't have the reconciliation with the Auditor's Office, because there's always a timing issue when we submit claims and then when we get them paid back. But basically, we started out this particular year with about \$462,000. We would have had over \$700,000 but 324 lapsed. So out of the \$462,000, we've spent 220 so far. So based on those numbers, there's 240,000 that's potentially available that's in the Auditor's coffers right now. Now the 124,000 you returned last year is still tied up at the State Board of Accounts. I mean, all the paperwork was done, at least what Anne Virgin told me, that the way the process works, when you all approved that on January 2nd, it has to go to the State Board of Accounts and then they send the money back or something. So while that money was approved, I don't think it's actually physically shown up in the account yet, maybe it has, I just haven't seen it.

Councilmember Sutton: Say, Gary? In the 220 that we've spent this year, are – did some of that carry over from last year or is that straight all 2002 requests –

Gary Heck: No, there's \$250,000 appropriated for 2002 and there was encumbered money from previous purchase orders that was lumped with that \$250,000 to get to the \$263,000. And the \$321,000 was money that wasn't appropriated that was in the \$500,000 from 201 or from 2001, excuse me. So that was the money that wasn't spent last year but wasn't encumbered and that's why it lapsed, if that makes sense. When you look, and I'm not exactly sure how the Auditor pays stuff, but it always seems to come out of the encumbered accounts first and then occasionally, there's money that comes out of the unencumbered from previous year balance money, and I guess if we submit a claim and there's not enough money in an encumbered purchase order, they deduct it from that amount. Is that pretty much how it works?

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, well, I guess what we want to try to do is get a sense – if you've got a balance sitting there where we're not in a situation where we probably can have, you know, nice healthy balances sitting in any account for an extended period of time, but at the same time we want to understand what your run rate is, you know, how much you're basically spending with the requests that you've got. You know, you look at 2002, you know, are we somewhat ahead of what of what we were doing in 2001?

Gary Heck: Yes, the first quarter we're actually - and if you look at the last spreadsheet there, that 220,000 for 2002 is for one quarter. And it represents 10% of the entire 2.2 million that's been spent to date. So at this point in time, we're well ahead in spending in this quarter where we have been in previous years. And if we continue at this same rate, the 240,000 we have will last three more months. And then at that point, I'll need to either come back and say I'd like to get that lapsed money back or we'll just basically go out of business because we won't have any more funds available to pay bills.

Councilmember Sutton: Gary, can you tell us maybe why it's so – the spending is a little bit more than what we've seen in previous years?

Gary Heck: I think it's just the economy. If you look at the trends, back in 2000, a lot of folks were finding it much easier to get jobs and had jobs and were working, and they weren't eligible for the programs because they were over income. And if you look at unemployment rates and layoffs and all of the other things that are there, folks are just going through some tougher times now and there's more folks who are eligible for the services than were before. And I don't want to sound like I'm bragging, but we've done a pretty good job of communicating with the community that this program's available out there. And if folks are eligible for it, they should apply and if they are eligible, and they have the need, then we're a payer of last resort. They always use any other program monies first, if there's another program available, and then if we're the last program that's available, then we pick up the difference. Our child care rates have increased. We're at a waiting list status with the state's money that's available for child care and so there's just no other resources available than this particular program. And we're fortunate in Vanderburgh County that at least there is a program like this that can help residents.

Councilmember Sutton: I think there's no question this is one of the better things that the county has done. Fortunately, our riverboat gaming dollars have provided a consistent level over the last few years to be able to meet some of these needs. Now we don't know what the future may hold as far as those riverboat gaming dollars are concerned, –

Gary Heck: I certainly understand that.

Councilmember Sutton: – but right now, that's the commitment that we've made from the county standpoint and I think it's a good one.

Gary Heck: And I'm not asking for additional funds at least at this point. What I'm asking for is just the return of funds that were already appropriated in this line item and that for whatever reason lapsed.

President Winnecke: Councilman Raben and then Councilman Hoy.

Councilmember Raben: Let Councilman Hoy go.

President Winnecke: Okay, Councilman Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Your increase, does that have anything to do with the five year time span where people –

Gary Heck: That will actually expire in September.

Councilmember Hoy: September, okay.

Gary Heck: I think we will see – Indiana is still in a waiver program from the federal standpoint. So from the time clocks and things like that, there's still some things that are up in the air. But where it will probably really change is what the federal appropriation from the next five years will look like, because Indiana was blessed, we had a fairly high AFDC load in '94 when they passed it originally, and since we had a big reduction in the TANF folks, the governor could always transfer monies into other line items. He's not going to – he probably won't have that option in the future and money is going to get really, really tight after October 1.

Councilmember Hoy: Plus you're going to have people using up their five years.

Gary Heck: That's correct except officially in Indiana, since they're on that waiver program, that five year time clock just started April 1 of this year.

Councilmember Hoy: Of this year, so they've got – still got four –

Gary Heck: Well, the adults only have 24 months because that's the Indiana waiver, but their kids potentially could go for five months, or excuse me, five years, 60 months.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, Gary, just a couple things, actually. But I guess if my figures are correct, and so at the beginning of this year you were roughly starting out with \$575,080, is that correct?

Gary Heck: Well, that's what the purchase orders that came through said, on the very first report they gave me it was – the report I just got showed \$463 there and I've got a negative amount over in the balance. And we add those together, I have purchase orders that total \$575,000, that's correct.

Councilmember Raben: You know, I guess, one problem I have with any additional requests for funding is, I guess when this program was set up, the commitment from the county or you know, with riverboat funds, was \$500,000. I mean, and we're getting, we're far exceeding that. And so I guess with that, I don't want you to leave this room thinking today that – you had made a comment earlier that, you know you may not get

it today, but you know you can come back later on in the year. I just don't want you to leave here thinking that support is here for \$300,000 if not today, at a later date, because it may not be.

Gary Heck: I didn't mean to be flippant. I guess what I meant to say is, I came before this group four times last year and was told the very first time, you don't have to panic, you've got until November 15th to prove the need if the money is spent. So I certainly didn't mean to make it sound like I'm taking this money for granted because I'm certainly not. What I meant to imply or what I meant to say was that I know the money is going to be needed and I just hope and trust that when I can come back and ask for it, that I'll have support to return that money that was lapsed.

Councilmember Raben: I guess my real question is, again, going into this, the county had always planned to spend as much as \$500,000. I mean, based on what your projections are for this year, we're upwards of a million dollars. So –

Gary Heck: Well, the contract that we had originally negotiated said that they would continue to request an appropriation in the budget but that any monies from carried forward was there. Now if I'm understanding you correctly, there never was an intention to spend more than \$500,000 in any one year. Is that what you're telling me?

Councilmember Raben: Well, I think that's the way it was established, yes.

Councilmember Sutton: No, it's a third, a third, a third, is the way that was established.

President Winnecke: Right, \$500,000 –

Councilmember Sutton: Well, the first year we had 1.5 to work with, so that's where you get the \$500,000 figure, but it was 1/3 for Welfare to Work, 1/3 for Economic Development, 1/3 for roads, so that's where you get that – I mean, there wasn't a number, it was based on just thirding that, that total amount that we were working with.

Councilmember Raben: But again, based on the projections that we have before us today, if they carry any weight at all, we're looking at upwards of \$900,000, so I mean, I don't want Gary to leave the room thinking today that that's okay, because with me it's really not. I think we have to watch where we're going with this and not get reckless with spending.

Gary Heck: And I'm certainly not reckless with spending. The appropriation this year, just to set the record straight, and maybe it was because the riverboat admissions were down, was for \$250,000 instead of the \$500,000 that had been the past practice. And my understanding was that the carry forward monies was always available as long as it was encumbered and acted upon, and that's – so we always had carried forward money in every previous year. So this would be a departure from past practice, but I certainly understand your point and you all are certainly in the controlling situation. So, once again, I didn't mean to be flippant if you took me as that.

Councilmember Raben: No, again, I didn't want you to think that even if it's not okay today, that later on in the year this money may or may not be available.

Gary Heck: I understand and you can always tell me no, because I'll always request to come back and ask again because I feel like that's part of what my responsibility to the community is.

President Winnecke: Councilman Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: A comment and a couple of questions because I – you know, I don't work in this area anymore, I've retired supposedly.

Gary Heck: At least I've heard that.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, a lot of people haven't, and I am concerned not about what you're spending because I'm getting calls with more regularity from people who are falling through the cracks and they simply can't make it. So I'm quite concerned about those folks and I share that concern with you and I just want to make that comment because times are not nearly as good as they seem to be for a whole lot of people.

Gary Heck: Yes sir. I was at a meeting this morning and they just told us that the caseloads in Vanderburgh County have returned to what they were in September of '96, so I think you're going to see that there's more and more folks who are going to need assistance.

Councilmember Hoy: I know from – because I keep touch with the food bank and the percentage of people who have jobs who are going to pantries has increased to probably 50% of the people now. It used to be maybe 25%. Its almost doubled. And they had a record year last year, but it still isn't matching the need. The question I had is, and I had two questions, who is the liaison to – Mr. Sutton, you are? Okay, thank you. I thought you were but I don't have my list here. And the second question is, Mrs. Deig, could we go back to those – could you check out those minutes for us when we set aside that money originally? The one point, the million and a half dollars, we put \$500,000 –

Sandie Deig: During budget time?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah.

President Winnecke: Or do you mean originally?

Councilmember Hoy: Originally, when we first put this riverboat thing together, the way my memory serves me is the same manner in which Mr. Raben's memory serves him. But I would like to –

Gary Heck: The very first allocation was for over \$600,000.

Councilmember Hoy: It was, okay, because I'd like to double check those minutes to see if we locked ourselves in or not. You know, it's been a few years.

Gary Heck: I don't think you've necessarily locked yourself in. My understanding is that the way the budget always worked was that the Commissioners prepared a budget and then the Council acted upon it and could do whatever they needed to do funding-wise. And my understanding was that the Commissioners always requested \$500,000 until this year and they requested \$250,000. That's my understanding.

Councilmember Hoy: I just wanted to go back to our original, the vote that took place with this body just to have my facts straight, that's all.

Gary Heck: Okay, sir.

President Winnecke: Other questions. Okay, there's a motion and a second. The motion is to set this appropriation request in at zero. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: I just wanted to comment that Councilman Sutton had once said that the Welfare to Work should be for the Welfare to Work programs and not to be set aside for budgetary issues. However, at this time, you don't – looking at this at this point, you don't need that money in the account. So I'm going to vote yes for setting it in at zero, but I do understand that you might come back and ask for that money in the future.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I think enough has been said but just keep a close eye on where you stand in relation to your request. Looking at the economy and all the different types of things that are affecting what you do, obviously, there's probably not going to be enough money so I'm going to vote to approve this because I think right now the balances reflect that you've got adequate funding for it at this time, and you just come back and of course you'll just bring us the information that we will need at that time to see how we're coming along. So yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I'll go ahead and vote yes, reluctantly.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: First, thank you for the information, it's very helpful. And I vote yes.

Gary Heck: Thank you. Always a pleasure.

RIVERBOAT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1490-3111	Welfare to Work	321,284.00	0.00
Total		321,284.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next on the agenda is Cum Bridge, 2030-4389 in the amount of \$57,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Are there questions or is there any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes. Is anybody here to...

President Winnecke: John's here.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

John Stoll: John Stoll, County Engineer.

Councilmember Sutton: Now John, we're traveling on this bridge and all of this good stuff and we had a ribbon cutting and all that good stuff, why do we find ourselves with this request?

John Stoll: (Inaudible) for a ribbon cutting. When the project was finished, there were still some unresolved claims as far as the contractor was concerned. They had made several claims, they totaled originally \$253,031.40. When Bernardin Lochmueller reviewed all those claims they determined that the contractor was entitled to \$113,967.96, which the appropriation is half of that amount because the funding is split for this project, it was 50% federal and 50% local. The reason that Bernardin Lochmueller came up with that number, they basically said that the contractor was entitled to extra compensation for all the increases in labor and material costs due to the fact that the bridge deck was poured and things like that in 2001 as opposed to 1999, so the contractor experienced labor and material price increases and the way INDOT specifications are written, the contractor is entitled to recoup those costs. So he had additional costs there. The maintenance and traffic line item for the signs and barrels and things like that, that were up for an extra year and a half because of the problem with the pier, the contractor was entitled to extra compensation for that and then there was also a large amount of additional fill required to fill the hole that was dug when the old north abutment was removed from the bridge. That was 3,413 cubic yards of dirt which totaled up to \$26,655. And the last item in the \$113,000 was due to realigning the beams on the bridge, basically, a poured concrete diaphragm in between the beams that basically locked the exterior beams to the next beam in. When the pier was straightened, they had to remove those concrete diaphragms, realign the beams and then re-pour the concrete diaphragms, so that was \$15,000 of that \$113,000. So those were the items that the work was done on but the final dollar figure was still in dispute, so this was all still being resolved up until this letter which was dated February 18th. Once Bernardin Lochmueller determined that was what the final pay amount was the change order was signed by the Commissioners on the 25th of February and that got us to where we are today. Since that time the contractor disputed the \$113,000 amount. He claimed that he was entitled to more money than that since he had originally made a claim for \$253,000. He has since then, Weddle Brothers, Bernardin Lochmueller, INDOT and I met in Vincennes and based on INDOT specs, they have determined the contractor is entitled up to – entitled to an additional \$62,008, and that's above and beyond this \$57,000 appropriation request that's here before you today. So when another change order is submitted, then if the Commissioners sign off on it, then we'll have to have another appropriation for \$31,000 to cover that. But that is the end of it as far as all the costs on this. That's something that we don't want to pay, but basically, the way the INDOT specs are written and the contract was tied in to INDOT specs, the contractor is entitled to that compensation.

Councilmember Sutton: John, I know you spent a lot of time with this and obviously, the question that I guess that keeps kind of bouncing around in my head is, you know, there obviously were some issues with that bridge, problems that delayed out it being

completed when it was initially slated to be completed, now are we having to pay for the errors that they made on that bridge, the mistakes that they made in terms of the workmanship and quality and then ultimately the time that it took to complete those? I can see how there would be an escalation in the price of material and what have you, so the amount of time from when they were supposed to finish and when they ultimately did finish because of their error, we're now having to pay for that? Is that what I'm hearing?

John Stoll: There's no definitive proof that it's all the result of a contractor error. There are some things that I guess can be attributed to the contractor, likewise, there are design issues involved. The contractor basically says that he built the bridge exactly as it was designed and it was design issues, soil issues and things like that, that were beyond his control. So in the contractor's mind, he's not at fault for the problems that were encountered. We don't have any definite proof that, I guess, totally assigned fault to the contractor. So on that basis, that's why these claims came about.

Councilmember Raben: Royce, would it make you feel better if we got Pat Coslett here next week or our next meeting to answer these questions?

Councilmember Sutton: (Inaudible) would make me feel better.

Councilmember Hoy: As I originally understood the mistakes on the bridge, the mistakes were really made by the state of Indiana, is that not so? I know they weren't made by your office.

John Stoll: I've got some ideas on what the root of the problem is, but I guess with all the pending lawsuits on it, I'd rather not say.

Councilmember Sutton: I think you've probably said enough.

Councilmember Hoy: You said enough. I mean, I think, you know, it's just one of those situations where we as a county, they can sue me, I don't care, I haven't got anything anyway. But, you know, we're paying the bills for somebody else's mistake, that's what we're doing and the state stuck us with this sometime ago and I guess we should just be happy we're seeing the end of it, but I certainly would want us to take a harder look the next time we cut a deal with the state and perhaps with this contractor because I think this contractor drug his feet and could have had this finished sooner. That's just my opinion, I'm not a contractor, but it just seemed like he drug it out an awful long time.

President Winnecke: John, I just have one question for clarification, the remaining, the next appropriation request will be for how much?

John Stoll: \$31,000...let's see, \$31,004, I believe. The grand total of the amount that it appears the contractor is entitled to is \$62,008.86. So our appropriation would be half of that, which would be \$31,004.43.

President Winnecke: Is there any indication that will, in fact, be the end of the requests?

John Stoll: As far as I know, yes that closes the book on it.

Councilmember Hoy: Except for the ribbon.

Councilmember Tornatta: And you said that's unless there's a penalty assessed to the contractor which would then give us some type of kickback or rebate.

John Stoll: Right, based on what happened out there, the inspector from Bernardin Lochmueller kept track of the number of days that were left in the job from the time the leaning pier was found till its original completion date of January of 2000. Once the retaining wall was constructed and the pier was straightened and all that, they started charging days again. So as far as Bernardin Lochmueller's inspectors were concerned, the contractor was in liquidated damages when the thing was completed. Like Councilman Hoy said, basically it dragged on longer than what it should have. So Bernardin Lochmueller had assessed liquidated damages at the tail end of this because the contractor exceeded the number of days that were left based on the original time frame. So depending on how that comes out, then that is correct, we could see the state reimbursing us for some of this. Likewise, when the state does their final audit and they've determined that we owe them some additional money, and they assessed liquidated damages, they would just deduct the liquidated damages off that final invoice. But we would get a credit of the liquidated damages.

Councilmember Hoy: What's so strange is in the state of Indiana they want to diminish the number of rooms for the mentally ill when we get this kind of stuff from the state. Perhaps some of them need some help.

Councilmember Sutton: By chance, John, when we have a contract for this type of work and there's a certain time frame when the work is scheduled to be completed, are there penalties that are built in once it exceeds and have – with what happened with the mistakes, errors, whoever's fault it may have been, is that factored into with what we're looking at?

John Stoll: If it is assessed. I mean, as far as Bernardin Lochmueller's determination was, they figured that the contractor was into penalties, the liquidated damages portion of this contract and all of the federal aid contracts have that provision in there. INDOT has three different ways that they can be included in the contract depending on whether the contract is a workday contract, a calendar day contract, or a fixed completion date contract. This one was a fixed completion date contract, and depending on which one of those, which way the contract is set up dictates what the liquidated damages per day would be.

Councilmember Hoy: I want to give you a compliment, Mr. Stoll, because I know none of this was your fault or the fault of your office and you've had to field a lot of calls on it and balance a lot of reports and it's created a lot of headaches, and you have handled this very well.

John Stoll: Thanks. I just hope I don't have to come back here or to the Commissioners with any more.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I think we should let the folks in Indianapolis know that we live in a river valley and that when you build bridges down here, you should really know that you can run into a lot of unusual things that you don't run into in Indianapolis, since they only have a creek that they call a river.

President Winnecke: John, I have a question and maybe a question for the Commissioner as well. Do you think we ought to pay this?

John Stoll: Based on the way the INDOT specs read, yes.

President Winnecke: And does the Commission have a inkling to challenge it?

Catherine Fanello: I was going to say, John probably knows – well, I can't remember if

you talked to me on the phone or I e-mailed you, but I did not want to pay it. And based on, you know, the discussions that we had, it looks like, you know, we're bound to it at this point, but with all the litigation that is going on, I'd probably rather keep my comments to a minimum unless they are in executive session.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes, paying it is cheaper than having problems down the road.

Catherine Fanello: I'll second that.

President Winnecke: We're going to change the tape. Just a second.

(Tape changed)

Jeff Ahlers: She was saying that Phil Hayes was handling that and I was just telling Royce that, I mean, without seeing the contract I'd have no way to really, you know, comment on what that is. I mean, if somebody wants me to take a look at something I can do that, but...

President Winnecke: Well, the Commissioners recommendation is to pay it based on –

Catherine Fanello: Yes, we did sign the change order...reluctantly.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: I'll call for the question.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton; No, and I'll be voting against the \$31,000 when it comes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Just a quick question, I never got to – I kept raising my hand, but I never got to ask a question. Is it too late for a question?

President Winnecke: One question.

Councilmember Raben: John, should we, I mean, I kind of understood what you were saying. It could be the contractor, it could be the engineer, but I mean, isn't it customary that either or both should they be found at fault, wouldn't either of them be

bonded for problems such as this?

John Stoll: They've got bonds. The contractor's bond is with the state in this case, the designer, the company no longer exists as far as – the company name still exists but it's different ownership of some sort than it was back when the design contract for this was originally set up. So as far as what kind of bonds or insurance they would have at this stage, I'm not really sure.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, would the county, would we ever have any legal recourse to go back on that if we –

Councilmember Tornatta: No, but if the state found them at fault and got money, then we get our money back. We get the kickback on that because that would be part of the – that would be part of their audited funds.

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to move that we approve this, but I mean, I hope I'm not voting wrong in doing so. I hope there is an opportunity at some point to recoup some of this money.

Teri Lukeman: So your vote is yes?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-4389	Fulton Ave. Bridge	57,000.00	57,000.00
Total		57,000.00	57,000.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Sutton opposed)

CCD/COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under CCD, 2031-1300-4121 Old Courthouse Roof in the amount of \$1,000,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Are there questions or is there a discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CCD/COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2031-1300-4121	Old Courthouse Roof	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
Total		1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF MISD. HOUSING

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Sheriff Misdemeanor Housing 2780-1390-2780, 2780-1900, 2780-1910, 2780-1920 and 2780-1530 for a total request of \$24,201. I will move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Are there questions or is there a discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SHERIFF MISD. HOUSING		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2780-1390-2780	Clerk-Typist	16,705.00	16,705.00
2780-1900	FICA	1,277.00	1,277.00
2780-1910	PERF	919.00	919.00
2780-1920	Insurance	4,800.00	4,800.00
2780-1530	Shift Differential	500.00	500.00
Total		24,201.00	24,201.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

911 EMERGENCY SERVICE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under 911 Emergency Service, account 3290-3160 Radio/Pagers in the amount of \$187,500. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Are there questions or is there a discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

911 EMERGENCY SERVICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3290-3160	Radio/Pagers	187,500.00	187,500.00
Total		187,500.00	187,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REPEAL REQUEST

SHERIFF/VCCC MISD. OFFENDER

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Next under repeals, account 2760-1110-2760 in the amount of \$24,201. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Is there discussion or are there questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SHERIFF/VCCC MISD. OFFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2760-1110-2760	Clerk	24,201.00	24,201.00
Total		24,201.00	24,201.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
SUPERIOR COURT (LATE TRANSFER)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under transfers we have one old and one new or one late transfer. I'll move that we accept the transfers as they are listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Are there questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1361-1800	Shift Differential	17,000.00	17,000.00
To: 1361-1530	Shift Differential	17,000.00	17,000.00

SUPERIOR COURT	REQUESTED	APPROVED
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From: 1370-1311-1370	Bailiff/Transportation Officer	1,500.00	1,500.00
To: 1370-1990	Extra Help	1,500.00	1,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Next we have the amendments. First I'll move under Area Plan we amend salary line 1240-1110 Executive Director as previously adopted. Sheriff Misdemeanor Housing salary line 2780-1390 Clerk-Typist as previously adopted. Vanderburgh County Community Corrections Misdemeanor Offender, salary line 2760-1110 Clerk as previously adopted. Community Corrections salary line 1361-1800 Shift Differential as previously adopted. Superior Court salary line 1370-1990 Part-Time help as previously adopted. And Knight Township Assessor as recommended by the Personnel Administration Committee on March 25, of 2002, amend salary line 1130-1150 Deputy Assessor/Mobile Home from a COMOT III to a COMOT IV at an annual salary at a Step I at \$22,794, and that is it. I move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Are there questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BRETT NIEMEIER/CASA CONTRACT EMPLOYEE INSURANCE
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President Winnecke: New business, the insurance issue with the CASA contract employee, Judge Niemeier.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Winnecke: Yes sir.

Councilmember Hoy: If it's appropriate, I would like to make a motion concerning this to get something on the floor. I'd like to make a motion on this issue. I would like to move that we include the insurance for this program for this year only under the county insurance and that we ask the judge then to submit enough money in the contract with CASA for 2003 to have them obtain their own insurance for this employee.

President Winnecke: Okay, there's a motion on the floor.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Are there questions or is there discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: I have a comment on it. I feel it's an issue of fairness that we cover this gentleman. He expected this, the process through which we went was not clear. I think there's enough money in the insurance account to cover this. That's my sense of it, you know, that we have the money there. We could do this and then at budget time we can clean the situation up that was created a number of years ago and make it clean cut. It's sort of a compromise motion to be honest with you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman and then Mr. Tornatta.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, how much money are we talking about there?

Councilmember Raben: Roughly ten thousand dollars.

President Winnecke: The annual cost for – if I'm reading this grid correctly – between nine and thirteen thousand dollars, the least expensive to the most expensive. Did you have another question?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, I want an exact figure.

President Winnecke: It would depend on what plan he would choose. Councilman Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Right. I was trying to come up with – Councilman Raben, you said at some point that you had cut that out of the budget and I was looking back through the budget book. Does it have its own line item or is it in that clump of insurance claims?

Councilmember Raben: No, I didn't actually say I had cut it. We basically had and when I say that I mean, what we did if you recall, we took all individual salary lines or budgets that had insurance in their own budgets, you know, individual lines and we lumped those all together and put those in our budget.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, –

Councilmember Raben: So all insurance is under the County Council's now.

Councilmember Tornatta: It was brought to my attention that, when we were talking about that, that we had knowledge that that had been cut on the County Council level and to my knowledge that was not – I wouldn't have been aware of that because there was a line item for the CASA director, however, no insurance line for the CASA director to cut. So it was not set in at zero –

Councilmember Raben: And that's how it was missed when the insurance figures were prepared at budgets. That's how it was missed is because the insurance figures were based off the salary ordinance and what have you, and there wasn't, that person was never considered. You know what I'm saying?

Councilmember Tornatta: Uh-huh. Well, okay, because it just kind of threw me because I thought I was not up on my numbers here and I did not remember seeing an insurance line for that CASA director that would have been cut or that would have been brought up at that time because I did have a question about, you know, what the CASA director did and went back and found out about that, but didn't see anything on the insurance. So just for the record that this was not anything that was brought to the Council and cut out of the Council budget at budget time, it was really, I'd have to say it's an oversight and should have been brought back to Superior Court juvenile judge and/or the CASA director at the time, if we were going to cut that. So that's why –

Councilmember Raben: I don't think it was actually even known until they brought it to our attention. I think it was when this employee started and they went to enroll in the insurance is when we found out that, you know, there was never any insurance planned for the individual.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, but it was in your opinion that you were not going to fund this project and that that was decided at budget time, and that's what was said, and I didn't recall that was said and wanted to bring that up, that that was not, in fact, the issue. It was not brought up at budget time. That director's position was not brought up.

President Winnecke: Councilman Bassemier and then we'll go back to (inaudible).

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I was just kind of thinking, what are we going to do with the other employees that come up here that's not a full-time employee? Are we going to give them a year of insurance, too? That's what I'm kind of afraid of. I was just – it's hard to support this because this person is not a full-time county employee and I think it's somewhere in the personnel policy that you've got to be a full-time employee to get the insurance benefits. And I'm just afraid that anybody else comes before us that's not a full-time employee, I think we should treat them the same way fairly, and give them a year's insurance also, so it's going to be hard for me to support this. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Councilman Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Well, the truth of the matter is, all of us sitting around this desk are part-time employees and we are all eligible for the county insurance. I have never taken it, I don't ask for any applause for that because I have a better program with my denomination, I wanted to stick with it as I go into retirement, so there's no great merit in me not taking the county insurance, but there are a number of part-time employees, all of those part-time prosecutors are eligible for the county health insurance, it's one of the benefits they get. All of the part-time lawyers down in the Public Defender's office are eligible, so we have a lot of people eligible for this wonderful county insurance. But

I think we have a situation here that we can clear up with the motion that I made that I consider a compromise. And what's at stake here is a program that I know the judge believes very strongly in, I do, many people do. And we could risk losing this employee which I would hate to do because the program has great benefit for young people. We just voted \$57,000 for someone's mistake on a bridge and we're going to vote another \$31,000 so we can avoid a lawsuit on that same bridge. We're talking about \$10,000 for a program that impacts positively the lives of a number of young people who are at risk – cheaper than building jail cells.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Well, I might say, and Phil, although I guess we're paid like a part-time employee, our compensation would certainly represent that, we are considered full-time employees and we are part of the salary ordinance just like any other officeholder. We don't punch a clock but we are considered full-time employees. But one thing that's important that we need to remember as a body, what we actually did a few years back. If you recall, we did this with the Convention & Visitors Bureau. When we took them outside the salary ordinance we made it clear to them at that point they were no longer eligible for county benefits. And in doing so they decided that it was worthwhile for them to get out of the salary ordinance to do that. So we took away their benefits when they got outside our salary ordinance. So, you know, we have actually preached this before. A lot of us may not remember it, but we have in fact. So we are being consistent when we say that non-county employees do not get county insurance. And in my opinion, the Vanderburgh County Convention & Visitors Bureau is a whole lot closer to being a county employee than an individual that is a contractual employee that works for a not-for-profit organization. But I did state last week that I am concerned that this person was brought on board with the understanding or thinking that he was going to be provided insurance and I had mentioned last week that as a good faith effort that I thought it would be worthwhile to help fund this, okay? And Brett, this, and I apologize to everybody else, if you look at this FAX, it came in at 3:39 today from Mr. Woehler from ONB Insurance. But this is a quote from Anthem Insurance, which Anthem is one of the providers that the county has. This quote is based – and I believe he may have spoke with Mr. Wrye, he may – I think he has, okay, if not, some of this information was provided by our executive secretary – but this quote is based on a 53 year old male, nonsmoker. Now the jury is out on whether or not he is a smoker or a nonsmoker, okay, but this is based on a nonsmoker, I want everybody to understand that. You can get, and this is, it says here, based, applicant, this is not spouse, this is for one individual, if we went outside of the county's insurance we can provide him with Anthem insurance for \$270 a month which is \$3,240 annually. So, you know, again, my offer is that we do something to offset that for the balance of the year. But I don't think we need to put him on county insurance.

Councilmember Tornatta: Then why aren't we all on that if it's going to save us so much money?

Councilmember Raben: I think everybody knows the county is not getting any deals and I said that last week, too –

Councilmember Tornatta: Is this like to like insurance?

Councilmember Raben: I do not know. Again, this came in nine minutes after the meeting started.

Councilmember Tornatta: I would not want to shortchange this individual –

Councilmember Raben: This is based on a \$500 deductible.

Councilmember Tornatta: But I would not want to shortchange this individual, this year pull the rug out from his feet. Now next year if we say he's on his own, he's on his own. That's why I seconded Councilman Hoy's motion because, I mean, I think it's a fair way of saying that if we're going to have this policy and we're going to get things straight that this is how we're going to set the example and do it here. But I don't think, like you said, not letting this gentleman know coming into the job that he was not going to receive insurance is not the way to teach the rest of the county a lesson and I don't necessarily think that that insurance might be like to like of what he would have if he got the Anthem from the county.

Councilmember Sutton: I think if we –

Councilmember Raben: And that point I don't think...well, never mind.

Councilmember Sutton: I think if it was our intent to make some changes with the position as far as insurance is concerned, I think it was our responsibility to notify them, let them know what direction we were heading. If the previous person, the executive director, Linda Owen, I guess if she continued to stay on, I guess we would have continued to pay that insurance item. It just so happened she left at the end of last year and especially when you're dealing with benefits and salaries and things of that nature, you know, they're very sensitive areas and you need to be able to communicate and give people an advance, you know, warning before you make any radical shifts and changes, and I think the motion tries to address that in a manner where we're sending out the information in advance. We're letting the judge know and others know that the county wants to proceed in a different course of action for a variety of reasons. And I think it's the right way to go about doing it rather than just abruptly having one course of action and then moving in another direction. And just want to also maybe just, a little bit earlier it was mentioned about Convention & Visitors Bureau, if you keep in mind, they requested to remove themselves from the county structure because they wanted to compensate their employees different than we have our employees compensated. They wanted to be able to compensate them according to how they performed rather than just a flat two percent, three percent, four percent that the county typically goes with. And by virtue of them deciding to go in that direction and us granting that, they had some repercussions behind that, that they were comfortable with. But they actually, they requested that of us, we didn't go to them and say, you know, we want to make the changes with you. So I don't know how much more we can discuss this issue, but I think it's pretty clear, you know, we want to try to do the right thing for the county financially, fiscally being responsible but also understanding that we do have an office that was depending upon the insurance from the county side.

President Winnecke: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I tell you what is clear, and we're not considered a part-time employee, we're considered elected officials. And I've got the personnel policy for the county. On 4.18 Health Insurance it says, the county provides medical group health insurance for elected officials and full-time county employees. Specific details are contained in the county insurance plan, of which copies are provided to eligible employees. Questions regarding insurance benefits should be directed to the County Auditor's office. So I really think if we're just going to pick and choose out of this book what we want, I think we're going to open up something that is going to be a problem in the future. So that's all I have to say.

Councilmember Tornatta: It was done in the past, so I mean, there was no question

raised about it in the past, so how can you raise a question now? Set it straight for next year.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, the way it was done, this is an up-to-date personnel policy.

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm sure our policy has been in place for years.

President Winnecke: Councilman Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I don't disagree with you, Mr. Bassemier, on what the book says at all, but this has been going on for a number of years. We've not had a rush of people coming in, have had nobody else taking advantage of it, and what we need to do is to, I think strike this compromise and then set it up properly. I believe, Judge, you have a grant or a contract with the Young Service Bureau, for example, where you contract for X number of dollars and the Youth Service Bureau then looks after the benefits. That's the proper way to have it set up. You inherited this, you've got a situation on your hands. My plea is that we not penalize this man for something he did not do. We not penalize the program and I would hate to lose him. I guess the biggest part of my appeal is – and if I were in his shoes and all of the sudden someone told me I'd had this kind of cut, I'd probably be looking someplace else, you know, for another job. It could do damage to the program when we're talking about the welfare of young people, and we're talking about the kind of program that intervenes in the lives of young people when they're getting in trouble. Far better we do that than to see them in the criminal justice system when we're adults because I think they can save enough lives to justify, easily justify, this expenditure. I know it goes against the book. I know what my paycheck says, too, about how much I make on a 40-hour week, but I don't think we're working 40-hour weeks. Some weeks I think I may be, but most of us don't. And I apologize if I've upset any Councilmen over the health insurance, but I've never really understood why we offer it to ourselves.

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman, I don't think any of us in truth, based on what we are compensated as Councilmen are living full-time, I'm looking around the table. I think most of us all have other occupations. You're retired but you've got other occupations, too, but I mean, I don't think we see that as a full-time source of pay.

President Winnecke: Judge Niemeier?

Brett Niemeier: I think everyone is in agreement that it's in the county's best interest and this body's best interest not to have non-county employees receiving county insurance. It's a matter of when do you set that policy? I always try to look at it from the person's point of view that's being affected the most. I can't imagine what I would have done if the first day that I took my job someone told me, oh by the way, no one told you this, because the practice has been ongoing for ten years, but without having a vote by anybody, you no longer have county insurance. In effect, you're losing one third, almost one third of your salary. You know, if tomorrow that happened to you, what would your reaction be? Someone said arbitrarily. Maybe, maybe not, I don't know. But if somebody higher up and there is no higher authority than the Council, but if someone was over you, they came in and said, oh by the way, we didn't tell you but last year we cut your insurance. You don't have it.

Councilmember Raben: Can I respond –

President Winnecke: Let the judge finish.

Brett Niemeier: And that's just pure fairness. Government should treat people fairly and I'm not asking for this to continue on for years to come. I think Reverend Hoy had an excellent motion. We've been doing this for ten years, go ahead and continue it for the rest of this year. Let everyone have the opportunity, the CASA board and also the Superior Court to take a look at what it's going to cost to supply this man insurance from the private sector and then I can come before you at budget time in just a few months and say, this is what I think is fair, let's please raise the line item by \$2,000, \$5,000, \$15,000, whatever it is, and at that time, you have the ability to look at all of your budgets and all the county's money and decide whether or not that's appropriate. I don't think that's unreasonable.

President Winnecke: Judge, I do have a question for you. Did I understand you last week to say that Mr. Wrye does not have access to insurance through other means?

Brett Niemeier: That's my understanding. He is here to answer questions. That's my understanding.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wrye, could you come forward please? Do you have insurance through other means outside –

M. G. "Rocky" Wrye: I purchased an interim policy, bare bones policy with no vision, no dental, no prescription drugs, just a catastrophic policy in the interim, the transition period while we were moving here and I can tell you that \$270 a month isn't anywhere near comparable to Vanderburgh County's insurance and whatever he's quoting because I know what I'm paying right now. But the answer to the question is yes, I do have insurance, but I purchased it. My out of pocket costs on that insurance are astronomical right now because there's nothing but big-time, if something were to happen to me big-time, I'd avoid massive disaster.

President Winnecke: Do you have access through, insurance through your spouse's employer?

M. G. "Rocky" Wrye: No, she works for the Southwestern Indiana Arts Council, so –

President Winnecke: And they provide no insurance?

M. G. "Rocky" Wrye: They provide her insurance but not mine.

President Winnecke: And you have no access to that?

M. G. "Rocky" Wrye: No.

Councilmember Raben: Just for the record, I think this is an 80/20 \$500 deductible. No, I don't think it has prescription insurance nor vision, and vision is typically another policy separate from your standard health insurance. But, Judge, just address a couple of points. You had mentioned that this is one third of his salary. The line that we do approve in the Commissioners' budget is not a salary line. It is a payment to CASA to help offset their expenses. So we're not actually paying a salary. Secondly, if you want to compare things to the private sector, had he went to work, left the private sector and took another private sector job, any business that I know of or any insurance policy, group health insurance policy that I'm aware of out there in the private sector, there is a 90 to 120 day waiting period to even enroll on insurance. And that's part, you asked why we pay so much, that's just one of the reasons why the county pays so much because there is no waiting period, so we do pay extra for that. So we're not doing anything to this gentleman that the private sector themselves would not do, okay? And

secondly, would you not be eligible for COBRA right now? Are you eligible to enroll in COBRA?

M. G. "Rocky" Wrye: No sir.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Did you have insurance at your –

M. G. "Rocky" Wrye: I was self-employed.

Councilmember Raben: You were self-employed.

Councilmember Sutton: Call for the question.

President Winnecke: Okay, just to make sure everyone recalls the motion. The motion is to continue the payment of this employee or this person's insurance through the balance of 2003. Is that correct?

Councilmember Hoy: Through the end of 2002.

President Winnecke: I'm sorry, through the end of 2002. I was a year ahead. Sorry. That was the motion and we have a second. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Before I vote I want to make it very clear what my position is here. First of all, I am willing to do something to help this problem that's before us. Not in the manner in which the motion reads and that's to put this individual on county insurance. I'm still very much interested in looking at an alternative plan, an individual plan for this gentleman whereas the county could do whatever we deem proper to help offset that cost, but as the motion was stated, I vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: I agree with Mr. Raben. I vote no.

(Motion fails 3-4/Councilmembers Bassemier, Raben, Wortman & Winnecke opposed)

Councilmember Sutton: So let me understand this, what you said, Mr. Raben. When this particular position was not to have insurance, were you going to go out and actually, I mean, find – I know you've got a quote there, but I mean, this person has been in place since January. Why are we just now getting around to getting what might be a preliminary quote which isn't exactly in align with, you know, what his particular, his needs are? I mean, if that was the intent, why wasn't anything done?

Councilmember Raben: Well, it wasn't brought to my attention until the last few weeks, so I can't answer that.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, its been on – we had it on the agenda last week and the Judge brought us a letter back – was it in late December or was that early January?

Brett Niemeier: I think it was in –

Councilmember Sutton: Early January. I mean, so we've had this and here this is April. I mean, if something was going to be done, and if that was your intent, I mean, why wasn't anything done up to this point in time? I mean, if you're just going to leave a person hanging in the air, the intent was to cut it, what was the alternative?

Councilmember Raben: Well, again, where I stand today, I'll speak for how I stand today and how I stand today is just as I stated when I voted. That I do not agree with putting this individual on county insurance. He is not a county employee. What I am willing to do, or what I think is a good gesture on behalf of this Council is to look at another measure to insure this individual for the period of the balance of this year and to help offset or depending on the price of the package, you know, incur the cost of it. But –

Councilmember Sutton: Who is going to do that? Are you asking the CASA board to do that? Are you going to do that? You know, is it the Commissioners? I mean, we say look, I mean, who is going to do that?

Councilmember Raben: Who is going to do what?

Councilmember Sutton: Who is going to actually go out and get the actual, go out and get two or three quotes, whatever needs to be done to find –

Councilmember Raben: I think the CASA board needs to look into that.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, now what about the funds available for that?

Councilmember Raben: Well, again, we need to see what the price of the package is. But, you know, I had stated last week that if it cost the county a thousand or two for the balance of this year to help offset a policy, I would certainly be glad to –

Councilmember Tornatta: And would we not pick up his expense up to this point?

Councilmember Raben: I'm sorry?

Councilmember Tornatta: Would we not pick up his expense up to this point?

Councilmember Raben: Up to what point?

President Winnecke: Year to date.

Councilmember Tornatta: Year to date. He's been carrying his own –

(Inaudible – several speaking at once)

Councilmember Tornatta: – and my other question is how was this advertised? How was the job advertised? I mean, –

Brett Niemeier: That he would have insurance. No one – and I still – I'm sorry, I don't understand the process –

Councilmember Tornatta: That's absolutely ludicrous.

Brett Niemeier: – of how his insurance was actually cut if there's never been a vote by this body to cut his insurance. I don't understand why when he went to the Auditor's office someone told him, I'm sorry, but you can't apply for insurance, whenever this position has had insurance for ten years. I don't understand how that could happen.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, what happened, Judge, is that we just...the majority of this Council, just decided that what we had done for ten years was not correct. And I don't agree with the decision, you know that, but that's what happened.

Brett Niemeier: I understand what happened today, but that was decided somehow, I guess, in January or February. I don't know how – when that was decided.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't either. I don't either, but my suggestion is since we've taken the vote that we have, that we get the CASA board to look for the coverage. I mean, that would be the proper way to do it. I can tell you, contrary to what you said, Mr. Raben, I have to pay out of pocket for my supplement, my Medicare supplement, okay, and my wife is in her 50's which is what this gentleman is, and we pay a whole, whole lot more a month than 300 and some odd dollars to cover her. I guarantee you that. We'll be lucky to find a policy that cheap. There may be something on paper and without prescription coverage, you're not talking about much coverage, because prescriptions are extremely, extremely expensive if you take any kind of medicine anymore. It's just unconscionable. If you're reading any of the material on it, you know, the drug companies' costs for their products have escalated and God knows their advertising budgets are all spent around the 6:00 news which is the most expensive time to advertise. They spent about 16 billion last year, you know, on promotion and advertising. So, you know, that's a very important part of somebody's coverage. But I think that probably it would be best if the CASA board came up with a figure and you came up with an appropriation to lay on our desks. I don't see any other alternative. I'm sorry, but that's the vote.

President Winnecke: We're going to change the tape and then we'll wrap it up if anyone else has anything.

(Tape changed)

President Winnecke: Anyone else?

Councilmember Sutton: I think there's a question, though. I mean, I think it's still lingering out there. I mean, I think we need to see...back in August during our budget decision, I guess maybe September, when that line item was reduced on the insurance, to take out the CASA amount, I mean, because I think there seems to be some

uncertainty about when, how or if that occurred. I think we need to clarify that. I mean not just leave that hanging out in the air there.

President Winnecke: Actually –

Councilmember Tornatta: It was never taken out.

President Winnecke: There's not a line item per se for this person's insurance. As Mr. Raben said earlier, and correct me if I misstate this, but all the insurance line items from each department were taken out of the departmental budgets and put into the Council budgets, so there was not a line item per se that said CASA director insurance.

Councilmember Raben: And I don't even – I don't recall, Sandie, maybe you can help me, was it in with the – when you look at the Commissioners' insurance, was it part of their insurance or was it just part of the – was it part of another line? I really don't know.

Sandie Deig: It wouldn't have been in the Commissioners' insurance. They only have their own employees and the County Commissioners themselves.

Councilmember Sutton: So I mean, again, like I say, I think the question is still kind of hanging out there. We need to answer that.

Sandie Deig: There never was a line item for CASA employees. It that what you're asking me?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah.

Sandie Deig: There never was. The Superior Court had an insurance line, but it never was for – it didn't say CASA employee.

Councilmember Raben: But what that insurance figure part of their insurance figure?

Sandie Deig: You're asking me something I'd have to go back to all my records and look, Jim. I mean, that's a two month procedure for me to do that projection.

President Winnecke: We're asking a lot of questions that we probably can't answer here and I think they're all legitimate and fair questions. What I think I would ask is that Mrs. Deig and maybe Mr. Raben, and I would be glad to assist, research the questions that Councilman Sutton and Judge Niemeier asked.

Councilmember Sutton: And then – just one more thing –

President Winnecke: Let me finish. And then I would encourage Judge Niemeier to do as Councilman Hoy suggested and then –

Councilmember Sutton: Well, and again, if that is the case, you know, there was an article in the paper earlier this week – Jim's talking so – Jim, you mentioned about other non-county employees presently insured by the county, I mean, are you intending next month to bring forward something before the Council to inform those employees that there's going to be some changes with their insurance?

Councilmember Raben: Which employees?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess in the article, we all can be misquoted, but I'm sure that Susan did a good job of quoting well in the newspaper, where it mentioned about the

Judges who are compensated, in the Prosecutor's office, I mean is the intent to move –

Councilmember Raben: I don't think that's anything we need to look at in the next month, but I think it's something we need to consider between now and August.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, why wait for them if this is an urgent matter? I mean, if we need to do this one now, why not do all of them?

Councilmember Raben: Well, I mean, you're welcome to begin that process if you'd like, but again, I don't have time to get involved in anything further than this right now.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I'm just saying you mentioned that. I mean, and so why separate this one out if we know we've got other issues out there?

Councilmember Raben: Again, that's – I stick with what was read in the article, that that is something that needs to be looked at. I didn't say in that article – correct me if I'm wrong, the person that wrote it, but I think the question was do you think something should be done with the others and I said yeah, I think we probably do need to look at that in the future. So again, that doesn't mean that I think that it should be taken away, but I think we need to address it as a body. I don't need to address it myself. We need to, all seven of us need to address it. I mean, it's not up to me to do that.

Councilmember Sutton: No, it's not up to you, but like I say, you were quoted so why that's you're the person I'm addressing it to so...

Councilmember Raben: I mean, what's your opinion on that?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, –

(Inaudible – several speaking at once)

Councilmember Tornatta: – cut this insurance, somebody addressed that, that we cut it, otherwise it would still be there.

President Winnecke: Councilman Hoy had asked for the floor and then we'll move on.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I personally am not aware of other non-county employees who are on our insurance, however, since we have made this decision I'd like to see a list of those. Are there any other non-county employees who are on county insurance that we know of?

Councilmember Tornatta: Sure.

Sandie Deig: Not to my knowledge. You mean in my county line item, is that what you're asking?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Sandie Deig: In the Council line item?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Sandie Deig: The only monies that were funded in the Council line were for county employees...no, for the county offices in the General Fund. Is that a better way –

President Winnecke: To answer your question, there are other non-county employees who piggyback on our plan not at the expense of the taxpayer.

Sandie Deig: That's not in my –

Councilmember Raben: I think what's important here is what Ed just read. As the county handbook states that elected officials and full-time employees, so yeah, I mean, everyone wanted to argue the point as – Judge Niemeier, is he a county employee or is he a state employee? I mean, again, our employee handbook states that it's perfectly fine to pay his insurance, but the jury is out on what this body, if we deem it appropriate or not. Ed answered a lot of what your questions are right there. I mean, it is appropriate.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't think we need to, I mean, if we're going to address this matter, then let's open the whole thing up and not seem like as if we are being selective in who we choose to make these type of decisions on, if we know there's other issues.

Councilmember Raben: This is not being selective. It purely states elected officials and full-time county employees. This gentleman is an elected official, you and I are elected officials, the other people that to my knowledge, the rest of the people that we are paying insurance for are full-time county employees. Then we have the case that's before us now. That is not a county employee, part-time or full-time. So this is the only case that I'm aware of.

Councilmember Sutton: The judges are state employees.

Councilmember Raben: But our handbook states that elected officials or full-time county employees.

Councilmember Sutton: We're talking this in the ground.

(Inaudible – several speaking at once)

Councilmember Hoy: My question –

President Winnecke: One more and then we're going to wrap up.

Councilmember Hoy: To clarify my question, my question is not – by my understanding of the book, and I'll go back and read the thing again, I'm not questioning covering the judges or the prosecutor or us as elected officials or all the part-time attorneys who are covered somehow, but they are covered. I mean, I've raised the question for years, how many hours does a part-time attorney in any of the offices - I won't single out an office – how many hours do they work, you know, for that insurance and for that wage? I've never got an answer.

Jeff Ahlers: More than you know.

Councilmember Hoy: And I'm not picking on our counsel, but my question has to do purely with this: do we have anybody else for whom we are paying county insurance that is like this case?

President Winnecke: And based on the research that I've done with the Auditor's office and with Mr. Woehler from ONB, no there is not.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay.

Sandie Deig: And in my projections I don't have it –

Councilmember Hoy: And you don't have that either. So we are dealing with an isolated case which is what I thought from the beginning, and I just wanted that clarification.

President Winnecke: Okay, thank you. We're going to move on.

<p>PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING HOMESTEAD CREDIT</p>

President Winnecke: Last item, permission to advertise the Homestead tax – I'm sorry, Sandie, do we need to vote on that?

Jeff Ahlers: Permission to advertise and I'll get them that this week.

President Winnecke: Okay. Motion to adjourn.

<p>CHANGE FILING DATE FOR MAY 1, 2002 MEETING</p>
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Sandie Deig: I want to change the filing date.

President Winnecke: Oh, I'm sorry. And we're going to change the – do we need to vote on that?

Sandie Deig: No, just tell me and I'll –

President Winnecke: (Inaudible) to change the filing date to April 11.

Sandie Deig: And I'll do a memo.

President Winnecke: Right, you'll do a memo. Thank you. We're adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

_____ President Lloyd Winnecke	_____ Vice President Ed Bassemier
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_____ Councilmember James Raben	_____ Councilmember Phil Hoy
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_____ Councilmember Curt Wortman	_____ Councilmember Royce Sutton
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Councilmember Troy Tornatta

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MAY 1, 2002**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 1st day of May, 2002 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m. by County Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: I'd like to call the May 1st meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council to order. Sheriff, would you open our meeting?

Brad Ellsworth: Oh yes, oh yes, oh yes, the Vanderburgh County Council is now in session pursuant to adjournment.

President Winnecke: Roll call attendance please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

President Winnecke: Would you please stand and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance, please?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Winnecke: Before we get to the Council business before us, I'd like to congratulate Councilman Tornatta and his wife Tomelle on the birth of their brand new baby girl, Tatum Nicole. Not that they're proud, but there she is.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman, is she registered to vote?

Councilmember Sutton: Probably not to your liking.

Councilmember Tornatta: No, but she does cry a lot.

President Winnecke: There's probably a joke there, but.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES APRIL 3, 2002
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President Winnecke: I'll ask for approval of the minutes from the April 3rd meeting.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS
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President Winnecke: Mr. Raben, the appropriation ordinance please.

ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President. First is Armstrong Township Assessor account number 1100-3141 in the amount of \$120. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Are there questions or is there any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1100-3141	Communications	120.00	120.00
Total		120.00	120.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Next, Pigeon Township Assessor account 1150-1180-1150 in the amount of \$1,267. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1150-1180-1150	Bus/Per. Prop. Deputy	1,267.00	1,267.00
Total		1,267.00	1,267.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Next, under County Commissioners account 1300-4232 in the amount of \$9,980. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
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1300-4232	USI/METS	9,980.00	9,980.00
Total		9,980.00	9,980.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PUBLIC DEFENDER AGENCY

Councilmember Raben: Public Defender account 1303-1840-1303, account 1303-1900, and 1303-1910 for a total of \$19,049. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

PUBLIC DEFENDER AGENCY	REQUESTED	APPROVED
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1303-1840-1303	Dep. Public Defender Juvenile Court	16,909.00	16,909.00
1303-1900	FICA	1,294.00	1,294.00

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1303-1910	PERF	846.00	846.00
Total		19,049.00	19,049.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Sutton opposed)

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS (Two requests)

Councilmember Raben: Superintendent of County Buildings account 1310-3530 Contractual Services in the amount of \$51,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Is Will here?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, he is.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, if Will could just go over some of the – hi, Will, sorry. If you could go over some of the things that he's doing with the contract – for the contract.

Will Fosse: My name is Will Fosse and I'm from Fosse and Associates, architects. Several weeks ago, John Stoll asked me to submit a proposal to implement some of the recommendations that were made in our Vanderburgh County Old Courthouse task force. I was a member with John on one of the subcommittees and we had a number of recommendations and it's part of the bound report the of the task force, and I believe most of you have a copy of this. Pages one and two of that document of the Old Courthouse committee report, the Building Assessment subcommittee, describes the work that was being recommended in the first phase. And this involves the building envelope which is trying to make it water tight. It involves a new roof, relining the existing gutters, re-establishing the existing interior down spouts and, for this first phase, the renovation of the windows. And what our job would be is to provide plans and specifications to implement this work and the one item that's mentioned on the recommendation is for the roof that is not included in this first phase is the domes themselves, the four copper domes. So we're talking of removing the existing slate roof and all of its flashings. installing a new solid sheathing on the structural framework. And this, we believe, is necessary because of the stage phasing of the new roof installation. This is going to have to be done over a period of two or three months because of the size of the project. And the building is still going to be used so we have to try to make it as water tight as possible. So we're doing that by – right now, the existing construction is spaced framing, about 8 ½ inches on center. We're going to cover that with a plywood sheathing, cover the sheathing with a self-adhering ice and water shield. And what that means is that you could have rain on part of the building that's being renovated that has new sheathing on it and it's not going to enter into the attic floor area. The other thing we have to do is we're going to be providing all new flashes, all new wall flashings, all new valley and ridge flashings for the roof itself, because that's one of the major portions wrong with the building right now is the flashings are deteriorated. That roof has lasted just about the life of the material that was put on there which is, I believe, in excess of – very close to a hundred years, maybe in excess of that. Then if you notice, there are some exterior down spouts that have been added a few years back and they're stainless steel. We're going to try to incorporate, well, we are going to re-establish the old interior down spouts. The reason they put the new ones on the outside is it was kind of a band-aid approach and it was an easy solution. One of the members of our subcommittee, Dennis Au, is our historic preservation person, so we are – all of these operations and recommendations are in agreement with the requirements or they meet the requirements of the historical preservation. So we're not endangering any future certifications or this sort of thing by doing anything that's contrary to what they would like

us to do. One of the problems on this particular project is – at least the task force committee is unable to find any existing drawings of the Courthouse that are really much good. I mean, there are some renovation drawings from the 20's. but as far as the original drawings, there are none, and that makes the task of obtaining drawings a little bit tougher because we have to go out and field measure a great deal. The windows will be salvaged to the greatest extent possible. We're going to reuse the frames and the sash material that we can. We're going to take the existing glazing out, replace it with insulated low-e glazing, which will have quite an impact on the heating and air conditioning costs. The estimated cost of this first phase is something like \$1,051,500. Our fee is approximately 4.8% of that amount. And for that fee, we're providing full architectural services. Now when we say full architectural services, a normal fee for a project of this size might be 7.5%. But because of the scope of the work, the first phases of the architectural services are schematic design and design development, and those two phases are minimal so our fee is about 65% of a normal fee. And what we will do is provide drawings and specifications, we will oversee the bids and we'll supervise the construction during the entire construction period. Now that's basically what we do. If you have any questions I can hopefully answer them.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Will, I had probably created a lot of the problems last week with so many questions I had and since then most of those have been answered. So I'm considerably more comfortable with this request than I was a week ago. And just for instance, I didn't realize a week ago that the – I guess you look at it and don't realize what you don't see, but I didn't realize that the down spouts had ran on the inside of the building as an example.

Will Fosse: The original, yes, the original down spouts are inside. And what it amounts to is opening up some chases. I think there are either 12 or 14 vertical chases with the down spouts in them. We're going to replace the down spouts, but we have to – well, we have to go into the chases a couple of places, each one, and install the vertical down spouts and then add the gutters from the roof.

Councilmember Raben: As far as the windows go, though, I mean, is it, I guess, we have to in order to appease the preservationists, do we have to use the old sashes and –

Will Fosse: Well, we studied – we looked at a couple possibilities and to buy a new sash, okay, there are windows available, systems available, you can get double-hung windows now, but they don't make them like this. The windows that we have there now have the sash weights in them, they're double hung, and these days everybody's system uses some type of coil springs and in 25 years it probably wouldn't be there. I mean, you'd have to replace them again. So the sashes that are there are 2 3/8 inches thick. Some of the wood is oak, some of it is poplar, there is a total of 240 windows. There are various sizes. We already have a schedule of where they're located in the building and what size they are. And there are some that you can't replace. But it's cheaper to, if we – and the big key is if we can route out the existing sash with not having to take them out. You have to take the glass out, and we have to make the rabbet a little bit deeper to put in the new glazing. If that can be done in place you can save a tremendous amount of money. And the total, I think the total on the windows is something like \$314,000. And just to get new windows, we had a price – I don't remember exactly what it was but it was over \$350,000 and that was using someone like either Pella, which is a window manufacturer, but they use their own system and a wood window to replace those that we have, would cost probably in excess of \$500,000.

Councilmember Raben: And with that all the windows will, I mean, outside of the fact

getting new glass, I mean, they'll operate, they'll go up and down?

Will Fosse: Yes, yes.

Councilmember Raben: Because I know that's always a problem with old buildings and windows is that most of them don't open anymore because of the –

Will Fosse: Well, I think some of these were painted shut, basically, and we're going to reuse the hardware as much as we can. And there's – well, there's some other little problems to go along with that because some of the windows and the desire to get electrical conduit around the building, some of them ran it outside and ran it through the window and some of the windows have already been closed because there's conduit under the window. So that is going to be addressed also.

Councilmember Raben: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Other questions?

Councilmember Raben: Do you think we can get a little more life out of that roof, though, than the old one?

Will Fosse: Now? Oh, well, –

Councilmember Raben: I'm being facetious. A hundred years is enough.

Will Fosse: No, the roof was done very well and we're putting on a – we're recommending a slate that has a life expectancy of between 75 and 100 years. So that's what we're shooting for.

President Winnecke: I would just ask one question. For these improvements, does the county need the approval of the preservation commission?

Will Fosse: You mean for the appropriateness of the –

President Winnecke: Right.

Will Fosse: Well, I think we will get those. We plan to do that because we don't want to –

President Winnecke: It's not, okay.

Will Fosse: But we still will get their blessing so to speak, because we don't want to get down the road and then say well, if you'd only done this we could have given you this certification.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thanks for coming in and clarifying that. There's a motion and a second on the floor. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1310-3530	Contractual Services	51,000.00	51,000.00
Total		51,000.00	51,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Superintendent of County Buildings 1310-2210 Gas & Oil in the amount of \$500. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1310-2210	Gas & Oil	500.00	500.00
Total		500.00	500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Superior Court account 1370-3932 in the amount of – the requested amount is \$7,500. I'm going to move that we set this in at \$7,113, and the reasoning behind that is the figure, although we're basically just giving more for the contract, we're not actually supplying this insurance. The money does, in fact, go to their board to pay this insurance and the \$7,500 figure reflected dental and eye care being paid by the CASA, and the county, we don't, I mean, the employee picks up the entire fee for the both those items, so I've taken that out. So the amount I'm setting in is \$7,113.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Is there discussion or other questions?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes. How long will this be in effect, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: These figures, if I'm not mistaken, we were told last week are for a period of 12 months, correct? And I think we made it clear last year that this is kind of a one-time request and we won't support it next year.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Jim, I didn't quite catch, you said the CASA board is going to pick up the cost of vision and dental, is that what you said?

Councilmember Raben: I just wanted to make it clear that this, the county is not paying for this insurance. This is insurance that the CASA board has gone out and sought, okay. But to stay consistent, since we're paying, we're in essence paying the fee for providing that insurance, to stay consistent with what we pay for county employees, I've subtracted the amount of the employer's portion for dental and eye care.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. The other question was, I think I mentioned at our meeting last week, was what cost this particular employee has incurred from the

beginning of the year up to this point. And the cost there, how is that factored in to this?

Councilmember Raben: I don't know that it is, but I don't understand where you're going with that either, so...

Councilmember Sutton: Well, from January to the end of the year up to whenever this takes effect he's had some coverage from some source that he's paid for out of pocket, and I guess the intent here is to try to cover, at least not from the county means, but to the cover the insurances. So are we talking about reimbursing the employee back for that period of time where they were –

Councilmember Raben: It wouldn't be my intent for the simple reason that we're not picking up the amount of money for just from now to the end of the year. We're giving him 12 months of insurance and I think I had stated maybe a month ago that outside of this building here, if you go to work in the private sector, you usually have a 60 or 90 or, in some cases, 120 day waiting period before you can enroll in insurance anyway, so –

Councilmember Sutton: Well, you know, I guess I was thinking, I don't know exactly what the time period may be, it just seems like year end would be, I guess, more appropriate rather than middle of May of next year or something like that as far as our, the level that we might put toward this, so I guess that's maybe what I'm trying, I know we're trying to cover for 12 months, but you know, insurance has changed, there could be a price increase come end of the year, so the end of the year until this point in time next year, the figure could be actually a little bit higher.

President Winnecke: If I may answer, I think the point was to give a 12 month coverage, we're telling Judge Niemeier and the CASA board our intent is to fund this for 12 months – or for 12 months it gives them even more time to figure out what they want to do beyond that. If we fund it only until the end of the year it gives them less time to make additional plans, so I think that's the reasoning behind the 12 month coverage versus ending it December 31, '02.

Councilmember Sutton: I understand, I was just saying at the end of the year if there is an increase, which insurances tend to kick in their increase at the beginning of the year, are we going to come back and re-look at this to cover to this point?

Councilmember Raben: I would certainly not entertain it. I mean, I think to provide it for 12 months is enough in itself, and I would certainly never entertain even so much as reimbursing for the money spent to date because, you know, again that happens a lot, you know, when people have to pick up COBRA, so –

Councilmember Sutton: I guess I was just thinking maybe it would be probably less expensive going back than going all the way into next year.

President Winnecke: I think this quote is for a 12 month period if I recall, so –

Councilmember Sutton: For the whole entire 12 months?

Unidentified: Yes. (Inaudible – comments not made from the microphone)

President Winnecke: Councilman Hoy and then Councilman Tornatta.

Councilmember Hoy: I think I'm correct in this, if I'm not, why, I would be willing to stand corrected, but actually, what we're doing here is we are not paying the insurance, we

are granting money and that CASA board will make their own decisions. They could choose to write a check to him for retroactive insurance. That's their business and not ours. So they can resolve that however they wish and then the second point that I would make is that when they come to us at budget time, then they may come to us with a new figure which we can take a look at. But we're actually putting the ball in their hands for insurance, which probably should have been done a long time ago, but wasn't, and now we're correcting a mistake that was made. And to connect with what I said last week, looking at what Mr. Raben has proposed, I proposed a compromise as you know, that sometime ago that wouldn't fly, but I'm relatively happy with this. I think this approach is as close as I would hope for a compromise.

President Winnecke: Councilman Tornatta.

Councilmember Tornatta: I agree with that. I think that, Donna, if you got the word to – if there's anything that we need to reconcile, we can do that at budget time, but it sounds like there's been a considerable amount of effort to make sure that Rocky, Mr. Wrye is taken care of, so I credit the board with looking into that and it looks like they've made a good decision. I'd like for, before I go, I'd like for Catherine to come up here and she's got some numbers on the insurance just so we could have an idea.

Catherine Fanello: Catherine Fanello, County Commissioner. Councilman Tornatta had talked to me yesterday and I had received these figures just a little while ago, but I think there had been a lot of talk and some numbers thrown out that our insurance costs us per employee between 9 to \$13,000 per employee and that's not exactly correct. These figures are based on employee plus one dependent. Now a family is going to be, obviously, a little higher than that but our average age of person on insurance in the county is 45 and there are not always families on the insurance, so this is a little bit more of the norm. For the Anthem plan, which is our most expensive plan it costs \$8,661, it costs us \$8,661. For the Welborn HMO plan, it's \$6,400, and for the Anthem HMO plan, it is \$6,690.

Councilmember Wortman: Mrs. Fanello, now this does not include eye and dental, right?

Catherine Fanello: No, it does not.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, thank you.

Catherine Fanello: But I think we do have a low level of participation.

Councilmember Wortman: I think what Mr. Raben proposed is at the end of the year, if I'm not mistaken now, they can encumber that because they'll be more or less in a contract. Did I understand that right, for the next three months?

Councilmember Raben: You're talking about some thing, I mean, we're off on a similar topic but a different topic now, but you know, again, Councilman Hoy did an excellent job explaining the request that you're referring to, we're basically going to put \$7,100 in the contractual line that in the Commissioner's budget to pay, so CASA can pick up this premium.

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, but what do you do after January 1st, though, see? You'll have to encumber it, they'll have to encumber it with the contract –

Councilmember Raben: That will be, they can pay the premium, they can pay in advance

for the premium. What Councilman Wortman is saying is, you know, make sure you pay the first quarter's premium of 2003 before the end of the year.

Councilmember Hoy: Well actually, if this money is transferred from the county coffers to the coffers of CASA –

Catherine Fanello: We'll just write them – won't they just submit a bill and –

Councilmember Hoy: A draft will be cut for this amount of that money won't have to be encumbered. The other opportunity that I understand he has and I don't have this as fact, okay, so I wouldn't take this to the bank, but I did a little checking and his wife is under a plan where I understand that it may well be that he can join that plan and that would cost him less and that's fine. I don't know whether that's true or not.

President Winnecke: Actually, there –

Councilmember Hoy: But that's, again, those are all choices that those folks have to make. I've dealt with government contracts as a food banker and the contracts are always clean and clear. It's for a certain amount of money. We have one with the state of Illinois where there's a certain budgeted amount and that money is forwarded to the food bank, and the food bank makes the decision on how that's divided up, which is the best way to do it. And it keeps us out of their board's business. And we simply are supporting an organization that I personally believe very strongly in and I think a lot of us do.

Catherine Fanello: I was just asked to provide these figures because there had been a huge amount thrown out for our cost and that's not the case and so I just kind of wanted to set that record straight as we move into budget time to let everybody know and two of our plans are much lower than, I've got a comparison here, the city's plans and they are below the city's plans.

Councilmember Raben: Catherine, did they give you a percentage on what is family plans?

Catherine Fanello: No.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, I know that's figured on a single rate, but –

Catherine Fanello: Well, this is an employee plus one dependent and I was told that a family would be a little higher than that, but we're not looking at a wide margin there. So this would be more of the norm, the average.

President Winnecke: And to clarify Councilman Hoy's point, Mr. Wrye is not eligible for his spouse's insurance. There was some confusion and I may have been at the heart of some of that. But that is clarified and he is not eligible. Okay, the motion on the floor and a second for an appropriation in the amount of \$7,113. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

President Winnecke: Oh, I'm sorry, you can say it when you vote.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I was just going to say, indirectly, we are paying this gentleman's insurance, but so I'm just kind of afraid other contractors might want to come forward and say hey, you did it for this guy, you need to do it for us. But this is unusual circumstances, this was an honest mistake and when he took the position, he thought that he was going to get his insurance covered and found out later he was not, so I'm in favor of this so I'm going to vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Make that clear, you said when he took the position he thought –

Councilmember Bassemier: He thought his insurance was covered, he was getting it paid for and then found out after he took the job he had to pay his own insurance. I think, is that correct?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I don't want to belabor the point, but the previous person didn't leave until December, we had our budget hearings in August. There's no way we could have known the person was going to leave, there was going to be a new person in January.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I think he was told –

Councilmember Sutton: There's no way we could have taken action, our assumption was the same person would have still been in the position.

Councilmember Bassemier: No, I'm not saying that. I'm saying that the gentleman took the position, he thought he was going to get the insurance and he took it, then found out later he took a cut in pay or less pay because he thought he was getting his insurance. Now he finds out that he's not getting his insurance, so I feel like we should help him out here. This is unusual circumstances, I just don't want to see any other contractors come up here because we don't pay part-time employees, their insurance. So I'm just trying to set the record straight here.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, I'm just saying the fault is on us, not on him. So I guess if anything –

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm not saying it's on us –

President Winnecke: Okay –

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Winnecke: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: I think I was up.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: We go back to being snookered years ago, I've got a problem with it, but I'm going to go ahead and get it straightened out and give them the benefit of the doubt, and I'm going to vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-3932	CASA	7,500.00	7,113.00
Total		7,500.00	7,113.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Raben opposed)

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Burdette Park 1450-3372 Computer Software, Mr. President, I'm going to move at this time that this be deferred. And I can give explanation.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Raben: I had spoken with a software provider that comes from the private sector, it's called Innsoft, which they are a software provider for the hotel/motel industry, and Joyce out at Burdette Park contacted them Monday and they are going to send a demo for her to look at and should the demo work, which I really believe it will, the person that turned me on to this software company uses it elsewhere for hotels ranging from a hundred to a hundred and fifty hotel rooms and it actually does all the functions, you know, everything that hotel does from reservations to payables to maintenance, you have it. So in an effort to allow her time to look at the demo which, by the way, that software would be at a cost of \$500 versus reprogramming the existing software for \$11,800, I'm going to move that this be deferred.

President Winnecke: I would just add that I've spoken with Joyce a couple of times in the last couple of days and I've also spoken to this vendor. The demo was mailed on Monday and should arrive at the park anytime. This company does provide this software package for state parks in Tennessee. It is possible that we have needs at Burdette that it will not fulfil, but we won't know until it gets there. But I think given the potential cost savings, it's worth our while to at least investigate. And I appreciate Steve and Joyce's patience in this. Roll call vote. Oh, I'm sorry, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: I was going to ask, in the interim, ensuring that the ample taxes are calculated and everything, what are you guys, what plan do you guys have in place?

Joyce Moers: (Inaudible – comments not made from microphone)

President Winnecke: Can you come to the microphone please? The change doesn't occur until July 1st, so –

Councilmember Sutton: Oh okay, we've got time.

Joyce Moers: We had originally thought that it was going to change July 1st, but it's now going to be effective January 1st. So we'll have some time.

Councilmember Sutton: Oh okay. In terms of – who is going to work with them, Jim, on I guess meeting with the vendor?

Councilmember Raben: Joyce has already made the contact, they're mailing her a demo of what their software does, so –

Councilmember Sutton: I would think you need to be out there, too, –

Councilmember Raben: Well, and I had suggested that, but I have spoke with a board member, too, I spoke with Charlie Guetling and he's going to be there to see it, too, so we'll just give that an opportunity.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, if we can see some significant savings we're all interested in that, even Councilman Wortman.

President Winnecke: There are two versions actually, the DOS version is \$599 and the windows version is \$799, but –

Joyce Moers: And actually, we're going to need the network version which could be just a little bit more than that.

Councilmember Raben: You know, I might, and I guess I can preach now or preach after the vote, but I had said, had a brief conversation with Tim Van Cleave. He was standing here prior to the meeting. We really need to challenge the Data Board, the purchasing department, anybody that's involved with computerization of this county. I think we need people from the private sector that, you know, from Bristol Myers, some other places that work with software, computer purchases daily. I mean, I really feel the county is getting fleeced in every aspect of computerization from purchasing to software that we buy. You know, we've got another request for computers and software coming up here in a bit that, you know, there's so many programs that are not – that are available in the private sector that aren't necessarily built and sold for governmental agencies but when you're looking at something from reservations to inventory, it all works. I mean, you know, the same inventory package that Target uses works for Tornatta Tire or works for Raben Tire or works to --

Councilmember Hoy: Tri-State Food Bank.

Councilmember Raben: Tri-State Food Bank. And we need to get out of the mode that we have to contract people to custom design software because there's thousands of software packages and providers out there that you can realize these savings every day. So that's my sermon and I wish we could make a move in that direction.

President Winnecke: Councilman Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Two comments. Everybody knows I prompted Councilman Raben there about the food bank, but that's true. All of the software at Tri-State has come to us via the food industry and we have saved – I keep saying we, I don't work there anymore, but I'm a free consultant and I talk with them all the time, and recently did

about their computerization because I raised this issue with them, and they do very well following that pathway. The second thing I would like to comment on is the Data Board since this has been brought up, you all appointed me to that board. We have passed a resolution on that board and I'm not asking you for a resolution today, Mr. President, but I'm going to make the strong suggestion that I will attend that meeting as often as I can unless I'm out of town and will keep you all posted so that you as a council know what computer plans have gone through that board and which ones have not, because I think it's very important – there's the beeper, Councilman Sutton. I got it this time. But I think it's – I'll wait.

President Winnecke: Go ahead.

(Tape changed)

Councilmember Hoy: But anyway, I'll do my best to bring that to you all for my fellow members here, as a council, so that you know, and this is not a swipe at Burdette, okay, it's just a statement about programs in general, so that we know that whoever is in charge of our whole computer system -- ACS is right now – however, there's going to be a new bidding process on this. When that contract ends, and if they have it fine, it someone else has it, fine. The point is just about everything we do in computers has to involve them in some way. Not everything, but just about everything. So I will promise to do that. I don't know that we need a resolution but I think it's important as we look at the expenditures Mr. Raben has spoken about, that they do that.

President Winnecke: Okay, there's a motion and a second to defer the Burdette computer software until a later date. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1450-3372	Computer Software	11,800.00	Deferred
Total		11,800.00	Deferred

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CCD/COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Mr. President, under CCD/County Commissioners 2031-1300-4122 in the amount of \$39,902. I'm going to move approval with a question.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. You're on for your questions.

Councilmember Raben: I see both David and Catherine are here. My understanding, this is for the boiler? Is that correct? What did we spend on repairs? I guess the problem I've got with this is we were told a year ago it needed to be replaced and then took somebody else's word that it could be repaired for a pretty significant amount of money and here we are buying a new boiler today.

David Mosby: Exactly. First of all, if we'd had Shekell come over and look at the boiler, which they are really not, I guess they don't specialize in boilers, so we had Tri-State come over and look at it. Tri-State, at that time, thought rather than a 40 to \$45,000 purchase, that we could get by for 6 to \$7,000, because if you're familiar with boilers, you actually take the boiler apart, there's 22 tubes inside and at that time there was three tubes that were split inside the boiler. The rest of the boiler looked good. At that time they replaced the three tubes at \$2,000 apiece and put the boiler back together without knowing that inside the boiler and throughout the pipes that the thing had not been maintained or whatever for the last 6 to 8 years and it was rusted and corroded. And after we replaced the three tubes, four more split. And at that time, Tri-State just said, you know, if you're going to chase this thing down the line for \$2,000 a tube, you're better off to replace it. But they had thought for 6 or \$7,000 they could hold it out for 5 to 10 years and probably get by and save us \$40,000 and it didn't work, to no avail.

President Winnecke: Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Is this the same company that replaced the boiler out at the County Highway?

David Mosby: Yes, that's who we ended up going to because we knew they specialized in boilers. I had checked with 3 or 4 people and, matter of fact, even called one boiler company that said if you've talked to Tri-State, you don't need to talk to us.

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, I know, they've been pretty detailed out on different projects that I've been involved in and they're pretty good.

David Mosby: Supposedly, they're about as honest and the best as you can get and we took Gene's word for it and to no avail, and Gene was kind of like...sorry.

Councilmember Wortman: And also this will be more energy efficient, too.

David Mosby: Right.

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, that's another factor to look at. You can think of the savings there quite a bit.

David Mosby: They had went through and redone the circulating pump and everything on the boiler, Gene Steckler is the one that did it, and he's very good. Anybody I talked to said if you've got him, you don't need us. Didn't work.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CCD/COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2031-1300-4122	Old Courthouse Bldg. & Equipment	39,902.00	39,902.00
Total		39,902.00	39,902.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR
REASSESSMENT/PTABOA**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under County Assessor/Reassessment 2492-1090-1990 for a total of \$801.00. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: That's been withdrawn.

Councilmember Tornatta: It's set in at zero.

Councilmember Raben: That's the Property Tax Board of Appeals has been withdrawn.

President Winnecke: Both this and PTABOA have been withdrawn.

Councilmember Raben: Where was I, sleeping?

Councilmember Tornatta: Don't say that.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, I'll withdraw that motion.

Councilmember Sutton: I withdraw my second.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Property Tax Board of Appeals has also been withdrawn.

REASSESS/COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1090-1900	FICA	801.00	Withdrawn
Total		801.00	Withdrawn

REASSESS/PTABOA		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1091-3530	Cont. Services	6,000.00	Withdrawn
2492-1091-1180	Per Diem	1,700.00	Withdrawn
2492-1091-1900	FICA	131.00	Withdrawn
Total		7,831.00	Withdrawn

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY

Councilmember Raben: We'll move down to Legal Aid, 4290-3990 in the amount of \$669. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4290-3990	Miscellaneous	669.00	669.00
Total		669.00	669.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

PROSECUTOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, under Transfers, first on the agenda is the Prosecutor's Office. I'm going to move that this request be denied.

Councilmember Sutton: Based on?

Councilmember Raben: I'll give reason.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, it's on the floor.

President Winnecke: Let's see if it gets a second and we'll ask Mr. Brown to speak here in just a second.

Councilmember Raben: Let me, before Mr. Brown comes forward let me give reasoning behind that. As most of you recall there was a request last August at budget time to increase these individuals salaries at this rate. It was this board that then elected not to approve those salary increases. What happened is sometime prior to January 1, – what do you call the report, an R-100 that the offices fill out?

Suzanne Crouch: It was a report that payroll generates asking officeholders and department heads to verify the salaries that their employees are being paid because we are working on our first payroll of the year before Council meets and that's what we do every year.

Councilmember Raben: So basically, they submitted in their report, they submitted figures that did not reflect what we approved. The figures that they submitted were for the amount that they had requested at budgets that we did not approve as a body. So the Auditor's Office begins payroll, as she stated, you know, they're making their first payroll before they get a finalized salary ordinance, so they begin to make payroll at the high figure. Well, now you know where we're at today. I mean, you know, since then it's been caught. This was never approved by Council, it's not part of the salary ordinance; the salary ordinance states the figure that we approved at budgets. So, in essence, they're asking to be paid against what we decided to do in August.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, in that the motion did not receive a second, I'd like to make a motion. I'd like to move that line items 1080-1190-1080 Deputy for the amount of \$19,120 –

Councilmember Tornatta: 192.

Councilmember Sutton: Excuse me, \$19, 192, and then transfer to 1080-1050-1080 for \$7,754; 1080-1110-1080 for \$5,719; and then line item \$1080-1130-1080 in the amount of \$5,719. I put that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Okay, there's a motion and a second now to approve the transfer as requested. Mr. Raben and then we'll get Mr. Brown up there.

Councilmember Raben: A question to Councilman Sutton. So you realize from this day forward you're going to amend the salary ordinance to reflect these higher figures because that's not as the salary ordinance states? So what do you want to do at budget time? Are you going to adjust those figures at what you voted on last year or are you going to continue from this day forward for an increase that was never voted on by this body?

Councilmember Sutton: It's not, from my recollection, what figure are you working from, Jim? Maybe if we can start there –

Councilmember Raben: Well, the figure you voted on would be less than these figures. I don't have my salary ordinance with me but the figures that we approved at budgets and in our salary ordinance are less these figures.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I looked in my budget book and maybe I didn't mark them in my book, but I didn't see a change in my budget book that you're referring to. Like I said, I altogether could have. You know, we obviously went through a lot of figures but –

Councilmember Raben: Well, let me ask Doug, Doug at budget time did we approve these higher rates?

Doug Brown: I was not present.

President Winnecke: Could you step to the podium, Doug?

Doug Brown: Sure. Doug Brown, Prosecutor's Office. I wasn't present at budget, Regene was. My understanding of the history is it was not – there was no vote to approve it. It was not mentioned in general. We came from there. I think everybody in our office left believing that it had been passed for that reason, plus with just the prior conversations and the way the actual budget hearing went. We went on that assumption, that's why we put that in. I guess in March or so we were told that hey, it was never passed and that you need to start refunding this money. We have deputies now that are not getting paid even because they've been overpaid according to your figures. At the time, this is not without precedent. We came in two years ago and did a transfer of this nature to bump up two part-time salaries to \$33,000. And it happened to be a transfer. What we were trying to do at budget time and what we're trying to do now is put our salaries in line with those of the part-time public defenders. When we did this, our

office, as we came in the budget hearings last year, we had seven part-time slots. At that time, four of those part-time slots were being paid \$33,000. We wanted, well actually, one of them was a little higher than \$33,000 and three were at \$33,000. We wanted to bring the other deputies up to that same level, again, equal to that of the Public Defender's Office. For that reason, we didn't even ask for a 3% increase on our \$33,000, we just kept it the same, we asked to bring those up. That's why we're here today, I mean, just trying to be fair essentially. We're trying to be fair to our deputies and to the county and what we feel these people deserve.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Is one of these deputy line items vacant?

Doug Brown: There are – no, none of these three are –

Councilmember Raben: Well, the one you're transferring from is.

Doug Brown: The transfer is coming from a full-time slot that will be filled in October. So this money is coming out of money that's been budgeted to our office already. But you are correct, this would set them in for the future at this salary.

President Winnecke: Okay, there is – okay, Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: I voted to make sure that we kept things even. I was looking back and voted to make sure we kept things even. I don't think it was a unanimous vote that we deny them the funds at that time. However, Doug, as I talked to you, we're not going to play the cat and mouse game and I won't be in favor of that, and that's trying to keep the Public Defenders with the Prosecutors and going back. If somebody lobbies up state to get those monies – a statute to come down, we can't keep compensating one to adjust to the other and maybe that's where, like I had told you, you guys do your magic upstate to try and get that to come along, but I think that at this time I'd like to see these guys settle on an even scale and then from here on out, I think this should have been done back when we went through budgets. So maybe this sets the record straight and then from here on out, you're on your own.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I am not speaking against this, Mr. Brown, I do have the salary ordinance and the figures are not as high as what's been paid, according to the salary ordinance, that's my understanding. And then I have a question of our legal counsel before we vote on this because they're set in at \$25,246, \$27,281 and \$27,281. Whether or not that's right, you know, proper and correct, that's what the document says. And before we vote I have a question for you, Mr. Ahlers, which I may have a conflict of interest on voting on this because one of these attorneys also is the legal firm I deal with for my personal work and I want that on record and I want your opinion on whether or not I should vote, because I'm not comfortable until I get some kind of clarification.

Jeff Ahlers: I don't think if you don't profit from it that that wouldn't –

Councilmember Hoy: No, I pay.

Jeff Ahlers: I understand. But if it, you know – some attorneys are good enough maybe you'll profit from it. No, if you don't profit from it I don't think you have a problem with a conflict.

Councilmember Hoy: I've not had any lawsuits where I filed for damages or anything like that and this is routine business. But it's the kind of thing I worry about. So if you're okay with it, I'll be okay with it.

Jeff Ahlers: Right. The only thing I would point out and I don't know if you want me to point out procedurally, but this would be considered an increase in salary, so it will take five votes as everybody knows because you're amending the salary ordinance.

President Winnecke: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I need to understand this a little better. Now are you saying that we've overpaid these gentlemen since the first of the year?

Doug Brown: My understanding is, since it was not approved at the budget hearings officially – I don't think it was addressed, but it was certainly not actually approved. We were under the understanding it was approved, so we put in the paperwork for them to be paid at the \$33,000 rate. They have been being paid that amount since January. It was picked up, I think, sometime around March that this was wrong so they've been trying to make it up by essentially docking them their paychecks to get it back to even. Pending this action today, I guess, also.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, the question I have is – now if we pass this today, now does this go back and make up the difference or is this money funded from this point forward?

Doug Brown: That is our hope that they are paid and the difference is made up so they will earn \$33,000 this year.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think his question is, does this amount make up for what they didn't get – is that what you're saying?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, right. Okay...

Councilmember Raben: Now wait a minute. I have a problem with what you just said. You said this amount makes up for what they didn't get. No, they've already gotten too much is the problem.

President Winnecke: They've been paid at this level year to date, until this was caught.

Councilmember Bassemier: What I'm trying to find out, is this going to make up the difference? I mean, if this is not approved today these guys are going to have to take it out of their pocket or lose to make up the difference.

Doug Brown: That's the direction it's heading right now. If they get this amount, they will end up with \$33,000 where we had hoped they were.

Councilmember Tornatta: If they don't, they won't get a check or there will be a reduced rate until –

Doug Brown: Until it gets back on an even keel.

President Winnecke: Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: In reference to Phil Hoy and legal counsel, if he signs a conflict of interest paper, wouldn't that clear him to do that?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, that can help depending upon what he's doing in terms of, all I'm saying is that if it's not something that you're profiting from in terms of legally, you know, criminal conflict of interest statute versus, obviously, each one of you has to decide on a personal basis what you...feel like politically you don't want to do, is a different issue and I don't address that particular issue. But yeah, there's public disclosures and then, obviously, anything else in terms of when you do business with people would depend upon, you know, how close ongoing the relationship is, do you profit, is there a direct nexus, that type of thing. You know what I mean?

President Winnecke: Okay, Councilman Sutton and then Councilman Raben and then we're going to vote.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I think this situation just truly underscores the need we have on the county side to have a personnel or HR area. We've had two issues we've dealt with today that are directly related to HR related issues. If the Prosecutor's Office submitted paperwork, if that paperwork was incorrect, that paperwork should have been checked over when it was submitted and we wouldn't have an issue here – we're in May now – where people's pay is somehow being adjusted, moved around. If any of us in some way or another had our pay reduced, now I don't think we have a problem with increases, but if we had our pay reduced for a period of time because of an error that was made, whether it was our fault or whatever, we would have a problem with that. We would have a major problem with that. And I think when we look at the issue with CASA, same thing. If when that guy came in to get signed up for benefits, he's thinking he's got benefits, you know, we truly need to have an area that exclusively deals with these HR, these personnel issues because there's no way we should be running into situations like this because you're affecting people. You're affecting families when paperwork isn't checked over, when it's not gone over, when it's not handled, and most importantly, people don't find out until they actually get their paycheck that there's an adjustment. I mean, clearly if there was a mistake made, why wasn't a memo sent or the Prosecutor's Office contacted that we've made a mistake, you know, we need to adjust this or we need to talk about how we can adjust this some kind of way or another and here we are now talking about this before Council, I don't even really think, you know, if, the way we're talking, that there should have been a lengthy discussion on this. It should have been a clear cut thing. If those were the actions that we took or the actions we didn't take, and I think there's some misgivings one way or another on that, but still, I think we've got some real issues here and I don't know what's coming down the pike. But Sandie is doing a little bit of HR, you've got the Auditor's Office doing HR, you've got County Council doing HR, you've got the Commissioners doing HR. Who is responsible for this? I mean, who is doing this thing? You've got offices doing their own HR. It's just disjointed.

President Winnecke: Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I agree with you to a sense, but I mean, honestly, in this particular case, you've got an officeholder that in August would have attended his 11th budget session and if he can't come out of that knowing what he did or didn't get, that's his fault. I mean, he should have conveyed the right message when he got back to his office to the people that were responsible for filing out this report. So –

Councilmember Sutton: Then why have them fill out the report if no one is going to check it?

Councilmember Raben: I think it got checked, that's how the error was found. I think it eventually did get checked.

Councilmember Sutton: If it was checked then they would have gotten it in January, the pay, this is incorrect is that's the case. So I just think there's just a need for some coordination here.

President Winnecke: Okay, the motion on the floor is to approve the transfer as presented in the amount of \$19,192. And there is a second. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd just like to make a little comment here. I know Jim is right and he's looking out after this, and he's right on this, but I'm not going to punish the employees. This is an honest mistake and we've got a lot of paperwork, we've got a lot of things, there's a lot of offices, there's a lot of work, millions and millions of documents and I can see this is an honest mistake. I'm going to vote in favor of helping these employees out and giving them this increase. I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I think I'm clear on the conflict of interest. I would feel more comfortable had we just simply restored these as they are listed, but since that's not the motion and we need to address the fact we can't pay these persons, I'm going to vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to vote no but actually, I think should this motion fail, you would, in fact, be restoring them to as they are listed in the salary ordinance.

Councilmember Hoy: Actually, we're not supposed to debate now, but my information was that one of these persons didn't get a check because the fund was out. Is that correct?

Doug Brown: He has received a zero check making up for his overpay.

Councilmember Hoy: A zero check making up for his overpayment?

Doug Brown: To this point in time.

Councilmember Hoy: But the fund isn't dry?

Doug Brown: No, I hope I didn't convey that impression. I'm just simply saying –

Councilmember Hoy: That was my impression.

President Winnecke: Councilman Hoy, your vote is...

Councilmember Hoy: I'll stay with my yes since I – but it does bother me, but...

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:1080-1190-1080	Deputy	19,192.00	19,192.00
To: 1080-1050-1080	Deputy	7,754.00	7,754.00
1080-1110-1080	Deputy	5,719.00	5,719.00
1080-1130-1080	Deputy	5,719.00	5,719.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Raben opposed)

President Winnecke: Okay, so the transfer passes 6 to 1 and these salaries are set in annually at \$33,000 going forward.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Raben: Next, Mr. President, is Cum Bridge, I'll move the transfer be approved as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Is there discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-4391	Boyle Ln. Bridge #260	1,000.00	1,000.00
2030-4406	Old Henderson Rd. Bridge #1541	1,811.00	1,811.00
To: 2030-4392	Mill Rd. Bridge #1360	2,811.00	2,811.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY HIGHWAY (Late Transfer)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, last Mr. President, is County Highway. I approved this as a late transfer about a week ago. I'm not real comfortable with this. For one, it's going out of Gas & Oil. I don't see us needing less money for Gas & Oil this year. But I did speak with Ralph out at the, the Superintendent out at the County Garage, and he has reduced this amount from 20 to \$14,000, and this goes a little bit, goes along with the preaching that took place a little bit ago that this is primarily for inventory purposes. I think he's talking from repair parts to drainage culverts, like of that nature that, again, we don't – I don't feel that the county always needs to look at things exclusively for counties, you know, that most software can be adapted for regardless of what you're inventorying, but I'm going to move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: There's motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I just slipped up on this one. I haven't checked with them if it went by Data Board or not, so I'll vote yes with some hesitation.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2010-2210	Gas & Oil	20,000.00	14,000.00
To: 2010-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	20,000.00	14,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, next we have the Amendments to the Salary Ordinance. First is Public Defender, I'll move to amend the salary line 1303-1840 Deputy Public Defender Juvenile Court, set the salary in at \$29,033 in an unclassified position; Property Tax Board of Assessment has been withdrawn; Prosecutor's Office, 1080-1050, 1080-1110, 1080-1130 as previously adopted and we're approving these salaries at \$33,000 annually; Armstrong Township Assessor, page two part-time employees up to \$8 per hour out of the general fund budget and up to \$8.50 per hour out of the Reassessment budget. We have some corrections, Pigeon Township Assessor, salary line 1150-1180 Business/Personal Property First Deputy and set the salary in at a COMOT V, Step III with an annual salary of \$27,304. The salary was listed incorrectly in the 2003 Salary Ordinance. The correct hire date for the employee is February 11th, 1992 – excuse me, May the 11th, 1992. Knight Township Assessor, amend salary line 1130-1160 to read Deputy Land Appraiser and set the salary at a COMOT VI, Step I, an annual rate of \$26,134. That position is currently vacant. County Clerk, amend the Salary Ordinance as follows, account 1010-1170 Circuit Court Clerk in the amount of \$22,794 which is a COMOT IV, Step I; 1010-1600 Assistant Chief Deputy/Elections at a rate of \$30,225 which is a PAT IV, Step II; 1010-1160 Deputy Clerk/Superior at a rate of \$23,898 which would be a COMOT IV, Step II. Burdette Park, amend the Salary Ordinance as follows, we will delete the Float Stand Manager at \$7 per hour, the Gift Shop Lead Person at \$6 per hour, and the Miniature Golf Lead Person at \$6 per hour and add 3 Assistant Managers at \$8 per hour. And I can answer any questions you may have on that one. And let me, Sandie just corrected me on something here. Under County Clerk, under account 1010-1600 it should read Assistant Chief Deputy/Superior Court. What did I say? Oh, it says Elections.

Sandie Deig: That's what I had at first, but that's wrong.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so forget Elections add /Superior Court.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Are there questions relating to the Amendments to the Salary Ordinance?

Councilmember Sutton: The first one, I want to know when we get around to the voting, I'm fine with all of them except just that first one. I did vote against that earlier and I just

want to be consistent with my vote earlier. So I know you didn't separate those out but I don't know how we might do that procedurally with the way that motion was read into the record.

Councilmember Raben: You owe me. Okay, Mr. President, I'd like to amend my motion to exclude the Public Defenders Office.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman, would you amend your second?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Since we're at it, let's amend it to also exclude the Prosecutor's Office so I can remain consistent.

President Winnecke: Curt, is that alright with you?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

President Winnecke: Okay, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes, yes, yes, or are we doing it different?

President Winnecke: Just one yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: You took that one out, right?

President Winnecke: Yes, he did.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: I took the Prosecutor out, too.

Councilmember Sutton: Alright. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Public Defender, amend salary line 1303-1840 Public Defender Juvenile Court and set an annual salary rate of \$29,033 in an unclassified position. I will move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Other questions? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Sutton opposed)

Councilmember Raben: Prosecutor's Office, amend Salary Ordinance lines 1080-1150, 1080-1110, and 1080-1130 as previously adopted, which would be setting the salaries in at \$33,000 annually.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Raben opposed)

President Winnecke: Okay, I believe that concludes –

Councilmember Raben: That concludes my part of it.

President Winnecke: Okay, thank you.

WAYNE TROCKMAN/DRUG COURT REPORT & DISCUSSION
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President Winnecke: New Business, Judge Trockman. Before you start we're going to change the tape here.

(Tape changed)

Wayne Trockman: Mr. President, Councilmembers, Wayne Trockman, Vanderburgh Superior Court. I'm under an obligation to report to you happily that the Drug Court was successful in obtaining the grant which I explained to Council was pending when I was here very early in the year and asked for some additional funds to pay for an employee. You granted the drug court those funds and the county has been funding that position. The balance of the drug court budget is being paid by the Department of Corrections. I did tell you at that time, though, that I had a grant application pending with the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute to help pay for the position that I was asking you to fund. We were recently successful in receiving those funds from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. We discussed when I was here in January or actually I think it was late December that if successful, that I would like to keep the funding that you granted and

hopefully use the grant money if we were successful in allowing the drug court to expand and adding another employee. And so I'm here to report to you that the grant was successful. We've been working with Suzanne and her office in setting up the new account for receipt of the money which I think will take place – the Criminal Justice Institute now has all the documents back. I think it will take less than a couple of weeks. So I think now Council has the option of withdrawing that funding and I think that you reserved that right. I'd like – so I'm here to report to you that we were successful with the grant. And I've explained what I'd like to do. What I'd like to do is work with Sandie, go through Job Study, create a new position similar to the position that you're funding which would be another Day Reporting Officer, that would allow the drug court – the drug court is at capacity now and we're running with about 50 participants. We really can't expand any further than that. It was originally designed for 35 and we've got the same staff. I'd like to go ahead and hire another employee through this Burn grant allowing the drug court to expand to 75 to 100, and then I think that I'm probably at my limit in terms of what I can do with the time that I have. But I think that it would be a great benefit to the county if we were allowed to do that. So I will take instruction from the Council on whether I should proceed with Sandie on trying to create a new position with some new money or whether the new money will replace what you did for the drug court in December.

Councilmember Tornatta: Can we put that on the agenda for next month?

President Winnecke: Well, I think we're looking for a consensus vote today so the judge can move forward, I believe.

Councilmember Sutton: I think what you presented to us last week is very encouraging and enlightening on the public's part in terms of the strides that are being made to look at ways in which we can not just lock up, but rehabilitate and, you know, just hate to see that we have so many people that have a need for it, but at least we are making an effort to try to pro-actively address this problem. And it would be my hope, and I can't speak for the seven, I can only speak for one, that we could ensure that you can service more. And I think you indicated you could service up to 100, somewhere around that range, maybe 80 to 100, with the additional position. And being that we've already committed ourselves to a position anyway in this regard and then the grant is paying for an additional position, there really is no new money that we are actually spending. I mean, I'd like to see us move in that direction. I think it's very positive.

President Winnecke: Councilman Bassemier and then Councilman Wortman.

Councilmember Bassemier: Judge, I keep (inaudible) go ahead and bring it before Job Study on that new employee. I'm okay with it.

Wayne Trockman: Thank you.

Councilmember Wortman: Ed, just answer me a question, they have to come to Job Study first and then the job description and everything, and then refer back and the Council, that'd be the recommendation and then it comes to the Council for a vote.

Wayne Trockman: And, of course, I won't take any action on even advertising the position and interviewing until we've gone through that process and maybe that will give Council an opportunity to put this, have this back on the agenda for final approval of what you did for the drug court in December. But I was obligated and wanted to report to you that we have some additional funds. I'll go ahead with Sandie and start this process.

Councilmember Tornatta: Do we need a motion on that?

President Winnecke: Actually, just to clarify, since the previous position has already been rated by the Job Study, I believe it does not need to approve the creation of the new one since the position already exists and its been rated.

Councilmember Bassemier: Will it have the same title?

Sandie Deig: Same title, Judge?

Wayne Trockman: It'd be the same title.

Sandie Deig: Same job?

Wayne Trockman: Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: Then it's okay.

President Winnecke: So I think what the judge is looking for, if I'm not mistaken, is a consensus as to whether he can continue with the funding – this Council wants to continue the funding that it has already –

Councilmember Tornatta: We have to approve a new position, is that correct?

Sandie Deig: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: That's correct, yeah.

Councilmember Tornatta: So is that a motion?

Councilmember Hoy: Can't do it today. It has to be advertised, doesn't it?

President Winnecke: Sure.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, he's looking for a consensus. You have my –

Wayne Trockman: I assumed I had to go through Job Study but –

(Inaudible – several speaking at once)

Wayne Trockman: – I'll get with Sandie and have the position advertised and do what's appropriate. But the first thing I wanted to do was report to Council and I thought I was obligated to do.

Councilmember Hoy: You personally know this but I'll go on record, I support this, you know that.

Wayne Trockman: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: And will you be able to fit Phil in the program now with an additional person on staff?

Wayne Trockman: We need some volunteer help, and you know something, I think Phil would be there for that.

Councilmember Raben: Just one quick question, Mr. President, your next Job Study meeting is scheduled for when, or is there one scheduled?

Councilmember Wortman: Not yet.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, since it's the same title, he won't have to take this to the Job Study. I thought he was going to get a new job, new title and everything.

Wayne Trockman: It would be the same position, same description as the job that you funded and the job that was created little over a year ago when we first started the drug court.

Sandie Deig: John Voight?

Wayne Trockman: Yes.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: It's the same as, identical, no variation whatsoever?

Wayne Trockman: I think no variation whatsoever except that if this individual doesn't have the amount of seniority or number of years with the county as Mr. Voight did, the pay scale I think would be less than his, but the Burn money came in at exactly what he was making, so I think if anything we'll have this –

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, so what you have to do is submit your request for the 15th and will be acted on at the first week in June. Then it takes three weeks for the state to come back.

Wayne Trockman: Okay, that'd be great and I'll work with Sandie to –

President Winnecke: If you work with Sandie we'll get it all straight.

Wayne Trockman: Okay. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you.

<p style="text-align: center;">RESOLUTION DENYING COIT DISTRIBUTION TO SOLID WASTE DISTRICTS IN 2003</p>

President Winnecke: Next I would entertain a resolution to deny COIT distribution to the Solid Waste District in 2003.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSING AN ORDINANCE OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY INCOME TAX COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE PERCENTAGE CREDIT ALLOWED FOR HOMESTEADS FOR 2003 AND CASTING THE VOTES OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL ON SAID ORDINANCE</p>

President Winnecke: Next I would entertain a resolution the County Council proposing an ordinance of the Vanderburgh County Income Tax Council establishing the percentage credit allowed for homesteads for 2003 and casting the votes of the County Council on said ordinance.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

President Winnecke: This is for the homestead credit.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>ORDINANCE OF THE VANDEBURGH COUNTY INCOME TAX COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE PERCENTAGE CREDIT ALLOWED FOR HOMESTEADS</p>

President Winnecke: Next I would entertain a motion for an ordinance of the Vanderburgh County Income Tax Council establishing the percentage credit allowed for homesteads.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL/PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1300 BURCH DRIVE, EVANSVILLE, INDIANA/WABASH PLASTICS</p>

President Winnecke: Next we need to consider the Preliminary Resolution on the tax abatement for Wabash Plastics. We have Brian Carroll and John C. Schroeder from Wabash.

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Mr. Carroll, do you have anything you'd like to say from last week?

Brian Carroll: We did go through this at length last week. In the interest of brevity, I don't think there's anything I need to add except just two points that we wanted to correct from statements that were made last week. I think they were in response to some questions that were asked. One had to do with the anticipated amount of the abatement. Mr. Schroeder had indicated that they had done a rough estimate of \$55,000. They have rechecked that and also talked to their accounting firm and it looks like we're talking approximately up to \$125,000. So again, they went and did the calculations. There's a number of variables that make this, again, an estimate, because we don't know the exact amount of the assessment, we don't know what the tax rate is going to be. We're going to have a reassessment next year, so again, even those figures are still an estimate. And we also did estimate what the actual amount of taxes that would be paid during the ten year period and that amount is \$138,000. So in any event, the amount of taxes that are going to be paid are going to be well above the amount of the tax savings. One other matter we wanted to also just correct for the record was, as to whether Wabash had any other previous abatements or abatements that are in effect, actually abatements that are in effect now. And at the time, Mr. Schroeder didn't think there was because of the amount of time that had elapsed from their 1992 project. But that 1992 project, there is still some abatement that is left with regard to, I believe there's four years left on the equipment and two years left on the real estate. So there again, they're at the tail end of that abatement. So again, we wanted to just correct those two matters for the record and if there is any other questions that any members of the

Council have at this time we'd be happy to entertain them.

President Winnecke: And while we're clarifying for the record, last week the initial resolution that was presented to us was, there was an error, it said pending passage by the Common Council of the City and signing by the mayor, the updated version has the County Council.

Brian Carroll: Yeah, I believe the one we submitted last week and I believe DMD has submitted another one today that basically is very similar to the one we had submitted last week that corrects that error.

President Winnecke: Councilman Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Are you all in the airport zone?

Councilmember Sutton: Free trade?

Councilmember Hoy: Trade zone?

John Schroeder: Honestly we have never used it. I cannot give you an answer if we are or not because that's never been an issue with us.

Councilmember Hoy: The question on the, I asked this last week on the benefits and I'm not trusting my notes I made here. On the insurance package, I have that the employees paid \$22 a week, is that correct?

John Schroeder: I don't have the figures right here in front of me, (inaudible) for both the single and the family.

Councilmember Hoy: This was on the family plan that –

John Schroeder: Honestly, I do not have that in front of me here. The benefits do include medical and dental and eye care.

Councilmember Hoy: And prescription drugs, life insurance.

President Winnecke: I would recognize that Michael Osborne from the Department of Metropolitan Development is here. If Michael would like to make a comment?

Michael Osborne: Good afternoon. Michael Osborne, Department of Metropolitan Development. In the ensuing week I had the opportunity to visit with Mr. Schroeder and take a look at his site, talk about the proposed project, review the application. For any number of reasons including the wage levels, the benefits, the ability of this project and the abatement to expand their implementation of new technology, expand their capacity and increase competitiveness, our recommendation would be for a full ten-year tax abatement on this.

President Winnecke: Questions of Mr. Schroeder, Mr. Carroll or Mr. Osborne? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I think Mr. Osborne just answered my question. I was looking through the application here for the length of the abatement. You just answered it's ten years. Where do you guys put that in this application? It used to be in a pretty obvious location, I'm not finding that now.

Michael Osborne: It's actually in the resolution that it states the abatement shall not exceed a certain number of years. I believe it's down at the bottom. It's at the bottom of the first page, it's the very first item on the second page.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, now I see it. Okay. And then I guess I was also going to ask, in relation to the length of the abatement, I know this is something we've had some discussion on, on what determines who gets what amount of length on an abatement whether you're going with three years, seven years or the ten years. What criteria have you guys kind of begun to work on that sets some parameters that places one particular request in this ten year bucket, and another request in another length of time, so that maybe we can get some consistency here.

Michael Osborne: And certainly we don't just pick the number out of a hat. I think that was something we've worked on for the city and would certainly work with you all on providing some measurement of that, as you said, to kind of assess the quality of the abatement, as it were. In this case, we really looked at the same kind of criteria we've developed for the city, the job creation, the level of investment, placing more emphasis on expanding an existing facility rather than abandoning an existing facility and developing new to try to reuse what we've got. Looking at, as I said, the wages and the benefits in that case, the type of business in terms of high tech, environmentally friendly type business that may diversify our local economy, looking at all of those factors and, you know, there is some subjectivity, but I felt very comfortable before going out and certainly afterwards, then, that this company represents probably the best case of a forward looking company committed to its employees that has a history of capital investment already but wants to, through this project, maintain its competitiveness in the market. So, I mean, those are on the list of criteria, and I'd be glad to be able to formalize those with you all. I think that's fantastic.

Councilmember Sutton: Michael, if you could do that, that would really be helpful for us. I mean, if you could make copies for the Council here we could see some of that –

Michael Osborne: – submitted for the city, and then we could use that to work from if you'd like.

Councilmember Sutton: Right, if we could see some criteria because I guess what I'm thinking, I think Wabash, obviously has been a fine corporate citizen here locally, but when the next guy comes along and they make their request, so that we could at least have some measures that not necessarily standardize but at least give us something as a guide to work from so that we are consistent in what we do.

Michael Osborne: Yeah, I think that's exactly right and I'd be glad to submit that to you.

President Winnecke: I think Mr. Ahlers had a couple of questions.

Jeff Ahlers: The only question I had was to make sure, we just found out that apparently Rob Schaefer from your office had delivered to, Teri Lukeman had the revised resolutions. I just wanted to make sure, Mr. Carroll, if you've looked at them, are you guys in agreement on the one that Rob Schaefer delivered is the one that we're voting on?

Michael Osborne: Yes.

Jeff Ahlers: That's fine. I just wondered because they had one, and then you had one, and then we got one today, and I just wanted to make sure all the Councilman are aware

of what they're voting on and that everybody is in agreement.

Michael Osborne: – Rob Schaefer indicated he was submitting the one we've approved. There is also a matter that Councilman Hoy raised that I believe Mr. Schroeder has been able to find the information to answer your question.

John Schroeder: I didn't think I had it with me but you asked about the health insurance. I think you mentioned \$22 an hour, –

Councilmember Hoy: No, a week.

John Schroeder: Oh, a week. I'm sorry, yeah, \$22 a week. The figure we used last year was \$20.95 and I know there's a slight increase so that is close to the guideline, yes.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy, did you have another point?

Councilmember Hoy: I was probably going to make this when I vote but I'll make it now and I know I'm going to lose the vote. I have no quarrel with your company. I think you're a good company. I vote no on these abatements and what I'm looking at, to be honest with you is I'm looking at the poverty levels for this year and the per hour poverty level for a family of four is \$8.70 an hour. You're a dollar above that, but that's pretty close. Looking at the median household income which, by the way, in this county, in this state, went down from 1998, from \$39,731 to \$39,717. That's the benchmark that your department uses for housing and then we're beating up on women who work outside the home. We can't have this every way because you cannot buy a house if you look at the housing section on this kind of wage. And I realize you're not alone and you're a good company, I'm just saying that in general we have a major social problem with wages in this community in particular. And that's why it's just impossible for me to vote for almost anybody's -- I'm not picking on you anymore than anybody else – tax abatement because as everybody knows I've given 43 years of a career to working with people with low incomes and we're just increasing, and you know this, Mr. Osborne, you gave me the statistics that tell me that in five years, we're going to have more people qualify for the housing program than we have this year. So that's where I'm coming from. It has nothing to do with the quality of the company, the quality of your product or anything else, it just has to do with what I'm seeing happening across the board and I can't support it.

John Schroeder: Can I comment on that? I'm trying to find my wage scale here. Roughly half of our people are machine operators and the top wage there, I believe, is \$11.45 an hour, so that's over 100 people that are in that category. As a matter of fact, last year we had 107 people who were machine operators and another 12 who are floor people, who are at the same wage. So that's 119 and they go up from there. Now when they start out, they start out at 9 something an hour and I don't have all those wages memorized, I was trying to find that one sheet that does have that figure on it. So while you're looking at the \$9 an hour above that, the majority of our people are much above that figure.

Councilmember Hoy: Excuse me. I'm still looking at what that does on my chart here and it still puts them in a category of needing help from your department to find a house and we're talking about in the newspaper about \$100,000 for the program which will go not far.

President Winnecke: Okay, we have a motion and a second to approve the preliminary resolution. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I might ask one more thing, Michael. In the past we had gotten a written recommendation from the Department of Metropolitan Development. If we could again begin to do that on those resolutions, that would be quite helpful. 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I am going to vote yes for the simple reason it's a local company, they started here and they're still local people, and I definitely vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes. The resolution passes. Thank you very much.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Hoy opposed)

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Winnecke, I have a commitment in about ten minutes so I'm going to excuse myself from this meeting.

President Winnecke: You have the same commitment Mr. Tornatta does, I'm sure.

Councilmember Tornatta: It's a little bit different.

Councilmember Hoy: No actually, and I was hoping to present a resolution but I am going to, I've been asked to join the group that is protesting the closing of the Evansville Psychiatric Children's Center, and I hope maybe next meeting we can entertain some kind of resolution, they've extended it, but I'll comment more on that next meeting. It's not a good thing.

CONSIDERATION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEE SALARIES FOR 2003

President Winnecke: Since Mr. Hoy and Mr. Tornatta both have to leave, if it's alright, we'll postpone the salaries for 2003 until next month.

Councilmember Tornatta: Is that going to be a problem?

Suzanne Crouch: Because we're sending out budget packets this month.

President Winnecke: Okay, so we will do it. We'll discuss it today. Sorry about that. Who wants to start?

Councilmember Raben: This is kind of a hot subject which, you know, I'm always the guy that catches the heat here, but I would recommend, Mr. President, that we would instruct all offices to submit a 3% increase.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Is there –

Councilmember Bassemier: I didn't hear the percent.

President Winnecke: The motion was for 3%, and there was a second by Councilman Tornatta. Any other discussion? Councilman Sutton, you usually have something to say on this issue.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, this is an area where Councilman Raben and I tend to have a stark disagreement but again, you can put away your asbestos jacket today, you don't need it today. I think in light of the escalating costs that we obviously are going to see, that the county is going to have to bear next year and a few years down the road, we need to brace ourselves for that. We've done an excellent job in providing pay raises to our employees unlike many other sectors. Some sectors aren't, haven't received pay raises, some have received nominal, and we've been doing 3 and 4% for the last several years. And I'm very pleased that we've been able to do that and I think 3% is very doable, and that's kind of really what I had in mind, too, for this year. I wish we could do more, wish we could do more, but recognizing we don't want to – we've got the jail issue that still hasn't been totally resolved, you know, we've got several other things that we need to just make sure we batten down the hatches in preparation for what could be a very tough time for the county. And I also want to emphasize that, you know, we need to keep an eye on this – we look at the unappropriated balances in terms of where we stand, I think we've got 1.3 just to last through this year. You know, if we take out riverboat money, which I keep harping on, you know, 1.3 is pretty healthy, it's better than what we've had in some years, but you know, we still haven't hit some of our big – some of our big bills haven't come in. So I think if we do 3%, we'll keep ourselves in a nice safe margin and keep the tax rate at a very reasonable range. That's just my thoughts.

President Winnecke: Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Is this going to be 3% set in concrete? Might say 3% and then less, or what it's going to be?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, this is just giving all departments and officeholders some sense of direction in what to submit with their budgets, okay, and no, it's still going to be from this day forward, up to this body to elect whether we give anything or give 3%. So we'll have to determine that as we review our budgets.

President Winnecke: Other discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: I would just like to say, Councilman Raben, I was encouraged

that there wasn't a 2% or a flat rate, so I think we're all seeing things a little eye to eye right now, so this is great. I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I just really didn't feel like arguing today, Troy. No, again, I do want to emphasize this, that I, for one, am not stating this is going to be the bible. I mean, but we'll have to make whatever appropriate adjustments we need to make in August, but I'll vote yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Don't see it as a sign of weakness, it's a sign of strength, Jim.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: I think we'll all sleep better knowing there's harmony among the tire kings. Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

TIM VANCLEAVE/COURT TECHNOLOGY UPDATE
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President Winnecke: Okay, Mr. VanCleave, Court Technology.

Tim VanCleave: I guess the appropriate announcement at this point would be good evening. I'll try to be as brief as possible knowing that the hour is rapidly (inaudible). Hopefully, you had a package from our office representing, called the issue status. I believe it was on your desks when you took your positions. And basically what this is, is a slide presentation that in trying to make things go faster I wanted to avoid setting up a data show and just try to step through this very quickly and try to expand a little bit on the items that we have presented over the past couple of months with regards to the courts technology. Also, try to address briefly some of the questions that had been presented by this body to Computer Services to do some research and prepare us for the end of the next meetings when hopefully, the RFP that was advised by this board and the Commissioners to go out for will be back in with some firm cost evaluations. Very quickly, my presentation points today would be just to discuss the common grounds so that this body has some of the same information that the courts executive committee representatives used in making their decisions and the recommendation that they presented to this body, update you on some of the questions that have been presented to us for research, and kind of give you a chronological listing of some of the future events that will be before us as we come up. If you have your packets with you,

presently I'm on page 3, with history and I'm sure that everyone here can read so I will quickly skip through that. The object there being just to kind of give you a chronological of the events since 1992 when the WRITS mainframe system went online up till today, through the Courtview distribution because what we actually presented to you a couple of months ago was one particular issue that is facing the courts right now, which was the inadequate desktop hardware to run the current version of the Courtview application. The courts wanted to not overburden this body with the additional issues because what was immediately before them was trying to get the Courtview update done, and I believe sometimes in that we may have been a little bit too brief. Councilman Tornatta had made a comment at one point that maybe we should bring a little more information to the body here so that you are aware of the thought processes that are going through. So part of this is with response to that. Some of the additional issues that are facing the courts is on page 7. With regard to aging application servers, the word processing and spread sheet applications, currently being used, are multiple versions behind. The courts has an inability to cost effectively roll out patches to applications such as Word Perfect and Lotus. Labor costs make deployment of new tools too expensive. Need for hardware for the training environments. Storage of order books. The state judicial office has changed from Word Perfect and Lotus as their standard to Microsoft Word and Excel, meaning that our judicial offices have difficulty reading information that comes from the state. Remote probation office doesn't have the ability to electronically access information and has to call down here and occupy the time of probation staff that in the office, in essence preventing them from doing what their job is all because they can't access the information electronically themselves. And as this body is well aware, the continued growth of mandated compliance items such as producing 1099's for attorneys. The state is going to be coming very soon requiring automated transfer of information to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. These are the additional issues that are right behind the primary issue that was presented. And in weighing the solutions that were presented in the original document, these were some of the other items that were weighing on both the County Clerk and Judge Knight as they were trying to come up with the best solution to present to this body. Just to kind of emphasize one item here, something that might take you at home 10 minutes to run or maybe Microsoft Word comes out with a patch and it may only take you 10 minutes to run it at home, you take that across 250 work stations, you all the sudden have roughly 41, 42 hours of labor involved to run that on 250 workstations. And obviously, as you're probably well aware, you can't just walk up to somebody, especially a judge, and say I need to access your computer right now so that I can do this. So there's a lot of coordination time that does also go into that. Even at just 5 or 10 minutes per user, you've all the sudden added another 41, 42 hours to that project. So you've got about 2 weeks of labor to install one 10-minute patch. And with roughly 15 applications outside of Courtview, you all the sudden have about 30 weeks of labor in just deploying patches that should be taken care of. Now so far, we have not had to use that much labor in maintaining the courts environment, however, some issues that have faced the courts have required overtime from our office in order to maintain that environment which fortunately, we're a contracted office and we're able to absorb that without any additional cost to the courts or to the county. But, you know, this page here is just some of the additional items that will eventually come before this body. The courts, trying to be a partner, came up with some directives in trying to keep the total cost of their ownership and operation down and those directives that were given to us are listed in page 8. And as you read through that, you'll hear the phrase, total cost of ownership, many times. It's a buzz-word. I don't know if that is something that has popped up in different businesses or avenues that (inaudible), but basically, what that TCO phrase was developed by Gartner Group Consulting and is with reference to methodologies, models and tools to help organize and better measure, manage and reduce cost and improve overall value of IT investments. The Garner Group breaks that down into basically three areas: the technology improvement, process improvement and people improvement. And in trying to be speedy, I'm not going to take time to read the

following few pages which breaks down and further – just tries to give some bullets with regards to how they define those improvements and the areas in which that hopefully, businesses, organizations can achieve some better reigning in of costs that face every organization with regard to IT expenditures. On page 15, I have emphasized some of the items of the TCO model that the courts have tried to utilize over the past years and have been very successful in maintaining an extremely high uptime with a minimal amount of desktop service and network service from our office. The emphasis points that they have pulled out: standardization, virus protection elimination, policy-based management, centralized network and desktop management, cycle technology to match the useful life cycle, and user training. One point here that into the research showed over the past few weeks that I found, was the Tennessee Valley Authority and using some policy based management concepts, was able to estimate 8.8 million dollars in annual savings. Now, obviously, the courts won't achieve that amount of savings considering we're looking at 250 units and the Tennessee Valley Authority is looking at 10,000, but this does emphasize –

President Winnecke: Could you hold that thought while we change the tape?

(Tape changed)

Tim VanCleave: Unfortunately, the total cost of operation a lot of times doesn't get seen when you have to look at the initial outlay. So some of the items that weighs in making decisions is like – well, is very difficult to understand when you're looking at a dollar value. When you have to go out and buy a certain type of computer multiple times, that may be, you know, a \$100 or \$200 more, but is standardized so that you don't have to spend as much time supporting that computer, those are costs that you can't see up front and especially when you're advertising results of bids, it seems like a lot of money. One of the Gartner Studies, I couldn't find the reference on, estimated that a single PC can cost up to – between 45 and \$60,000 over its life cycle. Now what the Gartner Group tried to take into concept is the value of downtime when an employee can't work, the time that they have to spend making up work, and all those type of items. So I don't know that each individual computer that is out in the county actually costs the county \$45,000, but it is certainly a nice item to have with regards to planning as this body thinks about money and investments as well as the cost to do business. With costs in mind, we wanted to present, start very briefly on page 16 with some of the 5 year planning numbers that we had originally taken a look at, and some of these items the board has already started looking more hard at to see if they are truly needed, to try to look at what the return of investment might be on those items. But if you notice what we had originally planned to look for in this current fiscal year was over \$800,000. On page 17, you may remember this table presented by the County Clerk's office to this body during the budget cycle last year, we actually only requested \$708,000 (inaudible). After some discussions, it was determined that amount of money was not available and most of those items were cut out of the fiscal year '02 budget, but the Council did appropriate, on page 18, \$350,000 out of the fiscal year '01. And the reason I wanted to bring this up is I noticed in some of the other meetings that we had here, the amount of money that was appropriated and what was available to address this current issue had come up multiple times. So as a reminder, as we come into the evaluation of the RFP's, the \$125,000 for desktop work stations is the money that we, as representing the courts, are looking at to use for funding the initial expenditure, hopefully, a lease option of the RFP will still be available to where we can expense the remainders over future budget cycles. With all of that information, Judge Knight and the County Clerk, Marsha Abell, took a look at the, on page 19, four solutions: memory replacement, citrix solution, desktop replacement and a hybrid solution which was a combination of memory replacement,

citrix usage, and replacing of desktops throughout the courts. As you can see, the estimated time in which each solution might service the courts. The two solutions that came out with the best rating when evaluated was the citrix solution and the desktop replacement. However, looking at a citrix solution, knowing that more of the courts are going to be looking at digital recording, the citrix solution is not going to be able to support some of those initiatives. So my projection is that a citrix solution would only serve for about 18 to 24 months, however, as the body is addressing the financial issues of the county, you know, that may be a fault acquisition, but just knowing that there will be some additional needs as we move into additional fiscal years as the other items that are needed are addressed. Moving on beyond that, the recommendation that we made from the courts technology, if you recall, was the desktop replacement and some other initiatives from this board were requested, which is in the next section. I'd like to just update you on some of those items very quickly. I'm on page 21. Component upgrade, which was asking the question of what a system board and memory, and replacing that in all the units that were out there, what that would cost; looking into using refurbished or items that were not necessarily considered brand new but may still be manufactured new, and Councilman Hoy had asked about what the workstation distribution across the different court offices would be. On page 22, I break down some of the component upgrade costs. Now what I tried to shoot for was values that were in the middle of the market. I didn't pick the most expensive pieces, I didn't pick the most inexpensive pieces, and came up with an estimated cost with labor of about \$810 per unit. Now if you've been paying much attention to the radio, there are a couple of local companies that do advertise the home of the \$500 upgrade. Now I did not get an opportunity to call them to find out what that actually was, but to try to give some base numbers to work from today, the project, estimated project costs just to upgrade the system board, the CPU and the memory for 250 units would be in the neighborhood of \$202,500. If you do use the home of the \$500 upgrade, assuming everything is equal, you would still be looking at a cost of about \$125,000 to do this entire project, keeping in mind that that does not eliminate any of your maintenance costs for that unit. You would still have, on page 23, some other equipment inside of that upgraded box that would still be subject to failure. And some ballpark numbers, I've presented there, an estimated cost per item replaced. I have listed in the column headings, year four, year five, year six. We are presently in year four of the computer purchase that was made in 1998. So we do anticipate roughly 10% of components to fail during this present year.

Councilmember Raben: One second. You say we're into the fourth year? I think we're into the third year.

Tim VanCleave: The units were purchased in 1998.

Councilmember Raben: But they were online in November of '99.

Tim VanCleave: They were put online shortly after, but the actual usage of Courtview, the deployment of Courtview occurred over an 18 – I'm trying to remember – I believe a 9 month period starting in 1998. I believe juvenile and, Judge, I don't know if you remember, juvenile court went live with Courtview in November of 1998, and I believe small claims was next in February of '99, and the rest of the court, civil and criminal were brought on line during the remainder of the year with the whole system, including most of the operational issues that had been presented by the courts to the Courtview programmers, was resolved and we were fully operational by November of '99. So we actually started using the equipment in September or October of 1998.

President Winnecke: Tim, I'm going to ask you to wrap up in the next 3 or 4 minutes because we have another group that needs to make a presentation and we're going to be out of here by 5:50 so the next group can come in to set up for the Area Plan

Commission.

Tim VanCleave: Okay, in essence, looking at this over the next two years, this projects that 60% of the components will fail, but the good news is that means that 40% of the devices will have no issues. The long and the short of it, if you look at the total cost, we're looking at about \$286,000 for the funding purposes. We did look into some refurbished equipment and a lot of the old world standards for refurbished equipment has been replaced with a new concept which is that that particular type of equipment is not necessarily very bad, but you can find some very good bargains out there in that market. However, some things that you need to watch out for, depending on the vendor that you get it from, you may end up with warranty costs that will end up making that unit the same cost or more costly than a brand new unit. Some of the total cost items, the TCO items that we had briefly talked about, lack of consistency from unit to unit to unit is sometimes a problem when you purchase refurbished. Once again, you get back to you can save some money up front but you may end up spending more money in hidden costs down the road. And one article even mentioned that sometimes if you are looking for a large quantity, you may have some difficulties finding that. But there was some favorable, and if the body would like, we can still pursue that. But I think what we will find is that some of the cost of the RFP will show that we are just as competitive. But it's still something to look into. And finally, trying to move it along, page 26 shows how the units would then breakout by office and by, actually by buildings. So trying to –

Councilmember Raben: Could I ask something real quick?

Tim VanCleave: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Just looking at, these are workstations, is that what we're looking at on page 26?

Tim VanCleave: Yes, that is not any of the other equipment. That is strictly workstations.

Councilmember Raben: And I am not picking on the Prosecutor's office today, but do I understand that correctly? They have 63 work stations?

Tim VanCleave: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Now they're not even using the software that we purchased in Courtview 2000 today, right? It's my understanding they never did use it.

Tim VanCleave: Other than to see what the court dockets are, they do use that as a read only tool. They do not input data into Courtview; however, they do use the word processing package –

Councilmember Raben: How many employees are in that office? If there are 63 work stations, there's not 63 employees in there.

Tim VanCleave: I don't know the actual employee count. There is in the Adult Protective Services and the main office, and then I believe they do have two or three units that would be used for part-time employees. But I believe that this 63 is pretty much one computer per employee, but I could not swear to that.

Councilmember Raben: Well, if they're not using the software, I guess I, there again, that's one of those things you'd have to look and see what they're doing, but if they're

not using the software that's provided or that we purchased, I mean, what exactly – they're just looking up...

Tim VanCleave: They do have a software package that the state prosecutor's office has distributed to them called ProsLink. And whether or not this board wants to continue to, you know, support that particular branch is something we can certainly look at. This is merely a factual finding at this point of yes, the – the number of work stations and I tried to target the number of work stations that would replace the ones that are there today, and there may be a couple of units for new employees that are starting this year. So –

President Winnecke: We're going to ask you to wrap it up here. It's very thorough information. Thank you.

Tim VanCleave: Alright, and so as you can see, I'll let you guys read the status and basically, the RFP did go out as per recommendation of the body, purchasing reported that there were 25 mailed out. So jumping over to page 32 and running through the conclusion, I just wanted to emphasize, you know, there are some aspects of technology that Councilmember Hoy always brings up, that software continues to evolve. Unfortunately, those features usually require more processing power until, you know, hardware replacement does continue. The courts have tried to be a silent partner and now bring too many of these issues before you to take up time like this. But hopefully, that with this information our goal is to provide an equal base so that we can make the best decision, not only for the courts, but also for the county. And if, obviously, our office is available to answer any questions that the Council may have.

President Winnecke: Thanks for your time today, and I'm sorry to cut you short, but there is another meeting coming in here and I would urge any Councilmembers to contact these folks if they have any questions. Thank you.

<p>SHIRLEY JAMES/PIGEON CREEK GREENWAY UPDATE ON FINANCE AND THE TRAIL PROGRESS</p>
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President Winnecke: Shirley James, you have 9 minutes.

Shirley James: Well, I don't know if we can do it in – anyway, I want to thank the Council and the Commissioners for the \$10,000 allocation made last time and in the meantime, I'd like to introduce John Kinsella, who is the designer for the Greenway.

John Kinsella: I had intended to be highly entertaining, but I'm not sure, I think we should cut to the chase with the brief information. I'm going to do a quick scroll to a slide that I think –

President Winnecke: Could you get the lights?

Shirley James: Do you want me to pass these out?

(Inaudible)

Shirley James: Incidentally, we'll submit a written report later.

John Kinsella: And I'll do that with (inaudible – comments not made from the microphone)

President Winnecke: Could you take the microphone off the –

John Kinsella: Oh sure.

President Winnecke: Thanks.

John Kinsella: And I'll get myself together here in a moment. This is about the Pigeon Creek Greenway and we wanted to give you sort of an overview where we are with the project. And I'm not going to talk about the master plan or some of the old open space plans that led to it or the levee plan that was the basis for this. But I think you can see from that map that a significant piece of the Greenway Plan is the lower green section from downtown Evansville to Angel Mounds, a good part of which is in the county. And the overall plan is extensive. This is from the Parks master plan, 5 years old and it's undergoing an update shortly. And it does show a very extensive system. And these are just some of the extensions and we'll try to get through that one. There's a lot of rationale behind the need and the purpose of the Greenway, economic development is, we think, one of the strongest points relative to quality of life retention and attraction of employees and businesses. The first section has been built and it's a demonstration project near Garvin Park and Kleymeyer Park, sort of a test bed of how to get under roads, how to build on the levee. And unfortunately, it doesn't go any place yet and we are working hard to get it to come down to the river front. The river front section has been constructed and it really has been integrated as part of the Pigeon Creek Greenway, which has always been a part of that project. The next piece will be to go from the river front, pardon me, from Fulton Avenue across the Aztar property to connect to the river front and then from Four Freedoms to Sunrise Park. So the entire river front would be underway sometime by the end of this year. That's been funded, the drawings are in INDOT's hands and will be bid let in August. And that's the jumping off point for the Angel Mounds section. And that's the river front esplanade, that's what it looks like today, the bike path on the right, pedestrian on the left. The next phase is what I've just mentioned, 2.5 million and we expect that to be under construction this fall and it's an 80% federal fund with local match for the balance. The next piece will be Pigeon Creek corridor going up from the Ohio Street bridge up to the Garvin/Kleymeyer area, 3.4 million, the funds are in hand. We are working right now to complete acquisition of the general waste site which has been what's kept that from ever happening in the past. That's been the critical point. Hi-rail US corridor has been acquired. That's another critical link. We're seeking transportation enhancement funding for construction. That's almost ready to go once funded. The Angel Mounds corridor, and I've got probably 2 minutes left here, I'll just walk over here and maybe get a map up there that we can reference, and let's go back real quickly here...let's forget the map. It will take too long. We do have a map here I'll just –

Shirley James: Here, let me.

John Kinsella: It's upside down. I'm going to basically give you some numbers. Section 3A which is the Angel Mounds route from downtown out to Angel Mounds with extensions to Glenwood School, and it doesn't show here, but to Boeke as the trail heads, is a 12.2 mile section, 10 million dollar estimated cost and it's composed of the first section of 3 miles up to this point and up to that point, which is 2.7 million and the balance is 9.2 miles at 7.3 million. The funding for that has been applied for, for transportation enhancement funds. Knowing where those funds are going statewide, we might get a piece of it. We don't have any chance to get that whole amount so it will probably be segmented. To date what's been accomplished, we have completed the aerial surveys for that whole road, the plano metric base drawings, the property boundary survey, preliminary corridor design and probably most important, on the basis of that information, we were able to demonstrate to INDOT that there is no option. We have

secured a right-of-way agreement to share the right-of-way with Interstate 164, for that entire route. And that's really a landmark agreement, the first time anything like that's been done in Indiana, although it's been done in other states. Basically, that means we have to – we do not have to acquire land for that. It also was really our only option because from the interstate out is in a flood way and it would have been prohibitive and very difficult in terms of permitting to build without that agreement. That agreement is in hand and what remains to be done is to secure construction funding, the 10 million or segments thereof, and to do the final detail of engineering. This could be, I'd like to say it's a couple of years out, but it could be five years out to acquire that incrementally out to Angel Mounds. Of interest is the fact that Newburgh is going for funding for initiation of the project from Angel Mounds out to the dam, and that would not be done in one year either. There are certain – basically seeking money for engineering for that. So the system is underway. We will see it constructed up to Sunrise Park sometime at the end of next year or early next year, I should say. And at that point, we're just going back round after round to INDOT. We hope the transportation enhancement funding continues. It has to be re-enacted by Congress and we'll go out for incremental funding for the balance of this project. That's really a fast kind of overview. What we would like to do is give you a detailed report, written report and have the Parks department convey it to the members of the Council.

Shirley James: I do believe now –

President Winnecke: Use the microphone please.

Shirley James: I do believe now that the funding that the County Council has already given us was for design and I believe that that's reimbursable now, isn't it, John?

John Kinsella: Fairly recently, as funds from here on in for completion of engineering this year (inaudible).

Shirley James: So, –

President Winnecke: By the state?

John Kinsella: By the state though the FHWA.

President Winnecke: This is new funds appropriated going forward or previous funds –

John Kinsella: No, previous for those that have – there's a small chance that we can get some of that reimbursed, it depends on when the (inaudible). We've been able to get reimbursement for projects such as the highway (inaudible).

President Winnecke: Could you please use the microphone? I'm sorry.

John Kinsella: The policy is pretty recent and we've all been beating on INDOT for years to do what other states have been doing, to do what they do for road projects, and they've quite recently changed their internal policy. I don't think the funds expended to date for that section would be reimbursed, but anything from this point on would be. And it's on an 80/20 match, so it does make it pretty attractive for the future.

President Winnecke: Other questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I was going to ask on the shared right-of-way on I-164, now where would the actual Greenway be located in that corridor, that particular area?

John Kinsella: The Greenway would be, as you recall, the highway is built on the levee, which is what precluded us from a route out there, and there was no consideration of the Greenway back then, even though it had been a long-term Corps of Engineer plan to have a trail on the levee. They elected to do the interstate instead, probably a good choice. We've negotiated that we can build midway or somewhere on the slope below the roadway. Basically it would not be visible from the road and it's protected by a continuous guardrail and that was part of our argument to achieve that agreement.

Councilmember Sutton: South of the road or –

John Kinsella: South of the road, yes.

Councilmember Raben: Alright, thank you very much.

President Winnecke: Thank you for your presentation. Sorry you had to rush through that.

John Kinsella: We will follow up with a report.

President Winnecke: Great.

Shirley James: (Inaudible – comments not made from microphone)

President Winnecke: Yes, we are. Thank you. With that, we stand adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned 5:51 p.m.)

President Lloyd Winnecke

Vice President Ed Bassemier

Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JUNE 5, 2002**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 5th day of June, 2002 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by County Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: I'd like to open the June 5^h meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. Attendance roll call, please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton		X*
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

*Arrived just prior to vote for Superior Drug Court appropriation request

President Winnecke: Would you please stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance, please?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MAY 1ST COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
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President Winnecke: I'll entertain a motion to approve the minutes for the May 1st meeting.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Winnecke: We have a motion and a second from Mr. Bassemier. Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS
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President Winnecke: Appropriation ordinances.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, first on the agenda is the County Commissioners account 1300-4232 in the amount of \$23,353. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Motion approved.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second from Mr. Wortman. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-4232	USI/METS	23,353.00	23,353.00
Total		23,353.00	23,353.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SUPERIOR DRUG COURT

Councilmember Raben: Next, Superior Drug Court account 1372-1130-1372, 1900, account 1910, 2600, 3130 and 4220 for a total of \$8,081, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Approved.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second from Mr. Wortman. Discussion or questions? Roll call vote.

(Councilmember Sutton arrives 3:34 p.m.)

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SUPERIOR DRUG COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1372-1130-1372	Day Reporting Officer	4,941.00	4,941.00
1372-1900	FICA	378.00	378.00
1372-1910	PERF	297.00	297.00

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1372-2600	Office Supplies	344.00	344.00
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1372-3130	Travel/Mileage	944.00	944.00
1372-4220	Office Machines	1,177.00	1,177.00
Total		8,081.00	8,081.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

THE CENTRE

Councilmember Raben: Okay next, The Centre 1440-4250 in the amount of \$11,200. I will move approval.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second from Mr. Hoy. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

THE CENTRE

		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1440-4250	Miscellaneous Equip.	11,200.00	11,200.00
Total		11,200.00	11,200.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Burdette Park, 1450-3530 Contractual Services in the amount of \$50,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Are there questions or discussion? Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I think we asked Burdette to tell us what kind of grant money was brought in from the last master plan proposal.

Steve Craig: Steve Craig, Manager of Burdette Park. And you had asked me a couple of questions and one of them was about the grant money. And we had received one grant plus the Build Indiana Fund for a total of about \$200,000, which the Build Indiana Fund really didn't reflect on us having a master plan. But the question that you had asked about total cost of the original five and ten year plan from Haralson was \$21,000 and that was implemented back in 1987 - 89 is when he done the report. And the zoo has just recently paid \$50,000 and their master plan was done on a 70 acre plot that the zoo now exists on. They do own 80 acres across St. Joe Avenue, but he said there was no development included in that and that was with no architectural drawings, it was all conceptual drawings and conceptual ideas. The other question you had asked is what we have used from the other master plan and the suggestion from the water park to help boost attendance, encourage weekday attendance is something that we have done by promoting swimming discounts for local day camps, specials on certain days: Friday night, family nights. And the reasoning behind that was that on weekends, because of our high picnic, company picnics, that we are near capacity and during the week was a time that we could pick up attendance and revenues. After hours, private parties, sell picnics as a complete package, pool included, to companies thus ensuring income for the pool when we have company picnics. Expand the outside fence to give more leisure area. We did this and expanded our concessions and shade area to get out of the sun. They suggested to add new water attractions periodically which we have done this with adding two new large slides, bumper boats and various children's slides and to use the old rink area for a parking lot. Ways that they had suggested on using the building was to raise rent, build new chalets, build a Putt-Putt golf course with concessions and expand our food services. These were all things that we implemented out of the past master plan. Things that we didn't that was suggested was to build more picnic shelters because of our high rental rate on weekends thus getting more companies into the park, thus having more people exposed to our pool, expand our parking. We didn't do that because of lack of area. They wanted us to fill the lake in for a parking lot and we did not think that was a good idea. Convert the pavilion to a year-round facility. We did not do that but we're still entertaining the idea. In 1990, they suggested that we should spend \$83,000 on an advertising budget for the aquatic center alone and \$180,000 for the entire park. This was based on a national average of parks and water parks, what they spend on advertising. We have not done that. And that's a total of \$180,000. They base it on 50 cents per person that visits your park a year, is what they suggest. The note there was that the biggest mistake that we've made was to under promote the park, that we did not promote the park enough and I feel like we still really didn't. And the other things that we haven't did were winter attractions, and that was to (inaudible) ice skating rink, cross country skiing, and a warming house with concessions stands. And that's what I derived out of what we didn't do that they said, and what we did do that they had suggested.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: As far as this grant writer, wouldn't it be better to have a grant

writer for all of Vanderburgh County, to a certain extent? This is my opinion, I think. That way we could pay them on a percentage if they got the grant, if they didn't get the grant, they didn't.

Steve Craig: I agree with you 100% that we need a grant writer and that is a way that they are now doing some of them. You pay them a small fee up front and then if they get the grant they include their percentage which runs from, I think, two percent to five percent, is what I've heard, of the grant, which is included into the amount of the grant being wrote.

Councilmember Wortman: If I recall, okay...go ahead.

Catherine Fanello: I was going to answer your question because earlier this year or late last year we did send out RFP's for a grant writer and we only received one response, so we've had a little trouble and we've been speaking with her about possibly doing some grant writing with the old courthouse, and so those discussions are taking place, but we did not get any response for a grant writer.

Councilmember Wortman: I see.

Catherine Fanello: So, we're still looking. We'd be happy to have one.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay. Steve, if I recall, in 1991, when that last report, didn't they even suggest that we get a park on the North side, am I correct or am I wrong?

Steve Craig: They...it included in there possibly expanding the county park system and having satellite parks, is I think the word that he used for it. Yes, it was suggested back then because as noted, when he told us to do more promotions during the week and that, because we are pretty well, you know, if we have a hot, sunny weekend we are pretty well packed with our company picnics. Our major problem is parking. He said expand the park and have satellite parks.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Steve, I think one other thing we had requested last week was regarding the grants that you envision writing, that you'd like to see for the park, you were going to try to see if you could get some information for us on some of the previous grants that you've received and how many of those actually required a master plan of some type as a part of the requirements for the grant.

Steve Craig: Gary and I went over them and when you say, is a requirement, they didn't make it a requirement and most of them inquired if we did have one and a few of them out of about 60 of them, wanted copies of the master plan. We have received one grant from the Koch Foundation here in Evansville, and they did not ask for the master plan on that one but it was for the first aid room in our new O'Day Discovery Lodge. But several of them wanted to know what future, you know, they want to know what future expansions you did, where this fit into your master plan, if it's part of your master plan, and when we got into the part of telling it wasn't part of our master plan and that we didn't have an active master plan, it's hard to tell if we didn't get the grants because of that or if there was other reasons that we didn't get them, but we had a very low percentage.

Councilmember Sutton: And then also I made mention of the study that was conducted back in '97, '98, and how much use we've been able to make of that study when it

relates to different grant opportunities that we've either pursued before, if we've referenced that particular, that PAR study.

Steve Craig: Yeah, we used the PAR study like our bible, you know, answering questions when the grants would ask certain questions on the usage. You know, one of the things was about how far in the region, the Tri-State, you know, he didn't say Tri-State, but of the region that we draw people in from that study, you know, we had people from, I think, about a seven-county area including southern Illinois, northern Kentucky and southwestern Indiana, that we drew from consistently.

Councilmember Sutton: On that PAR study, how much did we pay for that? Do you recall?

Steve Craig: No, I don't. It came out of our non-reverting account, from our concessions.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess, I just asked those questions, just trying to get an idea, trying to gauge, you know, if we're going to pursue some grants and, you know, obviously there's some needs in some areas, just trying to get an idea, you know, whether we, if this is an expense we need now or not, that's more or less what I'm trying to gauge. You know, if we've got a grant source that we're specifically looking at or, too, if we are looking at and they are requesting that, or calling for that, that would be really helpful, but maybe not...maybe picking it up at this point in time.

Steve Craig: Well, the one thing that comes to my mind is the lake. I know that when we were going to have it dredged and that, you know, we were trying to receive some grants off of that several years ago and they were wanting to know what our master plan was because, you know, like on our last master plan, you know, he's saying fill the lake in and make it a parking lot. You know, and here we are trying to dredge it. I think this is stuff where they wouldn't want to give us a lot of money to dredge the lake and, you know, put a handicap fishing pier on it and stuff that we want to do with it when down the road, the master plan is saying fill it in and make a parking lot out of it. And I think that that's where a lot of these grants and the people that are issuing the grants want to know what we're going to do out there. They don't want to give us money where it's something in five, ten years, that's gone. And I think that's what the important part of getting this study done, is that we will know what we're going to do in the next five and ten years. We can sit down and tell them this is part of the big picture. You know, it's not just a piece that we're throwing in, but it's part of the whole picture.

Councilmember Sutton: One last question, I guess, maybe it's a little naive, but based upon what you guys have been doing up to this point, you've been writing some of your grants, you've been preparing a lot of different things, is this something we can write in-house?

Steve Craig: What, the grants?

Councilmember Sutton: Write this – if we can put together a plan for the park in-house.

Steve Craig: I can't say that I honestly could do a professional job on it. I could give them my opinion, which I was going to do by working with the people that was going to write the master plan, but I don't know, I always think that if you hire an expert to do a job, you get a better job than if you, you know, hire somebody that's not an expert in that field.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, did any – the Corradino Group promised us this package, did anybody else get one?

Jeff Ahlers: I got one.

Councilmember Hoy: I got mine today and I have not had a chance to look at it, so that's...

President Winnecke: Steve, if I may ask a question. If I asked this last week forgive me, but I don't recall the answer. Will the master plan include expense and income projections on recommendations?

Steve Craig: Yes, I think it will. The master plan. He had asked if it was going to include projections of income and that on –

President Winnecke: And expense.

Catherine Fanello: Yes.

President Winnecke: That when they say we need whatever, it will have expenses?

Catherine Fanello: Yes. And the reason we're doing this now is because they want to do it while the park is in full season, so that's why we're trying to do this now.

Steve Craig: Yeah, that was a point that was brought up. One more thing I wanted to insert. They want to look at our operations when it's going full force instead of doing it in the fall or the winter and they wanted to get a concept of what's going on during the busy season.

President Winnecke: One more and then we're going to take a vote.

Councilmember Raben: Steve, do you have any idea, most of the work that they've done in the past, is a lot of it for government run and owned/operated parks?

Catherine Fanello: I have several copies of master plans, examples that they gave us and they've been quite busy in government areas, so they do have an extensive amount of experience in that.

Councilmember Raben: You know, one thing that concerns me, and I've expressed this a few years back that what we need from Burdette Park is, number one, affordable entertainment. You know, we cannot price ourselves out of the market. The people that need to use, the park needs to be able to be used by everybody, not just the ones who can afford it. And secondly, it needs to cater to the needs of Vanderburgh County residents. I mean, you know, we don't spend what we spend in that park to provide entertainment for three states. And, you know, too often we get caught up in trying to compete with Holiday World and Six Flags and stuff like that, and that's not the mission of Burdette Park. I mean, it is a county park and it needs to be clean. We need to provide, you know, fun for people of all ages but keep it affordable and that's what concerns me with a master plan is, you know, we get too caught up in trying to make it big and fabulous and pretty, and before long, you know, only the wealthy will be able to afford to use the park.

Catherine Fanello: Well, I don't think that's anyone's goal, and I don't think that's ever

the goal of any master plan. I think we face the same challenges with a master plan for Burdette Park as the mayor faces with Mesker Park Zoo, and that's being able to provide services, like you said, at an affordable price. What we need is some expert input and, I mean, the master plan is only as good as what we're willing to implement and what we can afford to implement, so I don't think we're looking at doing anything that's out of our league, but trying to provide the best facility. And I'll be happy to take anybody from any state across the United States and –

Councilmember Raben: And I say this because at one time a few years back, we talked about putting in bumper boats or what was it, Steve? It was a pretty large attraction?

Steve Craig: They wanted to put in wave pools and large (inaudible – comments not made from the microphone)

Councilmember Raben: And with that, the cost of a general admission to the swimming pool is going to get inflated. When you spend that kind of money to offset that cost, you're going to have to charge more for renting a cabin or taking a swim in the pool or when you eat a cheeseburger. So, you know, again, let's just don't lose sight of what that park is really there for.

Catherine Fanello: Well, I think we all need to have a vision, and that's what a master plan is, but obviously, we're always constrained by our budget.

President Winnecke: Okay, we have a motion and a second on the floor. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I'm going to lose this, but I think the timing of spending the money is bad in terms of the general budget fund. I'm going to vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

BURDETTE PARK**REQUESTED****APPROVED**

1450-3530	Contractual Services	50,000.00	50,000.00
Total		50,000.00	50,000.00

(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Hoy & Wortman opposed)**CUMULATIVE BRIDGE**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Cum Bridge account 2030-4389 in the amount of \$31,005, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE**REQUESTED****APPROVED**

2030-4389	Fulton Avenue Bridge	31,005.00	31,005.00
Total		31,005.00	31,005.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Sutton opposed)**REASSESSMENT/CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, next on the agenda is Center Township/Reassessment in the amount of \$26,900, I will move – that's been withdrawn,

excuse me.

REASSESS/CENTER TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1110-1990	Extra Help	25,000.00	Withdrawn
2492-1110-1900	FICA	1,900.00	Withdrawn
Total		26,900.00	Withdrawn

REASSESSMENT/UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Union Township/Reassessment in the amount of \$5,300, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, that's been withdrawn.

Councilmember Raben: No, Center has been withdrawn.

President Winnecke: We have a motion and a second on the Union Township request on \$5,300 for Office Machines. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

REASSESS/UNION TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1170-4220	Office Machines	5,300.00	5,300.00
Total		5,300.00	5,300.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

**AUDITOR
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE**

**AREA PLAN
REASSESSMENT/AUDITOR (LATE)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, if everybody is comfortable with it, I'll move that we approve the transfers as they are listed and we do have a late one from the Auditor's Office in the amount of \$500. I would also like to add that one.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second to take the transfers as presented. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:1020-1200-1020	Bookkeeper II/Welfare	10,000.00	10,000.00
To: 1020-1990	Extra Help	10,000.00	10,000.00

AREA PLAN COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1240-3410	Printing	2,000.00	2,000.00
1240-3520	Equipment Repair	1,500.00	1,500.00

To: 1240-3740	Intern Program	3,500.00	3,500.00
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CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-1970	Temp. Replacement	2,000.00	2,000.00
To: 2030-1990	Extra Help	2,000.00	2,000.00

REASSESSMENT/AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2492-1020-1990	Extra Help	500.00	500.00
To: 2492-1020-1900	FICA	500.00	500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, we don't have any repeals. I'm going to move to the Amendments to the Salary Ordinance. First would be Superior Court or Superior Drug Court and that would be to amend salary line 1372-1130 Day Reporting Officer. Set that in at an initiation rate of \$30,836 annually, and \$32,341 annually after completing six months of employment. And this is a matching grant employee.

Councilmember Hoy: Second. Did you make a motion?

Councilmember Raben: Well, I'm making a motion, but I'd like to complete it. We'll just lump them all together. Amend the salary ordinance to pay Superior Drug Court interns at a rate of \$8.00 per hour. For the Auditor, amend salary line 1020-1990 Extra Help as the transfer previously adopted. Cum Bridge, amend salary line 2030-1990 Extra Help as previously was approved. Health Department, WIC account number 213.4, would be to amend the Salary Ordinance to pay Extra Help account employees at a rate of \$12.8767 per hour. This employee is a former 26-year full-time employee of the Health Department. With that would be to amend the Salary Ordinance to pay a new part-time employee at an entry level COMOT II rate of \$9.0886 per hour. And then last is a Salary Ordinance correction, under the Sheriff's Department Domestic Violence Case Coordinator grant. This would be to amend salary line 105D-1110 Deputy Sheriff to set the 2002 annual salary rate in at \$35,900, and that salary was listed incorrectly in our 2002 Salary Ordinance. And that's all I've got and I would like to make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Hoy: And I'll second it.

President Winnecke: We have a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Judge Trockman is here if anyone has any questions for him?

Wayne Trockman: We've been discussing this for several months and I think I've answered all of your questions, but I'd be happy to discuss it with any of you.

President Winnecke: Your lucky day. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

Wayne Trockman: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>CONFIRMING RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE DECLARATION OF AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1300 BURCH DRIVE, EVANSVILLE, INDIANA/WABASH PLASTICS</p>

President Winnecke: Okay, next under old business we have the Confirming Resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council Confirming the Declaration of an Economic Revitalization Area for Property Located at 1300 Burch Drive/Wabash Plastics. We have Mr. Brian Carroll representing Wabash along with John C. Schroeder. Does anyone have any questions? If you'll recall, we approved the preliminary resolution last month.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we approve.

President Winnecke: There's a motion to approve the –

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Is there discussion or questions?

Councilmember Wortman: I think it's pretty well self-explanatory. They're local people,

we've got to take care of our local people. Thank you.

Brian Carroll: First we want to thank in advance the Council, Mr. Schaefer, also Mr. Osborne who (Inaudible) in here regarding this matter.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Hoy opposed)

Brian Carroll: Thank you.

COURT TECHNOLOGY

President Winnecke: Okay, Court Technology. You're up.

Doug Knight: Doug Knight, Vanderburgh Superior Court. This project was presented to the County Commissioners at their last meeting and I feel confident saying they approved the project and reserved the right to look at any contractual language and numbers in terms of dollar options that might be available. Mr. VanCleave is passing out some information concerning costs and alternatives and the dollars are different depending on which alternative is selected and it was my impression that the Commission wanted an opportunity to look at the final resolution concerning the dollars and inspect contract language. We're at that point where it's important that we finalize and act on this project. Obviously, it's important that we hit this budget cycle or we're really in deep trouble and I'd just like to say in a final comment that we've gone through a process, it's been lengthy, where we need this upgrade, we need the replacement,

we've gone through nuisance, annoyance and hindrance, and we're approaching breakdown. What we are asking for is the funding of fixes and enhancements and upgrades that we need and have needed for a long time and it only gets worse. The solution involves desktop units that go on the user's desks, servers, storage space and connectivity. Countless hours, it's a cliché but it's true, have gone into the project in a very circumspect manner with the idea of not wasting county money and not doing something that would only later have to be undone at greater expense and I wanted to express my appreciation to Mr. VanCleave for all the time and creativity that he's brought to this project and we're proud of what we have to recommend and certainly hope you approve it. And as far as questions are concerned, that's why Mr. VanCleave is here. And we'll all participate if there's any questions.

President Winnecke: Just to sort of walk everyone through this, I think Councilman Tornatta has seen this sheet. I'm not sure if any other Councilmembers have besides he and I, but basically what you have before you are two payment propositions. The top one represents a three year plan where year one, representing 2002, would be a payment of \$125,000 which has been encumbered from the 2001 budget and years two and three annual payments would be \$246,071.40 and we could buy – the option in the fourth year would buy the equipment out for \$28,000. Am I right so far? The second plan is actually a six year plan, again, at \$125,000 this year, in years two and three, similar payments of \$554,642. No payments in years four, five or six, and then the county would have the option to buy the equipment out for \$28,000 in year seven. And if I recall our discussions, in year three, we have the option to essentially trade out for new technology as it becomes available. And this is for roughly 260 desktop units.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't know who might be able to answer this question.

President Winnecke: Councilman Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, if we decide to not exercise that buyout option in the fourth year, where does that leave us? Can we re-up another lease with new equipment or do we just keep what we have, no other payments, tell me what happens from there if we decide not to exercise the buyout.

Tim VanCleave: We would return the equipment and then we would be back to the same process, they would probably extend the contract and then, in essence, start a new lease cycle.

Councilmember Tornatta: We will have already paid for it, so obviously that's not an option if we go that direction.

Councilmember Sutton: The lease term at 36 months, is that the only option that we have? Can we decide we want to pay over the course of four years, five years, I mean, is there some particular reason on the 36 month format?

Tim VanCleave: The primary reason for the 36 month format is to match it with the anticipated life cycle of the equipment. There is a potential for four years or five years, they'll work with us however they want to, but my recommendation would be to stay at three years.

Councilmember Sutton: And each, I know you're talking about a lot of units here, will all of the units, will they essentially have the same pieces, parts and equipment on them, all uniform across the board?

Tim VanCleave: Yes, and that's one of the values of going this way is because you do

have a lesser cost to support them because they are exactly the same as you go across from a hardware standpoint.

Councilmember Sutton: Now, I guess it would be my assumption that with the number of users that we're talking about here, they all wouldn't necessarily have the same need, some do a little bit more, use more of the software pieces as opposed to others, wouldn't we reduce our costs some if we were to some way or another classify the units according to the need or use by individuals and some not necessarily needing all of the bells and whistles, but having an accurate indication of where those PC's are that have everything and then the ones that have the lesser amount? Wouldn't we reduce our costs that way?

Tim VanCleave: There's two parts to the answer. One is yes, you could potentially reduce your cost on the initial payout, but by changing the model type and the configuration inside there, they're going to raise your costs to support those units. Now where that balance is, it would be difficult to say. Obviously, a study could probably be done, but for part A of my answer, there could be some initial up-front cost savings, but not necessarily over the course of the term that we're talking about. Secondly, the courts do have somewhat of a unique situation that complicates that, is that users log in at different places. So just because the person that normally sits here only does X part of the time, that doesn't mean that somebody won't sit down there that needs to do what they normally do. So that is somewhat of a unique feature. Whether that occurs at every workstation across the entire 260 base, I don't have a good answer for you on that one.

Councilmember Sutton: Now recognizing that technology does move extremely rapidly and there's always a number of changes, the units that we're looking at here, the ability to add on additional memory, things like that, will they have that type of capability to expand on these units if need be?

Tim VanCleave: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: A quick question, Tim. With this, can we get a complete breakdown on the individual items and what have you as far as the hardware?

Tim VanCleave: Yes, certainly.

Councilmember Sutton: What kind of breakdown are you talking about, Jim, 'cause I want to make sure –

Councilmember Raben: To know what we're buying. I mean, you know, there's a package price for hardware. I want to know what all that includes, what it is.

Tim VanCleave: For the most part, in the previous packets, it's pretty close to the full description of what is in there, but we can also get an itemized listing of what that is from the vendor.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, that would be great.

(Inaudible – several speaking away from microphone)

Tim VanCleave: I think he's wanting more of a detailed invoice of what's inside of the box, not just a server, but he wants to know what the (inaudible) is. Is that correct?

Councilmember Raben: Correct.

Alan Teeple: I'm sorry. Alan Teeple, Director of Computer Services. Let me interject here. Why? How does that help you make a decision?

Councilmember Raben: Well, because I want it, that's why. But I want to base it on what's available in the private sector. I want to look at what each item is and compare it to what you can purchase it for on the open market in the private sector.

Alan Teeple: If you're talking about comparing what we're buying with either Dell or Compaq, Matrix or an AME versus what you can get at Best Buy, you're talking Apples and Oranges. You're not talking apples to apples and you know that.

Councilmember Raben: I don't know that.

Alan Teeple: Well, you –

Councilmember Raben: You get me what I'm asking and I'll make that determination.

Alan Teeple: Sure.

Councilmember Raben: That's not for you to make, that's for me to make.

Alan Teeple: And I understand that. What I'm trying to do is make sure that we give you what you need so that it can help all of you make decisions because like we've said for three months up here, that you've hired us to do a job to make these kind of recommendations with all the – throughout the entire process that we've done. Have we done something incorrect?

Councilmember Raben: I'm not saying you've done anything incorrect. But all I know is that we're looking at \$620,000 to buy us three years into the future. If I've got to look at that every two or three years, I want to know what I'm getting now. I mean, starting today, we need to get the best buy we can possibly get and that's why I want the information I want.

Alan Teeple: Well, I wanted to make sure we didn't violate some process that you were expecting. Okay, all right. Any other questions for me, gentlemen?

Councilmember Hoy: The recommendation, program one is the most popular on this sheet here.

Alan Teeple: I haven't seen the sheet, but yes.

Councilmember Hoy: My assumption is that in three years, we may well not want to buy this but negotiate a new contract because the technology will have moved that rapidly.

Alan Teeple: What the standard used to be...the technology changed every five years, now we're looking at technology changing every two to three years, is the industry average now for IT. Some of that's driven by Microsoft, as we know, but some of it is also driven by the Dell's and the Compaq's and the IBM's of the world. But it is down to about a three-year cycle, a life cycle, because what happens is, is we buy the best box today – we've talked about this one before, too – that you buy the best box possible today, or what you did three years ago, you buy that at the best possible, that you understand where technology is at, at that moment in time, well, three years, things change. Processors change, software changes, upgrades. So those are all things that

you expect us to take into – I would hope – would take into consideration.

Councilmember Hoy: So as a Councilman, it would be fair for me to assume that at the end of three years, we probably would be looking at the same budget item for year four and – for another three-year term?

Alan Teeple: Unless you go to the option that we've discussed practically from the day one that I took over here, and that is that we get the entire city and county on a revolving replacement plan and not do 250, 300, 50, 5, 15, but that you're on a revolving plan set up with a Dell or a Compaq or – and I'm just using those as examples, not saying that those are the ones we need to buy –

President Winnecke: Alan, can you hold that thought while we change tapes?

Alan Teeple: Sure.

President Winnecke: Sorry.

(Tape changed)

Alan Teeple: But I think that then works itself into where you were headed, Jim, I think, with the – that you have constant flow of departments walking in here and going, I need five computers, I need fifteen computers, I need two hundred and fifty computers, and if we ever got to that point of setting up that kind of rotation, and I know you hate me using Indianapolis as an example, but like in Indianapolis that set up that kind of rotating schedule, revolving schedule, where every three years someone has a new desktop on their desk. And the rate that they are getting, they're getting high powered PC's for anywhere between \$790 and \$910, the CPU's, I'm not talking monitors, I'm talking CPU's. But that's the point I'm hoping we're eventually – I mean, I had discussion today when I had my budget discussion with the Commissioner about that very subject is, is this the time – are we getting to the point over the next couple of years to be able to get to that point of having the revolving PC replacement?

Councilmember Hoy: So if we followed program one, then we would be perhaps taking the first step towards what you are describing as being the better process to follow? In other words, if we do this with this package, that would be a giant step toward what you just described where you –

Alan Teeple: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Any other counties got a plan similar to this projected?

Alan Teeple: Similar to what?

Councilmember Wortman: What you presented here.

Alan Teeple: I don't know that any other county is –

President Winnecke: In terms of the technology, you mean?

Alan Teeple: Are you talking technology?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah.

Marsha Abell: Most of them have them.

President Winnecke: I think – I did some quick math and I don't have – it was by hand, so it might be slightly off, but if the county were to select option one and for the fourth year instead of buying out, we renewed a lease arrangement and we carried that through a six year cycle similar to program two, it would actually cost a couple of hundred thousand dollars more over a six year period versus program two. Granted, years two and three are a little more difficult to look at in terms of single year payments, but \$200,000 is \$200,000.

Marsha Abell: Mr. Winnecke, I'd like to answer Mr. Wortman's question. You asked if any other, anyone else had a system similar to this? We were the first court in Indiana to put in the Courtview 2000 program, which is the software that runs our program. And Tippecanoe County put it in a year later. They've already upgraded theirs last year and they're looking at upgrading again this fall, and we haven't done ours yet. So if there's anybody similar, they're all keeping up and we're behind and we can't upgrade the software without having the adequate hardware to run it. It would be like putting a piece of wrapping paper on a box that's falling apart. The wrapping paper isn't going to hold the box together and our software isn't going to run unless we've got the hardware that will hold it. And that's the point at which we are right now. We can't do our upgrade, and I can't keep my office running, nor can the Judges, on the old system and meet the requirements that we're required to do with not only the state, but also the federal government. I'm required to do 1099's now for all the lawyers on every dime they get. We've got a stack in our office in a box that's almost 24 inches high, that we've got to input in once we get this system on. And I don't know where I'm going to get the staff to even do that, and I'm only, you know, this is just June. If it's December, it's going to be four feet high and, you know, that's the reason that we're here for the hardware is because we can't bring the software up until we've got the hardware to hold it. And actually, I think to answer Mr. Raben's question, I think all of the specifications of everything that we're getting was answered in the RFP that we have here of what we sent out, what we're requesting for proposal, so that's what they answered on.

Councilmember Raben: None of that's changed from 30 days ago?

Marsha Abell: No.

Councilmember Raben: I thought this (inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Marsha Abell: Just an extension of dollars and the fact that Tim was able to get Compaq to continue, I think, at the zero percent financing which you couldn't get anywhere else, we couldn't get anywhere else, it was the only company that offered the zero percent financing, so, you know, that's another reason that when you compare it, in the long run zero percent financing, obviously, if you're not having to pay financing charges, is a savings.

Councilmember Sutton: You guys have been working together for quite a while in putting all this together –

Marsha Abell: A year.

Councilmember Sutton: – determining the number of units and things like that. One of the questions I think probably all of us are really wanting to make sure we get an understanding on is the usage on this, and my question earlier, what I'm getting ready

to ask now is a little bit different than what I asked earlier, on the Courtview software, you've got in the total package, there's 258 units, right, the whole package? And you've got 54 of that 258: Circuit Court 30 units, Superior Court 74, and on down, the Prosecutor has 63 units, now is everyone fully utilizing the Courtview software as it's put together right now? I know you guys are on the last legs with the Courtview software, but has everyone fully loaded that and is using that right now, is trained in their offices?

Marsha Abell: I don't know what the Prosecutor is using because we've had some question on whether or not he's actually using all of it and you'd have to ask him that, but I can tell you that in my office everybody is fully trained. And not long ago, maybe two months ago, Tim called my office one day and said everyone has to log off because we had loaded the server up so full because we were all on it, all using it, and even in the courtroom, they had to take their computers down. Now that's quite a disturbance to a judge who's carrying on a trial to have somebody walk in the courtroom and tell you to shut your computers off. And we have to take them down, well, I guess, I don't know the terminology, probably, but I think what Tim did is move some stuff from one server to another to give us more space so we could go back on. And so we are definitely using it to its fullest capacity and everyone in my office, and I'm sure everyone in the judge's office, although they do different things than we do, we have to be in the same modules. And for instance, Linda Webster in my office, was sitting at her desk this morning until 1:00 this afternoon when she was in Circuit Court. She has to be able to get on that terminal in Circuit Court and do the same thing sitting in that courtroom that she can do over in my office because at that time, she's doing what the judge is telling her from the bench right that minute.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I understand that, but my question is, and I understand maybe you've had some individual issues, I'm looking at you guys as a committee, you've been talking about this, I'm talking about overall usage because that's really what we're here really looking at, not individual offices but the overall needs on this, so I guess I'm trying to get an idea, if there's an office that's maybe not using Courtview, do they have a need for Courtview if we have a new and improved version of Courtview? I mean, are they involved in this process? I'm talking everybody here, so I don't know if, Tim, if you can answer that? I don't know if Marsha, don't want to put you on the spot since you're speaking for the –

Marsha Abell: Well, my office definitely, Courtview is all we use. You know, that's what we do. That's all we use and we use WordPerfect for memos and e-mail for that kind of stuff, but to do our actual court work, Courtview is what we use, we set up our case generation. When you bring a case into my office we immediately put it into the computer. It's all done right there. It's all in the computer. I don't know what the Prosecutor does, I know that the judge's offices, that's all they use and their WordPerfect – I mean, we don't use anything like Lotus –

Doug Knight: Yeah, we do. I do.

Marsha Abell: Well, I mean, we don't use the financial stuff, I guess is what I...

Doug Knight: This is a court management system and so a system has modules or components like the probation component or the jury component for jury management or perhaps Clerk financials, and so maybe different areas of this whole justice system work in different rooms of the software program. For example, my stuff doesn't get into confidential juvenile records but all the juvenile users have access to that and get into those rooms, but I don't. But the package is a system and it has to have all those components, so I can go through certain doors and certain people can go through not – I don't think anyone can go through all the doors.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I'm just trying to gauge, if we're going to spend, I mean, this Courtview is the most expensive part of the software package and if it's not being used now by, you know, if we're saying 63 of the units, that's a pretty large number of, you know, 258 units, so are they intending, are they involved, are they engaged in this process to use this updated version?

Doug Knight: Uh, let's talk about the Prosecutor's Office, and let me confess my ignorance to some degree up front, I cannot imagine that they could run that office without daily and constant access to the records that we generate not only daily, but minute by minute, hour to hour. They would have to be able to access that information in order to function. Whether they might be able to use the program more efficiently from my viewpoint as opposed to their viewpoint might be an issue that we could debate and they need to be here to talk for themselves, I guess. In an ideal world, I agree with where I think you're coming from, but it would be wonderful if when the policeman stops me on the street and I hand him my driver's license, he swipes the bar code on the back of it and it automatically generates a traffic charge that electronically gets transmitted to the Prosecutor's Office, somebody calls that up on the screen, hits yes for file charges?, transmits that immediately to the Clerks' Office that generates a docket entry, and it's almost paperless. And the policeman on the street already told me that I need to be in court or it generates a summons that her office then sends out to notify that individual to come to court on a certain day and it's already generated a calendar entry so that when that day comes, as a judge, I've printed that calendar and there it is. And hardly anybody generates any paper. Now, I think there are always more efficient ways to use systems. And even when we upgrade, what we're going to get, I think that additional training is necessary, there are things that are improved, that we want done now, that we call or that won't work, and they're called fixes and enhancements. And they're in the upgrade so somebody has got to learn how to use them and find them and then training is always going to be an issue, a new employee's training is an issue, but it's my sense of it that the package is adequately used by all concerned to justify its existence on their machine.

Councilmember Sutton: I'm not trying to pick on any one office, I don't mean to imply that, but we're talking about some pretty large dollars. It makes sense to us that we need to do something along this line, but if it's not going to be fully utilized and everyone is not fully on board, there's no need for us to add those units where it's not going to be used, at least that seems to make sense to me. Though it may be practical and reasonable for those offices to be on board, but if they aren't going to use it, there's no need to have it. So that might be more of a challenge for your team that you guys are working with, to make sure that everyone is actively engaged in getting on board with this, so that as we're talking about, you know, some pretty large dollars, we can feel comfortable that whatever that expense turns out to be, that everyone is fully going to use that software and the hardware that we're looking at.

Doug Knight: Can I add two things? It's my understanding of our licensing arrangement, is that we buy a license and it allows a range of users to use the product. So there's some comfort level in that, that if the program is on someone's machine that doesn't use it and they're in that street or width of high and low end users, then it doesn't cost anything. Maybe it authorizes us to turn on 100 to 200 users, and nobody cares whether we pay additional license fees until it goes over 200. And that's something that I think ACS is constantly mindful of. But, and the last thing I wanted to say is, yeah, we do need to accept your challenge to make sure that everyone does get the full functionality of the product that's available to them and I want that because I'm going to move more efficiently and quicker if it happens that way.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben and then Mr. Hoy, and then we're going to try to put a

wrap on this.

Councilmember Raben: I don't know maybe how you want to answer this, but in these lease options, what are the warranties associated with those? Is it parts and labor 100% during the term of the lease?

Tim VanCleave: Three years on site, parts and labor.

Councilmember Raben: Three years on site, meaning you have to box them up and ship them after the third year? If you would elect to go the six year, what do you get for year four, five and six?

Tim VanCleave: New equipment. At the conclusion of year three –

Councilmember Raben: No, if you went with option two, at year four, five and six, they're going to send you new equipment?

Tim VanCleave: Yes.

President Winnecke: And the new technology would come as needed.

Tim VanCleave: Right.

Councilmember Raben: Are you sure you're right on that? I mean, the reason I state that, I mean, you know, that's probably, everybody talked about the first scenario, if that's the case, the second scenario is by far the better deal because it's \$120,000 less money and it's –

Councilmember Tornatta: It's more money.

Councilmember Raben: No, it's less.

President Winnecke: Over the life, it would be less.

Councilmember Raben: Which one do I have here? No, \$120,000 more.

Councilmember Tornatta: More?

Councilmember Raben: More. I said less, I meant more.

Councilmember Tornatta: \$140,000, is that right? Over seven years, the \$20,000 a year over seven years.

Councilmember Raben: No, it's roughly \$120,000. About \$121,000 more over the life, over the six or seven years.

Councilmember Tornatta: If you take each, if you take each of them and divide them out by the number of years that you're running the, so the four for the top and the seven for the bottom, it would be \$161,285 for the top and \$180,326 for the bottom. It's almost \$20,000 a year.

Councilmember Raben: A year, right. Over six years is \$120,000.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, I was going off the seven year buyout.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, excluding the buyout, over six years it's \$121,000 more money, if you get all new hardware in year four –

President Winnecke: As the technology changes –

Councilmember Raben: At year four, correct? And is there any upgrades from year one to three? I mean, do they do any upgrades or anything like that?

Tim VanCleave: I don't – Courtview will.

President Winnecke: Well, that's built into the price that you have on the spreadsheet, right?

Councilmember Raben: But no hardware upgrades or anything.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, but one would figure if you're going in for the long haul, that you should get a price break from what it would be if you doubled the first one, the first set of numbers, so I don't think it's as good a deal on that.

Councilmember Raben: Well yeah, they're collecting –

Councilmember Tornatta: I mean –

Councilmember Raben: – percent of their money up front or by year three, but you know, again, –

Councilmember Tornatta: And if it's – we should get a deducted rate on the longer term because we're sticking it out with them, we're going to buy back from them and we're front loading the payment, I don't know why we'd pay more.

Councilmember Raben: Because of what they, again, you're – you are, you're front loading your payment, but if you look at to get to the same point six years down the road and still have only three year old equipment six years later. You understand what I'm saying? In essence, you're going to save yourself about \$500,000 over the six or seven years.

Councilmember Tornatta: You don't know that. I mean, computers used to be \$2,400 and now you can buy them for \$700. I mean, you don't know that. That's a big gamble to take to double your price. We should get a deduction from less than double of what the first one is to make that a deal because we're sticking it out with them and we're saying yeah, we'll stick with your company for seven years, re-buy back and front load a payment and then you take the chance that you're going to, that the price of computers will go down and whatever. But this is the contract we'll be in. I don't think we should be paying more for the contract.

Tim VanCleave: And my understanding of this is that in essence, they're not going to guarantee a new, you know, what type of a desktop is going to go on there in year four. What they are going to do is in essence, provide a budget to the county of \$617,142 so that we can purchase the technology, the services and the upgrades to WordPerfect and Lotus.

President Winnecke: Technology changes.

Councilmember Tornatta: That's a totally different animal right there.

Councilmember Hoy: This thing is really a crap shoot whichever way you go, to be honest, because – and that's okay, I mean, that's the world of computers, but if we go with the three, then four years, you know, after three years we don't know what we're going to face price wise.

Councilmember Raben: We can't do anything today, you understand that. It's not been advertised. I mean, at best, which I don't know what the pleasure of this body is –

President Winnecke: What they're looking for is direction so they can complete their budgetary information to get to the Auditor's Office by Friday. I mean, my recommendation just for this exercise is to put in the higher amount and at budget time if we decide to cut back, go with program one, that's the way to go. They're looking for direction in terms of what to put in their –

Councilmember Hoy: What are, Mr. President, what are you asking us for today? We can't, we don't have an appropriation in front of us, do you want a resolution, do you just want a consensus, what would you like?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, as Jim said, we need to really take an active motion, but he can put in his budget whatever he wants to put in the budget. I mean, he could put in clearly above what we've got in option two, but he's just trying to get some direction from us what our sentiment is and which direction he ought to go. If that's what I'm, I'm trying to understand from what you're trying to do for your budget. And so it would be, I guess, the more prudent thing to do is put the higher amount in there, recognizing we've got the numbers.

Tim VanCleave: But the first payment is already funded out of the – actually fiscal year '01 funds, so we're not here asking for more money today.

Councilmember Hoy: Two things. I have a question and then a comment and I'll give you my comment. I will support this proposal at budget time; you have one vote if that helps you all any, because I have argued very hard for this system to work better. I personally know that, Judge Knight and Marsha, and you all have worked very hard on this, I think you have too, and some other people have. I don't know whether this is a question or a comment; maybe it's a little of both. Given the nature of all of these offices, and I won't pick on anybody, although I think everybody knows who we're talking about, and that is, we know that one office has not used Courtview very well, that's the word on the street or in the building or wherever you want to go. And also, I don't think we can force that. You cannot force a department to use it; however, it's my belief, and you tell me if I'm right or wrong, one of you, and that is if we buy into this and most everybody is using it well, there will be some pressure on that particular office to use it well so that the system functions smoothly. Am I right or wrong?

Doug Knight: You're right.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Bassemier and then we're going to figure out what we're going to do here.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, Judge, I'll tell you what I'd like to see you do. You guys have been studying this for a long time and I'd like to see you go, what you all thinks would be best for us. Just what I know about it right now, I'd like to see you use the low figure, I mean, because maybe after the three years, it might be cheaper for us to buy instead of lease. So, you know, you guys need to study that and come back with

us, but we know we're going to have to do something. I'm like Phil, I'm going to support it, but I've got to know what you think is best for us and the county for the next three years. But I hate to see you go seven years because I think that's too long. That's my, but if you recommend that, because seven years – probably won't even be here in seven years.

Doug Knight: Trying to identify some of the advantages of that second option and talk out loud, is that at the end of the third or fourth year, and I think it's the fourth year, a certain fund of money is available under this proposal to be spent so that if computers are cheaper at that fourth year, then we'll have that fund available to buy more computers than we would if the price of computers increase in the next four years, which I assume is not likely, so the money is in place, so to speak.

Councilmember Bassemier: I know how important, too, all this is because we've got to give the Sheriff police cars, we've got to give the garage equipment to work with, and it's the same tool for you in that sense. We've got to give it to you and how much will this help on the jail population? Is this going to decrease the jail population, what we're doing here, too?

Doug Knight: Well, I tell you, the impact on the jail population is if we don't do something, as you've recognized, we're not going to be processing anybody anywhere.

Councilmember Bassemier: I just had to throw that out there.

Doug Knight: It's going to be broken down.

Councilmember Bassemier: Cause this seems like this computer issue is taking as long as the jail issue, I mean, we've been kicking this around for years.

Doug Knight: It's expensive and it isn't going to go away; it's only going to get bigger and...

Councilmember Bassemier: But I guess to sum up what I'm trying to say, you guys have studied, what would you do, come back to us if it's an appropriation next time, whatever, I say come back to us, give us the amount and then we'll just yea or nay it. You know, we've got to do something.

Doug Knight: We'll do our best. My wife thinks we'd be a lot better off if I was a better investor, but I wanted to say that. I bought a lot of Bristol-Myers stock, for example...

Councilmember Bassemier: You're not an expert at this.

Doug Knight: No, I bought what I could afford and now (Inaudible).

President Winnecke: Mr. Ahlers has a legal question.

Jeff Ahlers: Judge, I don't know what the timetable is on this; I guess you have to wait, I guess, for budget time. First of all, whenever they get a lease, make sure that Kevin Winternheimer, the county attorney, gets a copy and I would like to see it because I think that when we're dealing with a purchase this large that obligates the future Council, as we get into some statutes, that we may have to have some magic language that it's subject to annual appropriation or things like that to make sure that a contract is not being signed by one body or party and another party is not bound and then you get into some of those issues, so that would be the only thing I'd say.

Doug Knight: (Inaudible – comments made away from the microphone)

President Winnecke: Okay, my recommendation is for your budget planning purposes is to insert the large number of \$554,642.80, realizing at budget time, because we're all seeing – five of us are seeing this for the first time and I don't think it's really fair to say for us to evaluate this completely like this, but understanding at budget time we may, in fact, decide option one is what we can afford to pay. But for your planning purposes that's what I recommend. And furthermore, I'd like to ask that Mr. Raben, maybe Judge Knight and Tim or Marsha, and maybe Commissioner Fanello and I sit down before the start of budget hearings to get some good dialogue going about this so this can be a smoother process during the budget hearings.

Doug Knight: I'd be happy to do that.

President Winnecke: And I'll be glad to arrange that.

Doug Knight: Thank you.

Marsha Abell: I have a question. From what I understand then, you're not sure if you're going to go with option one or option two, and you're just telling us to put option two in our budget. But evidently, you're going to go with one or the other, correct? Well, if you're going to go with one or the –

(Inaudible – several speaking at once)

Councilmember Sutton: I've only got one vote.

Marsha Abell: The reason – because if you're going to go with one or the other and both of them are only \$125,000 for the first year, why can't we go ahead and get our stuff ordered and get working and worry about year two and three later – or four, five and six? But if we know we're going to do it, we've already got the \$125,000, it was from year 2001 we haven't spent yet.

Councilmember Raben: There's a few problems with that. Marsha, one, the funds have to be in place to sign a contract.

President Winnecke: The first year's funds are in place is her point. The \$125,000 is already in place.

Marsha Abell: Is in place.

Councilmember Wortman: You've got to have a contract, don't you?

Jeff Ahlers: And that goes to what my point was, is I think I will need to confer with Kevin Winternheimer, but I think that to be safe, this body needs to vote and either sign off on the agreement or there needs to be language under certain statutes that it's subject to the annual appropriation because I think you're getting into some issues that seven of you here today, you may say this, but two or three years down the line may not be the same seven, and you get into all these issues, or if the county gets into, you know, has different fiscal responsibilities, you know, I mean, things – so, I mean, I think we have to make sure the contract is taken care of on both the fiscal and the executive side and with whatever departments needs to be, would be my only suggestion. Other than that, do whatever you want. But, I mean, that's something we can do fairly quickly. But that's the only thing I would suggest is that –

Marsha Abell: Well, I know that the – you know, this isn't the only contract that I have that's a multi-year contract. The Commissioners signed my election equipment contract and I don't go through all this. You know, I –

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I can't help what was done before, but I don't know that – here you're talking about upwards of a million dollars, potentially, I mean, that may be a little bit different. I don't know what your contract is for, but –

Marsha Abell: Well, we spend almost \$500,000 a year for elections and it's a three-year contract.

President Winnecke: Did you have a suggestion?

Suzanne Crouch: Judge, didn't the Commissioners say that they had Mr. Winternheimer review the contract? So they actually haven't signed a contract yet?

Doug Knight: They have not signed a contract and they wish that review. Now they also wish some input on, in simplifying it, whether we finally all, as a collective body, settle on program one or program two.

President Winnecke: As frustrating as the timing may be, and I appreciate where you're coming from, I think probably the prudent course is to not start until we get the lease to our satisfaction and to the Commissioners' satisfaction. But, hopefully, if we can get some of us together prior to that, maybe this will get moving.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I also think our legal counsel and their legal counsel ought to –

Marsha Abell: (Inaudible – comments not made from the microphone)

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think what Marsha is trying to get us towards is getting the equipment this year rather than waiting until next year, and –

President Winnecke: Theoretically, the equipment could still come this year. I'm just saying don't start today. Let's see – I mean, this shouldn't take several months to get the lease hammered out to everyone's satisfaction.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Well, just kind of maybe press this towards some kind of time table, I guess, maybe that's what I'm trying – so that she could have some idea of what – when they should expect to bring together an appropriation request.

President Winnecke: I'll call tomorrow and start setting up a meeting.

Doug Knight: Can I footnote the meeting here and put everyone to sleep by reading from the lease entitled paragraph seven, non-appropriation?

“Notwithstanding anything contained in the master agreement to the contrary, in the event no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated and budgeted by the lessee's governing body, or are otherwise available in any fiscal period for the payment of rent or other amounts due under the lease, the lease shall terminate on the last day of the fiscal period – “

blah, blah, blah. I mean, that's the drop-dead provision that if there isn't any money...

President Winnecke: You know, again, as frustrating – I feel your pain, but we need to

have Mr. Ahlers review it along with Mr. Winternheimer.

Doug Knight: Yes, I agree. I agree with you.

President Winnecke: Thank you very much. And as I've said –

Marsha Abell: I just want to say one more thing. I can't – you know, I mean, you've let other people stand up here for an hour while I sat back there. I sat through other presentation several times. Mr. Sutton, one thing I wanted to...remind me what your question was just a second ago because I had the answer for it. Just, what you just – oh, –

President Winnecke: He's reiterating your position –

Marsha Abell: Oh, I know what it is. The timetable for us, more important than the hardware. The only reason that the hardware is important is because of the software. And the reason the software is so important is because their next upgrade is coming out this fall. And all the other counties that have them are going to be fighting for their training time and we're going to be sitting here, and we're not even scheduled in their training time yet, and they've already got – they're already scheduled with the other counties. Tippecanoe County has already got them on their schedule. We may have the hardware sitting over there and not be able to get our software training until February of next year if we don't – if we don't know we're going to have it on and we can schedule our training with these – I mean, this company has to come in here and train us on this upgrade. It isn't just a matter of set it down and put on the help button and it's going to tell us what to do. I mean, we've got to have hours, and I also have to have my staff set aside for that.

President Winnecke: We need to change the tape, I'm sorry to cut you off.

(Tape changed)

Marsha Abell: And amongst all of that, I have an election to put on in November, so I have a real problem with staff and time commitment, which is why we're really under the gun.

Councilmember Sutton: You're not going to talk about election equipment, are you?

Marsha Abell: I'm going to talk about that in July.

Councilmember Raben: This contract, is this from the hardware provider or the software provider?

Marsha Abell: It's the hardware.

President Winnecke: Hardware.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so, I mean, this really doesn't have anything to do with what you're talking about, Marsha. If you, I mean, you know you're going to use the Courtview software, regardless, right? I mean, you know that you're going to have to have some hardware upgrades. So, I mean, I would go ahead and schedule my training. That doesn't have anything at all to do with this contract.

Marsha Abell: Well, it would if we get our training scheduled for September and we don't get our hardware in until October. We don't have the program running in September.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, but I think –

President Winnecke: She needs the hardware –

Marsha Abell: The program won't run on our current hardware, so if we don't have the hardware and they come in here to train us, which is to the tune of about \$20,000 I think, and we don't have it up and running, they're just going to be sitting here doing nothing.

Councilmember Raben: But you can still get on their schedule, is my point.

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

Councilmember Raben: You can still tell them you want to be on their schedule in late fall.

Marsha Abell: Okay, and if I schedule and we don't have it, are you all willing to pay it twice because we'll have to pay them if we schedule them.

Councilmember Raben: I doubt that you'd have to pay them the sum, the entire sum. They may ask for something, but anyway, we can't really worry about that. I would go ahead and schedule what I needed to schedule for training. I'd be on the list.

President Winnecke: I will, Marsha and Judge Knight and Tim, Kevin Winterheimer is out of town this week; he'll be back next week. We'll get a meeting scheduled right away to get this thing fast tracked, faster tracked.

Jeff Ahlers: The contract issue is not that big of a deal and that's something where Kevin and I get together. I mean, that's not – I mean, what you guys decide what you want to do is apart from – we're not talking months to look at a contract, so...

President Winnecke: Okay, thank you. The last item of business, I believe. Sandie?

Sandie Deig: This goes in the Council's Court Technology budget line?

President Winnecke: Could you turn your microphone on?

Sandie Deig: This will go into the County Council's Court Technology budget line. Do I understand I'm supposed to put \$554,643 in there?

President Winnecke: Yes.

Sandie Deig: Okay, thank you.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

President Winnecke: The last item of business, two appointments or three appointments, actually. Two to the Old Courthouse Advisory Board, I have asked Don Cox and Melinda Jarboe, both of whom served on the Old Courthouse Task Force last year. They both have agreed to do it. And I will serve on the Old Courthouse Foundation. Any other business to come before us?

JULY MEETING FILING DEADLINE

Teri Lukeman: Were you going to do something with the filing date for the July meeting? It's on the agenda.

President Winnecke: Salary ordinance cut-off date?

Sandie Deig: June 14th.

President Winnecke: June 14th is the filing deadline.

Teri Lukeman: Will you ask Sandie to send a letter to all the offices?

President Winnecke: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Did we cover item...under section 10? Did we cover item A?

President Winnecke: We did last week.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Winnecke: We're adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 4: 50 p.m.)

President Lloyd Winnecke

Vice President Ed Bassemier

Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JULY 3, 2002**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 3rd day of July, 2002 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. by County Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: I'd like to call the July 3rd meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council to order and begin with the attendance roll call, please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy		X*
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

*Arrived at 3:33p.m.

President Winnecke: Would you please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance, please?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

**CHAD SULLIVAN
FREEDOM FESTIVAL PRESENTATION**

President Winnecke: Before we get to the minutes, approval of the minutes, I would like to recognize Chad Sullivan, the President of the Freedom Festival, who has a brief presentation to make to the Council.

Chad Sullivan: Thanks. I'm here on behalf of the Freedom Festival. We had a great year this year that we are really proud of. We had full hotels, packed restaurants, and, I think, generally, the community was pretty excited to be a part of Evansville and Vanderburgh County during the festival. We know we couldn't have done that without the support of the County Council and especially Sheriff Ellsworth and his department, all the great work they did for us in securing the area and helping us with the road closings so we could have the Blue Angels back. So, just as small token of appreciation for all that the Vanderburgh County Council did for the Freedom Festival, we have a lithograph from the Blue Angels that we want to present to the Council. (Inaudible. Stepped away from mike.)

President Winnecke: I would just say that this is a photograph of the Blue Angels over New York City, June 1st, last year with the World Trade Centers prominently displayed. It's pretty moving. I'll pass this around, and on behalf of the Council, we would like to thank you for this token. I would ask Mrs. Deig to see if we can get this framed.

Sandie Deig: I would be glad to.

Councilmember Tornatta: Is that equally likely in each house?

President Winnecke: Pardon me?

Councilmember Tornatta: Equally likely at everybody's dwelling.

President Winnecke: Yeah, we'll each get it a month or so.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Chad.

Councilmember Tornatta: Thank you.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 5TH COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

President Winnecke: At this time I would consider the approval of minutes from the June 5th meeting.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second—

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: —all in favor. Roll call vote, I guess.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS
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President Winnecke: Okay, let's get to the appropriation requests please. Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Let's give Councilman Hoy just a moment there to...

President Winnecke: Oh, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Raben: Do you need a minute to...?

Councilmember Hoy: I'm okay. Go ahead.

SURVEYOR

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, first on the agenda is the Surveyor's office, account 1060-3700, in the amount of \$3,500. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Say that again.

Councilmember Raben: 3500.

President Winnecke: It's 3700 on—

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, account 3700, but Curt was—

President Winnecke: I'm sorry. In the amount of \$3,500. There was a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SURVEYOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1060-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	3,500.00	3,500.00
Total		3,500.00	3,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CORONER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Coroner, account 1070-3650, and 1070-3640, for a total request of \$35,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: A motion and a second. Are there questions, or is there a discussion? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CORONER	REQUESTED	APPROVED
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1070-3650	Autopsies	30,000.00	30,000.00
1070-3640	Diagnostic Studies	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total		35,000.00	35,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Next, County Commissioners, account 1300-3020, in the amount of \$9,665. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Is there questions, are there questions, or is there a discussion? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3020	Southwestern Mental Health	9,665.00	9,665.00
Total		9,665.00	9,665.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS (Three requests)

Councilmember Raben: Superintendent of County Buildings, account 1310-4120, in the amount of \$10,000. I'll also take with that account 1310-1990, Extra Help, for \$5,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1310-4120	Buildings	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total		10,000.00	10,000.00

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1310-1990	Extra Help	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total		5,000.00	5,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: I could have thrown this one in there, too, 1310-1750, Clothing Allowance, in the amount of \$1,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1310-1750	Clothing Allowance	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total		1,000.00	1,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Councilmember Raben: Community Corrections, 1361-1850, in the amount of \$20,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: A motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

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)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Superior Court 1370-1401-1370, 1370-1402-1370, 1370-1910, and 1370-1900, for a total appropriation request of \$29,881. I'll give you the correct figures on the others as well. The first line should be \$13,233. Account 1402 should also be \$13,233, PERF \$1,390, and FICA \$2,025, for a total request of \$29,881. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and second. Questions or discussion? Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: I think we did have a good presentation last week, and ample discussion on this, but good to see that Judge Niemeier is being proactive in this whole regard with juveniles and substance abuse, and just look forward with some really positive steps taking place out of this program. Now, I did ask him in the discussion that I had with him, given that they are already pretty cramped for space, where is he going to put these people? He said he would figure it out some kind of way or another. If they have to pull together some chairs next to a desk out near a hallway, but they've got something worked out where they will be able to accommodate these two positions. So, I didn't know if you've got another plan since we last spoke, Judge, but I would like to hear it.

Brett Niemeier: Brett Niemeier, Superior Court. Is there any Commissioners here? I thought the Health Department would be a real nice place.

Councilmember Hoy: I agree with you one more time.

Councilmember Bassemier: I've got a question, Lloyd.

Brett Niemeier: But, obviously, that's not going to take place. No, I've been working on that, and it's probably the best problem that I could ever expect to have.

President Winnecke: Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: I was just curious, Judge, where do they do the drug testing at for juveniles? Who does that?

Brett Niemeier: Who does it right now?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Brett Niemeier: The Youth Service Bureau is doing it, and they are using our restrooms here in the courthouse.

Councilmember Bassemier: Who, the Youth—

Brett Niemeier: The Youth Service Bureau.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Brett Niemeier: But some of that we're probably going to end up doing in-house now. We'll be able to do it ourselves. Save us money, at least some of it.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion?

Councilmember Raben: No, I would just like to kind of echo what Councilman Sutton said that, you know, being proactive in regards to our children is a great thing. Appreciate that.

Brett Niemeier: I appreciate those comments.

Councilmember Raben: I might ask one thing, though, too. Could you get back with us maybe in the fall and let us know how this program is working?

Brett Niemeier: Yeah, I would be glad to.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Brett Niemeier: Yeah. That's the one great thing about doing that initial drug testing day, is that I'm going to have a good base line now to see whether or not we're going to be effective by doing this.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes. This is for these two people you are going to hire. I had a call from your predecessor, Judge Lensing. I'll tell you, he said, it's a good thing, he thinks it's going to save the county a lot of money. I said, I'm for that. He said, I knew you would be, but he said, he said, the mistake I made, I should of did it a long time ago, too. I told him that I would quote him, and he said, no problem.

Brett Niemeier: I appreciate Judge Lensing's support. Thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: Sometimes yes is saying no, huh?

President Winnecke: Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-1401-1370	Probation Officer	16,171.00	13,233.00
1370-1402-1370	Probation Officer	16,171.00	13,233.00
1370-1910	PERF	1,618.00	1,390.00
1370-1900	FICA	2,476.00	2,025.00
Total		36,436.00	29,881.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Brett Niemeier: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Judge. Before we move on, this might be an appropriate place to...at the Commission meeting the other night, Commissioner Fanello asked that this body discuss the future of juvenile detention, specifically with regard to whether this body feels, whether it has the ability to fund the construction of a new juvenile detention center. While we're talking about youth care, this might be an appropriate time to bring up that discussion. The Commissioners, for clarification, approved a resolution to instruct their County Attorney to begin negotiations with the youth care, the Rescue Mission, to see what kind of contract they would construct if they were to provide the housing and the programming services. Commissioner Fanello supported that on the contingency that this body did not support funding for constructing the county's own facility. So, I did promise that I would bring that up for discussion, so I throw that out now, at this time. Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I would like for us to form a resolution in support of that effort with the Rescue Mission. So, I would move that we respond to the Commissioners by saying we currently don't have the money, and we're probably not going to be able to fund the program in the foreseeable future, and we would support this move. That's a motion. Then I will comment on the motion, if it gets a second.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second his motion.

President Winnecke: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Mr. Bassemier, did you have comments?

Councilmember Bassemier: No, that's okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Can you repeat that motion? The motion, can you give a little bit more explanation on that? I'm sorry.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't think I can—

Councilmember Sutton: I didn't quite follow you.

Councilmember Hoy: —it is not written down, and so I may have a little trouble without the tape, but the motion, basically, supports the Commissioners effort to work with the Rescue Mission, that's the first thing. The second thing is I do not believe that we currently have the money, or will have the money, to build this facility in the foreseeable future. To answer their question, no, we don't have the money. We are not going to be able to fund it. That's my motion. I have some comments on it. It does have a second. Does that answer your question?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, that answers my question. I guess, kind of brings up, maybe, some, maybe just some observations/questions. You know, if that's the pleasure of this body, or the direction that we decide to go based upon what you're proposing, Councilman Hoy, I don't know when discussions would begin. It would seem likely that some representative from this body should be engaged in that discussion. In light that you are not just talking about a facility. What you're talking about, the fiscal impact, even though we may not directly run the program, they are looking for us to supplement some of the cost. So, to hear what maybe they have in mind, how they intend to structure that, it would be good if we could get in on the ground discussions of that whole, that whole plan. Then, I guess, as well, as we look at this, you know, we're spending a significant sum already for youth detention type of responsibilities right now, when we look at our Patient Inmate Care line. I would like to see, maybe, our County Auditor, and maybe one other representative, if they could maybe, Suzanne, if you could get us some information on just how much we're actually spending right now on youth detention? So, as we think about what we want to spend down the road, or what we may be, you know, what we may be involved in, we'll have a sense and feel of what we have to work with. If that makes any sense to you.

Councilmember Hoy: To respond to that, if I may, it makes good sense to me for us to have someone represented in that effort. I think that's a good idea, Councilman Sutton. What, my understanding from the Rescue Mission, and I have not communicated directly with them recently, but they are looking for a guarantee of ten beds, and we're virtually using that now. If you include the young ladies who are in Vincennes, then that would not, it's not going to be a problem finding ten young people, unfortunately, you know, to guarantee that. This is a reversal of an earlier opinion of mine, but I just feel that, I think they will do a good job with it. I trust them with it. I think they've done a good job with what they've been doing, and it's a need that we have now. Our judge, our

juvenile judge, may well, as some of us others, may well prefer a county facility, but he also feels, and he can speak to this, he's sitting right here, that we need this facility as soon as possible. I think they'll be able to bring it about. As far as the money is concerned, if you do look at the figures, as I have, and I think that request is also a good one, Mr. Sutton. I think, you know, we may see some increase, but we are already spending most of this money already. Whether we spend it at the Rescue Mission, if we don't spend it there, we are spending it in Vincennes, or someplace else, where you have transportation involved. These young people will be able to be in their home city. I think they've proven themselves also in their work. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta first.

Councilmember Tornatta: Practically speaking, we haven't, before I would want to get into something like this, I would also want to address what we're going to do with the old jail that we would be leaving, hopefully. I think that one of the scenarios that was brought down was that we take this building and turn it into a juvenile detention center with courtrooms, and have everything based out of that jail, where there is ample space. Ample space for people to work, and have kids in detention, and maybe even set up some classrooms, some programs to be able to take care of the kids. Now, the reason I bring this up is because in the event that there's an incident, you never know, but looking at an incident where the Youth Care Center, and they would drop us in a program, what would we do then? We're left holding the bag, high and dry kind of thing. Now, you're taking this and saying it might not ever happen, but if it did happen, then where would we be? I would rather own our own building, and/or have a space that we own so that we can dictate exactly how we want the program to run, or have some say in that. I don't think that if this goes to the Youth Care Center, we don't have that type of say. Not to say that they are going to do anything that we wouldn't want them to do, but in the event that they would all decide that in their best interest they did not want to be a part of the county's services, this leaves us without a building, and without a detention center after we already invested the money for this.

President Winnecke: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: You know, I'm not saying that everybody don't have a good idea here, but I think we're in a...I think this is the wrong time, right now, to be passing any resolutions. I think we ought to have some kind of special meeting. I know that the Sheriff wants to say something here. He walked up here. I know Troy's got something. I think this is all a new thing here, and I think Commissioner Mosby mentioned the jail, he's mentioned the Old Courthouse. I think before we pass any resolution or anything, I think we ought to have a special meeting, and get it all out in the open. This is all a new deal now. We're in the middle of appropriations. So, I don't think we—

Councilmember Raben: I may have missed the point here, though. I think the resolution stated that, you know, we're just expressing our willingness to look at the Rescue Mission as well as theirs. They've instructed their attorney, if I'm not mistaken, to begin dialogue with the Rescue Mission, and go on a fact finding mission, actually.

Councilmember Bassemier: Just the Rescue Mission?

Councilmember Raben: And I don't—

President Winnecke: Or any other agency that would—

Councilmember Hoy: That left the door open for any other agency.

Councilmember Raben: –think there's been any commitments made on their behalf. I don't think Phil's asking this body to make any commitment financially, other than we're in support of dialogue with them, and see what they bring back to the table. So, I don't think this is locking us into anything.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy, then Mr. Wortman, and then we'll hear some (Inaudible) comment.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I was trying to listen very carefully Monday night to all of the discussion, including the location of the jail. The discussion during that meeting of having courtrooms there, and then somebody mentioned the County Clerk being, you know, I think that financially...and Mr. Raben is right, this does not commit us, but it gets us in the process, along with the Commissioners, and that is what they are asking for. I think since they have voted it, it was a majority vote, it was a 2-1 vote, I feel strongly that this body should encourage that, and I agree with Mr. Sutton, we should be a part of it. But, financially, this location, and the attendant costs are just a bit frightening to me right now, as a Councilman. We haven't, you know, the land hasn't been negotiated. I mean, all along I've preferred this parking lot out here, and connecting with the current jail. To me, that makes sense. It doesn't make sense to the Commissioners, and that's their call. They've made their call, and they have every right to make that call. Now, they've done it. They've made a second step. I think they are, we're simply saying that we support that second step, which is just really an investigatory step, is all it is.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I met with Judge Niemeier, as probably numerous other Councilman, and other people have, and as far as the Rescue Mission, I think, he was more or less comfortable with the Rescue Mission, if I understood the Judge right on that. I think that tells it right there, to a certain extent. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Sheriff, did you have anything to add?

Brad Ellsworth: Just quickly, Sheriff Brad Ellsworth, and that is my dog probably isn't in this fight, but, as an interested party, and I've had corrections stuff fall in my lap before, in my office's lap, so, I think Mr. Bassemier's right, there is probably a real need for a special meeting. I think there is a lot of options out there. I would like to quickly comment on something Reverend Hoy said about the, you know, that was always the back 40 was always the preferred site, but with so many obstacles that jumped up in the way, there comes a point where that seems insurmountable. That's, I think, what forced us to go elsewhere. You know, one thing that I think this body and the Commission have to consider is what Councilman Tornatta said, that, you know, another option to look at here, and I have no problem with the Rescue Mission, I respect those people there, but like I said, sometimes things change. One thing we might look at, and I've not done any research, if we do go to a larger campus away from here, explore the possibility of the Rescue Mission building their building on that same campus and running it. So, if, in fact, that if something happens ten years down the road, and they ask, well, whoever, the Sheriff's office at that point to run it, it's next door. Separated, but next door, and on the same campus, which is going to be easier to run, and more efficient to run. If you're not going to build, you know, I've been to a couple of meetings down here, and there is some mad neighbors about putting it on the existing lot. I think Reverend Hoy was there, too. So, there's going to be a lot of options to explore, but I think, like I said, Ed's right, we need some meetings, and some compromise on this, too. A lot of thought is going to have to go into this. A lot of thinking into the future.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I understand what the Sheriff is saying about angry neighbors. If I lived on the north side...I had to be a bit amused about someone the other night who said, well, if you put the jail down here, that's your welcome to Evansville. With my warped sense of humor, I said, well, out on north 41 we could put a big billboard that says welcome to Evansville, make a right turn for the jail, and then after you've toured there, come down the road a little further, make another right turn, and visit the sewer treatment plant. Jails are built all over the place. They are built in the middle of cities. Nobody wants a lot of things next door. I just have to add my amusement to that. However, I want to clarify one thing, I did not favor the jail on the back 40 at all, or the bridge across Ninth street, or closing Ninth Street. My position was to take this parking lot out here, where I park, it's always called the Judge's lot, and they do park there, but, so do I. So do all the Councilman, and so do the Commissioners. I would be very happy to park in one of those empty spaces that I counted, there are plenty of them. We could have used that space, but that's a dead issue. I wanted to clarify that because that's the space I favored. Finally, and at this point I may have more to say, as you well know, Mr. President, I always do, but a question has been raised about the Rescue Mission. I don't think that there is any institution in this city that has a longer or stronger or healthier or more service oriented history than that institution. Nobody can sit here and guarantee anything. That's for sure. We can't even guarantee our own stock portfolio right now, seeing what's happening with all the lying and cheating that's going on, you know, it's terrible. You guys better save a lot of money, I'm telling you that ever since they've been doing all this stuff, my pension went down. So, you better stack a little more money away, because things are not good. That further substantiates my point that we need to look at this also with the costs in mind. I also believe they do quality work. I think they are here to stay. I think if we strike a contract with them, we can put that in there. They are very honorable people, these folks that are on the board of that Rescue Mission. We are not dealing with somebody who just came on the scene, you know, yesterday. I think you can guarantee their longevity just about as much as you can guarantee the longevity of almost anything around here.

President Winnecke: Judge Niemeier, did you have anything to add? Then we will get to Commissioner Fanello.

Brett Niemeier: Very briefly. I don't think today is the day to decide who is going to maybe build the youth care, or build the new detention center, or even where it's going to be located at. I do believe it needs to be studied. I've had an opportunity to meet with everyone here about that issue, and also the Commissioners, and I believe, actually, there is, looks like there is, probably two different options, maybe three, but as Mr. Bassemier said, it looks like it's either the Youth Care Center, or it's going to be waiting until the new jail is built, and then renovating the old jail into a detention center. There is a slight possibility of maybe the Old Courthouse, but that's probably a long shot. I think those three options need to be studied, especially from a fiscal standpoint. That's why I would request at least one, if not two members of Council form a committee, along with one Commissioner to take a look at the fiscal impact, and what's in the best interest of county government. I'm a supporter of the Youth Care Mission, or Youth Care Center and the Rescue Mission and the way they've handled everything so far. I believe that if it's a wash, if we're talking about it's not, we're not going to gain a fiscal advantage by building it ourselves, I definitely believe they should be the one running it. Now, of course, if it's going to end up costing us a great deal more money by having them operate it, then we need to take a second look at it. Unless there is significant difference on a yearly basis, on who's going to operate it, I would think the Youth Care Center, at least right now, from what I understand, I'm kind of in their corner. Again, I think a committee needs to look at that, and come up with dollars and cents before there is a decision made.

Councilmember Hoy: That's really one of the purposes of my resolution, Judge.

Brett Niemeier: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: The other purpose is that (Inaudible) would be comforting, and I'm pretty much convinced this is the direction. I like the innovative things that you are doing, and you know that, because I've said that to you publicly and privately. We need a facility badly. We can study the expense of this as we go, but since the Commissioners have made a move, I'm just asking this body to move in tandem with that, so that we move together—

Brett Niemeier: Yeah, as we—

Councilmember Hoy: —as we look at this. This gives us an opportunity as the two county bodies to work together. We have not always done that. Everybody knows that. This is an opportunity where I think the door is wide open to (Inaudible).

President Winnecke: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, if I remember at the Commissioner meeting the other night, that was the second alternative. I think the first alternative, I think, a motion was made to build a juvenile detention center, and then, I don't think Commissioner Mosby voted for that, but then the second motion was that if we do not have the money to build a juvenile detention center, then maybe we will look over to the Rescue Mission. We might even have to come back down this way. I know, talking about building a jail out there at Wansford Yards, that's different than a sewage plant, because I used to work for the railroad, and all the (Inaudible) and stuff, it might be a big environmental problem that it's going to cost us too much to build any building out there. I know it's different from a sewage plant, so it might have to come down this way, so, it's Mr. Hoy that brought it up, that his choice was the courts parking lot, he's close, I just want it on record, because when they come back this way, my choice was right next to the jail. I'm told that we can double the size of our present jail, build it over a parking lot, no parking would be lost, we can double the size for less than \$10 million. We're taking, we're throwing away a \$19 million building over there, that's our jail, that's what it would cost if United Consultants had to build 268 beds. We can double this size, right next door here, above that parking lot for less than \$10 million. So, if it ever comes back home here, I just want that on record, okay. Now, we need to get back to business.

President Winnecke: Commissioner Fanello.

Catherine Fanello: Commissioner Catherine Fanello. I just want to say that our decision Monday night was, basically, a fact finding motion, where we decided to investigate the proposal from the Youth Care Center. What I would like to see is what Councilman Bassemier suggested, and that would be a joint meeting, where I would like to see a financial analysis done by this Council on comparing the proposal from the Youth Care versus what it would cost us to build our own facility. I think that only after we do that can we make an educated decision. Because a lot of us can sit here and say, oh, we can't afford it, but until you really put the numbers on the piece of paper and make a good long analysis, you're not going to know the answer to that question. So, I think that was a very good suggestion, and I would like to see that happen.

Councilmember Hoy: You're not—

Catherine Fanello: Before any kind of final—

Councilmember Hoy: –opposed though to us studying this together? Which is–

Catherine Fanello: No. I think that's a very good idea.

President Winnecke: That's really...that's the–

Councilmember Hoy: That's the purpose of this resolution.

Catherine Fanello: Then we get into it...yeah, then we get into a joint meeting of some sort, and throw the numbers up there on the screen, and go over them.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I want to make sure we get the right numbers.

Catherine Fanello: We will.

President Winnecke: Any other questions or discussion? Okay, there's a motion and a second on the floor. Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Since it's just the fact finding mission, it's just one entity, I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR DRUG COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Superior Drug Court, account 1372-1920, and 1372-1930, for a total of \$654. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SUPERIOR DRUG COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1372-1920	Insurance	519.00	519.00
1372-1930	Unemployment	135.00	135.00
Total		654.00	654.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now for Reassessment/County Assessor, 2492-1090-1900, for a total of \$801. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1090-1900	FICA	801.00	801.00
Total		801.00	801.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/ PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Reassessment/Board of Appeals, 2492-1091-1180, 2492-1091-1900, 2492-1091-3530, for a total request of \$10,383. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I'm going to vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

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

		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1091-1180	Per Diem	5,000.00	5,000.00
2492-1091-1900	FICA	383.00	383.00
2492-1091-3530	Contractual Services	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total		10,383.00	10,383.00

(Motion passes 5-2/Councilmembers Tornatta and Sutton opposed.)

REASSESSMENT/ CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Center Township/Reassessment, 2492-1110-1990, 2492-1110-1900, for a total request of \$26,900. I will move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/CENTER TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1110-1990	Extra Help	25,000.00	25,000.00
2492-1110-1900	FICA	1,900.00	1,900.00
Total		26,900.00	26,900.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS			
COUNTY CLERK	SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR	COMMISSIONER	
PUBLIC DEFENDER	COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	REASSESSMENT/ CO. ASSESSOR	

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I would like to move that we accept all transfers as they have been listed, and I will make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1010-1130-1010	Small Claims Clerk	874.00	874.00
To: 1010-3530	Contractual Services	874.00	874.00

SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1160-3520	Equipment Repair	1,000.00	1,000.00
To: 1160-4210	Office Furniture	1,000.00	1,000.00

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1300-3600	Rent	10,477.37	10,477.37
To: 1300-3530	Contractual Services	177.37	177.37
1300-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	300.00	300.00
1300-3020	Southwestern Mental Health	10,000.00	10,000.00

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1303-1290-1303	Public Defender	17,274.00	17,274.00
To: 1303-1970	Temp. Replacement	17,274.00	17,274.00

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1361-1980	Other Pay	2,000.00	2,000.00
To: 1361-1850	Union Overtime	2,000.00	2,000.00

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2492-1090-4220	Office Machines	3,000.00	3,000.00
To: 2492-1090-4210	Office Furniture	3,000.00	3,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, we will go ahead and move into the amendments to the salary ordinance. First would be Superintendent of County Buildings, I would move that we amend salary line 1310-1990, Extra Help, and 1310-1750, Clothing Allowance, as previously adopted. Community Corrections, salary line 1361-1850, Union Overtime, as previously adopted. The funds are to be transferred from User Fees. Superior Court, I move we amend salary line 1370-1401, Probation Officer line, and 1370-1402, Probation Officer, as previously adopted, with an initiation salary pro-rated from July 29, 2002. That rate for, is set for a PAT V classification, and that annual salary would be \$30,836 for the first six months of employment. Property Tax Reassessment Board of Appeals, amend salary line 2492-1091-1180, Per Diem, as

previously approved. Center Township Assessor, salary line 2492-1110-1990, Extra Help, as previously approved. Public Defender, salary line 1303-1970, Temporary Replacement, as previously approved. Community Corrections, salary line 1361-1850, Union Overtime, as previously approved. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second to the salary ordinance as presented. Any questions or discussion? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COURT TECHNOLOGY

President Winnecke: Okay, I don't know that there is really anything other than this that I can do on court technology. We've kicked that around, we've suggested to, we've instructed Mrs. Deig what number to put into the budget. The Commissioners need to decide if they are going to, how they are going to pursue on the contract negotiations, and I don't know where they stand with that. Tammy, do you know where they stand with that?

Tammy McKinney: No.

President Winnecke: Okay. I will call Commissioner Fanello and ask.

COIT/LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

President Winnecke: Two other things that I would like to bring up under new business. I was disappointed at near the end, or should, I don't know if it was in the end, it was after I left on Monday night at the Commissioners meeting. I thought there were some inaccuracies as to what this body does, and as to what the county's chief financial officer, that is the Auditor, in this case, does in terms of COIT. It's my understanding that, well, I just thought there were inaccuracies. I've asked the Auditor today to set the record straight as to what her role is in the process regarding the Local Roads and Streets. I would encourage everyone to listen and ask questions as they deem appropriate. Ms. Crouch.

Suzanne Crouch: Thank you. As you all know as Council members, budgets are a function of planning. When offices and departments submit their budgets to this body, it's their plan for the ensuing year. Local Roads and Streets is the same way. Commissioners submit that budget, which is their plan for the ensuing year, then it is up to Council to decide whether they can fund that or not, as they do with all other funds that are presented to them, and all other budgets. As Council members know, there is never sufficient revenues to fund Local Roads and Streets, state revenues. So, COIT is used as a supplement to fund that budget, but to state that Local Roads and Streets has been shorted is just not accurate. In budgets, and in funding, what you have to look at is not only revenues, not only the budget, but you have to look at cash balances and revenues, which then in turn fund the budget, and fund encumbrances, and leave a sufficient operating balance for emergencies. The Commissioners submit their budgets, you all fund them. To my knowledge, as long as I've been Auditor, this Council has fully funded Local Road and Street budgets.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I guess, I would like to maybe get an idea why this issue is before us? I mean, if this was an issue that was between the Commissioners, the Auditor, why is this forum being used for this discussion or this dog fight, whatever it may be?

President Winnecke: If you can hold while we change the tape.

Councilmember Sutton: Alright.

(TAPE CHANGED)

Councilmember Sutton: If, I guess, if the issue was brought before the Commissioners, and if the Commissioners had questions about the Local Roads and Street budget, and the questions were to the Auditor, then unless the question is being posed to us by the Commission, or even the Auditor, I don't see where we have a particular dog in this fight. Where do we stand?

President Winnecke: I guess, to answer that, I felt, based on following the media account of the meeting, that I felt it was directed not only at the Auditor, but at this body. That's why I asked Ms. Crouch to make a presentation, if you will. That's why we're discussing it, at this time.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess, my other question is we came in here today, and this, I don't even know what to describe it, this massive stack of computer generated reports and papers that appear to be expenditure and revenue reports. I don't believe this was

assigned reading for today, otherwise we would have all found ourselves with our homework undone, but this is an awful lot of paper. I mean, is this related to this topic? Or what were we going to do with all this paper? Is this related to our budget? You know, or is this just, again, back to discussion between, you know, two bodies that happened a few days ago?

President Winnecke: Well, on a monthly basis we get the expenditure reports. I believe what's included in here also are the revenue reports.

Suzanne Crouch: Yes. You receive, every month the MOCASH and MOEXPENSE reports, which you've been receiving, but the very large report is the year-to-date, through June 30th of the Miscellaneous Revenues, not only for the General Fund, but for all the funds. Not realizing that we would be carting up this much paper, I said that we ought to probably talk to ACS...I don't know if Alan is still here, and see if, perhaps, this is something we could, this is information that, perhaps, we could make accessible via the Internet for those Council members that have it. That's what it is, is, hopefully, to help you, if need be, in terms of the budget process.

Councilmember Sutton: I would recommend in the goodness of all the good forests that we have around this country, that maybe if we could reduce this down to a smaller format. If a Councilman requests the larger, full report, if individual Councilmen want that, then maybe make that available to them. You know, there is a lot of work put together from your office's part in generating these reports, and it took three or four people to get this in here.

Suzanne Crouch: It was great exercise.

Councilmember Sutton: I would, that would just be my thoughts in terms of, you know, what you might want to do in terms, at least, saving some paper, and some time, and not throwing out your back in having to carry all this stuff up here, because this is an awful lot. I can't recall a meeting where we've had a discussion about any of the information. Not saying that it's not important information, but I suggest that is an awful lot of work.

Councilmember Tornatta: No, I just, I requested we have the revenues before the budget hearing. If this is the revenues before the budget hearing, then I have a little bit to say in this, but I don't necessarily request that it be every month, but I do request before the budget hearings that we have some type of understanding on what kind of revenues we have to come in to budget.

President Winnecke: To that point, oh, go ahead.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Tornatta, you may, I may be confused here, and I wondered what this was for, too. I've not had any insomnia lately, so, I don't, you know...and I've got some good novels that I would rather read. I think you, the other night, and you may want to clarify that, were asking for more information, you know, prior to budget time, and is this a response to that request?

Suzanne Crouch: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: You may want to clarify that, because, I think, you felt that you didn't have the information that you wanted. Am I right or wrong about that? I don't know.

Councilmember Tornatta: I mean, that's part of it. I don't want to say that that's why it's brought here today on the floor. Maybe that's misconstrued, how it was brought here.

The Commissioners had looked at why they did not have money in Roads and Streets, and they had talked to me about it, and I literally couldn't give them an answer. One of the things that was brought to my attention, before budget hearings last year, and was noted on the record, is that I said that we need some, it would be nice to have some revenues, have some idea of how things are coming in as opposed to just going out. That would be very interesting to know. Now, to say that I asked for, you know, a 4,000 page document on how all this worked, was not necessarily how it was. That's fine, and I'll take it home, and look at it, and burn it like the rest of them, but, you know, the thing that I think is very important is that we all need the same information. That's, basically, how things were brought up. Last year I don't believe that, at least, I had the information. I don't know if that's the rest of the minority on this board, but I don't believe I had all the information I needed to successfully look through all the budgets and decipher what was going on. I asked for that information, I was not given that information. To me, I think that that is a separate issue from what this is. Now, if it could have curtailed an issue, and I could go back to the Commissioners and tell them why their monies in Road and Street were not as significant, then maybe I could have settled this outside of a Commissioners meeting, but because I did not feel like I had the information, I cannot tell them what, why they did not get the money that they expected. So, in doing that, then I brought that up the other night, apologizing to them that I couldn't tell them why they did not get the money.

Councilmember Sutton: How much of a difference was it in this Road and Street thing? I mean, how much are we talking? This was—

President Winnecke: Their budget was approved as presented for Local Roads and Streets.

Councilmember Bassemier: I thought we gave them everything they asked for.

Catherine Fanello: May I—

President Winnecke: We did.

Catherine Fanello: Well, let me, may I—

President Winnecke: Just one minute, please. We did give them everything that was presented to them. Everything they asked for in Local Roads and Streets, was budgeted.

Councilmember Tornatta: I don't believe that they, I believe they had a different budget going into the budget hearings when they were told that they were going to have to trim that back. Now, that's the knowledge that I get from the Commissioners office. Now, if that's the case, then somebody should have to answer to why that was the case.

President Winnecke: I don't know who had that discussion, but they presented a budget of roughly \$2.8 million, and if you'll look on the financial statement that is before us today, that's what was budgeted, what the Commissioners asked for.

Councilmember Bassemier: I don't see a problem with that.

Catherine Fanello: I think we're missing the point here.

President Winnecke: Just a second.

Catherine Fanello: Okay.

President Winnecke: Any other—

Councilmember Raben: I—

President Winnecke: Councilmen before we turn it over to Mrs. Fanello, Ms. Fanello --

Councilmember Raben: You know, again, this whole thing—

Councilmember Hoy: Hopefully, you can clarify the confusion. I'd appreciate it.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I think all of us are having a problem. I would only ask that, and Catherine, if I'm not mistaken, two years ago your campaign was that you managed a \$132 million budget. So, you should understand how this works, of all people.

Catherine Fanello: I believe every Councilmember sitting up here should understand how the county budget works also.

Councilmember Raben: Now, I would ask other people critical to this issue, can anybody explain what the difference is, and how COIT works for the city, and how it works for the county?

Catherine Fanello: Can we get to the real question?

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben has the floor, and then you'll have a chance to—

Councilmember Raben: Can someone on this body tell me the difference, and how COIT is handled by the county versus the city?

Catherine Fanello: Don't look at me, I'm not a Councilman.

President Winnecke: No, I cannot.

Councilmember Tornatta: No, I cannot, and if I wanted to reference that, I would talk to my Auditor. If I had a question, I would talk to her, and ask her. So, I'll throw that question to you.

Suzanne Crouch: As I understand it, the COIT in the city is a fund, and it's used to fund other projects in the city - capital improvement projects. The COIT in the county is used as a source of revenue, for not only the General Fund and Local Roads and Streets, but to fund bond issues, the Azteca, the Industrial Park, and USI overpass. That is the difference of how COIT is handled in the city and county as I understand it. I would be happy to research that further.

Catherine Fanello: Catherine Fanello, County Commissioner. I would say, Councilman Raben, I don't think we were here today to talk about political campaigns, but I think what the point here is, is that the Commissioners had a question about the amount of money that had been previously funded in COIT, or in Local Roads and Streets versus what was funded in 2002. The budget, and I did make a presentation the other night and I believe the Auditor does have a copy of the spreadsheet that was given out. The money from 1998 that was from COIT was \$2.5 million, in '99, 2000, 2001, Local Roads and Streets was subsidized by \$3 million worth of COIT money. In 2002 we see \$1 million worth of COIT money. So, I think what the Commissioners...and last year, and, I'll admit, I mean, I was new last year, and still learning, and asked the County Auditor a lot of questions about the budget and estimated revenues. I feel like that not everybody came to us and

told us that \$2 million wasn't going to be put in to the Local Roads and Streets, would not be subsidized, the full \$3 million that it had been in the past. Now, we did get the budget that we asked for, but the estimated revenues were significantly lower than they were in the previous years. If you look at from 1998 up until 2001, the estimated revenues are over \$4 million every year. They are \$4.6 in '99, \$4.9 in 2000, \$4.6 in 2001, and then we get to 2002, and we have estimated revenues of \$1.8 million. So, our budget wasn't even fully, we actually ate into the cash balance by \$1,022,000. What bothers me is that not any Council members came to us, and the County Auditor didn't come to us and talk to us and tell us, now, the Council is not going to be able to afford subsidizing Local Roads and Streets the extra \$2 million this year. I don't think anybody realizes, I mean, we have multi-million dollar road projects on the books. We don't always know at budget time, and I wish John Stoll was here, because we had a very good discussion Monday morning about the timing of road projects, and when money comes in, we don't always know, at budget time, what things are going to fall into place. So, last year on the Lynch Road Project, for instance, Warrick County was a significant part of this Lynch Road Project. As you all know, there had to be a redesign, and we had to work with Warrick County. Well, Warrick County is now ready to move, and who would have ever thought last year that Warrick County would have been ready to move so early. And they are ready to move now. This Lynch Road Project, I feel is a major economic development road project for Vanderburgh County. So, we're ready to move on it, and had the money been in our cash balance, we would have been able to ask for an appropriation for the right-of-way, and we could have started construction in 2003. Now, we are, possibly, pushing construction until 2004. I don't think that's right, because these projects have been on the books, they are nothing new, they were started under the prior administration. They are discussed every month in the EUTS Policy Board meeting, and I know we have a Councilman that sits on that. So, those books are given out. You know what road projects are on the books, and nobody ever came and talked to us to see, hey, what would this do to you if we took the \$2 million COIT away?

Suzanne Crouch: May I respond to that?

President Winnecke: Yes, you may.

Suzanne Crouch: Commissioner Fanello, your budget, your Local Road and Street budget, was filed in the Auditor's office June 6th of last year.

Catherine Fanello: Okay.

Suzanne Crouch: Your plan for what you thought was needed in 2003. The communication that we had regarding budget funding, for Local Roads and Streets, regarding the state funding, and that was in August—

Catherine Fanello: So, you felt like, just because maybe a new Commissioner asked you about—

Suzanne Crouch: I reviewed my notes from talking with the County Engineer last year, and according to the notes that I made regarding our discussion, he indicated that the, because, typically, that's what I do is I speak to the County Engineer, and in the future I will be happy to speak to you, or to whoever the President is, but in the past, I typically speak to the County Engineer, and according to my notes he indicated that there was plenty of money in the right-of-way for the Eickhoff-Koressel—

Catherine Fanello: Uh-huh.

Suzanne Crouch: –may need more, but at that point in time, he couldn't project when they would –

Catherine Fanello: Couldn't project. Exactly right.

Suzanne Crouch: On the Lynch Road indicated that they were waiting on Warrick County –

Catherine Fanello: Exactly.

Suzanne Crouch: – and at that time, could not project when we would need it.

Catherine Fanello: You haven't said anything I didn't say just a few seconds ago. Sometimes we do not have the exact timing of these road projects. It's like we talked about the other day, there are a lot of elements that need to fall into place when you are dealing with federal funds, state funds, local funds, and all those elements have to fall into place. It just seemed kind of curious to us why every year from '98 up until 2001 there were...in '98 you funded revenue over the budget of \$907,000. In '99 there was \$1.3 million surplus–

Suzanne Crouch: Commissioner Fanello–

Catherine Fanello: –would you please let me finish, County Auditor, please?

Suzanne Crouch: If you'll let some of us talk.

President Winnecke: Okay. Commissioner will finish. Then the Auditor will respond, and then Mr. Raben.

Catherine Fanello: In 2000, the surplus over the budget was \$1.6 million. In 2001 we had almost \$1.854 million over the budget. So, and then this year we see a deficit of \$1,022,000. So, I think it would have been prudent for you to talk to elected officials. The County Engineer does his job to the best of his ability. John Stoll is a gem to us. You need to know what the direction three Commissioners are wanting to take with road projects. This Council needs to understand that there may be times when we don't exactly know at budget time what elements are going to fall into place, but all of these projects are on the books in the EUTS manual. In the EUTS Master Plan. So, these projects are of no surprise, but I think it was very, I'll say irresponsible, for someone not to come and sit down with the three Commissioners, I don't care if you want to go to speak with Commissioner Mourdock, or any one of us, but I don't think it was prudent or responsible for anyone not to come to us and tell us that there may not be \$2 million put in there, because you needed to put it somewhere else. I mean, I understand budget constraints, but what we want to know is just what we're dealing with up front.

Suzanne Crouch: I'm going to take offense to that. The handout that you passed out is not comparing apples to apples; it is comparing apples to oranges. You're using actual revenues and comparing that to an approved budget. In financial planning for governments, you not only look at the budgets, but you look at the cash balance, and you look at the encumbrances --

Catherine Fanello: Exactly.

Suzanne Crouch: – and in Local Roads and Streets 2003, the budget that you submitted, that the Commissioners submitted, was fully funded. Not only that, but there was enough unappropriated out of the operating balance to support any emergency. In

addition, there are other funds, and other money available. You have to submit your budget, and then you have to submit an appropriation, and that is part of planning.

Catherine Fanello: Well, I know all that, County Auditor. I worked in the Controller's office for almost four years. I know how county budgeting works. I know how road projects work, and I realize all of that. What I am looking at is, in actuality, from '98 until 2001, there was approximately \$2.5 to \$3 million every year funded from COIT, and then it drops from 2001 until 2002, we go from \$3 to \$1 million. Now, I understand that was probably because you needed to place the \$2 million somewhere else because of budget constraints. That is perfectly acceptable, but what I don't find acceptable is the lack of communication with the Commissioners when we have multi-million dollars on the books.

Suzanne Crouch: I also might add, your cash balance has grown from 2.2 to 8. --

Catherine Fanello: Well, do you realize--

Suzanne Crouch: (Inaudible) over to--

Catherine Fanello: --and there are commitments--

Suzanne Crouch: It's part of the equation.

Catherine Fanello: But, County Auditor, there are commitments for prior road projects out of that cash balance of \$6.6 million.

Suzanne Crouch: (Inaudible)

Catherine Fanello: Yes. So, if I go through the cash balance at 1/1/02, I had \$8.9 million. Then if I add the \$1.8 of estimated revenue, and I take away this year's budget, and I take away the \$6.6 prior commitments, and I take away the additional appropriations we've had, and I take away the anticipated additional appropriations we're going to have, that leaves me with an unappropriated balance of \$729,995. So, that's not an enormously large amount of money in Local Roads and Streets when you have multi-million dollar road projects on the books.

President Winnecke: We're going to wrap this up real quickly. Mr. Raben, quickly. Mr. Wortman, and then I will put a period at the end of this sentence.

Councilmember Raben: Catherine, I haven't looked at one recently, but I have years in the past. You made reference to the EUTS study. If we budgeted for every project that is in their study that is probably ten years out, I mean, no county could afford it, okay. Now, none of us were born with ESP. None of us can forecast what you're thinking, okay. So, you submitted a budget, we funded it. Now, blame that on anybody you want, but the only one to blame is yourself. I'm tired of hearing about it. I'm not discussing it anymore.

Catherine Fanello: Well, I'm going to take offense at that statement, because everything--

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben has the floor. You are to conclude, then we are going to go to Mr. Wortman, and then we are going to...Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you. Ms. Fanello, I've been up here, for going on 24 years. I've been assigned as a liaison to the Commissioners--

Catherine Fanello: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Wortman: –Roads and Streets and Highway and all this. I have called your office, and talked to you to cooperate, to get this budget before you make your budget out, but I get no response. Evidently, you don't want to work with me.

Catherine Fanello: Councilman Wortman–

Councilmember Wortman: Now why, I don't know, but there's a reason. I mean, is it politics, or what? It's sad that, and I have worked with other Commissioners, Democrats and Republicans, and I've had no problem, but you have been a problem. Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, is this, is this–

Catherine Fanello: That is probably the most unprofessional statement I have ever seen from a Councilman.

President Winnecke: Okay, I'm going to put a period at the end of this sentence. To this end, I've asked–

Councilmember Bassemier: I think we better move on.

President Winnecke: We're going to. I've asked the Auditor, in the spirit of Mr. Tornatta's request, to get more information, and a more timely process prior to the budget hearings. That she get our budget books to each of us by the 24th of July, which I think is probably a little sooner than what we've had in recent years. Do you think that's doable?

Suzanne Crouch: We received the Commissioners final two budgets today, and we have Family and Children we are still waiting on, we're supposed to get that Monday. So, that is our goal to get them to you the 24th.

President Winnecke: So, hopefully, that will address the need that you've raised.

Councilmember Tornatta: I would just like to say that I appreciate, I talked to our Auditor and she was more than willing to go through some of the budgetary things with me. Not any type of stab in the back in any way to you, I asked you last year, and in all the meetings I maintained that I asked you last year, for this year to provide that for me, and as long as it's there, you did what I asked you to do, and I appreciate that. Then as far as this year's budget, I would appreciate also that any changes to be made, be made and to us before the, in our offices, or in our separate offices before the meeting, the budget meetings, as not to come here and find it, and not have looked at it. So, if we could get that a day before the meeting, at least, just so we could go over what budget changes have been made, and go over it with the different offices before we come to a budget hearing, I would appreciate that as well.

BAKER & DANIELS/INVOICE FOR JAIL BOND WORK

President Winnecke: I have one last item of business that I would like to bring up. I'm thankful you stayed. This is relating to the invoice that may or may not be an invoice from Baker and Daniels, relating to the bond work for the jail. Where does that stand? In terms of...the last time we spoke, Mr. Pittman was working to come up with a list of items that are on the invoice that would, that he thought could be charged off, and we've not spoken since then.

Catherine Fanello: Well, he has been on vacation. I would be happy to make an appointment and sit down with anyone on the Council after I get, after he gets me that information, and we can go over it.

President Winnecke: When do you anticipate getting that?

Catherine Fanello: It would probably be after the 4th of July holiday. After the holiday.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible. Mike not on.)

Catherine Fanello: I'm not prepared. I don't have any notes in front of me, so if this, and I was not requested to be here today, but I happened to be in the office.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy and then Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Hoy: I have two announcements, neither of which I hope is controversial. This, maybe we can end on a decent note here, if any of you have subscribed to Evansville Living, and I will confess to having a personal interest in that, since my wife writes for it, they did their best of, and our park was one of the top three parks, Burdette Park, in the opinion of their readers. It just heartened me to see that, because we've worked on this park for years to make it a prime place. Second thing, is that the Soil and Water Conservation District, which I chair, and I will make sure you all get an announcement on this, if you're planning to plant any trees, we're going to have a wonderful tree sale with an exceptional buy, and would just like to make public notice of that. I will make sure that you all get that mailing, but it's one of the exciting projects that we're doing. Thank you, sir.

President Winnecke: Thank you. Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: One other, I guess, piece of good news, I guess, from the county standpoint, over the last, oh, I would say at least 15 to 20 years, it's been under discussion about the city and the county's interest, and trying to move them forward, and put together a minority and women business enterprise participatory program. For some reason or another that has not occurred, but Commissioner Fanello and several other city officials took up this along with several community members in drafting an actual plan for the city and for the county, and I think everyone did get a copy in their packets of that plan. If you didn't, we'll make sure everyone does get a copy, but they actually do have an enterprise program actually structured and put in place that's representative of a lot of thoughts and ideas about where this county can and should go when it relates to fair and equitable participation by vendors in our local community. Now, on that particular board that has been formed, there is going to be two slots from, I guess, two representatives that the County Council can actually appoint to that body. I think the Commissioners—

Catherine Fanello: We have three representatives.

Councilmember Sutton: —you have three. Three representatives.

Catherine Fanello: We pick two of our representatives.

Councilmember Sutton: So, if you haven't had a chance to read through that, it is pretty exciting, and we should see something when we have the joint budget hearing with the city. There is an actual budget that they've put together that we will be asked to

participate in as well. So, new and pretty exciting, but I think it says a lot about the progresses that are being made here locally in government.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, are we still on the subject of the bill? We got off the subject with the Commissioners --

Catherine Fanello: I just said I would be happy to set up an appointment with any of the Councilmembers who would like to sit down and go over the information.

Councilmember Raben: I would just, this is our meeting, so I'm going to say my piece on this. When you look at what was called bills and then later, not bills, and I know these have not been submitted for payment --

Catherine Fanello: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Raben: I look at the first one that is in the amount of \$49,086. The most recent preliminary charges, and I say preliminary, this time they were a little bit smarter and put drafting, of \$6,500. We're in a lot, we've got a heck of a lot of money already --

President Winnecke: Tie it up.

Councilmember Raben: -- owed to these people. You know, I've requested, and that's probably what is prompting our questioning, our questions is probably what's prompting these bills not being submitted. But as you look through these and you question what they were contracted to do, and there is charges for things that they are not (Inaudible) some of them. But they have destroyed any credibility with me that I had for them. I would urge that the County Commissioners find a new bond counsel. Somebody that is interested (Inaudible).

Councilmember Sutton: Oh, my goodness.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta.

Councilmember Tornatta: I think that the first thing that was done is that we didn't have faith, or I say we, I had nothing to do with it, the Commissioners didn't have faith in their attorney, who passed those straight to our attorney, without having gone through the Commissioners to review. Now, the Commissioners reviewed that, and upon reviewing had words with bond counsel to talk about how they were doing it, if they had made mistakes, and what have you. They went back, looked at it, found out that they, that between the Commissioner's counsel and the bond counsel that there were some things that were inappropriate in the way, how they did things, and went back through it. Now, it was inappropriate for the Commissioners counsel to vent these bills the way he did. That's inappropriate. I'm not comfortable with him. Now, if you want to talk about that, and that's, he's been eradicated. He's been, he's out.

Councilmember Hoy: He's got cement on his feet, right?

Councilmember Tornatta: That's right. That's who one might have, that's who one might have concerns with, not just the person that made the bills. So, I feel like because they are doing the ice rink and doing things, and they don't have a problem with him, with the bond counsel, I don't see any problem with the bond counsel. They do a ton of work with city and county people. I have not heard anybody who's had any problems with them. Just because we've got a conflict between the Commissioners and their counsel, and he goes and takes through, things through a different channel, and goes on this way, instead of going through the Commissioners, I think that's the problem. We've

taken care of that, or the Commissioners have taken care of that, and we have new counsel in place. They've talked about coming through and working with the Commissioners on looking at this bill, and refining it, and I think that they are more than willing to do stuff for our business, and I think that should be taken—

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to make this point, that before they are paid a dime, at any given point, this body better see copies of every charge.

Catherine Fanello: Well, as long as you give—

Councilmember Raben: And I want them quarterly—

Catherine Fanello: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Raben: —because there is no doubt in my mind, if they have it fixed in their head that today I owe them \$56,000, that they are going to try to hide those costs in future services.

Catherine Fanello: Well, I don't agree with you.

Councilmember Raben: I want to see, I'm telling you I want to see charges quarterly.

Catherine Fanello: Well, the Commissioners have taken care of the issue. The issue stemmed from prior issues as Troy Tornatta so eloquently stated. The problem has been taken care of in my mind. Baker and Daniels is one of the top firms in the state of Indiana. They handle most bond issues for city and county government. They handled the city's ice rink project with no problem. I don't see a problem. The problem has been taken care of. I will view it that way as we go forward. They are more than willing to work with us in any way possible. In my, they have not been tarnished in my mind at all. We have taken care of the problem.

Councilmember Raben: They haven't in my mind.

Catherine Fanello: I think there's a lot of politics being played today.

Councilmember Sutton: I think everybody since they seem to be having a piece to say today, since we're on the soliloquy binge, I don't see, first of all, there hasn't been anything submitted before this Council in relation to this issue. I think all the Council members are aware that there is a concern regarding this legal bill. However, the Commissioners haven't submitted anything to us, up to this point. I don't recall in the past any of the other offices, some issue that they want to bring before us, we have a discussion about it before they even bring it to us. As far as Baker and Daniels and their credibility, you know, there probably are other firms who can do the work that they can do, but that's not our call as Councilmembers to write contracts with those particular types of bodies. If members don't have confidence, or have lost faith because there is a lack of communication or something that hasn't been clearly worked out yet, then I think we're moving a little bit too fast on this, but I just think we need to stick to our agenda. I think we had a very clear agenda, at least the one that came in my packet, and all these side ventures that we keep getting off into that have nothing to do with the agenda that we have today. I want to see the Commissioners do everything possible to work on this legal bill, and bring something back to us that clearly is palatable to each and everyone of us. But until that point comes, why are we having a discussion about this and making assumptions, or even going as far as making statements about who we have confidence in and who we don't have confidence in? Let's let the process work through it, and when it comes before us, we'll address it.

President Winnecke: We're going to wrap things up here before we have to join hands and sing Kumbaya. I would just say, I would disagree with Commissioner Fanello in that when someone asks a question, it's not politics. The question that I have, and I think others have on this body about this invoice are legitimate questions. I don't think they are politically motivated. As to Councilman Sutton's issue about the digressions on the agenda, that's why we have new business. I think during the course of this year, I've allowed everyone to bring issues before, and these are issues I had, and that was why they were brought up today. On that harmonious note—

Councilmember Tornatta: Motion to adjourn.

President Winnecke: So ordered.

(Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Lloyd Winnecke

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Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 6, 2002**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 6th of August, 2002 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President Lloyd Winnecke at 9:00 a.m.

President Winnecke: I would like to call to order the first day of the 2003 budget hearings, roll call vote, uh, roll call attendance, please, or attendance roll call.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

President Winnecke: Would you please join me with the Pledge of Allegiance please?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Winnecke: I would like to welcome everyone to the start of the hearings for the 2003 budget, county budget. I would like to start with a set of thank you's first of all for the county officeholders who worked diligently to prepare your budget documents a little earlier than usual. The Council appreciates your preparation and it has certainly helped us. To the County Council staff, Sarah Nunn and Sandie Deig, they worked very hard to get all of the material and we have a lot of material in front of us to get ready for these hearings, thank you. Finally, to the Auditor's office for not only putting the pedal to the metal to ensure that we would have all of this information in a timely fashion that we requested, between the budget book and the parcel of information that we have, I think we have a wealth of knowledge to make some good decisions in the next week or so. The knowledge that we are still missing is from you and your colleagues and we will get that information over the next few days. Your role as I see it will be to act as an advocate for the budgets that you have presented. The Council's role will be to ask questions, listen and eventually decide how much of each budget we can afford to fund. This will be like a giant personnel and finance committee meeting I think over the next three days and the fun will begin really next week. The Council will be forced to make some tough decisions next week. We are all aware of the state budget situation and we have heard how the economy has begun to effect revenues for local government. So, there will be cuts from the budget that has been presented and I think in many cases that we will ask county officeholders and offices in general to do what is done in the private sector and that is to do more with less which will force many offices to act with greater efficiency. Both of which can be done, it's why you all have the confidence of the voters and the confidence of the department heads that you report to. So, with that we will begin, Kelly Lawrence with the Levee Authority has a meeting next door, so we will jump right into Weights and Measures with Loretta Townsend.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Loretta Townsend: Loretta Townsend, Weights and Measures and it ain't fair that I have to be first.

President Winnecke: Well, I'm sorry.

Loretta Townsend: Kelly ran out on me.

President Winnecke: I would point out that Loretta and I had a discussion prior to the meeting, the budget, the number that you seen in your budget of \$210,558 is the total budget for Weights and Measures. The county portion is \$155,806 and that is the number that we should be considering for the coppices of our hearings this week and next. That number again is \$115,806 instead of the \$210,558. The \$210,558 is the entire budget which we share with the City. Having said that, I would be glad to open it up to any questions of Loretta.

Loretta Townsend: I now have or they now have a copy of what you were looking at, or what I gave to you Lloyd, earlier. For some reason they have not received these before and it cuts down even into line items, what the portion for the county and the city is. But, you should have had these before now because we turned them in at the same time that we turned the budget in.

President Winnecke: Councilmember Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Loretta, good morning. I wanted to ask you a question. You've got a pretty nice lease arrangement right now, the envy of many other offices here in the County. What is the term, the length of your lease arrangement?

Loretta Townsend: On a yearly basis.

Councilmember Sutton: A year to year basis?

Loretta Townsend: Yeah.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay and you have been there how long?

Loretta Townsend: Since 1990, I believe. Twelve years and we will be going into the 13th year next year.

Councilmember Sutton: And we are not anticipating any differences or changes any time here certain, soon?

Loretta Townsend: No, I guess maybe we are hitting them at a time when he really doesn't really want to mess with me or something. I don't know, he would just say, leave it the same, so, I am not going to argue with him. We are a pretty good tenants though and we don't ask for alot. It is just ideal for our situation, really.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, it's just one, just any of our facilities that are off site you know just, we just never know what may possibly happen or changes.

Loretta Townsend: The worst thing that happened to us was in the changeover when SIGECO, whatever it is called, rectum, Vectren or whatever, I didn't mean to say that but we say it all the time in my department, I'm sorry about that and tell me that it is not so. But, anyhow it was whenever we had that problem with no electricity and that lasted less than one month because I mean, we divided it up, that is the only problem that we have ever had with them over the period of years and that was, well it just couldn't be avoided. But, everything popped back into place in about sixteen or seventeen days and everything is fine now and that includes all of our utilities and everything else, so you can't beat that anywhere.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Morning, Loretta. Would the Courthouse work for you in the future?

Loretta Townsend: No, absolutely not and I can give you a number of reason why.

Councilmember Bassemier: Carrying the weights?

Loretta Townsend: It's not only our department, it is our equipment. You can not replace this equipment locally and it costs thousands of dollars for everything that we have. It has to be secure, it has to be available where we can get to it easily. You have many people who come to our office with scales, they even come over there with gas trucks and this type of thing. You can't do that at that courthouse, we can't even park our cars there. There would be no gas trucks and this type of thing. You can't do that at that courthouse. We can't even park our cars there, there would be no place to park the county, besides it would cost more and it just would not be feasible. I mean, I know they want to fill up the old building, fill it up with something that would be appropriate for it.

Councilmember Bassemier: I know that you and I have talked about this but I need it for the record, thank you very much.

President Winnecke: Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I have known Loretta for a long time, she lives within her means, she works hard and everybody ought to follow her. You have done real good and your budget is real good too and I appreciate that. I think the Council appreciates that.

Loretta Townsend: Thank you, Curt, don't cut me now. I have done all I can do about cutting, we kept almost everything the same. Even on our own and just like I mentioned the other night when we had the combined one, the only thing that may create a problem, of course, every year I think that and it hasn't and knock on wood we don't want it to because we are happy with it, is the printer, or the copier, rather. If that happens, we will shuffle around and see what we can come up with and I may have to, because we have to have a copier. But, that may not happen, until it does, I'm not gonna, I want to forewarn you that it could though.

Councilmember Wortman: And your department is a hard working bunch too, I want to say.

Loretta Townsend: I am very proud of my guys, I will guarantee you that right now, I am very proud of them.

President Winnecke: Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Uh, Mr. President, this is just a matter of clarification, when you make mention of this, the county's share of this budget, we still have to set it in at the \$210, you understand what I am saying? We don't reduce the budget by that amount, we will have to set it in as it has been listed.

President Winnecke: Right.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Loretta Townsend: It is sort of like they will bill you, or you bill them, and then they will give you the money back.

President Winnecke: Right. Thank you very much, see you next week.

Loretta Townsend: Okay.

President Winnecke: Treasurer's office.

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Z Tuley: Z Tuley, Vanderburgh County Treasurer.

President Winnecke: Good morning.

Z Tuley: Morning.

President Winnecke: I am sorry, Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Z, the Computer Data Management, what are you expecting in that line item?

Z Tuley: Oh, that is for three more computers. In 2001, I came to the Council and got an appropriation for three or four at that time but we were working with 33 mghz and I told you guys that I would ask for everything that I needed but not all at once. So, I put it out over three years and this will wrap it up.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, I remember that conversation.

President Winnecke: So, how many computers did you buy this year?

Z Tuley: I believe that it was three or four.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Z Tuley: And it was three or four the first year and then we have three left, to go.

President Winnecke: Okay. Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Good morning, Z.

Z Tuley: Morning.

Councilmember Bassemier: The account 1990 Extra Help for \$2,000. I realize it is not much but I see you haven't used any of it yet, but you probably have since then, what is the \$2,000?

Z Tuley: I haven't used any. Last year, it got struck from the budget and I did not get any Extra Help funding and I really could use that. The 12,500 credit was lifted from mobile homes and the personal property tax which increases the number of bills that go out, it also increases the number of returned mail that we get. I have already received some complaints that we didn't get the mail back out when these people were trackable. It is the taxpayers responsibility to let me know if they have moved but if I don't get that information we do work diligently to get that back and at spring time we also have a whole lot of taxpayers that come in and pay for whole year and we can show that in numbers and so forth. I really could use the Extra Help in April and May particularly.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you.

Councilmember Winnecke: Z, I have a question about the Printing costs? Is the \$37,609 that has been expended year to date, is that going to be close to what your year end number will be?

Z Tuley: No, it will not. I will need to have envelopes printing up because we will need to be sending out demand notices, I will need the demand notices printed, we use a local vendor for that and we usually take care of that in November or December so that we are prepared and ready to go, come January. Those are for personal property and mobile homes that have not paid. We send them a demand notice.

Councilmember Winnecke: I guess I am curious as to why it jumped up so much from 01 to 02 this year?

Z Tuley: Well, I'm expecting the cost of printing the bills, along with postage, and things like this, everything is going to raise, the printing of the bills, we are talking about 76,000 tax bills. I don't see it staying at the price that we got this last year. I am anticipating that going up.

Councilmember Sutton: Z, in line item 4220 Office Machines, you were budgeted \$12,000 last year and you are only requesting \$8,000 this year. Could you tell me a little bit about that particular line item, what that is used for? What you used it for last year and what you are anticipating using it for this year.

Z Tuley: What I used it for last year mostly was in anticipation of those computers, but I didn't know that I had a line to specify computers, so I think that money just about stays the same only I shifted it over so that you can see exactly what that money is being spent for. But, when I budgeted last year, I included the cost of the computers in Office Machines because I thought that is where it went.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, now in line 3370 where it actually says Computer are talking about two different things or is that the same thing?

Z Tuley: Well, it is the same money if you combine the two as I had last year, I believe, yes, so I just put it.

Councilmember Sutton: The amount is the same it is just spread out different?

Z Tuley: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: Now, I am trying to get an idea as to why you split that into two different sections.

Z Tuley: Because it was more appropriately worded.

Councilmember Sutton: That is for three units? What you are approximately looking at right now?

Z Tuley: Unless I have some kind of difficulty with one, I know three right off the top of my head. We have had a jet printer right now that is needing some new parts because of usage and if things like that, it should be okay. I already know that it is needing parts now, the usage is not going to slow down so it is liable to need parts again. I am anticipating that it will.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Z, see you next week.

Z Tuley: Okay.

President Winnecke: County Commissioners.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

President Winnecke: We will begin on page 84 with their regular budget and then each of you should have on your desks the rationales for the changes.

Catherine Fanello: Did you go ahead and pass out the capital improvement plan?

President Winnecke: Everything is passed out. I will start. What is your thinking on the GIS Consultant? That is line item 3312.

Catherine Fanello: Well, I had assumed that you were, like this year, take the GIS expenditures out of Reassessment budget and I did not put anything in there.

President Winnecke: Okay. Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Good morning, Catherine. On page 89, 4231 Transportation Service, is this the old contract, the old HE, the Handicap and Elderly contract and now you are calling it Transportation Services? Is this the transportation for the county? Can you tell us who qualifies for this transportation?

Catherine Fanello: Under 4231?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Catherine Fanello: That is for the handicapped transportation and Kevin Winternheimer has been working on that contract. If you remember, we had a contract with ASAP and we had some problems with them and we sent out an RFP probably about two to three months ago and AMR was the one who was the lowest bid on the RFP so he currently is working out the new contract right now and has sent them a draft of a contract. So, I have not seen the draft yet and to tell you what the specific services are, I don't know at this time, but I can get you a copy of that because we haven't decided on.

Councilmember Bassemier: Now, is that contract supposed to cover wheelchair transportation?

Catherine Fanello: I believe it is for service outside the county where they can't use like the METS service within, because I think METS has a wheelchair service at the city so this is for the county residents.

Councilmember Bassemier: So, this \$75,000 budget is supposed to cover wheelchair transportation?

Catherine Fanello: It should cover it, yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: Has it covered it in the last year?

Catherine Fanello: I mean so far, year to date, has of June 30, we had only spent \$33,00 so it looks like based on that trend, that will be enough.

Councilmember Bassemier: And it would be for handicap transportation or wheelchair transportation?

Catherine Fanello: As far as I know, I mean, I can get you a copy of the contract. Like I said, Kevin is working out the details on that because I really didn't understand the details of the ASAP contract and apparently whenever ASAP was bought out by someone else there was some problem with their contract and if you remember we had a lot of problems with that and there was some dispute on who they would pick up and who they wouldn't pick up. So, Kevin

was working on this contract with AMR. So, I just don't have any more information on it today but I can get you a copy because it just hasn't been signed off on by the Commissioners yet.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President?

President Winnecke: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Bassemier: Can I call someone from the audience to speak about the handicap transportation? I know it is a little unusual but on the wheelchair transportation they were supposed to be covered for the last two years, I understand, and his

Councilmember Tornatta: Hit your mike.

Councilmember Bassemier: Pardon me. He has been denied, his family has been denied service, can I have him speak to this so this coming year, or next year that handicap transportation or wheelchair transportation is covered?

Catherine Fanello: See, that's exactly the problems that we had with ASAP, you know we had some disputes with them over who they were supposed to pick up and who they weren't and it was our desire that they pick up you know, wheelchair. So, if you, I think if you wanted to, if maybe that person can come to the commission meeting and-

President Winnecke: I think that's, I appreciate where you are, that might be the most appropriate, if Commissioners are willing to hear that.

Catherine Fanello: I would like for the other two Commissioners, because that is why we are trying to get a better contract with AMR is to get these kinds of things resolved.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, this gentleman's name is Mr. Dickerson. He did take his time today to come here and if he could help us you know decide on this budget.

Catherine Fanello: Our office is next door. If you would like to leave your name and number, in Room 305.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, Catherine.

Catherine Fanello: Thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, Mr. President.

President Winnecke: I have a couple of questions real quickly. Page 89 also, on Pigeon Creek Greenway, what is the Commissioners thought on the county beginning to fund this project and then I would jump right into the line below that to.

Catherine Fanello: Southwest?

President Winnecke: Yes.

Catherine Fanello: As you know those two organizations came to the Council earlier this year and asked for additional appropriations to help fund their budget. I believe, obviously, the county does gain a benefit from the Greenway Project and we haven't really spent, I don't think, year to date that the City has spent and they have been able to get a lot of grant money to cover the project. I believe that \$12,000 is not an astronomical amount to ask for. The same thing with the Southwest Indiana Disaster Resistant, they are, their contributions to emergency planning and everything are great and they were asking for a small amount to help cover their

budget and I believe we probably, if you still have the information that they gave you earlier this year, it shows you what they do for this community in the form of emergency planning.

President Winnecke: Would it be your feel that both of these would be continuing items going forward?

Catherine Fanello: That I don't know. I would have to ask the two organizations but it seems to me by the letters that they wrote me that one could assume that this would be an ongoing request.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: I would be happy to speak to that. Commissioner Fanello is correct. I am Finance Chairman for the Greenway as you know and this, we asked the county for this money for operational expenses for the advisory board as the county's part in this and that would be a continuing request. The second one is also a continuing request. I am no longer on that board but I was and this particular Southwest Indiana Disaster Resistant community, I forget, it's got 15 letters, that's the entity that is charged with earthquake mitigation and the beginning days of the entity there where grants were available and you know what happens to grants, so that is operational money and I would judge that to be continuing also. Both of which I support because Commissioner Fanello has spoken well of that I would agree with that. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: On that account, Catherine, do you think that is possibly not a duplication of efforts between they and Emergency Management, though?

Catherine Fanello: That, I don't know, I don't work in those two areas enough to know if there are duplication of efforts. I know that, you know, Sherman does a lot throughout the community but I don't know that he can do it all. But there are other organizations that he works with and I am sure that this is one of them along with the Red Cross, so I think that would probably be a better question for him and maybe even Councilman Hoy could attest to that.

Councilmember Hoy: I would second your answer. There are other organizations with which EMA works and LEPC, Local Emergency Planning Committee, another board that I am on would be one of those. They address different issues and then Mr. Green plays, EMA, plays a significant part in that. Going back to the Disaster Resistant Community Cooperation, I think that is the rest of the initials, this organization also involves the private sector. DARBA is the business sector of that, they contribute to funding towards that. The budget is considerably more than \$10,000 because there is a staff there. But, Mr. Greer, is on that board and has input to all of that. It is my feeling that we need these, special organizations to deal with, you know, specific issues. You know this one deals with, earthquake mitigation. LEPC deals with chemical spills and when we meet we discuss what spills have taken place, what actions have been performed to mitigate those situations in our county and we are mandated by the state to have LEPC. Every county has a Local Emergency Planning Committee and I don't know that we are mandated to have the Disaster Resistant Community Cooperation but after the recent earthquake, I think it is important and their work for example has included a retro fitting firehouses in our city and county to make them earthquake resistant. It has involved work with non-profit day cares, looking at the most vulnerable people, looking at nursing homes or sometimes very simple things that can be done. But, they do need assistance in doing those so I consider those, the second one a public safety issue. The Greenway is just one of those issues that we would like to see done.

Councilmember Sutton: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Regarding those two requests, Pigeon Creek Greenway and Disaster Resistance, would you by chance, or even you Commissioner Fanello, would you know what their total budgets are and their funding sources for each of those two?

Councilmember Hoy: I would have to get that. The Greenway has the board, I can respond to that one a little more accurately, I think. We are looking at this \$12,000 for what the board does. This is not construction money. The construction money is federal money, state money and also the City has contributed liberally to that, you know for construction. This is not for construction costs. I don't know what the full budget it but we can find that out that.

Catherine Fanello: Off the top of my head, I don't, but I do have their request in my office and I am pretty sure that Southwest, I think, sent me their entire budget and I think that I do have that information on the Greenway, so I can certainly pass that along.

Councilmember Sutton: That information would really be helpful if we did have that, their budget and their funding sources for each of the two.

Catherine Fanello: Okay.

President Winnecke: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Commissioner Fanello. Good morning.

Catherine Fanello: Good morning.

Councilmember Tornatta: Computer, contracts for computer, 3860 and 3870. Can you just kind of go over those line items?

Catherine Fanello: Yes. Contractual Computer is our account that we have to do all of the operations for ACS out of that and that, I think, overall had about a 1% increase this year. That is due to the fact that no projects were really requested out of our budget so this is basically an ongoing, the operation of the department for the Civic Center, so I think overall it was about a 1% increase. A little over 1%.

Councilmember Tornatta: And 3870 is the same?

Catherine Fanello: Uh, 3870 as you know, ACS's contract was due to expire June 30 of this year, the Commissioners did extend that agreement, I believe, for one year and there is a cost of living increase in that contract and also one employee was added in that contract to help service the Civic Center so you will see an increase in that due to the contract.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: I might add that the City has a part in that too and the Mayor had also signed off on the contract.

Catherine Fanello: Just to bring everyone up to date on what we are doing on computer services. We have a small committee together of people that the Mayor has chosen and Councilman Hoy knows about this committee to go over what we should do and how we should proceed about you know writing and RFP and the committee has come to the conclusion that we need to do a needs assessment for this facility to figure out what, you know, we really need, and how we should proceed and what would be our best scenario for the

contract negotiations or sending out an RFP so we are currently looking at a vendor to do, as a consultant to do a needs assessment. We received three RFP's, those have been evaluated and the one RFP did lower their cost by \$20,000 and we have decided to go with that consultant if we can work out the contract. That would be a 50/50 split between the City and County. I believe the overall contract was under \$70,000. So, our cost would be \$35,000 and we currently do have that in our computer budget to cover that amount so we will not need an additional appropriation. At that point when we receive the needs assessment back, Committee, Data Board, everyone will take a look, the Mayor, to decide if we should really send out an RFP or should we renegotiate our contract with ACS. What we are all afraid of is the fact of sticker shock when we go to out into the market because we are operating off of a very old contract and our belief is and with the research that we have done, that it may be better to renegotiate a contract than to send out an RFP and so that is a decision that still needs to be made. Because I definitely wouldn't want to go out for an RFP and then have us, you know, triple our price, when we may be able to negotiate a new contract with the current vendor that may be just a little bit of an increase.

President Winnecke: We certainly appreciate that effort. Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I have some other questions along with this but while we are on computers. I had suggested back last month that as we look at replacing equipment, and particular inside what we are getting ready to do with the court system, the possibility of upgrading existing equipment for the future. Just to give you an example, the Sheriff's department, you know it's, they do that ongoing and their equipment that is now three years old and I think that the figures that Eric gave me was like \$100, they upgraded it to the equivalent to the equipment that is available today. So, you know, I still think that we need to look at doing that as we pull equipment that we invest monies into upgrades and you know we are going to see throughout this entire budget requests like what we just heard from the Treasurer's office for \$4,000. \$5,000 and \$6,000 and you know a little bit of that would go towards a lot of upgrades and you know we wouldn't have to do 200 units at one time. But if we did ten or 12 at a time and kept them on a shelf on the basement we would have them for those needs. Catherine, on Telephone 3140 there is an increase of \$20,000.

Catherine Fanello: That is basically, I mean, as of June 30, we have expended about \$110,000 so falling in line with that trend and we have had requests for additional phone lines as we have received some from the courts the other day because they have a new employee or something like that so I felt like that was the best amount to cover next year's costs and didn't think it was too high but just following the trend of what has been spent so far this year.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and I apologize for this and I looked but could not find any rationale for Emergency Management. Do you know why the?

Catherine Fanello: That is per the City. All of the joint departments under our budget that you see and are per the City. Those are all of the City requests. So, I just put them into the budget and figured that you guys at the joint department meeting would make your cuts.

Councilmember Raben: Does anybody recall what that sizable increase was over?

Catherine Fanello: I think it was.

Councilmember Tornatta: I think it was the sirens.

Councilmember Raben: It was the sirens, yeah.

Councilmember Hoy: It is the sirens.

Councilmember Raben: I think I had, the other questions have been answered. But while Catherine is at the microphone, and I see Dave Rector is in the audience. Rents are in the Commissioners budget and as all of you know there is a fairly sizable increase again this year in our rent and I spoke with Dave about this and you know I would like to see us hold the line on that and approve the rent figure at 2002's level. But, I know Dave would like to address those concerns and give us some other facts and figures, but, in a cost cutting measures like we are going through, that would be my recommendation, it is not a great deal of money but it's sizable and it would help us in our efforts.

President Winnecke: David, before you speak, we want to change tapes.

(TAPE CHANGE)

Dave Rector: Good morning, Dave Rector, General Manager for the Building Authority. Councilman Raben and I have talked and I appreciate his concerns. One of the first things I'll also acknowledge and identify coming in is our lease cost. Comparatively are somewhat high and our goal is to try to hold or reduce those over a period of time. Unfortunately in three months into the job we can only do so much. We have been able to reduce some things and change. Part of what hit us this year was that we had a 60 percent increase in insurance cost. We also had increases in property insurance. We have water and sewer utilities increasing this next year. Mr. Raben also asked about the depreciation funds, can we rely on that? The depreciation funds, if you don't know, are to maintain this building over the period of years. This is a 30 year old building. One of the projects we have in mind is redoing this room for you all. It's the front door of the community and it's dated and needs to be brought up to date. We have things like the roof, carpet replacement throughout the building. That's what those depreciation funds are. If we have to fall back on those for operational expenses, some of those other things are going to suffer. I can tell you that if we have to stay with the 2002 budget for 2003 we will have to cut services or people. We can't make it on the 2002 budget in 2003. If you look at lease costs throughout the community...I have a study from David Matthews and Associates from 2001. Even at that time our rates now, the 1743, I believe it is, are competitive or higher than some or less than some. I think, keep in mind though, in this building we don't charge rent for these rooms, the large meeting rooms. We have exceptional large hallways. We have 35 restrooms. We have ten acres of parking, four acres of yards and grounds. So it's not stickily a fair comparison when we look at Citizens, Old National, Integra, some of those buildings. However, we're also offering services, not only janitorial, we have the services, security, maintenance, receptionist, yards and grounds, doing a lot of the things that you may not get in the lease buildings throughout the community. So I think, as you're looking at that maybe consider some of the other services you are getting here the age of the building and what we're trying to do. I'll be happy to try to provide any other information you want to justify the increase. We have identified some means to reduce costs over the last few months, and we're still working on that. A goal of ours is to continue to work on that so that we can try to help you stay in line. I'm open to any questions.

President Winnecke: David, what services have you identified that would have to be cut if we retain, if we stay at the 2002 level?

Dave Rector: Obviously, one of the first things that going to have to be cut will be personnel. We have staff that...as with the county...I think you're over 60 percent in insurance benefits, salaries, etc. Labor is a big part of our expense. Labor though, is what gets this building done, it's what keeps it the way it is and maintains it the way it is. We can't cut electricity, we can't cut HBAC, we've got to cut the grass. We've got to clean the building. There's certain expenses that just aren't going to be cut. Obviously, if we have to cut labor we may not be able to clean this as frequently as we do or we may not be able to repair as quickly as we do. I just have to take a close look at that.

President Winnecke: How many people are you talking about?

Dave Rector: Not knowing how far you would cut and how deeply, I don't know.

President Winnecke: Well, I guess the premise for the sake of this discussion is, the 2002 level, to stay at today's rate.

Dave Rector: The other option of course, we do have at today's rate with salaries is, you'd be looking at these people may not get any increase. And I know you all are looking at that opportunity too.

Councilmember Raben: Dave, I really, I mean, I'm not suggesting that anybody take a pay cut or we even jeopardize anybody's job. My point with that is, let's spend some of our reserves. Let's make up the difference with our two point five million dollar reserve.

Dave Rector: I acknowledge that. Doing that though, we're going to take from that and as we take from that we may not be able to do some of the things, as I said, that are projected to be done with those reserve funds. That can happen, but you're going to continue than to reduce...a few years ago, the Building Authority bought the parking lot across the street at one point one million. That came out of the depreciation reserves so that reduced it. At the two and a half million now, at what level do you feel comfortable of having a base to fall back on if we have repairs that we have to do to the building?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I understand that, I guess. I think it's important that we maintain a healthy reserve. I mean, two million, two and a half million dollars...I know today's, you know the interest rates and what have you today aren't great, but maybe a year from now they will be, but you know, to spend 50 or 75 thousand of that next year to offset some of this budget, I don't think would really jeopardize the Building Authority with any projects that they have on the horizon.

Dave Rector: I understand your position.

President Winnecke: Any other questions for Mr. Rector on the issue of rent?

Dave Rector: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: One more...

President Winnecke: I'm sorry, Councilman Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: The lot that we have across the street, across Martin Luther King.

Dave Rector: Yes?

Councilmember Sutton: Approximately, how many county employees use that? Do we have any idea?

Dave Rector: That's a city/county lot, so actual county employees, I'm not sure. I think there's like 120 parking places over there.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Dave Rector: So it's a first come first use on the lotted slots.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Have we ever considered using that as a...making that into a pay lot rather than a free?

Dave Rector: No, that hasn't been considered that I'm aware of. There has been a request consideration also to try to get additional parking over here on the other corner mirroring that. Obviously, that's another expense that money would have to come somewhere for the need for the parking.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess thinking back...with the back lot, the back 40. With the number of spaces we have back there. I know it's a little closer walk, the lot across Martin Luther King, but still it would seem that there would be adequate spaces for the ones who are parking up there if they chose not to pay they could park back in the back. But those who would want to pay for the privilege of parking so close albeit the ones who work in this building or those of the general public who are using different buildings around the area. That would seem to be something that should be given some consideration as well.

Dave Rector: That's a thought that we will consider then.

President Winnecke: Thank you sir.

Dave Rector: Okay, thank you

Commissioner Fanello: Are there any other questions?

President Winnecke: If not, we'll go to page—

Commissioner Fanello: I did have a couple of comments I wanted to add. Councilman Sutton had a couple questions the other day, so I was going to provide those answers.

President Winnecke: Sure.

Commissioner Fanello: Southwestern Mental Health, the increase in that, that is based on a state formula. The formula is the assessed valuation divided by three times .04 percent. Not knowing what the assessed valuation is going to be I just estimated a three percent increase and that's the best that I could do. Hillcrest Washington, that is based on a contract. We receive our updated contract amount in December of every year because it is based on a formula which includes a CPI from October of the current year so we will not know what the exact figure is until December of this year, so that's an estimate as well. The Bond and Insurance account is lower according to Dennis Feldhaus. I have not budgeted enough money in there. He believes there needs to be an additional 200 thousand in there to cover next year's insurance. And seeing what we've spent this year, I tried to go in line of thinking of what Councilman Raben did last year, but that's not going to be enough money and he does think that we need an additional 200 thousand. The increase in postage expense, obviously we've had an increase nationwide in postage and just looking, I pulled out 2001, how much we spent in postage and what we spent to date and basically the bulk of our postage, you know, comes from the Courts and the County Clerk and I'm sure that has to do with support mailings and things like that. So that's the increase we see in there. We have spent approximately 200 thousand to date. Other than that, I think that was about it.

Councilmember Hoy: Commissioner?

Commissioner Fanello: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't want to nickel and dime you, this is not a big issue. If the folks who spend 37 cents to send mail to me here would just send it down to Mrs. Deig's office that would save us some money. Or, if they want to spend the 37 cents my address is in the phone book. It would be much more expeditious if they would just send it to 217 Cherry Street. Every month in my packet, and this is not a major item, you know, it just seems to me a waste of postage to send it to this office here and then Mrs. Deig has to handle it and then it has to be

handled twice and I don't get it until I get my packet unless I drive by here, which I do, from time to time. If you'd pass that along.

Commissioner Fanello: We'll pass that along.

Councilmember Hoy: It's not going to save bushels of money but every little bit counts.

Commissioner Fanello: One more account, 3760 OccuMed. We have spent much more this year than anticipated and based on this trend I only put 10,000 in for next year but I'm not sure that shouldn't be a little bit more. I did go back and I do have a printout of those costs if anyone wants to see them. But it's just do to the number of drug testing and the number of physicals and we do have set prices with St. Mary's right now. I think it's 43 dollars for a drug test and it goes on up depending on what the physicals are.

President Winnecke: Councilman Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: On line item 3531 Vision 2000.

Commissioner Fanello: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Are we...I know that stayed the same. Are we putting in the same amount that the city is putting in, do you know?

Commissioner Fanello: That, I do not know what the City's contribution is.

Councilmember Hoy: I have questions about how valuable that is. I'm probably a minority opinion on that. I'm not sure that's a vehicle by which we really get new jobs. The reason I say that is—

Commissioner Fanello: I'm going to say that I used to echo your thoughts until I worked on the state of the county speech this year and I took the time to sit down with Ken Robinson and go over a wealth of information and everything that Vision 2000 does do. So I do encourage each of the Councilmembers if they do not, if they have those same thoughts like I used to have, to take the time to sit down with Ken and maybe go over the value of that organization. They really do a lot that the Commissioners don't have the time to do that the Mayor doesn't have the time to do. If we had full time Commissioners you could divvy up that money to a full time Commissioners salary and they could do that. It's just not possible.

President Winnecke: I agree. I think the challenge of Vision 2000 is that it's an incredibly long sales cycle. It's difficult to see the reaps...the fruits of their labor. I concur, I've gone to their annual meeting each of the last three years and it's a dedicated but small group of folks who really act as advocates to try and get new jobs and new industry to our community.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't question their dedication. I don't question the fact that office would cost that much money. But what I do know is the 80 percent of the new jobs that are created are created by existing industry and business. Stuff that's already here.

Commissioner Fanello: I would like to add to that.

Councilmember Hoy: I've looked at some of the others. I just have a disagreement with how effective it is.

Commissioner Fanello: I would like to add to that. The biggest detriment to getting jobs to the state of Indiana is the tax structuring in Indiana. Kentucky and Illinois have basically better economic development tools than the state of Indiana does. So really, it's really not the fault of Vision 2000, it's more or less the process that we have in the state of Indiana. If we can

continue to work with our legislators to change that process, we may be able to compete with Kentucky and Illinois.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I think they're on the road to getting rid of the inventory tax, which would be a good idea. I would not trade school systems with the state of Kentucky and—

Commissioner Fanello: Hey, part of me is from Kentucky.

Councilmember Hoy: And I wouldn't trade the budget situation of the state of Indiana with the budget situation with the state of Illinois at this point.

Commissioner Fanello: Well, there are differences, they just do have better economic development tools.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, they do. As you all know, I wish that we pass national legislation to stop all of that welfare for the rich corporations.

Commissioner Fanello: I'm right behind you.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm one voice in one small county.

President Winnecke: Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I would certainly echo a lot of your comments with regards of Vision 2000. Funny enough, I've spent the first hour and a half this morning with Vision 2000. I've shared my concerns which are quite like Councilman Hoy's. I expressed to them that you know, we do spend way too much time traveling the globe looking for new business and that they need to work and partner more so with the Chamber in regards to developing more business for our local community. In regards to the existing businesses. If you look at, you know, what that does and he cited that 80 percent of our growth and our employment comes within our own local businesses. That reduces the dollars and infrastructure that we have to provide if a local business needs to expand 100 thousand square feet on their existing building, there's already roads there, there's already sewers there. We're not looking at large sewer projects like we did out at BIP. Again, I think that is very important that maybe they need to spend more efforts with existing businesses trying to make them grow and spend less time looking for that new business. I told them this morning, I said, you know, you'd like to pat yourself on the back, you know, in terms of numbers of new jobs but, you know, nothing is ever said about how many walked out the back door while you were bringing them in the front.

President Winnecke: I'll jump in and then Councilman Sutton. I would think in their defense, that's the mission that board of directors is taking. That is as a means to attract jobs, not as a mission of retention. The Chambers role is more as a function of retention. I think it's difficult at least in this form to be too critical of that board for its...that board has to take on an entirely new mission if that in fact, is what this body and other bodies would like for it to do.

Councilmember Raben: In defense to them, that is kind of a new mission that they've kind of taken on. They are looking more at what is happening at home according to them. Mr. Hafer said that there is a collaborated effort now with the Chamber of Commerce, you know, to cater to more of the local organizations or local businesses. So, you know, maybe with time we'll see more and more of that, if that's a new face that they've taken on.

President Winnecke: Councilman Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: We have representation on that board. You know, I think that it's imperative that we utilize our representation to make sure that the priorities, the objectives, the goals that we see for this county whether it's more local oriented, whatever the case might

be, that we express those with that group and if the mission and the goals need to be realigned I think we've got an opportunity to do that. There's a form for us to do that. But clearly, I think what all of us have been asking ourselves is the measure of value that we're receiving for the amount that we're putting into it. I think they would probably be more than happy to respond. You've had a chance to meet with them. I've talked with them too. Again, I just think that if the priorities need to be readjusted, I think we need to say that and say it soon. Because obviously, when we look at some of our...some of the industries that have gone to other areas, you know, that does concern...we read them in the paper, we see something has gone to Owensboro or something like that, you know, we think, okay why didn't that come here? So it's those type of things I think that always give us a little bit of pause in wondering what more can we be doing to create and attract jobs here? Again, I say just utilize what we've got in place to leverage to get things done.

President Winnecke: Anybody else? Did you want to—

Councilmember Raben: I was (inaudible - mike was turned off) on the lines of what Councilman Hoy was stating and that's recently the Hahn or the Torro company that, you know, is now moved onto Mexico. I'd asked the people of Vision 2000, you know, where were we then? You know, why weren't we with those folks showing them new sites, you know, potential space already available? There were a lot of good paying jobs there, a lot of engineering jobs. So, you know, again, I think a new alignment on what their efforts are along with the Chamber is important.

Commissioner Fanello: Well, I think in that situation a company's decision to move to Mexico is often for cheap labor. No matter what you do to try to keep them here, is not going to make a difference.

Councilmember Raben: I understand that. There's...we offer tax deferments and you know, a lot of corporate welfare here that I would have sooner offered it to Hahn than a total stranger...I keep saying Hahn but it's Torro. That's my two cents' worth.

President Winnecke: Councilman Hoy, and then we're going to move on to page 144.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, this is just an observation in international economy. It's strange that we have the North American Free Trade Agreement. Which NAFTA is an excellent way to export jobs to Mexico and we (inaudible) a lot of jobs via NAFTA. I opposed that. I'm not opposed against I-69 between here and Indianapolis but I don't really care if it's really built to Mexico or not because that's just going to put more semis on the road bringing consumer products from down there up here, built with cheap labor and fewer well paying jobs for us. Which is a larger issue than what we're dealing with here but I think we need to know that we're part of a larger issue to some extent and I think Councilman Raben is right, we ought to be working on some of these companies that are considering leaving and going south.

CCD FUND

President Winnecke: Shunt ahead to page 144, the CCD Fund. Catherine what...the Motor Vehicles—

Commissioner Fanello: Yes, that is for the Sheriffs Department.

President Winnecke: Okay, so if it's in theirs too, that's a duplication?

Commissioner Fanello: No, they are actually I believe wanting to budget 250,000 this year for motor vehicles and we took half of that and put it in CCD. I think they have the other half in their budget. I think that's the amount.

Councilmember Raben: They've got the total amount in there.

Commissioner Fanello: Oh, do they? Oh, well they may not have known that. Okay, yeah then you would want to cut that. I thought they just put 125,000. The other item was a request from the Auditor actually for a new sound system in the Commissioner chambers because we do have a lot of problems with our sound system. Councilman Sutton did have a good point the other day of looking at maybe the Building Authority possibly picking up that cost. I don't know if that's an option. The City also uses that room. So I don't know if they would be willing to pay half that cost either.

Councilmember Sutton: We'd be happy to name it something else other than the Commissioners meeting room--

Commissioner Fanello: That's fine.

Councilmember Sutton: --If they're sharing the cost.

Commissioner Fanello: Yes.

President Winnecke: Could you talk about the Park and Playground?

Commissioner Fanello: Yes, Steve is here also to talk to that. If you look at your capital improvement plan we do have the expenditures that we're looking at. Basically we have budgeted about 1.1 million for next year to make upgrades to Burdette Park. Unfortunately, you know, trying to fund the O'DAY Discovery Lodge over the past few years others things have suffered due to the lack of funds. We need to replace liners in the family pool and the Olympic pool. We would like to repave, seal coat, and stripe the parking lot. Update the electrical boxes to the campground area and that also includes an expansion of the campground area. And replace the pavilion floor and install a handicap ramp. Probably right now, I would ask Steve to come up and if he's got anything else to add to those. But things that we think need to be done to, you know, to prevent larger expenditures in the future, an ongoing repair maintenance is very critical to a park of this size and nature and we want to get on some type of ongoing maintenance program where we're not having to come down here about five years later and make a major expenditure to get things taken care of.

Steve Craig: Good Morning. Does anybody have any questions on these?

Councilmember Sutton: I'll jump in. This CCD fund obviously...we've been able to do a lot of good things through this particular fund. Looking at, in particular, the Burdette request line item 4130, obviously the Commissioners have the discretion in guiding the use of this. If certain things were to rise up to the top as those that were needing the highest...meeting the highest priority you named several things, a pool, electrical upgrades, and repaving lots, you know, adjustments to the pavilion. Do we have to do it all, I guess, in one year? I guess that's what I'm looking at.

Commissioner Fanello: Well, like I said a couple of minutes ago, because of the fact that we've been funding the O'Day Discovery Lodge for the past few years we've really let go an ongoing maintenance type program for the park and the amount of money that we need to keep things up to date. I would say probably and probably Steve would concur that the improvements to the pool and the pavilion floor, I mean, they're all top priorities right now so that we don't incur problems in the future. But we have got to make those renovations to the pool next year. We need to replace the floor and install a handicap ramp in the pavilion area. And of course our campground area...I think Steve passed along the revenues and the revenues have been very good in the campground area this year and we need to upgrade those electrical boxes to the campground. He can explain the details about that.

Steve Craig: On the campground we have 28 sites and only 18 of them have full hookups. With the type of campers we're attracting to the park now they want sewer hook ups and they demand more than the 30 amp service. When that was built, I guess about 30 years ago they put 30 amp services in there. For the trailers that we're attracting now, turning some of them away because they have washers, dryers, microwaves and that. You know, being (inaudible) to a 30 amp service is not going to run them. At the present time we keep putting them on the sites and they're burning up the outlets. What we wanted to do was put all new outlets with a 50 amp service which is what the RV's are, you know, demanding at the time and then we'll need to put a new course and new main box in because the one we got now is 30 years old. Plus, another problem we got into this year as we did repairs, none of the 110 outlets are ground faulted. I guess 30 years ago that was not mandatory, but now it is mandatory that anything that is outside that you plug in should be ground faulted. When the electric company was doing repairs they made the suggestion to me that we better do some updating because these things are not ground faulted. When she was talking about expanding it, we have five sites, no ten sites that don't have sewer and these big RV's that come do not want to be there two or three days and then have to move and go dump their thing in our dump station. They're wanting more sites with sewers on them and a lot of them do not stay because they don't want to hookup for a month and then have to unhook four or five times to dump their station and then come back and put all their awnings up and all the accessories that they now carry on these things. They have to take down their disc and everything else that they've got out in the foot yard. These are the type of people that we're attracting to our campground and I think that if we updated we will have a lot larger clientele. We turn a lot of these larger RV's away and that's basically what we're trying to do, is fill it up with campers and that and I think if we do these updates I think we'll be able to accommodate the ones that are coming to us a lot easier.

Councilmember Hoy: And they actually have the gall to call this camping?

Steve Craig: Yes, they do. Some of these people are retired people that are just traveling around the United States and they gave up their residence and bought very expensive, you know, RV's and it's a lifestyle that they've chose and they do call it camping. You know, we have a primitive campground and we have a pop up and we try to cater to everybody.

Councilmember Sutton: Phil I went camping a couple of weeks ago. I actually had a real tent and believe me there were very few tents in the campground that I went to. All of them were RV's and the big...I really was out of touch with today's times. Everyone had the air-conditioned units. They weren't even outside. It wasn't camping.

Councilmember Hoy: I have pop up tents and all of the people around love watching us set up. They get a kick out of seeing us put the tents up, sure.

President Winnecke: I would just add that if there's no room service, I'm not camping.

Commissioner Fanello: I'm going to echo Councilman Winnecke's thought there.

President Winnecke: Councilman Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: My wife thinks camping is anything were the building opens outside.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman?

President Winnecke: Yes.

Councilmember Wortman: You know, you gave a length of stay out there for all them campers, is that correct?

Steve Craig: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Wortman: What is the length, 30 days?

Steve Craig: It's two months.

Councilmember Wortman: Two months, 60 days.

Steve Craig: Sixty days.

Councilmember Raben: Steve, I've brought this up before, you know, when we've talked about making improvements to the roads back there. You know, I still think that we could spend that out of Local Roads & Streets or something other than CCD or General Fund. You know, asphaltting those roads and what have you.

Steve Craig: The roads are done by the County. They do all my repairs and pave all my roads. (Inaudible) all the parking lots that we have in the park and this also would include the final coat for the O'Day Discovery Lodge which is money that we will probably have to come back and get from later as we had talked about earlier. This is just to update all the parking lots. We have several of them that are just totally falling apart. The roads are taken care of by the County because they are approved county roads.

Councilmember Raben: Alright.

President Winnecke: Are there any other questions for Burdette Parks capital projects while Steve is here?

Councilmember Sutton: One other thing I was going to ask. It's something we talked about a couple months ago. We talked about doing a study. How's that coming along with that whole process?

Commissioner Fanello: I think they're going to...they've been out there and are making plans—

Steve Craig: We've had several meetings with Mike Duckworth and Darrell Beech and they are going to be here in Evansville early September and they're having a team come in and are going to do some local surveys, question people. They are going to stay at the park for four days and they hope to have the master plan and that wrapped up by the end of September and brought back to us at that time.

Councilmember Sutton: It would be good if we had that in hand now. But I guess we'll wait. Thanks.

President Winnecke: The last question I would have is and I'll reference the Old Courthouse parking improvements. Could you talk about that?

Commissioner Fanello: Those were the improvements that were talked about by (inaudible) and the Courthouse study and those included angle parking. We thought we would try and explore improving the parking around the Old Courthouse and so we went ahead and budgeted his estimate that he thought it would cost.

President Winnecke: Is that, I forget, does that increase the number of spaces?

Commissioner Fanello: Uh-huh. Quite substantially, if you look in the study, I don't have it on top of my head and I don't want to misquote numbers. But they were a nice size increase in parking.

Councilmember Wortman: Ms. Fanello? In reference to the courthouse—

Commissioner Fanello: Yes.

Councilmember Wortman: Could we, the Council, I guess, get a printout of all the attendance over there?

Commissioner Fanello: Sure.

Councilmember Wortman: And the rent collected?

Commissioner Fanello: Yes. I had a copy of that with me and I'll bring you over copies. But just to let you know, we do have two more tenants who are wanting to rent space over there. As you know, the Police Department just rented space over there. Now they're paying us 720 a month.

Councilmember Wortman: You rent it by the month?

Commissioner Fanello: We are going month to month right now basically until we decide what the long term plan is.

Councilmember Wortman: No individual deals like during a day, or anything individual companies or anything coming in.

Commissioner Fanello: We do rent...we have weddings over there. We do rent out rooms for meetings and things like that, yes.

Councilmember Wortman: I see, okay, thank you.

Commissioner Fanello: In fact, we have quite a few weddings for the rest of the year and even some next year. Total revenue, we're estimating by the end of the year will be over 90,000 dollars. I'll get you a printout. And that is just tenant rentals not other stuff. I think we will have the haunted house and that usually brings in about 8,000 dollars.

President Winnecke: Thank you, we're going to change the tapes. I guess while you're here we're going to do Cum-Courthouse and then we'll get to Kelly.

(TAPE CHANGE)

President Winnecke: Okay.

Catherine Fanello: Okay, and if you'll see the Capital Improvement Plan also included Old Courthouse improvements, if we were to set up an Old Courthouse Fund next year. I'm just going to go ahead and say it right now, my thought is I do not want to band-aid the Old Courthouse. If we truly want to use it for public and private use, I believe it needs to be completely restored. An estimate on a bond issue to completely restore that, for your information, is \$10 million. The repairs that we do next year, and even the repairs we're doing now are all good repairs, but in the big scheme of things, if we really want to use the facility, it needs to be completely restored.

President Winnecke: What's the timetable for roof replacement?

Catherine Fanello: Will is working on the specs right now.

President Winnecke: Okay. Then, when we first started talking about the window replacement several months—

Catherine Fanello: Yes.

President Winnecke: –ago, the \$350,000 was, I believe was the estimate in the original report, but the first estimate we got was significantly higher.

Catherine Fanello: Well, that is because Will plans...Will, those were estimates to completely replace all of the windows. Will's idea is to, I think, use some of the existing structure that is there. In technical terms, as to how that would work, I do not know, but I think he did explain that the day that he was in here when we were talking about his contract amount. So, that is the reason for the difference, is that he had a different approach. The higher estimate was to completely replace the windows.

President Winnecke: And these repairs that you're suggesting here in this budget represent what in comparison to their complete renovation that (Inaudible)?

Catherine Fanello: Well, basically, I mean, the ADA modifications that I have down are to the bathrooms. If you've ever been over to the bathrooms at the Old Courthouse, they have steps. So, not very good for ADA requirements. The repairs to the public spaces were the one's that Will had identified, and, basically, just through the hallways and things like that. So, in the big scheme of things, very minor repairs. We just don't have the funds without doing a complete bond issue to restore what needs to be restored. Would they be wasted repairs? No, they wouldn't be wasted repairs.

President Winnecke: Then the renovation, I mean, is there a, to do a \$10 million bond issue, I mean, is there a plan that he's already completed?

Catherine Fanello: Will, no, no one has completed a plan, but I did request a local architect take a look at the facility, and he has provided me a detailed listing of everything that would need to be done, and I would like to pass that along to you.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Catherine Fanello: And it did come under just about \$10 million. About \$9,400, or \$9.4 million, sorry.

President Winnecke: Other questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah.

President Winnecke: Councilman Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: On this Old Courthouse Fund, \$750,000 in these three allotted repairs. What would be the potential impact on the average taxpayer with this?

Catherine Fanello: I asked the County Auditor if we set in a rate at like .0167 that would give us like \$765,000, so.

Councilmember Sutton: So, I guess–

Catherine Fanello: What the impact is to the taxpayer, I don't know.

Councilmember Sutton: So, if I'm looking at my pay stub at the end of the week or something–

Catherine Fanello: I think maybe \$5, or something like that. \$5 was the estimate that I had heard.

Councilmember Sutton: Per pay? Or per year?

Councilmember Tornatta: Year.

Catherine Fanello: Per year, I guess.

Councilmember Sutton: \$5 per year.

Catherine Fanello: Uh-huh. We would probably want to confirm that with the County Auditor.

Councilmember Sutton: That would be helpful information. I mean, if we're talking about something that's different—

Catherine Fanello: I had asked for that information, and she gave me a different answer. I think she misunderstood my question, but she gave me the tax rate amount, and I wanted the dollar amount. So, we may need to confirm with her what the dollar amount would be. I had asked that question, but I think I didn't phrase it correctly.

Councilmember Tornatta: That should, that would probably be less than what we're paying for the library right now, wouldn't it?

Catherine Fanello: Oh, I think about, yeah, a lot less than we're paying for the library.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, and at some point, I guess, we all need to get together and decide, you know, is it in our best interest to spend \$10 million to renovate that building, and how much it would cost for a new building. I know everybody wants to avoid the look at doing something to that building, but at \$10 million, at some point you're trying to resurrect something that should probably be replaced.

Catherine Fanello: Just, what goes hand in hand with this is the Master Plan, or the Space Allocation Plan we're doing for the Civic Center. We are working on that. Our next space allocation meeting is August 19th at 4:30. Mr. Rector has had the plans for the Civic Center scanned into CAD, and we have drawings in our office, and we are trying to work and look at reallocating current space within the Civic Center in deciding who should really move out of the Civic Center and who shouldn't, and if they can possibly go over to the Old Courthouse, that's great, but, my personal opinion, and I think that a couple of the other Commissioners would agree, I personally would like to see the Old Courthouse used as a public and private facility, because I think it can be used that way. I don't think it can be used completely as a public facility, because I don't know if we would fill all that space with public facilities. I think we could have private offices over there.

Councilmember Hoy: I agree with that statement. I know that the study committee said the highest and best use was for government, but I don't think we can put enough government there.

Catherine Fanello: I mean, I think we could, we could use the revenue of any private offices that we rent, and it can go towards—

Councilmember Hoy: There are offices there. My wife just did an article for [Evansville Living](#) on one of the offices there and the creativity that's going on there. These are screen writers and people like this who can well use that space.

Catherine Fanello: Exactly.

Councilmember Hoy: They love that space, and they love the rent. To respond to Councilman Tornatta's, you know, remark. In my estimation, with the Old Courthouse we're not looking at

a building where, we would never replace it. We can't afford to replace it. What we're looking at here is historic preservation.

Catherine Fanello: Exactly.

Councilmember Hoy: How badly do we want to preserve it? Then in what increments are we going to do that? I think that's the issue before us, and my problem right now, as you probably know is the same problem all of us have is given the situation in the state, the situation of income, this is what we're dealing with. We're not dealing with desire to do something here, we're dealing with what's going to happen to the taxpayer. This may be a small amount, but incrementally we need to be careful how we hit the taxpayer.

Catherine Fanello: And that's where prioritizing comes in for the county. I certainly wouldn't want to see that facility go to waste, and I know you wouldn't either.

Councilmember Hoy: That's why my position has been let's make sure we secure the exterior, so that no more interior deterioration takes place. Then take the long look at it, and I like the idea of the combination of public and private. I think that's the only way to fill it. Also I would add, and Council may, we may as well know this and be honest about it, is we're never going to get enough rent out of that building to take care of that building.

Catherine Fanello: Not to cover all of the repairs that need to be done.

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Catherine Fanello: If the repairs had been done in the past like they should have been done—

Councilmember Hoy: It has been—

Catherine Fanello: —it would be a different story.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll go ahead and say this, it's been neglected. Let's be honest.

Catherine Fanello: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: The building has been neglected.

Catherine Fanello: Yes.

President Winnecke: Councilman Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Councilman Hoy addressed, or made mention of what was going to be one of my comments, and that was that when you look at what she's talking about, or what we're all talking about in renovating that old facility, is not because we need space, it's just because what it is. No, I don't think we need that space, but we do need to make an investment in restoring that facility. Catherine, I guess, where I do have a difference of opinion with you, and I agree with you in the point that we do need a Cum Courthouse Fund, but I've already too many times have spoken that what I would suggest we do in regards of reducing our bridge rate, and placing that money into a separate fund for the Old Courthouse, is still what I would be willing to do. I'm speaking for myself and not this Council.

Catherine Fanello: I would be, you know, would agree with you to a certain extent, except for the fact that we're looking at taking \$4 million out of that cash balance for the Bridge Fund. We also are currently undergoing our bridge inspection, and don't know, you know, what the outcome of that is. The projects that we have on the table were going to take \$1.5 million out

for Eickhoff/Koressel. I plan on setting \$2.5 million aside for the Greenriver Road Project. So, I mean, we've all, if I added right to \$4 million out of the cash balance right there.

DRAINAGE BOARD

President Winnecke: Okay, real quickly, Drainage Board. I don't think there will be any questions there, but does anyone have any? Hearing none.

RIVERBOAT

President Winnecke: We'll move, very quickly, to Riverboat, and then Kelly. I'm sorry, I forgot she had all these in a row. Page 132 in your books.

Councilmember Raben: I might, Catherine, it was brought up last week what's taken place in regards to Welfare-to-Work and reducing that figure, again, to the \$250,000. Is that still what you're comfortable with?

Catherine Fanello: Well, I know Gary Heck is not comfortable with that number. I think, you know, I ran kind of a spreadsheet of everything they have spent to date, let me grab it here. I have too many papers. You know, the most, the greatest amount of money that they have spent has been in Child Care. Since the program's inception, they have spent \$1,082,000 in Child Care. They have spent about \$814,000 in Safety Net. The Employee Training, they've spent \$124,174—

Councilmember Raben: Hold on just a second, please. Okay, what was the last figure?

Catherine Fanello: Employee Training, Employment Training, \$124,174. Transportation, \$21,714.

Councilmember Raben: \$21,714?

Catherine Fanello: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: They are wanting to make a shift in those, the emphasis on those.

Catherine Fanello: Yes, and we've spent \$310,000 in Administrative Fees.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Catherine Fanello: So, based on the average of the Child Care, I came up with an average yearly figure of \$245,012. The Safety Net, an average figure of about \$181,000. You know, I know that the state has cut funds, and that's what they are worried about. I mean, obviously, at budget time we didn't know everything. You know, when we sent these requests, we didn't know everything that was happening. The economy, you know, is taking a down turn, so, I can see where he wouldn't think that that would be enough money. It just depends on what we can fund this year. Looking at the other two accounts, you know, we did ask for an increase in the Infrastructure/Drainage Account, because we are looking at doing a project at Carpenter Creek. We are going to hire a consultant by the end of the year to take a look at that project. The Economic Development money is, basically, a tool to, you know, attract business, and it's very hard, and, Councilman Winnecke, I believe, sits on the Vision 2000 board, you want to be able to have the funds there to, you know, when you are speaking with these people that come in, you know, you want to have something there to be able to kind of leverage with. It's very hard to do that. Our process is very cumbersome, but that can also be used for road

projects too. I know it has been used for road projects in the past. I think it was used for Burkhardt Road Project.

Councilmember Hoy: I've got two questions. Carpenter Creek, what's the plan for Carpenter Creek?

Catherine Fanello: I wish I knew, but we are going to hire a design consultant.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay. It's at that point.

Catherine Fanello: We're looking at doing that. Yes, I would say by the end of the year we would have a clear, direct—

Councilmember Hoy: It needs to be—

Catherine Fanello: It needs to be—

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, there are blockages out there—

Catherine Fanello: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: —and dams, and all kinds of things.

Catherine Fanello: That's, we're going to hire the consultant out of the current Riverboat money that we have at this time.

Councilmember Hoy: My concern about the reduction here in the Welfare-to-Work is the economic situation. Welfare-to-Work is something of a misnomer, and the reason I know this is because of my commitments to working with the poverty community in this city, even as a volunteer, and as a retiree. The folks that I know who make use of that fund, particularly to get their cars fixed and so on, are working. They're not paid much, and they can only draw from that fund periodically. They can get \$1,000 for car repair. Well, with the kind of cars that most folks who are in that economic situation drive, \$1,000 doesn't go very far. I would hate to see that reduced. I think we need to be honest with what we really are doing is we're helping people out who have marginal jobs, and they need help. They need that assistance, because what's happened with the Welfare program, which I think is one of the biggest mistakes we made as a nation. It looks like it's working nationally. If you live, if you walk in the shoes of folks who don't make much money, it's not working very well.

President Winnecke: Councilman Bassemier?

Catherine Fanello: I—

President Winnecke: Oh, I'm sorry.

Catherine Fanello: I was just going to say, I could live with \$400,000 in that line item, and if we were going to, you know, I don't know how much you plan to fund the other two items, up and above our usual \$500,000, but if I were going to take it from anywhere, it would be the Economic Development Account.

President Winnecke: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Catherine, last week I asked Mr. Heck, who was speaking on that Welfare-to-Work, and he supposed to get some numbers together for me. After this program, the person on this program, after the free transportation, after the getting their car fixed, after

getting their daycare center paid for, and they are out of the program, I asked for some numbers on who's still working after this is all paid for? I was kind of—

Catherine Fanello: I haven't received any of that information. I don't remember what he said, but I don't know if they track that information after the—

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, he's going to try to get it for me.

Catherine Fanello: Okay. Is he going to try and get it? Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: If you're department—

Catherine Fanello: I haven't received any, but I'll—

Councilmember Bassemier: —if you could kind of follow up on that for me, because it looks great, as long as everything is paid for, you know. I think it's a good program, but the whole idea, I understand, behind all this is to make sure they're productive after it's all over with. So, if you could check on that for me, I would appreciate it.

Catherine Fanello: Okay.

President Winnecke: Councilman Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Recognizing, Commissioner Fanello, that this particular fund you guys decide what the alignment is, what the priorities may be. You may decide that you don't want to do any of these. It could be something else under this particular fund with the Riverboat, but based upon what we've heard, and the information that has been presented, I think it is pretty clear that \$250,000, I think it would place that program really in serious jeopardy in being able to do what needs to be done out there. When times are tough, when the economy gets tight, the one's who are impacted first are the one's who have the least. So, I guess, if anything, if I could lend any word of encouragement, if we could get that up to \$400,000, it really would be helpful. Especially, right now, of course, we've had it at higher levels, but if we could get that at least up to \$400,000 that would be a great help to those who really depend upon these dollars. It's not a, you can't use these dollars infinitely. It's for a set period of time. So, I think we need to make sure that is clear, and on the record that people don't stay with this, and keep coming back, and keep drawing on these funds. That is truly for the working poor.

Catherine Fanello: And if we were going to do that, I would just like to say that I would at least like to see the usual \$500,000 in Economic Development. I would like to see the \$750,000 in Infrastructure, because Carpenter Creek will be a very expensive project. The \$400,000 in Welfare-to-Work.

President Winnecke: So, you're saying six, four and 750? Is that what you're saying?

Catherine Fanello: Yes.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Catherine Fanello: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Anyone else? Okay, let's get Mr. Lawrence up here, and take a break, catch a breath.

LEVEE AUTHORITY

Kelly Lawrence: Mr. President, thank you for your patience. Kelly Lawrence with the Levee Authority.

President Winnecke: Okay, we're at page 195. Who's got questions? Anyone?

Councilmember Tornatta: Were the numbers that you checked against this, did you work those out that they were right for you?

Kelly Lawrence: I didn't check this far.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. You did a great job at the joint budget meeting. So, that answered all my questions.

Kelly Lawrence: Alright.

President Winnecke: Any questions of Mr. Lawrence? Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No, he answered my questions last week on the \$25,000 out in Union Township.

Councilmember Hoy: Not my usual question, Kelly.

Kelly Lawrence: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: Because I already know the answer to my usual question. My basement's not flooded.

Kelly Lawrence: It's working.

Councilmember Hoy: As you look to the future of this community, and the sprawl that's taking place, how much longer can we expect this levee to protect us? I know that's a difficult question to answer, but are we running a danger in what we're doing? I'm concerned about sprawl from a number of standpoints, but this is one of them, and that is how far can we go?

Kelly Lawrence: Well, I'm not sure I understand your question. I'll give it the best shot. The levee system was built to protect the City of Evansville, and parts of Vanderburgh County. The Corp of Engineers in 1994 finished Evansville's levee system. As long as we maintain it the way we're maintaining it now, our levee system will protect the city and what it was designed to do. I don't see any way that it's going to harm any person in Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Hoy: Inside the city, or outside the city. The only harm that I can see that could come to residents in Vanderburgh County, if we have a major flood, they will probably not be able to get to the city. I don't see that our levee systems, if I understood what you're asking, is pushing more water on these people.

Councilmember Hoy: No, I'm concerned about the areas that may be unprotected by the levee, and by growth. That's my concern.

Kelly Lawrence: The one's that are unprotected by the levee are still going to be unprotected as the years go by, because the Federal government has poured all the money that they are going to pour into this system, as far as I know. They, the last part of the levee was supposed to be Diamond Avenue, and we're raising the road to Greenriver Road, it's going to be like a 2' raise to protect that part, and then the County Commissioners, or somebody in the county decided they wanted to build Lynch Road, so the Corp abandoned that part. There's, like I said, as far as the Corp of Engineers is concerned right now, that's all they're going to do.

Councilmember Hoy: That answers my question. It continues to raise the concern that I have for what's happening in development.

Kelly Lawrence: You know, most of the ground—

Councilmember Hoy: Because the Federal government is no longer going to, going to assist people who insist on building homes that are unprotected. That's beginning to stop.

Kelly Lawrence: Well, here in Vanderburgh County, as you well know, that you can't build a home on a flood plain, in a flood way. In a flood plain, you can, but you have certain heights you have to be at.

Councilmember Hoy: I know that, and I just don't think you can move that water a whole lot more than that's all. Mother Nature will have the last word.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Kelly.

Kelly Lawrence: Thank you.

President Winnecke: I'll tell you what we're going to do. We're going to hear from Veterans Administration, and then by popular demand, we'll take a very brief break.

VETERANS SERVICE

Mark Acker: Good morning, ladies and gentleman. I'll make mine real short and brief, because I'm probably the easiest to get along with. I don't ask for a lot of money. There is an error on our budget, and I apologize, because when I got my worksheets, I just followed along, and there was no allocation for rent to pay for our space in the Old Courthouse. We pay \$681.25 a month, totaling \$8,175. That, I believe, is line item 3600, am I correct? On rent? That needs to be added to our budget, which takes it over around \$109 thousand and some odd change.

President Winnecke: What's the exact figure again, Mark?

Mark Acker: The 3600 should be \$8,175. Eight thousand one hundred and seventy five dollars.

Unidentified: (Inaudible. Mike not on.)

Mark Acker: Yes. There is no fat in the budget. We've tried to keep it clean.

Councilmember Tornatta: On your Extra Help—

Mark Acker: Yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Have you needed that? You didn't need it this year.

Mark Acker: We had employee's change so they didn't fall in the vacation rounds that it would have been negatively affecting us, but I would like to hold that, if possible, simply for emergency purposes. I have a secretary now that has a tentative death coming up, and, unfortunately in that family, and then other issues, and that's going to require some time. I just, it's a safety buffer in case something happens.

Councilmember Tornatta: Would that cover a situation like that, if that were—

Mark Acker: Yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Do you think for the amount of time that that person would be out?

Mark Acker: Yes, I believe it would be sufficient.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, I was thinking two ways. I was thinking, (a) you can cut it out and ask for it as needed, or, (b) should it be more, if you needed more? It kind of seemed like it's in the middle/low.

Mark Acker: Well, again, I try to adjust the budget so that we can get the maximum dollar bang for the county's buck. If that means I have to tighten up here, or tighten up there, I've done that to make it work so that more money can be used for other areas.

Councilmember Hoy: You would expect a veteran to get the most bang for the buck, you know that.

Mark Acker: Phil, I appreciate that, and wholeheartedly I'm just waiting for you to raise my salary to \$15 an hour, sir.

President Winnecke: Councilman Sutton?

Mark Acker: Thank you. I could use it, believe me.

Councilmember Sutton: This is more of a question for our Executive Assistant or Suzanne. Now, we consider Veterans Administration a county office, correct?

Mark Acker: It is.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, and they are in county space, so we're paying rent to ourselves? Is that, I guess, that's what my understanding is here. Why shouldn't it just be zero? I mean, we're counting it as an expense and income at the same time.

Suzanne Crouch: Well, and that's a very good question. I think it's more of an accounting factor to keep an accounting of the rent and the monies coming in from it. Certainly, Council could opt not to put it in, and since it is a county owned building, I guess, the Council or the Commission could opt to allow it to be waived, but it's more from an accounting purpose to show that the rent is actually, the space is rented and that there's money coming in for it.

Councilmember Sutton: We're looking at nickels and dimes here trying to find everything we can. So, I'm trying to come up with any suggestion possible that we can somehow we can get his out of the freeze area.

Mark Acker: I have, I can give you a logical explanation for that. Even though you are pushing around your own money in one sense, you also have to look at you'll get hit with people saying, well, that office isn't paying rent. Then you start the argument over, well, I'm a not-for-profit, and I deserve space, or I'm so and so, and I deserve space, but they're not paying, and they're a county office. I just think that it keeps things a lot cleaner, even though you're pushing your money around. It's still, you're giving it to me, I'm paying it back to you kind of a program. In essence you get it back.

Councilmember Tornatta: We would like to raise your rent then.

Mark Acker: Fine. I go back to my esteemed Mr. Hoy and ask for a bigger pay raise, or somebody reevaluate me. I mean, you know, I'm like you guys, you know, it's nickel to dime, and it's tough out there in the old market.

Councilmember Tornatta: Do we have revenues on what the building is doing actually? Are those available?

Mark Acker: I think that the Commissioner, Catherine was able, had some figures. I think she was generating for you for a monthly income, plus your yearly take was somewhere plus \$90,000, but that was also the Engineer's office and myself included into that as two county offices.

Councilmember Hoy: They have—

Mark Acker: If you cut them out, then you're talking about, basically, their rent is similar to mine, so you're going to save roughly, what, \$17,000 off of 90, and they still have to pay the Maintenance, and they still have to pay the Gas & Electric, and the Council is still going to be shoving that money somewhere.

Councilmember Hoy: However we cut this, the cost is still there.

Mark Acker: The cost is there, sure.

Councilmember Tornatta: I guess, what I'm talking about is revenue that you guys are bringing in on the use of the building.

Mark Acker: The revenue I'm bringing in?

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, the revenues generated by the Coliseum. Is that, who is that handled by?

Mark Acker: The Coliseum is rented (Inaudible) Veterans Council.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Mark Acker: So, it has no tie to this particular issue, but I will say this in defense of the office. In generated revenues, the office in it's work with veterans in this community brought in over \$8 million to this county, and that's still climbing, and that's just in August of this year. So, the final we have an evaluation done by the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs, who is, in actuality, our supervisors, and they do an analysis of the work we do, and the income or the money that is brought into this county, and each year there is a final tally, and, believe me, we rank fourth in the state of Indiana in production for dollars brought for your investment into this office.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, then that's kind of what I was getting at.

Mark Acker: Right. You're getting 100 times fold what your expenses are with this office.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, and just to go back to the Coliseum—

Mark Acker: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: —that's leased—

Mark Acker: Yes, it's on a 99 year lease, and it's renewable every three years.

Councilmember Hoy: That organization maintains itself.

Mark Acker: The organization of Veterans Council pays all the expenses, the operation of the Coliseum. There is no funds used by this Council to pay for it. Now, I will tell you this, it's kind

of a heart warming story so you can kind of see what's happening. We went to CGB in the city and presented our program for renovation of the Coliseum, as you were talking about the Old Courthouse, and the integrity of the building, and we just received an allotment, and I'm in the process now of getting the money of \$110,000 for new windows for now the east and west side of the building. So, the integrity of that building is being also offset with some, and we got some money out of the city to help do that. So, it's a positive program for the Coliseum as well as the Old Courthouse. I want to speak, if I might, briefly, I live in the Old Courthouse, I appreciate what it is, it's history. We can't buy or build another building with the integrity this structure of this building alone, much less try to take it down. \$10 million, I don't think you could level the building for \$10 million. I think it's an investment into our future. We've watched the train station and other historical sites go right down our toilet, and if you look at Bloomington, and you look north, and some of the other cities, they have made their old courthouses showcases. They are what this city is about, and it's history, and I would simply say because of the old, Coliseum, and the taking over of the Veterans Council in '71, we cannot put a dollar sign to our history. When we start doing that as a government, and as a people of this city, we are the losers, and we're going to look back and say what did we do? We all look back and see what happened to the train station, and I'll say my last piece. Thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: One of the things about the Coliseum that a lot of people don't know, aside from Roberts Stadium, it's the biggest venue in town, seats more people.

Mark Acker: Seats more people, and (Inaudible) more people than your Victory. And the Centre's budget, and the Victory's operational costs, as well as the Stadium, we're not used as much, but we're as viable, and can seat as many, and give as good a show as any place in the city.

Councilmember Hoy: And you have the best acoustics.

Mark Acker: Yes, we do have. Surprisingly enough, we are not like a washboard. If you've ever seen the schools come and do a program in that building, they don't have to amplify the guitars, the string instruments. That building becomes alive with music, and it was our history, built in 1916 by our Mayor Benjamin Bosse. Gentleman, it's a wonderful place. I know you've got an outhouse call coming up. Thank you for your time. Any other questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, sir.

President Winnecke: Thank you. We are going to take a very brief break.

Mark Acker: Thank you.

President Winnecke: We will resume at 10:55 sharp.

(TAPE CHANGE)

President Winnecke: Okay, we'll reconvene. We do have several more offices to go and we will be done...we will be done at noon. We will, we will.

CONVENTION OPERATING FUND

President Winnecke: Convention Operating Fund, page 194.

Catherine Fanello: Cathy is here from The Centre and then I had some information on revenues that have to do with the catering. What page did you say, I'm sorry? What page did you say, I'm sorry?

President Winnecke: I'm sorry, 194.

Catherine Fanello: I think those are basically the same as the prior year.

President Winnecke: Any questions?

THE CENTRE

President Winnecke: Okay, we'll move on to The Center, page 119.

Catherine Fanello: I think the only increase was due to the food services and, let me get the note out, for catering money that the revenue for 2001 was like \$160,292 and so far as of June 30th of this year it's \$385,939.

Councilmember Tornatta: So essentially if we're paying more in that account that means we're doing a greater amount of business?

Catherine Fanello: Exactly, and they are bringing in the revenue to help cover that.

President Winnecke: More chicken and rice, Troy.

Councilmember Tornatta: That's ho-ho's.

Councilmember Sutton: Catherine, early this year you guys or The Centre staff came before us to request to replace out some of the rigging and the ropes or whatever they call that staging equipment.

Catherine Fanello: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Sutton: What account did that come from? Did that come from The Centre's operating account or did it come Miscellaneous Equipment?

Catherine Fanello: Oh, I have...we asked for the appropriation. Is it on this agenda for tomorrow, I think? Do you remember what account that was?

President Winnecke: That was like two months ago. It was in May.

Councilmember Sutton: I got it, but I don't feel like looking it up. Ten seconds. Miscellaneous, okay. So, obviously, that fell after or after that June 30th.

President Winnecke: I think that was in April or May.

Councilmember Sutton: It didn't show up...it's not showing in this report that was run here that we have in our budget book. June, okay.

President Winnecke: It was \$11,000.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

President Winnecke: Okay, moving on to Superintendent of County Buildings, page 97.

Catherine Fanello: Okay.

President Winnecke: I'll start with line item 1990 Extra Help.

Catherine Fanello: Yes.

President Winnecke: How is the personnel...how are...how is the personnel being used there and why do we need that much?

Catherine Fanello: Well, as you know we have one full-time maintenance person on-site who can't be there all the time. Our part-time person does help clean, which the maintenance person tries to take care of the general operating of the building and opens the building in the morning and closes it in the evening, but we do have a part-time person that comes in and cleans and I don't know if you have been over there lately, but she has done an excellent job.

President Winnecke: Yeah, it's always in good shape.

Councilmember Hoy: This budget is all related to the Old Courthouse?

Catherine Fanello: Basically, yes. Yeah, every increase that you see is related to the Old Courthouse. We asked for increases in...we kept the utility amount the same because we believe that will be sufficient. Building Supplies, just general operating supplies for the building and I've got a printout of those if you are interested in knowing what we pay for elevator maintenance over there. Let's see, the Repairs to the Buildings and Grounds and Contractual Services, those are all just general repairs that may come up at any time and we have no way of knowing, but definitely need the money on hand or a certain amount of money on hand to cover those expenses if something were to arise.

President Winnecke: Councilman Hoy and then we'll come around this way.

Councilmember Hoy: Commissioner Fanello, you mentioned earlier the income.

Catherine Fanello: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: The rental income is, and I forget what the figure was.,

Catherine Fanello: I estimated for the rest of the year, of course if we add the two more tenants who are wanting to rent it will be a little higher than that, but about \$91,000 for right now. We do have two tenants over there who have made in excess of \$12,000 worth of repairs in lieu of rent, so some...we are...the Commissioners are allowing some tenants over there to make repairs and we do reduce the rent for that.

Councilmember Sutton: And who monitors those repairs when they make that?

Catherine Fanello: We do.

Councilmember Sutton: Do we write the specs on that?

Catherine Fanello: They submit...they are just general repairs that do not have to do with the structure of the building, but I believe O'Connor Creative if you've been over there they had the hardwood floors redone and things like that, so they submit bids and everything and they take quotes and they give us a copy of their invoices and who did the work and we keep track of that.

President Winnecke: Okay. Congress...Councilman Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Whoa, wow. What a promotion.

Councilmember Tornatta: Any aspirations?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, treat me with a little more respect when you say that. Congressman, yeah. Okay, Catherine on utilities—

Catherine Fanello: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: –that's one we may be able to scale back because I think last year we inflated that somewhat because of the rising cost of gas. So we may be able to take that one back.

Catherine Fanello: Well, I mean, you probably no more than about \$5,000 just looking at...let's see, how much did we spend? Well, we only spent, what, \$31,000 last year. Yeah, we may be able to scale. I mean, we've already spent \$33,000 as of June 30th this year and I believe I don't believe the utility bills we took over last year were not until May or June by the time we got everything switched over to us. So I don't know if that's an accurate that's not accurate reflection of the whole year, so we've already spent \$33,000 this year. I mean, I don't know.

Councilmember Sutton: Jim, I think you're right. I think gas prices are supposed to go down.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, in fact they didn't...like this year they didn't go up what was it, 33% or whatever they had projected, but we had budgeted for that so we can take that one back significantly.

Catherine Fanello: Just to let you know some of the repairs that we have made, we have made repairs to the steps on the 5th Street, 4th Street and Vine Street entrance in order to cut down on any liability that we may have because those stairs were...steps were in bad need of repair. We also are replacing some of the doors because they are in need of repair also, so those are some the larger repairs that you've seen that we've made over the past year.

Councilmember Raben: The 3530 and 3550, do you want to go over those items?

Catherine Fanello: Yes. Well, basically as you've seen we've made repairs and we will continue to make repairs to just general maintenance repairs to the doors and those are basically just monies to cover contractual or general repairs that we may incur over the year. I have no way of estimating what might happen. As you know this year we had the boiler go out and we did pay for that out of CCD and that was about \$40,000. My only concern is just not having enough operating money there in case something large was to happen to the building and it's an emergency situation and we don't have any money sitting there.

President Winnecke: Councilman Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: I got it answered.

President Winnecke: Okay. Councilman Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: This goes back to an earlier discussion when you mentioned Will Fosse, our tech design on the parking lot and increasing the parking. Is that increasing the paved space as well?

Catherine Fanello: I believe so.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, it's not just a reconfiguration?

Catherine Fanello: No, I mean he actually wanted to do angle parking, so I believe that was taking...I would have to get the study out and go over all the specs. He had like a two page thing on how he would do the parking–

Councilmember Hoy: But it would change the lot?

Catherine Fanello: It would change the lot. I think he wanted to move the wall on one side and maybe some of the steps on one side.

Councilmember Hoy: That's okay. I just wanted to make sure I had that clear. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: One last question on the security system, what are you proposing there?

Catherine Fanello: Uh-huh. The security system was a request by the Sheriff's Department and each of you should have memo that Eric Williams sent to me. Basically, they feel like they need an upgraded system within the courts building to monitor activity. He's got about seven points here of why he feels like he needs it and instead of just reading you the entire memo I'll basically it's to provide better security within the public spaces at the court facility.

President Winnecke: Other questions?

Councilmember Raben: Again, I hate to keep harping over the Building Authority, but you know, this is another cost that to me could come out of their reserve. It's security for this building and, you know, we keep absorbing all these and paying inflated, you know, rental fees. You know, why can't they pay for some of this?

Catherine Fanello: And I believe that is a very good point and would be most happy to have discussion with Dave Rector about that. At the time, that was Eric's request and this was the only suitable place I saw to put it in the budget.

COUNTY HIGHWAY

President Winnecke: Okay, moving on. County Highway, page 133.

Councilmember Tornatta: Is the supervisor's salary right or correct. How do we set in?

Catherine Fanello: The supervisor's salary was set in at a requested amount from the Commission.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Catherine Fanello: Which was above the three percent. And I mean I'll just make one more pitch for that salary. You know, that job is a 24 hour, on call seven days a week job and in order to attract and maintain someone who is willing to put up with the things that need to be put up with in maintaining the county garage and all the things that go into it we need to have a salary that is adequate.

President Winnecke: Have the Commissioners filled that yet?

Catherine Fanello: Huh?

President Winnecke: Have the Commissioners filled that position yet?

Catherine Fanello: No, we have not but we do have an interested person and I will be interviewing them this week.

President Winnecke: What is contractual services, line 3530? Page 138.

Catherine Fanello: That is for a request for software upgrades and some annual maintenance on the computer.

Councilmember Wortman: Anyone else?

Councilmember Raben: Just which, and I can check, but Catherine didn't we just appropriate monies this year to upgrade their software out there?

Catherine Fanello: That I don't...if you did I wasn't here when you did it. I don't know if there was request in for that.

President Winnecke: Seems like that was just last month, wasn't it?

Catherine Fanello: Carol is here. Carol? We did not do that?

President Winnecke: Okay, we'll move on.

Councilmember Raben: Take other questions and I'll come back to this one.

President Winnecke: Any other questions on County Highway? We'll come back if Councilman Raben finds his point.

President Winnecke: Cum Bridge, page 139.

Catherine Fanello: Oh, can I make one more highway?

President Winnecke: Yes.

Catherine Fanello: The insurance account I believe needs an additional \$30,000 on top of that to be in line with the increase that Dennis Feldhaus quoted. I believe we're sharing total insurance cost 70/30 with the Commission and the Highway.

President Winnecke: So line item 3010 should be—

Catherine Fanello: Should have an additional \$30,000.

President Winnecke: —\$326,640.

Catherine Fanello: Yes.

President Winnecke: That's \$326,640.

Catherine Fanello: And I believe I did make the comment earlier the Commissioners need an additional \$200,000.

CUM BRIDGE

President Winnecke: Okay, Cum Bridge. Was bituminous materials in someone else's budget?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes, it would be in the Highway.

Catherine Fanello: Yeah, we share those. We're sharing them.

Councilmember Raben: Uh, Catherine?

Catherine Fanello: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: I did locate that. It was actually a transfer back in May of \$14,000, but the reasoning we were given back then if I'm not mistaken was for computer software for

better inventorying and (inaudible). Back then they said we were replacing the software out there.

Catherine Fanello: Carol, do you—

Carol Gorman: This is for additional maintenance for software.

President Winnecke: Can you come forward and state your name so we can get it on the record? Thanks.

Carol Gorman: This is contractual services that you had questions was for additional. There is going to be an annual maintenance fee and seminars for any upgrades of any changes would be and that two people could attend to stay informed on these additional upgrades, etc. That's what this additional \$1,000 over last year.

Catherine Fanello: For that software that you purchased?

Councilmember Raben: So it's not for software.

Carol Gorman: No.

Catherine Fanello: Sorry. Thank you, Carol.

President Winnecke: Okay, Cum Bridge. Anyone with any questions?

Councilmember Tornatta: Under 3520 Equipment and Repair, it looks like there was close to \$79,000 spent last year and in the prior years nothing much. Nothing over \$11,000. Why the increase, are you familiar?

Catherine Fanello: Well, it's the same budget that we asked for in 2002 and John Stoll would probably be better to answer that question, but I would assume that—

Councilmember Tornatta: Maybe not.

Catherine Fanello: Maybe not.

Councilmember Tornatta: It just looks like we've spent \$15,000 this year.

Catherine Fanello: Well, we don't know. I mean, we have a lot of old equipment. We don't know what is going to happen.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Catherine Fanello: So I believe that's probably just been based on prior year history and for the past couple of years we've been lucky enough not to have to expend and we have replaced some equipment over the past year.

Councilmember Hoy: Have they...several years ago we set in motion a plan for equipment, is that still being followed?

Catherine Fanello: As far as...I mean, we've worked on this.

Councilmember Hoy: For purchase or lease of new equipment. Councilman Jones and I went out there a long time ago and helped set that in motion. I just wondered if that was continuing because we thought it was a good plan at the time to, you know—

Catherine Fanello: Well, if you look on your five year capital improvement plan we do have replacement items.

Councilmember Hoy: Because we also felt that would keep the repair cost–

Catherine Fanello: I agree and we have replaced several items over the past year.

Councilmember Hoy: –more contained. There is a safety issue too. There are vehicles that were just absolutely unsafe for anybody to ride in–

Catherine Fanello: But your capital improvement...oh, sorry. Your capital improvement does include some equipment replacement over the next five years.

Councilmember Tornatta: This question would actually be for John Stoll. On 4429 what kind of equipment do you see? I noticed we really haven't been using that much out of that fund as well and now we have \$35,000.

Catherine Fanello: And that is on your capital improvement plan also.

John Stoll: That's basically to get us hooked up to the GIS system as a part of the new storm water regulations that are being formulated by IDEM we'll have to come up with inventories of the storm drainage system for Vanderburgh County in the regulated areas and if we're going to gather all this data we figure we would link it to the GIS so that way it would be usable for everyone.

Councilmember Tornatta: Is that there another instance where we're going to slam this in the GIS?

Councilmember Hoy: It's...what Mr. Stoll, correct me, John, if I am not correct here, but this ties in with moving from five acres to one acre in terms of controlling the erosion and all that. What it is, Councilman Tornatta, in my estimation it's an unfunded mandate. You know, it has been laid on us. We're dealing with it from the position of the Soil & Water Conservation District. We've certainly had conversations with Mr. Stoll's office, to say the least, and with Mr. Jeffers' office and I don't know who else. I'm not in on those conversations, but I know they are going on.

John Stoll: Right, it's a part of what IDEM is referring as Rule 13 and like I said basically we're going to have gather this data so we figure the best bet would be just get it in the GIS where everybody could review it. As far as the GIS goes we're not connected to it right now and we'll have some other benefits as far as having access to aero photos and things like that which we don't currently have over in our office, so it will solve two problems for us.

President Winnecke: Councilman Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: Excuse me, two items. Page 140, Bituminous Materials 2530 \$150,000, is that for approaches for the bridges, John?

John Stoll: Yes, that would be for the County Highway Department's work on their culvert projects.

Councilmember Wortman: For the bridges, okay then we go to the next page 141, 4230 Motor Vehicles. That's quite a bit there. Is that quite a bit of vehicle there we're buying.

John Stoll: I know part of that is to replace one car that is used in my office which we estimated to be about \$25,000 to replace that. The rest of it would be for County Highway Department.

Catherine Fanello: Yeah. It's on the capital improvement plan. It's for one large volume air compression at \$21,000, a culvert flush jet trailer for \$90,000, and a new pick-up truck for \$25,000.

Councilmember Tornatta: Because in the rationale it just has \$96,000.

Catherine Fanello: Okay, well, I don't think...the budget is shared by Highway and—

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Catherine Fanello: —John, so. It's on your Capital Improvement Plan.

President Winnecke: The question I'd have, I'm sure, for John, is the cost of Concrete going up significantly?

John Stoll: pardon?

President Winnecke: The cost of Concrete.

John Stoll: That is one of the line items that is used by the Highway Department. Are you talking about 2560?

President Winnecke: 2560.

John Stoll: Yes, that's the line item that they use as far as their work goes. We don't spend out of that account, so, I'm not sure what the rationale was on that.

Catherine Fanello: The rationale, and, I think I can answer that in layman's terms. As I understand it, the Highway Department is using more concrete pipe. Is that what they would be using it for? I know we were going to using more concrete, instead of plastic. Is that?

John Stoll: It could be. I'm not real sure right off the top of my head.

Catherine Fanello: We can check into that.

President Winnecke: That might be a good one to sort of run down before next week, if you could.

Catherine Fanello: Okay.

President Winnecke: Thanks.

Catherine Fanello: Reggie is here. Reggie, did you, were you aware when Ralph presented the budget of the increase in Concrete.

Reggie Haskins: Yes.

Catherine Fanello: Okay. Do you know the rationale for it?

Reggie Haskins: We are trying to use more flowable fill than actually sealing, resealing damages to concrete pipe. We're starting to use more flowable fill, instead of using concrete because of the increase. That's cheaper, that's the cheapest way to go with flowable fill.

LOCAL ROADS AND STREETS

President Winnecke: Okay, Local Roads and Streets, 155. 3930, Other Contractual—

Catherine Fanello: Yes. We are looking at, we increased that by 150. Instead of using that account just for paving, we are looking at two small road projects; County Line Road and Lyle Road, and we are looking at paying for those projects out of that line item.

President Winnecke: I'm sorry, County Line and what?

Catherine Fanello: Lyle.

President Winnecke: Then on the Lynch Road and Eickhoff/Koressel, are those duplicates for what—

Catherine Fanello: No. Let me explain those.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Catherine Fanello: The two appropriations that we asked for this year, if we were to have, I'll work off the assumption that if we were to get them, the Lynch Road appropriation would be used for right-of-way. The amount that we asked for next year would be used for construction. On the Eickhoff/Koressel, the appropriation that we asked for this year, if we were to get it, we would not need that appropriation next year, the \$1.1, but we would like to set that aside for the Greenriver Road Project.

President Winnecke: I'm not sure I follow that.

Catherine Fanello: Okay.

President Winnecke: I got—

Catherine Fanello: At the time I submitted the budget—

President Winnecke: I understood Lynch Road, but Eickhoff/Koressel you lost me.

Catherine Fanello: Yeah, Eickhoff/Koressel, if we got the million, I think we asked for \$1,031,000. I rounded it up in this budget. If we got that this year, we would not need \$1.1 million for Eickhoff/Koressel next year.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Catherine Fanello: But, instead of that project—

President Winnecke: You would like to use, you want it for Greenriver Road.

Catherine Fanello: —I would like to use the money for the Greenriver Road Project, which is a widening from Lynch to Heckel.

President Winnecke: Okay. If not, it would be Eickhoff/Koressel.

Catherine Fanello: I wouldn't need it for Eickhoff/Koressel next year. If we got the appropriation this year, I wouldn't need it, but, obviously, if I don't get the appropriation, I'm going to need it.

President Winnecke: Right. Okay.

Catherine Fanello: No matter what, I'm still going to need the Lynch Road money.

President Winnecke: I'm following you now.

Catherine Fanello: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: Lynch to Heckel would be four lanes to Greenriver?

Catherine Fanello: Well, John would probably have to answer all the technicals on that, but, I think so.

John Stoll: That's correct.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

Catherine Fanello: And we are hiring, that design is very, not very old, but outdated. Seven years old, so we are hiring a consultant to redesign that. We're doing redesign.

President Winnecke: Maybe it's on here, what's your time line on Greenriver Road?

Catherine Fanello: Well, that is a project in the making. I mean, we've put the money in the budget, as you see, under 4920, the \$300,000 is to hire a consultant next year. So, depending on how fast they got the design done, I don't know. I mean, we're estimating, John's estimating that that project would be probably \$5 million plus.

President Winnecke: I'm sorry, how much?

Catherine Fanello: \$5 million plus. I think that we are going to take part of that from the Bridge Fund. I think about \$2.5 million from the Bridge Fund.

John Stoll: Right. The existing bridge out there, right now, the way the plans were originally drawn up, that bridge was going to be rehabbed and reused. The problem with it is it's in an elevation that floods right now, so that may not be the best thing to do. It doesn't flood frequently, but it does flood. So, if we have to replace everything, that's going to increase our costs on that.

Catherine Fanello: So, I mean, obviously, we're looking at trying to set aside money for this project as we can, so.

Councilmember Raben: John, were you able to locate that information from EUTS?

John Stoll: Yes, on the Lynch Road. It looks like we've got about 4,700' of Lynch to complete in Vanderburgh County. It looks like there's about 2,600' of Lynch Road in Warrick County. So, that's where the discrepancy comes in between our cost and their costs. Based on the EUTS TIP their right-of-way estimate is right at \$100,000, and they're just going through some agricultural fields as opposed to having to buy out houses and relocate people. So, that substantially lessens their right-of-way costs as well.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we had discussed, which by the way, because this request, we're discussing it in terms of either next year, or possibly tomorrow. I did have the opportunity to confirm up the information that I had tried to share last week, and Warrick County does not have their money in place, and will not for next year. They said they're working on the possibility of 2004, maybe as late as 2005. That came from after some pretty extensive research by Tim Mosby, which is the County Councilman there in Warrick County.

Catherine Fanello: Have you spoken with the County Engineer over there, Steve Sherwood?

Councilmember Tornatta: I have. I spoke with him, and he said he'd talked to the Commissioners, and that money will be in place.

Catherine Fanello: See, we've got two conflicting stories here.

Councilmember Raben: For sure not 2003, I can promise you that.

Councilmember Tornatta: He said next year.

Councilmember Raben: No. No, it's not.

Councilmember Tornatta: That's a Commissioner. That's all I'm talking.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, they've already prepared their budgets, and it will not be in 2003. He said it's possible it will be in 2004, but, he said don't bet the farm on it.

Councilmember Tornatta: They are pulling from some other areas. They can pull from some other areas to get that money. So, they have some Infrastructure money that they can pull from as well. So, they've, he assured me that that's where his funding was coming from.

Catherine Fanello: That's the call I got was from Steve Sherwood, the County Engineer.

Councilmember Tornatta: It can be obtained, and when they are ready, they can set it in place.

Councilmember Raben: I guess, this came from, Tim Mosby was also speaking with Jack Pike, and, I think, that's where it came. Between the Council and the Commission, that's the message that they carried to me was, don't worry about it for 2003, call us and we'll talk about it for 2004.

Catherine Fanello: It really doesn't mean that we can't do our portion, and be done with it.

Councilmember Raben: Back to EUTS, we also discussed last week about getting EUTS list of their top ten projects, did we ever get that?

Catherine Fanello: I mean, Rose has a book of the—

Councilmember Hoy: Here's the body of the book here.

Catherine Fanello: And they are, Rose is, you know, projects aren't listed really in order of priority, as I understand it.

Councilmember Hoy: Probably not.

Catherine Fanello: John can speak to it. It's when the money, when the Federal funds—

Councilmember Hoy: It's chronological.

Catherine Fanello: —are available, and, you know, when the bid lettings are going to happen, and when right-of-way is acquired. There is a lot of elements that go into place for a road project to be finished. So, they're really not listed from one to ten.

Councilmember Hoy: In this book, and this may be dated a bid, she jumps from completions in 2002, and the next section is completions 2010.

Catherine Fanello: Yeah, there's a new book.

Councilmember Hoy: Huh?

Catherine Fanello: I think we have a new one.

Councilmember Hoy: But, it's an example of what you just said.

Catherine Fanello: Exactly.

Councilmember Hoy: And that is, while it's a plan, it's not nailed down nearly as tightly as—

Catherine Fanello: We rely on, unfortunately, you know, Federal, and INDOT, and we just have to be ready to go, or we lose those Federal dollars.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question Mr. Stoll or Commissioner Fanello. This Lynch Road, where is that going to end up in Warrick County? What's it going to attach to?

John Stoll: It would tie into Highway 62 out in the vicinity of Telephone Road and Epworth Road. The way I understood it was, Epworth Road and Telephone Road intersection would be reconstructed to form the south leg of the 62 and Lynch intersection.

Councilmember Hoy: That's what it looks like on the plan here to, but the plan is not quite as clear as what you just said.

John Stoll: I don't have a set of those plans for what they are doing out there, but that was the last that I'd seen several years ago.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, so it will be four lanes then all the way—

John Stoll: Out to 62.

Councilmember Hoy: —to that, to 62.

John Stoll: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: I think that intersection is part of what's slowed them down too, because there is an asphalt company or concrete company there that the right-of-way costs have been a set back. That was part of the reasoning too that they said, until they are through that hurdle that that's a further delay for them too.

Catherine Fanello: I think what I would like to do, since we have conflicting stories here is just to get Warrick County to write us a letter or something to let us know what their final stance is.

President Winnecke: That's a good, Councilman Tornatta and then Councilman Wortman.

Councilmember Tornatta: Do we have any projected revenues on Local Roads and Streets? What we'll find next year, as far as the different COIT Local Road and Street distribution, interest on investments, and miscellaneous revenues.

Suzanne Crouch: Well, the state has provided us the information. They're going to actually give us \$800,000, I have that somewhere, next year, that's the state distribution for Local Roads and Streets. It's 800 and, I have that here, interest on investments we can provide that. It typically runs in the neighborhood of, I think, about \$100,000. I'll have to check that. Then, and it depends on how much of the money that currently is encumbered is actually spent this year. On COIT, that will depend upon Council, if they submit, or if they approve the budget as it's submitted without any cuts, it's going to take, I would have to figure that out, but it would take probably in excess of \$3 million of COIT, but I can figure that out.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, then how's it, I guess, what I'm showing, as of 6/30/2002, in 2001 we had \$3 million in COIT. At this point we only have, well, we have right at \$500,000, which is about 17% of what we had last year. Local Roads and Street distribution, \$1,194,454, compared to half way through at \$401,504, which is 34% of what we had last year. Interest on investments, which is understandable because of interest rates, \$151,000, roughly, to \$39,000, still 26% from what we had last year. Miscellaneous Revenues 283 and a half, to \$120,000, which is 43%. So, we're, you know, we're staying on line, all but the COIT for this year. Why would those revenues not be as much? I guess, what I'm trying to figure out is, we've had some discrepancies on what happened to the COIT, and I was making sure, in reading through here, while we're going through budgets, and I want to be a stickler on, we haven't seen, I haven't had any option to vote or vote down anything. Nor do I see I will on this budget. So, I just wanted to know how that was going to work into next year's budget.

Suzanne Crouch: Well, the process is that if the Council approves a budget, and they don't make any cuts in it, for instance, Local Roads and Streets, then you have to look at what revenues are being provided by the state. If they aren't ample enough, then it has to be supplemented with COIT. That COIT then has to be enough to not only fully fund the budget, but to provide a healthy operating balance. In 2001 there was, yes, the \$3 million put in there, but there was an unappropriated balance of almost \$1.9 million, of which I believe \$70,000 was spent. So, the money was not spent, it rolled into the cash balance. So, when you look at the big equation, you have to put COIT where it's needed. You have to be sure it's enough not only to fully fund the budget, if Council approves the budget without any cuts, but to also provide for a healthy operating balance. Which is what was done, so—

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, one of the things that I'm looking at, and getting some input on where things are spent is we put aside \$2.7 million in the jail project, and from all my understanding I'm hearing that it's coming from the COIT.

Suzanne Crouch: Yes, that is COIT.

Councilmember Tornatta: So, I guess, that's what I didn't know how that was dictated to go into that fund versus using out of cash balance, and not going to these Local Roads and Streets. I don't know who made the decision to take it out of Local Roads and Streets instead of putting it in that fund, as opposed to funding this.

Suzanne Crouch: No one took it out of Local Roads and Streets. The COIT has varied from year to year, anywhere from \$349,000 to Local Roads and Streets to \$3 million, depending upon the budget that's submitted. From '97 to 2000, I believe, that Local Roads and Streets budget increased by a million dollars, which necessitated additional COIT. Over the last two years that budget has declined by almost a half a million dollars, which necessitates less COIT. If you recall, the money that was put into the jail project was done after the first of the year when Council was able to see their financial situation. At that point in time, they made the decision to set that COIT aside to the jail project. Will that be able to happen next year? I don't know. That would be a very, that would be challenge, but that's, you know.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, well, I just know that in the past, and I don't have my paper here to support me, but in the past it's just been a straight \$3 million that's been set in COIT, or set in Local Roads and Streets, and, so that was just a point that I wasn't, I didn't know that we were taking it out of those places to support this jail project. Because, obviously, at a time when we need to make sure we get our projects rolling, and some of our Local Roads and Streets funded, I don't want to set that aside into another project that would in turn not get things handled in the county.

Suzanne Crouch: And I think that's fiscally prudent—

Councilmember Tornatta: If we could afford that.

Suzanne Crouch: –and that’s why Council doesn’t do that jail until after the first to the year. But, last year \$2.8 million Local Road and Street budget was submitted to this Council, and they fully funded it. They didn’t make any cuts. Now if you fully fund what’s been submitted this year, it’s going to require additional COIT. Quite a bit. I can get that information for you, then it’s your decision whether you approve the budget as it’s submitted, or you make cuts to it. That necessitates the amount of COIT.

Councilmember Hoy: That would be helpful to have that information.

Suzanne Crouch: I’ll be happy to get that.

President Winnecke: Okay, we need, Councilman Wortman, and then we are going to move on. We have several more to go, and I promised (Inaudible).

Councilmember Wortman: It’s hard for me to understand this Lynch Road extension. To me, that’s going to help Warrick County and not Vanderburgh. We’ve got so many other pressing projects that we need to do, and that would open up development up there in Warrick County so much, you just can’t believe it. That’s hard for me to go ahead, being that you’ve got that already out there, that 164 and that extension right there, and we extend that, that is going to open up development in Warrick County. It’s not going to help Vanderburgh.

Catherine Fanello: Oh, I think it is.

President Winnecke: Let’s change tapes real quick. I’m sorry.

(TAPE CHANGE)

Catherine Fanello: I was just going to say, I mean, a road going through two counties doesn’t just help one county, it helps both counties, so I think it opens up – and the businesses out there are very excited and they’re excited in Vanderburgh County about that project. So it’s a major economic development project for Warrick County and for Vanderburgh County. And there’s no question about that.

Suzanne Crouch: And we had spoken last night at the Commissioner’s meeting about the TIF area out there that was created for the Burkhardt area, actually has, doesn’t it John, I64, isn’t that the boundary –

John Stoll: I thought that was the east boundary.

Suzanne Crouch: That TIF area, so the suggestion was made that perhaps the Commissioners could look at extending that district to include that part of the road project that would then be able to generate additional TIF revenues to pay for that. And we currently, and I need to check the balance, I believe we have about a 3 million surplus in those TIF accounts that are being currently used to make bond payments for Burkhardt. So that may be an option.

Catherine Fanello: And our only comment on the Commission, we would definitely look at that, but we don’t – something happened with the TIF this year in the legislature and we need to check and see if that would affect that decision on how that decision – and pros and cons associated with it.

President Winnecke: Thank you.

BURDETTE PARK

President Winnecke: Burdette Park.

Steve Craig: Good morning. Steve Craig, manager of Burdette.

President Winnecke: Steve, I'd like to first thank you for your rationale. Yours was as detailed as any we received and I think it was pretty easy to understand. Not to say you will get everything you asked for, but I understand the request, generally speaking.

Steve Craig: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Could you describe line item 4110 Land Improvement, please?

Steve Craig: Which one was that again?

President Winnecke: 4110.

Steve Craig: Okay, the first part of it is to re-pave, seal coat, and stripe parking lots. What this is, is we want to re-pave most of our parking lots or if we can, every parking lot in the park and seal them and coat them, a lot of them are deteriorating to where they're getting back to almost to being gravel. Our main parking lot in front of the office, pool and that is deteriorated. And I also wanted to include in that, we have to put a final coat on the O'DAY Discovery Lodge lot. It has its base coat down now, but it needs a one inch final coat put on it and that was included in that price there. And that would be stripping it and putting the parking blocks with it.

Councilmember Tornatta: And all that's in the Commissioner's budgets, is that correct?

President Winnecke: Well, the description is in the – it's not in the Commissioner's budget, it's in the Burdette Park budget. It's in the Commissioner's long range plan.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right.

President Winnecke: In this plan it described the account that it will come from and in this case, the general fund.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, but it's – I just have 24,000 listed under 4110.

President Winnecke: Right.

Councilmember Tornatta: The rationale is for 440, and then for 4080, the rationale is for 660,000, but it's set in at zero right now.

Steve Craig: Are you talking –

Councilmember Raben: You're referring to –

Councilmember Hoy: We're not talking about the same thing.

Councilmember Raben: You're thinking of CCD.

Steve Craig: Is that on page 124 of ...

Councilmember Hoy: Councilman Winnecke's question was about 4110, Land and Land Improvements, which is \$24,000.

President Winnecke: Right, you're talking about the CCD fund.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, we're –

President Winnecke: Commissioner's CCD fund.

Steve Craig: Yeah, it's 1450-2031.

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm looking at 24,000 and he's talking – how much are you talking?

Steve Craig: \$250,000. That was the CCD part of that –

(Inaudible, several speaking at once)

Steve Craig: The general fund part is the \$24,000.

President Winnecke: Right, that's what I'm asking about.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on) so they have both General and CCD.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, we're talking about 4110 –

(Inaudible – several speaking at once)

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, right.

Steve Craig: I got it.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Steve Craig: That's land acquisition. Option one is \$19,000. It would be the entire parcel. And what that is, where our ball diamonds are, we now lease I think it's about three acres of ground every year with a use for parking and...we use it for overflow parking for large picnics also. And that is bound by Bayou Creek there. And we have had an option to buy the whole thirteen acres or approximately thirteen acres. The acreage could be used the future for several things. Most of its in a flood plain and that, but it could be – its got potential to actually put maybe a chalet or two over there in the one higher part of it. And the one part, like I said, we lease it every year, so we gave two options on it, whereas if we wanted to buy the part that we lease, that's the one price and if we wanted to buy all thirteen acres of it, that would be the total price.

Councilmember Raben: I raised a question, Steve, that I saved earlier for when we actually got to this budget. Do you feel it's wise to make a lot of capital projects at this point in time prior to getting our master plan or our study back?

Steve Craig: Well, a lot of these projects that we're talking about probably will go in line with the master plan, but these are mostly – like the swimming pool and that, that's the repair –

Councilmember Raben: I understand that, but when you talk about chalets and the other, the ball diamonds, buying additional acreage and what have you, I'm just wondering, you know, should we not wait until we get our study that we're paying a pretty hefty sum of money for to tell us exactly what we need before we make further big investments.

Steve Craig: Well, I agree with you on that point, because I'm not going to approach the Visitors Convention Bureau until after the master plan does come back. This is projected what we thought we needed before they have come back and told us, you know, what their studies have found out. The buying of the property across the street, the reason that it was brought up is that the owner had brought it up to us that he was wanting to see. He's owned it for a long, long time.

Councilmember Raben: You and I looked at that last year.

Steve Craig: Yes, we did. And what I'm afraid of, why we brought it up in this budget is, if we don't buy it somebody else is going to buy it. And then there's going to be a development or a use, or if the guy, instead of charging us \$400 a year for rent, he could come in and want to charge us whatever he wanted to charge us for rent, and we would probably be at his mercy beings we use that property for the ball diamonds overflow and for our picnic overflow. So it was kind of not dictated by what we wanted, but the fact that he came up and asked us or informed us that he was going to put it on the market.

Councilmember Sutton: Jim, I think what you're trying to get at, and I kind of alluded to it a little earlier, too, is trying to get a sense of feel on those things which are maintenance and those things which are enhancements, maybe trying to separate those two, some enhancements, you know, there might be some things that we clearly would want to do. But maintenance, I would say is something that, you know, we know we have an ongoing cost with ensuring that the park is in good working operational condition and that we're not going to pose any hazards to anyone that uses the park or anyone that works at the park. We obviously want it – we want to ensure that. But any enhancements that might in some way or another be additional things that we want to do, trying to maybe get a sense and feel that, you know, we've got a real direction and plan that will get us to a point where we feel like the park is where we want it to be and it's also within the constraints of what the county can afford to do and the master plan will help us to kind of logically see the direction of the park. I think that's, Jim, I think that's what I'm hearing you say?

Councilmember Raben: And again, I'm stating as I look at 2003 – build another chalet and there were some other pretty large items there. I think you need to allow this study to come back to tell us that we need new chalets or that we even need them at all. And that's my whole point with this. You know, should we be spending big monies on new attractions and big time improvements outside of the pool until we've given that study an opportunity to come back to us.

Steve Craig: Well, I guess one thing I can say is, I kind of got some insight to this because we've been working with them for the last two or three months on this and, not that they've told me what the final results of the master study are, but I know that I've gotten a feel for what they're looking at by making improvements at the park.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, I was going to say, there should be some type of feedback. Right now, you have a good sense of the feedback that you're going to get from them and that's kind of what I had assumed coming into this, that you wouldn't be asking for that and inquiring about it if everything hadn't come into place at once.

President Winnecke: If that's the case, one of the things we asked that this study entail is that there were revenue and expenses attached to whatever attractions they suggested. And, you know, that's something we've not seen and I think to everyone's point, not to beat a dead horse, but –

Catherine Fanello: Well, and once we get the final report back, everyone will be made aware of everything. But just remember, I mean, that is a draft of a capital improvement plan, so it is subject to change.

President Winnecke: Councilman Tornatta and then we're going to move on.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. On utilities, just something I looked at, you budgeted \$120,000. Last year it was \$100,000. So far, you've spent about \$35,000. Any reason for the upgrade? Does that have to do with the services out there, new services that you're hoping to implement at the camping sites or...

Steve Craig: Not as much as that as the O'DAY Discovery Lodge will be done and up and running, and look forward to getting it done but I also see our utilities going up with the use of it.

Councilmember Tornatta: Because that would be still yet a 30% increase just to get it up to \$100,000.

Steve Craig: We put a little bit in there. As I heard earlier, the gas and that is supposed to go down or not change. I don't know. We had projected that maybe the utilities would go up some. We know that we're, you know, adding, like I said, adding the building and that.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I think what was said is that they didn't get up like they said. Last year they estimated such a large increase for this year and it didn't happen.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Steve. Appreciate it.

Steve Craig: Thank you.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

President Winnecke: Cooperative Extension, page 76.

Councilmember Tornatta: Their budget has stayed pretty much the same beside the fact that we were able to get the rent lowered, so everything, you guys got everything in good shape.

Linda Thomas: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Any question?

Councilmember Sutton: What's the story on the rent?

Linda Thomas: It was re-negotiated and it was decreased by –

Councilmember Tornatta: \$6,000.

Linda Thomas: Right. I've got it, \$6,179 a year, so we have a new five-year contract now.

Councilmember Tornatta: And there's no increase on that for five years, either.

Linda Thomas: No. Right.

Councilmember Sutton: But that contract does not include janitorial, we have to do that on our own.

Linda Thomas: Utilities.

Councilmember Sutton: We do utilities as well?

Linda Thomas: Right.

President Winnecke: Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Linda, in reference to the rent, was there bids received in comparison?

Linda Thomas: They went out and tried to, you know, different places in the area, right, and it was all within the same amount.

Councilmember Wortman: Well, like Darmstadt, now like the shopping centers, that's kind of a depressed area. There's vacancy there and that's the reason I asked the question. Was that pursued, could you rent there cheaper?

Councilmember Tornatta: She had it appraised. I was working with her. She had it appraised and they said that the rent that they're paying at this building, the for building and what it had to do with was very much in line with areas around there. There were some higher and some lower. This was right, dead in the middle.

Linda Thomas: Right in the middle, right.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, thank you.

Linda Thomas: And to get the same thing that we had, we would have to –

Councilmember Sutton: Do you know what that cost? By chance do you know what that cost just per square foot? On that?

Linda Thomas: We was paying like about \$10.56 a square foot and now it should be about \$9.10.

Councilmember Tornatta: That's it?

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Linda Thomas: In the new contract, for next year.

President Winnecke: Curt, I didn't know anything in Darmstadt was depressed. Thank you.

Linda Thomas: Thank you.

LEGAL AID/LEGAL AID UNITED WAY

President Winnecke: Legal Aid, page 126 and 198.

Sue Hartig: Good morning, I'm Sue Hartig from Legal Aid.

President Winnecke: Good morning, Sue. We heard from Sue at the joint city/county budget hearings. Any questions on top of that?

Councilmember Sutton: Sue, there were some questions that I guess we had at the joint meeting because we do have this budget split out into two different areas. You've got the portion of your budget that's funded through the general fund and then the other part from United Way. So I guess as I look down through the salaries on page 126 – do you have the budget book there with you?

Sue Hartig: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Sutton: The increases on the salaries, if you look at that appear to be about 3 ½ percent on the – but if you combine, I guess, the two areas, then it does I guess work out to the three percent that we had asked to be plugged in for all employees, the figure that we're working with. Now the three percent, like I said, combines both budgets, but we only see the

three percent being reflected on the general fund side, why is that not also – why was it not three percent on the United Way budget?

Sue Hartig: Normally, we can't count on an increase on the United Way side. So if we put three percent on that side and they did not increase our allocation, then we would be short and we would have to come back to you for additional funds later. So traditionally, the increases go on the county side.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I was looking at, I guess, they have had some increases on the United Way allocation, if I can get back to that page, in some of the past years they did increase your allocation and – yeah, from '99 to 2000, they increased it and then from 2001 to 2002 there was an increase as well. So granted, I know their budget cycle runs a little bit different than ours and it is difficult to get a good handle on what they may intend to do, but do you intend to put in a request that reflects a three percent increase in your grant request to United Way to pick up maybe the additional three percent of –

Sue Hartig: No, we have not. What you see here is what we have submitted to them.

Councilmember Sutton: So you've already submitted that?

Sue Hartig: Well, it's prepared, it was approved by my board and it's the same set of figures you have here. We do get an increase from them occasionally, but we can't count on it enough to use that for fringe benefits for salaries.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Anyone else?

Councilmember Tornatta: Do they not pick up anything insurance-wise? I mean, do they not reimburse for insurance, United Way?

Sue Hartig: No.

President Winnecke: Okay, thank you Sue Ann. Appreciate it.

CORONER

President Winnecke: Coroner, page 35. No one is here.

Councilmember Sutton: The point's dead.

Councilmember Bassemier: Dead issue.

President Winnecke: There are a lot of puns out there. 911 Emergency Service fund, page 187.

Councilmember Raben: Even though he's not here, when you look at that budget, there are some lines that are increased and, you know, I'll entertain any body that's – if you want to make any suggestions on that –

Councilmember Tornatta: Can I say – this is actually listed August 8th on this sheet, so I would expect them to be here on Thursday.

President Winnecke: Well, we'll give them a chance then.

Councilmember Tornatta: On this sheet that has all three of them on there, it's listed on the 8th.

President Winnecke: We'll give them a chance.

Councilmember Tornatta: So if we could go over their budget on the 8th.

President Winnecke: We'll invite, Sandie, just make sure he's invited.

911 EMERGENCY SERVICE

President Winnecke: Page 187, 911 Emergency Service Fund. Any questions or discussions on that?

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION

President Winnecke: 185, Local Emergency Plan Commission. Flat budget from this year.

LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY

President Winnecke: Local Drug Free Community, go on to 186.

Councilmember Sutton: There are some increases there. Does anyone, do we have anyone to speak to this? Do we have anyone to speak to this particular budget?

President Winnecke: Doesn't look like it. Sandie, why don't you see if someone can come.

Councilmember Hoy: Who is responsible for that budget? And I don't know who's that's assigned to.

President Winnecke: Sandie, who prepares that?

Sandie Deig: I don't know.

President Winnecke: Emergency Plan Commission, oh no, Drug Free.

Teri Lukeman: Linda Schindler.

Councilmember Sutton: What is it?

President Winnecke: Linda Schindler.

Teri Lukeman: She's with the Substance Abuse Council.

President Winnecke: Sandie will call her and make sure she gets here. I'd like to thank everyone for their questions and discussion today. It was a fruitful meeting and, as promised, we are done by noon and we will reconvene tomorrow at nine sharp.

Meeting recessed at 11:59 a.m.

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 7, 2002**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 7th day of August 2002 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened at 9:00 a.m. by President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: I would like to reconvene the 2002 County Budget Hearings with attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

President Winnecke: Let’s stand and Pledge Allegiance, please.

(The Pledge was given.)

DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES

President Winnecke: We'll jump right in to page 146, Division of Family and Children Services.

John Schroder: Thank you. I'm John Schroder, the Assistant Director with the Vanderburgh County office of Family and Children. I have a couple of corporation documents, and one preparation document, a required document, to pass out to you for your review. The first document I handed you was a preparation document, what the state provides us to prepare the budget. The second one was required under Senate Bill 400. It's expenditures for the second three months of the year, April, May, June, for various, it's broken down a little differently than what we use to do the preparation for the budget, but is it required under state law. So, we have to get it to you sometime in the last half of the year. Now's a good time. So, we'll present that. Next, my, I guess, would there be questions concerning the budget proposal?

President Winnecke: John, one of the larger increases is Preservation Services, about \$400,000. Can you explain?

John Schroder: Well, it's the general consensus, from the State of Indiana, that we are trying to keep families together, to maintain families. Part of doing that is the Preservation Services. We still have children who may be in danger, or have problems, families that have problems. It is our intention to attempt to deal with these before they become a serious issue. If they have become a serious issue, they do try to reunite the families as soon as possible, if we have to remove a child from placement, or from the home for placement in an institution, or a foster home. Both the therapeutic foster homes and institutions are pretty expensive situations. Of course, if we can work with the families to provide a safe environment for the child, then they can be, possibly, returned to the family as quickly as possible. That's what the Preservation Services are for. Those are the areas that we are trying to expand, so that we have actually less increase in our cost for children in institutions, and children in foster homes, and those kind of things.

President Winnecke: Okay.

John Schroder: Are you interested in what it is we might be paying out of those?

President Winnecke: Sure.

John Schroder: Let me grab those. In the Preservation Services Account, if I can find my sheet here, we have people who do counseling, and also some medical treatment. Although, normally medical treatment is paid for out of a different account. We also do transportation, where we have to transport children for tests, or counseling, those kind of things. We also are putting more money into something that the juvenile court is recommending, and that is the families have drug screens. Sometimes these are frequent, we do those. There are other General Family Services. We've even paid for polygraph tests to determine whether a family is being truthful, or a child being truthful about the services and things they have. We also, and what is the most, the largest expenditures are Home Based Services, and these are services where, literally, the care providers go into the homes and relate with the families there. Provide counseling services right in the home, in the home environment. We also work with the School Corporations in something call Wrap Around Services, where we're working with all of the service providers in the area to see that the children get the appropriate attention they need, and the schooling. So, generally, those are the types of services that we pay for out of that Preservation Services Account. At least, that's what we paid for the first six months of this year.

President Winnecke: Okay. Councilman Tornatta.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, I just, I guess, looking through here, and you were kind of talking about some reasoning on why you thought that some of these would be raised. It just looks like it's raised all the way across the board. Is that, is the general consensus that, from the state, that all these are going to jump that drastically?

John Schroder: Well, I believe the Wards in Foster Homes actually is reduced over the last years request. I would have to compare that.

Councilmember Tornatta: It is, but looking at what's spent year to date, it won't meet that goal. So, I would expect that. Year to date, looking at what has been spent, I would not expect it to be over that amount. I guess, what I'm saying is Out of Home Placements, although I don't, you know, if you could explain some of these, it would help me better understand, but just looking at that, we've spent \$400,000 out of that. You have almost a million budgeted for next year. I didn't know if those are looking to go up as well.

John Schroder: Actually, in the first six months of the year in Out of Home Placements we spent \$594,000, in foster homes. In Therapeutic Out of Home Placements we've already spent, and that's just the first six months, through June, \$359,000. In Institutions, which is where we're working on trying to get this back, although we understand that the institutions will be raising their, both the therapeutic and the institutions will be raising their rates, which is a normal situation. We've already spent \$2,373,000 in those areas.

Councilmember Raben: Could I while you're on that, Troy, can I ask a question?

Councilmember Tornatta: Absolutely.

Councilmember Raben: John, looking at the graphs that you've supplied, when you discuss Out of Home Placements, it looks like the trend for the last three years, outside of Therapeutic, the Institutions and Foster Homes is on a downward trend.

John Schroder: Well, we are, that's what we are trying to do with the Preservation Services, is prevent those going in there. However, we're expecting, as I said, increases in the costs from the Institutions and the Therapeutic Foster Homes.

President Winnecke: Councilman Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Two questions, at this point, John. Are you having difficulty getting foster homes?

John Schroder: We're doing a lot of recruiting on that, and actually I think we have a pretty good balance of foster homes at this point in time.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, the reason I asked that is I don't think the public understands what a foster home has to do these days. What they are dealing with.

John Schroder: There's a whole lot of training involved—

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah.

John Schroder: —so that they can deal with the problems that the children who are placed in their hands.

Councilmember Hoy: Second question is on the, you may have this in here, and I may just have missed it, so if I did, so I did. How much of the \$13,135,000 is county, how much of that is state? You usually have a split on that don't you?

John Schroder: The, yes, I do, and I will have to get my other information here.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay.

John Schroder: It has, it also has to do with the working balance that we have to maintain. Of the original that we had requested, I believe that, hold on for a second. When we originally put in the request, \$9,609,000 was what would be the net county cost. The remainder is being reimbursed by the state, either through state or federal programs. However, under the situation where we have a working balance at this point in time, we will be asking for the tax levy of \$8,344,866.

President Winnecke: Other questions or comments for John? Thank you, sir.

John Schroder: Thank you.

PROSECUTOR

President Winnecke: Prosecutor. Turn to page 38.

Stan Levco: Good morning.

President Winnecke: Good morning.

Stan Levco: I'm Stan Levco, Prosecutor. I passed out a handout that essentially highlights the differences in what you authorized last year, and what I've asked for this year.

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm not that quick a reader.

Unidentified: Neither am I.

President Winnecke: Nice color graphs though. Stan, what people are sort of perusing this, why don't you, if you don't mind, just sort of jump in and offer some observations on, to begin with, your request for additional personnel.

Stan Levco: Okay. I've asked for, as I have in the first paragraph there, throughout the budget I've asked for an additional Deputy Prosecutor, a Legal Secretary, a part time Clerk, to be elevated to a full time Clerk, and two IV-D Enforcement Officers. As for the Deputy Prosecutor, I've made this talk before, and it's essentially the same thing, I feel since the implementation of the Public Defender that the number of Public Defenders increased so disproportionately to the number of Prosecutors, I think, there ought to be a relationship between the work load between the Prosecutor and the Public Defender. Personally, I think it ought to be, there ought to be an incentive to be in the Prosecutors office, as opposed to the Public Defenders office. But, I think if someone were to look solely at the workload, it's a better deal being a Public Defender than it is being a Prosecutor. I think it should be more of a, should be more equalized. That's essentially what I'm asking. So, I've asked for one additional Deputy Prosecutor. Now, I was here earlier and asked for the Council to help fund the two additional Gun Prosecutors, and I don't know if it was some feeling at that time that that would be all you were funding. I recognize that, but I still, that still is not stopping me from asking.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Stan Levco: On the Legal Secretary and the Court Clerk, it's a similar thing that I've been saying for a number of years. Our case load has been going up, the last couple of years it has not gone up that dramatically, but it's certainly gone up since I've been Prosecutor, almost doubled. Our staff, particularly on the secretarial level, has not increased that much. So, that's essentially what I'm asking for there. I have one of the judge's order on our, that we have to copy case files within 30 days now. So, I feel like we need more help in the secretarial part. The matching grant part, I think, I hope is routine. This is attorneys that we have through

Federal funds, that in order to keep them, we have to have a matching grant for the Council. The only addition is just in the benefits that go up. So, it's really not an unexpected addition, I hope. For the IV-D, this is another thing that I ask for every year. Is, I think, we are woefully understaffed in IV-D. Now what happens is we just have a backlog, and if we continue to be understaffed, we'll continue to have a backlog. I know I asked for two last year, that's not nearly enough anyway. I think our case load, according to the recommended case load, is roughly three times what it should be. So, I've asked for two new IV-D Agents. That's essentially the difference between this years and last years. We have cut \$16,000 from our supply request. The only other slight difference is in IV-D we've just asked for an increase from \$2,500 to \$4,000 on our supply line, which is, because we keep running out in March on that line. So, that's it in a nutshell.

President Winnecke: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm sorry, Stan, on those matching grants that you say that if the salaries go up they're not matching that? I mean, we've got to make up the difference? On the—

Stan Levco: We have a, you have a certain obligation whether it's 20% or 25% to match what we're doing. Each year the salaries go up 3%. So, you're 20% to 25% of whatever it is, is greater than it was the year before.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Stan Levco: So, I don't think this is...and on the Gun Prosecutors though, particularly, and I was here last year, you know, the match goes up. The percentage actually goes up, and that, but, hopefully, that's something that you've already committed to. I really don't think this matching grant, I don't think it should be a big problem.

Councilmember Hoy: Say more about the...the last time you mentioned the Community Gun Violence Grant, is that the one?

Stan Levco: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: Our share of that is different than?

Stan Levco: I know in the first year (Inaudible. Stepped away from mike.) difference is? I can't, I don't know the exact, I mean, the first year I think it's less, and it goes up for the three years.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay.

Stan Levco: Also, for what it's worth, I try to put people in that position, but I've held a position open as a result of that. So, you really haven't, whether you haven't been paying for the matching grant, or you haven't been paying for a Deputy Prosecutor salary. I've had a position open for a while that hasn't been funded.

Councilmember Hoy: Going back to your Prosecutors budget. You put in for three positions there.

Stan Levco: The Legal Secretary and the Deputy.

Councilmember Hoy: The Deputy and the Court Clerk.

Stan Levco: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: How would you prioritize those if this Council was not willing to give you all three?

Stan Levco: I would prefer the Secretarial.

Councilmember Hoy: The Legal Secretary?

Stan Levco: Secretarial.

Councilmember Hoy: That would be your, what would be your—

Stan Levco: Secretarial and Court Clerk. Those two I would prioritize roughly equally, and Deputy Prosecutor third.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, and under IV-D? Well, you have two Enforcement Officers, so that's, I don't need to ask the question, because they're the same position, right?

Stan Levco: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Councilman Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: This might be a question for Suzanne. What, are we caught up with the state on their reimbursements for his fund? I mean, for what the state reimburses us for, we bill the state for certain people in his office, is that right?

Suzanne Crouch: That would be, excuse me, that would be the Public Defender. Now, the Prosecutors office does generate state reimbursement money—

Councilmember Tornatta: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Tornatta: —and, I believe that they are on target with that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, well, I know that they are saying that different accounts are behind, and I was just making sure that—

Suzanne Crouch: Their account is where it should be with revenues.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and then my question to you is, are all the grants, are those all coming through as, okay, I'm getting some nods from the back. Obviously, what we've had with the Public Defenders office is that the state's been a little slow to pay. What I would hate to see is one of those be cut, and we would not know it at this point.

Stan Levco: None of these are state, and I'm pretty sure they guarantee the grants that we've got with Federal funds, they get renewed—

Councilmember Tornatta: Uh-huh.

Stan Levco: —but, I don't think you will ever get stuck with anything.

Councilmember Tornatta: It says here your full time law enforcement has a 66% state reimbursement.

Stan Levco: That's on the IV-D collection.

Councilmember Tornatta: On the IV-D. The IV-D Account is up—

Regene Newman: Through July.

Councilmember Tornatta: Through July, okay. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Councilman Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Good morning, Stan.

Stan Levco: Good morning.

Councilmember Sutton: Last year we did grant a couple of those IV-D positions—

Stan Levco: I don't think you did. You've done it in the past—

Councilmember Sutton: Was that the year before?

Stan Levco: —because every year I ask for it.

Councilmember Sutton: The year before? Time moves a little swiftly. Just maybe trying to get an idea of those one's that we did add a couple of years ago, how much of an impact, maybe, those positions may have had upon you. You obviously requested in last years budget to get an additional position, and you're requesting this time around. Just maybe trying to get an idea. I know we had quite a severe back log, and we still continue to have a backlog. How much of an impact that those new positions have upon your office?

Stan Levco: I mean, it has an impact roughly to the proportion of people that you give us. It used to be, the IV-D thing used to be such a great deal, but it's changed. It used to be when you gave us more people, it actually made a profit for the county, beyond giving us the people. Now it's to the point that at best it's a break even thing for the county, because you get 66% directly, but we get some of that back too, but I'm not sure it's quite 100%. It makes an impact numerically. The difference is, if I have a criminal case, I really don't see that I have an option other than to prosecute it at a particular time. I can't if I have to address everything that comes to me. The IV-D thing, what happens is, people say we'll get to your case in 60 days. If we have fewer people then we'll get to that case in 90 days, or 120 days. It's not the, it's critical to the people, but the world keeps turning even when we have the backlog. The only difference is when you give us more people we can do it more efficiently, and if you don't, we just don't do it as timely, but we still do it.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess, what I'm trying to see, trying to get maybe some information from you guys. If you can just help me out a little bit here. If we look at, granted the case load does vary from time to time, but to try to get a sense and feel of before we added those positions, a case wouldn't be heard for, I'm throwing out a figure—

Stan Levco: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: —90 days. We added those positions, and we're hearing cases within 45 days. I was trying to get a sense, like I said, just a feel of what the impact may have been upon those positions, and then what you also...I guess, I'm also looking at what you're requesting here almost. That's what I'm trying to get at.

Stan Levco: We're requesting two.

Councilmember Sutton: To get an idea of, you know, what we believe the potential benefit will be of the new positions that we're adding. Recognizing that there is a backlog, how much will it help by adding those positions?

Stan Levco: You know, I would say, generally speaking, it will in proportion to the number of people we have. We have roughly 20 people, it would give us two people, it would cut it back 10%. I mean, for me to literally say that, you know, this is going to change our day thing to the precise number of days, I just can't tell you right now.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess, before, what happened before, I guess, you don't have any information on how it may have helped you before?

Stan Levco: I don't have an exact figure.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Regene Newman: I can get the information.

Councilmember Sutton: If you could. Yeah.

President Winnecke: Maybe, if I could interject, maybe a better way, or another way to ask it is, how can you quantify today what the backlog is?

Stan Levco: I could—

President Winnecke: I mean, if you say—

Stan Levco: Six months? Six months.

President Winnecke: Six months, okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, and then one other question. You're looking at adding on just your regular budget some Deputies. Do you have any vacant positions right now?

Stan Levco: Well, you don't realize how complicated a question that is.

President Winnecke: You're right.

Stan Levco: I have one position that is vacant that when a person passes the bar, which presumably will be October, she will take that position. So, it's not funded right now. It's not being paid out right now, but I don't consider it to be vacant, since the job is committed.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Stan Levco: I have another position that will be open within two months, but today it's not open, but I expect to fill it.

Councilmember Sutton: That was a simple answer. That wasn't complicated.

Stan Levco: Huh?

Councilmember Sutton: That wasn't complicated.

Stan Levco: Well, what's the answer to that question, yes or no? It's hard to answer with a yes or no.

President Winnecke: Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Stan, and I apologize, I had to go to the phone, so you may have addressed these issues. On the tail end of what Royce was saying, or requesting is some

more information on what the true case load is. But, do you have a feel for where your case load was at three years ago?

Stan Levco: On the IV-D?

Councilmember Raben: No, on your regular budget. Well, I guess, what I'm getting to, looking at your regular budget and IV-D, in the last two years combined we've added three people since 2001. I would be interested in knowing, you know, how much of an affect that's really had. I mean, we need more than just that we think it will help, I guess, is what I'm trying to say. Because we have continually grown your office. Is there any information you can help make (Inaudible)?

Stan Levco: You've added two Deputy Prosecutors (Inaudible), what's the other one?

Councilmember Raben: You had a full time Deputy, a part time Deputy, and in IV-D, I believe it was an Enforcement Officer. That's all I see. Full time, a part time Deputy—

Stan Levco: You know, when you add three people to my office, that's increasing the office by 5%.

Councilmember Raben: What since 2001 has that, how much has that reduced your case load?

Stan Levco: The caseload criminally is just about the same. I mean, at this point in July, if it would go next year, it would be like within 100. So, percentage wise it's almost the same. I don't know, the Prosecutor, hiring Prosecutors, the point of hiring Prosecutors is not to reduce the case load, because the case load is fueled by arrests. You know—

Councilmember Sutton: Maybe backlog is a more appropriate term.

Stan Levco: You know, I don't consider that we really have a backlog in the criminal cases. I mean, the cases are being run pretty smoothly through the courts. So, they set, they set multiple cases on each other, but in terms of people getting to trial, or trying cases, I don't really think of us having a backlog issue with the criminal. I'm sorry, that question doesn't even, I'm having, I don't really know how to answer that. There is a backlog in the IV-D.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Let me ask one other question that you may be able to help me with. This is, Vanderburgh County is, what, the seventh largest county in the state? I believe it's number seven.

Stan Levco: I'll accept that.

Councilmember Raben: In terms of budget, do you know where you fall in the top ten rankings in terms of dollars and cents?

Stan Levco: No.

Councilmember Raben: You don't know? Okay. I don't have that information with me either, but it is available through Farm Bureau, but I didn't know if you had that. Can you get back with us on that?

Councilmember Sutton: I can get back with you on it. Yeah, give me a few seconds here. I can tally it up. So, move on to the next question, and I can let you know.

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

President Winnecke: Anyone else? Councilman Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I was just going to make a suggestion to Councilman Sutton, since I don't have that book here, but I've dealt with that book a lot. Population wise the most comparable county is Elkhart, however, not everything matches up there. That's one of the problems with dealing with the book. Elkhart County has maybe 10,000 more people than we do, roughly. That's about as close as you're going to get in numbers. The make-up of Elkhart County, you know, that area may be, population make-up may be different. You have a lot of Peace Church people there, Mennonites, Amish, and Church of the Brethren, and they usually don't commit crime as much as the rest of us. I won't name any denominations, Stan, how's that?

President Winnecke: Okay, let's move on while Councilman Sutton is...any questions on the Pre-Trial Diversion? Page 180.

Stan Levco: There's no difference on that.

President Winnecke: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: According to this, Mr. President, we would be number four in terms of total appropriation. This was based on 2001 figures for budget wise. Number one, of course, being Marion County. The county that Phil uses as comparison, Elkhart, there are some differences there. Their budget is less than half of what we have. Our budget overall in 2001 for Vanderburgh County was \$2.3. Elkhart was \$790,000. So, there's some differences there in terms of.

Councilmember Raben: \$790,000?

Councilmember Sutton: \$790,000.

Councilmember Raben: What's Marion County?

Councilmember Sutton: Marion County, well, not that that's really even pertinent, but they are \$5.2.

Councilmember Raben: I'm sorry.

Councilmember Sutton: \$5.2.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Allen County, excuse me, Lake County is number two, they're \$3.7. Allen County is number three, they're at \$2.3.

Councilmember Raben: What's the population on Allen County?

Councilmember Sutton: Actually, we would be above Allen County. Excuse me, we're number three, instead of number four.

Councilmember Hoy: Allen County is, well, you've got it there. The City of Fort Wayne is considerably larger than we are.

Councilmember Raben: I would say it would be similar.

Councilmember Hoy: Having lived in Allen County, I think you could make a fairly good parallel between Vanderburgh County and Allen County. In fact, I think I would feel safer here, but maybe that's just because it's home.

Councilmember Sutton: The population of Allen is right at 300,000. Of course, this isn't based on 2000 Census data. It's probably more based upon, probably, revised '98 Census data. Let's see, the number they have for Vanderburgh County is 165,000, and our population has changed.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible. Mike not on.)

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible. Mike not on.)

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion issues for the Prosecutor?

Councilmember Raben: Just real quick, Stan, on all your grant accounts, do you have the actual grant amount? The flat rate, or the amount that each? Right.

Regene Newman: I've got it (Inaudible. Not at mike.)

Councilmember Raben: Could you run them back up? Do you think you could have them...no, I don't mean now, I'm sorry, but before noon. We'll be here till noon. Okay.

President Winnecke: Councilman Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: I just had a question on the Insurance. Are we, do we put that in there because we get a reimbursement? Why would Insurance be in on that budget line item? Outside.

Councilmember Raben: We pulled all Insurance out, and put it in the Council's budget last year.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, but it's in the Prosecutor Pre-Trial Diversion this year. I guess, it was last year as well, but Sandie said it's outside of the General Fund, so.

President Winnecke: That's outside the General Fund, so it's budgeted separately. Thanks, Stan.

Stan Levco: Thank you.

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PUBLIC DEFENDER

President Winnecke: Good morning, Steve. Page 93 for those of you following in your hymnals.

Steve Owens: The only thing that I would have to point out, I believe, with regards to the Public Defender's budget is a mission that did not make it to the computer printout but was in our other packet. Line 1790 Investigator, on the computer printout is showing as zero, that is a present position that we have, it simply didn't make it to that computer printout so we are not asking for a new Investigative Position. We are asking that it be funded at the rate of \$29,683 and that is based upon a level that would be comparable to a comparable position in the Prosecutor's budget. If you look at the budget for or the funding for that position for 2002, you will find that is more than a 3% increase. It was unclassified job when it was placed in our office and we have a pending request before the Job Study Committee to classify that job as a PAT IV, Step I position. The other significant increase that we are asking for is related to Line 1303-1801 which is the Public Defender Appeals. Again, you are going to find that we are asking for an increase that appears to be more than 3%, again, at the onset of the office

due to the variations with the Public Defender Commission and the way we had to fund that job we placed that in as an unclassified position. As of next year, had that been a classified attorney position, much like all of the ones in the county, that particular individual would be at an Executive II, Step II level, so what we have asked for is to fund that position at the Executive II, Step II level and again we have a petition pending before the Job Study Committee to classify that job as an Executive II position.

Councilmember Raben: Which account was that again?

Steve Owens: Uh, Jim that is account number 1303-1801 Public Defender Appeals and that is presently, I think he is presently at \$44,000 and some odd and this figure that we are using in our proposed budget would be the 2003 Executive II Step II position. The only other positions that we have asked for that are, would be considered new positions, is that again we are asking for the Administrative Assistant and I wish that I had called that something else when we identified that before the Job Study Committee. What we are looking at is a basically is an Administrator/Office Manager, secretarial combined position. The Public Defender Commission requires that we have a certain amount of support staff. We have presently, two secretaries, two paralegals and an investigator, is our support staff. We have five support staff personnel, to support 20 plus part time attorneys and the two full time attorneys that are in the office. I think if you compare that to the support staff that the Prosecutor's office presently has, you will find that our ratio of support staff to attorneys is significantly lower. The Extra Help line item, we have asked for an appropriation of \$2,500 and that is primarily to hire interns during the summer or during the school year to assist us with some of the clerical work that we are finding that we need to have done during the course of the year. Other than that, I think our budget request is, we have some increases in certain line items and we have some decreases in other line items, we have been operational now for about 18 months and we are finding that certain needs or certain items don't need as much budget and other items need more. If we compare and I have been asked this question, what is this costing Vanderburgh County, in looking at the figures that are available to me from 2000 for example, Vanderburgh County spent about \$900,000 for indigent defense in that calendar year. If you look at what we have spent for the first 18 months of our existence as an agency and what has been received from the State Public Defender Commission in terms of reimbursement, you are about a break even spot. It is a little difficult because there are certain items that are included within our budget that aren't normally included. For example, rent, we were paying, or the county was paying for the space that we occupy, I don't know how you factor that in, when, into the 2000 figures but you were nevertheless undergoing that expense. So, I would say that based upon what we have received thus far, you are in a break even position with this agency. Contrary to, I think, popular opinion, there hasn't been a significant increase in the number of public defenders. This agency added five part-time attorneys when it opened and that is it. That was, that is the net number of increase in attorneys that our doing felony cases, there has been no increase in attorneys for misdemeanors. There was one increase recently as the Council may recall in juvenile, which put us to three there. In terms of appeals, we have a full time appellate attorney which the Prosecutor doesn't have but that is because they don't do criminal appeals, they are done by the State Attorney General's office. So, in terms of real net effect, what you have looked at is an addition of five part time people.

President Winnecke: Steve, I have two questions. One, line 3943 Pauper Expense, if I understand the rationale that is provided correctly, basically this has helped, this it seems to me is a means by which to reduce the case load in the office?

Steve Owens: Not entirely. Pauper Expense takes care of one of the things that we pay out of our budget which is mental health hearings. Those aren't handled by any of the Public Defenders in my office. Those are normally handled outside of the office. The Clerk's office calls some attorney that does mental health hearings, they have a variety of people they call and the send the bills to us because when we started the agency that was there. Other things that are paid out of that are conflict attorneys. If we have a multiple defendant case we may not be able to use because of conflicts of people within the office so we will hire somebody

outside of the office to do a criminal case, either as a trial or an appeal. We have a lot of juvenile related expenses, I, for example this year thus far we have paid out over \$5,000 in juvenile related matters that are not able to be handled by the juvenile public defenders. So, the 3943 account is kind of a conflict attorneys, mental health hearings.

President Winnecke: Specialty areas?

Steve Owens: Specialty things that can not be retained within the office.

President Winnecke: The other question that I had, Travel and Mileage. You are talking again in the rationale book about sending staff members for continuing education. Is most of the continuing education for your office required in Indianapolis?

Steve Owens: Unfortunately, yes. We just recently got the Public Defender Commission to agree to present a seminar down here and that will be September 4 and 5 depending on the turn out we get from that will depend on whether they will be bring some more down here. But, a couple of things that we have, that private counsel does not have, death penalty qualifications. Your attorneys have to be death penalty qualified, they have to attend the seminar in Indianapolis that is given once per year and they have to go every two years. So, what we do, is we sent a group last year and we will send a group this year. That is fairly expensive deal when you are sending five or six people at a time. But, if we don't do that, if we don't keep these people qualified then what we are going to have to do is that we are going to have to hire people who are qualified from outside the office, if they are not, what we are trying to do is maintain a staff of death penalty qualified within Vanderburgh County. Most of the other seminars that are produced by either ICLEF or the Public Defender Council are held out of Evansville so we are all constantly traveling and it is not like we are going to Florida.

President Winnecke: Exotic locations.

Steve Owens: Indianapolis is not an exotic location.

President Winnecke: I agree. Other questions for Mr. Owen? Councilman Sutton.

Councilmember Hoy: Since I go to Indianapolis once a month on a Governor's Commission, I appreciate the fact that it is not an exotic city, it is an insurance company city.

President Winnecke: That it is.

Councilmember Sutton: Good morning. Question for you. On Line Item 4210 and 4220, Office Furniture and Office Machines, can you give us a little bit more information on what you are intending for those two areas. It is the same levels, basically, the same levels as what you requested last year. But, we really haven't spent much.

Steve Owens: We haven't spent a whole lot this year, one of the things we need to buy is another printer. We just recently ordered some office furniture so that bill hasn't come in yet and thus isn't reflected in the figures that you have on what we have spent. We're really, again, kind of early in the system, we're not real sure what all we are going to need. One of the things that we are finding that we are going to need in the near future I think is some possibly some remodeling. We are rapidly running out of rooms in which to meet with clients, conference rooms and that sort of thing. So, we may end up having to use some of that money for that but we were waiting for the Building Authority to get back with us on what is doable. Does that answer your question?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: I think that's a place where the Building Authority has some money for the remodeling. But, I am the liaison to this office and it's, they definitely need some spaces to meet folks, because it, they pretty much just have a big box room and that is it.

Steve Owens: We are using all of the offices.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah. But, it's not overly furnished that is for sure.

Steve Owens: No, it is not overly furnished but we get by.

President Winnecke: I just have one other question. Regarding the Investigator which, whose salary we set in at \$29,683. How does that compare to the Investigative Services, the line item, Contractual Services, Investigative?

Steve Owens: Well, as you may recall when we started we couldn't find anybody. The public defender standards require two investigators to have adequate support staff. When we started the office we couldn't find investigators that were willing to come over and work with us at the salary that we could pay. We took the Investigative Contractual Services line item and we were hiring independent investigators on an as needed basis. Then we were able to fill one of the investigative positions. His salary is comparable, at set it, is comparable to what a PAT IV Step I investigator is in the Prosecutor's office. The, and again, it may be a labeling problem, that Investigative Contractual Services line item probably ought to read simply Contractual Services. We pay independent, investigate work out of that, that our in house investigators can do. We pay expert witnesses out of that, we are paying for medical records out of that account. Things that we can not obtain or don't have really a line item to pay, we pay out of that account. This year we have spent, something like \$6,000 in expert witnesses out of that account and about another \$6,000 in investigative fees.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Steve, I think you did mention it, caseload? In terms of this year you know we have been roughly, we have been through, seven months. Can you give us an idea as to how your case load this year compares to maybe last year or what the case load had been the year before. Just trying to get a sense whether that case load is in line with what it had been before, increased decreased?

Steve Owens: The number of cases that our office gets appointed to I think has increased somewhat. But that is a function of what the judges do in terms of making those appointments. The caseloads that are handled by the individual attorneys remain constant because they have to stay constant under the Commission guidelines. We have to keep them relatively the same in order to obtain the reimbursement. So, their individual case loads are not going to go up or down significantly. What happens is when they become fully loaded in a given quarter for example, we are going to have to hire outside attorneys under the 3943 account for example to take those excess cases as long as we want to continue to get reimbursed-

Councilmember Sutton: What is the maximum allowable under the, the statute.

Steve Owens: Under the commission standards and the ordinance that was adopted you are looking at about roughly 75 new felony cases per year per felony public defender. It differs for juvenile, it differs from misdemeanor and it also really differs for the felony people depending upon the mix of the cases and whether they have a death penalty case or whether they don't have a death penalty case. But, round numbers 75 new felony cases per four quarter period.

Councilmember Sutton: That doesn't necessarily mean that they have 75 cases that they are working with because some cases carry on from one year to the next, so you actually could be above-

Steve Owens: They could have more than 75 open cases, correct.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Steve Owens: The Commission only looks at the number of new cases they have not yet started looking at how quickly those cases are closed or how many cases you are carrying open. Ideally you would hope that they have less than 75 open at any given time.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Steve, on 1840 is that position filled? That 1840 that Deputy Public Defender.

Steve Owens: Is that the Juvenile Deputy Public Defender?

Councilmember Raben: It doesn't state that.

President Winnecke: Probably.

Steve Owens: You may recall that, I think it is the Juvenile Public Defender, and you may recall that is the position that I came to the Council back in I believe May or June and asked that you fund that position to the tune of 40% and we would fund it 60% out of the Bond and Forfeitures and that is where that has been funded and yes it is filled.

Councilmember Hoy: Will you be able to fund some out of that our of Bonds and Forfeitures?

Steve Owens: Yeah, I believe that we will be able to continue to fund that position by 60% out of the Bond Forfeitures for the foreseeable future.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Steve, I appreciate your time.

Steve Owens: Thank you.

COUNTY CLERK

President Winnecke: County Clerk, page one and number one in our hearts.

Marsha Abell: Marsha Abell.

President Winnecke: Councilmember Tornatta.

Councilmember Tornatta: Typo, I guess everybody has recognized the typo in the PERF, do we know what that is set in at yet? 1910.

Councilmember Raben: No, we will actually set those in September though.

President Winnecke: That is a good catch and we will need to get a right number on that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Do we have a, I mean if we have an idea of what that is? Okay.

Marsha Abell: I have one that you can, Bond and Insurance, number 3000, we have had that in their for a long time, we have never used it, I don't even know what it is.

President Winnecke: So, we could zero that out?

Marsha Abell: I think you could. I fall under the County's bond and I don't think.

President Winnecke: What was that number?

Marsha Abell: Oh, you are not finished with me. I have never gotten by with a \$1,300 cut.

President Winnecke: Maybe we should give Councilmember Wortman the honor.

Marsha Abell: Well, we were looking that over and we have not spent it as long as I have been here we have not spent that money. Let's just take it out and if I need it I will come back and ask you for it.

President Winnecke: Marsha, let's talk about 1990 Extra Help. How is that, remind us how that is utilized. It is on page four.

Marsha Abell: Well, a lot of that as been used for, as you may recall one year I had seven people pregnant in one year. This year I have had four people off on medical leave in one year and I don't think it is going to get any better. I know, I have three of them taking fertility drugs, so you know, I don't anticipate that it is going to get any better. I am just planning for what I think is going to happen. I have a young staff?

Councilmember Tornatta: Are any of those men?

Marsha Abell: No, but they can take medical leave to and I wouldn't be surprised.

Councilmember Raben: Marsha, at one point was that not increased way back when we were straightening up records?

Marsha Abell: Oh yeah, the past. I thought he was asking about the future. The past it was for that.

Councilmember Raben: But, would that not be why it was ever set it that high.

Marsha Abell: Not in 2002. In 2002, we set it in anticipating medical leave. We have spent more than the \$5,900 that it shows there. I have had three people off on medical leave. Of course, I don't have anywhere to pull money from when they are off on medical leave. They have time built up, so they continue to draw on their line item. We can lower it, if you want to, I am not dead set on that amount of money, just planning for what I anticipate what happens.

Councilmember Sutton: Marsha, you are on a roll, keep going. Any others?

Marsha Abell: Well, we can wait and if they don't get pregnant and I don't need it, I can always come back if they do and I need it. It's not, I would like to keep some of it because I would like to keep some of it in the summer because I would like to work out at the, I hire some summer students and I need some of it left in there but you could cut it in half if you want to.

President Winnecke: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Marsha, on page four, the PERF 1910, we have a \$7,553.00, that is possibly a mistake, don't you think?

Marsha Abell: I think that is what Mr. Tornatta brought up in the beginning, yes.

Councilmember Wortman: And then, there was another one here, oh, we are we are on the Record Storage, that has increased there \$25,000.

Marsha Abell: Well, that is going to increase every year because we keep taking more records over there. The more paper we create, the more paper we take over there, the more the charge us.

Councilmember Tornatta: At one point did we talk about, or do you have to keep those records as is or do we talk about it sometime trying to reduce those and disks and or microfiche or whatever was talked about.

Marsha Abell: Well, I am not using, I now have a fund that I now control that has \$2 for every case that is filed in my office and I can only use it for electronic access to records. So, I am putting older books on CD and with the new computer system going on, we will be able to use those and those books will be able to be stored somewhere else but still will never be able to be destroyed, those are original orders of the court and I have to keep those forever but they could be stored somewhere else where I don't have to have access to them because we will have them on the CD. But, other than that, we don't scan in nor have any way to scan in the summons and complaint, interrogatories, questions and answers, anything that is filed in the court other than stuff that we actually generate in my office has to be in a file has to be in paper form and it is going to continue to grow.

Councilmember Tornatta: How big is the warehouse that we are using right now, do you know?

Marsha Abell: Well, they just built us a new one. It's huge. It is and if you have been out there, the one that is closest to the street as you pull right into Kinder Moving and Storage, we have almost that entire warehouse now.

President Winnecke: That is probably 30 - 40 feet tall, I would say.

Marsha Abell: At least.

President Winnecke: And I would say that if you haven't been out there it is pretty impressive especially compared to where the records were two years ago.

Marsha Abell: Oh, yeah.

President Winnecke: Where they were strewn about over at the Garvin Industrial Center. I mean it is all bar coded, when you walk in, it is very impressive.

Marsha Abell: And we haven't had a problem with not being able to find files since we have put this in a system where you can retrieve things. It is a good system and it is going to continue to grow. I don't see that, even with electronic storage, right now the State Court Administration is not allowing us to get rid of the paper stuff. They are saying you can put it on electronic storage also but you still have to keep the paper. So, you know we are just, we generate so much paper it is unbelievable. It is something like 200,000 sheets of paper a month come out of the computers that just my office uses.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, but we have talked about this, I see a financial monster.

Marsha Abell: Oh, it is going to get worse.

Councilmember Tornatta: We continue to add to that and my problem would be if we start seeing this number creep up and it creeps up 33% in one year of what we are asking and if that continues that is not a good trend and at some point we either have to be okay with it like we have been on the computers. We are okay with seeing that trend go up or we have to be pro-active and do something about it. Whether it is, we talked about it maybe not as adequate amount of space but there is space over at the Old Courthouse. Would there ever be a time where we would want to build a facility that we would, that we could run and essentially have a budget that we are spending right now take care of it.

Marsha Abell: There is something that we could do and I have looked into it but I didn't put it in the budget because it wouldn't be in there for very long anyway. But, are basement storage

in the other building, if the floor is substantial enough to handle moving file shelves and I don't know if you have seen those. They are actually on tracks, like railroad tracks and it's one shelf right up against another and I had a man who has looked at our records and we could probably, he thinks that he could put about six times as much stuff in that other building as we have there now if we had the moveable shelves.

President Winnecke: Which building?

Marsha Abell: In the administration, in the basement of the administration building where my storage are is. See, that is where we put our short term storage. We put our long term storage out at Kinder. We could put more there but even at that, eventually it is going to fill up too. But, still it is, it's a way to get more storage space. One of expenses at Kinder is the retrieving of the documents. So, if we kept more of the more recent documents next door, where we could retrieve them, we could cut that expense by that amount and I would be happy to continue to pursue that if you want me too, getting estimates from him.

President Winnecke: If you could also remind us what the pricing formula is, or the pricing agreement with Kinder is.

Marsha Abell: Well, I don't have the contract, the County Commissioners do but I know that in their contract it is a \$1 retrieval cost. Right now they are not retrieving documents for us very often. We are sending Elizabeth over there twice a week to do the retrieval and filing our self. But, if they were to do those for us, this figure would be so large you wouldn't be able to pay it.

President Winnecke: I guess to the point that Troy is trying to make, what, is that price increase built into the contract or is it just because of the additional documents that we are sending there?

Marsha Abell: It is a contract that is charged by the box and next Friday we are sending over about 50 something more boxes.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Marsha Abell: I don't know what the per box price is, I don't have the contract, the County Commissioners have it. Actually this originally was under their budget it wasn't in mine.

Councilmember Hoy: I haven't been out there but I am assuming this is a pole barn building, metal building?

Marsha Abell: Metal building on a concrete slab.

Councilmember Hoy: On a concrete slab?

Marsha Abell: Um, um.

Councilmember Hoy: I know about those buildings, I have had experience in constructing.

Marsha Abell: In building those.

Councilmember Hoy: Not building personally, but letting contracts on those and we might reach the point where we want to build out own, I don't know. When you are looking at this much money per year.

Marsha Abell: Other departments would love to send stuff out there. They contact me all the time to see if they can send stuff out there too.

Councilmember Hoy: It is my understanding that what you now have is far better than what you had before, no question.

Marsha Abell: Oh, yeah, but a lot.

Councilmember Hoy: That means that we have done a good thing but as we look to the future we might want to.

Marsha Abell: I think the City has the same problem so if you are actually thinking of constructing something you might want to construct a joint storage building.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a notion that we might find an empty building in Evansville, we have one or two.

Marsha Abell: We might?

Councilmember Hoy: A thousand.

Councilmember Tornatta: We are talking about purchasing 40 acres about 3:30 so, you know we do have avenues and space that we could utilize. It is just an option.

Marsha Abell: I get most of my workers from there anyway.

COUNTY CLERK IV-D

President Winnecke: Let's move onto IV-D. Any questions of the Clerk on the IV-D budget? Page 6. Let's go to the Election Office, page 72.

Councilmember Sutton: Before we get to the Election Office.

President Winnecke: Oh, I'm sorry. Let's change the tapes.

(TAPE CHANGE)

Councilmember Hoy: --I had one change the tape and Councilman Sutton has had one.

Councilmember Sutton: I was recognized, I wasn't speaking.

Councilmember Hoy: So he's 100 percent ahead of me.

President Winnecke: Councilman Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you Mr. President. The...we're talking a lot about what you're requesting here from us, the expense side. But if you have any information on your revenue side will you bring it to us?

Marsha Abell: I bring you quite a bit. Actually I send it over to the General Fund every month. You must be asking that because there's a zero income in the IV-D account that you've got no money in this year, is that correct?

Councilmember Sutton: That would be my motivation.

Marsha Abell: That would be a good guess. Well, the state of Indiana has decided that it's just too much paperwork for them to send us that money every month and they'll make one annual distribution and it's going to be in September. I have no idea how much we're going to get.

Councilmember Sutton: What did we get last year?

Marsha Abell: I don't have those. Do you all have the income? I don't have the income, unless it's here somewhere.

Bill Fluty: I'm showing 183,000 for last year.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Marsha Abell: Then they took some back from us. And then they found out that they didn't mean to take it back from us and so they're supposed to give it to us again in September. But I don't know.

Councilmember Sutton: Now how about like on fees and charges and things that you normally have to...(inaudible) become a part of your office.

Marsha Abell: You mean the Clerks office, not the Child Support part?

Councilmember Sutton: Right, the Clerks office. Not the Child Support part.

Marsha Abell: I don't know how much that is. You know, we send that over every month. That's distributed among the General Fund. We break it down, fees, copy fees, filing fees, and part of it goes to the Police Training Fund and some of it goes back to the Prosecutor and you know, it's divided out among a lot of different accounts and they do that in the Auditor's office. We send the paperwork over to them.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. If you could maybe get something on that as well that shows—

Marsha Abell: I can get with Teri and maybe—

Councilmember Sutton: —what revenue your office does generate. I say, we're talking about on the expense side here. If we can see the revenue as well, that would be helpful. It looks...2001 looks like we had a figure of 466 through June you're at 279. So looking at the rate that you're going to continue like you've been the first six months of the year the revenue should exceed your 2001 figure by maybe about 10 percent something like that.

Marsha Abell: I'll check on it and see what we think we're doing on it.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

ELECTION OFFICE

President Winnecke: Okay, Election Office page 72. What falls in the classification as other supplies, page 73, line item 2700?

Marsha Abell: Just a minute and I'll tell you. That's all the stuff that we order that we have to have printed like absentee ballot envelopes and those kinds of things that are not ordered through our election vendor. The only thing ordered through our election vendor is our punch cards. That's the supplies, yeah that's the ballot cards. The other is the other supplies like the envelopes for absentee balloting and the ballot sheets that we print out.

President Winnecke: Contractual Services is actually the machines?

Marsha Abell: Yeah, that's the contract with ES&S.

Councilmember Sutton: Are you talking about Contractual Services?

President Winnecke: Line 3530, yeah.

Councilmember Sutton: That was, I'm sorry, what was your answer on that Marsha?

Marsha Abell: Yes, that's our contract with ES&S. However, we don't have a contract with ES&S. So, we're just hoping that will hold the line and provide us another election at the price they have there. I suspect they will.

President Winnecke: It's in for 52,510 and this year we have it in at 34,500. So do you actually anticipate that large of an increase for next year?

Marsha Abell: Well, we spent more than we had budgeted this year. We didn't budget enough.

President Winnecke: Oh, I see, right.

Marsha Abell: We still got...now we've already printed almost everything for the November election. I almost got everything...there will still be some increase from them.

Councilmember Sutton: Line item 3570, Janitorial Services. Where's that service being provided?

Marsha Abell: That's the service we have to pay on the places that we use to vote that aren't county facilities.

President Winnecke: Councilman Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: On the voting machines—

Marsha Abell: Which ones, the ones we have now?

Councilmember Hoy: No, no, the big one, 4620, the new ones.

Marsha Abell: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: I understand the state has mandated this, what's their drop dead date for getting this done?

Marsha Abell: The way it stands right now, and I have talked to them about a week, actually last week I talked to Brad King at the Election division, the mandate is still there. It has to be in place and working by the 2004 election. We can no longer use punch cards.

President Winnecke: What happens if we don't have it?

Marsha Abell: Well, you know, I asked the same thing, thinking that was a cute little response, you know, what can they do to us, they weren't going to disenfranchise 115,000 voters. The problem is, they're not going to allow ES&S to produce the punch cards. So that's what will happen. We won't have any ballots. The vendor will not be allowed to produce what we need to run a punch card election. You see, they're controlled by the state. The state allows them to do what they do and the state will not allow them to do it. So we will be marking them by hand I guess, because we won't be able to use a punch card. We won't have any cards to punch.

Councilmember Sutton: Marsha, your projections for the Election office, the supplies and all the items that you're going to need. Is that...are you basing that on a county wide election? Next year is a city election? Can we...could there be some adjustments based upon that fact?

Marsha Abell: I'll tell you why I left it as high as I did. We're going to...if we don't buy new election equipment and I read the paper just like everybody else does, I suspected that you've

already decided you weren't going to do that. Our equipment is so old and in such bad shape, we're going to spend every bit of that and maybe more. I don't even know...ES&S doesn't have...they're not producing any new parts because their equipment had been decertified by the state. I think I'm going to spend that much and I may spend more than that trying to go around the to find counties that aren't using punch cards anymore to buy extra stuff to run our election in its entirety now. Every year more and more machines, I hate to use the term breakdown, but they're wearing out. The springs that hold the frame down into the machine that you punch through is wearing out and they're not producing anymore of those little plastic cards with the screen on them. We bend them and work around to try to make them work as best we can.

Councilmember Sutton: Marsha, I'm not necessarily referring to the machines. I'm talking about the supplies and all the other things to help make the election happen.

Marsha Abell: Yeah.

Councilmember Sutton: Are we basing this on a countywide or city election?

Marsha Abell: Well, we kept...we base it on city, but for knowing that it's a city...we filled in an increase in cost for things too. Which is why it is much higher. Plus, we're going to have...now we're having to do different ballots that we didn't do before because they're passing new laws about 17 year old's getting to vote in the primary and they got to have different colored ballots and, you know, more and more people can vote by absentee so I figure I'm going to have more of those to send out. Now you don't have to declare a reason, you can just vote absentee if you want too, so I suspect that number is really going to go up. I'm just trying to anticipate what might happen with the new regulations. You know, I overspent my budget already this year, if you break it down into two elections, I'm over it. So I obviously didn't budget properly last year. So I'm just trying to make up for that.

Councilmember Sutton: I think you've mentioned this before. Talking about the whole area with the voting machines, this is something we've been talking about for a number of years.

Marsha Abell: Betty Knight-Smith, I think came here and asked for new election equipment.

Councilmember Sutton: We just haven't quite gotten around to that yet. We are going to have to figure out what we're going to do. We've got a little bit of time, but it will be here quicker than we think. The whole idea I think you even mentioned it was the possibility of even leasing some equipment from a county or an area that's not having an election when we're having our election. It might be something that we may have ultimately end up doing rather than buying all the equipment for ourselves. So, we'll just have to continue to look at our options.

Marsha Abell: Yeah, I think my biggest concern about waiting until 2004 is that all the counties are also waiting until 2004 and there's just going to be a certain amount available and I don't know what they'll have...what the state would do if we were not able to get the equipment in time. I guess it'll depend on how they looked at what we did, if we ordered it in a timely manner, they might look more kindly on us.

President Winnecke: We're certainly not the only county facing this.

Marsha Abell: No, but Terre Haute bought new equipment bought new equipment this year, Gibson County bought new equipment two years ago. All of them are...we're the largest county left on punch card by a substantial amount.

President Winnecke: Okay. How accurate is 1.5 million dollars?

Marsha Abell: Well, that was accurate the last time I talked to the vendor. That's for touch screen. There are some financing options available I understand. I haven't gotten into those.

I couldn't...I wouldn't get into them because I don't know enough about that kind of stuff, you'd have to ask somebody else to look at that. That's not too far off. That's based on fewer numbers of precincts than what we had before.

Councilmember Hoy: What occurs to me and this just has nothing to do with this budget, and it does is, an organization whose board I'm on monitors elections in third world country's and they'll walk two days to vote and they'll have 90 percent turn out. I do not believe that making registration easier or voting easier has done anything to get the electors out in this country. I think we ought to be ashamed of ourselves. That has nothing to do with you Marsha nor, you know, with what's going on here, but I wish the legislature would leave this alone and not continue to make it easier, because...it doesn't...it does not increase the voter pool at all and it makes it sound like, you know, voting is just casual thing. I think it might be good for people to line up for a while.

Marsha Abell: We had the worst voter turn out of any county in the state, in May. The problem from a financial standpoint is that I still have to order stuff based on thinking that everybody is going to vote. You know, because I can't be there on election day and say that I only ordered for ten percent because only ten percent voted and have 30 percent show up to want to vote. So we threw away huge dumpsters of unused envelopes and they change the envelopes almost every time instead of letting us order a bid supply and using the same one year after year. We threw away I don't know how many thousands of boxes of unopened envelopes and ballots that weren't used and it becomes a big waste. That's one thing with touch screen you don't have. You don't have that big printing waste. There's some offsets to the touch screen system that we spend money for that we wouldn't be spending with a touch screen. My reason for liking the touch screen, and I didn't at first, I really liked the optical scan, those of you that came over and saw the demonstrations. I like the one you marked the ballot and stuck it in because you had a paper ballot. That isn't going to be around much longer anyway because the hearing impaired and the visually impaired are going to insist that they have a machine that they can use and the touch screen actually has an audible portion to it that will read the ballot to someone who cannot see and they can punch buttons to make their voting. To buy one that's going to be our cake would be a waste a time anyway. So, you know, the most expensive one is the touch screen but I think that's what the state is going to demand in the future.

Councilmember Hoy: That's not the part I'm complaining about, you know that, I'm just complaining about the fact that a whole able-bodied people just don't seem to care. Maybe that connects with the fact that we need, you know, campaign reform, very badly in this country because what I've run into all of the time is folks who just say well it's who gets the most money is who wins anyway, note that how they get it.

Marsha Abell: Well, maybe now that I can pull the jury from something other than voter registration people would be more interested in registering to vote if they didn't want to before.

Councilmember Raben: I'm with Phil, all in favor of no vehicles the first Tuesday of November, say I.

President Winnecke: Are there any other questions for the Clerk? Thank you Marsha.

Marsha Abell: Okay.

President Winnecke: We're going to take a ten minute break and we'll begin promptly at 10:35.

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SHERIFF

President Winnecke: Okay. Page 16.

Brad Ellsworth: Good morning, Sheriff Brad Ellsworth. Just before you get started on me, I would like to thank the Councilmembers that came down to our office and initiated those meetings to discuss our budget. I appreciate that.

President Winnecke: I'll jump in and start. Just to break the ice. Page 24, line 1210, College Incentive. Remind us what that's all about, and how it's used.

Brad Ellsworth: The College Incentive Fund is for Deputies, I couldn't tell you exactly what year it was implemented, is the fund that rewards Deputies to the tune of I believe it's \$500 for an Associate Degree, \$1,000 for those Deputies that have a Bachelors Degree, and \$2,000 bonus a year for a Masters Degree. That is Deputies only, not civilians, or Correction Officers or Detention Officers. Obviously, we feel that a better educated Deputy is going to serve the citizens of Vanderburgh County in a better way, and would like to reward the years they spent in a institution of higher education.

President Winnecke: And those are annual stipends?

Brad Ellsworth: Yes, they are.

President Winnecke: Okay. Last year we talked a little bit about the College Reimbursement, who is monitoring to see what classes are appropriate for reimbursement?

Brad Ellsworth: That's generally done by myself, the Chief Deputy, and the Director of Personnel. Those requests for College Reimbursement come into us, and they have to be pre-approved that they, historically, that was not always the case. If they were taking college classes, they were reimbursed. A few years ago we tightened that up, made it a pre-approval form, where it does have to be in some type of related, or what we feel is related that would be something in psychology, sociology, criminal justice. We would consider some kind of public administration and/or public finance things, because we, obviously, have to deal with that too. We make that decision between the three of us.

President Winnecke: How many take advantage of that during the course of the year?

Brad Ellsworth: It's varied. It has slacked off a little bit. What we've done on the department is, we used to have where you had to within eight years you had to receive a Bachelors degree, and it was paid for by the department. We've, I wouldn't say we've relaxed that standard, but we've made other options; four years in the military, college or two years of constant employment with a full time employer is an option, could take the place of that Bachelor degree. Obviously, more and more people have the degree now. It's, I don't know, Chief, can you yell up here about how many take? Oh, there he is.

Eric Williams: It's dropped dramatically. We probably have five to ten people right now that get some reimbursement.

Brad Ellsworth: If that didn't pick up, it's somewhere in the area between five and ten.

President Winnecke: What kind of turnover do you experience in a year?

Brad Ellsworth: Deputies?

President Winnecke: Uh-huh.

Brad Ellsworth: Very small. It, a lot of it depends on retirements. We had a pretty big retirement class in the last two years. Now I don't expect, we're pretty young, I don't expect to have many retirements in the next few years. We're kind of in that middle, my age group guys, that will be staying around for a while, or the old guys. So, every once in a while we'll lose one. We hired a guy that quit after his first day at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy last week. Didn't like what they served, I guess, I don't know. It's very small. Once people, they try so hard to get into this job, that once they get on and go through the testing process, they don't leave.

Councilmember Raben: If I'm not mistaken, our senior most officer is in the audience.

Unidentified: I'm not the oldest one yet.

Brad Ellsworth: His hair just looks like he is.

Councilmember Raben: I thought, who, I thought you were.

Unidentified: I'm looking at the top five.

Councilmember Raben: Oh, okay, and he still looks pretty healthy. Would come up here and let us see your teeth and stuff?

Brad Ellsworth: We do have a mandatory physical fitness policy that we make them adhere to. So, he's in good shape.

President Winnecke: I also had a question regarding, what's the difference in the Clothing line item and the Uniform line item?

Brad Ellsworth: Okay, I think the Uniform line item is what we, when a Deputy first comes on that we actually buy them their first set of uniform, the gun, belt, a couple shirts, a couple pairs of pants, shoes, hat, coat, and that. Are you talking about Clothing Allowance then?

President Winnecke: Yeah, the difference between that and the Uniform?

Brad Ellsworth: Okay, and then after their first year, anything after the first year, then the Deputy is responsible for the replacement and the upkeep of his own uniform. That can either be done by his doing, what he feels he needs, or if a supervisor sees a problem, too tight, too loose, shoes that are scarred up, then he can mandate that that Deputy go replace worn equipment. They also, if they are out on a search, get through briars, which happens quite often, and they rip their pants on briars, then they are responsible for the replacement of those.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Brad Ellsworth: That's why I've asked for the increase from \$1,000 to \$1,500. As you know, the two civilian contracts that we have with the Detention Officers and Correction Officers is \$1,000 Clothing Allowance, both those entities are in Dickies brand uniforms, which are about \$25 for a pair of pants, \$25 for a shirt. The uniform that I'm wearing, and the other Deputies is about \$55 for a shirt, and about \$70 for the pants, as well, as probably \$300 for the leather, and the shoes are obviously a lot more. It just costs us a lot more to replace. There is a lot more opportunity to tear up a uniform in the field, as opposed to in the jail or the Correction Complex. The \$1,000 was set in somewhere in the late 80's. These clothes have not gone down in price, in fact, they've obviously gone up since the late 80's, and the Clothing Allowance has not. So, we would like to move that up a little bit to bring that into line.

President Winnecke: Okay. Other questions?

Councilmember Raben: On those items?

President Winnecke: On any item?

Councilmember Raben: Just, I don't know, Brad, if you hit on this but the other civilian Uniform Allowance (Inaudible. Mike not on.)

Brad Ellsworth: Right. The increase, and I think it's 1751, is a contract (Inaudible) agreed upon. If I can throw something back, and offer something up, in line 2660, Chief and I were looking over some accounts for reserves. We would be willing to cut that from \$15,000 to \$10,000. We have less reserves on our department, and could get by. So, if you want to knock that down by five, we would be agreeable to that.

President Winnecke: Great. Thank you. What equipment do we lease? Line 3630.

Eric Williams: (Inaudible. Not at mike.)

President Winnecke: It's for \$1,200.

Eric Williams: That's the Court Security (Inaudible) access equipment.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Brad Ellsworth: With Sonitrol.

President Winnecke: Great.

Brad Ellsworth: We've also talked, in line 3920, and I've talked to several of the Councilmembers that we would be willing to zero that account out. We can cover that out of a different account. It was Youth Development. I think it was in for five, and we would offer that as zeroing that account.

Councilmember Raben: There, Brad and I had discussed on 3725, which I still don't have the answer back, but there are some grants that are available today as part of their brown field grants, what have you, or grey field, but there are some grants available for cleaning up meth labs, and what have you that, I hope to have the answer by the end of the week, but—

Brad Ellsworth: That number is just, I mean, it's been in the news, you know, every month. Two years ago we might have had five labs. You know, we've had 20 something this year already. That varies from anywhere from \$600 for a small cooler type lab, to several thousand if somebody is running it in their house in a basement. We continue to apply to the Super Fund, the Federal Super Fund. They've changed some of their guidelines since meth labs are such a, they used to be just an unusual occurrence. But now that it's such a usual occurrence, it no longer falls under the guidelines of the Super Fund. They haven't told us they won't pay for it yet, but we're about 18 months behind in bills, and I think we're already, Eric, what did we say \$12,000 in to clean ups that we haven't paid yet?

Eric Williams: \$1,200 this year after the appropriation (Inaudible. Not at mike.)

Brad Ellsworth: So, it's a problem that doesn't look to be going away.

President Winnecke: Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: How are we doing with our money in the safe? Is that doing pretty good?

Brad Ellsworth: Well, State Board of Accounts came in last week, and we counted it together, and it was all there. So, anytime you all want to come down, and count it with me, you're welcome. It's there. There's a new accounting system in there.

Councilmember Sutton: Brad, do you want to clarify that explanation. Money in the safe sounds a little under the—

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible. Mike not on.)

Brad Ellsworth: Boy, I could have a, never mind.

Councilmember Sutton: That's the money for drug buys.

Brad Ellsworth: Yeah, that's money, it's a cash account, or actually not a cash account, but we do keep a certain amount of money in the safe for the instances where we do have to make a large purchase of narcotics. So, it's there.

Councilmember Wortman: You got an ample supply?

Brad Ellsworth: Right now, yes.

Councilmember Wortman: Good. Good. You don't have any extra for your budget though.

Brad Ellsworth: I think I put in a true and fair budget. There's not many raises in it, so.

President Winnecke: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Sheriff, we talked about that Motor Vehicles, 4230, \$125,000. That can be cut in half. The other \$125,000 is in the Commissioners budget, is that?

Brad Ellsworth: If you approve the Commissioners budget for \$125,000, then we can cut that in half. I mean, you can do whatever you want, but, obviously—

Councilmember Raben: What do we figure today per unit?

Brad Ellsworth: It's about 20, just the raw vehicle \$22,000, in that area, \$22,000, \$23,000. By the time you put the computers in it, and the lights, and the sirens, you're probably talking about another \$5,000 per unit. Maybe a little more than that. So, you're probably looking at about \$30,000 per vehicle.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. You know, we, really, in our earlier conversation didn't really hit on this line much, but, is there any room for wiggle at all in that? I mean, would this be for ten or 12 patrol cars probably, right?

Brad Ellsworth: Probably right at ten.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Brad Ellsworth: We've got to get. You guys have been generous the last couple of years. Our fleet is in good shape. I think our oldest car now is a '96, in that area. We've got some '96's left. As you know, they rack up the miles in a very fast fashion. You know, we're proud of the fleet. It's a good fleet, but with the size of our department, and the size of our jurisdiction, ten cars is kind of what we, when we have the two and three car years, it will screw us up for years down the road. It's, we feel it's a pretty good replacement program, and if we can stay in the ten car area. So, I, you know, I would encourage you to stay with that trend. I know it's a lot of money, but it works much better that way.

President Winnecke: Average, what kind of mileage are you putting on a vehicles a year? 35,000 to 40,000 range?

Brad Ellsworth: Easily.

Eric Williams: Our (Inaudible. Not at mike.) car right now—

President Winnecke: Please step up to—

Brad Ellsworth: This is Chief Deputy, Eric Williams.

Eric Williams: I checked mileages this week, and the last set of cars that went on the line from last year, the one's that are line cars, are just now turning 65,000 and 70,000.

Councilmember Raben: Those were put on line last year?

Eric Williams: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible. Mike not on.) How many cars?

Eric Williams: We put nine patrol vehicles, marked units out on the line last year.

President Winnecke: According to the budget book, there is still, oh, never mind, strike that.

Brad Ellsworth: They didn't get our cars ready. We ordered them at a timely fashion—

President Winnecke: I got it.

Brad Ellsworth: —they even had to switch model years for us, they delivered so late, so.

Councilmember Sutton: How many cars do you keep in your fleet?

Brad Ellsworth: I think it's probably in the area of 60 to 70 marked vehicles. Something like that.

Councilmember Bassemier: How's your motorcycles holding up, Sheriff?

Brad Ellsworth: They're great. That's the best program that we've started. They have far surpassed what my expectations were on the traffic, and what they've done, and the things they are able to do that a car cannot. So, I'm, I couldn't be more pleased. They are 2000 models, and they've done great. As you know, the city followed suit, and bought four, so we must be doing something right.

Councilmember Raben: Something interesting, I had to run into the office late last night, and I think it was probably 9:30, maybe quarter till ten, and coming back past the Command Post one of them, it appeared as if he was outside practicing on the front sidewalk. I saw him twist and turn, and I had to take a double take. I thought what in the world's going on. I think he was practicing on his bike out there.

Brad Ellsworth: As you know, they don't offer the protection that a car does, but they are also a lot more versatile, but they do practice.

Councilmember Bassemier: In this budget is there, are you going to get another motorcycle in this?

Brad Ellsworth: No.

Councilmember Bassemier: It's all going to be cars?

Brad Ellsworth: Not at this time.

Councilmember Raben: Either that, or he was burning out on your sidewalk.

Brad Ellsworth: Might have been.

Councilmember Raben: It appeared as if he was (Inaudible. Mike not on.)

JAIL

President Winnecke: Let's move on to the Jail, page 28.

Brad Ellsworth: I don't believe I had any changes in that budget at all, from my records, but if you have questions, I would be glad to ask. Or answer them.

President Winnecke: It is essentially the same.

Brad Ellsworth: Do you want to know where we rank in the state on jail budgets, I can tell you that.

President Winnecke: That's alright. We don't care.

Unidentified: (Inaudible. Mike not on.)

Brad Ellsworth: No, it's right in line.

Councilmember Raben: Looks, or it appears as if you've gotten a pretty good handle on the medical based off the two years prior, that that's continues to hold down a little bit doesn't it?

Brad Ellsworth: We've got a great staff up there, and I commend Tracy Sander, our Nurse Manager, who does a great job of watching that. I mean, we also strive to bring that down. We're looking at some things right now in the pharmaceuticals to try to drive that down even further. You know, unfortunately, we have things happen, like the guy jumping out of the window last year that raised us a bill that was astronomical. But, you know, that's one of the things that we, obviously, have to take care of the medical care, but we try to keep it down as much as possible.

Councilmember Raben: Does Councilman Wortman want to address line 2260?

Councilmember Wortman: With inmates being shipped out, would that lower the food cost, or maintain about the same, you think? Or should I go to Ameriqua again and try to get some—

Brad Ellsworth: If you can get us a good deal, if you can get them cheaper, you know, I keep hearing that those things are \$8.00, and I think we're feeding them for \$1.19, or \$1.12, I'm not sure which it is, but if you can get them up there to bring them down, and if you can prove it's cheaper, I'll (Inaudible) whatever.

Councilmember Wortman: One time I got them for 75 cents, and nutritional value there was, I recall. Maybe I'll try again.

Brad Ellsworth: That will work with me.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible. Mike not on.)

SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING

President Winnecke: Page 183.

Brad Ellsworth: Okay, if you remember clearly, there should be one, is it 2760? That is zeroed out? You approved this early in the year, a Clerk in the...I'm sorry, VCCC Misdemeanor Housing, I believe we zeroed and moved that to 2780, Clerk, civilian Clerk from the VCCC to the Jail. That might be the, I don't know, Tim, I've just got in mind that total on the page.

President Winnecke: 182, I think. You're asking for a new Clerk Typist for Misdemeanor Housing?

Brad Ellsworth: Not actually a new position, but it would be, it was transferred, 2760 to 2780.

President Winnecke: I'm following you now. I'm sorry. I got 'ya.

Brad Ellsworth: That's one of those grants you were talking about earlier that never go up. At one time we had four or five employees in that Misdemeanor Housing Grant that's down I believe two, because of the raises and the increases.

President Winnecke: Any other questions?

Councilmember Raben: One quick one. Brad, do you know what the amount of this grant is?

Brad Ellsworth: 100 and, I think it's 188.

Councilmember Raben: 188?

Brad Ellsworth: I believe. We used to, well, I guess, we still do, we shared that, when the VCCC and the Jail were different entities, we shared that between the Sheriff's Department for two Jailers, and then they had, I don't know what they did with theirs, but it seems like 188 comes to mind.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

President Winnecke: Okay, let's move to Community Corrections. Page 103.

Brad Ellsworth: I don't believe we reported any changes or any different requests, but I'll answer any questions that I can.

President Winnecke: Councilman Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Sheriff, are the salaries, the salaries in this line item, I was talking to your Chief Deputy about, are they possibly reimbursed by the state, or are they, that's in a grant?

Brad Ellsworth: That's all in the grant. What they agreed to pay, some salaries are out of User Fees, some are out of the grant, and some are General Fund. It's, we've tried to consolidate like areas into, you know, like all the guards into the grant, or all the guards by General Fund. All the fix-it people out of the grant. We haven't succeeded wholly doing that yet—

Councilmember Tornatta: Right.

Brad Ellsworth: –but, there's three different sources of income for salaries out there, it's the grant, the User Fees, and the General Fund.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I guess, one of the things I was wanting to know is there is a stipend in your salary in the General Fund.

Brad Ellsworth: That's that word we don't use. I was told to get rid of all stipends.

Councilmember Tornatta: Oh, sorry. I was wondering if that could be written into the grant, and the state would pay for that.

Brad Ellsworth: I don't know. We didn't try that. That was in the negotiation with the former Commission about, when I agreed to take it over. I don't know if that's...I think the Director's salary, obviously, could be, you know, tried to negotiate for that in the grant. It's just something we have to do next year during the grant period.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right. Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Brad, the Shift Differential, 1530, I guess, I'm trying to remember when that was put in place.

Brad Ellsworth: I assume it's when we negotiated the contract, Councilman.

Councilmember Hoy: What's, what's the split, when they, just approximately, between who pays for what?

Brad Ellsworth: Whew! I don't, I'm not sure I could–

Councilmember Hoy: Out of User Fees.

Brad Ellsworth: –we pay about, to meet, in User Fees, I have to bring in about \$60,000 a month to meet my obligation out of User Fees for salaries. Or that's how much an average out of User Fees. I believe the General Fund is \$1.6 million, that's not all salaries, Councilman.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah.

Brad Ellsworth: The grant was, I want to say 800, \$800,000, but that's, there's a lot of different, that's not all salaries, obviously.

Councilmember Hoy: That all comes out of the total here.

Brad Ellsworth: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I mean, your total here includes User Fees and the grant.

Brad Ellsworth: I'm not sure if the User Fees is in, would be listed in there.

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Brad Ellsworth: But in the overall budget.

Councilmember Hoy: But, they would go towards that?

Brad Ellsworth: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, that's what I meant to say.

Brad Ellsworth: Yeah, I believe, like I said \$1.6 million going for the General Fund, and then about, we bring in somewhere in the area of \$70,000 a month in income in User Fees. It takes us about 60 to meet the obligation out of User Fees.

President Winnecke: Other questions?

MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER

President Winnecke: Let's move to Misdemeanor Offender, 182.

Councilmember Sutton: That Insurance line, Sandie, do you know if that Insurance line...I know, of course, we're going to go back and adjust those, but 1920, on page 182. It's showing a \$9,000 figure, I didn't know if that was a little bit off when you look at the other, what would be in before.

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible. Mike not on.)

Councilmember Raben: There were two people being paid out of this grant before.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Winnecke: Questions? Sheriff, thank you.

Brad Ellsworth: Thank you all very much.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL DEFERRAL

President Winnecke: Drug and Alcohol Deferral, page 116.

Bill Campbell: Bill Campbell, Drug and Alcohol Deferral. Good to see you all.

President Winnecke: What equipment do we lease?

Bill Campbell: It's printing (Inaudible).

President Winnecke: Copying.

Bill Campbell: And on which we do most all of our forms. There's very few forms we send out for. We do our own.

President Winnecke: Other questions of Mr. Campbell?

Bill Campbell: Please ask a question. No, that's alright. The salaries continue to go up. I think the average, of the six of us, probably the average years of service is 17 years a piece. So, one of these days we're going to have this major turn over, and we'll be back down to zero again, I guess.

Councilmember Hoy: All your positions are classified. They are classified positions, though.

Bill Campbell: Pardon?

Councilmember Hoy: All of your positions are classified.

Bill Campbell: Oh, yes. We do, we have with the universities, a number of field work students, and that's non paid, each year with medical school and the University of Southern Indiana.

President Winnecke: Okay, thank you, sir. Appreciate your time.

Bill Campbell: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Superior Court. We're going to change tapes, so come on up.

(TAPE CHANGE)

SUPERIOR COURT

President Winnecke: Okay, hi, Judge.

Terry Dietsch: Terry Dietsch, Senior Judge, Vanderburgh Superior Court. Mr. President, with your permission, I would like to call to the attention of the Council certain items, many of which are included in the rationale sheets that we submitted to the Council previously and then I would be happy to answer whatever questions you might have. But, first I would like to call your attention to page, it looks like, 109. Two items, 1300 and 1301, they were submitted as individual items and something got messed up in the translation to your budget and one of those items was listed at \$81,370 and the other one was zeroed out. In actuality, 1300 should read \$44,724 and 1301 should read \$36,654.

Councilmember Sutton: One more time, Judge.

Terry Dietsch: Okay, 1300 should read \$44,724 and 1301 should be \$36,654. Is that clear?

Councilmember Sutton: Got it.

President Winnecke: Yes, sir, thank you.

Terry Dietsch: Alright. I don't know if you have had a chance to look at the rationale sheets, I have gone over the budget with Mr. Raben, who as usual, graciously consented to come over ahead of time and I brought these matters to his attention together with other matters in the budget. We, in Office Supplies which is 2600, item 2600, we have asked for an additional \$5,000 because of the price of computer paper and toner has increased and we are using more and more of that and that is the reason for that increase. On 3520 Equipment Repairs, we increased that by a sum of \$1,000 because we anticipate that is going to be the increase in our maintenance contracts on court room equipment and office equipment. In account 4210 Office Furniture, we asked for an additional sum of \$4,000 because we are going to attempt to start replacing our court room chairs. By that I do not mean, the audience chairs or the chairs in the jury boxes but the chairs on counsel table who are used by the attorneys and the litigants and I might add that those are the original chairs from which this court complex was constructed, so they are pretty old and I don't want somebody falling and suing the county. Item 3947 Pauper Transcript, we are asking for \$1,000 and the reason is that we have from time to time and old matter which will come up and will require a minor transcript and it is a transcript for which the Public Defender's office would not be responsible. We had, last year, I think we expended about \$600 and we don't anticipate that we would expend anymore this coming year but we don't know that so just to be on the safe side we have requested a \$1,000. Then finally, in Professional Services which is account 3790, we have asked for a rather significant increase in that and we are asking for \$12,000. How did we arrive at that number? In 2002, as of the end of May we have expended \$5,500. We carried that out to the end of the year and that would come to about a little over 10 or \$10,500 but we figure those costs are going to increase because we are getting more and more cases where we need a translator. For your benefit and for whatever it might mean for the future, we are told by one of our people that we use as a translator that a meeting was held in Huntingburg involving the State of Indiana and someone in a counselor position from Mexico, as I guess as a result of the burgeoning of that population in the Huntingburg area and evidently we are seeing in Indiana and influx of Latinos, migrant workers or whatever from other states. We can only guess that there was some talk about establishing some type of office in Indianapolis. What that might pretend for the future, I don't know but when people start talking like that it translates

to money as far as I am concerned and something that we ought to be aware of. In an effort to keep down the costs of translation we are going to change the way we do some things in the Misdemeanor Division and we are going to reschedule cases that involve people who need interpreters so that we schedule them, those cases more, we schedule them at certain dates at certain times so that we can have the translators available and they can go through more cases for us in one scheduling session than if we spread them out over throughout the week. That in turn on an hourly basis translates into fewer dollars expended on translators. In the Juvenile Division there are a number of matters, one matter account 3980 Transportation of Children and Miscellaneous. We have asked \$18,000 in that particular item which is a significant increase over last years dollar figure. The reason for that is that there has been an increase in police referrals, there has been an increase in the number of youngsters detained and in 2002 as of the end of May we had expended from that account \$6,000 and if you carry that out you are in the neighborhood of \$18,000 and when you talk about an increase in referrals and an increase in detention, unfortunately you are talking about an increase in transportation. Unless or until something else is done that cost is going to continue. Whether that will be the appropriate figure it is simply a guess. It is almost what we are going to need. Hopefully we will get by with that but we never know. In item 3932 Casa Contract, a mistake was made, actually an \$11,800 increase was requested in that account, however, it was brought to my attention later that amount of increase was not required and we only a \$5,000 increase. That means that instead of the \$46,500 that appears in our budget we would only need \$39,700 and that item again is 3932, I believe. Yes, 3932. I think really that the other items in the rationale as it pertains to the Juvenile Division is self-explanatory and if you have any questions about any other item in our budget I would be happy to attempt to answer your questions at this time.

President Winnecke: Councilmember Wortman.

Terry Dietsch: Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: Judge, on page 114, right above there 3931 Youth Services went from \$36,00 to \$50,000.

Terry Dietsch: Yeah. We do not have a detention center, okay? The house arrest program has been enlarged with new accountability measures in other words with keeping track of these people. In our effort, Youth Services Bureau performs that function, in order to do that it requires an increase in them for services and I think personnel. Therefore, in order to get that done, it required an increase in their budget of, in that amount. That is the explanation for that.

Councilmember Wortman: They said that increase about that much, you think?

Terry Dietsch: Yeah.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, thank you.

Terry Dietsch: That would be the contractual amount, as a matter of fact.

Councilmember Wortman: I know the Sheriff, he cut his back, Youth Services.

Terry Dietsch: Well, the Sheriff doesn't have anything to do with this program. Yeah.

President Winnecke: Other questions of the Judge? I appreciate the thoroughness of the rationales, it was very helpful.

Terry Dietsch: Thank you. No other questions? Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Judge.

SUPERIOR SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Terry Dietsch: Oh, I am sorry, we did have one other item and that is our Probation User Fee budget. That is our money and what we do is simply advise you of how much we are withdrawing for our use in 2003 and I take it that there are no questions on that? That is on page 178 and that is the budget that we submit every year.

President Winnecke: The other increase that I see is under Contractual.

Terry Dietsch: Yes and that has to do with services by the Probation Officers and some other contractual obligations that enhance probation services and that is why we take that out of the user fee budget because that budget is money that is the courts money that is to be appropriate each year for probation enhancement and what we do is submit our budget to you so that you simply have an idea of what we are using this money for. We wouldn't have to do but we do.

Councilmember Tornatta: I didn't buy that last bit.

Terry Dietsch: This is not General Fund money.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right and nor are several of the accounts in here but we still have to approve the budget.

Terry Dietsch: You have to appropriate the money.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah and back to that Contractual Services. What do those go to?

Rosemary Norbury: A lot of things and I happen to know that they need a new Breathalyzer and that will come out of that fund in the Misdemeanor Probation. They test for anti-buse and all that sort of thing on a daily basis. I am Rosemary Norbury, the Administrative Assistant.

Terry Dietsch: What it is, Mr. Tornatta, is that we appropriate "x" number of dollars for the miscellaneous costs that are needed to buy those kinds of things and do that kind of testing for those kinds of services.

Rosemary Norbury: Our machine is broken down and we send it back to have it repaired, it is repaired constantly. We need to get a lot, the breathalyser and tubes and that-

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Rosemary Norbury: Those expenses, the camera, the film for each file, they have each picture of each client or each person coming to Misdemeanor Court.

Terry Dietsch: We justify that as enhancement of probation services so that we don't have to ask, or have another line item and ask the Council to appropriate that sum from the General Fund.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, I was just it's, pretty clean if you have Contractual Services, if you do Contractual Services and if you have miscellaneous expenditures that is just in that line item and that way we have an idea of what things are. That's why we have line items.

Terry Dietsch: I understand that and the reason that it says Contractual Services is because some years ago we were told that it what it should be and that is what it was printed out at.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Terry Dietsch: There are a lot of line items here, I don't know why we have the names that we do.

Councilmember Tornatta: Alright, okay.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Judge. Next up is Circuit Court, page 99.

CIRCUIT COURT

Carl Heldt: Mr. Chairman and members of Council, my name is Carl Heldt, I am Circuit Court Judge and I think that on the county funds, the only two changes of any note are the Juror Fees which we have asked an additional \$10,000 and these are fees and they are what they are. You can budget whatever you want, but the more jury trials we try the more we have to pay the jurors and quite frankly we try to try a lot of jury trials and move along as quickly as possible to move the docket and help to empty the jail. The only other thing is that we are asking for \$2,000 for Education and Training. The, myself, the magistrate and the staff attorney are required by law to have at least 12 hours every year of education and training and every year we do that obviously to help increase our skills to serve the county in Circuit Court and we would like to have that appropriated. I don't know what other county offices do as far as training and education are concerned but we would like to have something in our budget so that we can get that training and go to those seminars and that is about it.

President Winnecke: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Judge, on Computer Hardware, will you, what do you need for that line item?

Carl Heldt: Will you help me with this, Karen? This is Karen Angermeier.

Karen Angermeier: Yes, we have two printers, possibly three, we know that on two that the fuser is going to go out any day and Computer Services informed us that we are better off to replace those. They might go out this year, they might go out next year. So, that would be in the event that they don't go out this year we will probably be replaced next year.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Carl Heldt: I think that there is something actually in our budget this year, isn't it? That we haven't spent any.

Karen Angermeier: Right. If they go out this year we will use that money.

Councilmember Raben: I had spoke to both Judge and Karen on that item and there are some questions as to whether or not that is part of the overall replacements for next year so that is one that we may be able to zero out that may be part of the proposal for next year.

Councilmember Tornatta: If the printer did go out, would you need, if it didn't go out, would you need \$15,000. I mean, I guess.

Carl Heldt: I think we asked for \$5,000.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, okay. We just put that money back into the General Fund.

President Winnecke: Are there questions of the Judge? Let's jump to Supplemental Adult Probation, 175 while we have his honor.

SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

President Winnecke: I will open with a quick question on the Travel Mileage, that is page 176, Line Item 3130 from \$7,000 to \$9,000.

Carl Heldt: Karen?

Karen Angermeier: The Probation Officers in this budget are required more continuing education hours because they are dealing with drug and alcohol offenses, so they are required more training. The past few years we have done transfers but I just thought that we would put it into the budget so that it is there.

President Winnecke: So, is it actually for training or travel?

Karen Angermeier: Yes, training and state mandatory meetings.

President Winnecke: Thank you. Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes, 3510 Other Operating and 4250 Miscellaneous Equipment, could you explain both of those?

Carl Heldt: I can't but I think that Karen can.

Councilmember Tornatta: Don't sit down Karen.

Karen Angermeier: In 3510 we have had a few minor instances when we have installed some security equipment and that fee is minimal, so probably about \$50 a month for scanned cards and then we also have water brought in where we handle the anti-buse to distribute the anti-buse and that is what that account is used for. What was the other one?

Councilmember Tornatta: Uh, 4250 Miscellaneous Equipment. I was curious as to what was needed.

Karen Angermeier: Uh, a Breathalyzer unit. There is a unit available, it is tabletop and will give you a printout and it does not require a Breathalyzer tube, it requires a regular straw and we spend between \$4,000 and \$5,000 just on tubes and this would eliminate having to buy that plus give us a printout on it, so it would be more economical to do that than to continue spending the money on the tubes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Judge. Thank you, Karen.

Carl Heldt: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Superior Court Drug Court, Judge Trockman, page 118.

SUPERIOR COURT DRUG COURT

Wayne Trockman: Good morning.

President Winnecke: Good morning, Judge.

Wayne Trockman: Page 118 is the match that the County agreed to pick up with regard to the Byrne Grant that we were awarded last year and continues for three full years. Those are fractions of sums that are paid by Byrne or the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute which are one in the same to pay for the additional Day Reporting Officer that we hired and actually we just hired him about a month ago and that totals, and in fact that also includes a couple of other items in addition to this salary which brought it up to the match that was required for Byrne.

Councilmember Tornatta: Would we need a total budget in this book or are you saying this is just a partial budget for what it takes to run Drug Court?

Wayne Trockman: In 118 right and actually page 12 is also, excuse me, page 112 is also a portion of the Drug Court budget that the county has paid for in 2002. It is separated I understand because page 112 is under Superior Court and page 118 is not under, currently, under the quote, "Superior Court". Now, why it is separated that way I am not sure. I assume it was because they came at different times and were separated but I don't know. I don't know the answer to that.

Councilmember Tornatta: So, I guess what I am asking from maybe, Suzanne, is do we need to put that number in here and get the reimbursement back? The full amount and then get a reimbursement?

Suzanne Crouch: I wasn't paying attention to the previous comment, I was checking something else.

Councilmember Tornatta: On page 118, the-

President Winnecke: This is the county portion, you are asking if the entire portion including the match should be included in our budget verses only having the county expense?

Councilmember Tornatta: Right. Like all other budgets we seem to pay that and we are reimbursed.

Suzanne Crouch: Well, typically, if you look at the Prosecutor's budgets also on their grants, just the county match is in there and then the grant comes in and is used to fund other expenses. So, typically, just the budgeted portion that is the county's responsibility is in the book. So, I-

Councilmember Tornatta: Would that not work the same for the City County splits? If we have a City County split in a budget, Drug Referral or I don't know one that comes to mind, Drug Referral, would that not, would that budget not be reflected as a split.

Suzanne Crouch: If it's a joint City County budget, and the county has jurisdiction over it then the full budget is reflected in our book because we actually administer that budget then we bill the city for that. In this instance, the grant money comes separately and then this is the local match for it and the grant money, the judge has to submit papers to the state allocating what that money is to be budgeted for and then that money is actually state administered or state revenues.

Wayne Trockman: I think we provide them with a quarterly report and then they send a check directly to your office and then your accounting procedure takes over from there. I don't know the details of that but I know that we have provided you with the entire which, what you are asking about, I know that Suzanne's office has the entire grant with all of the numbers and you receive the lion's share of the funds and this is the balance.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: Uh, you might answer this. This is what we are allocating is about a third of the cost of this, is it not? Or am I wrong? Roughly.

Wayne Trockman: I think it is less than that, I think it is 25%.

Suzanne Crouch: That is what I thought it used to be, I can check those numbers for you.

Councilmember Hoy: That's alright. I just wanted a ballpark figure. But, this is to add to your second.

Wayne Trockman: The county already does fund and which is reflected on page 112, does fund completely one full time employee and the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute funds 75% of the other employee and page 118 is the match, the other 25% of the other Day Reporting Officer.

President Winnecke: Other questions for the Judge?

Councilmember Hoy: Just a comment.

President Winnecke: Oh, I am sorry.

Councilmember Hoy: For those of us, sorry, go ahead.

Councilmember Wortman: I see you graduated one according to the paper.

Wayne Trockman: Our first graduation not only included one but we had to learn how this whole process works, so it was better with just one but we have quite a few coming up through the phases and hopefully the next graduation will be a group.

Councilmember Wortman: Well, you at least got one, that's a start.

Wayne Trockman: Yes, we got one, thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I just was going to commend you and the work that you are doing there. You are probably not aware of this but your demeanor in handling that and how that was, it was quite a moment and I thank you for your work.

Wayne Trockman: Let me express my gratitude to the County, the Council and how you all supported the project from the beginning not only financially but with your moral support by coming, visiting and asking questions and being supportive in it and it has been very helpful.

President Winnecke: Thank you Judge, have a good day.

BOND DEBT REPAYMENT

President Winnecke: On Bond Debt repayment, page 200, there is really not a lot to talk about there. Does anybody have any questions?

Councilmember Hoy: I am curious as to where we are in the payoffs, is all I need. I always ask that or try to ask that just to see where we are.

Suzanne Crouch: I will get that information for you.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm sorry.

Suzanne Crouch: I will get that information for you. Suzanne Crouch, Auditor.

Councilmember Hoy: That is the only question that I had.

Councilmember Tornatta: I think we are still on for 2004 for payments, no I am sorry, I am talking about, strike that.

Suzanne Crouch: You refinanced USI in 1996. But, I will get that information for you, the issue amount, how much is owed, the dates that they are callable.

Councilmember Sutton: You know with the interest rate environment being what it is now because then it was what we considered very favorable, it is even more favorable now.

Suzanne Crouch: Then we need to perhaps look at refinancing.

Councilmember Sutton: We may need to look at all of our obligations and see if there might be some saving opportunities for us through refinancing.

Suzanne Crouch: I agree and will look into that.

President Winnecke: Okay, let's, page 7, County Auditor's office.

Suzanne Crouch: Just a couple of notes or items of interest. If you look at page 7, line item 12001020 Bookkeeper II Welfare, that position, we have requested that the amount be budgeted. That position has remained vacant for approximately 2 years, the monies that have been spent out of that line item have been transferred for part time help or for some other needs in the office. I understand that you are at a point where you need to make some cuts and I know that you will be considering that since we haven't filled it and you are wondering why we still have it on the books, if in fact, we don't have a need. We have, prior to that, we had eliminated two positions in the office and have been operating with two less employees and it was our attempt to try and make that three employees and we have done that for two years, our concern is with reassessment coming up, it is going to put an extra burden on our office as it will all of the other offices that you have heard from. We are hoping that position will remain funded so that we can fill it if the need arises but Council will have to make a decision on that. That is my pitch on that but it has saved the taxpayers money by virtue of not having filled it because we felt that we could operate the office without that position being filled. So, I would ask you to look favorably on that but I would understand the predicament you are in. If you go to -

President Winnecke: If I could interrupt, is that why Extra Help is in, are the two related at all?

Suzanne Crouch: Yes, if you do eliminate that position then we are going to need Extra Help, if we keep that position then you can eliminate the Extra Help, thank you. If you go to line item, page 9, line item 3541 KRONOS maintenance, since we have submitted that budget we have gotten an exact cut and you can reduce that \$13,000 to \$9,000.

Councilmember Sutton: What is that?

Suzanne Crouch: Is KRONOS Maintenance, line item 3541.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I mean I got you, what is that?

Suzanne Crouch: What is that? The KRONOS is the timekeeping, the county wide timekeeping system that the offices use and we have to pay an annual maintenance contract and it actually came in less than we thought it would when we submitted this budget. In addition, line item 4220 Office Machines, you can zero that out, in reviewing our accounts, we do have a little money left in our Reassessment line item and we fill that will be sufficient and whatever else you deem necessary.

President Winnecke: Other questions of the Auditor before we move to the Auditor Reassessment budget?

Suzanne Crouch: I don't think, did we submit?

President Winnecke: No, you didn't that's right, I'm sorry. You can't know it all.

Suzanne Crouch: Thank you.

President Winnecke: I know that this is heartbreaking that we are done at 11:39 a.m.

Councilmember Tornatta: What do you say that we go to 12:00?

Councilmember Sutton: We can start on the next budgets.

President Winnecke: So, a reminder that we are back here at 3:30. Let's be prompt so that we can leave promptly. Thank you everyone. Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: For next year, I did discuss the possibility of changing these times with Sandie. What would everybody think if we filed our meeting that would fall in place today, next year, immediately following our budget hearings?

Councilmember Tornatta: That would be great.

Councilmember Raben: That way, we are not coming and going. What would everybody think about changing the meetings to begin at 8:00 a.m. instead of 9:00 a.m.?

Councilmember Tornatta: That would be great.

Councilmember Raben: From 8:00 until 11:00 and keep it that time for both weeks?

Councilmember Tornatta: That would be great.

Councilmember Wortman: The second one too?

Councilmember Raben: For both weeks and schedule this meeting for noon.

Sandie Deig: I will schedule the room for noon though because otherwise they will push us out.

Councilmember Tornatta: Then we would want to have our Council meeting immediately following, with a break, at noon.

Councilmember Raben: At noon, right.

Councilmember Tornatta: A lunch break or something.

Councilmember Hoy: Maybe find someone kind enough to buy pizza.

Jeff Ahlers: I'll buy it.

Councilmember Raben: Our attorney can buy pizza, we could go in and eat.

President Winnecke: This meeting is adjourned.

Meeting recessed at 11:40 a.m.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 8, 2002

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 8th day of August, 2002 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President Lloyd Winnecke at 9:00 a.m.

President Winnecke: I would like to reconvene the 2003 Vanderburgh County Council budget hearings with a roll call vote please. Attendance roll call. Too many votes yesterday.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

President Winnecke: Would you please stand and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(The Pledge was given.)

President Winnecke: Good morning. I would like to welcome everyone. We'll get right to matters. We'll meet until in the neighborhood of 10:30, take a very brief break, and we will be done by noon, if not sooner.

VOTERS REGISTRATION

President Winnecke: We'll start with Voters Registration, page 74 in your budget books. Good morning.

Tony Bushrod: Good morning.

Connie Carrier: Good morning.

President Winnecke: On the line item 3371, Computer Hardware, what is that?

Tony Bushrod: We're looking at getting new PC's. The existing system, monitors, and keyboards are really outdated. I think the monitors date back to 1983. It's the smaller screens. They are just wore out.

President Winnecke: How many units does this represent?

Tony Bushrod: Six.

President Winnecke: Six? Does this represent an actual quote?

Tony Bushrod: We had got some prices, but, you know, they are only good for like 30 days.

President Winnecke: Okay. Then the Office Machines?

Councilmember Bassemier: Could you repeat that?

President Winnecke: He said the quote was good, they have a quote that was good for about 30 days.

Tony Bushrod: About 30 days. Under Office Machines—

President Winnecke: Yes.

Tony Bushrod: — okay, we have a fax machine which it needs some work done on it. I had called around and checked on labor prices, and you're talking like \$70 to \$90 per hour. So, if, it may be feasible just to purchase a new fax machine, rather than have it repaired.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President?

President Winnecke: Councilman Raben, then Councilman Wortman.

Councilmember Raben: Tony and Connie? As far as your Computer Hardware requests, within the courts system we're upgrading there, and the equipment that is in place there is almost three years old, which is, it would probably work for what you do. I think they are operating with Pentium III now, and need Pentium IV to run the software that is coming for them. Do you see any problem with using computers from there?

Tony Bushrod: If it's in good shape, you know.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, and they would be. Again, I think most of them were put in service around, what, early 2000? Or something like that.

Connie Carrier: We would still have to purchase the Smart Term software.

Tony Bushrod: Software.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Connie Carrier: So the girls can get into the Voter Registration.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, can you get us a price on just what the software is in this budget?

Tony Bushrod: Roughly figured, around \$100 per package, which would be about \$600.

Councilmember Raben: About \$600 for software?

Tony Bushrod: We may be able to get it, you know, for a little less.

Councilmember Sutton: If that's the case, then if those computers do work from over in the courts system, it would probably be better if they just came this year, made an appropriation request after they get the units, and just put it, I mean, we're basically only talking, we're talking about \$600 for software, and then you've got this fax machine for \$300, less than \$1,000, take that out of next year's budget, and just do it this year.

Councilmember Raben: Then, that would be okay too.

President Winnecke: Other questions? Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I had the same question Mr. Raben did.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: What constitutes Other Supplies?

Tony Bushrod: Voter registration forms, applications, which we have to pay to have printed up now—

Connie Carrier: Envelopes.

Tony Bushrod: —envelopes. We depleted a lot of what we had during the recent mailings for redistricting.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Tony Bushrod: With the city coming up, you know, we need to replenish our supplies.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Tony Bushrod: Stock up there.

President Winnecke: Anyone else? Okay, thank you very much.

Tony Bushrod: Uh-huh.

Connie Carrier: Thank you.

RECORDER

President Winnecke: Recorder. Page 14. Good morning.

Betty Knight-Smith: Good morning.

President Winnecke: Mrs. Smith has provided us with a handout, which details some expense and income generated by her office. Would you like to talk about that briefly?

Betty Knight-Smith: Okay. If you will look back on your sheets, it's the first seven months of 2000, the first seven months of 2001, and seven months of 2002. Right now into the county General Fund is \$386,659. My budget, I think, is \$336,000, so the next five months, all of that will go into the county General Fund too. I would like for you to take a notice at the copies. I put counters on all of my computers. They work, they have to punch in a code. So, all those copies are counted. So, if you'll notice there the increase from 22,000 up to 57,000 for a seven month period. It's really helped to do that. So, any questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Betty, I'm not, help me out, I'm not seeing it. It's on this report?

Betty Knight-Smith: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Sutton: Which?

Councilmember Tornatta: There's seven, then go to the other page. That's the 2002, that's 2001.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Alright, I see it now.

Betty Knight-Smith: Right now, I'm getting the money back from all the, all the copies that I buy, or all the paper that I buy, that we wasn't getting before.

Councilmember Raben: You're saying it's a little more accurate than the honor system was.

Betty Knight-Smith: I'm real proud of that, because that's money that belongs to Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Raben: I'll tell you that you're doing a great job. You know, in the first seven months you've already exceeded what your overall budget requests are, so.

Councilmember Bassemier: I would like to echo that. Good job, Betty.

President Winnecke: Councilman Tornatta?

Betty Knight-Smith: What did you say?

Councilmember Bassemier: I wanted to echo that. Good job.

Betty Knight-Smith: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Councilman Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Betty, on the Records Perpetuation, is that a to date total? Or just for this year?

Betty Knight-Smith: That is just for this year, so far.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, do you know what that total—

Betty Knight-Smith: That \$142,559.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and is that, does that roll over every year? Or do you—

Betty Knight-Smith: It rolls over. Uh-huh. I think we have close to \$300,000 into our—

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Betty Knight-Smith: —Perpetual Account, and I don't know, I wouldn't mind to give some to the county, if I could find a way to do it. Maybe our attorney can figure that out.

Councilmember Tornatta: What are we using?

Betty Knight-Smith: That buys all the supplies, the computers, or anything that is bought in that office. That's where that money—

Councilmember Tornatta: In that office?

Betty Knight-Smith: —it's the only self-supporting office in the county.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, but we're right now up to \$300,000.

Betty Knight-Smith: Right at it. I don't know for sure the figure.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. Alright. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Betty, you always do a good job. So, I thank you, and I appreciate this.

Betty Knight-Smith: Well, thank you, Curt.

President Winnecke: Thank you very much.

Betty Knight-Smith: Uh-huh.

CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

President Winnecke: Okay, Convention and Tourism Bureau, page 189.

Marilee Fowler: Good morning.

President Winnecke: Good morning, Marilee. How are you today?

Marilee Fowler: I'm fine. How are all of you?

President Winnecke: Good. Thank you.

Marilee Fowler: I know. I asked if you all went home.

President Winnecke: Some of us did not.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President?

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Marilou, as far as the salaries, you know, we set those salaries, or we shore them up, I should say in September. In the information that's been provided to us, you really haven't given us a breakdown or anything like that. We will need that before the first week of September.

Marilee Fowler: Okay. What I was looking at, when we were doing these in late April, all of our staff are working on an opportunity to bring business. It's goal and objectives incentive. So, when I write this four months into the new year, that's very hard to see if staff is going to meet those objectives. It's based on what kind of business we bring in to Evansville. What kind of bookings we have. What kind of groups. What kind of numbers are staying in hotels. I really didn't want to make that commitment to all of this staff, that they were going to be getting these types of increases, not knowing what kind of work they produced. So, what I did, I wrote that budget with a 3% increase for everyone, but what I would like to do, as we get closer to that time, is to evaluate each one of those on a one to one, as to what kind of goals and objectives they've each reached before they are eligible for some kind of increase in compensation. So, it's in there, but it's not broken out specifically for each staff person.

Councilmember Raben: And you'll accomplish that before September 1.

Marilee Fowler: I will do that. If you will bear with me, I could certainly look at that, evaluate where I think they each should be. I probably will not lock that in stone with each of them until the end of the fiscal, or the year, because I think, again, it's based on what they produced, and what kind of business they brought to Evansville.

President Winnecke: Councilman Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I have a comment and a question. You were not in the position you're in when we made the change, and moved these wages out of the salary ordinance. At that time, we did that with some, frankly, with some trepidation, and still do, and that's part of the reason, I think, it will be helpful.

Marilee Fowler: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: The other, I'll go ahead, Jim and I had talked about this. I think the Airport ought to report theirs too. Even though they have a separate board, as you do, being the fiscal body, we should know those things. My question is this, on line 1160-3570, Office Assistant, first question is, is that a full time job?

Marilee Fowler: Yes, the Office Assistant is full time.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay. Looking at last year's budget, I would be very pleased if that wage were raised. \$15,000 puts that person at, you can't live on that, okay, in this county. I would think that would be one thing the board should address, and, you know, that's not a person you are not judging on sales performance.

Marilee Fowler: Well, it is, because this is usually the person that anybody that calls or contacts our office has first contact with. So, she's probably as important, if not more so, than everybody else there, because she is the first impression.

Councilmember Hoy: That's true, but, and if that person is not giving a good first impression, then you need to fire them.

Marilee Fowler: That's exactly right.

Councilmember Hoy: Rather than give a low wage. That's my point. I fully agree. I used to tell people at the Food Bank that everybody did public relations, and they do. I just think that wage is too low.

Marilee Fowler: I agree. I agree.

President Winnecke: Marilee, I do have a couple questions.

Marilee Fowler: Yes.

President Winnecke: What is line item 3799, Sports Sales and Services?

Marilee Fowler: That's a new line item we've added this year. In looking at where we think our efforts for growth, as far as bringing groups and people to Evansville. With the facilities that we have here, and what we've done just recently, in this past year alone, we think the opportunity for sports events are incredible. We hosted the Great Lakes Valley Conference. We hosted the NCAA Division II Elite Eight men's basketball tournament. We've got new soccer fields about to come on board. We've got a new ice hockey arena. Those are all great potentials for new business to Evansville. So, what we want to do is focus on that, separate that out, and probably hire another sales person to just focus on those efforts.

President Winnecke: My other question is, if you could refresh our memory on their matching grant? Is that, I mean, that's a new item.

Marilee Fowler: Actually, it's something, we have actually three different types of grants. We've got just a grant request for events going on. We did the River Run this year. We have done—

President Winnecke: Those are grants that you're providing for (Inaudible).

Marilee Fowler: Those are grants. When an organization comes to us, and wants funds.
President Winnecke: Okay.

Marilee Fowler: We also have a matching grant program, which matches different organizations if they want to print a brochure. We just have recently done one with the Reitz Home, and then, of course, the third one was the one we did yesterday with the Tourism Capital Development.

President Winnecke: Other questions? Thank you, Marilee.

Marilee Fowler: You're welcome.

President Winnecke: Appreciate it.

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

President Winnecke: Coroner's office. I'm sorry.

Marilee Fowler: Did you want to do?

President Winnecke: I do. Page 193. Tourism Capital Improvement. Sorry.

Councilmember Hoy: My usual question on this is when will be pay off those two buildings, the transportation center and the pagoda?

Marilee Fowler: That will be paid off the end of 2004.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, that's good.

Marilee Fowler: Yes, it is good. We're making very large equity mortgage payments, so it will be paid off in 2004. With this 1% bedroom tax increase, starting January 1st, that fund will grow probably \$150,000 additionally each year. So, by 2005 that fund will start to grow very rapidly.

Councilmember Hoy: That will make me feel better about the tax I pay when I travel other places.

Marilee Fowler: Exactly. Exactly.

President Winnecke: Anyone else? Thank you.

Marilee Fowler: You're welcome.

CORONER

President Winnecke: Now, Coroner's office. Page 35. Good morning, Don.

Don Erk: Good morning.

President Winnecke: How are you today?

Don Erk: Fine, sir.

President Winnecke: Good. Don, on 3530, Contractual Services—

Don Erk: Uh-huh.

President Winnecke: —is that, I can't remember from the rationale book, is that for cleaning services for the facility?

Don Erk: No, it's for pest control, and we also use it to cut the grass, and maintain the grounds of the building.

President Winnecke: And what do we have the Maintenance Contract for?

Don Erk: The maintenance contract is actually for the computers, and the fax machine, to service them and keep them running.

President Winnecke: Anyone else? Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Don, if you could start with 3190, Solid Waste, is up \$2,000.

Don Erk: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Raben: If you could explain why you've requested that?

Don Erk: Because we've been notified by Browning Ferris, or Waste Disposal that they're increasing their rates, is basically what it is. I don't really have a whole lot of control over that. A lot of that is bio-hazard material that's hauled to either Nashville or Louisville and incinerated. We don't have a local thing. They requested that I sign a contract, and I said, no. Basically, it's their increase. That I don't have anyway of disposing, it would be bio-hazard material, except through them.

Councilmember Raben: What kind of increase are they passing to you?

Don Erk: I don't have the form with me now, but just, basically, this increase here, basically, reflects what they have asked for.

Councilmember Raben: On Utilities there's a \$2,000 increase on that item.

Don Erk: Yes, the Utilities have gone up a considerable amount. That's an estimation. I can't tell you, you know, what Vectren or SIGECO's going to do. We allotted a percentage, is what we figured the increase and that. Whether that will hold up or not, I don't really know, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: Last question is what is special about this year compared to years in the past?

Don Erk: Well, this year the state has mandated that the Coroner's receive at least 40 hours training per year. Which I've pretty much attended the Coroner's Conference, which they fund, and this is going to be additional training that's mandated by the state, and I think it's probably going to require me to go to at least one more school throughout the year.

President Winnecke: Other questions?

Councilmember Hoy: Just a small unfunded mandate that we get all the time from them.

Don Erk: That's basically what it is. I might mention too, while I'm talking with the Council, as I would imagine most people here are aware that St. Mary's is definitely going to a trauma center. I have no idea of what that is going to do to my budget next year, but I have a sneaking suspicion it's going to be quite a bit of an increase. Because instead of taking trauma victims to Louisville and Indianapolis, guess what, they are going to wind up here in Evansville. The up side of that is, I think it's very good for Evansville. It makes a lot of revenue for the hospital, and for the town and county in general. On my particular end, I think that I'm probably looking at probably a 20% to 25% increase when they get a Level II trauma center. It's something that

I do feel like that you need to be aware of. I can't predict what will happen in the future. I can tell you that yesterday I had three trauma victims, all of them were out of county. They're bringing them in here by life flight, and it will increase, I'm sure of that. How much? It would be anybody's guess. I thought the Council should be aware that, potentially, next year that there could be a fair amount of increase in autopsy fees and rates. The other thing that I might mention too is, just for future references, the county building over there is 11 years old. The floor is starting to peel in the autopsy room. It's not a major cost, but these are all things that as the building does get older, there's more and more things going wrong. We have a disposal system that's out right now, and I've got people, you know, trying to repair it. It's like a home, you know, it's always got something going wrong with it, and as it get older and older, it will continue to get more. I wish I could tell you otherwise, but that's not the way it is. It's not realistic.

Councilmember Hoy: It's unfortunate, they don't build them like they used to, you know.

Don Erk: That's true.

Councilmember Hoy: I live in 104 year old house, and it holds up better than these new ones.

Don Erk: That's true, but—

Councilmember Hoy: It's true.

Don Erk: —it's little things, but I have that to go wrong with my own home, and I think everybody understands that there is a certain amount of things when it gets 10, 15, 20 years old.

Councilmember Hoy: Sure. No, I'm not arguing.

Don Erk: The carpet in there is over 11 years old now, and sooner or later it's going to have to be replaced.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm not arguing with you. Just observing.

Don Erk: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: The best buildings we had at tri-state were 65 years old, and our engineer said they would still be standing when our new building would be down. That's just the way it is.

Don Erk: It's true.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Don.

Don Erk: You're welcome.

President Winnecke: Appreciate it.

Don Erk: Thank you.

AREA PLAN COMMISSION

President Winnecke: Area Plan Commission. Page 80. I'm sorry, 78. Good morning, Brad.

Brad Mills: Good morning.

President Winnecke: How are you today?

Brad Mills: I'm doing fine. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Great.

Brad Mills: I would like to start off with a request that, a change in my request, that we had requested an attorney as a new employee. I've spoken with Mark Foster and Joe Harrison, Jr., who would be the new employee, I would like to rescind that request for that additional employee. I would like to, in that same vein, ask that part of that money that we were requesting be moved into Legal Services, which is item number 3610. We have, we had a budget last year of \$40,000, we had requested \$60,000. We are, I think, \$5,000, \$7,000 away from having all of our Legal Services spent for this year, and as you know, it's only July. We have three major law suits. We've got seven or eight law suits right now, and we're going to be filing a request for an additional \$20,000 to try to hold us over through the rest of this year. So, I would like to take, if I could, \$20,000 from the \$28,000 I'd requested for an attorney, and put that into item 3610.

Councilmember Sutton: Which position is that you're referring to? That you're wanting to take the dollars from?

Brad Mills: We had requested—

Councilmember Sutton: What's the title on that position?

Councilmember Tornatta: Attorney.

Brad Mills: Attorney.

President Winnecke: 1230-1240.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Okay, and put that under the Legal line, he said?

Brad Mills: Yes, I would just like to put \$20,000 of that under Legal Services, if I could, please. Not the \$28,200 that we had requested. Obviously, we won't be having to pay benefits, and all that other stuff that would have gone along with the employee.

President Winnecke: Brad, I have a question. We talked in the joint City/County Council meeting last week about the need to update the aerial photography for the GIS.

Brad Mills: Yes.

President Winnecke: That's under the Maintenance Contract, is it not?

Brad Mills: Yes, that's under Contractual Services.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah.

Brad Mills: I believe.

President Winnecke: Contractual Services?

Brad Mills: Let me see where I had this.

Councilmember Hoy: It's 3540, Maintenance Contracts, for \$75,000.

Brad Mills: Yes, okay. I'm sorry.

President Winnecke: Does that figure represent the entire amount for the entire re-photograph?

Brad Mills: No, it does not. Roger Lehman is a little more experienced in that area than I am. I've spoken with him, and the estimated cost, we do not have an agreement with anyone, it's anywhere from \$125,000 to \$150,000 to do that work. Part of the work that would be done with that is to get the contour lines for the balance of the county. Whenever they flew that a few years ago, they were able to get contour lines for the majority of the city, and a portion of the county. I think, from what he's told me, about 80% of the county still requires topo lines to be shot. So, that would be something that would be included in the aerial photography. That's something that you can pull up then, and see what kind of drainage problems, flooding problems, and so on.

President Winnecke: But the primary, the majority of this amount represents the photography though?

Brad Mills: Yes. It would all be included in that. As part of that photography they give us that contour information as well.

President Winnecke: And the reason for reshooting it is because the county has just grown, and there have been developments?

Brad Mills: Yes, as most of you probably know, whenever we show our stuff at our meetings, we'll have an overhead. A good example is where the Sam's Club and all that is out on the east side, even out on the west side, there is so many new buildings and things that have come in, when we go to show something on aerial photography, all you see is a corn field, or a soybean field, or something that was harvested. It's not real good information. We've received numerous compliments from area realtors, from business people that are coming in from out of town, that we've got a top notch GIS system. They can sit in their office, and they can decide whether or not they want to move to Evansville, just by looking at that. They know exactly what's there. So, if we can keep that current, I think that would keep us at the forefront of the information age, so to speak.

President Winnecke: The last time this was taken was '94? Is that right?

Brad Mills: No, I don't know the date. I don't think it was that far back. I think it was, was that '98. I think it was '98. I'm not positive. I would have to check on that Lloyd.

President Winnecke: I guess, where I'm really heading with this was the prospect of making cuts, this is, obviously, a big ticket item—

Brad Mills: Yes.

President Winnecke: I'm trying to understand the ramifications if we decide to either cut this partially, or in total. Councilman Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: This is an observation, not a question. I think, we don't govern this, the zoning, but to be honest with you, part of this cost should be listed under urban sprawl. Because every time you see one of those little ponds out there, those decorative ponds with the fountain in the center, those are aerators, so that they don't look scummy. That's why they're there. But they are attractive, but those are burrow pits, or whatever they call them these days, where, you know, they've scooped it out, because it's in a flood zone. I think Council needs to understand that while this is listed under GIS, this is really a sprawl cost. I mean, the more of those cheap pole buildings we build out there with large parking lots, with wasted space, and wasted asphalt, and, you know, used up farm land, just bear in mind, this is part of the cost of that. Because they have to re-photograph it, while we have empty

buildings all over the city. Makes no sense to me, but it's what you have to deal with. It's not something that you can control. So, these things have to be reshot quite often.

Brad Mills: We do use that for a lot of the developments already in the city, as you probably know. I mean, we reference that frequently.

Councilmember Hoy: You have to.

Brad Mills: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: We are in, we are in four watersheds in this county. Mother Nature has dictated that water come our way, whether we like it or not.

Brad Mills: Absolutely.

President Winnecke: Brad, how many, on the replacement vehicles, switching gears a little bit.

Brad Mills: Yes.

President Winnecke: The \$28,000, is it to replace the '96?

Brad Mills: That's correct.

President Winnecke: Do you know how many miles are on that car?

Brad Mills: I don't know right off.

President Winnecke: Could you get that figure for us?

Brad Mills: I will find out.

President Winnecke: Thanks.

Councilmember Sutton: I had a question. Back on Training, 3310, what does that involve?

Brad Mills: The Training that we use, on 3210, you said?

Councilmember Sutton: 3310.

Brad Mills: 3310. Okay. We use that information when, or we use that for going to the annual Area Plan conference, the APA. We've also sent John Ambros, from our office, to a conference for the CRS, which is the Community Rating Systems, which is basically what the flood insurance rates are used to set for the homeowners in the area. We went to a conference this year, we were able to get funds from the Commissioners budget to cover that, because it was not budgeted in this year. We use that for, basically, keeping ourselves at the forefront of the planning information, and also to try to help reduce the fees that homeowners have to pay for their flood insurance.

Councilmember Sutton: I see. So, roughly, we're probably talking about how many excursions with that particular line?

Brad Mills: It would just be three.

Councilmember Sutton: Hmm? About three?

Brad Mills: Three.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Brad Mills: Correct.

Councilmember Sutton: That's three different conferences or seminars? Or three people?

Brad Mills: It would be one person going to the CRS conference, and then two people going to the Area Plan, or the American Planning Association. I'm sorry.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Winnecke: Councilman Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Going to Motor Vehicles, 4230. Could we not, how many miles do you have on your vehicles? Then I have a question about price.

Brad Mills: I don't have that information. I can find that out.

Councilmember Hoy: Alright. The Sheriff was just in here yesterday, and he's buying pretty heavy duty vehicles for less than \$28,000, and he's estimating that for \$28,000, he can not only buy the vehicle, but equip it with sirens and the computer that sits on the console. Since everybody's been ribbing me about my new car, I have the most luxurious car I've ever owned almost, and I didn't pay anything near that.

Brad Mills: Alright.

Councilmember Hoy: So, I think you probably can do better on that price.

Brad Mills: Sure.

Councilmember Hoy: Than \$20,000. If you can't, I'll be glad to negotiate it.

Brad Mills: Okay. That would be great.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Winnecke: Councilman Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I've got two, 3130 Travel and Mileage. I know you addressed the Training with Royce, but why is that up \$2,000?

Brad Mills: That would be increased because we're asking for money to go to the CRS training, which was not budgeted. So, that would be travel to go to that conference. The tuition part was just for the fees, for attending. The other would be to have my Assistant Director be able to attend that conference with me for the American Planning Association.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, but the \$2,000, that would reflect like this year's budget. Let me ask you this, what was, what are you using that for this year?

Brad Mills: That we requested for this year? We attended the conference, or I should say I attended the conference in Chicago this year.

Councilmember Raben: That's the same conference that you're?

Brad Mills: Yes, American Planning Association.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, that you plan to attend for next year?

Brad Mills: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: I still have a problem understanding why the \$2,000 increase? I mean, if you're already attending it now.

Brad Mills: It was to go for myself, my Assistant, and then also we've added a third conference, or a second conference, a third person would be traveling to a separate conference. This year the Community Rating System conference that was attended was in Phoenix. John Ambros from my office went to that.

Councilmember Raben: Alright.

Brad Mills: So, I mean, we're not doubling the cost, but we're having three people, instead of one attending.

Councilmember Raben: Then last is 4210, Office Furniture. There is a \$10,000 request for that.

Brad Mills: Uh-huh. Old furniture, not very efficient, people...we have our secretaries move from desk to desk, and it's just very old, antiquated furniture. I don't know how old. It's probably 30 or 40 years old. Everything that we've been getting, we've been getting as hand-me-downs. Whenever the Building Commissioner got his new furniture just recently, we went and scavenged everything we could, to try to bring ourselves up a little bit. We got some nice chairs out of the deal, but we would like to be able to make the office a little more efficient.

Councilmember Hoy: Comment on that, I do appreciate what you've done, and I was, I won't mention the office, dismayed to see, you know, one of the offices that we don't control the budget of, so it's not county--

Brad Mills: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: --get all brand new partitions when they didn't need them. We were able to cop on to some of those for the county. I think somebody didn't like the color. I've never had the privilege to choose the color of the decor of my office ever. I would, and, I mean, we may, you know we may cut, because we're cutting a lot of things. However, even though I think this has been stricken down, I still have a concern about your employees, and I would encourage you to buy chairs that are ergonomically correct, because that's--

Brad Mills: We have done that. We've been able to get the money to purchase new chairs.

Councilmember Hoy: Good.

Brad Mills: So people are comfortable in where they sit--

Councilmember Hoy: That's good.

Brad Mills: --it's just they are bumping their knees on things, and we don't have room for printers, and computers, and so on.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah. Now, I understand that, I just--

Brad Mills: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: --the chair issue is much more serious than I think some people have, and I'm glad you're taking that into account. Thank you.

Brad Mills: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Approximately how, back on the, this is on the Motor Vehicle, approximately, I think he asked how many miles you had, you weren't sure on that. Do you know, by chance, about how many miles per year you guys are putting on your vehicle there? Would you have an idea?

Brad Mills: I've been here for seven months now, and I really, I don't have that in my head anywhere.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Brad Mills: I would just have to ask.

Councilmember Sutton: Because, I guess, you know, I'm thinking too if it's not something that requires a great deal of use, and a lot of high mileage, that there might be, maybe, might be some vehicles available to you guys that you probably don't have to purchase anything if it's in something where you guys aren't putting a whole lot of miles on it.

Brad Mills: Okay. Great.

Councilmember Raben: I neglected one account. On the Miscellaneous Equipment that's up to \$15,000. Could you speak to that?

Brad Mills: Where it's increased \$5,000? Okay. What we're wanting to do, which we're upgrading our computer equipment as we're able to. The main thing that we're wanting to do is to add a electronic permitting system for the front counter. Right now we write everything out by hand. It's gets a little bit complicated. We're looking at trying to go electronic. We've had numerous requests from our customers, why can't we go on line and do this. We're looking to try to move into the electronic age with that, so we can get a software package where we can actually do all our permits right on the computer, and print them out. Right now we're writing out the receipts by hand. We're logging things by hand. We have an old computer system that we're using, that it's just not very efficient. We're trying to bring it up, so that we can do it from one spot, and, hopefully, even do it from over the Internet, where people can just, like get a sign permit, they send in information, we review it, and we can issue the permit electronically.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, do you know, of this \$15,000, what would be software related, and what would be hardware related?

Brad Mills: The computers that we've been getting, I think they've been around \$3,000, is that about right for that? So, I think we're in the \$2,000 range for software, and \$3,000 for the actual hardware.

Councilmember Raben: How many computers, or how many units are we looking at?

Brad Mills: Well, for the additional, I know that was the \$5,000. I don't know for the other \$10,000. I'm not sure on that. I would have to check.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Again, we mentioned it to Voters Registration of the computer equipment that's going to be coming out of the courts system that was put in place in 2000, or roughly then, or the latter part of 2000—

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben, can you hold that thought while we change the tape please?

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

(TAPE CHANGE)

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: You guys still carry the Heisman Trophy on that though. But, again, if, I would like to be able to utilize that equipment that is fairly current equipment except the new court package requires Pentium IV processors to operate and it may be ample for what you have got.

Brad Mills: We can look into that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

President Winnecke: Thank you Brad.

Brad Mills: Okay, thank you.

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

President Winnecke: Surveyor's office. Good morning.

Linda Freeman: Yeah.

President Winnecke: Do you need to catch your breath?

Linda Freeman: Well, I had a doctor's appointment this morning and I was run, go, go, go.

President Winnecke: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Good morning. I only had one question. Everything looks pretty good on your budget, 3700 Dues and Subscriptions. Can you tell me why it increased \$5,850, please?

Linda Freeman: Well, we normally just use the \$100 that we had always asked for, just like some magazines and dues that we paid for the Surveyor's office, but with that wonderful word that you guys like, that GIS software, the subscription for the two things that we have, one of them is \$3,000 and one of them is \$500 and then for the AutoCAD, we have AutoCAD map and AutoCAD LT and those, to keep the licenses current and for them to provide us support and to provide us any updates that come out, that is where the additional cost came from. It might not be the total that I have. At the time I didn't have all of the numbers together. I am sorry, since I just ran down here, because I ran into Al Folz out there and he said that they are on Area Plan.

Councilmember Bassemier: Take your time.

Linda Freeman: I don't think that the AutoCAD is going to be quite as much as I thought it was, so there might be a little bit of money that we can knock down off of that, but I know that the GIS software, the ESRI stuff is \$3,500, because we just came two months ago and asked for that from you guys. So, I know it is at least \$3,500 for that, and I am figuring at least another couple of thousand for the AutoCAD stuff that we need.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you ma'am.

Linda Freeman: Okey Dokey.

President Winnecke: The only other question I had was on Office Machines?

Linda Freeman: Yeah, we are looking at the copier that we have now, it is getting to the point where we are calling in the service guy quite regularly. In fact, yesterday afternoon when I was getting ready to leave, Pam was back there going, it's messed up again. So, it is getting to that break point where it's time to probably look at a new one. What we were looking at with that \$9,000 was a multi-function type of copier that would copy documents, but also we could scan documents, and we could use it as a fax machine. It would also be used as a printer within the office that all of the computers could send to that one printer verses buying printers at each desk. So, it is a multi-function type.

President Winnecke: Does that represent a specific quote?

Linda Freeman: It is some pricing that I had gotten just recently. So, I don't know what kind of prices we will be looking at next year, but I am reasonably sure that would cover what we have been looking at. But, like I said, it would be like a central printer and also copier and everything else, and would allow us to use it for multi-functions.

President Winnecke: Okay, Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, just back up on line item 3700, the software that you had talked about for Dues and Subscriptions. Now, are those updates? Updates that they, as a part of the license or the agreement on them, that you have to make? Or is this things that just to keep up with the new updates as they come out that you guys make those upgrades to it. How does that work?

Linda Freeman: It is the upgrades and also support. So, if I have a problem I can call them and they will help me walk through things, which has been very, when I was doing the precinct redistricting and stuff, I, that was, I had that number memorized for a while with the reporting and stuff, and the one guy helped me and he sent me some files and things that weren't related to just upgrading our software.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, if you are on like Version, I am just throwing something out here, Version V, they come out with Version VI and you decide to stay with Version V, can you still get the support that goes along with that?

Linda Freeman: No, once you let your licensing or subscription subside, you know, then you are back to kind of starting from square one depending upon, you know. Honestly, I think that it is pretty pricey, but, like I said, I can call and get support and they just automatically send me this stuff. Because, you know there is probably a million lines of code in that one particular one that costs \$3,000, and when they do an upgrade, they just send me the stuff in the mail automatically.

Councilmember Sutton: You guys might want to look pretty carefully under that one Office Machines, if you are getting one of those machines that combine all of those three functions, scanning, copying and printing. Typically, what those machines, they do give you a lot of functions but at the same time when you combine three machines into one, if you have one segment that breaks down then all of your functions, all of the other functions shut down and those machines tend to do something very well, but the other couple of things they don't do quite as well. So, you might want to look into it.

Linda Freeman: Well, it was something that we were looking into, and one way or the other we need to get another copying machine that can handle, because, like I said, it is at the break point where it is not really worth much. I mean, we can't even get a trade in on the copy machine that we had because that was one of my first things, you know, how much is this worth on a trade in? They are like-

Councilmember Sutton: Well, particularly if it is something that got heavy use.

Linda Freeman: It is just something that we thought we would present to you guys in our budget to have it before the first of the year, but yeah, we would definitely, you know like when we bought the copy machine, I had three or four vendors side by side and the cleaning lady said what, are they multiplying? So, we would check into it and see and I think like the Treasurer's office within the past year has purchased this type of thing and I have checked with other departments about what kind of luck or not that they have had, so it wouldn't be you know. I like to know that something is going to work well.

Councilmember Hoy: That is a point well taken by Councilman Sutton.

Linda Freeman: It is something that I have thought about, do these things work that well?

Councilmember Sutton: Something that you may want to give some thought to as well, we have a lot of offices with copy machines, I mean does every office need to have a copy machine. I know it is convenient if it is right there in your office but realistically when you look at the cost of a copy machine, your maintenance contracts and then if you get any degree of use out of them they aren't going to last you beyond five years. We may want to give some thought to some functional areas that are maybe close in proximity or can work together in maybe sharing a copy machine or something like that.

Linda Freeman: When we have large jobs where we are printing our specs and stuff where you have to do 20 double sided copies and it is maybe 20 or 30 pages we will go to the Second Floor, in the Auditor's office, where they have the great big kicking machine down there, but when it is after hours, you know like when Bill is in Drainage Board or things like that we don't usually shut our doors at 4:30. If someone is walking in at 4:30 and we are helping them you know if they need a copy of something and things like that we have our copy machine right there and it is only .025 cents a copy verses like when we were making copies in Purchasing which is right next door they were charging us five or seven cents a copy. Yeah, and that was like, it got really expensive really fast.

President Winnecke: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: That was my question. You do go through Purchasing when you purchase a machine like that?

Linda Freeman: Yeah, we would have vendors show us what they have got and try to compare apples to apples as best as you can, but, there again, everybody, but mine makes 22 copies a minute. That one only makes 20 and mine is this way and that way. But, we would look at what your toner costs are, what the maintenance costs are, what they would charge us per copy for a maintenance agreement. Like right now, our maintenance agreement that we have on an annual basis is for 19,000 copies. We always run over that, but the next break point is not enough, or it is too much for us, and we would be paying for copies that we aren't making. So, basically we pay for 19,000 copies and for anything above that we pay .025 cents, two and a half cents a copy, but it covers everything. If it sneezes we call them and they come and fix it. They pay for toner and everything. We pay for staples and paper. They have been pretty good, but it is getting to the point where we are on the phone quite a bit, and, hey, is it squeaking?

Councilmember Hoy: They don't have a long life.

Linda Freeman: No, and this one.

Councilmember Hoy: And there is no trade in.

Linda Freeman: No.

President Winnecke: Okay, let's move onto page 181, the Perpetual Fund.

SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUAL FUND

Linda Freeman: I think that is all the same.

President Winnecke: Uh, 181.

Linda Freeman: I think we kept that all the same, that is to pay for our Special Deputy.

SURVEYOR MAP

President Winnecke: And the the Surveyor Map Fund is 157, very similar. Probably little or no questions.

Linda Freeman: Yeah, I don't think we changed anything there. We might have actually-

President Winnecke: Reduced?

Linda Freeman: Yeah, reduced. We aren't selling as many maps, so the money is not there.

President Winnecke: Okay, thank you very much. Health Department.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

President Winnecke: Good morning, Sam.

Sam Elder: Sam Elder from the Health Department.

President Winnecke: How are you today?

Sam Elder: Fine.

President Winnecke: Good.

Sam Elder: Up til now.

President Winnecke: Let's find our page here, 147. Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Good morning, Mr. Elder.

Sam Elder: Good morning.

Councilmember Bassemier: On page 151, account 3200 ,Utilities, what is going on here?

Sam Elder: That Utilities is if we would move.

Councilmember Bassemier: If you would move?

Sam Elder: If we would move, if you remember, just all of these accounts for the move were in last years budget and that money is still in the county Health Fund and did not revert. So it will be backed out, I think that is what you did last year.

Councilmember Bassemier: So, we can zero that out?

Sam Elder: Well, you didn't the Utilities last year, but you did the moving expense.

Councilmember Tornatta: Doesn't that revert back to the General Fund?

Sam Elder: No, it does not go.

Councilmember Hoy: No, this is not General Fund.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, but after a year?

Councilmember Hoy: No, it reverts back to the Health Levy. It's a separate taxing levy, separate from the General Fund. Being your liaison and having walked through many buildings with the committee and being disappointed at what didn't happen, I would like to see those stay in there, because I still feel, and my understanding from the Board is, and I see Dr. Del Rio Hoover shaking her head yes, it would be good to leave those in there. So that perhaps a good move may still be negotiated.

Sam Elder: Dr. Del Rio is here to provide any answers to the move. She is on the committee for the move and this was the way that you did it, the Utilities and the other were left in and they are not spent. It is my understanding that all of that money is still in the County Health Fund.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, further comments would be that we are looking at a department that has quite a budget, should have quite a budget, because they are talking about the health of this county. There is a gross misunderstanding concerning the Health Department and that the Health Department exists only for poor people. That is not true. We all use it at some time or another. I sit in on those meetings and I read the reports the best I can, and I don't expect, you all have your assignments and you read reports and I trust the fact that you read those, but the work of this department is incredibly extensive and vital and should continue. There is no question if you go down there. If anybody needs space to breathe, it is the Health Department. So, I am hoping that we can give this another try on a move and negotiate something successful, and then the Courts will have 10,000 square feet for courtrooms right in this building, which they have been asking us for. I was a little amazed that the Bar Association wasn't up here advocating, or in the next room advocating for the move because they wanted that space so badly, but they didn't show up, did they?

President Winnecke: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Just briefly, as a matter of clarification although this is its own levy it does affect our overall levy. But, Sam, along the lines of what Councilmember Hoy said, this body for the last few years has been very supportive in your efforts to relocate, and you know, hopefully, will continue to do so. But, as a matter of a question on this request for the new facility, are you at privilege to say, does this represent a facility or is this kind of a?

Maria Del Rio: May I?

President Winnecke: Sure, please.

Maria Del Rio: Good morning, Maria Del Rio Hoover, Chairman, Vanderburgh County Board of Health. This represents what we had as a budget for the previous facility. We have now put a legal notice in the paper for new proposals for a new facility. We are moving on and are determined to find a facility. We don't want to waste your time nor ours but we do want to serve the people of this community. The money in the budget as far as Rent, Utilities, etc. is what represented the previous facility. We are hoping that we can get a new facility for the same price or less. I am hoping that I can stand before you and I can say it's going to be even less than what you had in the budget. However, there is an amount of money for moving that you can remove from the budget because we have it in a separate account and that is the \$800 and some odd thousand. You removed that last year and that is the amount that you can remove from the budget, because we have that amount available. But the line items, the Rent, the Utilities is what I am requesting that you give us another year to see if we can find another facility and hopefully be here next year.

Councilmember Hoy: Which line item is that?

Councilmember Tornatta: It's 4112.

Councilmember Sutton: \$839.

Councilmember Hoy: That is the moving expense.

Maria Del Rio: Yes, and that is one that you can remove.

Councilmember Raben: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: Do we, if we have dollars available in there in case there is a facility found for some of the other costs like the Utilities, do we need to appropriate those monies either? I mean, if we don't have any, there is not reason to pay it twice.

Maria Del Rio: Well, the money is for the move and that is what we have separate. One is to pay Utilities and one is to pay the Rent. The other is a renovation of the facility and the move. So, the money that you are removing is money that we have to move and renovate. If you take away our Rent and our Utilities, we won't have any money to pay the Rent.

Councilmember Sutton: How much money did we appropriate to you guys last year in anticipation of a move?

Maria Del Rio: Well, it is divided up. You have Utilities, which are already included in our current lease, and the Rent you increased it. Our usual Rent is about \$187,000, and I think you increased it. It is line item -

President Winnecke: 3600.

Maria Del Rio: 3600.

Councilmember Raben: What Royce is stating though, is did we appropriate a line for Utilities? Because you can't. Utilities are part of your Rent that you are paying here.

Maria Del Rio: Right, correct.

Councilmember Raben: Did we appropriate a line last year for Utilities?

Mario Del Rio: For the new facility?

President Winnecke: Yes, we did.

Councilmember Raben: So, it is still within your fund. So, what Councilmember Sutton is getting to is that we should be able to strike that from this budget, since those funds are already in place.

Councilmember Sutton: Right. If you have \$59,000 last year, so you really wouldn't need it again a second time. If you find a facility you can use the money that you still have.

Maria Del Rio: Oh, alright, because we still have, does it carry over?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, your fund remains in tact.

Maria Del Rio: Oh, if it remains intact then, yes, you are correct.

Councilmember Sutton: The same thing on the Rent too?

Maria Del Rio: Exactly.

Councilmember Raben: No, the Rent is for this facility.

President Winnecke: All we did on the Rent line item was increase it with anticipation.

Councilmember Sutton: But, we weren't anticipating the Rent level that we set in here. We put it over and above thinking that they would actually get a facility. So, actually, what they are going to pay this year is less than what we allocated. If you understand what I am saying? There is actually a surplus then.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, they piggybacked a \$181,000 up to this point, and that is more than they paid in the previous years.

Councilmember Raben: That would be for this building's Rent for this year, the \$181,000. That is a roundabout-

Councilmember Tornatta: That is the whole year?

Councilmember Hoy: No, that is for six months.

Maria Del Rio: You budgeted.

Councilmember Raben: Councilmember Sutton's point is that we can probably subtract the additional from this budget as well, since we did insert that last year.

Maria Del Rio: The \$6,000, is that?

Councilmember Raben: The 3600.

Maria Del Rio: Will that give us, well, that means that it is still in our budget so that we can use it and it can carry over?

Councilmember Raben: Right.

Maria Del Rio: The only difference is that we do have an increase in Rent here of \$6,367 so that we do need that. In case we move, we can pay the Rent here and then use the rest of the money. But, you don't have to add the rest of the money, just the \$6,000.

Councilmember Raben: Right.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. Raben, if you can explain to me, I am looking at 1999, 2000, 2001 and then the big jump to 2002.

Councilmember Raben: What we are saying is that we think that, and I am going to round this off, that we can insert a \$188,000 for this year and that will take care of their Rent for this facility should they be here next year, and still have additional funds within their budget for new, higher rate.

President Winnecke: It appears that the year to date expense seems greater for this year than what we have paid in previous years.

Councilmember Raben: Because there was an increase. We took an increase from the Building Authority last year. It is just higher this year.

Councilmember Tornatta: No, no.

President Winnecke: I understand that. But,

Councilmember Tornatta: But this is double.

President Winnecke: If you double-

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I know, we pay the Rent up front.

Councilmember Tornatta: That is what I am asking. That is what I was asking.

President Winnecke: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Okay here is what we did. When we said let's move the Health Department and we facilitate it. The Health Department said that our study shows that we need 33,000 square feet, and we funded them. That is why that doubled them. We said, well, we will take you from 10,000 to 20,000 square feet, that is all the farther we will go. In searching for space, we able, the committee, and I am not a member of the committee, I was just there because I am the liaison and couldn't vote or anything, but we found 38,000 square feet for what this Council allocated for 20,000 square feet. We got 18,000 more square feet at Second and Main. We could have had that. It is gone. It's sold. Old National bought it. So, that is off the books, but we could have had that space for what we allocated for 20,000 square feet. That is why you see the double, that is why I ran it through my little Sharp calculator here, and that is pretty close to what we did. So, that is a process that we went through, and I am just concerned that we still have those funds available as we make another try to find another place for the Health Department, that's all.

Maria Del Rio: On behalf of the Board of Health we appreciate all that this Council has done and the understanding that you have had in our trials and in our attempts to find a new building.

President Winnecke: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Ma'am? Sam, on a new site for next year, is that going to be worked out with the Commissioners? They are still hoping that you will go over to the Courthouse.

Sam Elder: If you can answer that then you have a lot more information than me. But, I would hope that it could be, and we could all start fresh, and we could find a common goal.

Councilmember Sutton: If you take that figure that they have got back on that Rent real quick. They basically have a surplus there from last year's budget of \$174,833.80. So, if that gives you any kind of idea? Did you get that Jim?

President Winnecke: \$174,833.

Councilmember Sutton: He is not with us.

Councilmember Sutton: \$174.833.80.

Councilmember Tornatta: And we anticipate a \$6,000 upgrade from this year, the increase.

Sam Elder: That is the figure that we were given from the Commissioners office.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, great.

President Winnecke: Councilmember Bassemeier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Back on the Rent, Sam, that \$181,898.20. I know that you have up here for six months, but is that for the whole year? That is the whole year? Okay, that is what I thought.

President Winnecke: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, we have a question. The Auditor raised a question and before we slice this we should settle it, because the Auditor is saying that we need to leave this figure in so that they do have this money, and we need to settle that out, and I don't know the answer to that. The second thing that I want to say and I will turn the mike over to somebody else is, the Old Courthouse was mentioned. If you have looked at the, I just want this in public record. If you look at that building, it won't work anymore for the Health Department because you are talking about privacy, for one thing, and certain parts of that building you can not partition floor to ceiling. So, you get no privacy. You can put up little partitions, but I don't think that any of us sitting around this table would want to be sitting in a room discussing our health when the person in the next cubicle could hear about us. None of us would. So, it is not a good building for this operation, and I know that we are not debating it today but I want to, I wanted it in our minutes that it is a bad decision.

Councilmember Raben: Well, plus the fact of being a historical building and the type of preservation work that you have to do, your facility has different zoned air rooms, and they are zoned and filtered and what have you, and you would have to lower ceilings to install that duct work, and I don't think that would be allowed anyway.

Sam Elder: I tell you a lot of people don't realize that is one of the main problems that we have in the building here is the ventilation for the TB clinic. You know it passes, and it complies, and it is close.

Councilmember Raben: If you had to design the appropriate air ducts and what have you for the TB Clinic you would be distorting the-

Sam Elder: You couldn't do it. Oh, you could do it, but it would not be economically feasible.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I don't think it would pacify the way you should preserve that historical building, because you would be changing the ceiling and everything else.

Sam Elder: I don't think the committee had even considered that building when it was approached.

Maria Del Rio: You have to have laboratories in the Health Department. We have to have facilities at different entrances for people that have diseases that can be transmitted, you know, like tuberculosis. So, we have to be careful of what building we use, and how many entrances, and facilitate this to our community. So, this building would cost an enormous amount of money to make into a Health Department. Right now much more so than the money that you are looking at right here. It would be cheaper to build a brand new building than to renovate that one.

President Winnecke: I have a question unrelated to the building. The large request, the increase in Mosquito Control?

Sam Elder: Actually-

President Winnecke: Actually, it is the same request, but you haven't spent as much money.

Sam Elder: I tell you, actually, just like now we have this West Nile, and we haven't been doing any adulticiding because it is recommended that you not. You know, we used to do a lot of adulticiding. We used hard pesticides. We used chlorinated hydrocarbons first, and then we used organic phosphates. You can't do that any more, even though New York did last year when they had the West Nile. It was decided to balance it off. But, we don't, that's, the money is spent, and we may do some adulticiding. We test birds here every week, are captured here for St. Louis encephalitis, and the West Nile, and we have not had any positives. Last year we had one positive bird that was picked up, but the entomologist from the state felt that this was probably a migratory bird that had migrated here, because we picked it up in October. But, we ship birds all the, this week almost every day. We ship dead crows, all the hawks, and the blue jays and for some reason they are the only dead birds that they picked up that was positive for West Nile. But, that is anticipated, and don't have to start the adulticiding. We won't need it, but if we do need it, and we checked with all of the suppliers, we started all the adulticide equipment last week, when Fort Wayne had 30 positive birds, because we might be next. We have everything ready to use, but the pesticides that we would use for adulticiding, without going back to the board, would be pyrethroids. These are practically no residual, and you have to spray it on them, and it is not very effective.

President Winnecke: Forget my ignorance but adulticiding means?

Sam Elder: Spraying for adult mosquitoes. Now, we larvicide, in other words we have mapped all of the areas in the whole county that breeds mosquitoes. The culex mosquito is the primary carrier of encephalitis, St. Louis encephalitis, and West Nile in this area. We know where all their breeding areas are. They breed in water that has high organic content. This is primarily from sewage, in the areas that are not sewered. Most of them today are dry. You know, we don't have any breeding problems, so we're not spraying even larvaciding those. But, we check for activity everyday, and if we find anyplace that has mosquito activity, in other words, larvae in the water, we spray it. But, this is called larvaciding, and this is recommended that you do this, but it's not recommending that you adulticide. When Ft. Wayne decided to adulticide after those dead birds that were positive, when they decided to do it, the Mayor of Ft. Wayne objected to them doing it without giving the public a 72 hour notice, and so did the City Attorney. He felt you should give a 72 hour notice. The Ft. Wayne board felt that they had to be flexible. You know, in other words, if they had a lot of outbreak in the public, human cases, they would want to start right now. They didn't want to wait 72 hours. So, they're not waiting 72, they are going to try to, but they wanted the flexibility of being able to start. If we would have to adulticide, we would have to transfer money in there, we would eat the money that's in there up right quick.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Sam Elder: We've always had, you know, I've had that in there, but we don't spend it. Now, the Auditor adjusts that tax rate sometimes, which she might be able to explain that process to you, but it's been adjusted, our balance, before.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Suzanne Crouch: Well, actually, I don't have the privilege of adjusting the tax rates. I wish I did, but the amount of levy that you are, need to supplement and fund your budget, determines the tax rate. The Health Department has been very frugal over the years, and they've been able to live within their means, and that has kept their tax rate, you know, pretty level over the last few years.

President Winnecke: Any other questions of Mr. Elder?

Councilmember Hoy: Just a comment, and that is, and I wouldn't want him leaving this room thinking that, talking about birds is a minor issue, because in a food warehouse the worst pest that we had was a bird, because of the disease that they carry. I mean, we didn't want mice

or rats either, and we didn't have them, but we occasionally would get a bird in there, and they could be pretty scary with what they carry. That rhymes, doesn't it?

President Winnecke: Thank you, Sam. Thank you, Dr. Hoover. Okay, yeah.

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AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Bob Working: Good morning.

President Winnecke: Good morning, Bob. How are you today?

Bob Working: Doing well.

President Winnecke: Good.

Bob Working: Got a little horse throat, but I'll survive.

President Winnecke: You do sound different.

Bob Working: I thought I had gotten a call from someone on the way down that needed, okay. Anyway, your report is here to answer any questions you may have on our 2003 budget. I believe we're looking at about a 1.5%, 1.6% increase over this year. We've certainly been involved in a lot of change in the last ten months, and we anticipate a lot more change in the next 12 months. Not sure exactly where it's all going to come from.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Winnecke: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: Just a comment. I had asked earlier for the individual wages. We have that.

Bob Working: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: So, that question was answered, and we appreciate that.

Bob Working: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: The other question I have is given all you've been dealing with, and you've been, every airport's been dealing with a lot, how is your traffic?

Bob Working: It's down. It's down considerably.

Councilmember Hoy: I would expect it to be down.

Bob Working: Hmm?

Councilmember Hoy: I would expect it to be down.

Bob Working: Oh, it is. 1999 was Evansville's record year, 268,000. The economy softened a little bit in 2000, we dropped down to 260,000. 2001 we finished up at 226,000. So, and most of that occurred post 9/11. Although, before we went into it, the economy was still softening. I believe, right now, year to date, we're somewhere around 218,000. So, in the last two years we've lost about 48,000 people getting on board aircraft, as well as about 48,000 people getting off aircraft. We, as you know, in November, after September the 11th, the

Federal government decided to create the Transportation Security Administration. That's still evolving. You pick a number as far as employees that they say they are going to have. It will be interesting to see what they end up with. On the low side 45,000. On the up side 100,000 employees to carry out the mission that Congress has established. Transportation Security Administration will be responsible for the security of all passengers, all cargo, all airplanes, and all property. So, they're coming in in a big way, whenever they get here, and we're starting to see some of their advance teams now. Evansville is fortunate in that we have been designated as one of the sites where a Federal Security Director will actually be on the airport. What that will end up meaning is that he not only will be her himself, he'll have an entourage of people, but he will be taking care of not only Evansville, but also Owensboro, Kentucky; Paducah, Kentucky; and Marion, Illinois. So, there will be four airports that are under his purview. I would envision a compliment of somewhere around 50, 60 employees that will be employed by the Transportation Security Administration within the next year. I have not had any firm requests, but they're indicating that they're looking for about 10,000 square feet of office space to carry out their mission. We're very concerned with customer service. We are in the customer service industry. I continually remind those people that if they run all the passengers off, the system will be secure, but I don't think that's the goal. We're looking at 100% bag searches of all bags by the end of the year. That's mandated by Congress. They're trying to gear up to meet those restrictions. Evansville may be in a advantageous position in that it may be easier to enter into the system from airports such as Evansville, where there is lower activity, than what it will be at the larger hubs. It will be interesting to see how it all works out.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Bob, you're salaried personnel here, what percent of increase does this represent?

Bob Working: No one at the airport is getting more than a 3% increase, unless that person is in a step increase. Some salaries show a reduction. My Chief of Safety, who I had for 21 years, is now employed by the Transportation Security Administration. So, you know, we're seeing a loss of some longevity there.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: How is the free trade zone moving along?

Bob Working: Well, we have one product in the trade zone at this time. It's been slow, you know, and I would be the first to admit it. It has not taken off as we had hoped that it would. The Centerpot, who is the operator, out of Memphis, Tennessee has employed Rob Bonger of Bonger and Associates to sit there and try to market the zone to local businesses. So far it hasn't been fruitful, but there are also leads that are being pursued out there. I do know that Centerpot is also looking in their network, you know, they market themselves on a world wide basis. So, we're still hopeful to see product come in there. It's just finding the business that can utilize that gain, that benefit, that will be made available to them. It's hard to, a lot of times get a business to really open up with you as to how they go about doing their business, so that you can turn around and find opportunities for them, as far as deferring taxes, on duty, and things of that nature. So, it's been a tough go so far. They're paying rent, you know, I would say, and so, the airport is getting some revenue off that. The rent is supposed to go up over the next couple of years, and they are really going to be upset if they don't start getting some product in there to cover their costs.

Councilmember Hoy: What's the source of the rent for the free trade zone? Source of the rent?

Bob Working: It's from Centerpot, the operator in Memphis. We entered into a five year agreement with them, recognizing that foreign trade zone had not been activated in Southern

Indiana before. We gave them a very, a very good rental rate for the first two years, and then we ratcheted it up in the third year. Then year four and five, we're looking at rents in excess of \$100,000 a year. So, anyway, we knew that, and we were giving them that lead time to be able to build their business. Hopefully, they will be able to.

Councilmember Hoy: Does their rent cover your cost?

Bob Working: Their rent, right now, covers most of our costs. One other resource that we have, that we have dedicated towards that, is revenues that we receive from the airport development zone. Last, this past year we received about \$36,000 through the airport development zone. Recognizing that we would use those revenues to cover any shortfall we might have. Really about our only expense right now is insurance on the building, and some minor maintenance, the rest of it Centerpot is paying.

President Winnecke: Bob, the only question I had relative to your budget was the increase in Dues and Subscriptions?

Bob Working: I believe what we had there is a transferring from Other Contractual Services over to that. We have the airport news and training network, which is a satellite feed with the American Association of Airport Executives. We moved that over to that account, felt that it was more appropriately positioned in that. I believe that's the increase in there.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Bob Working: We, basically, went through our budget this past year, Mr. Shymanski did, and if we didn't spend it last year, then we tried to adjust it down. In that regard too, I would say if you look at it account by account you'll see that Other Contractual Services, or that's how we call it, was reduced some \$40,000. I can tell you I'm very concerned about that, in part, because May 10th the airport had to take over the responsibility of providing law enforcement services on-site, at the airport during all screening functions. TSA entered into a memorandum of understanding with us where they said they would reimburse us for that cost. We have billed them over \$50,000 so far, and we haven't gotten our first check. So, I'm worried about that float that we have there, because I'm paying that out of Other Contractual Services, so more than, if this were next year, more than 50% of that budget would have already been expended just covering that expense.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, Mr. President. Bob, recognizing that, you know, obviously, the events of last year had an effect upon the amount of service that you write. I mean, I know you don't speak for the airlines, obviously, but do we anticipate getting some service to Indianapolis anytime here within the foreseeable future?

Bob Working: I do. I have a dream. The, I can tell you that the airlines don't share in that dream. They say they will never have service back to Indianapolis. I would like to see, and I've talked with other airports within the state, who are all very supportive of that. We would like to see the development of an intra-state airline, that would be subsidized by airports, and maybe even the department of commerce for the state, or whatever, to provide frequency with 19 passenger aircraft to Indianapolis, creating a mini hub there, so to speak. Then the development of intra-state fares, where you could fly from Evansville to Indy, have a 15, 20 minute layover, and then get on another aircraft and go on to Ft. Wayne, South Bend, or Gary. You know, Chicago is our number one origination and destination market. In a normal year we'll send 50,000 passengers to Chicago. If Gary can sit there and improve their connections and feed, ground transportation, to downtown Chicago, and we could provide a walk up fare in the \$250 range, which we believe we could, we think that an airline like that could be very profitable. We attempted to do that earlier this year by applying for a \$1 million grant with the Federal government. We weren't successful in that grant. However, it is multi year, and we're

going to resubmit next year. We feel that it not only helps Evansville, but it, this was also going to tie in Lafayette and Terre Haute. So, we would have six airports in the state of Indiana that would benefit from the development of such a service. I'm still hopeful. I can tell you that if TSA, and I'm truly am not speaking derogatory about this, but if we see a system that becomes so inconvenient for the passengers to be able to get in and board a flight, then it's going to be very difficult, you know, to see that service work. We're very concerned about that. That's why we're staying in close communication with this advance team. When you go to 100% bag search, and, obviously, every passenger has to be searched, right now on the 100% bag search they are telling us they are hoping that they won't see a screening time of more than 35 additional minutes. Right now we tell the passengers to be there one hour ahead of time. If we're having to look at an hour and a half, to an hour and forty five minutes to be at the airport before they can catch their flight to Indy, we're going to lose a lot of people.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, you say if it becomes, it already is an inconvenience.

Bob Working: Well, it is an inconvenience now, but—

Councilmember Sutton: I know there's not much you can necessarily do about it directly in what you do, but maybe indirectly some horns need to go up in some areas. Not everyone wants to fly to Chicago, you know, with the issues there. You know, if anybody's flown through the Chicago airport, or any of the major metropolitan airports, it is, it would be a welcome site if we could get some air transportation coming out of Evansville or Indianapolis.

Bob Working: You know, I would love to have it. I do think that TSA is aware of the fact that they must, if at all possible, get the screening period down to a reasonable period of time. I am still hopeful that technology, and the manpower be there. I certainly believe the manpower is going to be there. I'm still waiting on some technology.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Working, you may have mentioned this and I was dealing with something else over here.

Bob Working: That's alright.

Councilmember Hoy: Are there any airports that do have service to Indianapolis? Does Ft. Wayne, for example? Or South Bend?

Bob Working: Fort Wayne just, and I'm going to say it's more rumor controlled than fact, but it's my understanding Shuttle America just started one flight a day from Ft. Wayne to Indy. It goes in the morning, like at 7:00, and it comes back at 5:00 that evening. I think it's more of an effort to transport some people that are tied in with Shataqua, I believe that's correct, than it is for providing, you know, walk up airline service.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah.

Bob Working: But to answer your question, Ft. Wayne is the only airport. We had that distinction before 9/11. We were the only commercial service airport in the state of Indiana to have scheduled air service to Indianapolis, and then since 9/11 no one had it, until maybe this past month, and that was with a 30 passenger stop.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Okay, thank you, Bob.

Bob Working: Alright.

President Winnecke: As promised, we are going to take a 10 minute recess. We'll reconvene at 10:42.

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ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR

Joyce Kron: Joyce Kron, Chief Deputy, Armstrong Township.

President Winnecke: Okay, line item 1990, Extra Help.

Joyce Kron: We're just asking for a little help. Things are getting to be a little hectic for us right now. We just, short term, would need a little Extra Help. We're getting more duties, more things we're taking on all the time, and we just need a little, occasional Extra Help. Just with the simple office things. I'm not sure that we need that much, but thought that we should budget for a little Extra Help. If we end up that we don't need that, we won't use it.

President Winnecke: Councilman Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: A couple things. Although it's not a lot, what do you consider Communications? What is in that line item? That's 3141.

Joyce Kron: Is that the \$220?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah.

Joyce Kron: That's our Internet service.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. Alright. That's, I'm just trying to figure out what you qualify.

Joyce Kron: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: And then, do you rent, is your building inside the house?

Joyce Kron: It's in my in-laws, or my in-laws, my husband's parents home.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Joyce Kron: That's where our office is.

Councilmember Tornatta: Do you know about how much square footage you are talking about?

Joyce Kron: No. We have the entire basement of their house. A ranch style, fairly new house. We have a large office.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: It would have to be pretty cheap, because that's just a little over \$100 a month, so.

Councilmember Tornatta: I guess, my question is, for those who do have the offices in the house, to make sure we're paying a decent rate, but not going over in one, and lower in another.

Joyce Kron: Okay, we don't pay any Utilities, and we don't pay any Insurance. They pick up all that, and they get just a little over, I think it's \$110 a month.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Winnecke: Other questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Computer Software?

Joyce Kron: Oh, what we want to do with that, I priced last year a software package to do our personal property tax. They quoted me a price at that time of \$1,700. I thought I found another company that would work just as well for cheaper. We tried that this past spring, and it didn't work for what we needed. When it got budget time I called the lady again for a quote, she quoted me about \$2,400, but could not guarantee me this price will be good for next year. So, I put the \$3,000, I'm going to try to book it yet this year while the price is good, with hopes that I can pay it next year when I have the funds. I thought I better put a little extra there, in case it goes up again.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, what are you guys using presently to handle the responsibilities that you're looking for this new software to do?

Joyce Kron: Okay, what this new software will do is allow us to input the personal property tax forms that we receive, and then it will, I will be electronically able to provide the information to the Auditors office, instead of now I've taken it, and I have manually put it into a software, onto a spreadsheet for them. Now, this will take care of all that, give the Assessors and the Auditors office the information they need electronically.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Other questions? Jim, do we need to look at the Reassessment too on 155?

Councilmember Sutton: I'm sorry, one more question, Lloyd.

President Winnecke: Sure. I'm sorry.

Councilmember Sutton: Are any of the other Assessors using that system that you're intending to?

Joyce Kron: Yes, this is the same software that everybody is going to be using.

Councilmember Raben: No, there's really no point in looking at any of the Reassessment budgets, because those won't be set in next week anyway. Because this is the first Assessors budget on our agenda, it would be my intent, so that we don't have to go through these line per line, that any of the 2000, 3000 accounts that we can move into Reassessment, as we did last year, we'll do this year. So, I don't know how much you want to go through them line by line, but that's my intent.

President Winnecke: Okay. Thank you. Have a good day.

CENTER ASSESSOR

President Winnecke: Center Township. Page 57. Good morning, John.

John Gerard: Good morning. John Gerard, Center Assessor. Before you have our budget proposal, and I'm a new Assessor, but it's an old budget. Apparently this is the same budget that our office has had for the last nine years. So, it's very bare bones, and just what that, and I know you're not going to hear the Reassessment today, with the other one, but one is, goes with the other. I need every cent that's in both of them. I think the only difference you should see is \$10,081, which is all in personnel and step raises.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Question, Mr. President, that we probably ought to ask as each Assessor comes up that they answer. Where are we at in regard to Reassessment, because we're obviously concerned about when the county is going to start receiving money after things hit the mail, so.

President Winnecke: Sure.

John Gerard: Good question. Obviously, I'm the new kid on the block with this. We are working vigorously, but we are probably the furthest behind of any township. We are still data collecting. With that we are preparing and getting ready to enter that into, start entering into the computer. We have not done so yet. I hope to have the city totally data collected by the end of this month. My goal then is to have the county data collected by the end of October. Hopefully, we will be able to have our books ready and start entering the city stuff into the computer the first week of September. As far as how long it's going to take, that I'm not, I don't know yet. If you're asking for an overall goal, my overall goal would probably be close to the end of January before I can be, I can say I'm done, and I'm not sure I can meet that goal. I mean, today it's just an estimate.

John Gerard: I'm sure you're working as fast and efficient as you can, but, again, you know—

John Gerard: I have five part time people now, and it's really all our office can hold.

Councilmember Raben: —our finances depend on those tax bills so.

John Gerard: I know you need it, and we will work with the Auditor. I mean, if she just needs our pick ups, and our new stuff, we would be happy to provide that to her. We could have that at a sooner date for her, if she needed that information.

Suzanne Crouch: May I?

President Winnecke: Yes.

Suzanne Crouch: The Auditors office needs the, you know, the information from the Assessors. I'm going to say those Form 11's by, probably, the end of January in order to do all of our work, and then be able to get it to the Treasurer, who then sends the tape out to send out the tax bills. If we can't realize that deadline, if the Assessors can't realize their deadline to get their information to us, then it's a very, very, very likely possibility that the tax bills will not go out on time. Which means we will not have revenue coming in to fund county government.

Councilmember Raben: Right. I had asked the question, you were out of the room, but I had asked the question that each Assessor as they come up, they tell us where they are at in the process, so we know, you know, that tax bills are going to meet our deadline. So, that's what he was doing is responding to that.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I might add it's not the Assessors fault. It's the states fault. They are the one's that horsed around all this time. I think everybody is aware of that. So, let's don't blame the Assessors.

John Gerard: True. I mean, final rules just came out June 22nd. So, I mean, it's very difficult. We are also, residentially, a very growing township. Last year we added 388 new homes. Just between March and June 30th of this year, so far, we have permitted 137 new homes. So, it's not only doing Reassessment, it's keeping up with the growth that Center Township is experiencing presently.

President Winnecke: I would just add, make one request of all the Township Assessors, and the County Assessor, almost everyone has Level II certification requests.

John Gerard: Yes.

President Winnecke: Just so we can keep track of who's paid what, if each office holder could make a copy of who has those certifications, and forward those to the Council office, just so we have them on file.

John Gerard: No problem.

President Winnecke: As, just as a matter of record keeping. Any other questions of John? Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: John, I just want to say you and Rebecca have done a really, really good job.

John Gerard: Thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: I tell you, I've been in your office several times, and busy like little bees. You're doing a fantastic job.

John Gerard: We're working as hard as we can.

Councilmember Bassemier: You're doing a good job.

John Gerard: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thanks, John.

GERMAN ASSESSOR

President Winnecke: German Township. Good morning.

Tim Schaefer: Tim Schaefer, German Township Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Tim, as I had stated earlier, we'll, my intent would be that any of the 2 and 3000 accounts, and 4000 accounts that we can move into Reassessment, you know, that's what we'll do this year.

Tim Schaefer: It should be the same one's as last year. You've got your Office Supplies, and (Inaudible).

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, we'll follow pretty much the same formula as last year.

Tim Schaefer: Alright. That would be fine.

Councilmember Raben: This is another one of those budgets that never changes, and he operates a pretty tight ship.

Tim Schaefer: If you'll notice, I think it even went down.

Councilmember Tornatta: Tim, I've asked before of some other offices that run outside, your office is located where?

Tim Schaefer: It's in an out building.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Tim Schaefer: It's a garage.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Tim Schaefer: That's been converted into an office.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Tim Schaefer: A storage building, that I kind of use half for my personal use, and the office is the other half. It's got a full bathroom in it. It's got a break room in it. A little kitchen.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Tim Schaefer: Lots of filing cabinets.

Councilmember Tornatta: Approximately how many square feet? Do you have an idea?

Tim Schaefer: I would say downstairs they're using an area probably 16' by 20'.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Tim Schaefer: Then upstairs is probably half of it. It's 700 square foot up there, so they're probably using 300 square foot up there.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, thanks.

Tim Schaefer: I mean, the rent also, I mean, there's a separate meter of gas and electric on that building, and I would say that the Utilities are running in excess of \$100 a month. So, I mean, I can bring utility bills in here if you want them.

President Winnecke: Any other questions of Tim? Thank you, sir.

Tim Schaefer: You're welcome. Thank you.

KNIGHT ASSESSOR

President Winnecke: Knight Township. Good morning, Al.

Al Folz: Al Folz, Knight Township Assessor. Good morning.

President Winnecke: How are you today?

Al Folz: Fine, thank you.

President Winnecke: Good.

Councilmember Raben: Al, Extra Help.

Al Folz: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: You're asking for \$20,000, do you want to elaborate on that?

Al Folz: Sure. The one you see a \$20,000, this is for the running of our office regular budget. I've got eight full time people, which I've been asking for a long time for extra full time people, but I'm doing very well with the part time that we have right now, and it's too ladies that we

have had now for about six or seven years. This is just about what it takes to employ them. They are part time, so there's no other benefits or anything that is there. So, that this works out very well. On the budget that we've had before, before everything was kind of transferred over into the Reassessment budget, this is basically what we had come to, and asked the Council for. Again, these are for the part time help that just works strictly on our regular business.

Councilmember Raben: Could you comment, because your's is the largest township—

Al Folz: Yes.

Councilmember Raben: —of course, it's an obvious concern to us in regards to where you're at in the process. Do you care to comment on that?

Al Folz: Of course, I was finished with my data collecting a year ago. We didn't get started, as far as the software is concerned, because it was late getting here, that we had to work with. I've got six people data entering. As the add-ons or take aways, whatever we found on the buildings, I think we have somewhere like 9,000 already entered. Now that we have a little head start as far as what's out there from our data, now we're going to start back into the beginning with some of them to start doing some calculations. We have different situations that we, ratio studies, neighborhood factors, we've got coefficient of dispersions that the state had laid upon us that we have to start and start working on those. So, I want to start on that, because that's going to be pretty horrendous, I do believe. I figure that we should be pretty well along, I say, by February, March, at the latest, of 2003.

President Winnecke: Other questions?

Al Folz: Now, this is counting checks, rechecks, everything like this that is out there.

Councilmember Raben: Right.

Al Folz: But, I anticipate that the way that's it's moving now, if I can keep my people, you know, when you hire part time people, especially for data collecting, you've got to train, data entering. By the time you train them, and such, I've been fortunate up to this particular point to find some very fine college students that are just whiz bangs on that computer, and picks it up very quickly. They still have to be trained on the terminology that we do use. So, I anticipate trying to be finished out here by February.

President Winnecke: What kind of turnover—

Al Folz: I can let you know time by time on this exactly how we're coming along, and how many entered, and everything.

President Winnecke: What kind of turnover do you have?

Al Folz: Part time, full time people I don't have hardly any turnover.

President Winnecke: Right, but—

Al Folz: No. My people stick with me. On the part time, well, the two part time that I use constantly, again, they've been with me six years.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Al Folz: But, now, on the data entering that we have now, again, I was lucky to get some interns, college interns, and they did very, very well. I hired, two of them now have left, one goes to Purdue, and the other one is finishing up at another one. So, that I hired two more,

now we're breaking those in, we're training those to take those place. They're coming along. They came in Tuesday. So, it will take a little bit to get them up to speed.

President Winnecke: Okay. Other questions? Thank you, Al.

Al Folz: Thank you, Councilmen.

PERRY ASSESSOR

President Winnecke: Perry Township. Page 64.

Glen Koob: Good morning. I'm Glen Koob, the Perry Township Assessor.

President Winnecke: Good morning.

Glen Koob: And I'm ready for your questions.

President Winnecke: Who's got questions of Glen?

Glen Koob: I have a question for Jim.

Councilmember Tornatta: Allen Wentzel.

Glen Koob: Pardon?

Councilmember Tornatta: About Allen.

Glen Koob: Yeah. About my part time.

Councilmember Tornatta: Extra Help.

Glen Koob: You talked about moving the 2003, or the 200 and 300, 2000, 3000 accounts over to the Reassessment. Now, my part time help, my part time Field Man was in Reassessment this year. So, are you going to move him back over?

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Glen Koob: Well, I didn't want you to forget that 1990 account.

Councilmember Raben: Oh.

Glen Koob: Yeah, because, you know, we talk about that every year. Okay.

Councilmember Raben: That's my fault. I kept saying 2, 3, 4.

Glen Koob: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible. Mike not on.) several of these budgets. That will definitely end up in Reassessment, yes.

Glen Koob: Right. Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Glen, would you respond on where you're at? The standard question, yeah.

Glen Koob: The standard question about when I'm going to be finished?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

Glen Koob: Well, we're working on cable modem, all the outlying townships. My cable modem, when it stays up, that's another thing, about the Communications, I would like to answer about too, but as long as our cable modem stays up, we're doing pretty good. You know, that's the only bad thing, since we're an outlying township. Now, I think affects me and German, because I'm not sure Scott and Armstrong are on cable modem. They may be. Because I don't think the service is available out there, but don't quote me on that. As long as that stays up, I'll be doing fine. We just hired, I just hired my part time help the end of June, and the other guy came in the first of August, or the first Monday, whatever Monday was. We're moving along. I just got all my neighborhoods, ProVal just fixed all my neighborhoods, and erased the old neighborhoods, and I put in the new neighborhoods, and got them in zero yesterday. So, we've just finished data entering all the 2002 maintenance work. So, we've not started data entering the new Reassessment stuff. We're checking it.

Councilmember Raben: Tim Van Cleave, I see you're in the audience. She was referencing the problems that they are having with the cable modems.

Glen Koob: It's not Tim's problem.

Councilmember Raben: It's, I understand it's probably not, but what is the solution for that? I mean, can we, can we put a, can we order frames or what to speed that up?

Tim Van Cleave: Tim Van Cleave with Computer Services. Yes, there are multiple ways to address that. I do not know, I believe Cheryl Musgrave's office does have a plan in place already. I don't want to speak for her, but I know that they've been working very extensively with the GIS group for coming up with some other mechanisms. I do not know if the cable modem is the permanent solution for them or not, but it certainly is, the Council is aware there is a City/County T-1 Sonet Ring that is being planned, and about ready to be rolled out. Certainly, I would say that they could be added on to that, if that would be of a more suitable to the County Assessor's bigger picture, but they are not included in that at this time. So, there are, I guess, what, to answer your question, there are multiple ways to address that problem. I don't know which would be the most cost effective, or work into the County Assessor's bigger plan.

Councilmember Raben: We'll pick up on that shortly then. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Any other questions of Glen?

Glen Koob: Yes. We would need to talk about Communications. They asked about Communications. The reason why my Communications account went up is because we went from Internet service to cable modem. I didn't mean to imply that the cable modem wasn't working. I just meant to imply that we are just now getting up to, I'm not sure we're at full speed on it, but we're just now, we had a man out Monday, because it went down. So, it's kind of iffy, but our Communications, it used to be like \$240 a year. Now, it's \$99 a month for that cable modem line. We have not really started transferring information over that line to know if it's going to work rapidly enough or not.

Councilmember Raben: Is that what they refer to as Ethernet.

Glen Koob: Uh-huh. Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Glen Koob: Well, it's Insight is, yeah. I think you have to have an Ethernet whatever. I don't know, Tim's probably the person to ask. I'm computer illiterate. We have to have an Ethernet

card or something in the computer to be able to run it, don't you? See. Quit reading the newspaper, Lloyd.

President Winnecke: I'm not reading the newspaper.

Glen Koob: Now, if there is any other questions about this.

Councilmember Raben: None whatsoever. We just, we need those bills out.

Glen Koob: Well, you know what, in June, I'm sure you guys are aware, that in June the legislature just passed it—

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and none of us fault your offices whatsoever—

Glen Koob: —but, you know, we have to do the personal property schedules over again don't you? Did you realize that?

Councilmember Raben: Hmm.

Glen Koob: They passed a law the end of June where we have to add the 35% back in businesses, for their inventory. They zeroed that out, where you couldn't take the 35% off the inventory. Now, we have to go back through all these schedules, and take it back off, send out notices. Well, that's what the state suggesting we do. Send 113's out to say that we've changed it, which they're not, the business people aren't going to say a lot, because we're going to give them a deduction.

Councilmember Hoy: You know, I got in trouble, in another area for asking what they were smoking up there? But, you do begin to wonder when they lay this stuff on us that just jettisons all the work you've done.

Glen Koob: You know, it changes. Assessing the assessing laws, they change all the time. We have to keep up with those things all the time, because the legislature goes in there, and it's kind of like a pork barrel thing, whatever is good for your county or whatever. You know, and it really gets, it really gets complicated. This year I think has been the worst in 26 that I've seen.

Councilmember Raben: Well, you're getting a lot of practice this year.

Glen Koob: Yeah, and doing things over.

Councilmember Raben: What do you, do you, does it appear as if it's going to be feasible to reach the January deadline?

Glen Koob: No, probably not. Because they are going to go back in session in January. That ought to say about everything you need to know, but we're going to try. I think that we'll come pretty close to it, but I think what Suzanne said was pretty well right on, as far as, we've talked with Bill Fluty, and he asked the same thing about the real estate, when we're, and, oh, who's the one that does the 133's? Kathy. Kathy. Kathy, we've talked with her about it too, and Bill said, I said, you know, Bill, we're going to be late on our personal property schedules. He goes, it doesn't matter, you're not going to have you're real estate in, so, you know, you're just going to be late on everything. So, that's about it. Okay.

President Winnecke: Okay, thank you.

Glen Koob: Okay, thank you, very much.

PIGEON ASSESSOR

President Winnecke: Pigeon Township.

Judy Stricker: Hello, Judy Stricker, Chief Deputy, Pigeon Township Assessor's office.

President Winnecke: Good morning, Judy.

Judy Stricker: Good morning.

President Winnecke: Go ahead, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: Just, all I can say is what I've told everybody else, the Extra Help and the other 2, 3, and 400 accounts will end up probably in Reassessment. So, we'll probably follow about the same as it did last year.

Judy Stricker: Okay. I would like to, that \$3,000 for Software, according to the other townships that have spoke on that. I didn't get a bid on it, so I'm probably a little low on that. So, if I could get the \$3,000 in regular budget, and then I asked for \$3,000 in Reassessment, that might get us our two personal property software packages license that we need.

Councilmember Raben: We—

Councilmember Wortman: Judy, on page 67, line item 4210, Office Furniture. You got quite a bit last year.

Judy Stricker: Office Furniture? 500? What did you say? I'm sorry.

Councilmember Wortman: You got furniture last year, chairs and desks and all that last year.

Judy Stricker: No. That's been about two or three years ago.

Councilmember Raben: Two years ago.

Councilmember Wortman: Two years ago was it.

Judy Stricker: Two or three years ago.

Councilmember Wortman: It's not wore out yet is it?

Judy Stricker: This is just for some chairs in one of the other offices that we have for part time. We have a couple of chairs that like, as soon as you sit in them, they go all the way down to the floor. I guess, the vacuum is out of them or something.

Councilmember Hoy: (Inaudible. Mike not on.)

Judy Stricker: Did you put in for new chairs. We'll give you a couple that go all the way down too.

President Winnecke: The courts did though.

Councilmember Hoy: (Inaudible. Mike not on.))

Judy Stricker: Chairs just don't seem to last very long.

Councilmember Raben: I'm sitting on books right now.

Councilmember Tornatta: Are those law books.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

President Winnecke: Other questions?

Councilmember Raben: We'd probably save \$50,000, just buy new desk chairs in that court system.

Councilmember Wortman: Then your Extra Help, that?

Judy Stricker: That \$19,500 is for, we have two part time Field Inspectors, and that's for them only.

President Winnecke: Any other questions of Judy? Oh, Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible. Mike not on.)

President Winnecke: Turn your mike on, will you?

Councilmember Bassemier: In the year 2000, you spent \$20,000 for Furniture.

Judy Stricker: Okay, then it was 2000, then.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah.

Judy Stricker: I couldn't remember when. Time flies when you're having fun, you know.

Councilmember Bassemier: What did you buy?

President Winnecke: Don't we know that.

Councilmember Bassemier: What did you buy with that? I just, I'm just curious. \$20,000 seems like a lot for Furniture. What did you?

Judy Stricker: I'm sorry, I didn't.

Councilmember Bassemier: \$20,000 for Furniture.

Judy Stricker: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Bassemier: What did you get for \$20,000?

Judy Stricker: Oh, well we got all computer work stations, have you not been up to see it? Oh, it really looks nice. We've got the panels—

Councilmember Hoy: You know, if you lived in Pigeon Township you would know this.

Judy Stricker: It looks very professional. I mean, it's, the girls seem to like it. We don't have as much problems complaining about, you know, my arms hurt, you know, entering data and stuff. They've got, it's just made for computers. Like our old desks, since we've had since the building was built in 1969, they weren't made for computers.

Councilmember Sutton: Did you want him to answer that question?

Judy Stricker: Pardon?

Councilmember Sutton: Did you want Ed to answer your question?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I've been there.

Judy Stricker: Oh, okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I—

Judy Stricker: Well, everything you see, Ed.

Councilmember Bassemier: I would like to hear from Paul up here. Okay, everything is new in there except for Paul's office. He didn't get anything.

President Winnecke: As we all know, that would be a no brainer, right? Okay. Any other questions for Judy? Thank you very much.

Judy Stricker: You didn't want the standard question I was supposed to answer? It will probably be the middle of March is what Paul told me to say. March. Might be sooner.

SCOTT ASSESSOR

President Winnecke: Scott. I'm sorry, Scott Township.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman?

President Winnecke: Yes, Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: I sat there—

Councilmember Hoy: Tell the employees not to spend much at Christmas this year then, because they might not have the money in there—

Judy Stricker: (Inaudible. Away from mike.) 3% though.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, no, it's just that if bills don't get paid, it might be tough to pay off those credit cards in January, February and March.

Judy Stricker: It isn't our fault.

Councilmember Hoy: It's not your fault. I understand that, but, I would be cracking the whip.

Judy Stricker: Well, we're working very hard on that.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Scott Assessor, he's out of town in California, so, any questions of the great township of Scott, I might be able to answer.

Councilmember Raben: Is he at an Assessor's conference?

Councilmember Sutton: All five of them.

UNION ASSESSOR

President Winnecke: Union.

Councilmember Raben: I don't believe they're here either, but this is another one of those budgets—

President Winnecke: Let's just jump right to the County Assessor.

Councilmember Raben: –that there's not a lot you can do with.

Councilmember Tornatta: Hold on.

President Winnecke: I'm sorry.

Councilmember Tornatta: Do they have a Rent line item? What's there?

Councilmember Raben: I don't think they do.

Councilmember Tornatta: Scott?

Councilmember Raben: Oh, Scott? He shares a–

Councilmember Wortman: He's got his–

Councilmember Tornatta: I mean–

Councilmember Wortman: –place set up in the basement, Troy.

Councilmember Tornatta: So, there's no rent.

Councilmember Wortman: No, see he shares that with the Trustee too. So, I'm assuming the Trustee probably bears the brunt of that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, that's good.

President Winnecke: We're going to change the tape, and then we'll begin with the County Assessor.

(TAPE CHANGE)

COUNTY ASSESSOR

President Winnecke: Are you ready? Okay.

Cheryl Musgrave: Cheryl Musgrave, County Assessor. Pleased to answer any questions you may have today.

Councilmember Raben: Same old spiel for you. Anything we can shuffle into Reassessment, that's what we'll probably do, so.

Cheryl Musgrave: We proposed our budget with all the line items that you had shifted into Reassessment last year, in the Reassessment. That brings up a question that I have for you. You said that you weren't going to be setting the Reassessment Fund budgets in next week. When did you propose to do that?

Councilmember Raben: We've actually got between now and the end of the year to do that, but we'll probably do it late fall, or something like that. We'll get through the budgets first, but, you know, I think last year we set them in in December.

Cheryl Musgrave: Well, if you have no more questions.

Councilmember Hoy: Do you have any comments on the discussion we were having a while ago about the Ethernet, or the modem with, cable modem, what's transpiring there?

Cheryl Musgrave: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: That might be helpful to us.

Cheryl Musgrave: Before I turn it over to Matt Arvay and his assistant, Mark Rolley, let me just remind you that the Assessors have had a computer system for a long time, and we had set up with ACS, they were called SCT at the time, a system whereby they would be able to dial in to the server, and operate off the server. That system, even though we spent quite a lot of money on it, ACS could never get that system to work. Now the software has been revised and updated, as I'm sure you'll recall that we did that last year, or actually this year, I'm sorry. The new software, it requires functioning from a central server. You can no longer do stand alone townships, in any way, shape or form. They have to dial in to the server, and operate off the server. Since the system that we'd had in place before never functioned, we were forced to go to something else that would function. At this point I'll turn it over to Matt and Mark, who designed and implemented this system that we have. They could answer any questions that you may have about Ethernet cards, and so forth, because while I'm not totally illiterate, I really can't talk that talk. So, let me have them come up.

Matt Arvay: Hi, I'm Matt Arvay, the GIS Director, and this is my assistant, Mark Rolley. Here to answer your questions about that. We weren't here, we weren't present earlier on what questions arose.

Councilmember Raben: Well, she kind of left off like (Inaudible. Mike not on.)

Matt Arvay: No. From, what they had before was a Citrix—

President Winnecke: Could you step to the microphone please?

Matt Arvay: Oh, I'm sorry. They had a Citrix metaframe dial up, and from what I understood it wasn't efficient or sufficient enough for what they were doing. We subsequently put in what they call a VPN concentrator, they basically have a cable modem that they dial into, and they have two log in screens, a VPN concentrator log in, which what that does is it has triple dez encryption, it encrypts the data going across the Internet for security purposes, comes into the system, then they have a Windows log on, and then that's how they access the ProVal software. At first, you know, there may have been some learning curve errors, because now you have two log ins, two passwords, versus one, but speed is approximately about ten times faster than their old dial up modem. It's a total different solution than what was in place before.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so we really don't have a problem today?

Matt Arvay: I don't feel it's that's much of a problem.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Matt Arvay: Now, Mark, you get a lot of the calls, you know, what issues have you run into with that?

Mark Rolley: It's just getting used to the new system.

Matt Arvay: User name password issues, things of that nature.

Councilmember Raben: Some of those Internet communication devices like that, sometimes if you don't, if you walk away from, if you don't use your system and you, and it goes to screen

saver and sits for an hour or two, sometimes it will disconnect, but that's really about the only problem that we're probably—

President Winnecke: Glen, did you have a comment?

Councilmember Tornatta: Is that not with a VPN, that would allow that not to happen is that?

Matt Arvay: Correct.

Councilmember Raben: No, I think it can still happen, can't it?

Mark Rolley: We have our VPN set to where they don't disconnect until they have eight hours of inactive activity.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Okay.

Glen Koob: The only comment I have is that whenever we had the other system we have to be on a central server now. I didn't want to be on a central server, because a central server goes down, and when it used to go down down here, we could still work. So, Bob Harris and I really did not want to be on this new system. The reason why the old dial in didn't work in, work is because we told Tim not to connect it. We didn't want to be connected to downtown. So, it's really not that it did not work, because it did for a point in time. Whenever they tried to reconnect it, we had remote access, when we were over on farther on Mt. Vernon Avenue, 2614, 2624, but we had that remote access, but we really didn't want it. But, now we have to be on the central server, and I might say that this, it's not hard to dial in. We just don't want to be down when they are down down here, but since we're doing this we're working with it, and we, the only reason why we dialed in is because we have to export our information, or we don't, but these guys do. We have to export our information to the state now. That's one of the reasons. The other one is that we wanted to be on DocuTrack. So, it really wasn't that the old, remote access didn't work. It's we didn't want it to work. I didn't, personally, because we wanted to be on a stand alone system by our self. Now, the way the server works, Mark explained it to me. Mark does a very good job, I might add too, but he explained it to me like there is ten pieces of pie, and we're all, we have our own section, but they can't pull our section out like they used to. That's what he said. So, that's the only comment. It's not that—

Unidentified: (Inaudible. Mike not on.)

Glen Koob: —yeah, and it's because of the ProVal software.

Mark Rolley: Right.

Glen Koob: Thank you.

President Winnecke: I just have, Cheryl, I had a question on the Contractual Services line item.

Cheryl Musgrave: Are we on the County Assessor budget?

President Winnecke: Yes, well, it's in the Reassessment Fund, but, \$210,000. The rationale, what is the \$25,500 for other necessary consultants?

Cheryl Musgrave: Just a moment. It's the, several different parts of what we will be doing will require assistance from outside contractors. As you know, we're still finalizing the delivery and the roll out of the new parcel lines in the GIS format. There are still some things we need to work through with that. So, part of the money is for that. The logging system for the appeals data base no longer meets the needs. It's sitting on Vax, we need to get it on our server. It needs to do x,y,z. So, we'll have to reformat that. I would like to answer your question more fully when my Chief Deputy comes back from the County Assessor convention, which I left

early to come back to talk to you about. If I could get you something by e-mail next week, would that suffice?

President Winnecke: Yeah, that would be great. Then the other question I had, if I can find it real quickly. If someone else has something, feel free to jump in.

Councilmember Raben: Was it the per diem?

President Winnecke: No.

Councilmember Raben: Can you—

President Winnecke: Oh, I know what it is.

Councilmember Raben: That's on your Board of Appeal account.

President Winnecke: Oh, it was right above my nose. Or right under my nose. Computer Hardware?

Cheryl Musgrave: Which budget are you in, sir?

President Winnecke: Reassessment.

Cheryl Musgrave: County Assessor Reassessment?

President Winnecke: Yes.

Cheryl Musgrave: Computer, what line item number, please?

President Winnecke: 1091-13, 1091-3371.

Cheryl Musgrave: For \$1,000?

President Winnecke: For \$5,000.

Cheryl Musgrave: Hmm.

Councilmember Raben: I think he's under Board of Appeals.

Cheryl Musgrave: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: Oh, I'm sorry. I apologize.

Cheryl Musgrave: Hardware. Oh, thank you for asking that.

President Winnecke: My pleasure.

Cheryl Musgrave: As you say that is in the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals line item. As you're all clearly aware, the Reassessment is under way, and, hopefully, those figures will be delivered not only to you, but to the public soon. The public will, of course, respond to that by appealing. The only question is how many appeals will we get? Then we have to process all those appeals. Now, we meet in the Commissioners hearing room, but we expect that we will have, may have to move to this room, because it's bigger, and we can put more people here, so they can wait their turn. We have wired both rooms, this room, and I think we've wired the Commissioners room. Either we've already done it, or it's in the works for the network, so that we will be able to use ProVal, GIS, any other part of what we use, and display on screens with projectors and computers, and this is to buy some of that.

President Winnecke: Okay, and then in the County Assessor Reassessment budget on Computer Data Management to upgrade computers? We just bought all new computers.

Cheryl Musgrave: I know.

President Winnecke: I guess, I'm a little curious why we need to start upgrading?

Cheryl Musgrave: Is that, oh, it pays for software upgrades, I'm sorry. That should say that, and repairs.

President Winnecke: We just bought, I mean, didn't we just get all new software with?

Cheryl Musgrave: Yeah, but the software upgrades come along.

President Winnecke: Who's is this, I guess, I don't understand what the software requirements are.

Cheryl Musgrave: I would have to ask Tammy exactly what she was targeting there, but we have Reassessment hardware, Word, the whole Office Suite package. We have scanning software, and those all issue upgrades. Windows, just upgrades.

President Winnecke: I guess, my question is, I mean, do we have to upgrade every year?

Cheryl Musgrave: No. If you're talking about the computer box, and all the software every year, no, but this is also repairs. As you know, sometimes computers just flat out die. They stop working, and you need to have some money set aside in order to meet that unfortunate circumstance.

President Winnecke: Okay. Anyone else? Thank you.

Cheryl Musgrave: Thank you, sir.

SALES DISCLOSURE FEES

President Winnecke: Oh, I'm sorry, Sales Disclosure Fees.

Cheryl Musgrave: I was almost out of the room.

President Winnecke: I was looking ahead.

Councilmember Raben: (Inaudible. Mike not on.)

President Winnecke: Any questions of the Assessor there? I'm sorry, Cheryl.

Councilmember Raben: Can you explain that (Inaudible. Mike not on.)

Cheryl Musgrave: Exactly what training? I don't have the notes that were created to do this, and I would request to get back to you for on exactly what training, but I will remind you that the state legislature created this fund last year, I think it was, and this fund is funded by the, I think, \$5.00, every time you file a Sales Disclosure Fee, you have to pay a certain amount of money. Some of that money goes into this fund, and it can only be used for Assessor Training, and that's the, that's what this is. That's what it's for, and we'll be training. I can tell you that the Assessors are participating in a training class next week. We're having some gentlemen come in to teach us about ratio studies. It's going to take all day long, and we may have to have those folks come back. That's a \$2,000 class. There are a lot of new requirements for the Assessors. I would love to discuss all of them with you, and go over the ramifications, at some point in time. It's a fund created for Assessor training, and the Assessors will use it for

training. We'll try to have many classes where the entire Assessor population is invited to attend. That's our favorite way of doing that.

President Winnecke: Other questions? Thank you, now, again.

COUNTY COUNCIL

President Winnecke: Last, but not least, the County Council.

Councilmember Raben: Lloyd, could you go to the podium?

Councilmember Sutton: You're laughing. He's serious.

President Winnecke: I think it would be, for the sake of discussion, it would be my intent that line item 3461, Court Technology, we, if you'll recall, I think it was two months ago when Judge Knight and the County Clerk were before us talking about Court Technology, there were two funding options before us, and we asked that Mrs. Deig insert the larger number, which is in the budget book before us. I think it would be my recommendation that we insert the funding, you go with the funding option that is a smaller price. Tim, do you happen to have that specific number? I don't have that sheet with me. It was in the neighborhood of \$280,000, I believe.

Tim Van Cleave: \$250,000.

President Winnecke: \$250,000? That's on the three year lease plan, correct?

Tim Van Cleave: Right. The County Commissioners did elect to do the three year contract. So, the amount of the funding is \$125,000 for this year, which we already had funded, and then it will be \$250,000 in the next two years. Then there is an optional, I believe, it's \$28,000, if we want to retain the equipment for some reason.

Councilmember Hoy: This is the pathway you all recommended, is it not? For leasing?

Tim Van Cleave: Yes. It's nice to be here to give money back to you for a change.

Councilmember Raben: Tim, I know you've heard through prior accounts in here today, it would be, I'm extremely interested in passing the equipment on to other offices that we are replacing, and would ask that you work with each office and support them on using that used equipment in lieu of buying new. Would also ask that you look into taking some pieces and sending them out for upgrades, or assisting Data Board, or whomever, on seeking upgrades for those.

Tim Van Cleave: Did you hear that, Councilman Hoy?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President—

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, and to respond, why we're waiting just a second, that makes good sense.

President Winnecke: Oh, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Hoy: No, it just makes good sense to do that. Not everybody needs, you know, a flat screen, necessarily, or whatever, you know. A lot of us work daily off of 15" screens, and do very well. When we have to fork over the money ourselves, out of our own pockets.

President Winnecke: Three other very small budget corrections on the Council budget. Sandie was getting those to me. Line item 3130, Travel Mileage, that figure should be \$1,000, instead of \$1,500.

Councilmember Sutton: What page are we on here?

President Winnecke: Page 130. Travel Mileage, \$1,000. Then Equipment Repair, line 3520, down to \$350. Line item 3700, Dues and Subscriptions, that correct figure should be \$3,800. The only other thing I would, just three other quick things, four quick things, I guess, one, I appreciate everyone's patience this week. I think things have gone smoothly, and I appreciate everyone's questions. Clearly people have come prepared, and I think have asked good, constructive questions. The, I think, the heavy lifting comes now. So, I would ask for you to spend an amount of time, that I'm sure each of you will, to consider where we should cut. Mr. Mills from the Area Plan Commission presented some mileage information. If you didn't get that, I know we have a lot of paper, but he did provide the correct mileage on the two vehicles from his department that we had requested. The Auditors office has provided each of us with direct deposit information, which will be really nice, and I appreciate the Auditor providing that to us. Lastly, I guess, I would just sort of throw out, sort of a follow up to yesterday afternoon's meeting on the Welfare-to-Work vote. I think that taxpayers spend a lot of money on Welfare programs in this county that we may not all be aware of. To this year to the tune of almost \$10 million. I think that's a lot of money. The Children and Family Services budget that was presented to us yesterday, that increase has gone up from six, that budget request has gone up from \$6.5 million to \$8.3 million. So, I think, when we make a tough vote, as we did yesterday afternoon on Welfare-to-Work, I think, and it is a tough vote, but, I think, that taxpayers, and this body, in particular, do have, do play a role in helping the poor in our community, and I just felt that I wanted to get that on the record.

Councilmember Bassemier: From what I read in the paper this morning, it just kind of sounds like from Mr. Heck that some of us are against the working poor. We're not against the working poor, but it looks like, you know, 95% of the money is going to other services. That's why I questioned that amount of money they were requesting back. I just want the record to reflect that I am not against the working poor, it's just I wish they could get more monies to them, instead of the other services, the taxi cab services, the mechanics, and administration, all those other services that are getting about 95% or 97% of the funds. I am not against the working, the working poor.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, Councilman Bassemier, Councilman Winnecke, the opportunity was yesterday when it came before us to give money to the working poor, if our concern is in that direction. I think we spent more time yesterday putting dollars into the jail, than putting money into what is a program that has proven to be effective. I just found that quite ironic, that we would rather see the tax dollars, good, earned tax dollars go into detention and locking people up, who many of those who are locked up are in jail because they can't afford bail. So, we would rather put our dollars there than into something that will productively get people back on track, and where they should be in the mainstream of life. So, I think that, I encourage everyone of the Councilman here, there are a lot of questions that were asked yesterday in relation to the performance and production of Welfare-to-Work. I would urge you and challenge you to talk to someone who has benefitted from the Welfare-to-Work program. Or, actually, as Councilman Hoy indicated, it probably is misnamed, the actual name is the Initiative Based Assistance Program. You have to be working. You have to be doing something to be a part of that program, but quite often it's easy for us to see the numbers, and see the budgets, but not necessarily see the faces that are reflected, and the people who are affected by the decisions that we do make. The poor are often the one's who are not here at the meetings, they are not the one's that speak, because they're at work. They're engaged, and they're doing things. So, this Council has made a decision, and in two weeks, six weeks, sometime here soon, that program will not have funding. So, that decision was made yesterday, and that's the decision, and, so, the Council can live by it's decision. I didn't agree

with it, obviously, and there was a lot of discussion, a lot of debate with it, but, so in between that time, and the end of the year, we won't have that funding available.

Councilmember Hoy: My comment is, probably will make everybody around the table a little unhappy, and if I do, I guess, I just do. I looked at our wage for next year, and I know we're elected, and I know that it costs us money to get elected. It costs me money to get elected. It costs me money for party events and all that kind of stuff, and we all face that, but our wage, if we took our wage next year, not counting what goes into PERF, not counting the health insurance, for those who take it, there are those who choose not to, not bringing that in, we're going to be right at, if we were on a 40 hour week, \$8.00 an hour. Now, I ask you, if you look at the wage we're paid, how can we approve tax abatements for jobs that only pay \$8.00 to \$9.00, or even \$10.00 an hour, because not one of us around this table, including me, because I have a pension plan lives on \$8.00 an hour. Probably wouldn't know how to do it. One of the things I admire about the working poor, that I've worked with for years is, how incredibly inventive they are in making things work, but sometimes it gets to the point. Look at rents, I'm working with a family now that looking for a three bedroom apartment, or house, the cheapest thing they can find, and we're not talking about the suburbs here, where they're going to live, it's going to be \$600 a month. Basic house. You factor that in to an \$8.00 an hour job, and, \$9.00 an hour job, you just, you know, you have to admire folks who are able to somehow put food on the table, and, you know, take care of things for that little money. I'm real bothered, because we had granted a tax abatement recently to a firm that pays a fairly low wage, and four, three or four days after we granted them that abatement, they got an award from Ivy Tech for giving a couple million dollars to the school. Now, I ask you, who paid that \$2 million? Or whatever it was, a million dollars. The workers paid that. That's who paid it. You know, and then they get honored for paying cheap wages, and giving money to a school. I just find that incredibly unjust, I suppose. Now, I understand why this body, you know, we were looking at taking \$321,000 out of the General Fund, and that would have been tough to do. I appreciate that fact. I appreciate the fact that the Commissioners have only budgeted \$250,000 next year, or maybe \$400,000 if we're lucky. So, there are a lot of dimensions to this. I don't want to throw rocks on that. We made the decision. We'll live by it, but, you really need to get to know some of these people. The late Victor St. Hilliar who was with the St. Vincent De Paul Society said, everybody ought to have to go visit the homes we go visit. The volunteers go visit. It's a real education. A lot of the myths about poverty will be destroyed. Some of the myths will be substantiated by some homes, I'll grant you that, but I have great admiration for these folks. I just wanted to express those.

Councilmember Raben: I guess, since we're going around the table here, I thought it would be appropriate to go ahead and make a few comments. I don't know that, it had, probably timing is, you know, a lot in regards to the action that took place yesterday. You know, when you look at some of the items that Councilman Winnecke hit on that Division of Family and Children is requesting \$1.8 million more in property tax dollars. You know, there's three other funds that aren't in this big, green book that are set by the state that, you know, you would have to assume are going to have an increase, maybe similar to what Division of Family and Children are proposing. Then you look at our funds available today, and think what's out on the horizon, and, you know, one that comes to mind would be Patient and Inmate, you know, we've not even begun to actually pay bills for this year yet, because they run about a year behind. So, it's my understanding that the bills coming in right now for the first six months of this year, in addition to what's already been paid this year, are approximately \$500,000 that are coming to us now. We still have, you know, any bills that come in from now until the end of the year. So, you know, that's part of the decision that, hey, even though we are very sympathetic, and the local property taxes do meet a \$10 million obligation today, probably significantly more than next year, we also have to take care of matters here within the house, and it's, you know, as hurtful as it is, sometimes you just want to do all you can, but you can't do enough. That's the situation that, as I see it, how we're faced right now, so. That's my sermon.

President Winnecke: Uplifting note, I would, unless someone has something else to add. Royce, you're writing as if you may.

Councilmember Sutton: Next Tuesday.

President Winnecke: Okay, next Tuesday, high noon. Thank you, everyone, very much.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00p.m.

President Lloyd Winnecke

Vice President Ed Bassemier

Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
AUGUST 7, 2002**

President Winnecke: I'd like to call the August 7th meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council to order with attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

President Winnecke: Would you please stand and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Winnecke: Before we get to the minutes, the Auditor has a quick announcement for members of Council.

Suzanne Crouch: The paper that you have on your desk, we now have that available compliments of ACS on a CD, so if any of you would like the CD, we'd be happy to provide that to you and take the paper back to our office and then we will give it to you in the future on a CD.

Councilmember Tornatta: This?

Suzanne Crouch: Yes.

President Winnecke: Troy really likes the paper.

Councilmember Tornatta: Make a motion...

APPROVAL OF JULY 3, 2002 COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES
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President Winnecke: I would entertain a motion to approve the minutes from our July 3rd meeting.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. All in favor, raise their right hand please.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS
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President Winnecke: We'll begin with the appropriation ordinance.

SURVEYOR

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'm going to let Councilman Hoy take the first one.

Councilmember Hoy: The first appropriation is 1060-2230 Garage & Motor for \$2,000 for the Surveyor's office, and I move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Is there discussion or are there questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I abstain.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SURVEYOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1060-2230	Garage & Motor	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total		2,000.00	2,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0/Councilmember Raben abstained)

PROSECUTOR IV-D

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next is Prosecutor IV-D, 1081-1990 Extra Help in the amount of \$14,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

PROSECUTOR IV-D		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1081-1990	Extra Help	14,000.00	14,000.00
Total		14,000.00	14,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under County Commissioners, 1300-3120. I'm going to move with questions, that this be set in at \$125,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second to set this in at \$125,000. Is there discussion or are there questions?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, I see David is in the audience. This is on your postage request. And I would just encourage that maybe the Commissioners circulate a memo and have whatever dialogue they need to in regards to postage to better get a handle on

it. We're on track to spend in excess of \$400,000, and see what we can do to address this with all the offices and departments. And don't take this as criticism to yourself, okay, although there is, one of these does pertain to your office, but we have discussed before as a body that there is a lot of mailing happening internally here from office to office. And the three that I am looking at, one is from August 2nd from your office to our office, from the Commissioner's office to our office. And then we've got them for Circuit Court, Superior Court, so you know, at \$.37 a stamp and we're mailing within the confines of this building, I think we need to do whatever we can to address this in light of as much as postage is to day. So, and I'll give you an explanation as to the \$125,000. I looked at figures from August, September, October, November and December of last year, and at the \$.34 it was like \$115,000 would be what was needed. But taking into consideration the increase in postage, \$125,000 will probably get you through the year.

David Mosby: Okay, and well, what I'm going to do is let you, let her explain to you what she is getting ready to do and you're going to find out why your postage is going to be out of sight.

Marsha Abell: What I brought with me today, I was going to just discuss this with Mr. Mosby, but since this came up, I'll discuss it with you, too. These are tickets that we just received today – mostly from the state police, but some from the EPD and some from the Sheriff's department. The judges have now told my office that everybody who doesn't sign their ticket, which is like 99% of the tickets that we get, we now have to send them a certified summons, which means I'm going to have to send everyone of these people a \$2.75 letter. That's going to make your postage go sky high.

Councilmember Raben: I have to ask you, why are most – 99% of them not signed?

Marsha Abell: People just don't sign them, and they still give them the ticket. And I, you know, I mean, that's up law enforcement whether or not they make them sign the tickets. Most of these are state police. I have no control over what the police do, but all of these that I have in my hand right now are today's tickets that are not signed. We have to send in for every one of these, a certified letter, which is going to cost a lot of money.

Councilmember Sutton: Now who decided this had to be done this way? Who made this decision?

Marsha Abell: What we normally do is – let me rephrase. These are ones that didn't show up for court that have a ticket. And normally, we would just issue a warrant for them, a bench warrant. Now the judges don't want to do that. If they didn't sign the ticket, they want to send them a certified summons. In other words, a summons that says we're inviting you to come to court because you missed your court date rather than doing a warrant for their arrest. But warrants don't cost two dollars and something to send, and these certified summons, they go certified mail. And I just found out about this yesterday, so I was coming in to ask Mr. Mosby what I was going to do about it, because I know the postage comes out of the Commissioner's budget and I'm sure they're not budgeted for me to start sending them these kind of bills.

Councilmember Sutton: And these tickets are written by who?

Marsha Abell: Most of these are written by the Indiana State Police. I mean, they could be written by anybody. They could be written by the Parks Department or the excise police, anybody that has the power to write a ticket can write them, but none of these that I have in my hand right now are signed. And none of these people showed up for court, so these people all have to receive a notice that says, you know, and whether it be seat belt violation or whatever, it doesn't make any difference, I'll have to send them

a certified summons. And my reason for sitting down beside of Mr. Mosby to explain it to him is because, since I just found out about it yesterday, and we're going to have to start doing it, that postage budget is going to go pretty fast at two dollars and something a shot.

Councilmember Sutton: Wouldn't it be cheaper listing all those names of those people in the newspaper?

Marsha Abell: Well, probably, but that's not my decision to make. This was a judicial decision.

Councilmember Sutton: Right, I understand. I think –

Marsha Abell: So I just came here to –

Councilmember Sutton: I think a dialogue needs to take place – I mean, about how this can be done rather than –

Marsha Abell: Yeah, I really had not planned to stand up here and tell you about this, I really had just planned to ask Mr. Mosby, but since this came up, I thought you needed to know. But if it doesn't change, it's going to be, it'll be quite expensive. You think \$.37 is a lot, these are two dollars – almost \$2.80 a piece.

Councilmember Wortman: Marsha, can you inform all the agencies that write tickets and inform them that we appreciate it if they get a signature on there, would that we be –

Marsha Abell: We are doing that, but we also – we sent them requests to things before that they've ignored so I – don't be too optimistic, but I will send them that. I've also asked them not to write those seatbelt tickets. I was not prepared to tell you about this, I just wanted, you know, I was going to talk to Mr. Mosby about how we were going to run it through the budget.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben and then Mr. Hoy. Oh, I'm sorry, I thought you were –

Councilmember Raben: I just was wanting Brad to comment on that, maybe he could shed some light on that. And I know she stated that most of them are state police, but you may know as to –

Brad Ellsworth: They're all exactly the same ticket. I can't speak for the other agencies, but it's in our policy that the last thing on the ticket is their signature line. It states right on there, and our officers are instructed to tell them this is not an admission of guilt. So many of the people think that by signing it, they're saying yes I was speeding, yes I ran a red light, but like I said, it's clearly printed on the bottom of the ticket and we tell them, it's not an admission of guilt, you're signing that you received it. And we don't arm wrestle them to do it, we can't force them. You've seen the tv videos where they throw the tickets and tear them up, but that's – we'll obviously, we'll put out another memo in the interest of saving that money to tell them to use their best –

Councilmember Raben: Marsha, you stated that the judges, are you talking about our local judges have –

Marsha Abell: Yeah, well, if you're looking at Judge Heldt, he's Circuit Court, he doesn't have anything to do with Misdemeanor. He's the only one here.

Councilmember Raben: I didn't know if this was a state –

Marsha Abell: No, well, I mean, I don't think – you don't know do you? I don't know if it's a state thing or not. It's just a change that I heard of yesterday.

Carl Heldt: I just walked in on this but, Brad, maybe you know this, too. Didn't one of these justice committees encourage that Misdemeanor Court, instead of arresting people, to send out a summons to help the jail situation? And that may be the genesis of all this, since instead of putting them in jail, send them a summons and I think that's maybe where it came from. But it's all Misdemeanor Court, so I don't know for sure.

Marsha Abell: And that could be. And I'm not saying it's an improper policy, I'm just explaining to you why the postage budget is going to go up.

Brad Ellsworth: I was just going to say on some offenses, we encourage, driving on suspended, things like that, maybe shoplifting, issuing a citation but filling out, I don't think things are probably going to (inaudible) tickets, but we are encouraging summons but that would be through an affidavit now (inaudible). These are probably people just refusing to sign a traffic ticket.

Marsha Abell: So you may want to leave that 180 –

Councilmember Hoy: And Judge Heldt may have spoken to this issue because I was there that day, too, in that meeting, you know, when we discussed that, and –

Marsha Abell: So was I and that may be –

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, it may have stemmed from that, but we were really looking for getting the people with warrants in.

Marsha Abell: Well, this is being done in lieu of issuing a warrant.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, but our objective as a committee was to get some of the people with outstanding warrants to take care of things. You know –

Marsha Abell: These wouldn't have a warrant yet.

Councilmember Hoy: I know, that's what I'm saying. That's what I'm saying. This does not address what we were trying to address on that committee, as I understand what the committee was trying to do.

Marsha Abell: And again, I'm not saying this is an improper policy, I'm just explaining to you why your postage is going to be high.

Councilmember Raben: I'm sure David and Catherine will work on that and see what we can do to get through that.

Marsha Abell: I just didn't want you to be surprised when you start getting –

Councilmember Tornatta: Can we just box those up and take those back to the state police and have them send them out.

Marsha Abell: Have them do it? That would be nice. I don't think we can do that. I just didn't want you to be mad at me when you see my office is generating big postage.

Councilmember Raben: When you flashed that stack of tickets, I mean, that was all state police tickets?

Marsha Abell: No, most of these are. I'll look through them and see if I've got any for Brad.

Councilmember Raben: How many of those – I mean, how many days worth of tickets are those?

Marsha Abell: These came out of one day's court.

Councilmember Raben: I didn't know the state police were writing that many citations.

Councilmember Tornatta: I can tell you about that.

Councilmember Wortman: In reference outside of this, I remember years ago –

Councilmember Hoy: Is Tornatta's name on one of those?

Councilmember Wortman: – internal mailing problem –

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm their favorite customer.

Councilmember Wortman: – and you'd be surprised what results was when we cut it almost in half, this was years ago, stop that, some of that internal which is outside of the –

Marsha Abell: Yeah, this isn't internal that I'm talking about. We run 250 – we'll run 250 tickets through our office in a day, so that gives you some idea.

Councilmember Raben: That may be the state's solution to their budget problems, write more tickets. Okay, thank you, Marsha.

Councilmember Sutton: What was that – what was that motion that you made earlier.

President Winnecke: The motion was –

Councilmember Raben: The motion was for \$125,000, and if they're not able to address that with the judges and the state police, then we'll have to make adjustments to that later, then.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: I think the 180 is probably the way to go, but if we're willing to come back and address this at a later date, 125 is fine. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3120	Postage & Freight	180,000.00	125,000.00
Total		180,000.00	125,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next is Circuit Court 1360-3260 Law Books and I get a pain the back when I say \$15,000; 1360-3903 Petit Jurors \$20,000, for a total request of \$35,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second, questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-3260	Law Library Books	15,000.00	15,000.00
1360-3903	Petit Jurors	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total		35,000.00	35,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL

Councilmember Raben: Drug and Alcohol, 1371-3370 and 1371-3630 for a total request of \$2,500, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1371-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	1,500.00	1,500.00

1371-3630	Equip. Lease & Rental	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total		2,500.00	2,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Burdette Park, 1450-1180-1450, 1450-1900, 1450-3372, 1450-2210 – let me go back to 1450-3372, the correct figure is \$11,800 for that line, for a total request of \$84,775. I will move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There’s a motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Bassemier: Was that for the whole thing, Jim?

President Winnecke: Yes. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

BURDETTE PARK

		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1450-1180-1450	Other Employees	65,000.00	65,000.00
1450-1900	FICA	4,975.00	4,975.00
1450-3372	Computer Software	13,000.00	11,800.00
1450-2210	Gas & Oil	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total		85,975.00	84,775.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

RIVERBOAT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Riverboat 1490-3111, I'm going to move that that be set in at zero.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Jim, you said zero on that one? What do we – I had my notes from the last time, what did they say their balance, remaining balance is? Do you recall that?

President Winnecke: With the encumbrances, they have year to date, it totals \$587,167.

Councilmember Sutton: That's what their balance is right now?

President Winnecke: That's what they've expended year to date and other encumbrances, it totals \$587,167.97.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, and I guess, okay, that's – and their balance now, what they have left on hand? Did we get that total? Gary, –

Councilmember Hoy: He says zero.

Councilmember Tornatta: Should be like \$89,000.

Gary Heck: Gary Heck, Lieberman & Associates. As of today, it's \$51,000, so the bottom line is we will have spent all of the funds that are available probably within the next three weeks.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Heck, did you get that information for me to see how many still are on the program, I mean, working now after they're off the program?

Gary Heck: I requested the information through my boss, Phil Lieberman, to send out the survey because we have to actually conduct a survey to do that, and he has contacted some individuals because in order for it to be statistically valid, you have to word the questions fairly closely, so that is in process but I don't have an answer for you today other than we are working on that request.

Councilmember Bassemier: I appreciate that. But I just want to remind everybody, we need to look at this program, you know, since this program has been in effect we've spent over two million dollars and it seems like it's going for daycare centers, it's going for vehicle repairs and replacements, its going for a whole list of things, \$310,000 for administration, and only \$124,000 is going for training. I don't know, I think – and right now we don't have the facts how many has got a job after all this, so – I don't know, is this program working?

Gary Heck: I can tell you that the folks, when they qualified for the program did have a job, I can tell you we can't control what they request the services for because it is a program where individuals who qualify can ask for assistance in any one of four areas, and I can tell you that under the current welfare program, they're not going to be getting public assistance in any other way. So that if this program is not there, the folks that are

being hurt is the working poor. And the funds, I will agree with you that the funds that have been spent were only those funds that were obligated to this program to begin with. We haven't taken money from any other projects.

Councilmember Bassemier: And I forgot the free transportation, the taxicabs. It seems like everybody else is making out like a bandit on this program except the people that's getting the training. I mean, that's my own personal opinion.

Gary Heck: Councilman Bassemier, I don't know that I would agree with your categorization, but –

Councilmember Tornatta: I would just like to say, part of your program – is there anything in your program that says that you will maintain, I mean, is that your focus? Now I was not aware that that is your focus.

Gary Heck: If they ever fail to meet the eligibility requirements that they needed to qualify originally, they automatically stop receiving this assistance because this isn't welfare, it's a temporary assistance during a circumstantial disruption in their life. These are working poor people. These are not people on public assistance.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, and this was a way that they had brought a program around to not just service the person that is essentially not doing any kind of work to better themselves, this was a program set up to get a person that's trying to make do and better themselves, it gives them assistance to try and get that another one notch higher than what they are now. But it's not to maintain their job status. And that's what my interpretation of that is. And if I'm to understand what you're roll is, your roll is just to make sure that at the time, when they're getting this service, that they qualify for your parameters, which are they have to be a working person, they have to qualify financially. Is that correct?

Gary Heck: And they have to be a resident of Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right.

Gary Heck: That's correct. And we are trying to respond to Councilman Bassemier's question.

Councilmember Bassemier: I appreciate that.

President Winnecke: Councilman Sutton and then we'll – did you have something to say –

Councilmember Sutton: I'll let Councilman Hoy go ahead next.

Councilmember Hoy: No, I...as I mentioned, last week, I still work with people who are low income and the program, this program is really misnamed, that's not anybody's fault, but we made it sound like they were on welfare and now they're going to go to work, you know, via the program. And that's a misnomer. What's actually happening with the people that I know that have applied to your program and have received assistance, these are people who did go to work but they worked in jobs that simply don't pay enough money. You know, I've distributed my little sheet to all of you many times of how you can't live on an \$8 an hour job. You do, but you really can't pay all of your bills. And you cannot get to a job – to many jobs in this county without a car. That's just the way it is. And mass transit doesn't work too well, that's why your transportation program, as you know, didn't work. And you've got training programs all over the place, but these

are folks who simply, they are working, and they're not being paid much money, and that occurs all over this county. And when the car breaks down, then they're going to come to you and that's exactly what they're doing because they have to have the car to go get that \$8 an hour job that we have sat here and said is wonderful. Well, it's not wonderful. And you're doing your best with it, and there are hundreds of people in this county, probably thousands, in this boat. And that's what the programs for as I see it. And that's who you're serving.

Gary Heck: And they're not served by any other program.

Councilmember Hoy: They are not served by any other program and I get these phone calls because this has been my life's work, you know, saying can you find me X number of dollars for this or that. I don't have it any more. I don't have any account personally to serve a congregation, I don't have (inaudible) congregational accounts, and if you send somebody to the churches, good luck. You might get \$10, you might get \$15, if you have a real gold strike, you might get \$25. And how many churches would you have to go to to get your carburetor fixed or your alternator, or whatever on your car? This is what people are up against. And I see it all the time. I mean, they knock on my door at 10:00 at night and they're desperate because they cannot get to work or they cannot pay this bill. And that's why you're there, it's not a program that is going to move anybody on welfare. If there's been, and I know this is turning into a sermon, Brother Sutton, but if there's any lie that's been told to the American people, it's the lie that was told during the Clinton administration. We did end welfare as we know it and we just crucified a lot of people. That's what we did.

President Winnecke: Councilman Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I guess in looking at the motion that was made, I guess I'm trying to gain some perspective and understand, it just – I guess it behooves me, we look at the working poor and the question, well, how come they aren't doing better. And then we take away the supports that are put in place to try to help them get to where we want them to be, and then we ask ourselves, why aren't they doing any better. So I'm trying to maybe try to understand the – just understand what we're trying to do here by, I guess eliminating the program, I guess has got about five or six more weeks worth of life. And so I don't know if anyone on this Council has spent the time or talked to anyone on this program. I would venture to say they haven't. So before, I guess, we get reports each month. Gary has been very good at getting those reports to us on how the program is performing, how many participants that they have going in the program, and as we said last week, there are times when there are more funds needed, and there are times when there are fewer funds needed for the program, and a lot of it is dictated by the economy. And given the circumstances that we are facing right now within this state and beginning to trickle down here locally, as times do become more tight and severe, the ones who are impacted the greatest are the working poor. And so I guess what we are – not we, I guess what's being said here today is that I guess those folks really don't matter. They aren't really part of the important fabric of this community and I think the request has been before us before. Gary has kind of given us an update of where we stand. So though it may seem like we're spending, this is more of an investment in our community. So I would urge that we would put the dollars as they have been requested.

President Winnecke: I would just say, make a couple of points to Councilman Sutton's point, I don't see this as a motion to stop the program. Like every other area that this Council funds, there is a budget. This year, the budget for Welfare to Work was \$250,000, year to date they've spent \$441,000, \$191,000 over. If we make this appropriation today, at the end of the year we'll have spent nearly one million dollars. Commissioner Fanello said yesterday she was willing to consider bumping the 2003 budget from \$250,000 to \$400,000. That's a huge disparity. And if we continue to fund

this, I don't see this growing. I mean the working poor are very important fabric of this community but we have to live within our means and I think that is what this motion is intended to do.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, in responding back since the comment was to me, when we look at what has been requested each year, the proportion has been the same. So I think what we're doing is confusing two different things here. When we look at maybe what has been spent this year, the dollars have been greater. But if we look in prior years, the dollars have not been near at that level. So essentially what he's asking for and what has been requested all along is what has been put in place from the very beginning of the program. They didn't ask for anything more or really anything less than what had been appropriated. So for us to paint the picture that this year it is way over, actually, they're looking at what has been in years where they have been funded at a lesser, not funded at a lesser level, but spent at a reduced level. So he's just trying to stay on par with what we're doing, and next year what's proposed for next year would be less than the \$500,000 that has been put in place each year. He said he was fine with that, but in between when this money runs out in five weeks, between that time and January 1, there aren't going to be any dollars there.

President Winnecke: Councilman Raben and then we'll get to you, Gary.

Councilmember Raben: Gary, the 140 some odd thousand dollars that you have encumbrances for right now, what is that?

Gary Heck: \$51,000 is what's left. I know what your report says, but when we submit claims weekly to the Auditor's, there's the equivalent of a two week arrearage before it shows up on your report. And in two weeks, we will actually be out of money, and if you were to take positive action today to put the money back, it will actually be a month before it's available when it comes back from the State Board of Accounts. So I guess what I'm saying is, if you don't take positive action today, there's going to be at least a period when people will be told there is no money available and you'll just have to wait.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and just one other question, which just is clarification, next year, again, if we elect to set it in at what the Commissioners have requested, \$250,000, or if we bump it up to I think Commissioner Fanello said that, you know, they would entertain going as high as \$400,000, again, are you going to be back to us if you go above and beyond that? I mean, –

Gary Heck: No sir, and it's...I think Councilman Sutton probably said it the best, I've never asked for any new money or I've never gone outside the parameters for how you make requests, all I'm asking for is that you return the funds that was originally appropriated. And whatever is set through you all's process, I will certainly live with and will do my best to make sure that those funds are spent appropriately as a good steward of those resources. But I will not come back and ask for new money. I won't do that. If you decide to ask me in because times are real tough and people need assistance, and you said if we gave you some money, will you help us spend it, I would be happy to do that. But I won't come here and say will you give us more money, we need it.

Councilmember Tornatta: I think that there's one point that we need to look at. First, when you start a program, you're not going to have that many people on the program, and I think we've proven that this program, because they have to be new people that come onto this program each time, that I think that we've proven that this program is starting to work. And it's starting to hit different people and get people involved with it that qualify, so that's why we're spending the money. And I think that that's maybe a

success story rather than to say that we have to look because we're putting so much money in it, because we have not allocated to you any more money than we promised you from the beginning.

Councilmember Raben: Could I comment on that just a moment? Actually, what's prompted most of this is the fact that the state has eliminated some of their programs and their funding, and it's, again, it's just another one of those unfunded mandates per se, that we're faced with every day from the state, so I don't, again, I don't know that – the only reason that his numbers are growing is because the state's not doing their part and it's tough for small communities like Vanderburgh County to pick up where the state leaves off, you know, from their shortfalls, and that's a problem with every county. And it's come to the point where, you know, we've got enough business here at home to take care of with the limited resources we have that we can't pick up, you know, where the state cuts.

Councilmember Tornatta: I think that we can look at that at budget time if we don't want to pick this up, or we don't want to put the, like the \$400,000, if we want to draw that back then we can do that at budget time. I think what sometimes we have a habit of is allocating or giving the money, promising it to a program, and then pulling it back. And that's not what I'm talking about doing here. I'm saying give him the money that we had allocated, said we were going to set in his account. If we want to change it, let's change it at budget time.

Councilmember Sutton: I think one of the other concerns we have to look at here is what he's requesting here are essentially the dollars that were Riverboat dollars. So if we are not, if the decision is not to allow this appropriation, then essentially the county is living off Riverboat dollars for it to pay for its regular expenses, for its general fund, it's being basically supplemented by Riverboat dollars, and I don't think that was the intent that any of us ever had when we knew that the Riverboat was coming down the river, was to live off gambling dollars. I mean, the inconsistency and the issues that come along with that, I just think it sets a very dangerous precedent and I think the reason why we funded this type of program with Riverboat dollars as well as the other two priorities, is because those are things that we considered that would be over and above things that we could do with those type of dollars, things that could handle the fluctuation. We've got a lot of responsibilities here as a county and if we're going to depend upon Riverboat money, \$321,000 is a pretty significant sum. And essentially what we are putting ourselves in a position of is depending upon inconsistent dollars.

President Winnecke: Okay, we have –

Councilmember Hoy: As I recall –

President Winnecke: Okay, Councilman Hoy and then we're going to take a vote.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, because I have mixed feelings about this even after my impassioned speech – this is not enough money, I can tell you, \$321,000 is still not enough money to do what needs to be done. So we're not going to solve the whole problem, but I believe, you know, the 321 we're looking at is money that probably should have been encumbered and wasn't encumbered from previous years. And that's the amount we're dealing with. Am I not right?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, I just wanted to have that clarified. But I have mixed feelings about it because I fear that whichever way we go, as a society we're fooling ourselves

in terms of how we're really dealing with some basic human issues and it just – that's all I'm going to say.

President Winnecke: The motion on the floor is to set line 1490-3111 in at zero. There's a motion and a second. A yea vote is in favor of zero, a nay, just for clarification is to fund it. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I think I've probably said enough, but the 321, if there is an amount that we could make it through the end of the year, that might be less than that, this would be a good time to hear about that. But based on the motion, 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

RIVERBOAT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1490-3111	Welfare to Work	321,284.00	0.00
Total		321,284.00	0.00

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

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Local Roads & Streets, 2160-4825 in the amount of \$12,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2160-4825	Pine Place-Heather Ct.	12,000.00	12,000.00
Total		12,000.00	12,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Pigeon Township Assessor/Reassessment account, 2492-1150-1990, Extra Help in the amount of \$10,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Raben: And I might also state that Mr. Hatfield had called and was needing not to be here if possible, and I told him that I thought we were okay with that. This is just to get him through the balance of the year, so...

President Winnecke: Motion and a second, questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1150-1990	Extra Help	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total		10,000.00	10,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, 2600-1920 and 2600-3130 for a total request of \$15,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPP. ADULT PROB.		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2600-1920	Insurance	13,000.00	13,000.00
2600-3130	Travel/Mileage	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total		15,000.00	15,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Local Emergency Plan Commission, 2861-3310 Training, in the amount of \$2,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2861-3310	Training	2,000.00	2,000.00

Total		2,000.00	2,000.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Teri Lukeman: If you don't mind, I'm going to change the tape now.

(Tape changed)

JAIL PROJECT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Jail Project, 3660-4110 Land in the amount of \$1,000,000, I'll move approval.

President Winnecke: There's a motion on the floor, is there a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm sorry?

President Winnecke: The motion is for \$1,000,000.

Councilmember Raben: For the Jail Project.

Councilmember Tornatta: There's one can I hear two?

President Winnecke: I'm keeping my gavel.

Councilmember Sutton: I think the motion dies for lack of support.

President Winnecke: The motion does.

Councilmember Raben: We'll entertain a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: One point five? I'll make a motion that we set in the Jail Project at one point five million dollars.

President Winnecke: There's a motion on the floor and a second to set the Jail Project land in at one point five million dollars. Discussion or questions?

Councilmember Raben: And just a quick discussion, you knew – maybe I should have been a little more clear, that one million dollar motion did not include the one point three infrastructure, of course.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, that's separate from – okay, we have a motion and a second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Councilmember Hoy: It doesn't matter. I feel – I'll go ahead and say what I feel, I feel that from what I know from CSX, I would like to hear from them what their appraisal is, because the information I have about CSX is, that when they issue an appraisal, that's what they're going to sell for. And we really don't know what they're going to sell this for. We have an idea. I'm not against the purchase, I'd just like to hear from them and I'm not against buying the land, I just think they ought to speak to us as an entity and say this is what we want per acre.

President Winnecke: As Mr. Mosby and I have spoken on the phone earlier and I think my feeling on a flat figure, it gives the Commissioners the flexibility to negotiate with the railroad. Once the appraisals are in, as he indicated last week, the previous appraisal is more than 12 months old and their company policy requires them to issue a new appraisal on the land. And this amount of money will allow the Commissioners to negotiate for however much land they can buy for 1.5 million dollars.

David Mosby: I mean in trying to answer your question and I think I know what you're saying, they ought to just give us a per acre price, but their policy says, you get an appraisal and that is the price. And the previous was, they did the appraisal, that's what it came in at and that's what they sold it to the city for, so it's not like they're negotiating.

Councilmember Hoy: Did the city buy the land?

David Mosby: The City Council has appropriated the money to buy their land.

Councilmember Hoy: They've appropriated the money, but have the consummated the contract?

David Mosby: I don't know if they've signed any, you know, formal agreements and bought it. I mean, I know the Council has appropriated the money to buy –

Councilmember Hoy: Because one of my points about that land is that if CSX is willing to sell that south piece of the land by the creek for \$25,000 an acre as bad as it is, because I've gone out and looked at it and taken pictures, then they ought to sell us this land a little cheaper.

Councilmember Sutton: No, –

Councilmember Hoy: Because this is not full of, you know, cinder – six foot deep cinder filled ravines going -- where this stuff is going into the creek. I mean, it's a better piece of land.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, then, it should be more.

David Mosby: I was going to say, I think it should be –

Councilmember Hoy: No, it should not be more, Councilman Tornatta, because in the deal, they're supposed to clean it up environmentally, and it's going to cost them a whole lot of money to clean up those cinders. I mean, what they did, they put six inches of dirt and the cheapest fish netting I've seen in my life over cinders that are over six feet deep. And I've gone out there with the Soil & Water Conservation District and we took pictures and I should have brought them, I guess, but if they're going to sell that for 25 grand an acre with the environmental cleanup, then they ought to sell this stuff to us cheaper because this is not going to take as much cleanup.

Councilmember Tornatta: Or they'd sell it to them at a discount because of the cleanup, and that's what I'm looking at. They sell it to them at a discount because they have to do the cleanup, and us at a higher rate because we don't have any cleanup, and that's the way I'm looking at it. You're looking at it a different way and I see your point, but I guess I'm looking at it as the way they're going to sell them the land cheaper because there is going to be some type of cleanup.

Councilmember Hoy: The land we're looking at has 82 acres of soybeans on it. I would like to know what's underneath that because you can grow soybeans on land that may

have God knows what underneath it.

Councilmember Tornatta: I would like to let the Commissioners have the opportunity to be able to negotiate a price and not just say an arbitrary price that we're thinking of 25,000 an acre. I'd like for them to try and work a deal where they can get a price for all the land that they can, and if they get more acreage out of that, then they negotiated a whale of a deal.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, Mr. President. I don't see any land worth \$25,000 an acre next to a sewage treatment plant, but I'm going to vote against this because I still think we can build it – I know you all are tired of hearing this, but I think we can still build it next to our present jail over that parking lot, double the present size of our jail making it 536, not take up any parking or anything and build it for less than ten million dollars. So I'm still on the idea that we can still add on to our present jail, we'll still have to pay the lease on our present jail once we move out, I still say we don't have a plan. So anyway, I'm going to vote no on this.

President Winnecke: Councilman Raben, did you have anything?

Councilmember Raben: A few things. The intent of my original motion, and I really didn't get to comment on it because of lack of a second, but the intent on my original motion was not to discuss acreage whatsoever, but it's already been thrown out there, so I'm going to go ahead and comment on it. Originally, we were looking at 13, 14, 15 acres back here. We found a site that was appropriate on the south end of town that's approximately 15 - 20 acres, I don't know what the total number is. Based on the numbers that have been tossed around this room, my original motion for a million dollars will buy 40 acres of property. So we've already are appropriating enough money to buy more land than what it takes to build this facility and have room for future expansion. But along with that, I also wanted to comment on before we strike any deal, that we make sure IDEM is ready to sign off on this piece of property because I think you're going to find if there are real environmental concerns to the adjoining property that the city has bought, they're probably not going to allow us to do anything until that site is cleaned up. They may not allow CSX to even consummate a deal on the rest of the ground because of this ground may be part of what's needed to cleanup their soil. And again, I would not even advise you to sign off on anything until we have all the proper documentation from INDOT as to whether or not there is any assistance available on the turning lanes and what have you on 41, but I'm willing to set the money in place so you can begin those negotiations. But I would certainly hope that we don't sign off on anything `til all the what ifs are taken care of. And I would certainly like to encourage everybody to reconsider this motion for a million and a half and consider the original motion at a million, which will take care of 40 acres of real estate.

President Winnecke: Okay, there's a motion and a second. Roll call vote please on one point five million dollars.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion fails 3-4/Councilmembers Bassemier, Hoy, Raben and Wortman opposed)

President Winnecke: Motion dies 4-3.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, I would like to make a motion to set this in at a million dollars –

David Mosby: You already had that motion.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I'm trying it again, I'm crazy.

Councilmember Sutton: Once you have a motion and it dies, you can't reintroduce that same motion.

Councilmember Raben: We can open it back up to the floor. That's true, but I'd have to make a motion to reopen. Okay, I would like to make a motion to reopen this account.

President Winnecke: There's a motion to set this up to reopen this account.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so my motion –

President Winnecke: Roll call vote to reopen the account.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes. Boy, it's tough keeping score today.

(Motion carried 4-3/Councilmembers Tornatta, Bassemier & Wortman opposed)

Councilmember Sutton: What was that?

President Winnecke: Four to three.

Councilmember Sutton: No or yes?

President Winnecke: No, to reopen. So I would entertain a motion.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I am going to make a motion that account 3660-4110 Jail Project Land be set in at \$1,000,001.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion to set line item 3660-4110 in at \$1,000,001. I'm almost afraid to ask, are there questions or discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: I still have the same feelings I expressed while ago, but I'm willing to at least get something on the floor so the Commissioners can begin some negotiation and the company can know that in good faith we may want to negotiate with them. We can always appropriate more money if that's what needed. But that will get you started.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I made the motion that I did not with the intent that we would necessarily have to spend all the way up to the 1.5, but to make sure that in negotiations that you have an opportunity to be able to negotiate with something there. Being there are so many unknowns right now and they are trying to move forward to answer some of those questions and address some of those things, clearly one million dollars is below what is needed in this particular regard, so I guess that's the reason why I felt like at 1.5 we'd be in a much better position than the one million dollars.

Councilmember Raben: Royce, how is that below what's clearly needed? That would purchase –

Councilmember Sutton: Now you're basing that on that \$25,000 per acre. That hasn't been clearly established on – that's just the purchase of the land but there's some other issues that enter into foray as well.

Councilmember Raben: Which are?

Councilmember Sutton: Which are – they named a host of a list of other things last week which I don't have the entire list. When we're talking about the actual site and the way its structured, do you really actually need just that amount? I mean, the way it's designed, you may actually have to acquire more than you really actually need to get done what you need to do. So I guess that's why I was trying to give the adequate leeway, the room that's needed to make sure that they can proceed with the negotiations.

Councilmember Raben: You know, I had offered this suggestion last week and I've neglected to mention it again today, but last week I had suggested that they strike their best deal on the 40 acres that they consider the building site and draft a first right of refusal on the other 40 acres. That happens every day in real estate and in business. You know, I would certainly think CSX would entertain that, that we're safeguarded. We would always have the first option as to whether or not we want to purchase it based on the price of the other 40 acres. You know, there's nothing wrong with doing that. There are, and you're exactly right, there are so many unknowns, why do you want to lock yourself into twice as much as you need?

Councilmember Sutton: I would think they would exercise the degree of prudence that we would expect them to and buy what is needed and I think our role is not to negotiate the contract nor to negotiate the sale; we're the funding body. And there has to be a degree of cooperative working relationship and trust there to know that they're going to acquire what is needed and not over and above that. And not to hamstringing them and put them in a position where they're locked into a corner and they have to keep coming back to us. That's where I'm going with this.

President Winnecke: We're going to go to Councilman Tornatta, Councilman Bassemier
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Councilmember Tornatta: I'm ready to vote.

Councilmember Bassemier: Then we'll go to Councilman Bassemier and then we'll vote.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you. I sure hate to see you all get off that \$35,000,000 figure. When they can built a 427 bed facility across the river for less than \$8,000,000, that passes all state and federal regulations, in fact, it's even got an indoor basketball court for the recreational part for the inmates. Mr. Wortman, Mr. Hoy, the Sheriff and I went over there, it's a very nice facility, now here we go, now we're off the \$35,000,000 figure and I think this jail could be built and the land way under this price and I'm just sorry, folks, that we got off this \$35,000,000 figure. Now we're moving on and I don't – where is it all going to stop? So here again, I'm going to vote against it when it's my turn to vote.

President Winnecke: Okay, the motion on the floor is to set the land for the Jail Project in at \$1,000,001. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

JAIL PROJECT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3660-4110	Land	2,000,000.00	1,000,001.00
Total		2,000,000.00	1,000,001.00

(Motion carried 4-3/Councilmembers Tornatta, Sutton & Wortman opposed)

President Winnecke: For those of you keeping score at home, 4 to 3, \$1,000,001.

Councilmember Tornatta: It's that one dollar I wanted, Jim.

Councilmember Raben: Be frugal with that extra dollar there.

COIT WINDFALL (TWO REQUESTS)

Councilmember Raben: Alright, Mr. President, next under COIT account 4131-4831 I'm going to move that this be set in at zero with an explanation.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: This is to set this line item in at zero. And then you have an explanation, I believe.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, at this time the reasoning behind setting this in at zero is well, a couple of things. I don't believe that Warrick County is at the point where they're ready with their funding, so I think we've got some time on this. And secondly, I would just encourage that the Commissioners get with the Department of Metropolitan Development and try to extend the TIF area the short distance that it would take to encompass this and pay for it out of TIF monies.

President Winnecke: Other discussion or questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Are there any properties in that immediate area that have received tax abatement?

Councilmember Raben: This area is not part of it but it's real close. I think it probably comes within –

Councilmember Sutton: But what I'm saying, the areas that you are proposing that they extend the TIF district to...

Councilmember Raben: No, I don't –

Councilmember Sutton: Because, I mean, if that is the case you can't do that.

Councilmember Raben: To my knowledge there are no abatements in this corridor.

Councilmember Sutton: I think you ought to check that.

Councilmember Raben: I think I would remember and, I mean, there's not much outside of Combs Landscaping –

President Winnecke: It's a fair question. We can get the answer to it.

Councilmember Hoy: It is a good question.

Councilmember Tornatta: Before we would vote on that. I had talked to Mr. Raben and we had conferred with the engineer in Warrick County and I'm coming to a conclusion that if they did make an appropriation it would not be until next year as well, from what he was saying, although they have conflicts with their Commission and Council, imagine that, but that has led us to believe that they probably would not get that money until next year anyway, and to appropriate it this year might be just putting money in an account that we don't need.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: We're talking about the COIT Windfall here, are we not?

President Winnecke: Yes, we are.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, it's COIT money. I really think that as a Council we are against a rock and a hard place on money, on funds. We don't know what's coming from the state so we have to be extremely careful at this point. I think we're going to be pushed to buy voting equipment and I'd rather put COIT money into buying voting machines because I think we're going to have to. And the other thing is, what I see out there and it's a speech I made many times, I see prime farmland that's going to be eaten up by more pole buildings and we have empty pole buildings all over this city. And I would love to see economic development go back into the brown fields because it's been proven that many of those brown fields don't take any cleanup or very little cleanup. And why are we eating up, I mean, the biggest business in this state is agriculture. And we just keep chipping away at it and saying its undeveloped farmland, undeveloped farmland, and we're already beginning to import food that we should not be importing in this country. And many communities have been very wise about this and have said, you know, let's tighten things up a little bit. We don't need all those parking lots around all those buildings, you know, burning all that gas, which is, you know, bringing up a whole other issue. I think you have to just say well this is enough because we have plenty of places for development.

President Winnecke: There's a motion on the floor to set this in at zero. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COIT WINDFALL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4131-4831	Lynch Road Extension to Warrick County	1,250,000.00	0.00
Total		1,250,000.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under COIT, 4131-4404 University Parkway. I move that that be set in at \$1,031,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second to set in line item 4131-4404 at \$1,031,000. Questions or discussion? Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Well, my same point could be made here. I do think we need a passageway on the west side and I'll make the point I made three or four years ago and that is as we, obviously, we're going to do this project. It is going to benefit Vanderburgh County. I would implore the Commissioners to acquire some inter-section land so that eventually when this road has enough traffic on it, we can put real intersections in and not have to be having a traffic light at every intersection because that's exactly what will happen if we don't obtain those corners when we obtain the land. If we don't obtain intersection land where the other roads cross, we just have another Diamond Avenue or another batch of stop lights and I think adequate planning would include the purchase of that land. I can't force that issue, I'm a Councilman, but that's my suggestion.

Councilmember Raben: I tend to agree with Councilman Hoy but, David, correct me if I'm wrong, we're really only looking at taking it to the next intersection at this point, right?

I mean, Hogue Road would be the next intersection, so...

David Mosby: I'm not sure.

Councilmember Raben: I think – isn't that correct, John?

(Inaudible.)

Councilmember Raben: Well, the point that Councilman Hoy was making is that as this road develops, you need to buy larger parcels around your intersections so when you need to make improvements to those intersections, you're not going through the problems with –

John Stoll: As the road is currently designed, that extra land is not being acquired for two reasons. One, the federal aid procedures, you only acquire the land that you need for the project as its currently designed. And two, we don't have enough funding in place to go out and buy all the extra acreage to anticipate a future interchange at this time.

Councilmember Raben: But that could be addressed on the next phase, right, because this actually just takes it to the first intersection.

John Stoll: This will take it up to Upper Mt. Vernon.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, so it will be – yeah, it will cross – we'll have one intersection in between –

John Stoll: Really two. It will be Upper Mt. Vernon and Hogue.

Councilmember Raben: Right.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COIT WINDFALL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4131-4404	University Pkwy. Proj.	1,031,000.00	1,031,000.00
Total		1,031,000.00	1,031,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

**COUNTY CLERK (TWO REQUESTS)
PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
CIRCUIT COURT SUPP. ADULT**

**KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR
CIRCUIT COURT
REASSESSMENT/PIGEON
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMM.**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, if everybody is comfortable with taking the transfers all at once –

President Winnecke: Mr. Chairman, I would like the late transfer held out and considered separately please.

Councilmember Raben: I will take all the transfers starting with County Clerk, Knight Township, Pigeon Township, Circuit Court, Cumulative Bridge, Pigeon Township Reassessment, Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, Local Emergency Planning, I will move that those transfers be adopted as they are listed.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1010-3530	Contractual Services	874.00	874.00
To: 1010-1300	Regular Overtime	874.00	874.00

COUNTY CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:1010-1550-1010	Counter Clerk/Cir. &Sup.	7,055.00	7,055.00
1010-1630-1010	First Deputy/Elections	1,715.00	1,715.00
To: 1010-1140-1010	Cashier/Child Support	2,400.00	2,400.00
1010-1260-1010	Appeals & Venue Clerk	1,165.00	1,165.00
1010-1640-1010	Bond & Fine Clerk	3,490.00	3,490.00
1010-1160-1010	Deputy Clerk/Superior	945.00	945.00
1010-1180-1010	Juvenile Clerk	770.00	770.00

KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1130-1190-1130	2nd Real Estate Deputy	2,920.00	2,920.00
To: 1130-1150-1130	Deputy Assessor/Mobile Home	2,920.00	2,920.00

PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1150-3520	Equipment Repair	3,150.00	3,150.00
To: 1150-2600	Office Supplies	3,150.00	3,150.00

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1360-3944	Special Reporter	4,000.00	4,000.00
To: 1360-2270	Jurors Meals/Lodging	3,000.00	3,000.00
1360-3723	Psychol. Evaluations	1,000.00	1,000.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-4406	Old Henderson Rd. Br. #1541	75,000.00	75,000.00
To: 2030-3930	Other Contractual	75,000.00	75,000.00

REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2492-1150-3400	Printing Plat Sheets	2,500.00	2,500.00
To: 2492-1150-2600	Office Supplies	2,500.00	2,500.00

CIRCUIT COURT SUPP. ADULT PROBATION**REQUESTED****APPROVED**

From: 2600-1980	Other Pay	1,243.00	1,243.00
To: 2600-1350-2600	Probation Counselor	1,243.00	1,243.00

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION**REQUESTED****APPROVED**

From: 2861-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	500.00	500.00
To: 2861-3130	Travel/Mileage	500.00	500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LATE TRANSFER REQUEST

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, Tourism Capital Improvement Fund. I'll move that this be approved as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Marilee, could you come up please? Could you give us an idea what this is about?

Marilee Fowler: Well, last year, unlike this year, August brought a lot of rain. And for the big event that we have with the Frog Follies, a lot of the vendors were very unhappy in the fact that their setup was in a large area with a lot of mud. We had to bring in trackers, I guess, to remove those vendors when it was all said and done. And many of them indicated they would not be return this year or in future years because of the situation. So in talking to the people at the 4-H Center and the people involved in putting on the Frog Follies, they came to us and asked through our Capital Development Fund, would we appropriate funds to pave and improve the parking areas in this low part of the facility to make it much more accessible for the vendors and to make sure this event succeeds and continues. This happens to be the biggest event in Vanderburgh County as far as bringing in overnight visitors. We have 3,900 hotel rooms in our community and county. This fills all of those rooms for at least two to three nights. Most of the hotels require a two to three night minimum. So as far as events in bringing overnight visitors, this is an important one to our community. It's been going on for over 20 years. We think it's an important part of what has appeal to bringing visitors to Evansville. So the board of the Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau has voted to do this. Now it's up to you to support us in making this effort and to make this event continue and to grow.

President Winnecke: Questions or discussion for Marilee? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 3600-4060	Transport. Ctr./Pagoda	90,000.00	90,000.00
To: 3600-4111	Improvements	90,000.00	90,000.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Sutton opposed)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, we're down to the Amendments to the Salary Ordinance. We have a few today. First is Prosecutor IV-D. I move that we amend the salary line 1081-1990 Extra Help as previously adopted; Burdette Park salary line 1450-1180 Other Employees as previously adopted; Pigeon Township Assessor salary line 2491-1150-1990 Extra Help as previously adopted; County Clerk salary line 1010-1300 Regular Overtime as transfer previously adopted; County Clerk salary lines 1010-1140 Cashier/Child Support Deputy at an annual salary of \$26,277; 1010-1260 Appeals and Venue Clerk at an annual salary of \$25,058; 1010-1640 Cashier/Misdemeanor, this is a new title not a new – it's a new position title, at an annual rate of \$26,277; 1010-1160 Deputy Clerk/Superior Clerk at an annual rate of \$23,898; 1010-1180 Juvenile Clerk at an annual rate of \$25,058; Knight Township Assessor, move that we amend salary line 1130-1150-1130 Deputy Assessor/Mobile Homes as the transfer previously adopted, with the annual salary of \$26,277; Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation salary line 2600-1350-2600 Probation Officer as the transfer previously adopted, and set that pay rate in at \$9.13 per hour. And that's all I've got, Mr. President.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: I believe we have no other business before us. We'll reconvene tomorrow at 9:00 sharp.

Councilmember Tornatta: This is a motion to adjourn.

(Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Lloyd Winnecke

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Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Phil Hoy

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 13, 2002**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 13th of August, 2002 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President Lloyd Winnecke at 12:04 p.m.

President Winnecke: Good afternoon and welcome to the continuation of the 2003 Vanderburgh County budget hearings. Let's begin with attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

President Winnecke: Would you please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Winnecke: I would like to welcome officeholders, department heads and other visitors we may have in the audience. I understand we may have some visitors here who are here to express support for Welfare to Work. I would like to thank you for taking the time out of your schedules to be here today. If you would like, I will give you the opportunity to speak to that issue. I know that there may be some folks who want to do that. I will give you that opportunity at the conclusion of our budget business. We do have a full agenda, but I do not want you to come here thinking that you don't have an opportunity to speak. I do want to make clear for those of you who are here to support that particular program, that this body can not do anything today, or this week, to extend funding for this year during these meetings. That can be done at our next regularly scheduled meeting. I understand that the Commissioners, who oversee that program, will make a request for appropriation at our next meeting. You will be more than welcome to speak at both of those meetings as well. If you would like to write the dates down, they are Wednesday, August 28th, that is for the hearing portion, and the vote would be for September 4th, both meetings at 3:30. If you come to those, they will give you the same opportunity to speak as you will be given this afternoon. Yesterday, Councilman Sutton and I met with Treasurer Z Tuley and Auditor Suzanne Crouch regarding the county's revenue projections for the coming year. The information provided by the Auditor and the Treasurer is concerning. I have asked that they share their information with the full Council today before we begin making our cuts. I have also invited the Assessors who have been really put behind the eight ball by the State. The State's slow action could really have a profound influence on the County's cash flow in the coming year. Again, I think the information that the Treasurer and the Auditor have is really important, and it is important enough for them to hear first hand, and I appreciate those of you who could be here today. Following the presentation from the Auditor and the Treasurer, I will give Councilmembers a brief time for questions to those two officeholders so that we can address those questions. Just going on with sort of how the rest of the meeting will go, I will not recognize officeholders or department heads who want to debate cuts during this week's session. With all due respect, the time to advocate a budget position was last week, and this week it is this Council's obligation to make cuts. I will say, off of the top of my head, before the meeting begins that I think the Council, and I would say that we have worked closely together and spent many, many hours over the last few weeks

addressing these issues, I don't think that we have identified enough cuts yet to satisfy the State Budget Agency, but I am hopeful that the strong force and cooperation that has been going on the past few weeks will continue so that we can get to our numbers. Having said all of that, I would ask that the Treasurer and Auditor come forward and make their presentation.

Suzanne Crouch: Suzanne Crouch, Vanderburgh County Auditor. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today and to apprise the Council of what lies ahead in 2003. I would like to take a moment to kind of explain what the Auditor's office does at this point in time in the budget process, prior to this and on going. What we, one part of the budget process, as you all know, is spending the money and the other part is trying to project and be sure what the revenues are. What the Auditor's office does, is that they work with officeholders that generate large amounts of revenue to ask them what they believe the revenue projections will be for the incoming year. One of the large sources of revenue for the General Fund is Interest Investment. In 2000, Interest Investment came in for the General Fund at \$4,200,000. In 2001 it came in at \$2,700,000, and 2002, according to the Treasurer's projection, it will come in at about \$1,200,000. So, in May when we asked the Treasurer what she thought the interest income for 2003 would be for the General Fund, the Treasurer, based upon everything that was available to her, had projected that next year in 2003, we would have \$2,000,000 available for interest income for the General Fund. After the end of June, when we looked at our revenues that had come in, we saw that our Interest Investment for the General Fund was \$719,000. So, we conversed with the Treasurer and said, do you think that your \$2,00,000 projection for 2003 is still on the money based upon what we have realized so far? The Treasurer, at that point in time, said, I think that we really ought to bring that projection down to \$1,500,000. Last Friday the Treasurer called and said I think we need to talk, because based upon information she had, she thought that the revenue projection should come down even more, and I would like to turn it over to the Treasurer to have her explain what has driven her to that. Then also we would like to talk to you very briefly about the Reassessment and how that can affect the Interest Investment and our cash flow next year.

Z Tuley: County Treasurer, Z Tuley. I, this is most difficult because this is not good news, and it is going to be a difficult time, and the money is very tight. Based on all of the rate cuts, everything that happened, even before 9/11, it started looking very grim. And of course, everyone knows that everyone is hurting, all the way across the board, with the economy in this shape. It looks like we are probably going to come in for the end of this year at \$1,250,000, rather than \$2,000,000. Back in June when I prepared to give Suzanne a projected figure for the interest for 2003, I felt that we had probably hit the bottom of the barrel, and that the interest rates would at least hold steady or climb slowly forward for the year 2003. On August the 8th I received a fax that said that they were looking at potential rate cuts, and \$1,500,000 would have been only if everything held steady or gradually increased. Based on the fact that there are rumors amidst that in the next few months the Fed rates will be dropped again. There is no way, there is no way, and if they are cut more than once, I won't even make the million, and that is where we are at. The part that scares me is the fact that I have heard that Reassessment may or may not go through on time, and I am talking about the normal time with the tax deadline still being May 10th, etc., etc. I don't know where they are at with their work, all I can tell you is that if this is going to happen, and if there is going to be a delay, I have a huge concern, because I will have to postpone the tax deadline. I have to make investments now projecting investments to come due for April. The shorter time that I invest our money, the least we make, and even then we were looking at me taking sums of money and rolling it out for at least a full year. I have the right to go out two years, but in order to capitalize what we can do for 2003, that was my targeted goal. So at least one year brings you a nice premium, if you can call whatever we have a premium. However, if, I have to have interest rates coming in, or interest investments coming in in April, so that we can pay those bills, because we are not going to have the bills out, so no one is going to be paying their taxes. You are going to start depleting the funds that I use to make that interest, and if I don't have it come in, in April, and I do go out a year, where did I leave the County? Where did I leave the...? So, I need some direction. I need some guidance. You guys have to tell me what you are going to decide to do, and it's tough and not very pleasant news.

Suzanne Crouch: And as a note, this does not only affect only Vanderburgh County, this affects all taxing units. If we do not have property tax money coming in, then that will affect all taxing units. I believe last year, we brought in over \$120,000,000, was that correct, Z? Over a \$120,000,000 in property tax money? Somewhere in that neighborhood, that then was dispersed, not only to Vanderburgh County, but to the City of Evansville, the School Corporation, the Library, the Trustees, all of those units that receive tax money. So this has a significant effect not only for Vanderburgh County, but for all of the taxing units. The cost of not being able to do Reassessment in a timely fashion is going to far outweigh the cost of the Reassessment. So, we realize that the Township Assessors are at their mercy, and they are victims of the State, and we wanted to apprise the Council of the situation. It is going to take all of us working together to develop a plan to be able to meet that deadline, and it will be a challenge.

President Winnecke: Any questions of either the Auditor or the Treasurer?

Suzanne Crouch: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Z, you asked, and I will just sort of wrap things up and get going, you asked for, you said you need direction. It is my intent that we need to get through these three days of budget cuts and see where we are, and see where we need to stand. Where we stand with further cuts. I think we will be in a better position to figure out what kind of direction to give you. I appreciate you, and the Auditor, coming forward. It is not fun delivering less than good news, but we appreciate hearing it now.

Z Tuley: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thank you.

Suzanne Crouch: Mr. President, also I laid on the Councilmembers desk, e-mails that I have received from other Auditor's in the state. Just so that you know that Vanderburgh County is not in a unique position. This is something that all counties are experiencing throughout the state.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: The only word that I can use and say right now is pray.

Councilmember Hoy: Do I get time and a half?

President Winnecke: We will go ahead and begin with the task at hand. I will say that we are going to try something this year. This is Councilman Tornatta's idea, and I think it is a really great idea. It may need some refining over the next couple of days, but in terms of size, Councilman Tornatta suggested that we put the projected cuts on the screen. I know that I can't really read them from here, but this is an attempt to let all the officeholders have a sort of visual idea as to what is going on. Again, I appreciate Councilman Tornatta's idea, and it has taken the cooperation of everyone to get cuts to there, and with that, I will turn it over to the Finance Chairman.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, thank you.

President Winnecke: The Assessors, I am sorry, the Assessors are free to go. I just thought that you would want to hear that, and thanks for coming.

Councilmember Raben: I would just like to state that is some very sobering news, and everyone needs to keep in mind how difficult it is going to be over the course of the next year, or even longer than that. Some of these cuts represent, that I am going to make, some cuts represent cuts deeper than we would like to make, but this is an overall effort that we get to

the point that we need to get to, to stay below the maximum levy. I would like to say this, Mr. President, before I begin the cuts, this is like you said, a unified effort. This is a budget that I feel is prepared by consensus, everybody, everybody has had a great deal of input in this budget, and I think it is one that at the end of the session, Thursday afternoon, one we can all be very proud of.

LEVEE DISTRIBUTION

Councilmember Raben: So, first, if you turn to page 195, on your Levee Distribution, I am going to handle it in the manner that we always have. I am going to move that all salary lines, including FICA, PERF and Insurance will be set in at our September 4th meeting. So, moving down to our 2000 accounts, I move that all accounts are approved as they are listed. The 3000 accounts as they are listed, and the 4000 accounts, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Winnecke: There is a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke?: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Councilmember Raben: Weights and Measures, page 90. Mr. President, I will move that all salary lines, including FICA, PERF and Insurance, will be adjusted at our September the 4th meeting. All 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: There is a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke?: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY TREASURER

Councilmember Raben: County Treasurer, page 11. I move that all salary lines, including FICA, PERF and Insurance, be adjusted at our September 4th final budget hearing. 1990, Extra Help, be set in at zero. The 2000 accounts, line 2841, Copy Fees, \$250; 3370, Computers, \$500; 3410, Printing, \$45,000; 3530, Contractual Services, \$1,000; 4220, Office Machines, \$4,000, and all other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and second. Questions or discussion? Councilman Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes, okay, on the Computer Data Management, is that something that you set in at \$500, or did you just take it all out? I mean, I don't think that \$500 is going to accomplish anything in that line item. If you are going to set it so low, then why not zero it out?

Councilmember Raben: We can do that, but if I am not mistaken, \$500 may have been for some software.

President Winnecke: I tell you what, if I may interrupt. We were talking, based on your conversations with the upgrades that the Sheriff's department had done, I believe that we thought that we would try that in some of the other offices too.

Councilmember Raben: Right, but Troy was questioning whether or not we need to allow \$500 in the line in lieu of zeroing it out. That was your question, was it not?

Councilmember Tornatta: Right.

Councilmember Raben: And you are exactly right. That is the intent that we take the computers coming out of the court system, and installing upgrades, and moving those to other departments, yes.

President Winnecke: Other discussion or questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Can I ask, did that line item stay at \$500, or are you changing it?

President Winnecke: No, it stays.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke?: Yes.

1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
2841	Copy Fees	\$250.00
3370	Computers	\$500.00
3410	Printing	\$45,000.00
3530	Contractual Services	\$1,000.00
4220	Office Machines	\$4,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7 -0)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, next is County Commissioners, page 84.

Councilmember Bassemier: Say it again.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I am going to move that all salary lines, including FICA, PERF and Insurance, be adjusted at our September 4th final budget hearing. Starting with the 2000 accounts. I move that they be approved as they are listed. The 3000 accounts, starting with line 3020 ,Southwest Mental Health, \$620,000. Moving down to 3040, Soil and Water, \$10,000. Page 86, line 3100, Animal Control, \$160,895. Line 3140, Telephone, \$210,000. Line 3210, Emergency Management, \$143,023. Line 3500, on page 87, Human Relations, \$38,233. Line 3530, Contractual Services, \$3,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Jim, can you go back on Human Relations?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: So, we are adding to that?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, that is \$38,233.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next was Contractual, 3530 for \$3,000. Moving down to page 88, line 3700, no that remains the same, excuse me, 3750, Purchasing, the correct figure is \$130,852. Line 3850, Building Commission, the correct figure is \$392,437. Line 3890, Central Dispatch, should read \$396,580. Line 3931, Youth Services, \$20,000. Page 89, line 4432, Pigeon Creek–

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben, I would ask that you withhold that from this.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, let's stop there. All other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There is a motion and a second. Are there questions or discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes. Okay, on the Southwestern Mental Health, do we not have a contract for that? That is one question. The second question is, Bond and Insurance, and I think we were asked for an upgrade of \$200,000 in that line item, because it was not added at budget time, when they thought the insurance rates were going up.

Councilmember Raben: First let me answer Southwest Mental Health. I believe that contract is adjusted according to the CPI, and this figure represents over a 7% increase, so that \$620,000 should be significant. As far as Bond and Insurance, I don't believe that we have seen anything that would represent that increase, and I don't know, I certainly haven't, I don't know if anybody has. Has anybody?

President Winnecke: What line item, Troy?

Councilmember Raben: Let me address the Auditor. Have you seen anything that would represent?

Suzanne Crouch: I just want to clarify, on the Southwestern Mental Health. That is based upon Assessed Valuation, and whatever line, whatever you set that in at, the Commissioners, once that Assessed Valuation is certified, the Commissioners will have to come back for additional funding.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, what about 3000?

Councilmember Raben: Troy, if we find now and between September 4th that the line 3000 needs to be adjusted, we will make that adjustment at that time.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: What was the figure?

Councilmember Tornatta: It's, they are setting it in at \$620,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Winnecke: Any other questions?

Councilmember Tornatta: One more question, why was, I know that there was supposed to be in the neighborhood of a \$250,000 change in Central Dispatch, and now it is \$500,000?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, you will see as we get back to 911, we are going to move that difference into 911.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke?: Yes.

3020	Southwest Mental Health	\$620,000.00
3040	Soil and Water	\$10,000.00
3100	Animal Control	\$160,895.00
3140	Telephone	\$210,000.00
3210	Emergency Management	\$143,023.00
3500	Human Relations	\$38,233.00
3530	Contractual Services	\$3,000.00
3750	Purchasing	\$130,852.00
3850	Building Commission	\$392,437.00
3890	Central Dispatch	\$396,580.00
3931	Youth Services	\$20,000.00

(Motion carried 6 - 1/ Councilmember Tornatta opposed)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 144.

President Winnecke: We need to-

Councilmember Raben: Oh, excuse me. We have those two lines,

Councilmember Hoy: Page 89.

Councilmember Raben: Page 89, line 4432, Pigeon Creek Greenway, I move that be set it at \$10,000. I will take that one so that you have the opportunity to vote on the other.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: There is a motion and a second. Are there questions or discussion?
Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: No.

4432	Pigeon Creek Greenway	\$10,000.00
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(Motion carried 5 - 2/ Councilmembers Tornatta and Winnecke opposed)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, next is line 4433, Disaster Resistance, for \$9,000, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There is a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke?: Yes.

4433	Southwest Indiana Disaster Resistance	\$9,000.00
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(Motion carried 6 - 1/ Councilmember Sutton opposed)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/CCD

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 144, this is the CCD Fund. Okay, first is line 1300-4126, and I move that it be approved as listed at \$300,000. 1300-4127, Sound, at \$5,000, and that

be set in at zero, and the Building Authority make those repairs. Account 1300-4130, Park and Playground, I move that be set in at \$895,000. 1300-4239, Motor Vehicles, \$250,000, and all other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: I will second, to get it on the floor.

President Winnecke: There is a motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton.?

Councilmember Sutton: Jim, back on the Park and Playground, can we take a look at that in terms of what that \$895,000 is intended to pay for?

Councilmember Raben: I certainly can.

Councilmember Sutton: Can you, what on the list do you see bubbling up to pay for that?

Councilmember Raben: That takes care of the new parking lot for the new O'Day Building, that makes \$660,000 worth of repairs to the pool, the new liner and pool repairs, and that takes care of installing new wiring and 50 amp service in the campground. and that also includes replacing the concrete in ADA restrooms in the pavilion, and that total is \$895,000.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess, the one area in particular, the proposed list that was given to all of us in terms of the costs on the improvements, in particular like that, the electrical, the cost that was shared with us was that it would be somewhere around \$190,000. I guess, you were thinking, perhaps, of being able to accomplish that with \$60,000?

Councilmember Raben: Those are the figures that were furnished to me by the Park Manager and Assistant Manager based off of estimates that they had gathered. If I am not mistaken that \$190,000 may also include sewage, installing sewers further back, but the estimates that were provided to me by those two gentlemen was the \$60,000 figure.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess, it is maybe just an area, because of what we have been made aware of, the potential danger. I just don't want us to end up shorting ourselves on that particular area. I know that we just kind of took a look at this, but I don't know if that is something that we may want to look at plugging a little bit more in, but I know that we are trying to get to a figure here, a bottom line figure, and we are trying to make as many adjustments as we can, but that might be one where we might want to revisit. Maybe plug it in, and come back and take a look at this, and see how, if that is something that can actually be done for that \$60,000 figure that we are looking at.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I think those estimates were firm estimates, and I might defer to Councilman Wortman that does that for a living. I guess, if you could shed some light on that. Would \$60,000 be a fair estimate on that project?

Councilmember Wortman: Right. I think you have to take in mind that safety is a factor out there, and they are going to upgrade that. Now, as far as these 50 amp jobs, we've got to be careful there, I think, on that, but that would upgrade and accommodate the average trailer, or what have you, that comes in there, the campers.

Councilmember Raben: Right, but in reference to the \$60,000 estimate.

Councilmember Wortman: That should be adequate.

Councilmember Tornatta: Now, you said the average trailer. I mean, what if we have above average people coming into this place? What do you do there?

Councilmember Wortman: Well, if they come above average, we will do what we have to do. They just want to be able to, we can only accommodate certain kind of people, you know, and we can't accommodate everybody here with this budget, see.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, that is why we have the park, to accommodate everybody.

Councilmember Wortman: I don't know.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I-

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I, I'm sorry, go ahead.

Councilmember Raben: No, go ahead.

Councilmember Hoy: No, I've already mentioned my preference for tent camping, but, you know, that's camping to me. But, you know we are talking about these huge \$150,000 to \$200,000 rigs, and some of those folks are saying, I forget what the stay time is, but I think they can stay thirty days-

Unidentified: 60.

Councilmember Hoy: 60 days, and then they can be gone a day or two, and come back and take another 60 days. I just think that there is a limit as to what we can fund on that size vehicle, and, you know, this is, if we can make this electrical safe, then that is what we should do. They may have to park someplace else, and pay a higher rate. We also, when they park there, I understand it that when they pay that daily fee, they also get a swimming pass. Which, when I rented a chalet for a family reunion, I didn't get any swimming passes at all, and I paid \$90 for the chalet, but that is all I got, and for whatever we are charging and giving swimming passes, we may want to question the rent level, and giving off passes. I am just going on some information that I have. Because that reduces that income if you give a pool pass out.

Councilmember Sutton: Is it possible to separate this out of your motion? This line item 1300-4130.

Councilmember Raben: It's very possible.

President Winnecke: Which one, I'm sorry, Royce?

Councilmember Sutton: 1300-4130, Park and Playground.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, allow me to make a comment, and then I will come back to you on that. You know, I still, I hold steadfast that the \$60,000 estimate should be ample for doing, upgrading the electricity in that campground, but since the discussion came up in terms of the rates that we are charging. Councilman Hoy is right on target, I mean, when you are accommodating \$100,000, \$200,000, half million dollar motor homes, and charging \$11 dollars a day for that. If you look at what you are paying, what it costs you for electric at your residence, plus water and sewage, you know, these RV's are pulling two and three air conditioners, more tonnage than you are pulling in a home, they are running battery chargers, because they do have 12 volt as well. You are running battery chargers, washers and dryers, microwave ovens, television sets, supplying water and sewer. I mean that \$11 a day is extremely low to accommodate those type of campers. As far as the term of stay, that had been addressed several years back, with other Commissioners. I don't know why we got back to the long stays again, but a comment was made to me by a Commissioner that he didn't want to disturb the people staying the summers, and that jockeys were living out there through the

course of the summer. I don't think that is what we are after. We are not there to make cheap rent space for jockeys working in another state. You know we are here to accommodate the needs of Vanderburgh County residents, and that is all that I have to say.

President Winnecke: Councilman Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: I agree that one way of looking at this is to get a better price structure on how we stay there, but to say that somebody can't stay there, and that we don't have the accommodations for somebody to stay there. I don't think it is that much when you are going in and fixing a problem. I don't think it is that much to upgrade to a standard that we can accommodate more individuals. I think that is what we want to look at, and if we need to charge more, then I think that is something that we need to look at, but that is not what we are, essentially, talking about here. We are talking about making sure that we get this, if we are doing the electrical, that we get it up to a code that is going to accept, and we don't have to turn away people. As far as, you both make great points on how much we charge, they shouldn't be charged that rate, if we deem it, that's too low.

Councilmember Raben: I couldn't agree with you more, and this figure does address those electrical needs.

Councilmember Tornatta: That is what I was asking. Councilman Wortman was kind of eluding to the fact that we might just be getting a certain level, and if they come in over that, well, we don't know, but that is not a good way to handle it. We want to cover ourselves and get it done right, and then make it for everybody that wants to come in there.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton, did you still want us to exclude this?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, I would like to see us, you know, the other ones, I don't really, I am comfortable with those, but I would like to see us maybe exclude that out of the motion, since we have had so much discussion about it. I don't know how others feel, but I would like to see us maybe exclude that from the motion, and take it separately, and vote on that, if that is possible.

Councilmember Hoy: I think that I have the President's signal to go ahead. If we weren't in such a budget crunch here I would favor the higher figure too. However, I have been refused camping at certain campgrounds because I have tents. They won't take tent campers. I mean there are restrictions even in some commercial campgrounds, and this is something that we also, it has to do with the sewers. We could add those later, but I do think that the policy needs to be reviewed, as well. In terms of, you know, if people choose to live in an expensive motor home, this is America, and that is their privilege, but it is not my responsibility, as a Vanderburgh County Councilman, to provide extremely inexpensive land and rent, you know, for them to live that way. That is a choice that they make. I have made my choice, so I have to live with my choice as well. I own a home, pay taxes here, and will not complain about those taxes. I get a lot out of those.

President Winnecke: Okay, you want to exclude?

Councilmember Raben: That's fine. Mr. President, I will amend my motion to exclude 1300-4130.

Councilmember Tornatta: And 1300-4230?

President Winnecke: Which one, Troy?

Councilmember Tornatta: 1300-4230.

Councilmember Raben: Was that what you were requesting, Mr. Sutton? Was that part of your original request?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, that wasn't part of my original request, but, I guess, Mr. Tornatta piggybacked on that.

Councilmember Raben: My point in that is, that if your intent was to exclude that line was so that you could vote yes on the budget? But, I mean, if you intended to vote in favor of 4230, that's not going to give you the opportunity to do what your intent was.

Councilmember Sutton: I understand. I am fine with the request as I have stated.

Councilmember Raben: As you stated, okay. Then the motion stands. The motion is to exclude. I tell you what we will do, we will take them separately. Let me amend my first motion, and the motion is 1300-4126 as listed, 1300-4127, zero; and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Winnecke: Could you repeat it, just so?

Councilmember Raben: Just the first two items, 1300-4126 for \$300,000.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: And then 1300-4127, zero, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and second. Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke?: Yes.

4126	Old Courthouse Parking Improvements	\$300,000.00
4127	Sound	\$00.00

(Motion carried 6 - 1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

Teri Lukeman: Can I change the tape now?

President Winnecke: Okay, we will change the tape.

TAPE CHANGE

Councilmember Raben: Okay Mr. President. Line 1340, excuse me, 1300-4130, Park and Playground, \$895,000, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1300-4130	Park and Playgrounds	\$895,000
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(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Tornatta, Sutton opposed.)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 1300-4230, Motor Vehicles, \$250,000, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1300-4230	Motor Vehicles	\$250,000
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(Motion carried 6-1/Councilman Tornatta opposed.)

CUMULATIVE COURTHOUSE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 145, Cumulative Courthouse. I'm going to move that this budget be set in at zero, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please. I'm sorry, Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: If we don't set this in, then, I don't want to make any assumptions, so, I would assume that we're going to ask the Commissioners to set aside some of the Bridge Fund? Is that—

President Winnecke: I think the request has been made. I think it's probably been turned down as many times as we've requested it. I think the ramification of this vote is that we look for other funding options to restore and maintain that building. The Commissioners presented to us at last weeks meeting that they would like to see a complete renovation of the facility. A \$10,000,000 bond issue, I believe, was the figure. So that's the ramification.

Councilmember Tornatta: Councilman Hoy? I'm going to make a recommendation that a line item be put inside the Riverboat Fund.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm sorry? I didn't hear you.

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm going to make a recommendation in the Riverboat Fund for some money set for Capital Improvements which could be used for the Courthouse. This would be set in at zero initially, and then if we found extra Riverboat funds, then those would be captured by that account.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I've already stated, I've overstated this. Actually, I've said it so many times, that the appropriate measures in which to accomplish what we need to do with the Courthouse is what Councilman Hoy just stated. That we need to reduce our Bridge Levee, insert a Cum Courthouse Fund. You know, we keep, it's like we're talking in deaf ears. We keep hearing how that's not going to happen. If that's truly not going to happen, I would strongly urge the County Commissioner to reduce that bridge rate, because we're collecting taxes in excess of what we need, and that is ethically wrong. So, if they are not going to change the fund and create the new Cum Courthouse Fund, then that levee needs to be reduced, and quit taking money that we do not need from peoples pocket books. That fund right now has \$5.1 million dollars in it. The budget request for Cum Bridge is less this year than it was last year. There's no doubt in my mind that that fund is way over funded, and they need to make those adjustments.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I'm uncomfortable with, we have so much uncertainty going on, and all of us know that. So, that's what I'm uncomfortable with the whole budget. It's been that kind of year. My major concern there is the first item. That's the ADA Modifications. I just hope that we're, whatever we're able to do with the Old Courthouse, and I still would like to sell the private sector in helping with those windows. I guess, I take that personally, I've taken a lot of hits from preservationists, because I've been a preservationist, but I didn't preserve a certain building next door to my house, and I'm a little tired of that, because I vote a lot of preservation money. I would also like to see folks who support preservation come up for some bucks for those windows. I mean, if they really believe in this, the private sector ought to come in and help us out. On ADA, a different thing. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: You know, I think we really need to look at how we, what we want to do with this building. I know we've talked about how we want to possibly move some government offices in there and some private offices and all, but, you know, that's a pretty special building in that the uses are limited with that. It had a really good committee put together, and really looking at some of the needs on that building. That's what we have here, trying to address some of those needs, and, you know, just, at this particular point in time, I guess, given kind of the health of the county, even though I recognize we got a building that we really want to keep and that many people treasure in this community, I guess, we're just going to have to figure out a way, and I don't know what that may be yet, how we can make sure that building is stabilized and provides a really good benefit and use to the communities. There's been a lot of good ideas shared and advanced on it, so I'd like to support it, but, I guess, really, in light of where we are right now, it's just, really, difficult for any of us to really support, at this particular time on it, so, I vote no. A very long no, I guess.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier? Oh, I'm sorry.

President Winnecke: The motion was to set it in at zero.

Councilmember Raben: The motion was to set it in at, yeah.

President Winnecke: So—

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: He's voted yes or no?

Councilmember Sutton: I'm agreeing with the motion, so yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Oh, okay.

President Winnecke: I thought that's where you were going I just wanted to make sure.

Councilmember Bassemier: I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Your sermon had me confused sir.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm going to...I do...I want to express appreciation for the list of tenants that were provided for us. That's not been mentioned and that's good to see. I understand that we're going to have some more tenants. I've done a lot of things on faith, I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

DRAINAGE BOARD

Councilmember Raben: Okay next is Drainage Board. I'll move that all accounts...no let's...account 2600, I'll move that it be approved as listed, and the salaries, including FICA, PERF, and Insurance, be adjusted at September the 4th.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Any questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

RIVERBOAT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 132, Riverboat. Line 3110, \$500,000. Line 3111, Welfare to work, \$500,000. 3112, Infrastructure, \$500,000 and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Can we make also the motion 3113, what did we call that?

Councilmember Raben: We want to create a new line.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: With that motion—

Councilmember Hoy: Capital Projects.

Councilmember Tornatta: Capital Projects or Capital Improvements.

Councilmember Raben: With that motion I would like to insert that we create a new line and call it Capital Improvements, Other Capital Improvements, let's call it that. Other Capital Improvements.

Councilmember Hoy: And for how much?

Councilmember Raben: Set it in at zero.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion? Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Looking at what was asked for. Do we know, does someone know the amounts that are in any of those funds? I know where Welfare to Work is, presently, but in the Economic Development—

Councilmember Raben: I have those figures. These are figures as of 7/31. Infrastructure has a unappropriated balance of \$978,476. Economic Development has a balance of \$275,070.

Councilmember Sutton: I think there were some different figures that may have been shared on those balances. Your's were as of 7/31, you said, Jim? I guess, I was getting maybe a little bit lower figure on that. I don't have that—

Suzanne Crouch: That is unencumbered money.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah.

Suzanne Crouch: That's not secured with a PO.

Councilmember Sutton: I couldn't hear you Suzanne.

Suzanne Crouch: I'm sorry. that's unencumbered money in that line item that's not secured with a PO. It's been appropriated to that line item, but it's not secured with a purchase order or a contract.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, and just so that it's on record and I understand it, Madam Auditor, Should there be any of that money left at the end of the year, in either account, then the Commissioners can encumber that for next year? that will not revert to the General Fund unless—

Suzanne Crouch: With a contract or a purchase order, that is correct.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Obviously, we've had a lot of interest in this whole area, especially the Welfare to Work. I don't know if it's a little premature, but based upon maybe, some of the...even what was in the newspaper this morning, there is some interest from the city's part in assisting in working with this Welfare to Work initiative, in putting some dollars in on this. With that in mind, I don't know if we might take a look at, I guess, what I'm hearing is with the city side looking at the possibility, right at around 250. if we put 250 in on the pot. If we put more than 250, then they would give less than 250, or zero. I don't know if we might want to consider that, and ,I guess, keeping the other two as was initially requested. The Economic Development at 750, and the Infrastructure at 750 as well. So, basically, we're taking that back to the requested levels.

Councilmember Raben: I might address that in regards to Welfare to Work. It was requested at 250. In light of the current circumstances, I am extremely comfortable with doubling that and putting the five in it. Although, I am uncomfortable as to what the real intent behind what you're referring to as the article today with the City Council, because the City Council did have that opportunity when this Welfare to Work program was established, and they elected not to assist

in that. So, whatever political agenda, or whatever it is that has made them take the stance that they've taken today, is very iffy. You know, that it again, it wasn't important enough to them then. I hate to trust that they've found new religion, and that it's important to them today. So, I would just assume to leave it in at \$500,000, then we know the program is intact.

Councilmember Sutton: Believe me, because of the way I feel about the program, I don't have any problems with this being at the 500 level. I guess, what is...has occurred, obviously, this was a project that the county undertook, and there probably isn't enough cooperation between the two bodies, on a lot of different things, and probably the city has always viewed this as the county's initiative, the county's project. Most of the participants in this program are probably city residents, rather than people who are outside of the city. I think on the whole, if they're willing and interested in stepping up and seeing this need, as probably most of you have received some calls or feedback on this whole initiative, I don't think I've gone too many places over the last several days where I haven't gotten some feedback. If they want to do over and above, that's great, you know.

Councilmember Raben: Can I offer a suggestion? In doing this, at any point the Commissioners can transfer funds out of this and put it in one of the other two accounts.

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, if the city does come through, then that will be up to the County Commissioners to simply make a transfer.

President Winnecke: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, Jim, can you put it by itself, line 3111?

Jeff Ahlers: You've got a motion on the floor.

Councilmember Hoy: You need to withdraw your motion.

Councilmember Raben: I could withdraw my motion, because it has already been seconded. I'll be happy to do that. Mr. President, I will withdraw my motion. I know I need to.

Councilmember Hoy: The seconder needs to agree.

Councilmember Raben: The seconder has to agree, yes.

President Winnecke: Who seconded that motion? Curt, you seconded it.

Councilmember Wortman: Yes, I withdraw.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, my new motion is 3110, \$500,000. Line 3112, \$500,000 and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Roll call vote please.

Councilmember Hoy: Hey, do you want—

President Winnecke: I'm sorry Mr. Hoy, discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: No, I just wondered if anybody else had any discussion besides me? I really struggle with this because I...a couple of issues, one has been mentioned that a lot of the

folks who receive the...this fund is misnamed Welfare to Work. These folks are working and we're trying to help them stay on the job, and have childcare, and get their car fixed, and a few other things. I would grant you, probably none of those people live in the new suburbs, you know, they just don't. It doesn't take a genius to figure that out, and I'm not knocking the new suburbs. They're going to live in the city, because that's where the cheaper housing is. I would remind Council that they also pay county taxes. I live in the city and I pay both. It's the city and county taxes, so does everybody who lives in the city. We pay both. So, you know, it's harder to draw fine lines between who receives what when you look at taxes that way. I think we need to keep that in mind. If the city wants to...do we have any assurances that they will come through, you know, from the Mayor? I don't know that we do. Or from the City Council today. It leaves us sitting here in a bind and we have to move ahead. But the...speaking to the two issues that are on the floor and I'm connecting all this, you know that, Mr. President. You know I am.

Councilmember Raben: Eventually it gets there.

Councilmember Hoy: It eventually gets there, yeah because what I've seen in ten years is when you say the words Economic Development, 90%, I'll be conservative, 90% of the time you're talking about welfare for the rich.

President Winnecke: Okay, there's a motion on the floor to set in line 3110 and 3112 at \$500,000 each. Did you include 3113 in at zero, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: I'll make that with this—

President Winnecke: Okay, that's fine.

Councilmember Raben: I'll go ahead and make that with this one. I'll amend my motion to include—

Councilmember Tornatta: Just go ahead and set it separate if you would. If that's okay.

President Winnecke: Okay, that's fair. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: I've had discussion with the chairman on finance that I believe that these things were set in because of priorities set by the Commission. I think that for them to set those in...they weren't setting them in at just a number. So even though it was said that they can transfer those funds, that's not really how that was set up. Those funds are set up to be used by the accounts that they were set in. So, at this time, I don't think it's...I don't think I'd go against the objectives of the Commission and their priorities in order to set this in at different levels. So I would vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

3110	Economic Development	\$500,000
3112	Infrastructure / Drainage	\$500,000

(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Tornatta, Sutton opposed.)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Mr. President is 3111, Welfare to Work, at \$500,000, and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

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

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second to set in Welfare to Work, line item 3111, in at \$500,000. Are there questions or discussion? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, if...one thing, obviously, we've had some discussion on this, and Councilman Hoy brings up a good point. The actual real name to this program is Initiative Based Assistance Program and not Welfare to Work. So, if we could at least make that change in our lexicon and in our budget books, and then maybe going forward from here, Initiative Based Assistance Program. It is truly a program to encourage, help, and support those who are showing initiative in what they're doing.

Councilmember Hoy: It's a horrible acronym to pronounce, IBAP.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta, did you have a comment?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

President Winnecke: Oh, Mr. Bassemier, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd also like to see what the city is going to do on their side. Maybe they'll help us out on this. I'm still waiting. I talked to Mr. Heck, or we did at the other meeting, and I'd still like to see his report, who's still on the program, who still has jobs, and other things. I just want to see that the support services are just...who's really benefitting by this? When you have child care centers, you have mechanics, you have the transportation, you have the administrative part, and only \$124,000 going for Tires and Training. I was reading in the paper the other day that one of the daycare centers way out there on the far east side, very expensive for a daycare center, and I'm just wondering, there's several children in the daycare centers, and I think it's kind of a preschool too maybe, and not that it's bad, it's really good, but can we afford this high rate of child care for these hard working people to go to work? Anyway, that's just...I'd like to see some more facts on how this program is really working.

President Winnecke: I'd like to make a comment. I've taken several phone calls. I'm comfortable with the \$500,000 figure. We're practically at that level now, between what, we will be over that level by the time this program exceeds, runs out of money this year. I think that there needs to be better oversight and communication between the county and the administrator to the program, to better manage the funds to make it through the entire year. Other than that, I have no problem supporting it at the \$500,000 level.

Councilmember Bassemier: Can I say one more thing?

President Winnecke: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Hoy: I'm going to comment, sorry, go ahead.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I was just wondering why last year all that money is rolled over, and now all of the sudden it's back up to where it is, where it was in the past? Anyway, I just got some unanswered questions, and I'm going to vote no on it when it comes to me. I don't feel comfortable with it.

Councilmember Raben: I think I understand your question, and I think a lot of it is because of state cutbacks. There are more people that have come to this program, If I'm not mistaken. I think that would answer your question.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I just wanted to comment, and with respect to my colleague, Mr. Bassemier, in terms of daycare's scattered around the city, and that is that low income housing is also scattered now. If you go to the eastside, I don't want to name any particular apartment complexes, but a number of those on the eastside, certain ones, are section eight housing. They are subsidized housing. What used to be called Luther Village, is subsidized housing for older people. So, over the years, there's been a dramatic change in where that housing is. That's probably why you're seeing it. I don't disagree with you at all on a better tracking system, or whatever you want to call that. I think that may very well be a good idea. That's my only difference.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President?

President Winnecke: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Sutton: I think this whole issue and the way it is bubbled up to the top...the concern which is really good, I think, this has been a silent issue in this community for quite a while. It's taken these past few days to really make people aware of just how important daycare is for working families, whether it's two parents, one parent households, whatever the case. I think the county has done a great job in trying to be pro-active on this issue. We also need the involvement of employers in this community. Because really this is how the initiative started. If they went to the employers and the employers basically have not responded to that, and Councilman Hoy has made the point several times over in this body about the wage rates and how that has an effect upon working families. So, the county has done a great job in really getting this ball rolling. I would like the city to get on board, and private employers as well. Perhaps maybe that might be a question we ask tax abatement requests when they come up here in terms of how they are addressing the child care issue among their workforce.

President Winnecke: Valid points. Okay, Mr. Raben, the Auditor brings up a good point. Would you like to amend your motion to correct the name also?

Councilmember Raben: I can, Initiative Based Assistance, right?

Councilmember Sutton: There you go.

Councilmember Raben: I will amend my motion that line 3111 be changed to Initiative Based Assistance Program, in lieu of Welfare to Work.

President Winnecke: Okay, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm comfortable with the \$400,000, and would hope that the city would jump aboard to bring us up higher than that. I think that's been clearly stated, so I vote, no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I'll take the 500, yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I'll take the 500 too, yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I would certainly encourage the City Council to jump aboard, and if they offer any relief we can certainly make those adjustments. Until they do so, you know, they've had the opportunity once and they opted not to. I'm going to vote that we set this in at 500, yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

3111	Initiative Based Assistance Program	\$500,000
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(Motion carried 4-3/Councilmembers Tornatta, Bassemier, Wortman opposed.)

Councilmember Raben: Okay--

President Winnecke: Do you want to add the line item, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: Oh, excuse me. Mr. President, I'll make a motion that we create a new line, 3113 to read Other Capital Projects, and that line be set in at zero. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

3113	Other Capitol Projects	\$0.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CONVENTION CENTER OPERATING FUND

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 194, Convention Center Operating Fund, Mr. President. I will move this budget be approved as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Winnecke: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm going to vote yes on this. I'm not questioning the motion at all. At some point I would like to...I need to wait for the Auditor, because it's a request from the Auditor. I supported this building. I still support this building. It's a good, we're talking about the Centre, and the Convention Center we have some other votes attaching to that. My question, somehow I would like to see what this thing is really costing us, and how much income is coming in? Because we set some pretty high expectations, and I didn't expect to see us reach those in a short time. I would like to see us begin to approach those. I know the Convention & Visitor's Bureau is working very hard on sales. I think they've got some great conventions coming in. That's going to help. I'm concerned about how heavy an expense that is, in terms of what we're getting out of it.

Suzanne Crouch: So, would you like the past five years revenues and expenditures, and year to date?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, just in the simplest terms, if you don't mind.

Suzanne Crouch: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, before we take a vote on this I would really like to amend my motion. There is a line, that I'm sure some of you will go along with, that I've neglected and noticed. Utilities and Gas. I believe that line could probably be set in at \$90,000. So, I would like to amend my motion to read account 3205, Utilities and Gas, \$90,000, all other accounts as they are listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Questions or discussion? Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay you said 3203, \$90,000. Okay, and that's going to cut that in half?

Councilmember Raben: The suggested...the requested figure was \$120,000 for--

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm looking at the wrong line.

Councilmember Raben: --Utilities and Gas.

Councilmember Tornatta: It's 3205, okay, alright.

President Winnecke: I'm sorry, questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

3205	Utilities & Gas	\$90,000.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

THE CENTRE

Councilmember Raben: Okay Mr. President, page 119.

President Winnecke: Okay, after this we're going to take a very brief break.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'm going to move that all salary lines, including FICA, PERF, and Insurance, be adjusted at our September the 4th meeting. All 2000, 3000, and 4000 accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: Okay, let's take a ten minute break, please. We'll reconvene at 1:25.
TAPE CHANGE

RIVERBOAT (CONTINUED)

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. President?

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: I'd like to go back, if I may.

President Winnecke: You may.

Councilmember Tornatta: To the Work Based Initiative...where are we at?

Councilmember Sutton: Initiative Based.

Councilmember Tornatta: Initiative Based Assistance.

Councilmember Sutton: Program.

Councilmember Tornatta: Program.

President Winnecke: Page 132.

Councilmember Raben: You want to move to reopen?

Councilmember Tornatta: I would move that we reopen that budget at this time.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second to reopen the Initiative Based Assistance Program line item. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I have no problem with it, yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. At this time we have set in zero in line item 3111. It is my intent that we have ample funding for next year in that line item. It is not to set that line item in at zero, and the no vote was not to set it in at zero. However, it was originally stated on the budget that that line item would be at \$400,000. I anticipate that the city will react favorably with coming in with funds to help offset some of the costs of this program. I think in past Councils they might not have been willing to take on that initiative with the county, but I think that it is very important to their constituents that they come about and join in progress. However, as not to set this at zero, I would open up this account and make a motion that it be set in at \$450,000,

and if the city comes in, then we have the opportunity to move that into other areas, move a portion of the 450 into other areas.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President?

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: That was a motion. Let me second the motion to get it on the floor with a question. I am somewhat confused –

President Winnecke: Can we clarify why we're coming back to it please?

Councilmember Raben: Well yeah, but let me ask this question first, because I'm confused based on what you just said. You keep referring to line being set in at zero. The initial vote was taken for \$500,000. When he's referring to the line being set in at zero, it wasn't until the break that our Council attorney reminded us, or has advised us that because we are increasing that line, that it requires five votes. So that's where Councilman Tornatta is going with all this. So, if anyone else would like to comment, but your motion is to set it in at 400? Or set in at 500?

Councilmember Tornatta: I would make a motion to set it in at 450, in good faith, to come between those two marks. However, I think the city is going to step up and prove that they want to help us with this program. So, in doing that, I want to allow some space for them to come in and help us with the program, and also allow for us to have in our other line items 3110 and 3112, to have ample funding in both those line items.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I may ask our attorney, can I withdraw my second?

Jeff Ahlers: Sure, I suppose you can.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, at this time I would like to withdraw my second for the simple reasoning that there were people in the audience here today for the sole purpose of that budget, and it was impressed upon them, when they left this room, that the budget was established and set in at \$500,000. For them to walk away and find otherwise, I think, would be wrong for this body. So, that's why I'm withdrawing my second motion to his motion, because it is my intent to keep that line set in at \$500,000.

Councilmember Tornatta: And it is my intent to go to the city and try to get money in this Initiative Based Program.

Councilmember Sutton: With that in mind, just as a suggestion to the motion maker and the potential seconder of the motion, would we consider looking at putting in, because we don't really know, there's some unknowns here, and the motion for \$500,000 failed. Look at \$500,001 in that budget item to move it forward? That's my suggestion toward the maker of the motion, and the potential seconder of the motion, however that might be.

Councilmember Raben: We've had to do that before, and I would certainly, that would be fine with me.

President Winnecke: Mr. Bassemier wants to confuse us further, go ahead.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd like to withdraw my motion to open it back up, if we're going back. I want to –

Councilmember Sutton: You've already –

President Winnecke: We've already voted on that.

Councilmember Bassemier: I know, but –

Councilmember Sutton: You missed that boat. We're on another boat right now.

Councilmember Raben: I would second Councilman Sutton's –

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, let me say this. If it would be, I think it would be in the interest of the county, I think it would be, if I were to go at the \$500,001, would we be opposed to anything over that amount? Looking to take back some of our dollars out of the Work Based Initiative and put it into funds, whether it be any of the three that we put and one set in at zero? Would we be opposed to that?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think we put the ball in the Commissioners' court, and that is to find as many means possible, as many avenues possible, to see if they find a way to offset the funds, I think we would never, I don't think we would put ourselves in a position of saying no to a request where we were spending out less, and if other people are willing to share in that cost, whether it's private or public, I couldn't see us, this body, turning it down, if the Commissioners brought an appropriation request in that fashion to us. I mean, I don't want to speak for the Commissioners, but I don't see why that would be an issue.

President Winnecke: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Where are we at now?

President Winnecke: We're –

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

President Winnecke: We're preparing for a motion.

Councilmember Raben: I've withdrawn my second, but there's still a motion on the floor.

Councilmember Tornatta: Alright, my motion will be rescinded, and I will call that we make a motion for \$501,000 set in line item 3111 –

President Winnecke: \$500,001.

Councilmember Tornatta: \$500,001, sorry, set in the line item, and then to anything over that amount, then could be into the discretion of the county. Not saying that this is all supposed to go into this one line item.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and, I believe, Royce, did you second that?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes. That got a little confusing at the end there.

President Winnecke: Okay, any other discussion before we take yet another vote?

Councilmember Wortman: What about the 3113, is this involved in this motion at all?

President Winnecke: No sir.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I want to make sure that I got – the motion is for \$500,001–

Councilmember Tornatta: Correct.

Councilmember Hoy: – in that line? Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Tornatta: I do not want to give the false impression that everything that goes in that line item is for the Workforce Initiative. I think that one of the things that we've done before is we've told Lieberman and Associates that they're promised so much money, and they're trying to budget those monies out over the course of the year, and then if we decided to take that money back, I did not want all the money allocated for that over that \$500,001. I guess, that's where I'm going.

President Winnecke: I hear what you're saying, but I don't think I'm understanding what you're saying.

Councilmember Tornatta: I don't want to get them in a crunch like they are now. I don't want to pull money from that account. That's my main concern. I do not want to pull money from that 3111 account so that they are hung up like they are now. I don't think that's a great way of doing business.

President Winnecke: Well, in fact, we've not pulled money from that account. Over the years, money from that account has not been encumbered, so its gone into the General Fund, but no one has pulled money when it was budgeted for that during a fiscal year for something else.

Councilmember Tornatta: The money, the money was meant for that account. The money was set in for that account, and it can be encumbered for that account. And I think that that's all the money that we've given them. Yet we pulled \$323,000 from them this year that was supposed to go to that account. And it wasn't – it was supposed to be encumbered in that account. And that's what I do not want to do this year with this next budget.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, the problem is that it is not the responsibility nor even in any way, shape or form for us to encumber funds. It is the responsibility – it was the responsibility for that program to ask for those funds to be encumbered and they did not do that. I believe the Commissioners have said that as well, is that Lieberman and Associates didn't encumber the money. So, that really wasn't our fault they didn't encumber it. They could have, and should have, perhaps. The other thing that I think they need, should we vote this, and I hope we do the \$500,001, that's hard to say, should we vote for this, then we need to be real clear with Lieberman and Associates, should the Commissioners continue the contract with them, because they set the contract with them, and that is they need to apportion that out over the year, because they're going to get more demands than they have money. So, that's their responsibility to manage the account, and not ours. If they spend it in six months, then its spent. Then we're going to come back next year, and I don't want to look like a bad guy, because we said you've got half a million dollars plus one, and you know, look like the bad guy saying, well, we're going to pull all these kids out of childcare. They must manage it.

President Winnecke: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: We're not the bad guys here. We didn't turn this money back in. They didn't use it. But I know one thing, if we vote on \$501,000 for this program, we will not get any monies out of the city for helping us out on this program. I'm going to vote no.

President Winnecke: And to clarify, it's \$500,001.

Councilmember Bassemier: Correct, sorry.

President Winnecke: That's alright. Okay, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1490-3111	Initiative Based Asst. Program	\$500,001.00
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(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Bassemier & Wortman opposed)

President Winnecke: The motion does pass at \$500,001. Thank you, Mr. Tornatta.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now back to...

President Winnecke: 97.

Councilmember Raben: Page 97, Superintendent of County Buildings. First, Mr. President, I'm going to move that all salary lines, including FICA, PERF & Insurance, be set in at our September 4th meeting. Extra Help, account 1990, \$8,000; 2210, Gas & Oil, \$750; account 3200 ,Utilities, \$50,000; 3510, Other Operating, \$1,000; 3530, Contractual, \$10,000; 3550, \$15,000; 4128, Court Building Security, zero, and would request that the Building Authority pick up the tab on that, and it's my understanding that they're giving that consideration right now. So, all other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Just as a point of clarification, on line item 4128 Building-Court Security, the intent is to have the Building Authority pick up the cost of that \$50,000 request there? Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1310-1990	Extra Help	\$8,000.00
1310-2210	Gas & Oil	\$750.00
1310-3200	Utilities	\$50,000.00
1310-3510	Other Operating	\$1,000.00
1310-3530	Contractual Services	\$10,000.00
1310-3550	Repairs to Bldg. & Grounds	\$15,000.00
1310-4128	Bldg-Court Security System	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 82, Veterans Administration. I move all salary lines including, FICA, PERF and Insurance, be adjusted at our September the 4th meeting. Starting with account 1990, Extra Help, zero; 3310, Training, \$500; 3600, Rent, \$8,175. All other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Raben: I might add that this vote will require five votes as well, because we are increasing the budget.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes, I believe that it was put in at \$1,500 this year, and I know that's an increase, but they have required additional training in order to satisfy that position. I know we're trying to cut where we can, but I'm not sure that he's over budgeted in that area. I think that he does have additional areas – I'm their liaison – I think he does have additional issues that he has to maintain in training.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, he'll probably, it's very possible he could encumber some monies out of that account this year to make up the difference.

President Winnecke: He hasn't spent any money yet this year. Other questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1270-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
1270-3310	Training	\$500.00
1270-3600	Rent	\$8,175.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY HIGHWAY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, County Highway, page 133. Mr. President, I'm going to move that all salary lines, including FICA, PERF and Insurance, be set in at our September the 4th meeting. Moving down to the 3000 accounts, 3010 ,Other Insurance, should read \$326,640. All other accounts as they listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: What was that figure?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: \$326,640. Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Troy?

Councilmember Tornatta: I looked at the Telephone line and from past expenses, it looks like you could cut \$1,800 out of that line.

Councilmember Raben: I would like to amend my motion to set 3140 Telephone in at \$6,000.

President Winnecke: Who made the second?

Councilmember Wortman: I did.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman, is that alright with you?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

President Winnecke: Line item 3140 set in at \$6,000. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

2010-3010	Other Insurance	\$326,640.00
2010-3140	Telephone	\$6,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I had neglected one adjustment that – well, we can speak to that September the 4th, so let's go on.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Raben: Cum Bridge Fund, page 139. Okay, all salary lines, including FICA, PERF & Insurance, be adjusted at our September the 4th final budget hearing. All 2000, 3000, and 4000 lines as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

Councilmember Raben: Local Roads & Streets, 155.

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. President? Kind of before we get into this budget, this has something to do with the revenue side, and a question I posed to the Auditor and the Council President and not getting a clear answer to some of the COIT monies. I just posed these questions and read them on record, and then respectfully, your responses at any time would be appreciated. Number one, who decides how much COIT money is allocated to Local Roads & Streets Fund? Two, who directs the change in allocation of the COIT money distribution? Three, if the Council directs a change, when do we do so? And four, is the Commissioners Local Roads & Streets related to the amount of COIT they will receive? And if you could just, it doesn't have to be now, but at some time answer those questions and get with me, I'd appreciate it.

President Winnecke: Do you want them now?

Councilmember Tornatta: That's fine.

President Winnecke: Mr. Ahlers, would you like to...

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I'd be happy to respond. I know this has come up several times and there have been some questions, and so we checked into that. So, to get you an answer on all

these, issues and put them to rest. First of all, in terms of the way the County Option Income Tax works, a County Council can vote on the allocation of COIT at budget time, but if they don't, then the way that the procedure works with the state with regard to COIT, that the Auditor works with the state to make sure that the budget is fully funded, and then the state would have to approve that. In other words, if County Council, you all are free to do that here at budget time, to make a vote to allocate the COIT funds. If you don't do so, then it is for the fiscal officer, the Auditor to then look at the budget, determine where COIT funds need to go in order to fully fund those budgets, make those recommendations to the state, and then the state will approve those. And in talking to the state, I found out that there are many occasions that Councils do not vote on the allocation of COIT funds for a myriad of reasons, sometimes it comes down to fact that with the way assessment have been working, and when you get your tax levies and things like that, sometimes that information is not available to you now to know what funds are available to know where to allocate them. So, a lot of times that's why it's done later. After the budget is approved by the state, there's no changes in the distribution of the COIT without action by the County Council. Historically, this County Council, and we've gone back and I think for almost two decades, regardless of who controls the Council, has not voted at budget time to allocate the COIT funds, that that's traditionally been done with the Auditor and the state, but that you are free to do that. As I said, you can also direct a change in the allocation of COIT monies and, for example, this County Council has done that within the past year. For example, when you voted to set aside whatever it was, a couple of million dollars for the Jail Project, that was COIT money, and you made a motion and was voted on by this entire County Council to redirect and distribute COIT monies for that specific purpose and fund--

Councilmember Tornatta: Now is that – that's COIT Windfall, and is that all the same? I mean, COIT, the COIT and the COIT Windfall are all the same?

Suzanne Crouch: Correct. It's all COIT money.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, well I was understanding that the Windfall was from a separate--

Suzanne Crouch: It was a special distribution, because the state budget agency had determined that counties...they evaluated their account balances and if they were in excess of three or six months they made an allocation of excess COIT to those counties that had a surplus.

Councilmember Tornatta: Because I know that this year in the jail fund we put the COIT Windfall money set aside in the jail fund.

Suzanne Crouch: No, that is regular COIT money. The COIT Windfall is in that separate COIT Windfall account that you just appropriated money for the jail...for the University Parkway out of.

President Winnecke: Land.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, in the minutes it does mention COIT Windfall would go to that account. I'm just saying that's how it was presented is the COIT Windfall money would go in that \$2.7 million set aside. If you read the minutes you'll find that. I'm just saying that's how it was presented so that's how I take it.

Jeff Ahlers: At any rate, the only point I'm making is that you can redistribute COIT, if it is available, at any time during a budget year, provided that it is there. County Council can vote on that, if they didn't do it at budget time, or even if it did. If the money is there and it doesn't create a problem in other areas of the budget, this Council is able to vote to do that. In terms of, I think, I have answered your first three questions, on your fourth question is the Commissioners' Local Roads and Streets budget related to the amount of COIT? They will receive, not necessarily, in fact, when I talked to the state I found out that a majority of counties,

in fact, put all of their COIT in the General Fund. They said that it was a rarity, and we may be one of the only counties that puts any money in Local Roads and Streets. That most counties need it for their general operating budget, and that a lot of times that is where it goes. However, you can direct that and, in fact, in the past in the absence of the Council voting, you know, the County Auditor in conjunction with the state has looked to see whether or not there are other places besides the General Fund, such as Local Roads and Streets, that require COIT money to be fully funded. In fact, we have done that over the past years to fully fund what the Commissioners requested in those budgets.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and then I just bring a parallel to '98 COIT monies were at \$2.5 million; in '99, \$3 million; in 2000, \$3 million; in 2001 \$3 million. However, in 2002 only \$1 million, and, I guess, I want to know the parallel between the COIT money distribution and the amount of money needed to satisfy that fund? I don't see a parallel there. I see differences in the amount that is requested and the amount that is funded in these funds, and it is funny how it was \$3 million each year. So, I am just trying to make a parallel there.

Suzanne Crouch: Certainly, and as I had indicated previously, the budget for Local Roads and Streets increased over a million dollars over that period of time, and then over the last two years it has decreased by \$500,000. At budget time I conversed, as we had indicated earlier, with the Treasurer on their revenues, and I conversed with the County Engineer on their projects in terms of where they are and where the future projects are and what types of funding is going to be needed. If you also look COIT has varied anywhere from \$1 million to \$349 or \$3 million to \$349,000 depending upon what the needs are at budget time. Then depending upon what the needs are during the budget year, I believe, there was one year where Council actually directed, became in dire financial straits, the county did, and Council actually directed that money that had been allocated for Local Roads and Streets be diverted back to the General Fund. So, that is a decision that Council can make at any point in time.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Was that not the year that we—

Suzanne Crouch: That was before my time.

Councilmember Hoy: Oh, was that before you. Oh, okay, then I'm thinking—

Suzanne Crouch: I think it was in your time.

Councilmember Hoy: It was. It was in my time, and that is when the Commissioners voted the CCD Fund, and thought that the CCD money would come off the top, and it came out of the bottom. So, we were hard pressed to find a half million dollars, and we had to go to that COIT money and get that so we could keep operating. That's history. The second piece of history is, and ,Madam Auditor, correct me if I am incorrect, is that, the COIT Windfall, is something that we will experience one time and one time only? Is that not correct?

Suzanne Crouch: Actually, this is the second time you've experienced it.

Councilmember Hoy: Is it? Okay.

Suzanne Crouch: In 1995, if you recall, you did have a COIT Windfall distribution. That was the first time that had happened, and I believe the county at that time set aside the money and used it for the Azteca bond issue. You cannot—

Councilmember Hoy: You can't plan on it.

Suzanne Crouch: And that is why this Council prudently set that money aside. Not all Councils did that, and those that did not do it used it for their general operating expenses, and that, in lieu of this economic climate, is going to create some real problems for them.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, and that is why I bring it about. It was sold to me as the COIT Windfall, and as a one time thing, therefore I had no...I was perfectly fine with setting that aside in the jail project, trying to be frugal on how we set aside money and not get out of our...or try and pull that out of our General Fund. If we're going to get tying off funds, so that is where I came back, and in the minutes it was sold as a COIT Windfall.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, that's why I commented on it, because it has always been a confusing fund. Let the record also state that I am considerably older than the Auditor.

President Winnecke: Okay, we're going to move, just one comment, and then we're going to move on.

Councilmember Sutton: Just kind of FYI, just kind of from our Farm Bureau book, it does go into an explanation about COIT. So, if you guys have a copy of that with you, or you may want to, it's on page 5. It gives you some really good information. It basically says that:

"The COIT Income Tax Council or COIT Council established, members of the fiscal body of the county, the fiscal body of each city or town that lies either partially or entirely within that county Council can impose COIT, rescind COIT, increase COIT rate, freeze COIT rate and increase homestead credit. The law does not provide for lowering the COIT rate. The County Auditor allocates 100 votes among COIT Council members based on percentages which its population bears to the total population of the county. Proposed ordinances and voting to impose, increase, freeze or rescind COIT, COIT Council must after January 1st, but not before April 1st of the year pass an ordinance to accomplish the same. The ordinance will be effective on July 1st of that same year. Any member of the COIT Council may propose an ordinance by passing a resolution. A copy of the resolution proposing the ordinance is then given to the County Auditor who shall then within 10 days deliver copies of the proposed ordinance to all other members of the COIT Council. The other members of the COIT Council must then vote on it within 30 days of receipt. If a member does not vote on it within 30 days then the member is treated as having voted against the proposed ordinance."

It goes on to give you just a general idea of how that is structured and what the County Council's role is, the County Auditor's role is. So like I said if you don't have a copy of that it would be very helpful information about it.

President Winnecke: Thank you. We're going to move on.

Councilmember Hoy: May I? Mrs. Deig, do we not receive enough copies of this or how do we get this?

Sandie Deig: No. We've called and requested them, and it will be about two weeks before we get them in.

Councilmember Hoy: But they will send enough for all of us to have one?

Sandie Deig: I have requested enough for all Councilmembers.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you very much.

Councilmember Raben: That just got you off the hook.

Councilmember Hoy: Got me off the hook?

President Winnecke: Yeah, we're going to change tapes right now.

TAPE CHANGE

LOCAL ROADS AND STREETS

President Winnecke: Let's go to Local Roads and Streets.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Local Roads and Streets, page 155. The first item is 3481, Traffic Department, the correct figure is \$176,032. Page 156, 4741 Eickhoff-Koressel, that line, or that amount has already been funded this year by this Council, so that line can be set in at zero. 4827, zero, and I would like to encourage the Commissioners to get with the Department of Metropolitan Development, and look at extending the TIF area if they have future interest in seeing that extension through, and that's my recommendation. Line 4920 Green River Road, \$500,000. All other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Have we talked to the Commissioners at all about raising that to \$500,000? And if that's even needed in that fund?

Councilmember Raben: No, I personally haven't, unless their liaison has, but I would certainly, I'll be happy to amend my motion to cut it to \$300,000, if that's what you are requesting.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well I just, I don't know, I think it's in good faith that that was done. I just don't know what that money is going to at this point.

Councilmember Raben: It could probably work for any future engineering work and what have you. So, again I'm comfortable with putting \$500,000. That will get them a long way on engineering work.

Councilmember Sutton: At our meeting last week I asked for some information on that Lynch Road extension, and if we've researched to see if there would pose any issues with extending that TIF district. In particular tax abatements that may be in that general area that would impede us from actually being able to do that.

Councilmember Raben: I might answer that Royce. In finding that answer, I guess, it creates two problems, one is how far are you going to extend that district? You know, and where are you going to extend it to? I don't think we were able to come up with any actual abated properties in and around this new extension, but, you know, it would greatly depend upon the Department of Metropolitan Development in terms of how large an area they extend. I mean, it's possible, if they get beyond this area right here, that you could run into other areas where there are abatements, but, again, that's a call that would really have to be made by them.

Councilmember Sutton: Then, I guess, the other thing, the amount that is, I guess, available in the TIF right now is like \$5,300,000 unused-

Councilmember Raben: I think it's actually \$4,500,000. I may have quoted that to you, but I think it's \$4,500,000.

Councilmember Tornatta: Can we set that 4827 aside?

President Winnecke: Lynch Road Extension. Jim, would you amend your motion to that?

Councilmember Raben: I guess, we can, yeah, we've done that. We've certainly done that enough today, I'll be happy to.

Councilmember Tornatta: Everything but 4827, if you can.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I'll amend my motion to exclude line 4827.

President Winnecke: Curt, is that alright with you?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah.

President Winnecke: Okay, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier:: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

3481	Traffic Department	\$176,032.00
4741	Eickhoff-Koressel	\$0.00
4920	Greenriver Road	\$500,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, line 1427, zero. I'm not going to hit on the explanation that I've already presented.

Councilmember Wortman: You mean 4827.

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me, line 4827.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, because I don't think I have enough information about if this TIF will work or not, I will abstain.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I just want to encourage us to keep working on the information we need to gather about this project. I hate to vote, I guess, zero for it, but, I guess, really, at this point in time, it's really the more appropriate thing to do, so, yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier:: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I'll refrain from making my sprawl statement, but drive out to St. Joe and Diamond extension, tell me what's there? Tell me why we can't do development on those old corners, and why are we extending? We've got all kinds of vacant spaces, but I'll vote yes on this.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I'll also vote yes, and to make you feel better about what you've preached for so long, I made a comment on the sixth floor or the fifth floor, what is your office, Royce?

Councilmember Sutton: Fifth floor.

Councilmember Raben: Fifth floor at Fifth Third, or third of a fifth, whatever -

President Winnecke: Okay, I'm drawing the line there, just get on with your speech.

Councilmember Raben: But, during a break from our six hour meeting that he and President Lloyd and I had Saturday reviewing this budget, I made that comment that view, you would love to see that view from the fifth floor because you look down over about three vacant city blocks that would be prime for the baseball stadium, or any development, any manufacturing, anything. I mean, the infrastructure is there, we just need to build on vacant lots. If that makes you feel better, but my vote is yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

4827	Lynch Road Extension	\$0.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 6-0/Councilmember Tornatta abstains)

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next is Burdette Park, 121. First I'll move that all salary lines, including FICA, PERF and Insurance, be adjusted at our September 4th meeting. Account 1230-1450, Maintenance Carpenter, it's a new request, zero. Moving down to the 2000 accounts, starting with 2210, Gas & Oil \$8,000. 2310, Laundry & Cleaning \$9,000. 2500, \$2,000. 2550, \$4,000. 2730, \$12,000. 3200, \$100,000. 3371, zero. 3372, zero. Page 124, 3520, \$18,000. 3580, \$8,500. 3590, excuse me, that stays as it is listed. Moving down to the 4000 accounts, 4110, \$4,900. 4120, zero, that has been moved to the CCD, and we've already voted and approved that. 4230, Motor Vehicles, zero. All other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: So motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: I just have a comment.

President Winnecke: Yes sir.

Councilmember Hoy: I talked to Mr. Craig during the break, and there's some confusion over whether or not people who park their vehicles, their RV's and etcetera, he says they don't get a swimming pass every day. So, I wanted to correct the record on that. They do get one free pass, but there is some confusion as to what they get, and I don't want that to stay on the record as being clarified.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta, did you have something?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

President Winnecke: Okay. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

12301450	Maintenance Carpenter	\$0.00
2210	Gas & Oil	\$8,000.00
2310	Laundry & Cleaning	\$9,000.00
2500	Electrical Supplies	\$2,000.00
2550	Sand & Gravel	\$4,000.00
2730	Sanitary Supplies	\$12,000.00
3200	Utilities	\$100,000.00
3371	Computer Hardware	\$0.00
3372	Computer Software	\$0.00
3520	Equipment Repair	\$18,000.00
3580	Vehicle Repair	\$8,500.00
4110	Land Improvement	\$4,900.00
4120	Buildings	\$0.00
4230	Motor Vehicles	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Co-Op Extension Service, page 76. I will move that all salary lines, including FICA, PERF and Insurance, be adjusted at our September 4th meeting. 1990, Extra Help, the correct figure is \$6,240. 2600, Office Supplies, \$5,000. 3130, Travel & Mileage, \$6,000. 3310, Training, \$500. All other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1990	Extra Help	\$6,240.00
2600	Office Supplies	\$5,000.00
3130	Travel/Mileage	\$6,000.00
3310	Training	\$500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LEGAL AID

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, page 127, Legal Aid, or excuse me, 126, Legal Aid. I'm going to first move that all salary lines, including FICA, PERF, and Insurance be adjusted at our September the 4th meeting. All other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I hate that Ms. Hartig sat here, excuse me, Summers-Hartig, sat here that long, and we didn't make any changes, but, it's good to know the process. Yes.

President Winnecke: I'm sure she'll get over it.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, United Way/Legal Aid, page 198. Again, I'll move that salary lines, including FICA, PERF, and Insurance will be adjusted at our September the 4th meeting. All other accounts as they are listed. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

911

Councilmember Raben: Page 187, 911. Account 3890, Central Dispatch, \$559,594. \$559,594, and I make that in the form of a motion. All other accounts as they are listed.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: This is addressed to our legal counsel. Do we need five votes for this?

Jeff Ahlers: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

3890	Central Dispatch	\$559,594.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Local Emergency Planning, page 185. I'll move that all accounts be adopted as they are listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY

Councilmember Raben: Last, but not least, Local Drug Free Community. I'll move that this budget be adopted as it is listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: That concludes today's budget business. As promised, I would like to give an opportunity to anyone who came to speak to Welfare to Work, understanding that there is no action that we can take today to affect this year's budget. If anyone would like to come forward and speak, now is the opportunity. If you could state your name for the record please.

Mia Dix: Mia, M-i-a, last name is Dix, D-i-x. Good afternoon, ladies and gentleman of the Council, and Mr. President. My name is Mia Dix, and I am a real estate agent with Hahn Realty. I am a single parent, and I'm also a full time student out at the University of Southern Indiana. I just, I don't think I will be able to attend the September 4th meeting, but I wanted to put this note in your ear that I am a participant of this program, and I can't explain to you how valuable it is to me. Sometimes, like I will be in my second year, my first year it meant sometimes whether or not I was going to pay my electricity bill, or we were going to get food in our home, you know. This program, I found out through the University of Southern Indiana, and I can't express to you how helpful it is to me. I work very hard, but, unfortunately, in real estate, you don't get paid unless you sell something. Right now, some of our sales are far, few, and in between. I try to make money in other ways, but it's just, I can't afford to pay the cost of very reputable, good daycare costs good money. You know, I pay \$130 a week in child care, and I don't even think that's enough. You know, these girls are making like \$6.00 an hour, and they are taking care of my baby. You know, they're taking, they're feeding my child, changing my child, and loving him. The place that he goes now, my first two experiences were horrible. The first one I had to get the police involved. The first two times my child went to daycare. The place that he is at now is wonderful. These girls, I know that they love my kid. He wants to go there. He, when I drop him off he says, good-bye. That, to me, is a wonderful thing. I just want to impress upon you that I know that you guys are struggling, where did this money go administrative wise? And, you know, who's going to step up to help and administer this program? But just keep in mind, that there are real people in the background that if they don't have this wonderful program in tact, they are going to lose their job, they may have to take their child out of, you know, a very nice daycare that is more costly, and put them somewhere that's less costly, and they may or may not be as well taken care of. So, please keep that in mind, and I urge you to, you know, have open hearts, and just note that this is a wonderful program, and, you know, I'm just thanking God that it's out there, and that we can use it. You know, I'm not on any other program. This is the only one that I use. It's wonderful. Hopefully, someday when I graduate, and I'm making the big dollars, I'll donate to organizations like this. Somehow, someday, but, please keep in mind that this is a wonderful program, and I don't know how you can fix it, administrative wise, but don't cut, don't, you know, let it keep going. My daycare itself is going to lose 65 kids when this Gatekeeper Program shuts down, supposedly at the end of this week, or something to that effect. They are going to lose 65 kids right off the bat, and when Step Ahead supposedly gets shut down in October, I'm not sure if these dates are right, they are going to lose quite a bit more, and that is going to enable them to stay in business. I love this place, and I don't want him to stop going there. So, please just keep that in mind. Thank you for hearing me.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Mia. Commissioner Fanello has something to present to us too.

Catherine Fanello: Thank you, Councilman Winnecke. Catherine Fanello, County Commissioner. This morning I was approached in my office by five women who have gathered petitions for the County Council to reinstate funding for the remainder of this year. As you know, at the County Commission last night, all three Commissioners did vote to file an additional appropriation for \$200,000. Philip Lieberman agreed to lower his administrative fees from 15% to 12%. Commissioner Mosby requested that we go back and ask for a reduction to 10%, and I will have that conversation with Mr. Lieberman. So, I deliver these petitions to you. It was also requested, and it was asked that I do state it in a public meeting by one of the

mothers, that they would like a special meeting of some type, if it's doable, and you would have to check with your County Attorney, or Council Attorney, they would like a special meeting for you to take up the additional appropriation before September 4th, so that the mothers do not have to get off the program. So, I'm delivering these petitions to you, and would appreciate that you take that into consideration.

President Winnecke: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Hi. Is there a chance that we can get special rates from the daycare centers since we're giving them more business, or is that you're asking the administrators, what about the daycare centers? Can we get a special rate from them?

Catherine Fanello: Well, Councilman Bassemier, not that I'm aware of. Mr. Heck did quote to me that the average cost per child for child care is \$77 per week, so—

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, and hers is—

Catherine Fanello: —and it just varies between, varies between different child care providers.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, hers was \$120, is that correct?

Catherine Fanello: Yeah, some of them were \$120. That was quoted to me, yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: The petitions that you have, Commissioner Fanello—

Catherine Fanello: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: —how many do you have there?

Commissioner Fanello: Oh, I don't know, she—

Councilmember Sutton: And what is that?

Catherine Fanello: —delivered them to me before the, right before the budget meeting—

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah.

Catherine Fanello: —and some were delivered to me when I was on break. So, I'm not exactly sure how many we have here.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, are they from daycare providers? Are they from users?

Catherine Fanello: They are from daycare providers and users.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Were you finished?

President Winnecke: We are now.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Winnecke: Sorry.

Councilmember Sutton: The President of this body does have the ability to call a special session. I think it's 48 hours notice, would that be correct?

Jeff Ahlers: There is, but because of the fact, that's what I was just talking to Mr. Winnecke about, because this would involve an appropriation, sometimes we've had special meetings to like vote on a tax abatement, or something like that, and you're not appropriating money, 48 hours is sufficient. I think that, probably, to be safe, I had suggested that if the Council wants to consider this at the Personnel and Finance Committee meeting, as opposed to waiting until September 4th, that you make a motion to instruct the Auditor to advertise this appropriation immediately, and notice it up for that meeting, if that can be done.

Councilmember Sutton: The time required, under normal standards, to advertise, how long does that need? At what—

Jeff Ahlers: Normally, I believe that the Auditor, it's ten day, isn't it? Isn't that what you do?

Suzanne Crouch: Yes.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, you need ten days, so that's what I would suggest.

Suzanne Crouch: But, we need three days—

Jeff Ahlers: Now, there are ways that, I guess, the Commissioners, or I can dig into the statutes, there are ways to make emergency appropriations. Whether this fits into an emergency, most of the times you think of that when we have disasters or something, but sometimes it can fit in there, but I think there's sufficient time, if you guys want to make a motion today that you've got your ten days, and we don't need to go to that. If, you know, you want to do a special.

Councilmember Sutton: Ten, is that ten business days? Or ten calendar days?

Jeff Ahlers: Just ten days.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, then that will put us on the 23rd, which would be next Friday, if we were to go at ten days. If we wait until our next Personnel Finance meeting—

President Winnecke: The 28th.

Councilmember Sutton: —that would be the 28th. So, what is the, in terms of the dollars that are remaining in the fund, when do they anticipate that those funds will be totally depleted?

Catherine Fanello: I believe, I think they sent notices out—

President Winnecke: They sent them out Saturday.

Catherine Fanello: —yes, so, by the end of this week, or by the end of next week.

President Winnecke: They thought for, roughly speaking, over a two week period of time.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, my recommendation is that we go ahead and call a special meeting within the legally, legal advertising period of time, which would put the meeting at next Friday, the 23rd. That would be my recommendation. I don't know if I could put a motion on the floor to that affect.

Jeff Ahlers: The only thing I'll tell you is, it's not a legal problem, except to the extent, I guess, our newspaper left us.

President Winnecke: No, she's back there.

Jeff Ahlers: Oh, okay, the problem we have is it's ten days notice, but the newspaper always requires us to give them three days notice, so it really turns into 13.

Catherine Fanello: I mean, how can you give an extra notice that's not required by statute?

Jeff Ahlers: Do what?

Catherine Fanello: How are you required to give extra notice if it's not required by statute?

Jeff Ahlers: It's not. It's a matter of when the newspaper will publish it. In other words, if we give them something today, that doesn't mean they will run it tomorrow. They, I believe, the Auditor can speak to that.

Catherine Fanello: But, you, the newspaper, I don't, is it only, can you only advertise with the newspaper. I mean, the newspaper is the only medium, it doesn't count that you send it towards all—

Jeff Ahlers: No, that's like—

Catherine Fanello: Okay.

Jeff Ahlers: —there are certain things you can...in terms of, that's what I was getting at, you can call the meeting with 48 hours notice, but the problem becomes on appropriations they have to be advertised. You know, how we do every month.

Catherine Fanello: Uh-huh.

Jeff Ahlers: So, but, I mean, tell me if I'm wrong, but if you guys get the money by the end of the month, like on that P&F meeting, then isn't that fine? Or is that not?

Catherine Fanello: No, because—

Jeff Ahlers: Tell me if I'm wrong.

Catherine Fanello: —it requires, I believe this will go to the, I guess, it's called the Department of Government Finance now, for approval, and that usually takes, what, about two weeks after?

Suzanne Crouch: Right. You know what you might consider for the sake of moving it along quickly, is to transfer money out of either Infrastructure or Economic Development, and then you could always file an appropriation to put that money back in.

Catherine Fanello: Well, unfortunately, and I would have to go back to the Commission and ask them, but, unfortunately, we approved three contracts last night, so that's where that \$900,000 is going to.

Suzanne Crouch: We can always try to get a verbal from the State. Fax up information, and try to get a verbal. I mean, they don't like to do that, but in cases of emergency. That way their money, when Council appropriates money, then we typically have to wait until the State signs off on it. I mean, not only typically, we have to wait until the State signs off on it, and that, typically, is about a three week period. That's what Commissioner Fanello is referring to. In an instance of a dire emergency, we can try to get the, fax the information, get the State—

Catherine Fanello: That has been done before. So, that may be a viable alternative.

Suzanne Crouch: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, if we put our funds in place, I mean, I'm, like I said, I would like to see us go next Friday, but if we put our funds in place, and for the people who are working with Lieberman and his group, I mean, they could submit invoices, or whatever, to him, and then when the money comes through, then those bills would be paid.

Catherine Fanello: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, that happens quite often. There is a delay between the invoice and the actual payment.

Catherine Fanello: You're right, I don't think we would see an influx of invoices right away. I mean, there would be a time frame in there, so.

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

Jeff Ahlers: I mean, I think the money would move through the channels before you got bills, wouldn't it?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I'm talking about, not with us, the invoices that Lieberman would receive—

Catherine Fanello: Yeah, with Lieberman.

Councilmember Sutton: —from the daycare providers.

Catherine Fanello: Because, see, we pay Lieberman. He doesn't send us invoices. We just pay him directly.

President Winnecke: Royce is talking about invoices from providers to Lieberman.

Jeff Ahlers: Right, but I think he's got the money through the end of the year, or the end of the month. I'm, sorry. Doesn't he? Or not? Whatever you guys want me to do. If you think we need to research whether we can consider this an emergency, that's fine.

Councilmember Raben: Let me ask you a question.

Jeff Ahlers: If you think doing it at the Personnel and Finance will get it done, that's the easiest way to do it.

Councilmember Raben: Let me ask you a question real quick, that you need to address. The Auditor brought up a good question on doing a transfer. If we really need to do something fast, and correct me if I'm wrong, but the state does not approve transfers. So, you've still got money in Economic Development that we could transfer as early as tomorrow, I believe, into that line item. I would turn to my counsel—

Catherine Fanello: Well, like I said, last night—

Councilmember Raben: —to look at that, if, you know, it's that urgent, we could simply do that, transfer money out of the Infrastructure account, into Welfare to Work—

Catherine Fanello: Well, we, like I said—

Councilmember Raben: —and probably have it as quick as tomorrow.

Catherine Fanello: —like I said, what happened last night, we just approved three contracts. One of them for \$500,000 for Elmridge and Congress Drainage, and we also approved two consulting contracts last night, one for RQAW, and one for American Consulting.

Councilmember Raben: And what's the total on those?

Catherine Fanello: I would have to...John, is John Stoll in here? I would have to get you a total on American Consulting and RQAW.

Councilmember Raben: Can you get that? Because I would like to—

Catherine Fanello: But, we have plans—

Councilmember Raben: —I mean, we could resolve this tomorrow.

Catherine Fanello: Well, well, we could solve this tomorrow, but we do have plans for that money for the rest of the year in our Infrastructure and Drainage. We've also got the Carpenter Creek that we're working on, so. You're reducing—

Councilmember Raben: I think Carpenter Creek is in our budget, isn't it not? In the Cum Bridge budget?

Catherine Fanello: No. You can't do drainage out of Cum Bridge.

Councilmember Raben: I think it is. Hold on.

Catherine Fanello: I'll have to talk to John about that, and I would have to go back to the Board of Commissioners. Now, you're talking about reducing our budget for the rest of the year for Roads and Streets.

Councilmember Raben: I was just trying to get them their money before they run out of funding, and that would be a quick, easy solution that we could do. Then we're not working around the period of advertising, and filing appropriations, that would get funds in place immediately.

Councilmember Sutton: I move that we set the meeting for Friday, next Friday, and make sure that we get the legal advertising in place. If, if, legal, if we can, let me back up. Let me say this again. I move that we set a special meeting as soon as legally, as we possibly can do that, starting with whatever we need to do this afternoon, with the intent of holding that meeting within the next ten days. Now, if the newspaper requires us the additional three days, we'll work around that, but that's my motion.

President Winnecke: Suzanne, did you have something to say.

Suzanne Crouch: We'll just need some direction from the attorney. We typically don't advertise transfers, if that's what you're wanting to do. I mean, we don't advertise transfers. They don't require state approval, but there may be some legal proceeding in terms of a special meeting, and the attorney will have to advise us on that.

Councilmember Sutton: I think we're talking about an appropriation.

Catherine Fanello: Yes, an additional appropriation—

Councilmember Sutton: —rather than a transfer.

Suzanne Crouch: Okay.

Jeff Ahlers: He's talking about an appropriation. What you're saying is we need ten days plus three, is that correct? What would the thirteenth day be, Royce? Do you know. That would be the Monday, right? If you're saying Friday is ten, we would do it on Monday the—

Councilmember Sutton: The 26th.

Jeff Ahlers: Which is only two days before the P&F, but—

President Winnecke: That just gets us two more days before the Personnel and Finance Committee meeting.

Councilmember Tornatta: I would probably move that we do it on Personnel and Finance meeting. I, for one, can't be here on that Friday, so I would not be able to attend. Frog Follies are in town that weekend, and that's a—

President Winnecke: Okay, we have a motion—

Councilmember Hoy: But, which is more important?

Councilmember Tornatta: Well—

President Winnecke: We do have a motion—

Catherine Fanello: The kids are more important than Frog Follies.

President Winnecke: We do have a motion on the floor from Mr. Sutton to call a special meeting at the earliest legal date from today.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah.

Councilmember Tornatta: Which would be?

Councilmember Sutton: It's probably going to be the 26th, is what we're looking at now.

Councilmember Hoy: There is no 26th Friday. Friday's the 23rd.

Jeff Ahlers: That's a Monday.

Catherine Fanello: Monday the 26th.

Jeff Ahlers: He said the tenth day was Friday, and the newspaper requires an additional three days.

Councilmember Hoy: Oh, so you're looking at the Monday?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: I second.

President Winnecke: We have a motion and a second. Did you have a time in mind?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think we'll kind of...we'll need to look at the calendar on when the room is available.

Jeff Ahlers: For that one vote, I suppose, we could vote in a closet or something. I mean, that's all we're doing, right?

Catherine Fanello: We'll let you use the Commissioner chambers.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't know if we need to get down to that fine of detail. We'll just know that we're going to meet. We can figure out where and when.

President Winnecke: It needs to be put in the ad.

Councilmember Sutton: Let's plan for here, and just for consistencies sake, just go for 3:30, when we normally would meet. I mean, we don't necessarily have to, but I don't know what other thoughts there might be.

Councilmember Tornatta: Do we meet on Wednesday?

President Winnecke: Okay, so it's Monday, the 26th—

Councilmember Sutton: Monday the 26th, 3:30, Council Chambers.

President Winnecke: And, Troy, did you second that?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah.

President Winnecke: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: What time was it?

President Winnecke: 3:30.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay. Yes.

President Winnecke: That was a yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I would like the opportunity to check a calendar, but for now, I'm going to vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion carried 6-1/ Councilmember Wortman opposed)

President Winnecke: So, we will meet on the 26th at 3:30, and I would hope that would be a brief meeting.

Catherine Fanello: And I will deliver these petitions to the President.

President Winnecke: That would be great. Thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I don't want to assume anything, but I think I can assume that we're talking about General Fund monies. So, I would like for the Auditor to let us know, and you may know right now, what our balance is in the General Fund.

Suzanne Crouch: I believe it was \$890,000. I can check, double check that for you.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: Okay, we will adjourn until noon tomorrow. Thank you very much for your hard work.

(The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.)

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 14, 2002**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 14th day of August, 2002, in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President Lloyd Winnecke at 12:12 p.m.

President Winnecke: Good afternoon and welcome to the fifth day of the 2003 Vanderburgh County Council budget hearings. Let's begin with the attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

President Winnecke: Would you please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Winnecke: I would like to welcome everyone and recognize all the department heads and officers of the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department, who are here to support the presentation of their budget today. Just as a matter of business, so everyone knows what is going to happen today, I will not recognize officeholders or department heads who wish to debate or discuss the budget cuts during this week's session. It did not happen yesterday, and we won't allow it today or tomorrow. With all due respect, last week was the time to advocate budget positions, and this week it's our body's obligation to make the cuts. I will say that I don't think, at this point, that we've identified all the cuts that the state will require us to make. I really believe that after we complete our work tomorrow that additional cuts may be necessary, and we will just ask our officeholders and department heads to do, what all of us have to do in private and public industry, and that is to work more efficiently. Thankfully we have a very talented workforce here in the county, and I would hope that they would be a great asset to help us reach that means. Having said that, I would acknowledge that we'll have the reason for the delay, we didn't know the password. We'll have the budgets on the screen with the proposed budgets, the proposed cuts, and the amounts that we will approve. This is an idea that Councilman Tornatta presented to us. I think it's a good idea, although the fonts might be a little hard to read depending on where you are sitting. We hope you appreciate the attempt nonetheless. At this point I will turn it over to Finance Chairman, Jim Raben.

DIVISION OF FAMILY & CHILDREN

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. First, turn to page 146 Division of Family & Children. At this time I'm going to move that all lines be approved as they are listed.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: There is a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 38, Prosecutor. Moving into page 39, 1260-1080, zero; 1380-1080, zero; 1440-1080, zero; 1990, Extra Help, zero. All other accounts, including FICA, PERF and Insurance, will be set in at our September 4th meeting. Moving into 2000 accounts as listed. 3000 accounts, starting with 3130, no excuse me, 3900 on page 41, account 3900, \$15,000. Last 4070, zero. All other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There is a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, um, that 4070, I know that has gone to a program for the kids for drug prevention, and I think that has been a pretty positive program and got a lot of kids involved. In fact, he puts out a calendar with those kids and their artistic drawings, and whatever, and it promotes anti-drug use. It has been an ongoing program, and something that kids look in to. So, I think that could probably stay for \$100.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, I would certainly agree that there probably is a need for the program, but the Prosecutor's Office does have other funds and incentives that surely, you know, that he can move \$100.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, the calendar costs, it's a lovely calendar, and I think it's a neat project, but that's not a \$100 project. You couldn't get it printed for that, and I think he has used some other funds, and he's used them well.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Can we—

President Winnecke: Would you like to pull that out?

Councilmember Tornatta: Pull it out please.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I will amend my motion to exclude line 1470 if my seconder will do the same.

President Winnecke: Curt?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah.

President Winnecke: Okay. Okay, so 4070, Community Development, has been excluded. All other line items as Mr. Raben mentioned. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1260-1080	Paralegal Secretary	\$0.00
1380-1080	Deputy	\$0.00
1440-1080	Court Clerk	\$0.00
1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
3900	Return of Fugitive	\$15,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, line 4070 set in at zero and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Further discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

4070	Community Development	\$0.00
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(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Tornatta opposed)

PROSECUTOR IV-D

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 42 Prosecutor IV-D. Move to page 43 starting at the top 1290-1081 zero; 1300-1081 zero; 1990 Extra Help zero. All other salary lines, excuse me, including FICA, PERF and Insurance will be adjusted September 4th. All two, three— 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts as they are listed and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1290-1081	Enforcement Officer	\$0.00
1300-1081	Enforcement Officer	\$0.00
1990	Extra Help	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR FEE CHECK RECOVERY

Councilmember Raben: We're going 38 through 50. Page 35, Check Recovery. I'll move that this budget...excuse me. Salary line including FICA, PERF and Insurance will be set in September 4th, and all other accounts as they are—

President Winnecke: Jim, where are you?

Councilmember Bassemier: Thirty-five.

Councilmember Raben: Page 35. The agenda that is stating 38 through 50.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: No, 35 is Coroner. Forty-five?

Councilmember Raben: Page 45. Right, we already—we started at 38 with the Prosecutor's Office and we're moving page 38 through 50. We are now on page 45, Check Recovery account.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Which, again, I'll state all salary lines, including FICA, PERF and Insurance, will be adjusted September 4th. All other accounts as they are listed, and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**PROSECUTOR - DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT
VICTIMS/WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES
COMMUNITY GUN VIOLENCE**

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I am going to lump these together. Page 46, Prosecutor Drug Law Enforcement Program. Page 47, Prosecutor Victims/Witness Assistance Program. Page 48, Stop Domestic Violence. Page 49, Adult Protective Services. Page 50, Community Gun Violence. I will move that all lines that pertain to salaries, FICA, PERF and Insurance will be adjusted September 4th. All other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: You put 180 in there too, couldn't you? Page 180?

Councilmember Raben: Well—

Councilmember Tornatta: That's fine.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Is 180 in there or not?

President Winnecke: No.

Councilmember Sutton: Alright. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR PRETRIAL DIVERSION

Councilmember Raben: Now for page 180, Pretrial Diversion. All salary lines, including FICA, PERF and Insurance, will be set in at the September 4th meeting. All other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 93, Public Defender. Moving down to page 94, starting with line 1820-1303, zero. Page 95, 1990, Extra Help, zero.

Councilmember Tornatta: Councilman?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: On 1790-1303--

Councilmember Raben: The adjustment?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah.

Councilmember Raben: We can do that now.

Councilmember Tornatta: We can pick that up? Okay.

Councilmember Raben: We can do that now.

Councilmember Tornatta: That's fine.

Councilmember Raben: We can set it in now if you would like. We'll go back to 1790-1303 that figure should be \$26,523 is the correct figure.

Councilmember Tornatta: \$29,683.

Councilmember Raben: No.

President Winnecke: \$26,523.

Councilmember Raben: That has been amended. The correct figure is \$26,523. I'll go back over, Extra Help, 1990, zero; 3130, Travel and Mileage, \$3000; 3370, Computers, zero; 3943, \$45,000; 3947, \$55,000; 4210, \$3,000; 4220, \$2,500. All other salary lines, including FICA, PERF and Insurance, will be adjusted September 4th. And all 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts, not mentioned, as listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Line 3943 was \$45,000. There was a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1790-1303	Investigative	\$26,523.00
1820-1303	Administrative Assistant	\$0.00
1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
3130	Travel/Mileage	\$3,000.00
3370	Computer	\$0.00
3943	Pauper Expense	\$45,000.00
3947	Pauper Transcripts	\$55,000.00
4210	Office Furniture	\$3,000.00
4220	Office Machines	\$2,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY CLERK

Councilmember Raben: Okay, County Clerk starts on page 1. The first item will be on page 4. I move that all salary lines, including FICA, PERF and Insurance, be adjusted September 4th. 1990, Extra Help, zero; 2600, \$65,000; account 3000, zero; 3520, \$1,000; 3603, \$65,000. All other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, for clarification, Councilman Raben, line 2600 what was the amount that you read into your motion?

Councilmember Raben: \$65,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
2600	Office Supplies	\$65,000.00
3000	Bond & Insurance	\$0.00
3520	Equipment Repair	\$1,000.00
3603	Record Storage	\$65,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CLERK IV-D

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Clerk IV-D, page 6. Account 2600, \$40,000; account 4220, \$15,000, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Sutton: You got that wrong, 2600.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Raben: That's page 6, did you get that, Ed?

Councilmember Sutton: Can you read that again for line item 2600?

Councilmember Raben: The first line is listed \$40,000. Line 4220, Office Machines, \$15,000.

Councilmember Sutton: So there will be no change on 2600?

Councilmember Raben: No, there was a deeper change on then originally discussed. There was a deeper change on the regular budget, Office Supplies. That one was cut \$20,000.

President Winnecke: This was a—if I may interrupt, this is a line where we'll be reimbursed 50% by the state, but we need the \$40,000 up front.

Councilmember Raben: So I made a deeper cut on the regular budget. It's really a wash, because we'll get 50% of this back.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

2600	Office Supplies	\$40,000.00
4220	Office Machines	\$15,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ELECTION OFFICE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Election Office, page 72. All salary lines, including FICA, PERF and Insurance, will be adjusted September 4th. Turn to page 73, starting with line 2700, \$55,000; 3410, \$50,000; 3530, \$50,000; 3600, \$8,500; 4260, zero. All other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

President Winnecke: We need a second before—

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Winnecke: Okay, now we have a second. Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: On 3410, I don't see why we couldn't at least drop that down to \$40,000. It's a city election, and if you look in '99, the city election, we only spent \$27,000 for that election. So, we're giving them the benefit of the doubt of \$13,000 extra to spend.

Councilmember Raben: I'm happy with that.

Councilmember Tornatta: I mean do you—I'm just talking about it being a city election.

Councilmember Raben: There was some explanation about the increased cost because of the obsolescence of this equipment, but I'm open.

Councilmember Sutton: I think there was some mention about the particular vendor not really having the ability to, well, the price was just going to increase because of the systems that we do have. That was kind of reflected, I guess, in there. What's factoring in that is a less expensive election, being a city election, but we're not really dealing with the same price quotes that we had back in the last city election.

Councilmember Raben: For Troy, I mean, the number of precincts has decreased, too, which would merit what Troy is saying.

Councilmember Tornatta: I just think that \$23,000 difference rather than \$13,000. I mean, that's a lot of difference there. That almost would cover, that almost covers the whole budget of the '99 election.

Councilmember Hoy: What line is that?

Councilmember Raben: That is line 3410, and I'm open for that if that is—

Councilmember Hoy: I'm a little reluctant. I haven't done the math on it because you're looking, I'm trying to look at the percentage of people who live in the city.

Councilmember Tornatta: Look at '99 in the budget.

Councilmember Hoy: No, I think Mr. Sutton is correct that the price has gone up, and also then you have, the majority of the population lives in the city is what I am trying to say, and so I—

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, why don't we leave it this way.

Councilmember Hoy: —I think that we may need that.

Councilmember Bassemier: Why don't we leave it until September and do a little research on this?

President Winnecke: No. We're not bringing it up, I'm sorry, but we're not going to bring it up any more. Maybe that's a good point. Let's earmark this. We feel like we're going to have to

come back and make additional cuts after that. Leave it in at 50, and if we need \$10,000 more dollars, which I think we will, we'll come back.

Councilmember Raben: I'll tell you what, let's do this. I'm going to amend my motion. Let's take it down the middle. I'm going to amend my motion to change account 3410, Printing, to read \$45,000.

President Winnecke: Royce, did you make that second?

Councilmember Raben: I think Ed did.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, I did. I'll accept that.

President Winnecke: Okay, additional discussion? So that is line item 3410 at \$45,000.

Councilmember Bassemier: Teri, excuse me, who made that second?

President Winnecke: Royce.

Teri Lukeman: (Inaudible, microphone not on.)

President Winnecke: I'm sorry.

Councilmember Bassemier: No, I'm not going to take it, \$50,000 is okay.

President Winnecke: I'm sorry?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Councilmember Hoy: Percentage-wise—

President Winnecke: Okay, Mr. Bassemier is not going to amend his second, so the motion stands that it remains at \$50,000. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

2700	Other Supplies	\$55,000.00
3410	Printing	\$50,000.00
3530	Contractual Services	\$50,000.00
3600	Rent	\$8,500.00
4260	Voting Machines	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF

Councilmember Raben: Sheriff. First, Mr. President, I am going to move that all salary lines, including FICA, PERF and Insurance, will be set in at our September 4th meeting. Moving to page 25, line 1750, Clothing Allowance, that figure be set in at \$131,250. That is an increase of \$250 annually, in light of the budget crunch we're in.

Councilmember Tornatta: If you could just set that aside if you would.

Councilmember Raben: We'll just stop there. We can take the rest of them. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second, to get it on the floor.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second to set in line item 1750, Clothing Allowance, at \$131,250. Discussion or questions?

Councilmember Tornatta: I think we've cut this budget up pretty well. They've come up with some cuts over and above what they have requested. This is a line item that the Sheriff's Office was not really adamant on moving on, because they thought that their department needed those extra funds in the clothing department. Now the one thing that I look at is, as we've discussed, that the price of the uniforms have gone up consistently, and they've kept at a certain price, and now they're looking to raise it. So, I think, it has been plenty of time that they've kept it at a low rate, and now they're looking to bring it up to where it should be, and I don't think that \$500 is a lot to ask for for that department. By the way, there is 105 deputies that are under this plan.

President Winnecke: And I would just comment that I would concur with everything you say. I think just in the challenges that we face in putting together the entire budget picture, it would be nice to grant the full request, but the \$131,250 is an attempt to increase it half of what was requested.

Councilmember Raben: Again, I would echo those comments. I mean, I think everybody sitting at this table would like to do just what you suggested doing, but when you look at the other budgets and what we've gone through in terms of cutting Extra Help, I mean, we're cutting every budget, and I'm, you know, particularly happy that we're able to do what we are doing here. I mean, you know, nothing would please me more than to do just the full amount, but it's going to be a struggle, and we're going to have to tug and push to make additional cuts to allow for this, and not necessarily in this budget, but with all budgets. So, while we would all like to be able to do that this year, it is not feasible. Hopefully, next year we can make up for the other half.

Councilmember Tornatta: In years that it was feasible we still didn't take care of that, because they were trying to keep the budget within reason to help the Council out, and now they're asking for help to make sure that they have the proper and adequate amount of money in their clothing, and so that is why I will have to vote against cutting that budget.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1750	Clothing Allowance	\$131,250.00
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(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Tornatta and Sutton opposed)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 2000 accounts, starting with 2230, \$60,000; 2660, \$10,000; 2670, \$7,000; 3200, \$22,000; 3370, \$10,000; 3725, zero, which that one there deserves an explanation, which I had addressed with both Sheriff and Chief. IDEM has some new grants available, and we're working on getting a \$50,000 grant for next year for that line item. If for some reason that doesn't happen, you know, we'll have to address this after January 1st. Account 3920, \$1,000; 4230 is zero, because we've moved those to CCD yesterday. All other accounts as they appear, and I make that in the form of motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Did you need clarification? Could you please repeat the 2000 and 3000 line items please starting with 2230 is your first cut there.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, you want me to go back through it all? Okay, 2230, \$60,000; 2660, \$10,000; 2670, \$7,000; 3200, \$22,000; 3370, \$10,000; 3525 is zero—

Councilmember Tornatta: 3725.

Councilmember Raben: 3725 is zero and 3920 is \$1,000. We have a second right?

President Winnecke: There was a second on that right?

Councilmember Sutton: I did.

President Winnecke: Royce did.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, you didn't make any changes.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion? Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, I just want to make a comment on the Clothing Allowance. You know, I know how important it is for that Clothing Allowance and they are right, they do have the uniforms and everything, but the reason why I really voted no, we're still going to have over a million dollar worth of cuts after we leave here Thursday probably. I want to see everybody get a...all of our county employees get a 3% raise in September, and I don't want to have to come back here because we didn't make some smaller cuts, that we have to cut this 2%. So, I don't want anybody out there to be mad, but I really want to see everybody get a 3% raise this year.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I would add to that, Mr. Bassemier, that the health insurance is going to increase, and health insurance is part of anybody's income. It's always been part of mine, wherever I worked. When that went up, as it is going up for us, often some other things didn't go up. That's reality. The beauty of health insurance increase, in terms of increasing your income, is you're not taxed on that, and we do well on the health insurance, and you don't have to pay federal income tax on that. I don't believe you pay FICA on that either do you, Sandie. You pay no tax on that. So I would love to give everybody a 5% raise. I would have voted for five, we just—I think we just have to take this very seriously. We're in a bad situation, and so are 91 other counties that are sitting doing the same thing. If you look Warrick cut their budget it was an incredible percentage cut, you know, in comparison to ours. I don't think any of us are going to go away from this being happy.

President Winnecke: Other questions or comments before we vote? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

2230	Garage & Motor	\$60,000.00
2660	Reserves	\$10,000.00
2670	Identification	\$7,000.00
3200	Utilities	\$22,000.00
3370	Computer	\$10,000.00
3725	Meth Lab Cleanup	\$0.00
3920	Youth Development	\$1,000.00
4230	Motor Vehicles	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, let's go to the jail, page 28. All salary lines, including FICA, PERF and Insurance, will be set in at our September 4th meeting. All other 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING

Councilmember Raben: Page 183. Mr. President, I'll move that all salary lines, including FICA, PERF and Insurance, be adjusted at our September 4th meeting. All other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Councilmember Raben: Page 103, Community Corrections. Mr. President, I'll move that all salary lines, including FICA, PERF and Insurance, be adjusted at our September 4th meeting. Page 106, starting with 2750, Work Release, \$10,000. Page 107, line 4352 \$15,000. All other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Your first cut, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Raben: 2750, \$10,000.

President Winnecke: That and 4352 are the only cuts, were they not?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Winnecke: Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Councilmember Raben: 4352 was \$15,000.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Councilmember Tornatta: Uh—

President Winnecke: Troy, did you have another question?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, there was once a discussion on the Utilities. 3200, I thought you had set that in at \$45,000.

Councilmember Raben: I don't have that. I don't have that as a cut. Let me...I'll double check it.

Councilmember Tornatta: That's fine. Okay.

President Winnecke: You ready, Jim?

Councilmember Raben: No, I don't have that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

2750	Work Release Supplies	\$10,000.00
4352	Maintenance & Repair	\$15,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF/VCCC MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I am going to move to page 182. All salary lines, including FICA, PERF and Insurance, will be adjusted at September 4th meeting. All other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 116, Drug & Alcohol. First I'll move that all salary lines, including FICA, PERF and Insurance, will be set in at our September 4th meeting.

President Winnecke: Could you slow down just one second.

Councilmember Raben: 116 all salary lines, including FICA, PERF and Insurance, will be set in at our September 4th meeting. All 2, 3 and 4000 accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Teri Lukeman: May I change the tape?

President Winnecke: Yes you may.

(Tape Changed)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, are we good to go?

Teri Lukeman: We're ready.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, all salary lines, including FICA, PERF & Insurance, will be adjusted at our September 4th meeting. I'm on Superior. The first cut is page 113, Extra Help, zero; 2230, \$1,500; 2600, \$25,000; 3410, \$6,500; 3520, \$11,000; 3931, \$36,000; –

Councilmember Tornatta: Councilman? Are we not – we've done this in the past, are we not looking to do anything with the jobs or the extra help? With then new employees or the extra help?

Councilmember Raben: There are no new employees in this budget.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, was I...1401-1370, is that not a new employee?

President Winnecke: That's the position that we created this year for Day Reporting.

Councilmember Raben: That's Juvenile Court appropriation.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and then 1990?

Councilmember Raben: I've already zeroed that out.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I think we left off at –

President Winnecke: Youth Services.

Councilmember Raben: Youth Services at \$36,000, line 3932 should be \$39,700; line 3947, excuse me, 3980, \$13,000. All other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, since I made my hardline speech a while ago, I will stick by that. I'm hoping that 3931 is perhaps someplace we can look to increase. As you know, these are, these positions implement some of the new initiatives and ideas that our juvenile judge is making, and I really hate to cut that. But I've asked everybody else to bite the bullet, and, I guess, we'll have to ask him to bite the bullet, too, but that's in the area of prevention and remediation, and all that kind of thing, but my point is simply that if finances become better, and the glass is not half empty, maybe we could readdress that later.

President Winnecke: Point well made. Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, 4210 and 4220, we've been cutting the Office Furniture and Office Machines. Is this not another place where we would cut?

Councilmember Raben: I think most of the budgets haven't had those items where we have cut them or will cut them. What you're referring to is probably going to be in the Reassessment budgets, but these, which I think we had hit on this last week, the 4210 is for new courtroom chairs that have been in those courtrooms since the 70's. And I took time to go down and look at them and feel springs, you know, poking through them, and that was one that everybody certainly seemed to be comfortable with last week. And the Office Machines, if you look at the history, two years ago they spent \$49,000 in repairs; last year they spent \$12,000. This year they've already spent \$18,000 and they're only asking for six. So that's one that, I mean, I don't see it as a topic for discussion for cutting, but I'm open for anything.

Councilmember Hoy: I am relying on my memory and not on paperwork here, but I think they have not asked for this kind of furniture in a long time. I hope I'm right, and I think Mr. Raben is correct on that, those chairs are that bad.

President Winnecke: I believe the Judge told us last week these are the original chairs, but Councilman Tornatta's point, this might be something we could ask the Building Authority to pick up, too. We've asked them to look at a couple of other capital oriented projects. We can ask.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, there's nothing wrong with asking, I guess.

Councilmember Hoy: Ask and you shall, you might receive. This is landlord.

President Winnecke: Troy, did you have another question? No, just going through that, I'd remembered about the chairs. I couldn't remember if that was all that was encompassed in that office.

Councilmember Raben: How many courtrooms do we have?

Terry Dietsch: We're talking about replacing four at a minimum (Inaudible).

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, somebody in the room who knows this, I seem to recall that the Building Authority is not responsible for furnishings. When we were discussing the jail and their responsibilities there, they were responsible for certain things that we had an argument over but I think, I can't remember if we won that or not, but when it came to the kitchen equipment, we were responsible because that was like any landlord saying well, that's your furnishings. I think that's probably where these chairs are going to land in there. I think I'm correct on that, that –

President Winnecke: I'll ask, though.

Councilmember Hoy: We can ask, but I think you're going to hear that the furniture is ours and not the landlord's.

Councilmember Sutton: Generally, it's things that are attached, or permanent items, or the things that maybe the Building Authority would handle under their control. Might have some employees that might be permanent fixtures, too, but – just joking.

President Winnecke: Touche'. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, and thank you, Councilman Sutton, for a little humor. I find that lacking in politics. It's always nice.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1370-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
1370-2230	Garage & Motor	\$1,500.00
1370-2600	Office Supplies	\$25,000.00
1370-3410	Printing	\$6,500.00
1370-3520	Equipment Repair	\$11,000.00
1370-3931	Youth Services	\$36,000.00
1370-3932	CASA	\$39,700.00
1370-3980	Trans. Child & Misc.	\$13,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR DRUG COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 118. Mr. President, I will move that all salary lines, including FICA, PERF and Insurance, be set in September 4th. All other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 178, Supplemental Adult Probation. I'll move that all salary lines, including FICA, PERF & Insurance, be adjusted September the 4th. All other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Raben: Page 99, Circuit Court. I'll move all salary lines, including FICA, PERF and Insurance, be set in at our September the 4th meeting. Moving down to 1990, Extra Help,

zero; 3130, Travel, \$1,500; 3371, Computer, zero; 3730, \$1,000. All other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or –

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, what was the last cut?

Councilmember Raben: 3730 \$1,000.

Teri Lukeman: What were the second and third to the last cuts?

President Winnecke: Line item 3371 was zero, and line item 3130 was \$1,500.

Teri Lukeman: Travel and Mileage?

President Winnecke: Yes. Questions or discussion?

Teri Lukeman: Who was the seconder?

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy seconded that. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1360-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
1360-3130	Travel/Mileage	\$1,500.00
1360-3371	Computer Hardware	\$0.00

1360-3730	Continuing Education	\$1,000.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, page 195. I'll move all salary lines, including FICA, PERF and Insurance, be set in September the 4th. Moving down to line 3130, \$7,000. All other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

2600-3130	Travel/Mileage	\$7,000.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BOND ISSUE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 200. Mr. President, I'll move that all accounts be approved as they are listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions/discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: As I'd mentioned at our last regularly scheduled meeting, in light of the interest rate environment, we may want to entertain the whole prospect of – I know we refinanced our bonds a couple of years ago and felt like we were able to get a very favorable rate, but like I said, with the interest rate environment now being even lower than it was then, we may want to go back and revisit this, with the possibility of some additional savings. Not stretching out the amortization or the term on this, but looking at ways that we could save if the cost of refinancing these doesn't exceed the return on this. So just maybe thought we might want to get that on the record for, and so I don't know if Suzanne–

President Winnecke: Suzanne had a family emergency but, Bill, if you can –

Councilmember Sutton: If you could pass that on to Suzanne.

President Winnecke: Remind Suzanne. We talked about that last week, I believe.

Bill Fluty: Okay.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AUDITOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 7, County Auditor. I'll move all salary lines, including FICA, PERF & Insurance, be adjusted September the 4th. Account 1200-1020, zero; account 1990, Extra Help, zero. Page 9, 3541, \$9,000; 4220, Office Machines, zero. All other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: The last, I'm sorry, Jim. That last line –

President Winnecke: Line 4220?

Councilmember Raben: Zero.

(Inaudible)

Councilmember Raben: The first one was, the first actual cut was 1200-1020.

President Winnecke: Everybody got them?

Councilmember Hoy: 1990?

Councilmember Raben: 1990 ,Extra Help, zero; 3541, \$9,000 –

President Winnecke: Jim, could you turn your mike on please?

Councilmember Raben: Excuse me, 3541 was \$9,000, and Office Machines, 4220, zero.

Councilmember Hoy: Did you have a second?

Councilmember Raben: I believe we got a second.

President Winnecke: Ed seconded that. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1020-1200-1020	Bookkeeper II/Welfare	\$0.00
1020-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
1020-3541	Kronos Maintenance	\$9,000.00
1020-4220	Office Machines	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/AUDITOR

Councilmember Raben: Page 158. I'll move that this budget be approved as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Raben: Well no, excuse me, Mr. President. On Reassessment budgets, we're not going to take final action on them until September the 4th. So, I'll move that this budget be set in September the 4th.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I'll second that.

President Winnecke: Okay. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: Appreciate everyone's input and opinions today. We'll recess until noon tomorrow. Thank you very much.

(Meeting recessed at 1:03 p.m.)
**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 15, 2002**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 15th day of August, 2002 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President Lloyd Winnecke at 12:06 p.m.

President Winnecke: Good afternoon. I would like to welcome everyone to the sixth day of the 2003 Vanderburgh County Council budget hearings. We'll begin with attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

President Winnecke: Would you please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(The Pledge was given.)

President Winnecke: Before we begin, I'll just, many of you who have sat in on these for the past two days have heard this spiel, but, I believe, the cuts that we've identified to date, and we'll get through today are probably not going to be sufficient for what we'll need. I'll have a couple other comments afterwards, but last week was really the time to advocate a budget position. This week I've not allowed any officeholders or department heads to come forward. Any questions or debate will be among Councilmembers only. I appreciate the positions you all took last week in providing us rationale for your budgets, and other supplemental information, but this is really our week to, sort of, get to the task at hand, and that is to make some cuts and get to a number. Having said that, I would like to publicly thank our assistants, Sarah Nunn and Sandie Deig, as well as the Auditor's office. These folks work tirelessly to help provide all of us with information. I know there has been a lot of midnight oil burned on a lot of people's parts, and I appreciate it. I think we've, I think the meetings have gone smoothly to date, and would hope that everyone's cooperation can continue. With that, I'll turn it over to the Finance Chairman.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you, Mr. President.

VOTERS REGISTRATION

Councilmember Raben: First is Voters Registration, page 74. Mr. President, I'll move that all salary lines, including FICA, PERF, and Insurance, be adjusted at our September budget finalization, September the 4th. First is account 2600, Office Supplies, \$2,500;

2700, \$2,500. Page 75, account 3371, Computer Hardware, \$2,500; 3410, Printing, \$2,500; and last, 4220, Office Machines, zero. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Councilmember Sutton: Uh—

President Winnecke: Oh, I'm sorry, Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Just one area, we might want to make some mention, Jim, about the intent, there was, obviously, a larger request than what was granted, and we'd made mention, I guess, at one of, at one of our previous other budgets about a cut that was made on Computer Hardware and Software and what our plans are. We, obviously, are going to have a lot of surplus units that are going to be available to us, and the intent is to be able to take some of those units from our courts and do adequate upgrades, and make those available to some of the offices, like the Voters Registration office, so that the needs that they may have will be able to be met, but we've got a lot of really good equipment, just not adequate for the courts at this time. So, I just wanted to maybe add that, for the record.

Councilmember Raben: Thanks for bringing that up. I appreciate that.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: I talked to Bennie, who looks after the furniture downstairs, and he assures me that there are still some really fine desks, and filing cabinets down there, as well. So, it would be good to go down and look at those, if some offices feel like they need something a little better. Most of us sitting around this table have used old desks, from time to time, and they're in good shape. The filing cabinets are too. There is a lot of them, I went down.

President Winnecke: Okay, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1220-2600	Office Supplies	\$2,500.00
1220-2700	Other Supplies	\$2,500.00
1220-3371	Computer Hardware	\$2,500.00
1220-3410	Printing	\$2,500.00
1220-4220	Office Machines	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY RECORDER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, County Recorder, page 14. I'm going to move that FICA, PERF and Insurance be adjusted at our September the 4th meeting. All other accounts as they are listed. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Raben: None other than, you know, again, as you look at this budget you'll see that there are no 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts. That this officeholder is spending her funds to fund this budget, and the fees exceed what, the fees that she collects exceeds the total of this budget, so.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 189, Convention and Visitors Bureau. Mr. President, unlike all the other motions the last two days, I'm not only going to state that the salary lines, including FICA, PERF and Insurance, be adjusted September the 4th, but just want to make sure that they understand that we need that information, probably, next week, or we're not going to be prepared to make those adjustments September the 4th. You know, we need a total breakdown of what the intents and salaries are. Moving down to page 90, starting with account 2600—

President Winnecke: Page 190.

Councilmember Raben: 190, excuse me, \$7,000; 3120, Postage, \$20,000; and 3711, Education, \$5,000, and with that motion, Mr. President, I would also like to state, and it's been expressed by, I think, every Councilmember here, we need to see for next year the expenditures for all these lines, so we know what we're basing cuts and approvals on. So, you know, again, if we can have that included with this budget, it would be most helpful.

President Winnecke: You made that in the form of a motion?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes. The very first line item that you read, Jim, I didn't catch that.

Councilmember Raben: That was line 2600, Office Supplies, \$7,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, got it. Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: Other questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

3570-2600	Office Supplies	\$7,000.00
3570-3120	Postage	\$20,000.00
3570-3711	Education	\$5,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, page 193, account 4060, I'm going to move that that be set in at \$225,000.

President Winnecke: Is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Was there talk about what their ideas on improvements are for next year?

Councilmember Raben: No, this is the actual account that, I guess, we can only take a nod, but actually the account that is paying the Pagoda, is that correct?

Unidentified: (Inaudible. Mike not on.)

Councilmember Raben: Right. I don't anticipate that our bond payment is going to double next year. We can, you know, if we find out otherwise, we can make that adjustment September the 4th, but that's the intent of that motion.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, on that assumption, I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I'll ditto Councilman Tornatta's, I think that assumption is correct, but should we need to change it, of course, we'll change it. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

3600-4060	Transportation Ctr/ Pagoda	\$225,000.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CORONER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 35, Coroner. Page 35, Mr. President, I'll move all salary lines, including FICA, PERF, and Insurance, be set in at our September the 4th meeting. Moving down to account 1990, the correct figure is \$55,884, now that particular Extra Help line is about the only other one, or one of the few in the budget that has remained in place, and, I think, everybody remembers that a few years back we moved the Deputy Coroners into that line. 2410, Body Transport, page 36, \$7,000; 3200, Utilities, \$8,000; 3310, Training, \$2,000; 3520, Equipment Repair, \$2,000; 3530, excuse me, 3640, \$25,000; and 3650, \$115,000; and 3660, \$100. All other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1990	Extra Help	\$55,884.00
2410	Body Transport	\$7,000.00
3200	Utilities	\$8,000.00
3310	Training	\$2,000.00
3520	Equipment Repair	\$2,000.00
3640	Diagnostic Studies	\$25,000.00
3650	Autopsies	\$115,000.00
3660	Forensic Dentistry	\$100.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AREA PLAN COMMISSION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 78, Area Plan. Starting with 1230-1240, zero; all other salary lines, including FICA, PERF, and Insurance, will be adjusted September the 4th. Moving down to the middle of the page on 79, account 3130, \$2,000; 3310, \$1,000; 3420, \$2,500; 3520, \$1,000; 3610, excuse me, 3540, zero; 3610, \$50,000; 3740, \$2,000; 30, excuse me, 4210, zero; 4230, zero; and 4250, \$10,000. All other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman:

President Winnecke: There’s a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1230-1240	Attorney	\$0.00
3130	Travel/Mileage	\$2,000.00
3310	Training	\$1,000.00
3420	Legal Advertising	\$2,500.00
3520	Equipment Repair	\$1,000.00
3540	Maintenance Contract	\$0.00
3610	Legal Services	\$50,000.00
3740	Intern Program	\$2,000.00
4210	Office Furniture	\$0.00
4230	Motor Vehicles	\$0.00
4250	Miscellaneous Equipment	\$10,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY SURVEYOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 33, County Surveyor. Okay, first I move that all salary lines, including FICA, PERF, and Insurance, be adjusted at our September the 4th meeting. Account 2210, \$1,200; 2320, \$500; 2600, \$2,000; 3310, \$1,500; 3520, \$500;

and last, 4220, \$7,500. All other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

2210	Gas & Oil	\$1,200.00
2320	Instruments	\$500.00
2600	Office Supplies	\$2,000.00
3310	Training	\$1,500.00
3520	Equipment Repair	\$500.00
4220	Office Machines	\$7,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 181, that's the Surveyor Corner Perpetuation Fund. I'll move that all salary lines, including FICA, PERF and Insurance, be set in September the 4th. All other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SURVEYOR MAPS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 157, Surveyor's Map Fund. I'll move that all lines be approved as they are listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Councilmember Raben: County Health Department, page 147, 148, and 149. I move that all salary lines, including FICA, PERF, and Insurance be set in September the 4th. Page 150, 1990, Extra Help, \$31,500—

Councilmember Wortman: That's what's in there.

Councilmember Raben: You're correct, excuse me. Moving on to page 151, 3200, Utilities, zero; 3600, with an explanation, \$188,495, and 4112, zero. All other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions, discussion, or clarification?

Councilmember Raben: First let me, let me explain Rent.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Originally it was discussed amongst several Councilmembers at setting that in at a much lesser figure, but, and simply encumbering the difference between what was budgeted for this year and next year, but the conversation I had this morning with the Auditor's office says that the only way that can be encumbered is with a contract. So, a PO for a contract, so, we're going to have to go ahead and set that fund back in for next year's Rent, at this rate, but, that money will simply roll back in anyway. So, it's basically a wash.

Councilmember Sutton: What was that amount, Jim?

Councilmember Tornatta: I don't understand. How can it, if it rolls back in?

Councilmember Raben: I know originally some of the Councilmen had discussed setting that figure in at \$15,000, which would, basically, cover the difference between last year's, this year's money, and what they need for next year, but, under the assumption that they could encumber that fund, and keep it in that line for next year, but they can't actually do that, because in order to encumber that with a PO it has to be, you know, for a contract, and this really isn't a contract.

Councilmember Tornatta: What do they have for Rent? What do they sign for Rent?

Councilmember Raben: They actually don't sign it, I guess, the Commissioners sign all Rent contracts.

Councilmember Tornatta: But, it is a, it's a place where they can say that that money is going.

Councilmember Raben: Exactly.

Councilmember Tornatta: So, they can roll that over.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, we've all talked about this, and I was under the same assumption, but, you know, I might move to the Auditor and let her give better clarification. This is the measures that they recommend that we take.

Suzanne Crouch: Well, we, typically, if it's for Rent for this building, we don't encumber Rent for this building. We do encumber Rent if it's a signed contract with an agency outside of the building, but Rent is usually spent. If there is any left over money in Rent line items for this building, it just rolls back into that fund. So, I had suggested that unless they are moving, for sure, and you know that they are going to have a signed contract with someone, you might want to set it in at the amount that the Rent is for this particular building next year.

Councilmember Sutton: Now, what happens to the dollars that are already set in? I mean, the money that's already in place?

Suzanne Crouch: If it's not spent?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, if it's not spent, what happens to that, those dollars?

Suzanne Crouch: It goes into their cash balance. It stays within that fund.

Councilmember Tornatta: So, they can, they can just allocate that to their Rent next year?

Suzanne Crouch: They could. Uh-huh.

Councilmember Raben: But, it comes back to the question of--

Suzanne Crouch: They would have to come back for an additional appropriation after the first of the year, or at some point in time when their Rent would run out.

Councilmember Sutton: Are they limited on how much they can, how much can be encumbered? Are they limited on how much can be encumbered?

Councilmember Tornatta: I don't think they can come back to us, can they come back to us for money?

Suzanne Crouch: They never do, but they can. You can encumber whatever the contract, up to what the contract is in place for, but the line items in the, for the Rent for this building, if there is extra left over, it just rolls back into that fund. We don't encumber that money. If they had, if they move sometime, and had a contract with an outside agency, and their was excess money, then that could roll in.

Councilmember Sutton: How much is their Rent here with us right now? Obviously, we're talking, thinking of, you know, where they may ultimately—

Councilmember Raben: This year—

Suzanne Crouch: It's about 180, isn't it?

Councilmember Raben: This year it's \$181,898. Next year it will be \$188,495. We can do this one of two ways, we can do it the way the motion read, or, you know, we can simply set it in at the \$15,000 figure that most of us had discussed, and they can come back to us January 1 for an appropriation out of their cash balance.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, it—

Councilmember Tornatta: I think that keeps their rate low. I think that's what we're looking at, their tax rate that they would have to tax, because then they would be having that money anyway. I mean, it's their money, either way, that's sitting there, so, why not have them come back and ask for it, and then they can distribute that into the Rent fund come January?

Councilmember Raben: I'm open for—

Councilmember Tornatta: As far as that goes, the same thing goes for 1990. They have, I mean, we could give them \$1,900, which they spent this year, or \$1,008, which they spent this year, but other than that, they haven't touched their \$31,500, and they're asking for that same amount of money. So, you could reallocate that.

President Winnecke: Councilman Hoy, and then Councilman Raben.

Councilmember Hoy: That's my assignment, and that is, what you're reading here, in expenditures on Extra Help—

Councilmember Tornatta: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Hoy: —that's not really an accurate figure, because most of their Extra Help is hired during the summer, and you're only looking at the expenditures through June.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, Councilman Hoy, if you'll look through the past few years, they haven't spent anymore than that. I guess, that's what I was basing—

Councilmember Hoy: They hire a lot of college students, and I think that's the reason for that.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben, did you have something to add?

Councilmember Raben: Uh—

Councilmember Tornatta: I was just going to comment on the amount that was spent in Extra Help, '99, \$4,500; 2000, \$7,800; 2001, \$2,000; 2002, there was an appropriation for \$31,500, and out of that until, up to June 30th, \$1,008 was spent.

Councilmember Raben: And I'm comfortable with that, I mean, that's what had been discussed, you know, amongst us, you know, and the consensus on how to arrive at some of this information—

Councilmember Tornatta: I mean, you could set it in at \$5,000 if you were wanting to compensate, but they haven't spent that much since they've been asking for Extra Help.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: They don't have anyplace to put them. That was put in

Councilmember Tornatta: Then that answers that question.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, if we—

Councilmember Tornatta: But, they're in the field. These are kids that are in the field. They are actually doing the (Inaudible).

Councilmember Hoy: They still have to work at a desk, and there is no room down there, and that's the crunch is that they have not been enabled to move, and they should have been. We'll try again, I guess, I'll be assigned there next year. I hope so.

President Winnecke: That's a fight for another day, I think.

Councilmember Hoy: yes.

President Winnecke: Do you want to hold your motion?

Councilmember Raben: We'll leave Extra Help in place, okay.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: I am going to make an amendment to my motion to set 3600, Rent, in at \$17,000.

President Winnecke: Who seconded that? Curt, you seconded that, do you amend the second? You do not? Okay. Okay, the motion stands as is. The motion is that line item 1990, Extra Help, stands at \$31,500, and that line item 3600, Rent, is at \$188,495, and Utilities, well, we didn't talk about it, it remains zero. Roll call vote please.

Councilmember Hoy: I had a —

President Winnecke: I'm sorry, Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: —question about 4112. I want to make sure my understanding is correct there. We're putting that in at zero, however, that moving money, it stays in

there. So, if we are able to negotiate a move next year, the money will be there to negotiate that move. I want that on record, that's all. Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: I think Dr. Hoover had actually proposed that we do what action we're taking today last week.

Councilmember Hoy: I just want it on the record.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

2130-1990	Extra Help	\$31,500.00
2130-3200	Utilities	\$0.00
2130-3600	Rent	\$188,495.00
2130-4112	Health Department New Facility	\$0.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilman Tornatta opposed)

AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 153, Evansville Vanderburgh Airport Authority. Mr. President, I'm going to move that all salary lines, including FICA, PERF, and Insurance, will be set in September the 4th. All other accounts as they appear, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Abstain.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Bassemier abstained)

ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, we're getting into the Township Assessors, and what I intend to do here is, of course, the full time employees, we'll set those, as we go through these budgets, we'll make the same motion that the FICA, PERF, and Insurance will be adjusted in September. Then any Extra Help accounts, 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts will be zeroed out, and moved to Reassessment. For sure we need to put in place, September the 4th, the Extra Help figures, and with that intend to figure each and every budget based on numbers of parcels, in terms of how the money is divided up, and it would be, I have every intent in doing that on September the 4th, as well. So, I'm going to take Armstrong Township first, which is page 55, all salary lines, I move all salary lines, including FICA, PERF, and Insurance, be set in September the 4th. Account 1990, Extra Help, zero. All 2000, 3000, and 4000 accounts, zero, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please?

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1100-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
1100-2000, 3000, and 4000 Accounts	Moved to Reassessment	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR/ REASSESSMENT

Councilmember Raben: Page 162, the Reassessment budget, there's really, probably no need for everybody to turn back to these budgets. The motion is simply that those budgets will be set in September the 4th. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CENTER ASSESSOR/ REASSESSMENT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 57, Center Township Assessor. I move all salary lines, including FICA, PERF, and Insurance, be adjusted September the 4th. All, account 1990, zero. All 2000, 3000, and 4000 accounts, zero. Page 162, Reassessment, be set in September the 4th, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1110-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
1110-2000,3000 and 4000 Accounts		\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

GERMAN ASSESSOR/ REASSESSMENT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 59, German Township Assessor. I move all salary lines, including FICA, PERF, and Insurance, be set in September the 4th. All 2000, 3000, and 4000 accounts, zero. Page 164, German Reassessment will be set in September the 4th. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1120- 2000, 3000 and 4000 Accounts		\$0.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

KNIGHT ASSESSOR/ REASSESSMENT

Councilmember Raben: Page 61, Knight Township. I move all salary lines, including FICA, PERF, and Insurance, be set in September the 4th. 1990, Extra Help, zero. All 2000, 3000, and 4000 accounts, zero. Page 166, Knight Reassessment will be set in September the 4th. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions, discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1130-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
1130-2000, 3000 and 4000 Accounts		\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PERRY ASSESSOR/ REASSESSMENT

Councilmember Raben: Page 64, Perry Township. I move all salary lines, including FICA, PERF, and Insurance, be set in September the 4th. 1990, Extra Help, zero. All 2000, 3000, and 4000 accounts, zero. Page 168, Perry Reassessment will be set in September the 4th, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions, discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1140-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
1140-2000, 3000, and 4000 Accounts		\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PIGEON ASSESSOR/ REASSESSMENT

Councilmember Raben: Pigeon Township Assessor. Pigeon Township, page 166. All salary lines, including FICA, PERF, and Insurance, will be set in September the 4th. 1990, Extra Help, zero. All 2000, 3000, and 4000 accounts, zero. Page 170, Pigeon Reassessment will be set in September the 4th. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions, discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1150-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
1150-2000, 3000, and 4000 Accounts		\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SCOTT ASSESSOR/ REASSESSMENT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 168, or excuse me, 68, Scott Assessor. All salary lines, including FICA, PERF, and Insurance, adjusted September the 4th. 1990, Extra Help, zero. All 2000, 3000, and 4000 accounts, zero. Page 172, Scott Reassessment will be set in September the 4th, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and second. Questions, discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1160-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
1160-2000, 3000 and 4000 Accounts		\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

UNION ASSESSOR/ REASSESSMENT

Councilmember Raben: Union Township, page 70. All salary lines, including FICA, PERF, and Insurance, will be adjusted September the 4th. All 2000, 3000, and 4000 accounts, zero. Page 174, Union Township Reassessment will be set in September the 4th. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and second. Questions, discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1170-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
1170-2000, 3000, 4000 Accounts		\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Teri Lukeman: If you don't mind, I'm going to change the tape.

President Winnecke: Yes, we're going to change the tape.

Teri Lukeman: Thank you.

TAPE CHANGE

President Winnecke: Ready? Okay, Mr. Raben.

COUNTY ASSESSOR & REASSESSMENT

Councilmember Raben: Page 51, County Assessor. All salary lines, including FICA, PERF, and Insurance, will be set in September the 4th. All 2000, 3000, and 4000 accounts, zero. Page 159, County Assessor Reassessment will be set in September the 4th. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1090-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
1090-2000, 3000, and 4000 Accounts		\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS

Councilmember Raben: Page 54, Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeal. I move that this budget be approved as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROPERTY TAX BOARD OF APPEALS/ REASSESSMENT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, page 160 will be set in September the 4th, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and second. Questions, discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

DISCLOSURE FEES

Councilmember Raben: Okay, page 188, I move that this budget be approved as listed.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COUNCIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, last County Council, page 129. I move that all salary lines, including FICA, PERF, and Insurance, be set in September the 4th. Page 130, starting with account 3130, Travel and Mileage, \$1,000; 3315, \$10,000; 3461, \$250,000; and that is based on the three year lease plan that, I think, was provided to everyone. Page 3520, \$350; 3610, \$7,500; 3700, \$3,800. All other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: One question.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Let me back up here. Were we zeroing out 1180-1480?

Councilmember Raben: Oh, that's right. You had moved that we did that. No.

Councilmember Sutton: Just checking to see if you was awake over there.

Councilmember Raben: We want to make sure we're getting our money, don't you?

Councilmember Sutton: I'm just (Inaudible).

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1480-3130	Travel/Mileage	\$1,000.00
1480-3315	Court Technology Training	\$10,000.00
1480-3461	Court Technology	\$250,000.00
1480-3520	Equipment Repair	\$350.00
1480-3610	Legal Services	\$7,500.00
1480-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	\$3,800.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, that does it. I will kind of, we, there were a few last minute changes, but total General Fund cuts through today are \$3.9 million. So, if you've got anything you would like to add to that.

President Winnecke: I do, actually, and what I would like, after we conclude, I asked Mrs. Deig to update the sheet that we all have. Just to double check to make sure everyone has the same numbers. We are in the \$3.9 million range for cuts. Our targeted goal was \$5 million. I'm going to ask everyone to do a little homework. I don't know that I've ever done this, but, between now and our Personnel and Finance Committee meeting, I would like for each of us to go back, and come up with their own plan as to where we can find another million dollars to cut. I would like for you to present those to me on or before our next Personnel and Finance Committee meeting, and I would like for us to discuss those cuts at that meeting, at the conclusion of the regular business that would normally be on that agenda. I think it's the fairest way for everyone to have input. I think it will extend the bipartisan effort that we have put forth to date, and I think it will just give everyone, I think, an equal voice in this process. Again, I appreciate everyone's hard work. I know a lot of people put in a lot of hours, not only from Councilmembers, but from support staff, and it is much appreciated.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President?

President Winnecke: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Raben: I mean, obviously, you're talking about several different accounts, and, I mean, it may be helpful to get those in writing. It would make them a whole lot easier in terms of reviewing, and trying to come to a consensus on what—

President Winnecke: That's a good point, and I'll be, I'll share everyone's recommendations with everyone. So, everyone knows who has what recommendations.

Councilmember Sutton: That sounds like, you know, a very prudent, balanced approach to it. You know, there is, obviously, a lot of things that we have trimmed up to this point, and I have tried, I think, we've tried to make as great an effort as possible to try to at least keep our expenses, at least, where they were for this year for nearly every account that we've gone through, but everyone can go back and take a look and see where there might be some things we could revisit to get to this point. You know, I just want to, I think earlier in the meeting, Mr. President, you were very complimentary of the work that was done on behalf by Sandie and Sarah and the Auditors office, really was an exceptional job. In particular putting this on another format, and putting this in Excel, that's really given us the information, and we can share that

back to the public very readily. In the past it's taken us a little while to get all those number together, because there are so many numbers. But, I think, I don't know how the folks out there, how you guys feel about being able to see the numbers as we go along, and get a sense of what we've cut day by day at the end of the day, but I think it has been really helpful. Still got some work cut out for us, and we'll take any suggestions from the audience too.

President Winnecke: I'm sure there will be plenty of suggestions in the weeks to come.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I would just like to, I would like to add a few more things, and, Royce, those were certainly great comments, and thank you. That is, that there is some information that we're still waiting on, in terms of Insurance, that our Insurance, I really don't want to call him provider, but he, consultant, maybe, is supposed to be getting with our Executive Assistant tomorrow. I think that was the target date that he had told you that he would have information on the 15th, and available to you thereafter. We'll know a more accurate, more accurately what that Insurance figure really is. What else did I need to add with that? I guess, we're still waiting on information in terms of revenues from the state that, typically, we would have had before entering into this process that we've not gotten yet. So, hopefully, we'll have those before September the 4th, and, if I'm not mistaken, I think what you're asking is, you know, in giving everyone this assignment that we have the tools and the insurance available, if we need them, in an effort to reach that \$5 million target. I guess, the consequences are pretty grueling if we allow the state the opportunity to cut this budget further. I don't know if the Auditor would like to share with us how that process works. Most of us may know, some of us may not, but, I think everyone needs to hear that.

Suzanne Crouch: If Council recalls, Highway Department, there were a number of years that the Council did not make cuts, and this has been several years back, and the state goes in, and, basically, they start in the 4000 accounts and they cut. If they don't get enough cuts, they move on up to the 3000 accounts, and they cut, and they keep moving up. They don't get into the 1000 accounts, unless they have to, and, you know, they shouldn't have to do that, in this instance, because that is salaries, and that does affect people, but that is how they go about making the cuts. They really don't care who's budget it's in, they just move through it until they get what they need.

Councilmember Raben: I guess, the aftermath of that in, you know, a budget like ours is, you know, we have eliminated a lot of the 4000 lines already. You know, quite a few of the 3000 accounts have been cut back, so, you know, I would rather them not do it for us. I mean, I think it's our job, and we need to make preparation to do it, if we need to do it.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy, did you have something to say?

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I was just going to say that in addition to us, and we do have our liaison assignments, and will probably be talking to those folks. I would appreciate it if the various departments and officeholders would take a really hard look, so that, at where they can cut, because I would assume that they would rather make their own cuts, than to have the state make them. You know, since we're down to that level. I don't run their offices. I mean, I can make suggestions, but, I, you know, they know better than anybody else what's really needed, and if there are some places where they say, well, we can do some savings here, then let's do them. We've kind of had a little bit of humor about Postage, you know, but, I think, that's the kind of, that's the kind of thing we need to look at too. Why should somebody in this building spend 37 cents to mail me something in this building? I mean, if they are going to spend the money, send it to my home. I know that's not going to cut a million dollars out, but that's, that's what the rest of us would do. That's what I would have done at the Food Bank. That's what Mr. Raben would have done, Mr. Tornatta, they are both in the same business, that's what you would look at. I'm sure that's what the bank would look at, and, Mr. Wortman, I know you would look at that, and so on. And Mr. Bassemier, I won't leave you out either, because I don't want you to feel left out, but, you know, in your business dealings, that's how we look at things. That's a lot to ask, on the other hand, that's, if I were running that department, I would rather make my

own cuts than to have somebody sitting up in Indianapolis making the cuts. We are at a hard place here. That would help me out, with the departments I'm assigned to .

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta, and then Mr. Wortman, and then Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Tornatta: One of the things that we probably have to address come the September meeting when we set things in, is where do we see the Community Corrections? I think we got a letter from the Commission talking about what's our level of Community Correction that we want to look at. I think that is something that they are waiting for an answer. They would like to know what our commitment will be toward Community Corrections, and how will that affect our budget for next year?

Councilmember Hoy: In connection with that, you know, I'm on that, I'm assigned to that board, I'm a board member there, and that's a good point that Mr. Tornatta makes, because we have not touched that budget, and we still are in the position of operating the largest Community Corrections budget in the state, you know, larger than Marion County's. I am for that program, but I think it may be, eventually a place where we may have to look.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: In my time up here, I have witnessed the state coming in and doing the cuts, and they take no prisoners, they don't care. Like Suzanne said they start, and sometimes they cut where it really hurts. So, it is our obligation to do our own cutting, and with our work, like Phil said, with officeholders, kind of share it with them. Because they know how to operate, and know what their priorities are, and what they're not, see. What they can afford to do without, and what they can't.

President Winnecke: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I was just going to agree with Phil and Curt on that. Should we ask Sandie to send a memo out to all of the officeholders and see if they will look over their budgets and see if they can help us out any?

President Winnecke: I think, at this point, I would like the Councilmembers to take that responsibility.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I don't see, I don't know if we have enough information. I mean, they know their budget better than we do. You know, if they can, you know, if they're going to have to come back after we make some more cuts. Maybe they ought to look at their budget, and get some realistic cuts, you know, so—

Councilmember Raben: Well—

Councilmember Bassemier: I mean, no, we can do that, but—

Councilmember Raben: We can do that for the offices that we're assigned to. I mean, I think that's part of what the President is saying, is , you know, you get with your assignments, and you bring your plan, or contingency plan, in the event that we need to dig deeper, and put it in writing. I would certainly like to see it in writing, so that we can, you know, compose it all, and put it together. To echo some of what Councilman Tornatta just stated in terms of Community Corrections, it is important that we, as a group, Mr. President, I don't know if it would hurt to, and this is nothing that you have to do today, or, but maybe think about assigning a committee from this body to talk about the future of Community Corrections in terms of, you know, what type of message we want to give the Commissioners, and the Corrections Board to carry to state, in terms of, you know, our financial commitments, and what have you. You know, it would certainly be prudent in their efforts, and, you know, I've got some ideas on that, but I don't have to share them today.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy and then Mr. Bassemier.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I like Mr. Bassemier's suggestion, but probably, they probably already heard this, and since our minutes are streamed now aren't they?

Suzanne Crouch: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: I haven't tried it yet, I just bought a new computer, so, I'll have to check that out, but I'll bet you we're, I'll bet you the stream is moving, and they know what we're saying here. So, I'm hopeful they hear it. I hope they understand how serious this situation is. This is unlike any year that I've seen since I've been sitting here. This is my tenth budget, and I've never seen a year quite like this. Mr. Wortman has—

President Winnecke: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Hoy: —but I haven't.

Councilmember Bassemier: Now talking about Community Corrections, Sandie and I met with the Sheriff and Eric Williams, and he said before, he can live with whatever we decide, but he would like for us, instead of just throwing numbers, he would like to meet with some of us before, so to prepare him, so that he knows what to do. Before we cut that, I think, you know, we are, or give our suggestions or whatever, we need, like I'm the liaison for that department. So, I wish somebody, a couple of us would go down there and talk with him. All they want is, and he's wanting someone, a judge or two, he's like, he would like to have a couple people there that he's going to name. So, if we could do that I would appreciate it.

President Winnecke: Anyone else? On those uplifting notes, we stand adjourned.

(The meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Phil Hoy

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SPECIAL MEETING
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President Winnecke: I'd like to call the Vanderburgh County Council to order and like to start with attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

President Winnecke: Would you please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Winnecke: Appreciate everyone's attendance this afternoon. I suspect everyone is here in support of the Initiative Based Program and let me explain how I think this will go. I suspect in just a couple of minutes there will be a motion to make an appropriation. There will probably be a second and there will be some discussion. There may be discussion among Councilmembers. So far, four people have signed up to speak and if more would like to speak, you will be more than welcome to. And we'll go from there and then we'll take a vote. I don't think this will be a terribly long meeting but we'll listen to anyone who cares to get up and speak. Mr. Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'm going to move that account 1490-3111 Riverboat, the Initiative Based Assistance Program be set in at \$200,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Is there discussion among Councilmembers?

Councilmember Raben: Just, I had a question of the administrator. Gary, of this entire amount, this is for the sole purpose of daycare, none for the safety net or anything like that, that's associated with your program?

President Winnecke: Gary, could you come to the microphone please?

Gary Heck: I can certainly try. That wasn't as hard as it looked. Gary Heck, Lieberman & Associates. My understanding is yes, that the request for the funds this time was to support childcare only through the end of the year.

Councilmember Raben: You say it's your understanding. You're comfortable with the fact that that is accurate?

Gary Heck: I'm comfortable that that's the number one priority, and if that's all the funds

that are available, then yes sir, I am.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, I was just going to add, Mr. President, I guess, are we going to take the vote first and then hear comments or are we going to hear comments and then take the vote? Which way are we –

President Winnecke: I think in fairness, we'll have comments first and then a vote.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, alright. I think it's good that we get a chance to get the feedback from those who are most affected and have taken an interest in this. And I think quite often, most people kind of take for granted that people are not attuned to what's going on out there, so I think it's – I think it's good one, that we're having this meeting to give people an opportunity to speak before this very important issue and I look forward to hearing some of the great comments about the program and how its benefitted, how its helped a lot of good people out there.

President Winnecke: Any other Councilmembers before we open it up to those who signed up to speak? Okay, we'll – just by the order in which they signed in. Aaron Ramsey. And could anyone who speaks please state their name and organization for the record, please?

Aaron Ramsey: Aaron Ramsey, Evansville Area Community Coordinated Child Care. First I'd like to thank the Council for calling the special meeting and I'd like to thank Commissioner Fanello for bringing my request to you for this meeting. My name is Aaron Ramsey, and I'm Executive Director of Evansville Area Community Coordinated Child Care, also known as 4C. The 4C assists parents in locating child care, we give them information to make informed choices about the care they choose, and we train hundreds of early childhood care givers every year. Everything I do at 4C, everything I do as a mother of four children, and everything I do as a Vanderburgh County resident is fueled by one objective, and that is to ensure that our community's children receive the best care possible. This is why I'm here today representing my colleagues in the early childhood field and many of the parents of Vanderburgh County. I want this Council to be aware of what happens to these children when there are no funds available to subsidize the expense of childcare. One, parents are forced to quit their jobs. Then once again, children are in part of families that are solely reliant upon the system. Number two, parents are forced to put their children in illegally operating childcare or to rely on family and friends, both of which could be detrimental to the child's development and dangerous. Or three, the children are left home alone. I have no doubt that every member of this Council does not want to see a single one of our community's children placed in a compromised and dangerous situation, and I also have no doubt that every member of this Council wants as many people as possible to be constructive long-term taxpaying citizens. This is not possible unless there is financial assistance for childcare for these families who are striving to be financially independent. Childcare costs money, but there is nothing more costly than children who are placed in care that does not foster bonding, security, and safety. There has been a wrong done by the lapse in funding that has occurred in this program. Even if this wrong was not committed by the Council, you now have the power, the means, and opportunity to make the wrong right. It is time for everyone to step out from behind the spreadsheets and step up and acknowledge our community's children regardless of what the amount is on their parents' tax returns. I appreciate all of your time and effort in your public service and I sincerely hope that none of you lose sight of the dangerous ramifications of a community not putting children first. Please reinstate the \$200,000 requested to ensure that childcare is being provided for these families showing initiative. And, Mr. Chair Person, if it's appropriate

at this time, I'd also like to see what I need to do to get the additional \$121,000 reallocated to this program that was initially taken away.

President Winnecke: We can't do that today. We advertised for an appropriation of \$200,000. The Commissioners would have to make that request to this body for a future meeting, and the Commissioner's office is aware of our filing deadlines for appropriations.

Aaron Ramsey: Okay, so can I please put on public record that I'm requesting the Commissioners to ask the Council for the additional \$121,000 be reinstated to the program? Thank you for your time.

President Winnecke: Thank you. Mary Hart?

Mary Hart: Mary Hart, Pigeon Trustee. Really, basically, all I want to tell you is, without this childcare, we're going to increase my caseload in the township trustee's office. If these women do not have childcare, they're going to quit their jobs and then they're going to be back on me. In 1994 when this program was started, we saw a total decrease, a majority decrease in our clientele, because there was supportive services for these families to go to work at low paying jobs. Without this daycare, we're going to see a lot of the families back in our system that worked and has worked really hard since 1994 to come off of the system. I'm just asking that you reinstate the \$200,000 for the childcare.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Mary. Kelly Jacobs?

Kelly Jacobs: I think the last two have said what I wanted to say.

President Winnecke: Okay, thank you. Tim Minnette?

Tim Minnette: Good afternoon. My name is Tim Minnette, I'm the owner of ET Academics, a childcare center in Evansville. If I may, I'd like to ask a question first off. My understanding, the \$200,000 that you've allotted right now or you just voted for, what part of that is the actual cost for just the childcare?

President Winnecke: First of all, we haven't voted yet. That will come after the discussion.

Councilmember Tornatta: \$176,000.

Tim Minnette: So \$200,000 should more than accommodate the total amount of existing care for the families that need it right now?

Councilmember Tornatta: And Gary Heck would be able to answer some of those questions.

President Winnecke: Actually, I believe the –

Councilmember Hoy: Excuse me –

President Winnecke: I believe the figure that was provided by Lieberman & Associates at our last meeting was, this appropriation would accommodate childcare for 155 children for the balance of the year.

Tim Minnette: Okay, but how many are there existing now on the program?

President Winnecke: Mr. Heck would have to answer that question.

Tim Minnette: Could I get an answer from him right now?

President Winnecke: Sure.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, while he's coming to the mike, I did check with Mr. Heck, and the program is going to put all of this money into childcare, period. So all \$200,000 will go into childcare, is that not correct?

Gary Heck: That's not exactly correct. \$178,571.43 would be the actual direct services childcare at the reduced administration rate of 12% that we discussed with the Commissioner's office, and that would be a 20% reduction in the administration fee. And the number that President Winnecke gave on a projection that that amount of money would serve 155 children through the end of the year is correct. On August the 10th, which was the Saturday after the County Council's vote of August 7th, there were at that time 332 children on the program and that was right before school started. So that number had school age kids that would be coming off. So in answer to Mr. Minnette's question, there were 332 at that time, and this would provide services for 155 kids starting September 15, which would be my understanding if the Council took positive action today, that's the earliest the funds would be available when it comes back from the State Board of Accounts. And during that discussion, the only thing that was talked about was childcare, that this money wouldn't be used for anything other than childcare.

Councilmember Hoy: That's my point, I included your –

Gary Heck: The administration fee –

Councilmember Hoy: The administration fee in that figure, but I think people need to understand that we're not talking about job training, we're not talking about transportation, –

Gary Heck: And the safety net for this year, the only thing you're talking about is childcare.

Councilmember Hoy: We're addressing childcare period, today.

President Winnecke: Mr. Minnette, would you like to finish, please?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd like to ask him a question.

President Winnecke: We'll come back to you. Mr. Minnette, go ahead.

Tim Minnette: Do you have any idea what the number of kids lost to the school year, I mean, you said 320, and 150 are paying, how many will actually be cut from the program with just 200.

Gary Heck: Currently, all 322 are cut from the program, so this funding would reinstate 155. And I guess my best guess at how many of the 322 were on childcare, we'd probably, school age childcare, it would probably be in the neighborhood of 45 to 50, so there is going to be – there's no way that the funds that are being talked about today

would serve 100% of the kids that would be eligible.

Tim Minnette: Who is going to chose the 150 kids approximately that won't get –

Gary Heck: All I can tell you is that the initiative Based Assistance Program local planning council met last Wednesday and they made the recommendation that will go to the County Commissioners on how they would envision that priority system working and it's going to depend upon the County Commissioners to accept or modify that plan.

Tim Minnette: Thank you.

Gary Heck: You're welcome, sir.

Councilmember Bassemier: Stay close, Mr. Heck.

Tim Minnette: Ladies and gentlemen, hopefully I drove home the point that concerns me more than anything with that last statement. I'm a businessman, too, and one of the few programs that I do agree with as far as financing and helping out with families happens to be this one. We've got families that are working, families that are deserving and certainly in need of this child care. The rug was pulled out without notice as far as I'm concerned. It not only affected those families, and now we've got roughly 100 to 150 families that, somebody is going to have to decide, they either have the job they've got to quit as Aaron stated, or they're just turning it over again. We just – I don't understand how that could happen. We're all intelligent people, we all work to better the communities and the families here, and we basically just totally changed the lives of over a hundred families. The issue that bothers me is that it turns out to be a big issue of blaming, who is to blame and I don't really think anybody here, I agree with what Aaron said and what everybody else said, I don't believe anybody here wants to hurt anybody, and certainly I hope our families come first in everybody's minds. But we have to find a way that we can to correct this immediate evil and that these parents and these families are scrambling now trying to find out, kids are out. You're not only affecting the families, you're also affecting businesses. I was hit probably by 15 kids. I know there's schools out there that were hit, half of their enrollment was involved. They work with the parties to help these families because it is a concession on their part. And they're not getting paid as well as far as even the last minute payment, I lost a week of payment on that. My point isn't that, it's more the situation of it goes much deeper than it really seems. And the fact that we don't have a program in place that allows if somebody makes a mistake, reporting is not given to you to make your decisions with on time, how are you going to do it? So you need to have something set up on that basis. Our whole program of payout doesn't make sense to me. This area is about 20 to 30 percent under any other place including the state. Bloomington runs about 20 to 25 percent more for childcare in cost. So the analysis of how it ever was arrived at bothers me. And then the fact that, as I said, that the biggest thing in my mind is the fact that absolutely no notice to these people, they have a job today and they're told tomorrow, they don't have a job. So you're affecting businesses they work for, you're affecting those families, and you're affecting just the livelihood of the kids. Obviously, this is the biggest priority. I'm sounding like I'm dumping on you people and I don't mean to sound that away, because I realize the blame goes everywhere. But I'd like to stop the blame and I'd like us to find out, can we cure this and cure it quick, because unfortunately, I don't see \$200,000 curing it. And I know you're not voting on that now. But it needs to be addressed. It's not the answer. You know, if you're going to set a program in place, you've got to follow up. Most of you are in businesses I would assume, independent of this. Most of you wouldn't accept that type of a program with any vendor you'd ever deal with. I certainly

wouldn't. Somebody notified me at the last minute or after the fact, I don't think I'd have a lot of patience with ever dealing with them again. So you have to realize that that's what you're establishing right now. And please understand that this is an issue that goes far beyond business. We're talking about kids. And I ask you to take that to heart and thank you for your time and I'm sorry if, again, if I offend anybody directly, I didn't intentionally mean that. But I do want you to understand how it does affect people deeper.

President Winnecke: Thank you, Mr. Minnette.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

Councilmember Bassemier: I've got a question for him, too. Tim, I've been through your facility out there, you have a real nice place out there. I just want to know, what do you charge per child out there that's on this program?

Tim Minnette: The same thing I would charge everybody. I mean, it is –

Councilmember Bassemier: And that is –

Tim Minnette: – by law I have to. It is, depending on the age, it would be \$130 for an infant and then it would go down as low as \$100 to \$107 for a preschooler.

Councilmember Sutton: Is that, on what basis? Is that weekly, monthly?

Tim Minnette: Weekly. I'm sorry.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, sir.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I think I need to clarify why we're at this point as a Councilman. And, Mr. Minnette, I probably am the most bleeding heart liberal sitting around here, and I know you're not because you told me you weren't when you called me. Is that fair?

Tim Minnette: Correct. I told you, as I said here, I'm not always a backer of welfare because in its concept, it's abuse of both the people on the program and the people who are paying for it, but I think in a program where people are working and getting the aid and have it in place, and even – it's irrelevant what I think – what is relevant is the business tactic behind whether I believe it or not, it was in place –

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, what I'm going to do as soon as I can – my copier at home is not working, but as soon as I can get one functioning, I'm going to make this article available from the Christian Century written by Barbara Howell and Leon Howell, who are two experts in this field. And if we wanted to talk – I don't want to talk blame either, I just want to talk some facts, but if you want to talk blame, you can go back to that wonderful slogan, welfare as we know it, ending it. I think that if you tell a lie like that long enough, everybody believes it. And I think that's why we're here at this point today because I could cite you from this article that New York State, for example, reduced its welfare rolls by 49% after 1994, but only reduced their poverty rate 1.2%. By one estimate 400,000 New York City residents suffered moderate to severe hunger in 1999. And you can go through every state and see that what we did probably didn't help too many people. It got some people to work and the conclusion on this article is, these folks are working just like you said, and that's quite right, but they are not making enough money. The jobs

do not pay enough money. That's my first point, is that we live in a community where the game is to pay as little as possible in all kinds of fields and I've watched this for a long time, not just ten years, but for about 40 years. The second point is, –

Tim Minnette: It is a game or is it the economics of life?

Councilmember Hoy: I think it depends on whether some people deserve to have three condominiums, and an airplane, and a place to keep the airplane, and tax abatement which is welfare for the rich, or whether people who own businesses care about their employees, and some do. Many do. Many take care of them, but many don't, and there are a lot of jobs in this community that pay \$10 and less an hour and its very, very difficult to afford what you need on a job that pays that little and I suspect we have a roomful of people here who know that very well. So, you know, as a food banker, I mean, we're going to pay one way or the other. We pay through charities, we pay through all kinds of programs that they give all kinds of support. We pay through all kinds of bureaucratic structures, we don't seem to mind to do that, doing that. But when it comes to paying human beings for, you know, 40 hours of work at a decent wage, we have some problem with that. But we have no problem with awarding tax abatement recently to a millionaire who was able to give a huge sum of money to one of our local institutions and get an award for it. And I suggest to you that it was his workers who paid the money for that award. That's just a very biased opinion. However, what I want to go back to is our recent history since I got some of my liberal venom out of my spleen...not all of it. It will never go away, it will seep from the casket at the last moment, I am sure. But – they all know me around this table. They tolerate me pretty well. But what happened was, last August, not this past August, but a year ago August, only \$250,000 was put in this budget, Welfare to Work, the whole thing, because we had so much money left over. That money was not encumbered, it wasn't encumbered, I don't think encumbered the year before, but I know it wasn't at the end of last year. Only a part of it was. The amount that was encumbered at the end of the year was money that was already encumbered with a purchase order. That amount was \$212,296.97. Coupled with the budget, that totals \$462,296.97. In January of this year, on the second, because we saw that this program needed more money, we as a Council, put \$124,871 into it. That total that has been spent by this time is \$587,677.97. My point is, we have exceeded that normal half million that we put into this program this year already. I would love to have another million dollars to put into it, but I think it's only fair to this Council to get it on record that we have spent \$87,677.97 more already this year than we ever budgeted for Welfare to Work, which was always a half million. So it – I'm not trying to lay blame, I'm just trying to give you a perspective on this. I would love to vote more money and what I'm looking at right here is that in the General Fund, we have \$828,000 in the General Fund, we have requests two days from now for \$245,977 of that, and in a few months we will have a request for a half million dollars for Patient/Inmate Care for, I believe that's for keeping young people in boys' school and girls' school. Now, as much as my heart bleeds, it does not bleed cash, and we're trying to do our best with this today and that's why I think we're sitting around this table. And as far as blame is concerned, I think there's enough responsibility and blame to cover both parties twice over. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Minnette, were you finished? I'm sorry, you didn't need to stand there the entire time.

Tim Minnette: I'm a little bit confused. The statements, Mr. Hoy, you said that you have allotted so much and you've exceeded that, I don't mean to be so emphatic about the one point that interests me at this point, and that is this help and work program. Whoever told who to go out and get that many families signed up, that the money was there if that's

all you allotted? I mean, it obviously far exceeds what you say you were allotted.

Councilmember Raben: Well, –

Councilmember Hoy: Well, it wasn't anybody sitting around this table that said to go out and seek –

(Inaudible, Tim Minnette speaking at the same time)

Councilmember Hoy: – and we're trying to do our best with it and I think, you know, I would give every cent I could give to this, but I don't think this body necessarily needs to be hit too hard over our role.

Councilmember Raben: I personally want to thank Councilman Hoy for –

President Winnecke: Excuse me, Jim, did you have a question for Mr. Minnette?

Councilmember Raben: No, I do not. But this may clarify some questions he has, too. When Mr. Hoy referred to encumbrances, and the figure that he had stated was roughly \$212,000 and some change, and the lady that spoke first, I don't recall her name –

President Winnecke: Aaron.

Councilmember Raben: – referred to the \$300,000, and what Mr. Hoy is referring to is that that was money available to carry into this program this year from last year. And that was not done. This body never took any money from this program. I hope everybody understands this, that the administrators of the program didn't request for those funds to remain in this program. And, again, you know, we're – to tell you where we're at this year, the Commissioners actually only requested \$250,000 for this program next year, but this body, a week ago, voted to increase that to \$500,000. So we're doing what we can to support this program, but let's go back to the \$300,000 that was requested by the first lady to put back into the program. After today's appropriation, and so everybody relaxes, I'm 100% sure that this vote is going to go through for the \$200,000. But we will have exceeded that \$300,000 that stayed in the program last year in additional appropriations. After today, we will have put almost \$325,000 additional dollars in this program this year, above and beyond what was budgeted for. So, in essence, we have replaced that money that was not requested last year.

Gary Heck: The only point –

President Winnecke: We're going to – just a second. Let Mr. Heck speak and then anyone else from the audience that wants to speak, and then we're going to wrap it up with Councilmembers.

Gary Heck: The only point of clarification I'd like to make is when Mr. Raben says administrators of the program, he wasn't referring to Lieberman & Associates because we don't have the authority to encumber the money. And we can check with the Auditor on that, but that's certainly been my understanding. And if I had the authority to do that, I can assure you we wouldn't be here today. And there would be a lot more money in this program. Is that, I mean, is that okay?

Councilmember Raben: That's fair, yes.

Gary Heck: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: Anyone else from the audience who either got here late after the sign up sheet went around or...

Mia Dix: Good afternoon. I think you guys probably remember me from the last meeting. I'm Mia Dix. I told you before I was a real estate agent. I'm also a full-time student at the University of Southern Indiana, and I'm a single parent with a two-year old son in daycare. Currently, I pay \$130 a week and I am really confused now in regards to where we sit on however much money is becoming available and who is going to get cut from this program because there is not enough funds available and am I going to be one of those people? I really need your help. That's all I can tell you right now is, whatever you can do to make the money become available even more than what's been appropriated now, I think we need to remember this is all about the people. This is a great country that we live in, there's money that can become available for us to further our education. Because people abuse welfare doesn't mean that the people that are really striving to better themselves has to be affected by that. I think that with what I'm trying to do, is I'm trying to donate something to our society today. I'm trying to further my education in that I bring my son up in a household that is an educated household and maybe he would be more apt to want to further his education, too. So that's kind of a trickle down effect and it betters our society in a whole. We have more educated people. And maybe something with this program can be initiated where we have families that are trying to further their education to be qualified for higher paying jobs. I don't know what, how the system works or what can be done, but I think that we all need to remember that we're talking about people, we're not talking about drainage ditches and ditches, and you know, plug ins at Burdette Park for our campers and different things like that. I know where we sit on a financial level as far as our local state and federal, we're in a crises right now, but I know that people should come first. And that the money is available from somewhere. I don't know where, but I'm sure that you guys can find it. I'm sure that the Commission, with the Commission's help, too, that we can make the money become available for the – more than enough for the rest of this year and for many years to come for people that are striving to make our society better. And I am one of those people and I need your help. And I appreciate you guys coming here today. It's very special, it's a blessing, this program is a blessing, and it's a blessing that you came here and provided us with this special meeting. I can't tell you, from the bottom of my heart I thank you, Mr. Winnecke, I thank you guys so much for coming here today. It means so much to – because this program was going to be over, you know, for the rest of this year, and you're going to make it possible for us to be able to continue on. So thank you so much for doing this and keep in your hearts that, you know, this is people that we're talking about and the money can become available from somewhere. So thank you so much.

President Winnecke: Thank you.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President? I have one quick question. Maybe I am missing something but, Gary, it was requested of your office back a few weeks ago what exactly it would require in terms of dollars and cents to fund this program for the balance of the year. I mean, am I missing something? Have those figures changed or...

Gary Heck: I don't believe there was a request made to my office for that amount of money. I know when I appeared at the August 7th meeting, the only discussion and the only reason I was here was to ask for the funds that have lapsed at the end of 2001. And we never talked about anything else other than that to my knowledge.

Councilmember Raben: Well, where did the \$176,000 figure come in?

Gary Heck: Oh, there was a request – someone asked if \$200,000 was made available,

how much of childcare would that purchase, and that's what prompted it. And I'm not sure if that was this group that made that request or who made the request, but that's where that answer came from.

Councilmember Sutton: I think maybe one other point of clarification, too, and we may want to add here and we've heard a lot of figures kind of thrown back and forth and the 300 some odd thousand dollar figure. Essentially what that amount was when you guys originally were requesting that, was not money that was going to be asked over and above what was going to be allocated. But essentially, what was being asked for, each year we've set aside \$500,000. And not every year, the program hasn't spent up to that level every year, hasn't spent \$500,000 every year. So there was a period of time where the funds that were not used, you came this year, the funds were being used at a much more rapid pace than they had been in previous years and you were seeking to get what had already been amassed over that period of time. Understanding how this body works, if those funds are not encumbered, then they revert back into the general fund, so that's maybe for clarification. These funds were to be set aside separately, but like I say, if a specific use wasn't set aside for those funds, then those funds would essentially go away and go into the general fund. And that's really what we find ourselves here in this situation, though we have spent, you know, over 500, we really haven't exceeded the amount that was allocated for the life of the program.

Gary Heck: Well, there's a further clarification to that, Councilman Sutton, and that is last year during the budget hearings when only \$250,000 was requested and Councilman Hoy touched upon this, the reason it was is because there was this sum of money there. And the \$321,284.84 in question was part of that money that was already there. Okay, so at the end of the year when that money lapsed, it no longer was available for this program and it reverted to the general fund.

Councilmember Sutton: And I guess that's the point, I think that maybe is just causing a little bit of confusion on where the money went, I guess, and people are trying to follow the cycle of how the money flows so that we can be very clear on that. So if we were, for example, if we had an appropriation for the 300 some odd thousand dollars today, though for the year, we would spend in excess of what we've ever, in excess of what we've ever spent on this program. But for the life of the program, we still would be spending the amount that was allocated each and every year.

Gary Heck: The amount that was allocated, appropriated and approved. Yes sir, that's correct.

President Winnecke: Okay, I'm sorry, we had a speaker come up and then we'll get back to your questions. Sorry.

Jamil Wali: My name is Jamil Wali and this program kind of touches home because I have a couple of kids myself who's on the program. And what I wanted to know is why there's not a safety net in place and how these guys came up with the figure of the amount of money needed and how it exceeded more than that. And who is making the reports to maybe the Commissioners or you guys on how that money was spent if there was some left over money, how come there's a problem now? If proper proceedings are being made and people are reporting to you that there is maybe 500 kids on the program, so we need \$130 for each kid, so that you know how much money to appropriate, how much money is being spent with this organization or that organization, or if it's being spent with more different organizations? Does anybody have any kind of answer for me?

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton first.

Councilmember Sutton: I can't answer all parts of your question, so some of the other Councilmen may jump in here, but I can tell you a little bit on the early parts of it. Approximately six years ago I met with the County Commissioners. We had just received what the riverboat, the initiative had passed successfully here, and went through the process of determining what those funds would actually be used for, the revenue we received from the riverboat. And at that time, it was kind of a guesstimation that we would receive somewhere around the neighborhood of about 1.5 million dollars on riverboat gaming revenue. And in the meeting that I had with the Commissioners, discussed about the whole concept and idea of using a third of that for those who were using, that were the working poor, and what we called the Initiative Based Assistance Program or some calling Welfare to Work. I like using the Initiative Based Assistance Program. And the intent was to set aside \$500,000 from those proceeds. Now at that time, we didn't know, like I said, we were guesstimating that they would be about 1.5, didn't know exactly that they would come out to that amount, and so that's where we came up with the \$500,000 figure. Now there have been times when the proceeds from the riverboat gaming revenues have exceeded that. In fact, most recently have been right around two million dollars, but we've remained at the \$500,000 figure. So that's a little bit of the history on it, so each year we have appropriated the same amount on the riverboat gaming revenues according to our original intent of the program.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Even though I'm supposed to be semi-retired, I try to keep in contact with all kinds of people including wealthy people, middle class people and poor people, and the figures for childcare are going to be all over the road. Examples have been cited costing as much as what, \$130, \$140 a week. I sat down with a family who called me and I went through their entire budget with them. And they have a relative, they went to a relative because it was only \$50 a week. They're in the program, by the way. This is a family that's in the program. They have two preschoolers, that's \$100 a week, and then they had two children in school who need care afterwards because both their jobs go way beyond the close of school. There's no surprise there. That's \$27 a week per child with the school corporation, so their bill is \$616 a month for four children, which is at the low end. But when you compare it with their income, it's a lot of money. You know, so I'm not trying to minimize what they pay, but you're going to find figures that go, that's why it's hard to determine, I would think. Mr. Heck has some problem determining it because you'll have a wide span if some people, you know, are using relatives as these folks happen to be. And in this case it was a good choice for them. It helps them make ends meet. I would add to that, they're renting a very modest house and their rent, besides utilities for a modest three bedroom house is \$600 a month. So you – and they both work. I mean, we're talking about people who work and just simply don't make enough money and I think we need to keep re-emphasizing that because as much as we can do as a Council, we can't subsidize all the low paying jobs in this city. I wish, I guess I wish we could. I much prefer the viewpoint of Miamodities, whose eighth step of charity is to pay somebody enough money that they don't need charity. But I –

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy, we need to change the tape.

(Tape Changed)

President Winnecke: Did anyone else care to speak before we take a vote? Yes ma'am?

Councilmember Tornatta: I have a question for Gary.

President Winnecke: We'll get to it.

Leslie Fingers: Good afternoon, Councilmembers. My name is Leslie Fingers, I'm a caseworker for the Division of Family & Children and I am a Gatekeeper parent. I have written a letter to each of you stating my concerns about this program. I hold two bachelors degrees and I work for the state of Indiana, and I'm a single parent ordered \$28 a week in child support that I've not received since 1998. My daycare expense has went to \$709 per month and I live in income based housing, but my housing is still \$538 based on my income. I have 12 hours left to complete my masters degree, and I think that everyone is not realizing that the reason there's not enough money right now is because there's a lot of people doing things that they weren't doing before. The Gatekeeper program has stipulations that you have to be in an educational/work activity to receive your program of at least 20 hours per week. So the citizens of Evansville must be doing something productive in order to obtain these funds. There must be more than there were before if they are running out of money more quickly than they did before. I have worked with Branchville Correctional Facility in the Substance Abuse Department as an intern and I've done my internship with the Youth Care Center, and I've went through juvenile probation and I worked with boys' school and girls' school in Indianapolis and in Vincennes. He mentioned allocating \$500,000 to keep children in boys' school and girls' school, and I'm trying to keep my children in daycare, they actually went to ET Academics, but I can't afford that any more at a facility that I don't have to worry about them going to (inaudible). That is my main priority and I knew that I would get emotional and I thought twice about coming up here.

President Winnecke: You're doing fine.

Leslie Fingers: But I'm not the only one out here who is – I don't make enough money to pay my rent and my childcare. That's it. That is my entire pay and I work for the state of Indiana, and I have for three years, and I'm an educated individual. I go to job interviews after job interviews in this city and the jobs are not there, because they hire people that have eight and nine years experience. I don't have that experience, I haven't been given that option. It's not that I just sat there and accepted, you know, what life has given to me. I work very diligently to try to change that situation. But without this safety net, he mentioned a safety net, this is the safety net that this county offers. And without it, I would have never obtained two bachelor's degrees at the University of Southern Indiana, and I wouldn't be in masters school, which Gatekeeper doesn't even pay my daycare for that, because it doesn't recognize anything over a bachelor's degree. I know that the money is gone and you're wanting to decide how to get it back, but when you reallocate these funds for next year, you really need to consider, you know, do we need to keep our kids in boys' school and girls' school, or do we need to keep them out when they're babies. Because that's where it starts and if we don't have that, it's just going to get worse and you'll be here in ten years wanting to allocate a million dollars to keep all of our kids in boys' school and girls' school because we couldn't. I appreciate your time and I respect your vote, but I hope that you consider that as a society in general, because it is very important that we have quality childcare and if we don't have that assistance, it's very difficult to find it. Thanks.

President Winnecke: Thank you.

Councilmember Tornatta: Gary, of the \$321,000 that we had talked about and thought that maybe had been pulled back, of what percentage would go to childcare of that money? Is that a hard question?

Gary Heck: If it was returned this year, every penny of it would.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I guess what I'm saying is, if it were allocated just like it was, what percentage would have went to childcare, because you have certain –

Gary Heck: I'd have to look at my report but I believe at the time when we looked at it, there was 135 out of that amount was originally, that's where it came out of. That figure could change, but I –

Councilmember Tornatta: I guess what I want to say is that, you know, there are other programs that we do fund out of the \$500,000 or \$250,000 or whatever is allocated each year.

Gary Heck: That's correct.

Councilmember Tornatta: By pretty much demanding that this money get set in at the childcare level, I think that we are trying to compensate at least for that area to say that those monies set aside are for the parents and the children to make sure that they are taken care of. And although right now, we're trying to come up with another \$121,000, I think that some degree should go to the fact that we are at least providing to those parents and children for their healthcare or for the childcare. And where otherwise, it might go to getting their car fixed, it might go to helping them get to and from work, and, I mean, although I'm a proponent and was a proponent that we give you back every bit of money that we had allocated, I want to give something right now and to vote, again, the \$200,000 is not going to get us any further, but I think that I want to show that at least this Council is concerned in putting all the money that is allocated today toward the childcare and, you know, its disturbing to see that the – you know, sometimes when there's a split up and somebody pays child support, they're only paying \$100 a month or \$100 a week and that's got to go to feed a kid, clothe a kid, and to take care of his childcare. And I don't see how that's done. And so, my hat goes off to –

Gary Heck: Well, the short answer is, it's not.

Councilmember Tornatta: And I'm understanding that. And it's disturbing and we see that. And the only thing I ask is the people out there, we appreciate you coming up and speaking. We appreciate your support. There are some things in our finances that we want to be able to take care of, this is one of them that I want to take care of. And I wanted to do it at a higher level, but at this time, I want to get what we can get right now. And right now, it looks like it will be the \$200,000 and I appreciate what you do, Gary, because Gary really works hard at this program to make sure it works and it works efficiently, which you can't say for all people.

Gary Heck: Thank you for that. Could I clarify one point, though? This gentleman asked a very important question about the number of people that were on the program. And as you all know, the childcare services is available for up to a year, so when some folks were put on this program, the \$321,000 was actually there, and so I don't want to leave the perception in the crowd at least that the program was mismanaged because of that, okay? Thanks.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question –

President Winnecke: There's a young woman who would like to speak and then we'll get back to some questions.

Patricia Holloway: Well, first of all, –

Councilmember Tornatta: Just give her the mike if you want to.

Patricia Holloway: I apologize for my slightly rambunctious daughter, but I pretty much have to take her everywhere with me now. I know I'm going to get emotional up here.

President Winnecke: Could you please state your name, I'm sorry, for the record.

Patricia Holloway: I'm sorry. My name is Patricia Holloway. And I'm a single mother of three. This is my oldest daughter. I have twin daughters that are 17 months old and they've all been going to East Side Christian School on Bayard Park Drive and they have a wonderful director there, Miss Norma Weber, she's an excellent lady, and she's been working with me and actually, since the cuts here, she has kept our spots open for us hoping that we would be able to come back. So I would just like to say thank you to her for that. And I thank you for calling this meeting and allowing us to be all teary and come up here and speak. I thank the other mothers and people out there that care and have been doing so much to help us, people from Family & Children, 4C's, and early childhood program, Kathy Boswell has been wonderful. For the past year, I've been in Evansville about a year and a half, and for the past year been working a job that pays \$6.50 an hour, which I feel is far below my capabilities. I have about three and a half years of college education and I would like to get back and I was working that job, it was a day job, and I was working that hopefully to get back to school at night, and its just been real tough. We've been on the Step Ahead program for probably about a year, almost since I came here, and its enabled me to go to work and know that my kids are in a safe place, don't have to worry about them. And they're getting education there. And I was just able to get the week before the cut, I just got a great new job making two dollars more an hour which will eventually in the next year or two, hopefully lead to a management position and I'll be leaving Evansville. They will give me my own store wherever I'm needed. And so at that point, hopefully I will be salaried and would not need programs like this anymore. That's the point, to get better, to better myself and make the kind of life for my children that I want them to have. And hopefully, this new position will allow me to save money for them so they can go to college, too, and not be stuck in situations like this where, like everyone said, you just don't make enough money no matter how much you try. I actually moved here to be with their father and he is the father of all three of my children, and he has had a lot of problems since we came here and has taken off and left us, and so we're pretty much by ourselves. We rent a place, and the bills there run us about 800 to 900 dollars a month. And on the Step Ahead Program, which the three of them are at East Side Christian, my extra cost was only \$29 a week for all three of them and I was thrilled to death because they need new shoes for fall, all three of them. They need new clothes. The twins, obviously, who were babies last year can't fit in none of their stuff, they need completely new wardrobes, they need winter clothes, all these things that I have no idea how I'm going to pay for now and get them. They all three need car seats, that's like \$400 right there. I have no idea how we're going to get this stuff. And just trying to pay the rent. I had a water disconnect notice today. Their daycare costs me, for three of them, \$250 a week, and that's the discount price for having two extra siblings there. So I figured that it costs me a thousand dollars a month to have them in a place where I know they are safe and being educated and well taken care of and have meals, have other kids to play with. And I just don't know how I'm going to do it, I'm at a loss. Without this program, we're just crushed. Sorry. We're trying so hard to get ahead and I don't – welfare is not an option for me. I don't consider this a welfare program, I've never been on welfare, no one in my family has ever been on welfare, and I'm not going to start now. And we have no family or friends here – I mean, I have my friends from work, but with three small

children, you don't exactly get to get out and socialize too much. So I have no family here. They're all like eight hours away. So its been real tough and a lot of her dad's family members, they're kind of a problem family, a lot of stuff seems to run in their family, and I can't depend on any of them to help me. And I've had a lot of hostility from them, actually. But we're just doing the best I can and I just wanted you to see that, you know, we're one of the families affected by this and hopefully we can come to a solution to get these kids back where they need to be, and not moms on welfare. That's not what we need. That costs the state too much. This is a little bit of money we're talking about. It's not that much. And I used to work on a casino boat, for the record, and it was a small one, and I know what they raked in a year, so I have a pretty good idea of what this casino boat here makes, it's a large metropolis area. And I think if this program is funded by the revenues from the casino boat, there shouldn't be a problem. We shouldn't be here talking about this. There should be plenty of money to help the people who need it. We're not talking about people who abuse the system, we're talking about people like me and Mia back here, people that are working and getting so called real jobs and trying to get ahead. So that's all I wanted to say and I thank you, everyone, for listening and apologize again for my –

President Winnecke: She's great, thank you.

Patricia Holloway: Anything you want to say, hon?

(Inaudible)

Patricia Holloway: Alright, that's good enough.

President Winnecke: Thank you. I think we're – Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I'd like to, Mr. Heck, please?

Gary Heck: Yes sir.

Councilmember Bassemier: What do you see for next year? Even though there's only \$250,000 asked from the Commissioners for next year and the Council decided to give \$500,000, and since you're going to exceed that \$500,000 this year, what do you see in the future? Are these folks going to be back next year wanting more money? Is there going to be enough for next year?

Gary Heck: If the question is, will \$500,001 meet the need of all the eligible clients, the answer is no. If the question is, if the Commissioners and Council award \$500,001, would we come back and ask for more money and new money, my answer would be no because as I stated earlier, we've always worked within the system with this program, and my understanding was that the County Commissioners prepare the budget, you folks fund it. And we've never come back and asked for additional funds over and above what was already approved. Now, will the \$500,000 meet the need? No, it won't. But if that's what's gone through the community process and that's what's approved, then that's the budget we'll live within. And we'll project that out for the whole year and that's what will be served.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: It will not be enough money and this – in my rage awhile ago, that's what I was trying to say and that is, the federal government has cut funding enormously, passed that on to the states, states are cutting money. I'm a member of the Governor's

advisory board for the Family and Social Services Administration, and every month I go to Indianapolis and all I see are cuts. And those cuts will fall on us. We all know how much money we have here and you all know the budget crunch we're facing. It's not a pretty picture. What we have today is, unfortunately, what the United States asked for and it was a gigantic mistake. Nobody wants to be on welfare. Nobody wants to stay on welfare. But the curtain is going to drop on TANF, and in this state certain things are going to drop October the 1st, because that's the federal fiscal year. And we're going to see some more drops in funding and – no, a half million, I think if we took all the Riverboat money, and there's not an endless amount, we have what, 1.7 million this year from Riverboat? Something like that, for the county. You probably could use all of that.

Gary Heck: You want me to answer that?

Councilmember Hoy: You may.

Councilmember Sutton: But, Councilman Hoy, I think there's, you know, a point that should be made and that is, you know, over the past several years, five or six years, the county has made a concerted effort to each year put something aside for this program showing its interest in helping the working poor and the family, but the County Council or the county is not the only government body that receives proceeds from the Riverboat gaming dollars.

Councilmember Hoy: That's true.

Councilmember Sutton: And I really and truly would like to see, and I've read some things and heard some things, but I really would like to see the other entity that receives Riverboat gaming dollars in this community make a commitment to this program, and that would be the city of Evansville.

Councilmember Hoy: You bet.

Councilmember Sutton: In fact, they receive more money than we receive.

Councilmember Hoy: That's correct.

Councilmember Sutton: And I don't know what that amount is, but they have a rather large amount, so the amounts that we're talking about for trying to commit to a program like this, like I said, we don't know how long the riverboat gaming dollars will be here. We're doing what we can with the pot that we've been given, but what you need, clearly, the resources that we have – your need exceeds our resources. But I really would like to see the city step up and make a commitment from their riverboat gaming dollars to support this program as well. It's a great program. Its proven it.

President Winnecke: Mr. Bassemier, then we're going to take a vote.

Councilmember Bassemier: Royce about said it all. I was just going to also ask these people to do the same thing you're doing here today, go over to the City Council because I know it's a really good program and I know you people are in need of it and I'd like to see you all get some money than what you're really getting. But like Mr. Sutton said, we're almost tapped out. But anyway, I'd like to see all of you go over to the City Council because they also get riverboat money. Thank you very much.

President Winnecke: Thank you. I'd like to thank everyone for their attendance today.

I'd also like to acknowledge the Commissioners who have presented to me on two occasions now, a number of petitions that many of you have signed and many others in the community, and then we've made part of the public record, and I appreciate everyone's passion for their own community. The motion on the floor is to appropriate \$200,000 to line item 1490-3111 Initiative Based Assistance Program. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, you had mentioned the petitions that were signed. For the record, could you indicate how many names were signed on those petitions?

President Winnecke: They're not numbered, I'd have to go through and count them. Several.

Councilmember Hoy: One of you bankers should count them.

Councilmember Sutton: I like those numbers. I said at our last – when this was voted down last month that, you know, we need to see the faces of the working poor and I think we've obviously seen that there are a lot of people out there who are affected by what we do here on the Council and I'd like to do, like to see us do more than the \$200,000, but it appears that that's all that we have available at this time. Oh, there's more coming.

President Winnecke: They're not numbered either.

Councilmember Sutton: How many pages?

President Winnecke: A lot.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, a lot. Do we have Deloitte & Touche anywhere near? They could tally up those for us. But my vote is yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

RIVERBOAT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1490-3111	Initiative Based Assistance Program	200,000.00	200,000.00
Total		200,000.00	200,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: Motion passes. And the amount is set in at \$200,000. And with that –

Councilmember Tornatta: Motion to adjourn.

President Winnecke: Motion to adjourn. We are adjourned. Thank you.

(Meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

_____ President Lloyd Winnecke	_____ Vice President Ed Bassemier
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_____ Councilmember James Raben	_____ Councilmember Phil Hoy
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_____ Councilmember Curt Wortman	_____ Councilmember Royce Sutton
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Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 4, 2002**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 4th day of September, 2002 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by County Council President, Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good afternoon, whoa, good afternoon, I would like to welcome everyone to the September 4th meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. We'll begin with attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton		X*
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

*Arrived at 3:35p.m.

President Winnecke: Would you please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 7, 2002 COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES APPROVAL OF AUGUST 6-8, 2002 & AUGUST 13-15, 2002 BUDGET HEARING MINUTES

President Winnecke: Okay, I'll entertain a motion to approve the minutes from our August 7th meeting, and the August 6th, 7th, 8th, 13th, 14th and 15th budget hearing minutes.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion carried 6-0/Councilmember Sutton not present.)

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS
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AREA PLAN

President Winnecke: Okay, Mr. Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. First on the agenda is Area Plan, 1240-3610, Legal Services, in the amount of \$20,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

AREA PLAN		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1240-3610	Legal Services	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total		20,000.00	20,000.00

(Motion carried 6-0/Councilmember Sutton not present.)

COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under County Commissioners, 1300-3040, Soil and Water, \$2,097. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Hoy: Second. I'll second, and I commented last week that I would check into that. Those are the funds needed for finishing the year. That will take care of the rest of the year.

Councilmember Wortman: You (Inaudible) with that number?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, but they are needed for the end of the year.

President Winnecke: Okay, there's a motion and a second. Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Winnecke: Let the minutes reflect Mr. Sutton has arrived.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3040	Soil & Water	2,097.00	2,097.00
Total		2,097.00	2,097.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next 1300-3051, \$50,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3051	Lodging of Inmates	50,000.00	50,000.00
Total		50,000.00	50,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next 1300-3760, Occu-Med, in the amount of \$5,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3760	Occu-Med	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total		5,000.00	5,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Community Corrections, 1361-1850, the request was for \$25,000. The Sheriff's office has volunteered to pay that out of User Fees. I will move that that be set in at zero.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Raben: The only discussion I would have, is I would thank them for working with us on this, and the \$180,000 line item that they picked up on the budget side. So, I think that was a great gesture, and thank them.

President Winnecke: I think we have a procedure....Jim, I think, we need to set this in, and then repeal it later. We need to set it in at \$25,000, and then repeal it.

Sandie Deig: And then they have to put the User Fees back into the General Fund.

Councilmember Raben: Okay. Alright, I'll amend my motion to read 1361-1850, Union Overtime, \$25,000.

Councilmember Wortman: And I'll second that too.

President Winnecke: Okay. Are there questions or discussion? I would echo Councilman Raben's point that, a special thank you to the Sheriff's office, all the offices, but they made a, I think, a larger sacrifice, or as large a sacrifice as anyone, and we appreciate that. Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1361-1850	Union Overtime	25,000.00	25,000.00
Total		25,000.00	25,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

THE CENTRE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, The Centre, 1440-3536, Other Operating, in the amount of \$100,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: A motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

THE CENTRE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1440-3536	Centre Operating Acct.	100,000.00	100,000.00
Total		100,000.00	100,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 1440-1910, PERF, in the amount of \$6,200. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

THE CENTRE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1440-1910	PERF	6,200.00	6,200.00
Total		6,200.00	6,200.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Burdette Park, 1450-1180, and 1450-1900, for a total request of \$37,680. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim? Jim, can we...Steve Craig's got a question on that.

President Winnecke: Yeah, there's a motion and a second. Steve, do you want to just come up?

Steve Craig: Steve Craig, Manager of Burdette.

Councilmember Bassemier: Can that appropriation be taken out of the Float Stand Account? On the other employees? They just made a motion for \$37,680.

Steve Craig: I would have to see if we have enough money to have an operating balance for next year. We haven't got all of the receipts into that.

Councilmember Bassemier: So, that's a maybe?

Steve Craig: A maybe.

Councilmember Raben: Do you know what that account balance is right now?

Steve Craig: I couldn't tell you (Inaudible).

Suzanne Crouch: I believe they can go ahead and appropriate, and then they can check and blue claim into the General Fund from that Float Stand Account, if there is sufficient revenue. You've done that before for—

Steve Craig: Different things, yes.

Suzanne Crouch: Yes, uh-huh.

Steve Craig: I don't know if we would have the full amount, but I could check to see what we could put in.

Councilmember Bassemier: Do you want to set that in at zero, Jim, until we can—

Councilmember Tornatta: Set it in at the full amount.

Councilmember Raben: Well, I think we'll have to treat this—

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: —like we did the other budget.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Set it in for the full amount, and then—

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: —let him come back with it.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion?

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, Steve.

Steve Craig: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1450-1180	Other Employees	35,000.00	35,000.00
1450-1900	FICA	2,680.00	2,680.00
Total		37,680.00	37,680.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY HIGHWAY

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, County Highway, 2010-3010 in the amount of \$27,256, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2010-3010	Other Insurance	27,256.00	27,256.00
Total		27,256.00	27,256.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Cum Bridge, account 2030-4404, University Parkway Bridge in the amount of \$1,610,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-4404	University Parkway Bridge #2200	1,610,000.00	1,610,000.00
Total		1,610,000.00	1,610,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Local Roads and Streets, 2160-4825, in the amount of \$5,000. I will move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2160-4825	Pine Place-Heather Court	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total		5,000.00	5,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL PROJECT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, 3660-4110, Land, in the amount of \$37,500. I will move that that be set in at zero.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I don't really want to get into a great deal of debate on this subject, because I know we spoke to it, at length, last week, but, there has been a million dollars put in place for the purchase of land, and if they opt to spend nearly \$38,000 before we even begin negotiations, or see any appraisals on the property, you know, that's their business. If they want to spend it out of the million, you know, they can certainly do that, but, at this point, I would not encourage this body to invest an additional \$37,500.

Councilmember Sutton: Got a question.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Last week when we were talking about this, one of the things that we talked about was the information that CSX may fax over, or get to us, or get us a better idea on their results from the phase one. On the environmental impact of on the use of this particular land. I don't know if one of the Commissioners, or, David, if you want to, if you got any information, or anything different from what we had last week. Last week there wasn't, you were anticipating that. Just wanted to know if you've heard anything? If you have, what did they send you?

David Mosby: I haven't got the information yet, but, yes, I did have conversation with Mark Freeland on Friday, and CSX, at their expense, is doing a phase one. That's all they're doing. They said they normally don't do that, but, in this case, they will do a phase one environmental, and that's as far as they'll go. They will send us the information as soon as they have it in hand. It will be conducted by their people.

Councilmember Tornatta: And is that phase one, or phase two? I thought they already did the phase one.

David Mosby: This is a phase one. They are going to have it done by their people, and they will send us the results after. They had ran a historical on the property.

Councilmember Sutton: So, I guess, maybe I was under the impression last week they had already completed that. Is this something they are going to do again?

David Mosby: They completed a historical. So, now they are going to go ahead and contract for a phase one and pay for it, so that we can have the paperwork on it.

Councilmember Sutton: And based upon what they find out from the phase one—

David Mosby: They will not go no further, regardless of what it shows.

Councilmember Sutton: And what's their time table on actually initiating the phase one?

David Mosby: He said he was ordering it on Friday. They've done ordered the amended appraisal. He's waiting for the results of the appraisal, and he said as soon as he gets the environmental, he'll get us the information on that.

Councilmember Sutton: Did they, they didn't give any indication about how long they think that will be before they get back those results on the appraisal, and the phase one?

David Mosby: No. He just said at their mercy, you know, as soon as he gets it, he will get it to us.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

David Mosby: I mean, we're curious to see it too.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess, the other thing that we talked about too last week was, you know, from the method that we're intending to use to finance this project being bond financing, if we were able to get any information that talks about the criteria required from the bond side.

David Mosby: I did contact Mr. Pittman at Baker and Daniels, and he also put Mary Lisher on the phone, who is the head of all the real estate for Baker and Daniels, and it is in no way ever the responsibility of the seller to provide you with any of that. He said there is an IRPTL law, that if you're referring to IRPTL, they have to make you aware of any problems with the property. If there was ever underground tanks or anything like that. I had Mr. Pittman e-mail me that, so that you can have a copy of it. We also asked him about the environmental for the project, and it's not required, but, I'll let you read this, and you'll see some things that will definitely—

Councilmember Sutton: Hold on, before you move away—

David Mosby: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: You say it's not required. It as being phase one, phase two? When you say it, what are you referring to?

David Mosby: The environmental is not...it just says, you know, the environmental reports relating to the property, it's purpose is to purchase for jail site could do a bond financing related to the jail, while we are not aware of any specific legal requirements for such reports, we would strongly recommend that the county obtain such reports; (1) without knowing the environmental conditions of the property, the county is not in good position to know how much the property is worth, and how much the county should pay for the property. (2) Although we have not specifically researched the issue, they may well be liability for the county, if the county acquires the land without environmental...with environmental problems. (3) If the financing is done on a lease financing with a mortgage running in favor of the bondholder, and it is currently contemplated not having environmental reports might negatively impact the marketability of the bonds. So, there are the reasons, you know, that he has stated. Like I say, the other one is a requirement of the seller, and it's not. You know, he said it's not required, so.

Councilmember Raben: I believe I had stated that last week. I put it both, in both respective to private industry and government, that it would make it tougher to sell bonds. You know, in the private sector, it's next to impossible to get any type of loan without, you know, clean title, as far as the environmental study. So, I had made that point last week.

President Winnecke: Anyone else? I'm sorry.

Councilmember Tornatta: What is the breakdown? I think you had a breakdown on the three things that you are going to do with the \$37,500.

David Mosby: 15,000 of it would be for the geo-tech. 7,500 would be for the survey, and the other 15,000 would be for the environmental.

Councilmember Sutton: One more time.

David Mosby: 15 on the environmental, 15 on the geo-tech, and 750, 7,500 on the survey to break the land. Because there's 82.2 acres out there, so we'll have it surveyed off to select the amount of land that we decide we could buy with whatever the price is. We'll have to do a survey.

Councilmember Tornatta: Now we would have to do a geo-tech and a survey regardless, is that correct?

David Mosby: Yeah, I mean, to set the boundaries of whatever we decide to buy, I mean, we'll have to survey the land, and show what we would like to have, which we know is going to be the southern end of the property. But, to come out with the lines, I mean, yeah, we would have to survey. Geo-tech, I mean, we would have to do it, to see if the ground is going to be capable of holding what we're trying to build.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I mean, the way I look at it, I see, you know, if the environmental is not what this Council is looking to see you do, at this time, I sure do think that we would like to see what the geo-tech study would say, and the survey would say, and then, I don't know what that has to do with purchasing the land out of the land price. We gave you a million dollars and a penny to spend on land, yet this is not buying land. This is everything you have to do to buy land. So, I mean, that's where I differ from some of the other Councilman on this. I think that's quite adequate, even if we don't give you the extra 15,000.

Councilmember Raben: You know, I guess, again, it comes back to the original topic, who's responsible for what? The initial surveying, if parcels need to be broke up, or the property needs to be split up, the land...the buyer takes care of title searches and things of that nature, but surveying work, again, falls back on the back of the property owner, the person that's selling the property. Again, I would question that any real estate transaction that's taken place in the last ten years in this county, where the person that has not even made a commitment to buying the property, the real estate has paid for the site survey, and for the environmental studies.

David Mosby: I beg to differ with you, because I just bought a piece of land earlier this year, and the property owners all had to pitch in for the survey and the attorney.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, we're dealing with—

David Mosby: So, I mean, I'll differ with you—

Councilmember Sutton: —an unusual seller. We're dealing with an unusual seller here, you know.

Councilmember Hoy: We're dealing with a railroad.

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: Why do you think the inventors of the Monopoly game put four railroads on that board? If you own all four of them, you're going to win the game.

Councilmember Raben: I'm going to put this rest. Again, you know, we've given a million dollars. Go out, make the best deal you can do. I would spend, I would recommend you spend as little as possible on doing things that are their responsibility, so you get as much acreage for that million as you can get. You know, I can say, go to work. I'm tired of hearing it.

David Mosby: Oh, we're not waiting on you. I mean, we're working. There's no doubt. I mean, we've got this moving.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: I think, across the board, I think we all are in agreement that we're fine with this particular site. I mean, I think from all of what we've talked about, and discussed, up to this point, I think there's pretty much a consensus across the board that the Wansford Yard

location is where we want this to be. Maybe as we, as I'm hearing what you're saying, David, well except for Ed here, I think he's got some other idea.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible. Mike not on.)

Councilmember Sutton: Perhaps maybe we need to hear a little bit more from CSX on this phase one. Get their results back, and that will tell us what the next step is. Maybe rather than zeroing this out, maybe we defer this until we get the information that we feel like we might need, and the appraisal too. Obviously, that's going to drive it. If they come back with an appraisal, and the price is, you know, way above what we kind of had in mind, then, obviously, it's a new ball game that we're dealing with here. So, perhaps, maybe this is maybe more of an issue that we get some more information before we can even really move forward, in particular on those environmental issues, and the appraisals, since those are driving what we ultimately can do anyway.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Question for President Winnecke or Councilman Sutton. You both, both of you guys are bankers. You said something last week about how a bank would handle a loan on such a piece of property. Would you, would you loan this kind of money, take on a project like this unless the owner came up with an environmental study, or not? As bankers.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, this is not my area of expertise.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: So, I want to make sure I make that clear on the record. But, you know, and I'm not making this as an official position of Fifth Third Bank, but in my area that I deal with probably we would look at something of this nature and this size, it would give you a greater degree of comfort, from a bankers standpoint, if you had at least that phase two environmental in there. Whether the seller pays for it, the buyer is paying for it, we're not necessarily, I don't think that's a position that a banker would make one way or the other, just as long as that information was available is the most important thing.

President Winnecke: I would have to offer the same caveat, that's not my...thank you. That's not my area of expertise, but based on the conversations I've had with our commercial lending folks, I think Councilman Sutton is right, the issue is not whether one is done, I think that would be a generally acceptable practice. The issue is who pays for it, and based on the information I've received, from our folks, it is traditionally the responsibility of the seller, and not the buyer to incur the expense.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, my other two points are we have allocated a million dollars, which would allow this to be done anyhow. I just want to go on record, as a Councilman, saying that Councilman do not, we do not choose the site for the jail. If I were to choose a site for the jail, I would not choose Wansford Yards, but that is not my choice to make. I just want to make it clear that that's not my position at all on where the jail should be located, but I don't make that decision.

President Winnecke: Okay, we have a....Mr. Tornatta? I'm sorry. We have a motion on the floor, and a second to set in line item 3660-4110 at zero. Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Once again, my position...again, my position, I think this is probably more of a deferral issue rather than zeroing out because of the information that we still are anticipating, so my vote is 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

JAIL PROJECT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3660-4110	Land	37,500.00	0.00
Total		37,500.00	0.00

(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Tornatta and Sutton opposed)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

PROSECUTOR	VOTER REGISTRATION	WEIGHTS & MEASURES
PUBLIC DEFENDER	SUPT. OF CO. BLDGS.	SUPERIOR COURT
DADS	THE CENTRE	BURDETTE PARK
LEGAL AID	COUNTY HIGHWAY	CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
COUNTY COUNCIL		
REASSESSMENT: CENTER, GERMAN, KNIGHT, PERRY & PIGEON TWP.		
ASSESSOR		

Councilmember Raben: Okay, does anyone object to taking all the transfers together?

Councilmember Wortman: I do.

Councilmember Raben: You do? Would you like for me to single out one?

Councilmember Wortman: In reference to the Highway, it's not normal procedure to take it out of the salary account.

Councilmember Raben: The only one that would actually fall into that would be the Drainage—

Councilmember Wortman: Right.

Councilmember Raben: —so, I'll tell you what we could do, we could set the figure in at \$618, and omit the \$350.

President Winnecke: Repeat that again.

Councilmember Raben: What Councilman Wortman is referring to is, there is a request under County Highway to transfer out of a salary line into a Miscellaneous line of sorts. It's non-salary related. So, we would really need to omit that \$350 figure, and simply approve a \$618 transfer. You know, we would be transferring from salary line to salary line.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: So, okay, I'm going to make a motion that we approve all transfers as listed, with the exception of County Highway, and that should read account 2010-1042, Laborer, \$618 to account 2010-1053, Secretary, for the amount of \$618. All other transfers as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote, please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1080-3901	Witness Fees	10,000.00	10,000.00
To: 1080-3900	Return of Fugitive	10,000.00	10,000.00

VOTER REGISTRATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1220-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	389.11	389.11
To: 1220-2700	Other Supplies	389.11	389.11

WEIGHTS & MEASURES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
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From: 1302-3130	Travel/Mileage	800.00	800.00
1302-3310	Training	300.00	300.00
1302-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	70.00	70.00
To: 1302-2700	Other Supplies	600.00	600.00
1302-3410	Printing	570.00	570.00

PUBLIC DEFENDER AGENCY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1303-3410	Printing	4,000.00	4,000.00
To: 1303-3943	Pauper Expense	4,000.00	4,000.00

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1310-3200	Utilities	10,000.00	10,000.00
To: 1310-4120	Buildings	10,000.00	10,000.00

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1370-3941	Guardian Ad Litem	3,500.00	3,500.00
To: 1370-3980	Trans. of Children & Miscellaneous	3,500.00	3,500.00

DRUG & ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1371-3770	Treatment Costs	500.00	500.00
To: 1371-2600	Office Supplies	500.00	500.00

THE CENTRE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1440-3536	Centre Operating Acct.	100,000.00	100,000.00
To: 1440-3798	Food Services	100,000.00	100,000.00

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1450-1240-1450	Secretary/Receptionist	6,000.00	6,000.00
To: 1450-1970	Temp. Replacement	6,000.00	6,000.00

LEGAL AID		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1460-3010	Other Insurance	375.00	375.00
1460-3450	Yellow Pages	89.50	89.50
1460-3000	Bond & Insurance	460.00	460.00
1460-3130	Travel/Mileage	775.00	775.00
1460-3680	Malpractice	1,396.00	1,396.00
To: 1460-3540	Maintenance Contract	1,239.50	1,239.50

1460-3372	Computer Software	1,760.00	1,760.00
1460-2600	Office Supplies	96.00	96.00

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2010-1042	Laborer	968.00	618.00
To: 2010-1053	Secretary	618.00	618.00
2010-3840	Drainage & Assess.	350.00	0.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-1970	Temporary Replacement	4,000.00	4,000.00
2030-1990	Extra Help	4,000.00	4,000.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-4406	Old Henderson Bridge #1541	500.00	500.00
To: 2030-3141	Communications	300.00	300.00
2030-3160	Radio/Pagers	200.00	200.00

LATE TRANSFER REQUESTS

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1480-1911	Sheriff Retirement	1,000.00	1,000.00
1480-3130	Travel/Mileage	500.00	500.00
1480-3310	Training	150.00	150.00
1480-3520	Equipment Repair	350.00	350.00
To: 1480-1910	PERF	2,000.00	2,000.00

REASSESSMENT/CENTER TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:2492-1110-2610	Copy Machine Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1110-3390	Assessors Plat Sheets	1,500.00	1,500.00
2492-1110-3410	Printing	1,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1110-3520	Equipment Repair	1,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1110-4220	Office Machines	840.00	840.00
2492-1110-1990	Extra Help	4,660.00	4,660.00

To: 2492-1110-1300	Regular Overtime	10,000.00	10,000.00
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REASSESSMENT/GERMAN TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2492-1120-1990	Extra Help	13,800.00	13,800.00
To: 2492-1120-1300	Regular Overtime	13,800.00	13,800.00

REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2492-1130-1990	Extra Help	7,500.00	7,500.00
To: 2492-1130-1300	Regular Overtime	7,500.00	7,500.00

REASSESSMENT/PERRY TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2492-1140-1990	Extra Help	14,800.00	14,800.00
To: 2492-1140-1300	Regular Overtime	14,800.00	14,800.00

REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2492-1150-2600	Office Supplies	2,500.00	2,500.00
2492-1150-1990	Extra Help	10,000.00	10,000.00
2492-1150-3310	Training	2,352.05	2,352.05
2492-1150-3130	Travel/Mileage	2,000.00	2,000.00
To: 2492-1150-1300	Regular Overtime	16,852.05	16,852.05

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next I'm going to take amendments to the salary ordinance. First is Community Corrections, I move that we amend salary line 136.1-1850, Union Overtime, as previously approved. This is User Fees will be deposited in the General Fund for this appropriation. Burdette Park salary line 1450-1180, Other Employees, as previously approved. Salary line 1450-1970, Temporary Replacement, and it's a transfer as previously approved. The Temporary Replacement for Secretary/Receptionist to be paid at a rate of \$10 per hour, which is less than the initiation salary. County Highway, I'll move to amend salary line 2010-1053, Secretary, as previously approved. Cum Bridge, line 2030-1990, Extra Help, as transfer previously approved. Center Assessor salary line 249.2-1110-1300, Reassessment Overtime, as previously adopted. German Assessor salary line 249.2-1120-1300, Reassessment Overtime, as previously adopted. Knight Assessor Reassessment salary line 249.2-1130-1300, Reassessment Overtime, as previously adopted. Perry Assessor line 249.2-1140-1300, Reassessment Overtime, as previously adopted. Pigeon Assessor salary line 249.2-1150-1300, Reassessment Overtime, as previously adopted. With this the transfers approved for Reassessment Overtime does not include part time or any payment for overtime for Chief Deputies. So, I just wanted that on the record. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Raben: Just real quick, it is a concern of most assessors that their Chief Deputies be paid overtime along with the other employees. The one's that I have spoke to, I have told them that we will work on finding a way to do that. You know, those Chief Deputies are exempt from being paid overtime. So, that will require us to take action, probably next month, to allow that to happen, but it would be my intent to see that they were paid in overtime.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Winnecke: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't even know whether this suggestion is legal, that's why we have an attorney. Hi, Mr. Ahlers, how are you today? I don't know whether this suggestion is legal, and we can't act on it today, but we need to move the assessment ahead, and if we can't do the overtime, perhaps we could do an incentive or something of that nature to encourage people. All the while I say that, I go back to something I said earlier about our county employees. I'll embarrass Mrs. Deig and Sarah, Sarah's not here to embarrass, but I have watched our Executive Assistant for a long time do enormous amounts of overtime, you know, with no extra pay. If that's what it takes to get it done, I know they are going to have to work hard. They are going to put a lot of hours in, and that might be a way to go. Just something to think about. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Any other comments or discussion? Roll call vote, please. I'm sorry. No? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

OLD BUSINESS

President Winnecke: Any Old Business? Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: It's old and new, I guess. When we, there were some projections that were shared with us earlier this year, and even last year. In looking at how we would pay for the jail project based upon setting aside certain sums of money, \$2.7 million each year for a period of 10 years. In that we've already used some of those dollars, even this year, from that fund, and the dire prospects of even next year even having that unappropriated cash balance available to us to be able to set aside that much money. Two things I want to request is, if at all possible, if we could get our information back from the State Board of Accounts, when they go back and figure, you know, where we are, if we can get that information as early as possible to find out where we stand, and if we can keep that up? If we can't keep that formula up, putting aside 2.7 each year, where that ultimately will place us? What position it's going to put us in, in trying to put together some type of package on this bond? Because, as I say, the assumptions that we had back then are really not the reality that we have right now. I kind of was making note of that even when we were kind of talking about that, but, I guess, just, as I say, just a little bit concerned that we're not going to be able to keep up that pace. Being that we're already spending that, spending at that money already, what position it's going to place us in. So, if you guys are following what I'm trying to say there.

President Winnecke: I follow that.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't know, everybody kind of had this I'm not quite sure look.

President Winnecke: Pondering.

Councilmember Sutton: So, yeah.

President Winnecke: I guess that would come from, actually, through the Auditor's office.

Councilmember Sutton: From the Auditor's office. If you can as quickly, as quickly as possible when they are able to come in and do all of what they do down here, get that information back to us, because, obviously, it's going to change the whole picture.

President Winnecke: One last bit of business. I made one appointment to the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Committee. I'm waiting on a call back from another individual. My appointment is John Norris, and Mrs. Deig will—

Councilmember Sutton: He said yeah?

President Winnecke: Yes, he said yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Winnecke: Mrs. Deig will notify Mr. Lawrence for that. Any other business? The filing date, October 2nd for our next meeting.

Councilmember Tornatta: Motion to adjourn.

President Winnecke: Wait, wait—

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible. Mike not on.) September 13th (Inaudible).

President Winnecke: September 13th for October 2nd. I got ya. Thank you. We're adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Lloyd Winnecke

Vice President Ed Bassemier

Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
FINAL BUDGET HEARING
SEPTEMBER 4, 2002**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 4th day of September, 2002 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President Lloyd Winnecke at 12:01 p.m.

President Winnecke: Good afternoon. I'd like to call to order the final 2003 budget hearing. We'll start with the attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

President Winnecke: Would you please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Winnecke: This is the final budget hearing and the purpose is to complete the adoption of our budget and establish salaries and all employee benefits, and also recommend to the state about our proposed tax rate. I'll recognize the Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben, here in a minute to begin our work, but I think it's really important to know, someone asked me yesterday what I felt the most important thing to come out of this budget was. And my answer was, it was easy to come up with an answer, I think the most important thing to come from this budget process is that this has been a truly bipartisan effort. Republicans and Democrats have worked side by side spending long nights and weekends working for the betterment of this county. And I think that's the best thing that's come of this and I applaud everyone. Everyone has contributed and it has truly been a team effort. And I thank everyone for their hard work. And with that, I will turn it over to the Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben.

Motion to approve 2003 wage increase for Airport Authority, Convention & Visitors Bureau and full-time county employees

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, first we're going to – I'm going to make a motion that all full-time county employees receive a three percent raise for the year 2003 as listed in the 2003 Salary Ordinance for all salaries in accordance with the County Salary Ordinance. And all Airport Authority employees and Convention & Visitors Bureau employees receive a three percent raise for year 2003. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: Everyone wants to second that one. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Motion to approve 2003 Salary Ordinance, List A and adjust FICA & PERF

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, next I'll move that Exhibit A through H – no, let me move on to something else, first. All Councilmembers have an Exhibit List A, which is all the title changes, salary changes, things of that nature. So, first I would like to move that the Salary Ordinance be approved with the corrected list and all FICA and PERF be adjusted accordingly, and would ask that this list be made part of our minutes if everyone is comfortable with that.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Discussions or questions? Very well, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Motion to approve Salary Ordinance Exhibits A - H
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, next, Mr. President, we all have a copy of the 2003 Salary Ordinance manual and I will move that Exhibit A through H be approved as listed in the 2003 Salary Ordinance and with that, that all corrections that we've just approved be part of this motion, too.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Which includes the three percent in there?

Councilmember Raben: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Motion to approve List B

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next as everybody recalls, at our last – our final week of the actual budget hearings there were cuts made and cuts set in that last week. Then we all took the opportunity to seek out additional cuts in an effort to reach our targeted five million dollars in cuts. With that, and this list is Item B, okay, with this is a list of all the cuts that everyone has come to the table with. And again, rather than read five pages of cuts, I'm going to move that this also be made part of the minutes and make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Yes, Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: In that motion, would you list the total of the cuts?

President Winnecke: Absolutely, that's a good point.

Councilmember Raben: I would be glad to do that. With these additional cuts and all the cuts that we presented a few weeks ago, the total General Fund cuts are \$5,025,686.

Councilmember Tornatta: Will we need to set in the Clerk IV-D 1011-3603? There's not a fund for that. We'd have to set that in. Will we have to do that before this could be passed?

Councilmember Raben: If there is not a line in place on that, yes, we will. And thank you for correcting me on that.

Councilmember Tornatta: That's Record Storage.

Councilmember Raben: Let me strike that line from this motion, okay? I'll remove that line from this motion and we'll come back to that one.

President Winnecke: That would be Clerk IV-D, account number 1011-3603 Record Storage?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

President Winnecke: Okay. And who made that second?

Councilmember Wortman: I did.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman, is that alright with you?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

President Winnecke: Okay, other questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, I'd just like to interject, since we're kind of finalizing the budget here, just make a quick statement. Over the course of the last 37 days I have seen the gallery

of challenges before Vanderburgh County. A tough financial picture has been painted, programs have been carved, budgets have been sculpted, and that's all artfully speaking. I vote yes to this 2003 budget and what cuts we've made, although, I'm letting my vote in the prior budget hearing speak for itself. My disapproval of some of the budgets, and I think we know where those lie. But in order to compromise, I do like some of the things that we've done, and President Winnecke has hit the motion about the communication between the Councilmembers, which was, I believe, was lacking last year. I still believe there needs to be better communication between the Commissioners, and I believe its forced, at best. We have put the Commissioners at the mercy of the Council to provide service to the county without a clear direction of what we want, not taking into consideration what they want. However, I do feel proud of the move toward more officeholders and directors' involvement to the budget interests. Without this collective effort, we could not have cut nearly five million dollars from an already flat budget. I also feel satisfied with the most important part of this equation: the employees of Vanderburgh County did not have to sacrifice their raises in order the float the budget. So I think we all did a fine job there. But I do caution officeholders and directors to hold the line on your budgets because money is going to be tight. I also believe the Council over the next year, must address financial commitments toward Community Corrections, Juvenile Detention and Local Roads & Streets projects. All three are vital community services and vital to our community. All three need the commitment of this Council. And I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I didn't know we was giving speeches like Troy Tornatta just gave, but I thought last year that we all worked together as a team also. In fact, there were comments from both sides that we all worked together. So just because you didn't understand it last year, being President, I feel like you were informed, sat down one day with you for over three hours. So just want to let you know, I don't think that's true, what you just said. We all did work together last year. My vote is yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Motion to set in line 1011-3603 in Clerk IV-D budget

CLERK IV-D

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, Clerk IV-D, which is account 1011-3603 Record

Storage be set in at \$9,000. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CLERK IV-D

1011-3603	Record Storage	\$9,000.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Motion to set in 2000, 3000, & 4000 accounts

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next I'll move that all 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts for the 2003 budget be adopted as previously approved for the following – and I need to read these for the record: Airport Authority, Area Plan, Armstrong Assessor, Armstrong Reassessment, Assessor/Reassessment, Assessor, County Auditor, Auditor/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 Operating Fund, Convention & Visitors Bureau, Co-op Extension, Coroner, County Commissioners, County Commissioners/CCD, County Council, Cum Bridge, Drainage Board, Drug & Alcohol Deferral, Election Office, Family & Children, German Assessor, German Assessor/Reassessment, Health Department, County Highway, Jail, Knight Assessor, Knight Assessor/Reassessment, Legal Aid, Legal Aid/United Way, Levee Distribution Tax, Local Drug Free Community, Local Emergency Planning Committee, Local Roads & Streets, Perry Assessor, Perry/Reassessment, Pigeon Assessor, Pigeon/Reassessment, Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals, Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals/Reassessment, Prosecutor, Prosecutor IV-D, Prosecutor

Check Recovery, Prosecutor Drug Law Enforcement, Prosecutor Victim & Witness Assistance Program, Prosecutor Stop Domestic Violence, Prosecutor Adult Protection Services, Prosecutor Pre-Trial Diversion, Public Defenders Commission, Recorder, Riverboat, Sales Disclosure, 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 Fund, Centre, Tourism Capital Improvement, Treasurer, Union Assessor, Union Assessor/Reassessment, Veterans Administration, Voters Registration, Weights & Measures, 911 Emergency and Prosecutor Community Gun Violence and Superior Drug Court. Mr. President, I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Motion to approve 2003 insurance data
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, all Councilmembers have been given a copy of the final insurance data, so I'm going to move that the Council approve the 2003 insurance budget as listed. These figures represent the county's share, the share of the county's three current health plans with the total employee contribution of the existing eight percent. So I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote

please.

Teri Lukeman: Would you like those to also be made a part of the record, Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, excuse me. I would also ask that those be made part of the record.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Motion to adopt levies, rates and allocate COIT
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Councilmember Raben: Okay, we're nearing conclusion here, Mr. President. And then I would also move – before you, you have a listing of all of our different levies, okay, and so due to the uncertainty of reassessment, we need to set these rates for the following funds with the levies to be adjusted by the state after the assessed valuation is certified. I would also move that these be made part of our minutes and we need to set the levies for the following funds with the rates to be adjusted by the state after the assessed valuation is certified. I just wanted to bring that to everyone's attention again. And then I would also move that we set in one million dollars COIT in Local Roads & Streets, \$480,000 for the USI bond, \$130,000 for the Azteca bond, \$95,000 for the Vanderburgh County Industrial Park bond, and the remainder going into the general fund. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I'm going to compromise with these because I have no choice, but that's part of the art of politics. If I could vote no on Azteca, I would, because they haven't met their employment goal, but it's part of the package and I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Tornatta & Sutton opposed)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, that really concludes all the business that we have before us in terms of finalizing this budget. I know a few gentlemen here have taken the opportunity to editorialize, which I'm not going to do that, but I would like to echo some of the comments made by the other members here today, and that, you know, this really has been a great budget process. I mean, every person sitting up here worked their fannies off to accomplish one thing, and that's to make the appropriate cuts and allow the opportunity for every department and elected official to have a fully funded budget. Some of them are a little bit tight, but you know, that basically makes a pretty bold statement from this body that hey, times are a little tough right now and make the best of it and live within your means and with these cuts that are a little deeper than normal. You know, we don't want to send the signal to anybody to come back. I mean, we expect this budget to hold out for as long as possible. And you know, once again, I thank everybody sitting up here for the efforts that they made. It has been a collaborated effort. I'd like to thank the departments and offices that came back to us and made additional cuts in their budgets. I hate to start listing those departments because sure to God I'll leave somebody out and hurt somebody's feelings, but, you know, it was remarkable the effort that was made in the last few days and thank everybody.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I would echo that and I personally want to thank the departments to which I'm related as liaison. They all came forward with cuts on their own. I didn't have to do arm twisting except a little bit in one case and that wasn't real bad. Nobody was screaming. And we've done this before. But we have two employees that exemplify the best in dedication to their jobs and to this county, and that's our Executive Assistant, Sandie Deig, and Sarah Nunn, and I would also add a thanks to the Auditor and to Teri Lukeman, you know, for your work, too, but I know that there was work done over the – completely over the holiday weekend by those two people and I appreciate it.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I just want to add that, you know, it's very easy to make decisions when times are good and when prosperous and everything seems to be going your way and everything is downhill, but when you have an uphill struggle and things are much more difficult, you begin to see how difficult your job may or your situation may actually become. And who is willing to step up to the plate, and there's been so many people throughout county government who have stepped up during this period which we've all recognized as a very difficult time, they stepped up to do the extra amount to get us where we needed to go. I think we've put the call out some time ago that this was not going to be the same year that we had last year nor the year before and I don't think I could count on one hand the number of – there were so few people who actually even complained about it because I think everyone recognized that it was something that we were all in the same seat. Though the seven of us sitting before this Council and we're making the decisions, but the decisions are really something that we – I think this Council has done a great job in getting the input from a lot of people to make this process a lot less painless than it could have potentially have been and we hope that next year will be a better year than this year was, but we can't promise you that. But one thing for sure, I think that the health of Vanderburgh County has been secure and we're probably in much better shape than probably the state overall, and some of our neighboring counties. So I'd just like to tip my hat to all those who have been involved in this process and, you know, a lot of good things have been said about the whole – the working relationship and I think it's something that we need to – I think we learned a lot this year and need to continue that next year.

President Winnecke: I think I made my comments at the beginning, but I think Councilman Tornatta raises a good point and since this has gone by pretty quickly, I thought we'd go ahead and open this up for some discussion now, but the Commissioners have asked for some direction from this body as to what level of funding we would be comfortable with in terms of Community Corrections. I think now that the budget process is complete, it's a prudent time to examine that and discuss that, and I'd be willing to open the floor to any Councilmembers who may have an opinion as to that.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, as a board member with Community Corrections, I've seen the correspondence from the state. I would like to see a little sharper commitment on the state's part as to what they are willing to do. Presently, it looks like 125 beds and we are, as a board, going to have a consultant in, Dr. Ed Latessa from the University of Cincinnati. And I think he probably will represent to us what the state is interested in, in Community Corrections and I'm hoping that our board will be open to what he has to say to us. He has no connections with any firm, you know, that would sell us services or build buildings or anything like that, so he's real clean in that respect, and that's good. I think we'll be finding that out and it's important that the board respond. Commissioner Mourdock has sent us a communication, as you well know, Mr. President. I think we need to look at that and see what we want to commit to. But it is time to move ahead. I quite agree.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, I think one of the things that the Community Corrections and the direction from the Commission seems to be somewhere in the neighborhood of 250 beds. If this is the case, then we want to look at those numbers – and I say 250, probably between 225 and 250. One of the places I thought that we could evaluate, look at some extra funds, we got 3.8 from the COIT Windfall. We put 2.7 back from that into our jail project, which should leave us somewhere in the range of 1.1 million dollars that we can right now say that we could put toward this Community Corrections project. Now that's a start. We can always add to that where we could see fit, but with the COIT Windfall one time chance, and we talked about it before, that we could come in and put that money toward the Community Correction project. Get that boost, get the state involved because we're showing we have commitment, and make the whole thing work. I think the problem with the state is they don't see much of a commitment

between the Commission and the Council and so they see it as just starting to drop the ball. We want to pick that ball back up and show that we have support with this project and I think that's a good start.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy and then Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't want to drag this out too long. My communication with the state, DOC, has been that they would like to see some change in our program and I think that needs to be addressed. There are some new ideas, some of them aren't too new, they've been tried other places. One example, locally, and we've been the leader in this is with the Drug Court. That program is being studied by the whole state, where you don't have people housed and in a facility. You have them housed in a program where they have to report every day. It's a pretty stiff program, seems to be working. We'll know more, you know, as we go through. But that particular program, I think the state is sending a message to us and we need to listen to that. We have the largest number of beds of any community corrections facility in the state and yet we are in population the seventh largest county. Maybe because we're progressive, maybe because we're using it too much. I don't know. I think with the state, they're going to probably require some kind of compromise as they put money into it. That's the message that I'm getting. So that's why I say we need to sharpen communication. I agree with Mr. Tornatta that we need better communication between this body and the Commissioners. That is a two-way street. I recall voting quite large sums of money for Lynch Road, and I recall not being invited to the ribbon cutting. As a Councilman, I don't think anybody sitting around this table was invited. In my ten years here that's the first time that's happened. That does not enhance communication and I know that's a negative note, but I don't think I'm the only one who feels that way sitting around this table. You know, that's been a cooperative effort, and right now we don't have the money to extend it to Warrick County. The money is simply not there. We're not trying to be obstinate about a road, we just don't have the money. But with Community Corrections, I think its time to move ahead. But the state has a message for us.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Well, I've got my own list of things I could probably say on this subject. First of all, I think – having this conversation right now is maybe poor timing in light of the current financial situation throughout the state. I think it's hard for us to really address this issue. I mean, we're looking at building a new jail that no one knows where we're at through that process yet. I don't know how all this gets cluttered together, that's what I'm trying to say. I might address a few things. Troy had mentioned spending down some of our set aside money. If you all recall, about a year and a half ago or slightly longer, when Baker & Daniels were here and applauded this Council for having those monies set aside and what a wonderful thing that could do in terms of paying off the capitalized interest and a lot of the up front costs, which you know, we've already seen some of that leave the coffer to pay for those up front costs. I think it would be foolish of us, if not you know, reckless of us to look at spending from that fund for any other purpose. But, you know, Mr. President, I would say just hitting the Community Corrections issue on the forehead, I would say that DOC has made it known that they would either pay 50% of new construction or 100% of remodeling. I would say let's do nothing but look at remodeling. Find that building remodeled, and let's remodel it. In terms of the size, you know, I think 200 is too large. It is the largest program of its kind in the state. We're the 5th largest community, so I don't see why we would need to increase the size any. But along with that, I think simply renovations or new construction is still not enough for the state. I mean, I would recommend that we, as a body, would possibly pass a resolution stating that we want, you know, that we're interested in looking at it from the standpoint of renovation and that this county would match dollar for dollar up to say a million dollars towards the operational cost. You know, that would be a pretty substantial savings, you know, probably a million dollars savings to this county annually, and Lord knows, you know, Judge Niemeier's program could use that extra million dollars. And I think everyone here, including the Commissioners, are probably as concerned about the juvenile aspect as anybody. So, Mr. President, that's all I've got to say at this point.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I think the state has been pretty clear. I think they're talking about – you know, we've heard all this bouncing around about this match that they would be interested in moving forward with this project. But I think what they have in mind is maybe something a little bit different than maybe what I'm either hearing here today or maybe what we're doing. I believe that the state is wanting us to look from a regional standpoint, rather than just a county facility, which imposes some different parameters into this whole equation. I think if we're going to be effective at this, we need to look beyond just the construction cost on this. The operational costs are going to be extremely important and if we're just thinking along the lines of just Vanderburgh County footing this bill, I think we're being a little short-sighted on what opportunities may exist for us. I think the state, I believe the state is on to the right approach to this. I think it does need to be a regional facility and the surrounding counties that utilize this facility need to pay for it along with Vanderburgh County paying for it. And we can set some caps within that facility that we don't want the number of people from Vanderburgh County to exceed a certain amount. I'm thinking along the range of between 200 and 250 being the maximum that you would have for Vanderburgh County people, but actually have a facility that's larger that will accommodate more than that to accommodate the adjacent counties, so they can also pay for the ongoing costs of this as well. I really don't know, I guess in terms of what we want to do here today, as far as setting in amounts or whether we're throwing out recommendations on size or what we are specifically looking for, but I think we've got a lot more work that can be done on our part and maybe gaining some of the support, even some of our surrounding counties and not just looking for Vanderburgh County to foot this bill.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Royce, thank you for those comments. I mean, no one had hit on it from that aspect and you are exactly right. And something else, Mr. President, when we mentioned regional facility, we maybe need a better definition of what that means because it's my understanding that those counties, you know, unless you use Warrick County as an example, that those regional beds would be for Vanderburgh County residents that were picked up or arrested in Warrick County. It would not be for Warrick County residents that were picked up in Warrick County to be moved to Vanderburgh County. That's my understanding of what they mean by regional facility, but I think we probably need that better defined.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess my thoughts are, if the person is arrested in Pike County or Warrick County or – not arrested, but if they've been adjudicated in those counties, that they could have the use of the facility that's located here in Vanderburgh County, not just a Vanderburgh County resident that happens to get adjudicated someplace else.

Councilmember Bassemier: Lloyd?

President Winnecke: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I was up at that meeting in Indianapolis, Jim, and no, they meant if, Warrick County residents, bring them here in Vanderburgh County as a regional for all four counties. That's the way I took it. Not that you live here in Vanderburgh County, get in trouble, no, they want a facility that will provide for Warrick, Posey, and...

Councilmember Raben: And again, I've heard it explained that way, too, but I think, and I don't mean to put our Sheriff on the spot, but I think he is the one that described it as being Vanderburgh County residents in other counties. So, again, and that's more reason to do like I've stated. Let's get a more definite answer on what exactly a regional facility would constitute.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, Councilman Sutton and Bassemier are correct, and in

conversations with the Commissioners, that's also true and with the board. Presently, and I think I'm correct, the state is looking at 125 beds period. I'm getting a nod from Commissioner Fanello because that's what the letter says. I don't think that's enough, that's one point which we have not resolved. That's not enough for a regional facility at all. I do agree with finding an old – I don't want to find a building that's in the condition that this one is in. Its served us well, I don't want to knock that building because its worked. There's been a lot of complaints about it, but its worked for a long time. But I think its reached the end of its life in working for us. But, my Lord, with all the empty buildings sitting around town that are not in residential areas, not like that one on the west side, on Wabash or near Wabash. I don't want to see us using a building like that. I want to be real clear about that. But there are a number of empty buildings that could be remodeled. That seems to make sense to me and then I think we need to get with the other counties and look at a number that's realistic for the region and take from the state what we can get. I also agree with Mr. Raben, I think we have been penalized as a county for being the pioneer in this program. Other counties get a lot more money back to support community corrections than we do because that's the way the state operates.

President Winnecke: Can you tell us more about the consultant that's coming in from the University of Cincinnati or what the goal is and what --

Councilmember Hoy: Well, that's not all that clear. What's clear to me is – this is very clear from DOC, and that is if we're going to work with DOC and have a cooperative relationship with DOC, it's my belief from what has been said to me personally from DOC, that Dr. Latessa represents the best thought in community corrections at this point. He also, I'm sure, represents some change in how we operate and I made the plea to the board that we, as a board, be open to that. We may not agree, but let's hear what this man has to say. And I'm fairly sure he's going to recommend that we strengthen things like Drug Court, you know, and programs like that, that make less use of, you know, somebody living there, alright? And he is recognized as one of the national experts in this field. We've had a lot of consultants and some of our consultants on there very things have been folks – and there's nothing wrong with this, understand, it's business – but they hire here and they hire there and so on. He does not do that. There is a fee, but he is a professor and he has no connection with any company that, you know, wants to sell us anything. I think that's good. I think we listen to him. I think he is going to give us the direction that DOC wants us to consider. Once that's done, then we can say okay, we like what we heard here. We didn't like what we heard here and this is what we're going to do as a county. We don't have to do what the man says, but I think its wise to be open to what the man has to say. And we've got some work to do with the local – we have a good board, we have a board now that is functioning well. The interchanges are good in those board meetings. There's a lot of wisdom there. And I think we have a very capable board that will help us move ahead. And I would view it as a challenge but also a time of opportunity for us to do something and do it very well.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Teri Lukeman: May I change the tape first?

President Winnecke: Yeah. Troy, we need to change the tape.

(Tape changed)

Councilmember Tornatta: Councilman Raben did clarify what I was talking about. I said there was 3.8 million in the COIT Windfall, of which we put 2.7 aside, which leaves us 1.1 million dollars, okay. So that money would not have come out of the jail set aside, out of the COIT Windfall. And I would like to make a motion to set aside that 1.1 million dollars out of the COIT Windfall and put it in a Community Corrections account.

Councilmember Raben: You can't make that motion today.

President Winnecke: We haven't advertised.

Councilmember Tornatta: For a set aside for that money. I don't think there's any –

President Winnecke: Can we legally do that? We haven't advertised the request.

Jeff Ahlers: No. It would need to be advertised. Well, the other issue would be, I guess you've already closed –

Councilmember Raben: Well, we've not actually closed. And matter of fact, I'm going to reopen something here in a moment. But...

Jeff Ahlers: Well, has it been – I don't know what was advertised. Has it been advertised?

Suzanne Crouch: No, and that money has been set aside, so it needs to be appropriated by the Council.

Councilmember Raben: That's right. That money –

Suzanne Crouch: It's in a fund so it needs to be appropriated by the Council.

Councilmember Sutton: The 1.1?

Suzanne Crouch: We need to advertise, that's correct.

Jeff Ahlers: Right, so it would need to be advertised and then you can appropriate it out of that.

Suzanne Crouch: Unless you're talking about some of the COIT this year.

Councilmember Tornatta: We got the set aside this year.

Suzanne Crouch: That's correct and its already been set into a fund, so in order to get money out of that fund, it would have to be appropriated, so we would have to go ahead and advertise that appropriation.

Councilmember Tornatta: The COIT set aside is in a fund, it's in a set aside fund?

Suzanne Crouch: Correct.

President Winnecke: I think on the financial statement, I believe it's the last column. It just says COIT Windfall, I believe.

Suzanne Crouch: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: What is that figure in that column? I don't have it with me.

Suzanne Crouch: It's \$1,414,365.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, so it's closer to a million, four.

Suzanne Crouch: Correct, 1.4.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: So that 1.4, we haven't at this point in time given any indication of where we wanted to allocate that?

Suzanne Crouch: I believe your motion reflected capital improvement projects and infrastructure.

President Winnecke: When we received the windfall last year or earlier this year.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, that would be a capital improvement.

Councilmember Raben: I guess I still have a question. Where does the 1.1 million dollar figure come up? I mean –

(Inaudible)

Councilmember Raben: No, I understand that, but why –

Councilmember Tornatta: It was to my understanding that we got 3.8 in COIT Windfall money. If we set 2.7 aside of the COIT Windfall, that would leave 1.1.

Councilmember Raben: And with that, I mean, with that motion are you stating that you would like to see that 1.1 used for new construction?

Councilmember Tornatta: I would be interested in seeing it set aside. Now if we decide to do new construction, I mean, I think that's something that we're allowing the decision makers to make that decision. I mean, whether, obviously, it would be the Commission or the Commission and the what the state feels that they want to offer. I'm just trying to throw this out there to put some money to get the ball rolling. And with the COIT Windfall, we have the opportunity to do that.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I guess my next question is, you know, because with new construction, the state right now has stated they're only willing to commit to 50% –

President Winnecke: Up to 50%.

Councilmember Raben: Up to 50%. I guess, has there been any thought given in where we come up with our 50%?

Councilmember Tornatta: I believe that part of the 50% is coming from the money that we're going to set aside for this project.

Councilmember Raben: I understand that, but 1.1 million dollars in new construction for Community – a 225 or 250 bed facility that you've stated, 1.1 million dollars isn't a drop in the hat. So where is that other – where are we going to fulfill our other 50% from?

Councilmember Tornatta: That's, like I said, this is to get us started with this project. When this facility is going to be built, we've yet to be seen. We want to show what kind of commitment we're willing to go initially. And that's one way of getting the ball rolling. Now, when we see what our finances are in the future, then we can depict where else, what other commitments we want to lay on the line. But I think right now, we show that we do have at least 1.1 and we show 1.4 million dollars that we can set aside in this fund and get the ball rolling.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, I think we need to remind ourselves of something that I helped to establish a few years ago amidst a great deal of furor, and that is that the body in charge of Community Corrections happens to be the County Commissioners. We're the funding body and I think that, you know, that's where that – I'm not trying to shift blame, but I'm not ready to shift money. I think they, you know, they're going to be looking at how many and how regional

and all of that and so if the board, and that's part of the process that needs to go on. It needs to go on expeditiously, although I mean, we could more easily have a holding pattern at the Safe House than we can at the jail. I mean, that's the high pressure project right now. The other high pressure project concerning funds is going to be voting machines. I don't know what that mandate is going to look like. I'm not sure the state, they've said some things about the mandate for voting machines and our County Clerk has reminded us that its going to be tough to get supplies and that's another million and a half we're going to be looking at. We have not – my reluctance right now, I don't want to hold things up, but we could go better with a holding pattern in Community Corrections, it would seem to me than you can with the jail. I said that. And secondly, I think we need to see where our mandates from the state are going to go. And the third things is, according to the projections being made by people who know at the state level, if we think, as a Council, this year has been tough, next year could be tougher. I'm hoping it won't be. But we have not as yet seen how a lot of things are going shake out in terms of what the legislature has done with property taxes and balancing those off with the whole change that's coming in market value assessments. I mean, I think they've made some good guesses, but all the communications I get on that are not real clear. And that's not our fault, as a body. We don't have home rule. And then the legislators, in their wisdom, have laid some more mandates on us. We have a storm water mandate coming next year. And I mentioned this before, but there is a list of things that we've got to look at and so that causes me to be cautious, that's all, about how we proceed.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I think that the money is sitting there. It's unappropriated and I think let it stay there to see what comes. But we need a plan before we do anything from somebody telling us what to do. So that's what I'm thinking about.

President Winnecke: To that end, if I could say something, I think at the risk of starting to be repetitious among ourselves, maybe it would be prudent if I appointed a small committee of myself, Mr. Raben and Mr. Hoy to sit down with either Commissioner Fanello or Commissioner Mosby or Commissioner Mourdock, whomever they select, and the Sheriff, and we can meet prior to our next Personnel & Finance committee meeting. Maybe we can have some healthy dialogue about where they're coming from. The Commissioners have asked that we pass a resolution of funding. I appreciate where Councilman Tornatta is coming from. I don't know that I'm willing or comfortable do to that today even if we could legally. But clearly we're at the point now where we should give additional direction financially. And I think if you gentlemen would be willing to do that, then we can set up a meeting in the next week or so and move that forward. I think that might expedite the process. Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: What do you guys want to talk about?

President Winnecke: About an hour, I hope.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, what do you – I guess I'm trying to get to...you know, what do you guys ultimately want to try to accomplish?

President Winnecke: Well, I think we need to answer some of the questions, you know, what's regional? You know, Commissioner Fanello has had discussions with DOC, you know, we just need to get these – make sure everyone understands what the other side is thinking and we need to have a clearer understanding of – I think we certainly have a clear understanding of our finances going forward. We have 1.4 million dollars, is it prudent to spend that or to commit that? My feeling today is probably not. But we need to have some more discussions before we can make that determination.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think also, maybe a question needs to be answered, what size – if we're just talking about Vanderburgh County, what size of a program are we talking about

here? And if we're talking about new construction, if we're talking about as we said earlier, existing facility and rehabbing that. Are we talking about a facility that only addresses certain types of offenses which would potentially narrow down the users of the facility. So, I think maybe any discussion, I guess, in trying to define what it is that we really want – what direction we want to go, I think that's something, those are some questions that have to be answered before we even approach the state or even begin to talk about maybe the dollars. Like I said, just figuring out what it is that we would really like to see. I mean, I think the Community Corrections board has probably been tossing this around for quite some time about what they really want to be as a group and with Phil's active involvement with that, obviously, can give you the input there. But if something could be drawn up or put together that spells out what we want for Vanderburgh County or as a regional center, if that's the case, and I think that will be the starting point for us.

President Winnecke: Well spoken. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: I know we've probably talked about this way too much. There was a lot of discussion, again, we got on the subject of size, I thought the letter written by DOC was very clear, that if they did commit to new construction, that they would allow up to 125 beds. Correct me if I'm wrong, but I think that was made very clear by DOC. So, you know, again, we're cluttering this whole issue when we talk about going above and beyond that. So, you know, the subject is a whole lot deeper than what most of us are realizing it is. I would offer one suggestion and if that changes maybe we can adopt a different resolution. But what we could do between now and our meeting next month, we might ask our counsel to draft maybe three resolutions: a resolution that would be in support of new construction, a resolution that would be in support of renovation, and for someone that may not be interested in doing anything at all, maybe a resolution that states we're not interested in changing a thing. But maybe that way we cover all three bases. Maybe we tentatively plan to prepare three different resolutions while, you know, we'll still meet as a group or as a committee, but you know, we'll have three resolutions ready to pass should we need them, or one out of the three.

President Winnecke: Any thoughts?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, but again it goes back to what brought about this discussion, anyway. We've got an older building, we've got a program that we probably in many circles agree that's probably too large, a program that's under really good management now and is working well, but feel like there's some areas where we could probably tighten up, so I think that's probably your starting point. Do you want to be smaller or do you want to eliminate it altogether? I think that's really where you start.

President Winnecke: I think maybe to your point, Jim, maybe we should – let's meet as a committee first and sort of do some initial data gathering. Take everyone's temperature and then if we're ready to come back with resolutions we can ask Jeff to do that.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

President Winnecke: Yes, Ed, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Bassemier: Don't forget the Sheriff on this. He says anything that's involved out there, he wants to be –

President Winnecke: I thought I mentioned him. If I didn't, I meant to.

Councilmember Sutton: You did.

Councilmember Bassemier: Did he? I didn't hear it. I'm sorry.

Motion to reopen and amend Reassessment budgets
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REASSESSMENT

Councilmember Raben: Allow me just an opportunity. I need to go back in and reopen our approval of the Salary Ordinance. It was brought to my attention that there are some extra help rates that we did not approve for Reassessment, you know, we've not set those Reassessment budgets yet. And those are part of this Salary Ordinance that we just approved, so I need to move that we reopen that.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I'm going to make a motion to amend my original motion for the approval of the –

Councilmember Hoy: You've got to vote.

President Winnecke: We have to vote to reopen.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, that's true.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, what was that A through H? Okay, Mr. President, I'm going to

move that we amend the original motion for the approval of items A through H of our Salary Ordinance to exclude all Extra Help lines within the Reassessment budgets.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Raben: That covers it, correct?

Sandie Deig: No, it's not A through H, it's individual –

Councilmember Raben: Okay, alright. Let's just leave out the A through H and exclude all...

(Inaudible – several speaking at once)

Councilmember Tornatta: It wouldn't be the Reassessment, would it? It would be the regular budgets.

Councilmember Raben: Reassessment only. Reassessment. So, again, I'll make this motion one last time. I'm going to move that we strike all Extra Help lines in our Salary Ordinance for Reassessment budgets.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Sutton: Wait a minute. When you say strike the line, do you mean to place zero in there or do you mean to totally eliminate the line?

Councilmember Raben: Insert zero, set those lines in at zero.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Winnecke: Okay, motion and second. Any other questions? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/AUDITOR

2492-1020-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
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REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR

2492-1090-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
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REASSESSMENT/PROPERTY TAX ASSMT. BOARD OF APPEAL

2492-1091-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
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REASSESSMENT/ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR

2492-1100-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
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REASSESSMENT/CENTER ASSESSOR

2492-1110-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
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REASSESSMENT/GERMAN ASSESSOR

2492-1120-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
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REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT ASSESSOR

2492-1130-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
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REASSESSMENT/PERRY ASSESSOR

2492-1140-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
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REASSESSMENT/PIGEON ASSESSOR

2492-1150-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
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REASSESSMENT/SCOTT ASSESSOR

2492-1160-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
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REASSESSMENT/UNION ASSESSOR

2492-1170-1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Tornatta: Motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Wortman: Second

President Winnecke: We're adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Lloyd Winnecke

Vice President Ed Bassemier

Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
OCTOBER 2, 2002**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 2nd day of October, 2002 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m. by County Council President, Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good afternoon. I'd like to call the October 2^d meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council to order with attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta		X*
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier		X
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

*Arrived at 3:40p.m.

President Winnecke: Would you please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given)

<div>APPROVAL OF MINUTES COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 4, 2002 FINAL BUDGET HEARING SEPTEMBER 4, 2002 SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 26, 2002</div>
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President Winnecke: Okay, we'll get right into the approval of minutes from our regular meeting of September 4th, the final budget hearing on September 4th, and our special meeting on August 26th. Do I hear a –

Councilmember Wortman: I make a motion for approval.

President Winnecke: There's a motion. Is there a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Tornatta? Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

SHERIFF

President Winnecke: Okay, we'll get right to the appropriations. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, moving right along. First on the agenda is the Sheriff's office, 1050-1210 College Incentive in the amount of \$10,925 and 1050-1300 Overtime \$100,000, for a total request of \$110,925. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SHERIFF

		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1210	College Incentive	10,925.00	10,925.00
1050-1300	Overtime	100,000.00	100,000.00
Total		110,925.00	110,925.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

JAIL

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Jail 1051-2240 Medical. I move that that be set in at \$50,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: I did have a question that just kind of occurred to me. I know from time to time the hospitals will allow for a certain amount for indigent care and I didn't know if some of these medical expenses might fall under that particular fund that many of the hospitals have and picking up some of the expense there. Obviously, you know, if there is a way that we can find a way to reduce some of our expense, that would be a great way, and I'm pretty sure you guys have probably already been down this road and probably inquired about it and they probably told you no, but if these people don't have adequate insurance and income, it would seem to qualify under indigent care to me.

Eric Williams: Eric Williams, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's office. We have traveled that path numerous times. We're always looking for other avenues to get those bills paid other than the General fund. Primarily, we look at pre-existing conditions and try to get the inmate, the inmate's family, the inmates insurance, those types of people to cover those costs, but more often than not, those don't occur and we still have to provide that medical service at our cost just to keep it from getting worse. We provide good medical care. We don't provide anything exorbitant or anything unnecessary, just the bare necessities when it comes to medical care. But in a lot of cases, it's probably better than what they were getting before they were incarcerated. But we do constantly look for other avenues and other sources of funding to get some of that done. An example being a grant that USI got about three years ago that we've been working closely with them where they are providing nurse practitioner services to the jail and some of the diagnostic types of things to us that has reduced some of our costs. So we are trying to find other sources to get those bills taken care of but there's just a certain number of them that we have to take care of.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-2240	Medical	75,000.00	50,000.00
Total		75,000.00	50,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

CORONER

Councilmember Raben: Next is the Coroner, Diagnostic Studies in the amount of \$7,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1070-3640	Diagnostic Studies	7,000.00	7,000.00
Total		7,000.00	7,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under County Commissioners, 1300-3050 Patient/Inmate Care, I move that that be set in at \$200,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3050	Patient/Inmate Care	400,000.00	200,000.00
Total		400,000.00	200,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Superior Court, 1370-2600, 1370-3250, 1370-3410, 1370-3790, 1370-3980, for a total request of \$22,500. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Tornatta?

President Winnecke: We can come back to him.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-2600	Office Supplies	4,000.00	4,000.00
1370-3250	Law Books	2,000.00	2,000.00
1370-3410	Printing	2,000.00	2,000.00
1370-3790	Professional Svcs.	8,000.00	8,000.00
1370-3980	Trans. Child. & Misc.	6,500.00	6,500.00
Total		22,500.00	22,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

RIVERBOAT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Riverboat, 1490-3111 Welfare to Work, in the amount of \$121,284. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Can we get maybe a little bit of explanation on that for those who –

Councilmember Raben: On the Welfare to Work?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, we didn't really talk about it, I guess, last week on what this \$121 –

Councilmember Raben: Well, what this represents, I guess, is the balance over the past few years that they did not encumber, that was not spent out of their original \$500,000 annual budget. That's my understanding.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, there was a – I guess there's been a lot of discussion in the past about the previous amounts that were not encumbered, so just trying to get that fund up to where it is. The last time that Mr. Heck was here, did indicate – I don't see him out there, that there would be a reduction in the number that would be served. This would actually help to elevate that back up to a level that would help a great deal with this program.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I'm going to vote yes on this. I do think we need to note as a Council that this is going to give the program, I'm not sure of the exact figure, I think it's well in excess of \$800,000, perhaps near \$900,000 this year. And typically, we've only budgeted this for half a million, and that's what's budgeted for next year. So, given the state of affairs, the finances, not just in this county, but the other 91 counties in the state and perhaps the nation for that matter, we may not have the money next year to equal this amount. So while I'm going to vote yes because I know there are people in need, I think that the folks running this program need to know that they may have to do some cutting next year and it will be just as painful. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Good point. Roll call vote please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

RIVERBOAT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1490-3111	Welfare to Work	121,284.00	121,284.00
Total		121,284.00	121,284.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next 1490-3112 Infrastructure/Drainage, I'm going to move that this be deferred at this time.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second to defer line item 1490-3112. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, just a quick question. Now this was money that was given by the Commissioners and then supposed to be paid back by the state. Is that correct?

Councilmember Raben: Right. That's a state reimbursement, right.

Councilmember Tornatta: So this should go back to the Commissioners account to

replenish the money that they outlaid for this project. Is that what the thought process is?

Councilmember Raben: I don't know if Tammy, I may ask Tammy, I see her in the background, step forward. Tammy, we're discussing under Riverboat, account 1490-3112. Do you know what – if there is a project or what their thinking is on what the plans are for that money?

Tammy McKinney: No, I don't know.

President Winnecke: I spoke to –

Councilmember Raben: I'm sorry. I didn't see John in the background.

President Winnecke: I spoke to Commissioner Fanello Monday or Tuesday of this week. She indicated that their intention was to put this toward property right acquisition for the Lynch Road extension.

Councilmember Raben: Is that correct?

John Stoll: I was going to say, that was one of the options. She never told me specifically that that was entirely what was in mind here, but that was one of the options, like Lloyd said.

Councilmember Raben: That's what my assumption was too, as well, and I know there was some discussion on that Monday night. I had asked the Auditor to do a little research in regards to the amount of monies that are available in the TIF district next to those properties, and we've had a lot of discussion on the possibility of extending that TIF district to encompass this new area and spend monies that are unused, surplus available to use. And she did a little research on that. I don't know if you would like to...

Suzanne Crouch: Commissioner Fanello raised the issue, actually, it came up several weeks ago about using TIF revenues to pay for a Lynch Road extension, and also being able to pay off the bonds when they're callable in 2007. We indicated, I did some research, we spoke to the financial advisors or consultants who did set up that Burkhardt TIF area. And they ran some preliminary numbers and indicated that there would be enough money to set aside 2.7 for Lynch Road and pay the bonds off when they are callable in 2007. We've asked them to put that information and make it available to us so that we could give that to the Commissioners and to the Councilmembers and then the Commissioners and Councilmembers can move forward.

Councilmember Raben: And deferring this will give us the opportunity to get that information and make an informed decision on it.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. But this is not – is this directed toward that? I mean, I guess what I'm trying to figure out is this is just payback for the money they spent in the Graham Packaging project.

John Stoll: Right, this was money – basically, there was a state Department of Commerce grant that reimbursed us. We basically paid for the whole project and they reimbursed us for their obligation which was the 300 and some odd thousand. So it's all coming back from them based on money we already spent out of the Riverboat accounts.

Councilman Tornatta: Is there an appropriation for that money for what you're talking

about, the Lynch Road project?

President Winnecke: No, all this does, the money has been reimbursed from the state into the General Fund. This is, if I'm correct, this is actually asking for it to be put from the General Fund into the Riverboat, Infrastructure.

Councilmember Tornatta: And where did it come from?

President Winnecke: From that account.

Councilmember Tornatta: Originally?

John Stoll: Originally, it was spent out of the Riverboat accounts.

President Winnecke: The reimbursement goes back into the county's General Fund and if we want to designate it back to the originating fund, we have to make this appropriation.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, I guess, we're taking, to me, we're taking one step further than I guess we should take. We should probably reimburse the account because that's what we thought we were going to do in the beginning, yet we are talking about what they're going to do with the money. At this time, if there's no appropriation, then we don't really know that, do we?

Councilmember Hoy: Actually, when we budget for the Riverboat, we budget a half million for Infrastructure, a half million for Economic Development, and a half million for Initiative Based Assistance Programs – it's hard to make that change, isn't it? And so in actuality, that's all that's really allocated in Riverboat money for those particular accounts, and I know I asked Mr. Stoll last time, this railroad spur cost us in excess of \$900,000, as I recall. Is that not correct?

John Stoll: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: And you all know how I stand on this kind of stuff. It's another gift to a company and I think we've funded this budget quite well, anyhow. I mean, we have given the half million and that's been spent, and that's really all we have to allocate. We don't have to put this back in Riverboat right now.

Councilmember Raben: And I guess, too, Troy, this may ease your mind somewhat, you know, there was a lot of budgets throughout this county that are reimbursed by grants, you know, fees that are collected that come back into the coffers. I mean, you know when you budget in an account and you get those reimbursements, they should come back to the coffer and not back into that budget, so I don't think you treat this any differently. But again, in deferring this, we'll look at the information coming to us, you know, and we'll make an informed decision next month on it.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: The other comment, I haven't looked at the map that carefully, but in this whole area where this development is to take place, we have a – presently, we have a great deal of difficulty with the Environmental Protection Agency, I believe, because they have declared a whole lot of that area, have they not, Mr. Stoll, as a flood plain. Is this part of that or its close to it.

John Stoll: I haven't seen those maps but –

Councilmember Hoy: I've seen the maps and they're going to be called into question, but presently the folks owning businesses, etcetera, out there are going to have to buy flood insurance, which they did not have to buy before, unless they change their maps. And that came as not only a surprise, but it came as a shock to a lot of people. I have to tell you it came as no shock to me because when I was the director of the Food Bank we looked at land out there and we knew it was in the flood plain and decided not to buy it.

John Stoll: And it won't slow down the development. They'll continue to fill the flood plain, so it will continue to grow out there regardless.

Councilmember Hoy: When they get six inches of water like they did in Owensboro, they may be sorry.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: If I remember right, the Riverboat is still part of the General Fund as listed, is that not right?

President Winnecke: Yes. Other questions or comments? Okay, the motion before us is to set in 1490-3112, actually to defer that for one month. Roll call vote please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

1490-3112	Infrastructure/Drainage	362,000.00	DEFERRED
Total		362,000.00	DEFERRED

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next under Reassessment, the County Assessor, 2492-1090-3530 Contractual Services, I know there will be some questions on this one. I'm going to move that it be set in at \$124,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Let the questions begin...or discussion.

Councilmember Tornatta: I had a talk with Mr. Colvin from Pro-Val, and he said that there are other – which is a vendor base, one of the avenues that we can take with this process. This is going to have to be done by our Assessors either this assessment or in 2006. And its been done by other states using Pro-Val. Its just a matter of having a little bit of training. The training could possibly be as little as \$10,000 as opposed to spending \$124,000 to get the job done. I think its very important that we learn this process and get a little update. We can have one or two from each office go for an update on how this can be done with our own software. We can use that software and get the job handled throughout the whole county and have it done in-house. And I think its been proven in other states and it can be done here. But we need to step up and take control and we can also cut the time on it.

President Winnecke: Along those lines, I'd like to ask the County Assessor to come forward. I have a couple of questions relating to the Pro-Val software.

Cheryl Musgrave: Cheryl Musgrave, County Assessor.

President Winnecke: Thanks for coming. Does the Pro-Val software provide any independent means to verify sales information?

Cheryl Musgrave: It does not.

President Winnecke: It does not. And isn't that sort of the crux of the entire change in Reassessment?

Cheryl Musgrave: It is a major part of the change in reassessment. There are other analysis that have to be performed as well that the Pro-Val software is not capable of performing.

President Winnecke: What about in terms of commercial and industrial reassessments or assessments, I would assume, and correct me if I'm wrong, but I would assume there would be fewer transactions to base assessments on, so does Pro-Val provide any sort of means to verify commercial/industrial assessments?

Cheryl Musgrave: No, it just provides a place where you can key in a sales value if you have one and the software can do a simple ratio study. It can't do any sort of analysis, the sort of analysis that is not only desirable, but required by the rule under which I've filed the appropriation that you have before you today.

Councilmember Tornatta: This has all been – Pro-Val is set up with the AAIO, all their reports are set up with that, so I don't really understand where you're coming from with that. That's not the case. It doesn't have to be independent. From talking to Beth Henkel up at the state, she said that if we can do it in-house and we can do it with a vendor base, then she said that it totally qualifies.

Cheryl Musgrave: I'd like to ask Mr. Frank Kelly of Nexus Corp. to come up and address you. He has a flier that he has drawn up that may assist this discussion.

President Winnecke: Sure.

Frank Kelly: Based on your comments (inaudible) put together a little handout on what the process was as far as statistical information on the process on both the residential side and the commercial/industrial side. I won't go through all those mind-numbing details, but as far as what Pro-Val does and does not do, it would review sales information if sales information was available. So some of the steps under the residential and agricultural side, Pro-Val software would do, just like Excel software would do or Lotus software would do, or any other type of spreadsheet type software, but it would not do several of the other steps that are critical to the process and – such as suggesting any changes in land value, suggest any changes to neighborhood boundaries, those types of things. And under residential and agricultural property, there would be no mechanism in Pro-Val to review what the data that was in there to make sure that it was accurate and appropriate of and by itself. It's simply a software program. It would be able to conduct the basic statistical measures, that's absolutely correct. Of course, you would not have any subsequent meetings or reports from that software with local officials to explain the process and explain the findings, which I think is a very critical step in the process. Further, the software wouldn't provide the reports that are required by the DLGF, the state board in this situation, and it wouldn't participate or defend those findings at the local level. That's on the residential side and the commercial/industrial side, since there are very few commercial or industrial sales that are available, and a ratio study is required on those two property classes, then Pro-Val would have no data to submit, no data from which to make a report. So an independent analysis on that is required in our view, so Pro-Val would not do any of the steps, one through twelve, that are listed there under commercial and industrial, since Pro-Val by itself would have no data to deal with.

Councilmember Tornatta: Now, do the assessors acquire any of that data?

Frank Kelly: The assessors already have the sales data, they should have the sales data that's listed under item one, under residential and agricultural property. Most assessment officials haven't taken any type of verification process. They simply use the data without verification. Another point I heard mentioned was that an independent analysis is not required. The state, in drafting the rule that governs this process, referred to the IAAO standard, the International Association of Assessment Officers, incorporated that standard into the language that's required by the state. At last count, in this 40 page standard, the word independent comes up – our count was 40 times. The state, by incorporating the IAAO standard, which I have here, it's designed to be an independent process. Independent, sales, by using sales, that's an independent measure, but of course, on commercial and industrial property, you wouldn't have those sales to deal with.

Councilmember Tornatta: And what does it say about the vendor of a software?

Frank Kelly: That, it doesn't refer to any vendor of the software. I did talk to Lisa Acobert, the head person at the Department of Local Government Finance, earlier today and she said that of the 70 counties in Indiana that are doing a ratio study either in-house or by whatever process, none of those counties are using "Pro-Val" as their ratio study mechanism even though over half the counties in the state use Pro-Val software in that sense. So, and about half the counties of which my company is dealing with, also use Pro-Val software, but software, just like Excel, does not give you all the information that you need to conduct all of the things that are required both by the state and by the IAAO.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I think that in my opinion here, the way he described it and

the assessors, all the duties they've got to do to get done, I don't think you've got any choice but to hire this firm here. And didn't you kind of advise the State Tax Board, too, at one time, was that you up there?

Frank Kelly: Yeah, I worked there for three years up until 2000 and drafted preliminary copies of the equalization rule after the legislature had put that into law, that obviously had to draft language to it, to put that into effect.

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, see we want these tax bills to come out. We don't want to wait until April or May, they need them. If the county is going to get the money, we've got to get on the ball.

Frank Kelly: That's the important part, is meeting that May 10th deadline.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy, and then we'll circle back this way.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a couple of comments that (inaudible). We have on our hands once again one of those familiar unfunded mandates from the state and that's what it really is. Time is of the essence. My phone has been ringing off the wall. Oh, you want my mic on. Okay, what we have here is an unfunded mandate from the state. That's my first point. My second point is time is of the essence. And my phone has been ringing off the wall from assessors and not just the county assessor, and from other officials involved in this. I've talked at length with the Treasurer who couldn't be here today, who said please do this, because if we don't do it, we're not going to have the revenue stream on time. And I don't think that we should be asking the assessors to go to training sessions right now, because they're under pressure to get this done by a certain date. We need this revenue stream. I don't know whether I did the correct calculation, but I took the budget we just passed and the cost of this, and it hardly shows up on my calculator as a percent. And I don't like spending this money, but I don't think we have any choice in order to move this ahead. That's about it. The other thing I would add is the phone calls I received were from both parties, so I do not view this as a party political issue at all. This is a county issue and its an important one.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, I'm glad we have a chance to at least hear some perspective and I know we've heard from Cheryl last week and Mr. Kelly last week, and I guess the assessors really didn't get as much of a chance maybe to discuss it, a couple of them did. How many assessors do we have here today or representatives from the assessor's offices? I see one, two, three, four...I mean, I'd like to hear maybe from you guys, your perspective on this. We realize that there is a – time is of the essence on this project, this issue. But I think the question that I think that some of us are really kind of, really debating back and forth is if this is something that can be done in-house or do we need to look at what is proposed to us, not necessarily a particular vendor, but look at this particular process. I mean, if at least the four of you guys could give me some perspective, not necessarily long speeches, but something to help crystalize it, I guess, in our minds from the job that you have to get done, where this places you, what your perspective is. I mean, you guys are still sitting, you can start walking this way if you want to. I'd like to hear from you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Gerard, would you like to come forward?

Councilmember Raben: While we're waiting on that, can I make a comment, too?

President Winnecke: Yes sir.

Councilmember Raben: The one thing about property tax and the whole issue of reassessment is, this is our lifeblood, this is what funds this county and I think, you know, the move towards fair market value is a whole new animal for us and I think, you know, whether it be – I'm not, you know, it doesn't have to be Nexus. It can be whoever is capable of doing that service. But I think to play with it the first time is probably not wise, particularly when no one is trained and as Councilman Hoy had said, time is of the essence. I think, you know, the appeal process is probably going to be so overwhelming anyway. I don't know why we would try to worsen that situation. So, you know, I think if there's professional help out there that can provide us with a fair reassessment, one with as few of appeals as possible, you know, \$120,000 is a drop in the hat in terms of what we can spend in legal fees fighting appeals. And I'd like to acknowledge Councilman Tornatta. I know he's put a lot of work into researching this and phone calls amongst the Councilmen and Pro-Val, but you know, I have to go along with the majority here that there's just too much here. This is more than I care to gamble with and I'm all for it.

Councilmember Tornatta: And on that note, I'm okay if it's the consensus not to be obstructionists to make sure that this goes fine and had a meeting with the Assessors. Now the one point I'd like to make is we've looked at one vendor and the other point I'd like to make is we haven't talked to our vendor that services our computers. There was two components that we have not dealt with and I think that that is rushing into a process before we know all the answers. We've heard from one individual and it might be the individual that we end up doing business with, but this is the first time I've ever known us to just say 124 – we're going to go ahead and go with this after talking to one vendor. Now, I mean, you think about how many times we've done that over the course of the years and then we haven't even talked to our vendor provider at all, and had him come, and I'll have him come down next month if we defer this.

President Winnecke: Just one second. We got away from –

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I think I had a point I was trying to –

President Winnecke: – for the Township Assessors, so why don't we hear from that, and then we'll come back to –

Councilmember Sutton: And I would like to hear from Mr. Folz, Mr. Hatfield, I think you're hiding around the other side there and anyone else who – you guys are – I haven't known you guys to be shy before. Today is not the day.

John Gerard: John Gerard, Center Township Assessor. First of all, the equalization order does fall into the County Assessor's bailiwick. Each Township Assessor is going to do their own independent ratio studies and we turn in, and it's their job to analyze our data further. So according to state law, and whatever happens, whatever you decide to do, Cheryl is the one who has to sign off on those papers and say yes. I stated, Mr. Hoy asked me the question last week, did I think it needed to be an independent source. At that time I stated at that time, yes. Who that source is, is up, as far as I'm concerned, up to the Council and the County Assessor to decide who does that. I'm willing to work with anyone on that basis. There are some things of this that obviously, and like Mr. Raben was saying, this is new to us and we haven't run the ratio studies either. And if we have things not put in the right order, obviously, we'd like them put in the right order before the tax bills go out rather than later, because it's very, very hard or time consuming afterwards. Once again, on who does it, like I said, that's up to the County Assessor and the County Council then to fund who or with the other one. Do we need help? Yes we need help.

Councilmember Sutton: I'd like, just, with the perspective you gave us, I'd like to hear from the others. He's being courteous, too. Shy and courteous in the same day. We're giving out some awards today or something.

Al Folz: Al Folz, Knight Township Assessor. You know, this is a question here and a heck of a thing to decide. On some of the points, I agree with Mr. Tornatta, Councilman Tornatta, in the way that there are other companies out there that I'm sure can probably do a good job. I've never seen one company at \$125,000 come up here and you guys approve it, all of the Councilmen approve it without really looking into it in a little bit more depth. I can work either way. I'm going to do my own equalization as far as Knight Township is concerned and then I can turn it over to the County Assessor's Office and that's her responsibility to be able to do the equalization then for all the rest of Vanderburgh County. My ratio studies, why we've been working on those just a little bit as we've been moving ahead. Things have been moving rather well for us and I feel that before you decide possibly on just one person, that you do take a little bit of time and say hey, what do you have to offer? And there's some fine, reputable firms that are out there. I've heard of Nexus, that's the only thing my comment is, you know, to take a good hard look at this. And if it would come down that we have to do all of this in-house, we'll do it. You know, we've had some pretty stringent type measures put upon us in doing a reassessment this time. And a lot of people that I have talked to, assessors basically, people who just got elected and then such from all over the state, they was just convinced that, you know, we're not going to get this done. We're going to get it done. We're going to do the reassessment. We're going to have it fine. You're going to have a stream of money coming in which we need. And looking even forward, you know, between the reassessments and upgrading assessments, we've also got to get into. And I feel that maybe this is one question, too, that should be asked of the person who is wanting to do this equalization. Well, can you help later on, also? Lisa Acobert, who is the Director now of the old State Tax Board, handed out some forms and the last meeting from the Township Assessors that went on, I wasn't happy that I wasn't able to be there, I was gone, but I think these things here should be addressed and taken a look at, too. Our main concern right now is let's get the data in and let's get everything there going and then we can work with the software that we have, we can work some things on this thing and while you decide what we're going to do, or how much money we're going to spend and such. And so that's just my basic comments.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you. Okay.

(Inaudible)

Paul Hatfield: It wouldn't have been with my lips, honey. This is a no-brainer. I have worked with Pro-Val's equalization and ratio study software. It does not work. I talked to the same guy that Mr. Tornatta talked to this morning. He called me at 20 minutes till 9. I asked him a lot of questions, he gave me some answers. And none of those, I will tell all of the Assessors, you are not going to be able to conduct an equalization and ratio study under the rules with Pro-Val software. And the fact is, we have tried it. I've got a sample in my file. It doesn't even pick up sales. It does not do anything except what we can all do, and that is, when you have made an assessment, you've got a sale, you can figure out the ratio of assessment to sale. Hell, that is not what we're talking about here. One step further, under the rules, you have got seven, possibly eight, and truthfully nine, separate ratio studies that you have to make and you don't make them within a day or two's time. Now, the big kernel in this whole affair is the verification of sales. Now, as far as that is concerned, the software doesn't help you there at all. An outside firm will have the ability to do this by various means. Number one, what we have verified and by what means. We're already starting to mark on property record cards where the sale has been entered as to whether or not from our standard, our

information, whether or not it's a good sale or not a good sale, family sale, these are the kind of things that have to be done. Now, I'm telling you now, there is not an Assessor in this county that can do this ratio study under the rules of the Department of Local Government Finance. The last thing I'm going to say, I covered all this last week, out of the 92 counties in the state of Indiana, 77 of those counties are using outside firms to do this study. Now I've put on your desk the law. In fact, I just got it today, this was an update. Now if you'll look at the first part of that, that I handed out to you, that is what the Department of Local Government Finance will do after the study has been presented to them. There's a whole list even down farther in the law where they can, if it doesn't come up to snuff, they can have you to reassess the whole county. Now this safeguards against that. It safeguards against that in the contract. I said last week, I don't care who does it, but it has to be done by an outside, reputable firm. Now, anybody that tells you, any Assessor in this county tells you that they can conduct this study, they are wrong. I have conducted them in smaller counties and it's no picnic. People lie like hell to you. And it takes you time to get down to the, really the nut of what the truth is. This is what these people are for. Now, the last thing, when you're talking about each township does their own study, do you know what that is? That's like the police department that is investigating themselves. And that's what we're trying to avoid here. We're trying to avoid what has been going on in this county and in other counties throughout this state, as I said last week, 40 years, the Mickey Mouse assessments that have been made by Assessors, and it's time to stop it. And this will stop it.

President Winnecke: We're going to change the tape.

(Tape changed)

Nancy Locke: Nancy Lock, Chief Deputy Perry Township Assessor's office. Glen is attending a Pro-Val conference right now. I'm not going to say anything. I think she will know a lot more information when she returns from there. She'll be back in the office Friday.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Winnecke: We're going to go around one more time and then take a vote.

Councilmember Sutton: One more question that I had just in behind, I guess, based on kind of what we heard here, I asked the question last week about Marion County and, you know, we don't necessarily have to do what Marion County does, but I just found, when I asked about Marion County and their approach to this whole new code, part of the statute that is an unfunded mandate and I guess the response that I got was that, I guess, they apparently feel that they don't, they're not affected by this whole new state law. And I, like I say, just find that a little bit puzzling that, you know, one county would exempt themselves from this process, but the others are urgently working toward this. I mean, so I guess more my question is, if they aren't working toward this, getting something done, I mean, is this something that we should have the same sense of urgency for? I mean, I recognize what we have to get done as far as our tax bills, getting those out, I understand that. But they have tax bills up there, too. I mean, if someone could maybe respond along that line. I'm not, maybe, Cheryl or either one.

Cheryl Musgrave: I'm not the Assessor in Marion County.

Councilmember Sutton: I understand that.

Cheryl Musgrave: I don't know what they are doing and I haven't bothered to find out. I'm the Assessor in Vanderburgh County. I understand the implications of the new rule.

I think I see some of the things that are coming our way. My recommendation is to do the job, do it well, and do it in time that the Treasurer's bills go out on time. So I have nothing to add to any comparison between Vanderburgh and Marion.

Councilmember Sutton: And then, I guess, as far as the actual contract itself, whether it's this company, some other company, who signs off on that contract? I mean, have we talked about that?

President Winnecke: Commissioners.

Councilmember Sutton: Wouldn't this request come under the Commissioners rather than the County Assessor? Wouldn't it fall under them?

Councilmember Wortman: The Commissioners, if I understand it, the Commissioners sign all contracts.

Councilmember Raben: And besides the fact, too, you want to pay this out of Reassessment, Royce. If you file it under the Commissioners, it's going to come out of the General Fund.

Councilmember Sutton: I would recommend that we do put together some type of RFP's when we do select whatever company we're going to select, whether it's this company or another, that kind of lays out the specs since we are new to this, with the, obviously, the County Assessor and some of the Township Assessors assistance with this. This is a very urgent issue, but like I say, we want to make sure we do this and do this very well and we don't really have a lot of time. So if some group begins to put together some type of specs on what we want out of this company or company that we select, that would be very helpful.

Paul Hatfield: Royce, I have seen this contract and it is a good one. For Nexus, it's a good contract. Whoever else you pick, you can believe me, it will be the same contract. That's just how they're written. In fact, a big part of Nexus' contract, I used in Owensboro when I did the western half of Owensboro in this type of study. What you're doing is, you are muddying up the waters. Now, they have got work to do or anybody else has got work to do to start with, right now. Now, it sounds like you're wanting to put it off. I don't care. What's going to happen is, you do this and it falls through the cracks, the county, the Township Assessors won't get this study done, nobody will get it done, you read what I put on your desk about the consequences.

Councilmember Sutton: And I'll say to you, and it sounds like you didn't hear what I said, and what I'm saying is, if we know, if we're going to contract with somebody, we need to know what we're going to get. They've written the contract. We didn't write the contract. Clearly, we can work with them. So I didn't say that, and so I'm not going to allow you to put the words in my mouth.

President Winnecke: Okay, Mrs. Musgrave can answer and then we're going to start with Mr. Hoy and if you would like, then we'll come around, and then we'll vote.

Cheryl Musgrave: I'm working on the contract now. It's a written document, I'm revising it. I'm trying to squeeze more deliverables out of it for the same price. So it is a written contract, it will be taken to the Commissioners as required, put on their desk for their signatures, all exactly the way it's supposed to be done.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I just had a question. I know it said the Commissioners sign off on this, but there are some contracts that other folks sign off on including us. We sign off on certain contracts that – we limited, so does Mrs. Musgrave sign off on that or the Commissioners, or does anybody know?

Cheryl Musgrave: The Commissioners sign off on it.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

Cheryl Musgrave: I'm going to put my name on there as well to show that I support its terms.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben, did you have any comment or questions?

Councilmember Raben: Just real quick, listening to some of the comments made, you know, in terms of RFP's and what have you, I guess the unfortunate thing, should it go to that process is, the Nexus organization has already laid their cards out. I mean, you know, how fair is that to them? I don't know. But I know if any of us were in the same situation where you were bidding a job or merchandise and your bid had already been put on display 30 days ago, you wouldn't feel like you had much of a chance of being awarded that bid or being the low bidder because, you know, it's already out there.

Councilmember Hoy: We don't chose, that's my point. We don't sign this contract just like we don't sign contracts on a whole lot of things and so the Commissioners are going to have to decide if they're going to sign off on this.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman, did you have anything to add?

Councilmember Wortman: No, outside, do you know if we sign a contract, have to have the money in place and that's been through the years, all my years up here.

President Winnecke: Mr. Sutton, did you have anything else to ask?

Councilmember Sutton: Nothing further.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, Cheryl, what type of plan for the future do you have if we're going to hire this out this year, in 2006 for reassessment, are we going to plan on hiring that out? If you're the Assessor, do we plan on hiring that out again?

Cheryl Musgrave: I don't know –

Councilmember Tornatta: I mean, any plans, I mean, I guess that's my question.

Cheryl Musgrave: Well, my favorite plan is always to hire the experts to teach me, my staff and others, and then we kick them out and we do it ourselves. But there's a long time between now and 2006. And the state legislature, governor, and all sorts of folks have time to weigh in to change things dramatically again. So I plan on knowing everything that they intend to do and be able to do it again. Will I be given that opportunity? I don't know.

Councilmember Tornatta: And you think that it would take longer than, I mean, it would

take till 2006 to be able to acquire those skills?

Cheryl Musgrave: No, I don't.

Councilmember Tornatta: Then my question is, could those skills be acquired by the time we would need to get these tax bills out?

Cheryl Musgrave: Could the skills be acquired? Maybe. Could the skills be acquired and the work get done? No.

President Winnecke: Anything else, Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: My only thing is, although, Mr. Raben, I understand what you're saying about laying the cards out on the table, but like I said, precedent has it that we don't – we haven't in the past been able to take any kind of contract like this and with other vendors out there that can serve us just as well. Like I said, if this is a contract that gives us the best bang for our buck, that's fine. If we find one that's better, I think we should look at it. If we find one that's less money, but doesn't offer the services, then we're right back to this one. But we have nothing to base that off of.

Cheryl Musgrave: Mr. Winnecke, just a note of humor here. This reminds me of my favorite commercial on TV that's running right now. You have a guy standing in his apartment and all of his stuff is floating all around. The kids are trying to paddle around in the water. The furniture is floating past and the plumber is standing there going, oh my gosh, I guess you guys have a leak. I guess I better get started. And the man of the house says, well, I don't know. I need to have your price and the price of two of your competitors before we decide. We are in a time crunch. That's it. That's the number one consideration we have here. We are drowning and we need to get it fixed. And I feel fortunate to have such a fine company saying that they will step in and do it for us.

President Winnecke: I'll make the last observation and then we're going to vote. And that is, that to your point, Councilman, that we're setting money aside. We are not saying that this is the organization that we're choosing. I mean, I believe that is up to the County Assessor and the County Commissioners. Before they can proceed with signing any contract the funds need to be in place and I think by our actions today, that's what we're doing. And with that, roll call vote on a request for \$124,000 for line item 2492-1090-3530.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1090-3530	Contractual Services	124,000.00	124,000.00
Total		124,000.00	124,000.00

(Motion carried 5-1/Councilmember Tornatta opposed)

REASSESSMENT/CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, Center Township Assessor. There's several listed here. I'm going to move that this budget be approved or this amount of \$20,000 be approved as listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Are there questions or is there discussion? Roll call vote please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CENTER TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1110-1910	PERF	1,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1110-1900	FICA	1,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1110-1300	Regular Overtime	2,500.00	2,500.00
2492-1110-2600	Office Supplies	1,500.00	1,500.00

2492-1110-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,500.00	1,500.00
2492-1110-2610	Copy Machine Supply	1,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1110-3390	Assessors Plat Sheets	1,500.00	1,500.00
2492-1110-3410	Printing	1,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1110-3520	Equipment Repair	1,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1110-4220	Office Machines	840.00	840.00
2492-1110-1990	Extra Help	7,160.00	7,160.00
Total		20,000.00	20,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Knight Assessor. I'm going to move that that request be appropriated in the amount of \$42,557.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1130-1990	Extra Help	13,000.00	13,000.00
2492-1130-1300	Regular Overtime	25,000.00	25,000.00
2492-1130-1900	FICA	2,907.00	2,907.00

2492-1130-1910	PERF	1,650.00	1,650.00
Total		42,557.00	42,557.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

REASSESSMENT/PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Raben: Perry Township Assessor. I'll move that we set in the \$4,777.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

PERRY TWP. ASSESSOR

REQUESTED

APPROVED

2492-1140-1990	Extra Help	4,000.00	4,000.00
2492-1140-1910	PERF	777.00	777.00
TOTAL		4,777.00	4,777.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR (continued on page 26)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, Pigeon Township Assessor, moving down to account 2492-1150-1110, the request is for \$10,000. I'll move that be set in at zero,

all other accounts as they are listed, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: The question is the affect on PERF and other things by zeroing that out. Will there be an adjustment on that?

Councilmember Raben: I'll add that to my motion, that FICA and PERF will be adjusted accordingly.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman, did you amend your second?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR

REQUESTED

APPROVED

2492-1150-1990	Extra Help	10,000.00	10,000.00
2492-1150-2600	Office Supplies	2,500.00	2,500.00
2492-1150-3310	Training	2,350.00	2,350.00
2492-1150-3130	Travel/Mileage	2,000.00	2,000.00
2492-1150-1300	Overtime	25,000.00	25,000.00
2492-1150-1110	Assessor	10,000.00	0.00
2492-1150-1930	Unemployment	3,000.00	3,000.00

Total		54,850.00	44,850.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Local Emergency Planning, account 2861-3313 Education and Public Outreach, I'll move approval of \$1,500.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

LEPC		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2861-3313	Education & Public Outreach	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total		1,500.00	1,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Winnecke: Before we move on, Mr. Hoy has a quick point he'd like to make relative to this organization.

Councilmember Hoy: That's a good point in which to make it. I'm on the Local Emergency Planning Committee –

Madelyn Grayson: Is your microphone on?

Councilmember Hoy: No, I'm sorry. That's twice today. And I just wanted to – I don't want to read this whole thing to you, it's too long, but this committee functions very well, it's an interdisciplinary committee. And I'm looking at a report that John Ansboro did for us on risks from chemicals and from other risks that are out there, the population that's involved, the schools that are nearby, etcetera, etcetera. It's pages, and this is the kind of work this committee puts out so that if we ever do have any kind of emergency, we're ready. And I just think it's nice every now and then to remind the Council of some fine work that goes on, that would never be brought to mind. My second point is that I'm going to try to find a frame this long to frame Mr. Marynell's column from Sunday since we got such a nice compliment. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Okay, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, and Mr. President, so my colleague next to me doesn't feel bad, as much as you talked, to only forget it twice isn't a bad average.

Councilmember Hoy: Not bad at all.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I think we're ready to vote.

Councilmember Tornatta: We're done with that.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, we got that one.

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

President Winnecke: Yeah, we're waiting on Mr. Raben to go on with –

Councilmember Tornatta: 3600-4060.

Councilmember Raben: Well, we've not – did we vote on this?

President Winnecke: Yes. We're ready for the Pagoda.

Councilmember Raben: I'm ready to go, 3600-4060 Pagoda, \$90,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes. Let the record show, I shocked my colleague so much that he forgot where he was.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3600-4060	Pagoda/Trans. Ctr.	90,000.00	90,000.00
Total		90,000.00	90,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR (continued from page 23)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, Sandie figured that FICA and PERF. If you don't care, I'll move that we reopen Pigeon Township Reassessment account.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second to reopen Pigeon Township. Roll call vote please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, under FICA 2492-1150-1900, the correct

figure is \$3,192; PERF 2492-1150-1910 \$2,302. I'll make that amendment to my original motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Jim, do you – Sandie, do you have a grand total on that?

Sandie Deig: No.

President Winnecke: Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1150-1900	FICA	3,967.00	3,192.00
2492-1150-1910	PERF	2,852.00	2,302.00
Total		6,819.00	5,494.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

GENERAL FUND REPEAL REQUESTS

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Superior Court, 1370-1330-1370 Bailiff in the amount of \$25,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote

please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Repeals are nice. Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-1330-1370	Bailiff	25,000.00	25,000.00
Total		25,000.00	25,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

**TREASURER
WEIGHTS & MEASURES
COUNTY HIGHWAY
COUNTY HIGHWAY (LATE)**

**CORONER
SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY ENGINEER**

**COMMISSIONERS
LEGAL AID
SHERIFF (LATE)**

Councilmember Raben: Okay, County Treasurer, 1030 – these are transfers. I tell you what, Mr. President, there's quite a few of them. If no one objects, I'll lump these all together. Is everybody okay with that?

Councilmember Wortman: The only one -- I'm going to vote for it, but I got a – Office Supplies in the Commissioners, they've used an awful lot of Office Supplies this year, but I'm going to go ahead and vote anyway.

President Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Raben: Well, okay, first let me make a motion. I'm going to move that we accept all transfers as they are listed.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second to accept all transfers as presented.
Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1030-2700	Other Supplies	1,157.11	1,157.11
To: 1030-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	1,157.11	1,157.11

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1070-3160	Radio/Pagers	300.00	300.00
1070-3310	Training	1,000.00	1,000.00
1070-3130	Travel/Mileage	100.00	100.00
1070-2720	Lab Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00

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1070-3540	Maint. Contract	1,000.00	1,000.00
1070-2740	Chemicals	1,000.00	1,000.00
1070-2720	Lab Supplies	2,000.00	2,000.00
1070-3660	Forensic Dentistry	600.00	600.00
To: 1070-2210	Gas & Oil	300.00	300.00
1070-2230	Garage & Motor	1,100.00	1,100.00
1070-2410	Body Transport	1,000.00	1,000.00
1070-3530	Contractual Svcs.	1,000.00	1,000.00
1070-3520	Equipment Repair	3,600.00	3,600.00

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1300-3314	GIS Contractual	10,500.00	10,500.00
To: 1300-2600	Office Supplies	4,500.00	4,500.00
1300-3420	Legal Advertising	6,000.00	6,000.00

WEIGHTS & MEASURES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1302-3120	Postage/Freight	250.00	250.00
To: 1302-3140	Telephone	250.00	250.00

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1370-1330-1370	Bailiff	3,087.00	3,087.00
To: 1370-1530-1370	Riding Bailiff	2,740.00	2,740.00
1370-1900	FICA	210.00	210.00
1370-1910	PERF	137.00	137.00

LEGAL AID		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1460-3130	Travel/Mileage	225.00	225.00
1460-4220	Office Machines	370.58	370.58
1460-4210	Office Furniture	500.00	500.00
1460-3520	Equipment Repair	800.00	800.00
1460-3730	Continuing Education	1,216.00	1,216.00
1460-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	267.53	267.53
To: 1460-3140	Telephone	225.00	225.00
1460-3371	Computer Hardware	3,154.11	3,154.11

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2010-3410	Printing	3,000.00	3,000.00
To: 2010-3160	Radios/Pagers	3,000.00	3,000.00

COUNTY ENGINEER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-4406	Old Henderson Rd. Br.	4,000.00	4,000.00
To: 2030-4429	Engineer Equipment	4,000.00	4,000.00

LATE TRANSFER REQUESTS			
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SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0049	Patrolman	11,585.00	11,585.00
To: 1050-1971	Accrued Payments	11,585.00	11,585.00

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
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From: 2010-3120	Postage/Freight	315.00	315.00
To: 2010-3840	Drainage & Assessment	315.00	315.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, we will take care of the amendments to the Salary Ordinance. First is the Sheriff –

Councilmember Raben: Jim, is your mic on?

Councilmember Raben: No, it's not. I'm sorry. First is the Sheriff, I'll move that we amend salary line 1050-1210 College Incentive as previously adopted, salary line 1050-1300 Overtime as previously adopted, salary line 1050-1971 Accrued Payments as the transfer previously approved. Center Township Assessor/Reassessment, salary line 2492-1110-1300 Regular Overtime and 2492-1110-1990 Extra Help as previously adopted. Knight Township Assessor/Reassessment, salary line 2492-1130-1300 Regular Overtime and 2492-1130-1990 Extra Help as previously adopted. Perry Township Assessor/Reassessment 2492-1140-1990 Extra Help as previously adopted. Pigeon Township Assessor, salary line 2492-1150-1300 Regular Overtime as previously adopted, along with 2492-1150-1990 Extra Help as previously adopted. Superior Court, salary line 1370-1530 Riding Bailiff as transfer previously approved. The current employee is a COMOT VI/Step IV with an annual salary of \$30,144. Health Department, amend salary line 2130-1140 as follows: delete position title Supervisor Child Health and change to Registered Nurse, the current employee's annual salary is set at \$35,068. That's it for the salary ordinance amendments and I make it in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Winnecke: Thank you, Mr. Raben. Any old business?

Councilmember Sutton: There was a – I don't know if it's old or new, either one, but normally, we get a listing of the balances on the accounts.

President Winnecke: It was in your –

Councilmember Sutton: For some reason I didn't get mine.

Councilmember Tornatta: It's on the back of your –

President Winnecke: It may still have been attached.

Councilmember Hoy: This?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, okay.

President Winnecke: Marilee?

<p style="text-align: center;">MARILEE FOWLER CONVENTION & VISITOR BUREAU UPDATE</p>
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Marilee Fowler: Good afternoon. I was here before you and I said I would come back on a regular basis just to let you know some of the projects we're working on and maybe on some of our achievements and accomplishments. I've provided you with a pack of material that includes number one, our convention calendar for the current year 2002. It also shows the conventions we've booked for 2003, 2004 and 2005, and we're very excited to see that we're booking at least three years out now. To highlight 2003, we have the Kennedy American College Theater Festival returning for the second consecutive year, we've got American Legion, Fraternal Order of Police, American Gold Star Mothers, The Indiana Township Association, American Youth Basketball, this one is also returning for a second year, the Indiana Sheriff's Association, Church of God of Prophecy, their north American conference and the Regional Neighborhood Network Conference. In 2004, we have the Indiana Judicial Center, and we have the Association of Indiana Counties to highlight a couple. And then for 2005, we have the Women of the Evangelical Churches of America. So, you see, we've got a variety of things, state associations, religious groups, church, school, so it's just a variety and that's really what we're trying to do is to bring different types of groups and really develop a diversity for what we have. We're continuing to work with all of those different types of opportunities and the League of Indiana Cities and Towns is probably very close to booking as well as the Jehovah Witnesses. And another area we're pursuing is sports opportunities and its been exciting this year to host the Great Lakes Valley Conference Men's Basketball tournament, the NCAA Division II Men's Elite Eight Basketball Tournament, American Youth Basketball, the Snickers Soccer Tournament, and coming in November we have the Evansville Elite Soccer Veterans invitational tournament. For 2003, we'll be hosting the Great Lakes Valley Conference Men's Basketball Tournament. Again, the American Youth Basketball is returning. We also are very pleased to see the NCAA Division II National Collegiate Cross County. So again, we're starting to see a diversity of what we see even in the sports groups coming to Evansville. We look forward to promoting ice hockey tournaments especially with the completion of the Swonder facility. We're also

very excited that we're going to have the opportunity, with our fingers crossed, to host the NCAA Mens Elite Eight basketball tournament with probably the 50th anniversary tournament. Soccer tournaments, I think we're close to getting some new soccer fields here in Evansville, so we'll certainly pursue those even more. NCAA Division I and II, with the assistance of the University of Evansville and University of Southern Indiana, but the big one we're working on is the Women's Senior Golf Tournament. This is a group of senior professional women golfers that have come to us. They look at second tiered cities. Currently, they're hosting tournaments in Des Moines, Iowa; Green Bay, Wisconsin; a suburb of Boston, they'll be adding Palm Springs; Greensboro; and hopefully, Evansville in 2003. Our goal to do this was to secure sponsorship of about \$500,000 and I feel very comfortable at this point that we're at the \$400,000 level. We have support from Mead Johnson, Deaconess Women's Hospital, Buehler's Buy-Low Supermarkets, Vectren, Casino Aztar, Evansville Courier & Press, the Convention & Visitors Bureau, Toyota, and Victoria National Golf Course is donating the course for this tournament. Enclosed in your packet is also a brochure. This was donated, the graphic design work was donated by Fire House Marketing and Mead Johnson then donated the cost of printing this. This has been a very successful piece in helping us secure part of that sponsorship. So we think we're very close to having the goal of \$500,000 so we can make this a goal for 2003. In talking to the woman that is president of this organization, she's come to Evansville, she's seen this golf course, and she thinks we even have the potential to become the championship of all these tournaments. So we'd be looking at fall of 2003 to hold this. We'll keep you advised as this thing gets closer. The bureau has also been involved in conducting a study of the economic impact generated by the tourism and travel industry. This study was first done in 1998 and the findings for 2001 showed an increased growth in this past three years. The tourism travel industry contributed over \$384,000,000 to the Evansville-Vanderburgh County economy compared to \$347,000,000 in '98. The tourism industry generated over \$115,000,000 in tax revenues compared to 109 in 1998, and a total of 5,791 jobs in Vanderburgh County resulted from the tourism and travel industry in 2001. Enclosed in your packet also is the executive summary from that report. The bureau also receives a monthly report regarding hotel occupancy. And the lodging industry in Vanderburgh County has shown a ten percent increase in occupancy compared to 2001. In April we were up 14.8%, May 9.9%, June 13.1% and July was 21.3% compared to last year. So we feel very good that the business that's coming is obviously doing what we are in charge to do, is putting heads in beds. Other projects the bureau has been assisting with is the Lewis and Clark re-enactment expedition is scheduled to pass through Evansville in the fall of 2003. So we, again, are involved in not only working with this group coming to Evansville, but actually developing a regional approach with our neighbors in Kentucky and Illinois, so that when this vessel or when these people are here, they can be enjoyed from a lot of different aspects while they are in our region. And probably then the most exciting thing we've been working on is the return of LST325. This is a vessel that was not built in Evansville, but had a lot of companion vessels that were. This vessel is currently in Mobile and the people that have brought this boat from Greece are very excited to bring it back to a city that helped build these. We're looking at next summer that this vessel would be here and we've been working to bring this boat up the Mississippi and up the Ohio. They've assured us that this boat will be in Evansville longer than any of the other stops and they're very excited that we are embracing a return to what made Evansville what it did during World War II. So again, we're very close, there's a lot of logistics we have to work out to bring this vessel. It's 325 feet long and we don't really have docking sites for vessels like that where we can have access to the public and we also have to keep in mind that a lot of the people that are really wanting to see this vessel or bring their children and grandchildren are going to be elderly and we need to really focus on ADA requirements to do that. So it's a big undertaking, but it's a very exciting thing and I think it's going to be a very major attraction for Evansville next summer. At this point in 2002, we've assisted in bringing

over 40 conventions, meetings, sporting events to Evansville. We've also been involved in bringing the Chattanooga Star, the excursion boat that came to Evansville. The captain of the boat was very pleased with the reception he received from our community. He's committed to returning next year and staying longer. Our board has also been working on developing a long range strategic plan and we've also adapted a marketing plan for 2003, which I can share with you at a later time. In light of how the tourism travel industry has drastically affected this year, I believe that Evansville has experienced just the opposite compared to many, many communities throughout this country after 9/11. Travel patterns have changed. People are traveling to visit family and friends and they're traveling by car. We are the ideal market for that type of travel, so I think that explains, too, why we've seen such drastic increases in our visitors and in our hotel occupancy. So at this point in time, I think we're having a very successful 2002. I'll be glad to at the end of this year share with you what our final numbers and occupancy and conventions are, but all in all, I think it's been a very good year and we're very excited for some of the things we're going to see in 2003. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thanks, Marilee. Anyone have any questions? Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I noticed in 2004 you've got the Association of Indiana Counties. We've worked on that here –

Marilee Fowler: We have been working on that. That's wonderful and I think one of the premier events of that is going to be out at the new facility out at Burdette Park. We think that's a great place to showcase Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Wortman: See, the hotel wasn't ready and we just couldn't get them in here.

Marilee Fowler: I know it, but they're coming back now. They gave us a second shot.

Councilmember Wortman: That's good. Thank you.

President Winnecke: Thanks, Marilee.

Marilee Fowler: You're welcome.

President Winnecke: Before we adjourn I did have one quick item under old business. Last week I said I would look over and report back to everyone on the cuts that the City Council made that affect jointly funded departments. They cut \$215,700 from departments that we co-fund, purchasing, the building inspector, the building commissioner, animal control, central dispatch and EMA. And if you want more details, I have a spreadsheet. It's multiple pages long, I'd be glad to share it with you.

Councilmember Sutton: That information is pretty important for us in terms of maybe how we might need to make some adjustments, I guess, in our budget or how we may need to respond because, obviously, there are some areas where we've committed some funding where we're not going to get the appropriate match that the city would normally give. So we either have a choice of reducing what we put in the pot or leaving in what we've got in. So yeah, if we could get a breakdown of what those cuts are, that would be great.

President Winnecke: Okay, I'll do that.

Councilmember Raben: Real quick, I might borrow a line from Jeff about trying to put the toothpaste back into the tube, but I don't think we can do that. I think the budget is

set and in place, but we can request that they repeal the funds January 1. Now whether or not they do it, I mean, there's nothing we can do that would make them do that, but we should be able to request it and then I would think they would follow the request.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I mean, there's – yeah, we're probably going to have to pursue that. I mean, obviously, there's some things that we have committed to funding wise, that without the city's portion, they can't – that particular department won't be able to complete the task anyway. So it really serves no purpose to have our dollars out there. Yeah, we might need to make –

Councilmember Hoy: It would be good to have, and the one I'm concerned about is Emergency Planning because that money was for warning towers and with the urban sprawl that we have, we have some significantly large areas that are not now covered by those towers. I was sorry to see that happen.

Councilmember Raben: That was the one that probably perturbed me the most, you know, they did that just a few days after a tornado nearly wiped out all of Poseyville. So that's one I'd like to see them – I'd just like to see through, obviously, because I live in the county and represent a big portion of the county, but you know, most of the county hears no early warning signals.

Councilmember Wortman: In Darmstadt –

Councilmember Raben: Well, you have to live in Darmstadt to hear that. If you live in other parts of the county you don't hear it.

Councilmember Tornatta: Motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Hoy: And they won't let some of us live in Darmstadt.

President Winnecke: We're adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

<hr/> President Lloyd Winnecke	<hr/> Vice President Ed Bassemier
<hr/> Councilmember James Raben	<hr/> Councilmember Phil Hoy
<hr/> Councilmember Curt Wortman	<hr/> Councilmember Royce Sutton
<hr/> Councilmember Troy Tornatta	

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 6, 2002**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 6th day of November, 2002 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. In the absence of County Council President Lloyd Winnecke, 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 November 6th, 2002 County Council meeting. Attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke		X

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

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given)

<p style="text-align: center;">APPROVAL OF MINUTES OCTOBER 2, 2002</p>

Councilmember Bassemier: We need approval of the minutes of the County Council October 2nd, 2002 meeting.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Bassemier: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Raben: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Everybody in favor say aye.

(All members present voted aye)

Councilmember Bassemier: Any nays? Okay.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE</p>

CORONER

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, we'll get into our appropriation ordinance and I'll turn it over to our Finance Chairman, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, thank you. First on the agenda is the County Coroner's office 1070-3540 Maintenance Contract in the amount of \$7,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: I have a second. Do I have any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1070-3540	Maintenance Contract	7,000.00	7,000.00
Total		7,000.00	7,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next Superior Court 1370-3941 and 1370-3994 for a total request of \$19,469. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: I have a motion and I have a second. Any discussion? No discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-3941	Guardian Ad-Litem	3,500.00	3,500.00
1370-3994	Special/Matching Grants	15,969.00	15,969.00
Total		19,469.00	19,469.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

RIVERBOAT

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, we'll go on to Riverboat. Before we get started I have a couple of things I need to say. I asked our attorney to do a little research on this and kind of give us an idea of what we should do on this. This is a very touchy situation here and before we vote on this I'd like for the counselor to maybe give us some advice on this.

Councilmember Tornatta: You put it on the floor?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'll move approval of 1490-3112 at \$362,000.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, up for discussion. What I just said, Counselor, before we – anybody out there want to say anything? I've asked the Counselor to check this out a little bit.

Jeff Ahlers: There were a couple of issues that – and I think that we maybe touched on it last time as to whether – and one of the things I wanted to do and haven't been able to meet with the County Attorney, is to determine in terms of, I guess there's – whether there's other governmental agencies that need to be involved in terms of in putting in sewer lines, because we don't have a water and sewer department, whether German Township's involved or whether the city is potentially involved in terms of also not only installing the lines, whether any of the county departments would be doing that or then the issue becomes, once they're installed, who is responsible to maintain them since we don't have a water and sewer department, how we'd go about that, or whether there's any of these other agencies that need to be involved. Then there's also the issue, I guess, that was discussed that there's a pending lawsuit and I don't know whether the Commissioners may want to meet in Executive Session and determine how they want to

resolve that. In other words, what I'm saying is there's some other issues that seems that they're kind of inter-related and so depending upon how you might want to go about it, I don't know if you want to try to find an orderly disposition of those to make whatever result you want to happen, happen, but it seems like there may be some other things out there that need to be brought together, you know, I'm not sure what the plan is. And so that was one of the things that I had suggested that, and I don't know, the County Engineer may know what other agencies may be involved, but then there's the pending litigation out there that the county Health Department is apparently a party of that somehow needs to be brought to a conclusion either through whether it's settled, whether it's, you know, ruled upon or you know, there were some other issues out there is what I'm bringing to your attention that may be involved, and so you might want to make sure that you've got it all packaged up for an orderly disposition if that's what you want to do.

Councilmember Bassemier: Anybody – Troy?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, it's my thought that if we approve the money, the Commissioners can then – it lays upon them and the County Attorney on how they want to go about dealing with the legal issues. If we allow them this money, then they can banter that around. I think that what we need to do is, if we choose to approve the money or not approve the money and let them handle the legal side of it through the Executive Session and what have you, but I think our duty right now is to either approve or disapprove the money.

Councilmember Raben: Real quick, and –

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm sorry, Commissioner Raben –

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I see Commissioner Mourdock is in the room. I guess that does raise a good point and you may want to speak to this. In the event that a main or something would break, who would be responsible for that?

Councilmember Bassemier: For the record, sir, please state your name please and occupation.

Richard Mourdock: Good afternoon. I'm County Commissioner Richard Mourdock. First of all I want to correct something Troy said. I think you mis-spoke, Troy. You said something about if the Commission decided, we'd do that in Executive Session. I don't think you meant to say that because, obviously, that type of decision would not be in an Executive Session but in a full public meeting, so I just –

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I guess I'm talking about the legal issues. If you talked about legal issues and then you would approve it in a regular meeting, but I'll clarify that, thank you.

Richard Mourdock: Regarding how it would be fixed if something broke out there, Councilman Raben, I think it just depends on how it's all established at this point and I did walk in a moment or two late, but I heard Mr. Ahlers referring to some of the legal situations that are still a bit of an unknown and I think how that would be structured would ultimately define that question. I don't see the county, or let me state it this way, to my knowledge, the county has never taken a position of actually accepting those systems without accepting some fees for that, either. And John can speak on it, if we put in a drainage way, for instance, it has to be done correctly. There's a letter of credit put up, and at a certain point then it can be turned over to us and letters of credit are released, but then we assume that control so, John, if you'll –

John Stoll: And in situations where we –

Councilmember Bassemier: State your name, sir.

John Stoll: John Stoll, County Engineer.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, sir.

John Stoll: In situations where we've been involved with sanitary sewer projects in the past, we have always made sure that the consultants designed them in accordance with the Evansville Water and Sewer specs. And then upon completion, then the sewers have always been accepted by the sewer department so that way the county is out of the picture as far as the maintenance is concerned. We've done it with both the Barrett Law projects and then the Vanderburgh Industrial Park which was TIF funds and Daylight Sewer, all those projects have ultimately been accepted by the Water and Sewer Department.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you. Mr. Hoy? Jim, are you through? Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I have two questions, legal questions. One is, if we vote yes on this, we have a lawsuit pending, does our yes vote then – is that an admission of responsibility or guilt in this case?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I don't know that it's a direct admission. I mean, I suppose lawyers in the case can characterize things however they want to. My concern was, and again, since I'm not handling that litigation, that's for the County Executive body, I don't know what their strategies are there and how they want to handle that litigation, that's why I'm careful about what I'm saying because, obviously, litigation is generally discussed by the County Executive in an Executive Session, so I don't want to do anything to prejudice whatever strategies they have. But I guess in a nutshell I'm saying that if they don't have a plan to somehow bring that to a conclusion however they see fit, either through litigation, settlement, what have you, that potentially if this project is put into place before they know how that is going to be resolved, potentially you put it in and if you've still got pending litigation you've got to defend, you see what I'm saying? By putting this in doesn't mean that it goes away. It might if that's part of an agreement. I'm not privy to that and I'm just saying that that's an issue out there that we don't know in terms of the litigation what their plans are, if there's any agreements between the parties, but you've still got a pending lawsuit regardless of what happens today unless you have some assurance that its going away. Also, is the action being taken by the county, is it related or unrelated to that? I'm just saying there's, you know, some issues there and we would need to talk to the County Attorney or someone meet with the county, one of the County Executives and find out what their intentions are.

Councilmember Tornatta: I think we were given assurance that that would go away and the gentleman, if you want to come up and speak on that.

Councilmember Bassemier: State your name, sir, please, for the record.

Bill Lockard: Bill Lockard, 601 Jobes Lane.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, sir.

Bill Lockard: Tonya Burris, who is my next door neighbor, who is part of the lawsuit, in a conversation of last week, she's not here, but she says as soon as this is approved, the lawsuit will be dropped as far as she is concerned. However, I'm not an attorney and

Judge Tornatta can probably...but that was a conversation that I had with Tonya.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a –

Jeff Ahlers: And I guess the issue may be, and that may be what occurs, sir, I don't know, but I guess there's a difference between some of the parties may say that's going to occur and then, you know, the devil's always in the details, as they say. I don't know what the settlement documents would be and I guess I'm wanting to be a little reserved in my remarks because this is really something for the County Attorney, you know, to handle. I don't want to mis-speak because I don't know what their strategies are. But I'm just saying there is that issue out there and, you know, you may want to know how that's going to be dealt with. And then, like I said, the other issue would be, and maybe the County Engineer and Mr. Mourdock have shed some light on it, is that, you know, there's potential issues that need to be maybe in place if you go forward with the project in terms of how it's going to be installed and making sure that the city is willing to accept it, you know, what those procedures are and that kind of thing.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: My second question connects with a question I asked last week. Last week I asked how many more situations like this might exist in the county, and the answer was this is probably the worst situation but that there are others and I've had a few phone calls this week and one of the questions raised was if we do this, then can someone else come along and sue to have their clients served in what would be a fair and consistent manner afforded by the county, you know, to this situation? Have we moved ourselves into a legal bind where others could say, well, you did that for Jobes Lane, then why aren't you doing it for, you know, for us? I have some other questions but those are my legal questions.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, and to answer your question without, as I said, its difficult because in an open session like this I hate to get into, you know, talking about litigation especially when I'm not the attorney representing the county in it, but certainly, I suppose if someone sees that some success was met with the route that these parties took, certainly someone may be inclined to take, you know, a similar path. Clearly, the lawsuit has been pending, I believe, since 1997, I believe. Now the county may have only been involved for the last two or three years, we can get those exact numbers for you, so the fact that its around, obviously, means something, so...

Councilmember Raben: A quick question to our legal counsel. Jeff, typically, how long would it take to resolve the legal issues here? I mean, how long would that delay the project?

Jeff Ahlers: Oh, that always just depends on how motivated the parties and the attorneys are. I mean, I suppose if people are willing to get together right away and the attorneys are willing to do it, you know, I mean, you can resolve things fairly quickly. If they don't reach an agreement on things, you know, that's just a people issue. Legally, you know, something could be settled in a day. It can take a week. Whatever they want to do, however long it takes the attorneys to draw up their paperwork, resolve it, you know, so I'm not – so it could cause, basically, no delay. On the other hand, if there are some issues out there that I'm not aware of, since I'm not handling it, you know, I don't know what's involved, but it just depends on how motivated the parties are.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: The question I've got, if this was approved are we going to

get into a mushroom situation for other areas that are – have the same problem and drainage? I think this is a big problem to me. And if this thing gets out of hand, we could be really, and lawsuits force us, we could really have a problem here.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm sure there's always that possibility.

Councilmember Wortman: That's the only thing I'm a little gun shy about, and it's a good thing, I'm sure they need it, I'm not saying they don't. But we've got to be awful careful here because we're setting a dangerous precedent here for the future to me. Until somebody tells me different, I've got a few problems with it right now.

Councilmember Tornatta: I think we're taking care of a problem right now that we can take care of. And I think that by doing that, we're saying when we have the opportunity, we're going to take care of the problems of this county. And I believe that we're not setting a precedent that anybody else can come in here and get money and rob us blind. We have money that we got back for Infrastructure and Drainage and that's what we're using it for. We're using the county's money to the best of our abilities and using it wisely. These people need the help. Their situation needs help because it's causing problems in other situations more than any place else in the county. And we've documented it, we've seen it, they've laid a good presentation down and I think when you look back on it, you see that our money is being spent wisely and the county taxpayers' money is being spent wisely. And I don't like using taxpayers', but – and you being their best friend should know that better than anybody. But I think that it is very important that we look at this on a single individual basis. I've got nothing to owe these people besides to serve them as an at-large member of the Council. And I think this is a prime use of the money and I think it's going to benefit all of us by making sure that this one issue is covered and that the trickle down effect will affect other places and build up the west side. And I think that's a great asset to what we do as our job here on the Council.

Councilmember Wortman: Then we get back to the Barrett Law, Mr. President, we get back to that, they already spent their money and they're financing it all through these years, they're going to say well, why didn't you help us before you got started on the Barrett Law then, see. That's another thing, see. Now just like Darmstadt out there – you know, the great town of Darmstadt?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, God's country.

Councilmember Wortman: They was forced to put in a sewer and we had to pay for it whether we was poor or rich or what have you, because we didn't have no choice. And we had to do it. Am I right, Mr. Mourdock?

Richard Mourdock: Yes sir.

Councilmember Wortman: That's right. And this is what I'm saying. We've got to be awful careful here. I'm not saying that they don't need it. I think they do, but we've got to be awful careful here, I think, because you know, this money is going to run out one of these days, too. We just don't have money to keep doling out, you know. There's a lot of – because times are tough.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, Mr. Wortman. Counselor?

Jeff Ahlers: One thing in terms of the litigation or in terms of the legal questions that you're asking, you might consider doing, well, just to back up where we were the other day, the County Attorney that was handling the matter in December of 2000 had filed a motion to dismiss the county. As of this time, the motion hadn't been granted but it

hadn't been denied, it's still pending and hadn't been ruled on. And the basis of his motion was to say the county didn't have any responsibility and shouldn't be a party under the allegations that are stated in that case. You know, something you might consider doing if you want to remove that doubt would be to ask the County Attorney, Kevin Winternheimer, I believe the attorney he's assigned the case to, Jay Ziemer, has now entered his appearance in representing the county Health Department and that's why I want to be reserved in what I say because that's for him to speak on how he handles this case and not me. But you might consider asking them if you want, for either an opinion or a legal opinion as to, you know, whether they believe that the county has any responsibility to do this, which granted, you may want to do it anyway. I'm not saying that regardless of whether you legally have to do it, you could certainly, you can do those things or whether or not so that you know going into it whether there's any responsibility. And secondly, whether or not it has any repercussions in terms of setting precedent for future issues that could be similar elsewhere in the county if this comes up again with septic tanks, and then at least you have some certainty in knowing what you're doing and you have a plan of action in place as to if you decide to move forward with the project, how it's going to be done in an orderly fashion, and to remove that doubt. That's one way you could consider proceeding.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: When I sat here last week and I have the same feeling. I'm very much disposed to us doing something to help out in this situation, however, I would feel more comfortable if we defer it today, and I know we have a motion on the floor, for at least two reasons and perhaps more. One is, I would feel more comfortable if the lawsuit were dropped before we voted this and that the legal scene was cleaner and clearer. Secondly, I would feel better about it and I know I'm going to offend these folks from Jobes Lane, but I think the folks who live there should at least share in the cost besides their tap-in fee. Mr. Wortman, I thought about it because when I lived in Ft. Wayne, they came into my subdivision with sewers and I had no choice but to pay for laying of that sewer and the tap-in and use Barrett's Law. It's been said that folks who live out there are not high income, and I would submit to you as a clergyman, I was not high income either, never have been. But it was an expense that my family and I took on. I've had calls from people that say well, is my sewer next? Am I next? Are you going to pay for this next? And while we have the money, this is one of those one-time things, that's why I think in deferring we might be able to work out some mutual agreement where we are not faced with a lawsuit to summarize, and where the residents participated a little bit more in the payment. I have a third concern, I've driven out there twice and when you look across the way, there's a major, major commercial development and there's land around there to develop, not – there's some land that can be developed within the framework of the ten houses that we're speaking of, the ten pieces of property, but there's also, I believe, some property to the west if – and I don't know whether I'm correct or not, but it appears that it would be very ripe for development and that catches me in a bind of wanting to help these folks, I think, you know, have a really bad situation that I'd like to help somewhat with. I'm not terribly interested in funding a developer at all. I think they should take care of that themselves and I think we might create something here that might well be extended, I don't know. But that's prime land, it's gorgeous land. It's a beautiful spot. I don't know whether the commercial developer to the north there wants to remove any more trees and beauty from the west side, if you'll excuse my bias, but I think that's a legitimate issue to consider here. What does the future hold beyond just what we do for ten families and I would conclude by saying I still would like to help them out. I think it's a bad situation, but those are my concerns. I would rather see that sorted out just a little better.

Councilmember Raben: Real quick, Mr. President, you know, a few questions have been

raised. One, you know, I think there are always great possibilities that we're going to be approached by other neighborhoods, other individuals, and those we do have to address one on one. Secondly, you know, I still see a great need for this project and it goes beyond the conditions that they're living in, but as we stated last week, you know, this stuff does run downhill and it is affecting our creeks and our river, but the legal issues do concern me and that's why I question how long would we delay this project in an effort to clean up all the legal matters before we take any final action. Again, I know I'm putting you on the spot, but do you have a better sense that you can give me, in terms, are we talking 30 days, are we talking 60 days?

Jeff Ahlers: The reason its difficult for me to answer it is because that would be up to the attorneys in the case. I mean, the County Commissioners, obviously, their County Attorney, since they're the Executive, they're charged with defending that litigation, not County Council or me, so I can't speak for them. As I said, it's a matter of, you know, I've seen cases that, you know, they're mediated or something and they're settled in one day. Some cases take longer than that, it just depends on the parties. I can't speak for what Jay Ziemer or, you know, County Attorney Winterheimer or the Commissioners, I mean, that's their call and so that's why I can't, you know, since I don't know what their thinking is, I can't tell you what they would do. I guess I would say this, is if all the parties are willing to resolve it and want to expedite it, that if they choose to take that, I mean, I guess as fast as the County Commissioners or the County Attorney want to do it, they could do it. Does that help you with your question? What I'm saying is, it's a matter we can't control. It would be for the County Commissioners and the County Attorney to control, and so they would be the ones that you could ask how quick they think they can have whatever meetings they need to decide how they want to handle it and to meet with the parties involved. And that would be up to them.

Councilmember Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Wortman?

Jeff Ahlers: But, I mean, I'm just saying if they're motivated it could cause very little delay. You know, I don't even know how quick they could put it – if you had the money today, how quick you can put it on the board.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: We've got a motion on the floor and a second. And I just, and I think the discussion that we have is really valuable discussion, really good discussion on the issue and it appears to be the concerns that are being expressed here are concerns, one, about precedent being set; two, about the county being made party to a lawsuit that's already in place and then three, what responsibility would the county have after the project is completed if funding were put in place? It appears to be the larger issues that we're trying to tackle here with some of our questions or concerns that we do have. I mean, it's altogether possible what we could look at doing on this. I mean, I think we are in agreement about the severity of the problem. Clearly, it's a problem that needs to be addressed and that is creating additional issues over and above what initially started out as something very small. I guess a couple of questions that I do have before I maybe give a recommendation of maybe what we could possibly do on this, if the work is initiated on this, who actually contracts the work? I mean, it's not – I guess John was touching on that. That's one of the areas maybe I want to get a firm understanding. Who is actually initiating the contractual obligation to get this work completed? Is it the – is the county doing that, are the members of the subdivision, if you can give us some information on that.

John Stoll: I would assume if it was county money, that it would be the county initiating it and the county would have to hire the consultants to design it and the county would bid the project out.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, so it would essentially be a county project?

John Stoll: Correct.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay –

John Stoll: That's basically the way they've been in the past on the previous sewer projects, not that we've had that many but even the Barrett Law projects, those have been bid by the county and overseen by the county but then ultimately accepted by the sewer department.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, I guess my next question is the concerns that we have about this lawsuit, how – I mean, I know we've heard some things about the possibility of it being dismissed, what is it maybe just from a general legal standpoint that may concern you about the possibility of the county being added as a party in this lawsuit? What is it that would make the county – what would present a possibility of the county being added here?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, a county department, I mean the Health Department already is a party. I mean, Judge Tornatta spoke to it at the last meeting. He said that they were a party and looking at the pleadings, the Health Department, as I had said, had filed a motion to dismiss, so technically, a county department already is a party in this suit. Now, you know, I guess, and again, it's difficult – I hate to talk about pending litigation, I don't want to give anybody any ideas and I don't want to speak for the attorneys handling the case, you know, so I suppose anybody could – I mean, anyway, I guess to answer your question, we're already a party. It's not a matter of adding, we're already there. Now I suppose they could add other departments, other allegations, other claims. They can also be dismissed. But I guess those are questions that I was raising that just because you fix it doesn't mean it goes away. It may mean it goes away. And as Mr. Hoy had talked about, do you run the risk of it being viewed as a quid pro quo? You know, what I'm saying is there's issues out there that you may want to consider whether you want to find out from the Commissioners and the County Attorney what their thinking is because I can't – I don't know what their thinking is and what their plans to handle those issues are.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, and I guess given those two responses, I mean, we altogether could possibly, based upon if we were to decide to move forward with this, which I think we ought to move forward with this motion, we could make our dollars contingent upon the lawsuit being dismissed. If the lawsuit is not dismissed, the money is not allocated to the project.

Jeff Ahlers: We can't do – I mean, you either move to appropriate the money or not. Once it's appropriated the Commissioners can use it however they see fit within the line item that it's been appropriated for and that would be their call, not yours, at that point unless you have an agreement with the Commissioners. And if you have an agreement to that effect, you know, maybe you can do that. But the issue today is whether to appropriate or not and once it's out of your hands, it's, you know, for the executive to determine that issue.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think clearly we could place some – I believe we could place some strings to these dollars. I mean, just to say we're going to allocate the

dollars, I mean, if we've got some issues here, I mean, I know we've heard the party saying that -- even if the parties say they want to dismiss the suit, I mean, that process could take a period of time before that would actually occur. Maybe it's a discussion we do have with the Commissioners wherein whatever contract is drawn up or put together, that it is contingent upon the lawsuit being dismissed before anything would proceed forward with any contracts or moving forward with getting this project moving forward. And I guess the last concern that we talked about was just a precedent setting thing, you know, I think we have the ability and the power to say yes or no to things on a case by case basis as they come before us. If we have funds available, which we do in this situation, we understand what the severity is, we can move forward with, or if we decide we don't want to do something that comes forth, we have that ability as well.

Councilmember Tornatta: In addition to what Royce said, I mean, even if we approve the money today, we could have Sandie write a letter with some of our concerns to the Commissioners and have that presented to them and then they would have an understanding of some things that we're looking at in approving this money. I think that would alert them. I'm sure they already know of some of these issues. I'm sure Councilman Winternheimer has an idea of some of the issues he has to take care of before he would allow them to approve the money spent on this project. But, I mean, that's something we could do in our defense is write a letter of our concerns.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, there's one other thing we did mention last week, too, and I did ask a question about it, and there aren't any hard numbers as of yet on what this project will actually cost. And based upon what we saw from a preliminary standpoint, we could either be short or we could have ample dollars. Clearly, we don't want to get in a situation where we allocate a sum of money and it's just not enough to get the job done, that places us in a -- well, we can't -- a contract cannot be, unless the dollars are actually in place, a contract cannot be signed. So that's another area, you know, perhaps maybe that we put on the list for the Commissioners to resolve or get a better understanding on that will be very helpful for us because I think, like I said, the 362, just depending on which option is taken, it could depend on whether we're short or whatever on this project.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President? I think some -- part of that was answered last week if I recall, in two ways. The Commissioners do have some funds available in their budget which they're willing to put with this and then the other issue had to -- and I'm looking at the engineer's opinion on this in the booklet that they gave us, and that is that the cost, I believe, the cost of the water line would be less because the developer of Eagle Crest or Eagle whatever -- I think it's Crest, is willing to bring the line across there which would cost less. But if you'll look at this estimate here, the water supply line is very expensive on this and I think that's a place where the cost probably would be cut because we're not only talking about the sewer, I think we need to be clear about that, we're talking about sewer and water. The other thing, the other reason I would like to defer until we have all of the agreements in place on the lawsuit and with the Commissioners as to -- because once we appropriate money, it's gone. It's appropriated. We do not control contracts and I doubt that legally we can put strings on this that will be binding on anybody. Mr. Raben privately raised a question a while ago, too, and that is, and I don't have the answer to this, it attaches to a concern that I raised and that is, if we install this, I'm looking at the map here, this was pulled up off of Geographic Information System, and there's a huge, huge area. Now if you go down these roads you will see there are homes along these roads set back fairly far, but there's a lot of development area, a huge area in here, and if somebody is going to come along and attach to that, then somehow it would seem to me that that developer ought to pay something back to the county if they can attach to this sewer. They may not be able to, but if they can, I'm not in the mood at all, you know, to fund it without some assurance that should someone do

that, I don't think these homeowners are going to develop, but I'm reading in the paper where on the north side of town, they're going to put 131 homes on 30 acres. Do the math on that and you will see that all of this land could be extremely valuable in the future and I hasten to add that while I say all of that, I'd like to solve this problem but I want to make sure all of the parts are put together and I think there has to be an agreement.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, we have a motion and a second. I'd like to hear from them out there. Sir, you were next and then we're going to have to hurry up a little bit. I think everybody's had a chance to speak on Council. Your name, sir, and your address.

David Schroeder: Yeah, my name is David Schroeder, I live at 617 Jobes Lane. I am the first one up the hill. I am the recipient of all the sewage running downhill. This started out with me trying to get the Health Department out there to look at the problem and try to fix it. They met with all the neighbors trying to figure out if they could use two properties and, you know, combine all the property and put field beds in. We got to the point where they come to the conclusion there wasn't enough property to work with, okay. I had suits against the neighbors trying to get them to do anything, but that was a loss because the Health Department could not make anybody do anything because of the land situation, so everybody realized, all the parties involved realized that the only solution was to get a sewer up there. Well, we tried the Barrett Law initially. We looked at it two or three times and the problem was the County Commissioners didn't want to commit to it financially. I could not get anybody to get any financial responsibility toward the project whether it be the bonding of the Barrett Law. While all of this was going on, our wells got contaminated so this became a water and sewer project. And then the project got so expensive that we, the ten houses up there could not possibly afford it even if it went under Barrett Law, the county would not bond that expensive of a project so we was stuck again. Then, you know, as far as the legal battle, if they would fix the problem, there wouldn't be a legal battle. You know, once the problem is solved, I have no reason to sue the county or the neighbors. As far as the neighbors are involved, we've all agreed to work together on this because I spent \$10,000 on lawyers over four to five years. Now I've got (inaudible). Todd Trinkle come down and he did more in the last year than the lawyers did in the last five years. It was like a big game to them. They just wanted to pocket money. The lawyer for Ms. Burris, he was in it for ten or fifteen percent of whatever came out of the end, and it was just a big game to them. So I have since dismissed my lawyer and was counting on RCAP and all the representatives, I've had Weinzapfel out there, I mean, I've talked to everybody, the state health department, all the number of hours I've spent on the phone talking to people that I thought had authority or had some way of fixing the problem, and here we are still trying to figure this thing out. And now that the grant money has come available, if they apply these grant dollars the way I understand it, they can get matching grants, so if you would approve this grant money, we could get additional grant money and then, you know, whatever is left over could go into a budget specific for these problems that exist out in the county, and on the tap-in fees, you know, we could get an additional \$5,000 per house for tap-in fees that would be covered under grant money. So this could be the start of looking at the problems that exist out there. You know, I'm sure you'll have people coming forward, but you've got to take for granted we've been dealing with this since 1970. I've been out there ten years and it started the year after I moved in. And, you know, we're stuck. We can't do anything with a neighborhood of ten houses, we can't do anything. Maybe out there –

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm sorry, hold that thought, sir. We're going to change this.

(Tape changed)

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, sir. Go ahead.

David Schroeder: As far as the neighborhoods that are being mentioned as far as out in the county, I'm not really familiar with what's going on out there. You know, we stated last week, maybe they got more land to work with out there, maybe some other systems can be looked at, maybe the Health Department can work with them in a different manner trying to solve their problems. But, like I said, we're landlocked up there. They've got sewer and water all around us. The cost can be shaved off as far as the water line. You could probably shave off 1100 - 1200 foot of water by bringing it from Home Depot up the hill. You're only talking about 100 yards from my house. Then, it's – we're just stuck. It's a neighborhood of ten houses. We can not possibly, you know, the neighbors even getting together, it's just so expensive that there's no way we can do it, but we just need for like the people in charge to commit somehow to fixing the problem. It's just everybody keeps passing the buck. Nobody really wants to get involved because they're afraid they're going to have to spend their pretty penny and that's why we're here now. And I just wish, you know, if we can start here today by fixing this problem, then you all might know people or you can start asking for more federal grants from the government, get the federal government involved, come up with laws that will help these people in our situation. So I guess that's all I have to say. I just want to be on record and this is the position that we're in right now and just asking for your help because without you-all's help, we're stuck, you know, and we will continue to live like this.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay. Thank you, sir.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. President?

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, Curt, and then I want to go back out there.

Councilmember Wortman: I'm going to say this, I would like to have a report from the Health Department how many areas in the county that would be similar to this or affected that they have condemned or going to condemn, there's a possibility, before I vote or else postpone this. That's the way I look at it.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, thank you, sir.

Bill Lockard: Bill Lockard again, at 601 Jobes Lane. We can place stumbling blocks in front of your vote, but as it stands now, we've hashed this over, we've hashed it and we've rehashed it again. A lot of your questions that you're asking is not going to be answered right now. You know, it's either vote yes or vote no. Now if you want to put restrictions on it or strings, that's fine. I don't think our neighborhood is going to object to it. You want to tell us how much extra we want to pay? Fine, just tell us and let us know. But don't hold up the vote just because that we're coming up, because the government wheels turn very slowly and, no reflection on attorneys, but when you throw it into the laps of the attorneys, now you've started where that you're going to be another sixty days, ninety days. You want us down here tomorrow to say the lawsuit will be dropped and sign the papers? Is that what you want? Fine, in fact, could we do it today? You know, just don't hold up the vote that's saying yes to start the project and let us go ahead and then if the attorneys want to put "strings" or restrictions on it, just tell us what it is and, you know, I'm 99.9% sure that we're not going to object to it.

Councilmember Hoy: My point is this, and we are the funding body, period. So once, if we say no today, we can say yes in a month once we get things straightened out. But we cannot, as a body, attach the strings to this. The Commissioners are the body that has to attach the strings to this. And this just got laid on our desks last week, one week

ago. I have tried to get some answers, made a lot of phone calls, and have gotten some answers. I have said to you and to the press and whoever else is sitting here that I'm in favor of funding a good deal of this, but once we vote this money, we can place no restrictions and no strings on it nor can we in that vote do that. All we can do is say here's the blank check and then it goes to the Commissioners to fill it in. And I would feel more comfortable if I knew what was going to be involved in that. I'd like to, you know, be also more comfortable in knowing how much the water line is actually going to cost because I think the water line is essential because your water is not good. You're hauling water in, that's just as essential as the sewer line. It's not a matter of which one is more important. So those are my reasons for hesitation because we have limited power in terms of attaching any guidelines, restrictions or anything to this. The lawyers we would use would be our lawyer, Mr. Ahlers, and the Commissioner's lawyer, Mr. Winternheimer. We would not be going outside of those two persons. It would not be like, you know, going out and hiring private lawyers. That's what we pay these gentlemen for and that's why we like having them around. But they're not going to – I don't think they're going to mess with it, not a very long time.

Bill Lockard: I'm sure that attorneys can argue any side of the case that they wanted to present and in this case – and again, I said I know several prosecutors, etcetera, but if you can't, why don't you enact some provisions or laws that allows you to put strings on something like this? You know –

Councilmember Hoy: We're not a legislative body.

Bill Lockard: Okay...

Councilmember Hoy: In the state of Indiana – I don't want to do a civics lesson here, but perhaps we need to. In the state of Indiana, we do not have home rule. It's the legislature of this state that draws up those kind of laws unless we do local ordinances and things of that nature. We have none of those and we, as a body, are not empowered to do that. The Commissioners are and we are not, and it's a division of powers and that's what I'm speaking to, not trying to be evasive, just trying to say this is what I have to deal with. I'm a County Councilman-At-Large, and I'm supposed to represent all of the citizens of this county and that's what I'm trying to do in posing my questions here and raising the issues I'm raising because I think as sure as night follows day, if we don't have some sort of guideline on this project we will be sitting here very shortly seeing more and more of these and we simply aren't going to have the hunk of money.

Councilmember Tornatta: I might add, just clarifying one thing and that is that this is money in reimbursements that the County Commission let go to finance something in the county and that was supposed to go back to the County Commissioners. So by no means should we count this as our money because it's actually the money that the Commissioners had in their budget. And, I mean, I think we need to just kind of reflect back that that's something that is money that they would have to do this project if they did not help out with the TIF zone.

Councilmember Hoy: None of this money belongs to us or the County Commissioners, Mr. Tornatta. All of this money belongs to the taxpayers and since it got shifted back into our budget, then it is our responsibility to make a decision and I don't consider it my money, I never have.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Phil made a suggestion to defer it. Jim, you made a motion; Troy, you made the second, so –

Councilmember Raben: I'll move – I would like to change my motion to defer this matter until next month.

Councilmember Bassemier: You made the second, Troy. You want to defer it or...

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm going to rescind my second and I will tell you why I'm doing that, because I have a feeling that if we don't rescind the second, that you're not going to hear any kind of outcome that you want to hear. I think that if the Council gets more information, though it's not my wishes, that we will possibly be able to see this process through. But I'm afraid if we don't rescind this motion that we might not have a good answer for you.

Councilmember Sutton: What infor – I think I kind of threw out some stuff earlier and I think we need to try to nail this down so we can be a little bit more concrete. You've got a motion and a second to rescind it, and there's some reasons behind that. Is there –

Councilmember Hoy: To get the issue on the floor –

Councilmember Sutton: I guess I'm trying to – Jim, is going to – he's wanting to defer and Troy has agreed to that on his second, but –

Councilmember Bassemier: Now a motion will have to be made to defer –

Councilmember Sutton: But what we need to do before we move on to the next issue, which I'm trying to keep us from leaving out of here with unfinished business. We need to make sure we're very clear on what it is we're asking. What information do we want? I mean, have we – and who is going to get that information? And when are they going to bring it back to us?

Bill Lockard: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: And I think that's what they're asking here. If you feel like you need more information, what is that information that you're seeking, who is going to get it and when are they going to bring it?

Councilmember Raben: Well, let me –

(Inaudible – several speaking at once)

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I mean, that's why they're deferring their motion.

Councilmember Raben: – we've actually just rescinded our motion, so we can move to defer it. So I'm going to move at this time that the motion be deferred.

Jeff Ahlers: Just move to defer voting on the appropriation because you've already withdrawn the motion.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, I move to defer the request.

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

Councilmember Raben: Okay, now in regards to Royce's statements, I guess, Phil, you may want to address all the concerns, but what I understand from the conversations I hear, one is that there is a pending lawsuit that there needs to be a judgement or a ruling made on that lawsuit or the lawsuit needs to be dropped. The issues of maintenance,

things like that, I don't know, John, if we've answered those but I'm more comfortable about that, the fact that the city water and sewer will then take responsibility once the lines are installed. So that answered my question. But I don't know if anybody else wants to add anything to do it.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I'd like to – I think, of course, we need our attorney here to get with the County Attorney and Curt, whatever, I think that's a must. So –

Councilmember Sutton: When you say get with them, I mean, just tell him to go get busy? Give an idea of when he's going to get busy –

Councilmember Bassemier: He's got to call him first, I don't know.

Councilmember Raben: Well, and Royce, that's why I was asking the questions I was, how long does this process take? You know, if we wait on working out all the legal issues, that's the answer I was trying to get earlier is, are we talking a week or are we talking 30 days, are we talking 60 days, how long are we talking? But I guess in making this motion to defer today, we're basically turning that over to the Commission's attorney, am I not correct in – it will be up to them to decide on how they want to respond or how fast they want to act with the courts and with the individuals that are part of the suit.

Richard Mourdock: Commissioner Richard Mourdock, I was going to make that point. It sounds like by deferring that you are kind of throwing the ball back at us, which is fine. And having heard this conversation, I think the things that need to be looked at between now and whenever it comes back before you again is number one, the point Councilman Raben made regarding what the county might assume by way of liability in the long term; number two, what the status of any lawsuits might be in the interim of getting started with this. And I would add to that, especially for this body, the financial body, other options, number three, which could be Barrett Law applications or other types of funding things that would allow coming back to Mr. Hoy and Mr. Lockard's point, that if the individuals there are willing to be involved with this financially, how they're going to be involved in that way because I think that's a pretty fundamental part of this. So those are the three things that I would certainly carry back to the Commission and be glad to have others if you have --

Councilmember Wortman: And I want to know from the Health Department what designated areas are out there. I'd like to have that, too.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I had a question for Commissioner Mourdock. I would like to see this done as soon as possible. How long do you think – I know that's a difficult question –

Richard Mourdock: It's easier than asking the lawyers how long, though. The only frame of reference, I think, that we can probably give on that is essentially what we've done through some of the Barrett Law type of projects where we had to design a project, get some estimates, put it out to bid and then also work on the funding mechanism simultaneously. And, John, it's my recollection that it's generally taken us four months, three months?

John Stoll: (Inaudible – comments not made from the microphone)

Richard Mourdock: Yeah, I'm going to guess three to four months.

Councilmember Hoy: But on design you're – I mean, even if we voted the money today, you would still have to do – this thing has to be designed and that's going to take some time. I mean, that's not lawyers holding things up, that's not us holding things up, that's just what it takes to design it.

Richard Mourdock: But there are those legal implications as well when you start talking about right-of-way and easements and all those types of things, so –

Councilmember Raben: Just so I understand what you're saying, I mean, it's conceivable that you could begin design work tomorrow, right, I mean, to shorten the process?

John Stoll: I'm not sure if the Commissioners want to use the same consultant that did the feasibility study, but assuming they did, some of that data would already be there and then design could start quicker than if we went out and got somebody entirely new. As far as how long it would take, I don't know. I could find out and report back whenever everything else is reported back on.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I mean, don't you have to have money in place to do that? I mean, that's not free.

John Stoll: I can find out just how long it would take for the design process without having a signed contract or anything. The consultant should have a pretty good idea how long it would take them to get the project done, but like Richard said, a big issue out there will be easements because the right-of-way is non-existent for most of Jobes Lane. So we'll have to rely on all the property owners affected by this project signing off on the easements to help expedite it as well.

Councilmember Bassemier: Anybody else? Did that answer your –

Richard Mourdock: So the engineer's timetable is really number five.

Councilmember Sutton: And that's my question, who and when.

Councilmember Hoy: Can we get answers to these questions within 30 days, do you think?

Richard Mourdock: I would certainly think that all of those could probably be answered within two weeks. I mean, getting –

Councilmember Hoy: Because I would be willing to – you know, if I knew that those questions were answered and I knew that we had some kind of ballpark sense on this, then I would be willing to go ahead and cast a vote for this as soon as that information is available, you know, so that then when all the plans get in line, they can start work. That's just one Councilman's opinion, but I think that's – that would expedite things if we knew that – you know, if we had a word from you all as Commissioners, you know, that this was the process and if we had word, – certainly would breathe more easily if I knew when –

Richard Mourdock: And I'm certain David and Catherine will review the minutes from this meeting and I can bring it up and discuss it. I think, you know, everyone who has spoken here today, I have something I agree with. There are a lot of issues here but fundamentally, Mr. Lockard is right, this comes down to do you want to vote to do this? Do you think that county money should be used to benefit just a relatively few homeowners, or is that not a function of county government? That's really as simple as

the vote is in the end, I think.

Councilmember Hoy: And that’s the one that causes me the most pause and I want to solve this. But I knew as soon as I cast that vote, I could expect another toilet to flush someplace.

Councilmember Bassemier: Anybody that has a question for this body? Okay, we’ve got a motion to defer. We’ll go ahead and vote on this. Curt, you seconded the motion?

Councilmember Sutton: No, I think Phil did.

Councilmember Bassemier: Oh, I’m sorry. Phil seconded it. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes. Passes unanimously 6-0.

RIVERBOAT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1490-3112	Infrastructure/Drainage	362,000.00	Deferred
Total		362,000.00	Deferred

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, next is Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation 2600-1930 in the amount of \$5,400. I’ll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Wortman seconded. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

CIRCUIT CT. SUPP. ADULT PROB.		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2600-1930	Unemployment	5,400.00	5,400.00
Total		5,400.00	5,400.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next is Prosecutor Pre-Trial Diversion 2630-1920 Insurance in the amount of \$394. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

PROSECUTOR PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2630-1920	Insurance	394.00	394.00
Total		394.00	394.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

CLERK ELECTION OFFICE CIRCUIT COURT FAMILY & CHILDREN	SHERIFF (2) VOTER REGISTRATION COUNTY HIGHWAY CIRCUIT CT. SUPP. ADULT PROBATION	SURVEYOR COMMISSIONERS (2) CUM BRIDGE
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Councilmember Bassemier: Moving to the transfers, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'll move that all transfers be approved as they are listed.

Councilmember Bassemier: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1010-1580-1010	Misd/Traffic Clerk	1,100.00	1,100.00
To: 1010-1570-1010	Counter Clerk	1,100.00	1,100.00

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0049	Patrolman	3,500.00	3,500.00
To: 1050-1130-0056	Patrolman	3,500.00	3,500.00

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0049	Patrolman	15,150.00	15,150.00
To: 1050-1971	Accrued Payments	15,150.00	15,150.00

SURVEYOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1060-2220	Tires & Tubes	7.75	7.75
1060-2230	Garage & Motor	500.00	500.00
1060-2330	Surveyor Stakes	31.60	31.60
1060-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	80.00	80.00
To: 1060-2210	Gas & Oil	507.75	507.75
1060-2600	Office Supplies	111.60	111.60

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1210-2700	Other Supplies	900.00	900.00
To: 1210-1140-1210	Canvassing Board	900.00	900.00

VOTER REGISTRATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1220-3520	Equipment Maint.	118.00	118.00
1220-3410	Printing	65.17	65.17
To: 1220-2600	Office Supplies	183.17	183.17

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1300-3600	Rent	1.00	1.00
To: 1300-4232	USI/METS	1.00	1.00

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1300-3314	GIS Contractual	3,000.00	3,000.00
To: 1300-3130	Travel/Mileage	3,000.00	3,000.00

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1360-1980	Other Pay	415.00	415.00
To: 1360-1990	Extra Help	415.00	415.00

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2010-3200	Utilities	2,000.00	2,000.00
To: 2010-3140	Telephone	2,000.00	2,000.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-4405	Heppler Rd. Bridge #830	23,000.00	23,000.00
2030-4406	Old Henderson Rd. Br. #1541	77,000.00	77,000.00
To: 2030-3930	Other Contractual	100,000.00	100,000.00

FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2042-32500	Out of Home Placement-Foster Homes	200,000.00	200,000.00
2042-32520	Out of Home Placements-Institutions	150,000.00	150,000.00
To: 2042-32510	Out of Home Placements-Therap.	150,000.00	150,000.00
2042-32530	Independent Living for Wards	5,000.00	5,000.00
2042-32540	Preservation Services	195,000.00	195,000.00

CIRCUIT CT. SUPP. ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:2600-1910	PERF	1,000.00	1,000.00
2600-1950-2600	Counseling	900.00	900.00
To: 2600-1930	Unemployment	1,900.00	1,900.00

CIRCUIT CT. SUPP. ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2600-2600	Office Supplies	350.00	350.00
To: 2600-4210	Office Furniture	350.00	350.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, Salary Ordinance?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, I'll move that we accept the repeal as listed...no, excuse me, there are no repeals. Let's move on to the Amendment to the Salary Ordinance. First under the County Clerk I'll move that we approve salary line 1010-1570 Counter Clerk as previously adopted; the Sheriff's Department, salary line 1050-1130-0056 Patrolman as previously adopted; amend salary line 1050-1971 Accrued Payments as transfer previously adopted; and Circuit Court amend salary line 1360-1990 Extra Help as previously adopted and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, nothing under old business.

APPOINTMENT TO SOUTHWESTERN INDIANA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
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Councilmember Bassemier: New Business, A, Appointment to Southwestern Indiana Mental Health Board Director. We're going to defer to next week.

FILING DEADLINE FOR 2003 AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE
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Councilmember Bassemier: B, the filing deadline for the amended 2003 Salary Ordinance for the January meeting. Let's see, filing deadline for January 8th, 2003 meeting will be December 6th, 2002. Sandie, would you send a memo on that?

Sandie Deig: Yes, but (inaudible – microphone not turned on) Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, you want to cut that off? Oh, I'm sorry, November 29th, 2002 for the deadline for the amended 2003 salary ordinance. C and D were last week, so is there anything else?

REQUEST FOR COMMISSIONERS TO PROVIDE UPDATE ON JAIL PROJECT
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Councilmember Raben: Yeah, just real quick, Mr. President, and I wanted to bring this up but for the sake of not sounding political in the time of a election, the election is over

and, Mr. President, I would like to ask and I'm sorry to drop this bomb on Richard for being present today, but I would like to ask that this body require from the County Commissioners for our next month's meeting to give us a complete update on where we're at through the – with regards to the jail project, where we're at in terms of planning and designing, where we're at with the bond process. I'd also like to, since I mentioned bond process, I'd also like to see any outstanding bills that we currently have with any legal counsel or bond counsel and I want to know next month, basically, just in complete detail where the heck we're at. And I don't necessarily want people to come in from Indianapolis that's going to come in for a fee. If we could just have some written documentation or if they could just address it themselves before this body, but I want to know, basically, where we're at in the project and how much longer we're looking at.

Councilmember Hoy: Is that a motion or does that –

Councilmember Raben: Well, I would like to make that in a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll second that.

Richard Mourdock: It's a good time to be a lame duck here.

Councilmember Tornatta: I think if you send a letter – we wouldn't make that a motion, we'd just send that in a letter to the Commissioners, a memo.

Richard Mourdock: Clarify one thing, Jim. You said any outstanding bills. Do you mean that in the sense of outstanding bills that we haven't paid or actually what we owe to date?

Councilmember Raben: What we owe to date. What we've paid and what we owe to date, actually.

Richard Mourdock: Sure.

Councilmember Raben: But the main thing is, you know, with this request, Richard, is we need to know where we're at and how far along we are and I think we all realize there was a delay on this project and I want to know how quick we can get back on track moving it along and basically where we're at.

Councilmember Hoy: The reason I would like for it to be a motion is that I don't want this to be – and I don't mean you, Mr. Mourdock, and you'll handle this well, I don't present it as any kind of demand, but I think Mr. Raben is correct. It's time for us to seriously work on this and secondly, I didn't want you let off the hook the last few days of your term.

Richard Mourdock: And by then we should have back whatever environmental work has been done out at Wansford Yards, too.

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, I wouldn't see why there wouldn't maybe be an issue with being that this project is still in the early stages and there's some things that haven't crystalized yet, but there probably wouldn't be anything wrong with maybe a monthly update over the next several months until we can only take so much more. But maybe a monthly update over the next several months to give us an idea of significant milestones that are upcoming that have been met, rather than a one-time splash or – but like I said, maybe an ongoing type of dialogue where we can get a true sense of what's going on. Something, too, I wanted to add just kind of in relation because I do think this is a good idea for us to get a sense on, we're going to need to give them an idea of how

much detail we want because depending on how many questions we may have of them, it may require you guys to bring in some professionals especially when you start getting into discussions about the bonding side. I don't think the – I don't want to speak for the Commissioners or any of you guys, but those are some pretty complicated issues that would require a level of expertise. So are you with me, Jim? Jim, like I said, depends on how detailed you want to get because if you're talking about the bonding issue, some of the responses may require more technical response rather than just a layman's response. So just maybe you might want to give an idea of whether you want just kind of an overview or whether you want – how detailed are your questions going to get? That would determine –

Councilmember Raben: Well, I mean, again, I don't want individuals from Indianapolis brought in here where we're paying \$1,000 per day plus mileage, plus room and board, plus meals, I mean, they can give me a one-page or a ten-page written report on where we're at throughout the whole process, you know, I mean, I don't want it to be so vague that it didn't help us at all. I mean, I'll leave that up to them, but when I get that information, I want to know exactly where we're at through the process without too much detail and as cheap as possible.

Richard Mourdock: By way of suggestion what I'll say is we're – certainly, we ought to be at the point with all the engineering design side, that on a monthly basis now they ought to be giving us, and you used the word milestone, there is in the engineering business something called a milestone program that actually puts out every month or whenever you want it, a new formatted, it's basically like an 8 ½ X 17 piece of paper that each one of you can see to see how the schedule is progressing. I know the people that Catherine has talked to with the bonding at one point had some scheduling stuff, too, so if they give you that same type of summary, I would think one page –

Councilmember Raben: Timetables, I think, are very important to all of us, too.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I mean, it would be very easy for them to put something on a large spreadsheet that gives us some time horizons of when things are expected to occur.

Richard Mourdock: By the way, I don't know if I'll be here next month, so next month being my last month, if this is my last time here, I just want to say good luck to all of you with the jail and with things like Jobes Lane because these things – I tell you, the money demands that this Council will have to face the next few years are going to be incredible and it's going to take great wisdom and judgement on the part of all of you, so I hope you'll work it through carefully because resources, as you all know, are increasingly limited. So good luck to all of you.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, sir. Same to you.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, we wish you well.

Councilmember Bassemier: Anybody else got any –

Councilmember Hoy: Call for the question on the motion.

Councilmember Raben: Yeah, that was a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: We are going to vote on it?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I'd like to.

Councilmember Sutton: Is this a phone call or a letter or what are we talking about here?

Councilmember Raben: We're talking about getting the information that we've requested.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I mean, we can send them a letter or –

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Mourdock is carry it –

Councilmember Tornatta: That's fine. Take the motion and put it in the memo.

Councilmember Hoy: It's in the minutes.

Councilmember Bassemier: Everybody in favor, say aye.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Councilmember Bassemier: Do I have a motion to –

Councilmember Tornatta: Adjourn.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

(Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Lloyd Winnecke

Vice President Ed Bassemier

Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
DECEMBER 4, 2002**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 4th day of December, 2002 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by County Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good afternoon. I'd like to welcome everyone to the December 4th meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. We'll begin with attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta		X*
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

*Arrived at 3:34 p.m.

President Winnecke: Would you please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

<p style="text-align: center;">APPROVAL OF MINUTES NOVEMBER 6, 2002 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 20, 2002 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING</p>
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President Winnecke: Okay, we'll begin with approval of our minutes from the November 6th regular meeting.

Councilmember Wortman: I'll make a move for approval.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? All in favor, raise their right hand.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Winnecke: Okay, I'll consider a motion to approve our minutes from the special meeting on November 20th.

Councilmember Raben: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. All in favor, raise their right hand. And we've got a pass.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

JAIL

President Winnecke: Okay, appropriation ordinance, Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President. First on the agenda is the Jail, Food request. I'll move that it be set in at \$34,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I wonder if the Sheriff ever checked on that...?

President Winnecke: The Sheriff and his Chief Deputy are both out of town. Kim DeWitt is here from the Sheriff's Department.

Councilmember Wortman: See what their – on all these taxes. Where they're at on that –

Kim DeWitt: I spoke with Mr. Winnecke earlier today. Kim DeWitt, Vanderburgh County Sheriff's office. The taxpayer identification number that's listed on those warrants are actually for Anderson, Indiana; Burbank, California; Philadelphia; and Indianapolis, Indiana. So I also checked and we are not – anything outstanding with our local ARA services here.

President Winnecke: This motion basically pays November's invoices that are outstanding that are in possession of the Sheriff's department, and this gives us a little time to figure out exactly why our County Clerk received the tax warrants and --

Kim DeWitt: I contacted the local Indiana Department of Revenue and they do not know why we were issued those warrants. They are checking with the Indianapolis office and I'm waiting on a response from them.

Councilmember Wortman: Evidently they've been bad boys other places.

Kim DeWitt: Yes.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-2260	Food	68,000.00	34,000.00
Total		68,000.00	34,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CORONER

Councilmember Raben: Okay, next is County Coroner, 1070-3650. I move that be set in at \$15,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Raben: Again, that's very much like the food. This will take care of the November bills and December bills are payable in January. So...

President Winnecke: Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1070-3650	Autopsies	30,000.00	15,000.00
Total		30,000.00	15,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AREA PLAN

Councilmember Raben: Area Plan, 1240-1910 PERF in the amount of \$924. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

AREA PLAN		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1240-1910	PERF	924.00	924.00
Total		924.00	924.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

RIVERBOAT

Councilmember Raben: Okay next under Riverboat, 1490-3112 Drainage and Infrastructure, Mr. President, I'm going to move that that be set in at \$230,000 and will be glad to open that up for any discussion.

President Winnecke: There's a motion for \$230,000.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll second.

President Winnecke: And a second. Would you like to begin with your discussion or an explanation?

Councilmember Raben: Okay. The \$230,000, and this was after having a discussion with a few other members here on the Council, would take care of the sewage related issues. The numbers that were originally represented for the water portion was running the water up the hill and charging the line or pressurizing the line to run the water up Jobes Lane. The new angle they're working on is bringing it across the top from Gene Hahn's development. So basically what we're recommending here is that after they get new cost estimates for bringing the water from the commercial development at the top of the hill, they can come to us with those numbers and then we'll make that adjustment whenever that may be: January, February, just however soon they bring it to us.

President Winnecke: This figure represents going on the sewage aspect of this project.

Councilmember Raben: Uh-huh.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I would, from my standpoint, would like to see an engineer's estimate on the sewage and the water before any money is appropriated. I think that would be in order. I think that because you don't know what's going to happen if you start this, then one thing escalates and gets out of hand, that's what I'm scared of.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. Wortman, I think they did have the engineered estimate on both aspects but –

Michael Lockard: That was in the book that we gave out about a month ago. Clark Dietz has four engineering proposals in there and it is delineated line item by line item, it is broken down by every single line item.

Councilmember Wortman: And that's by an engineering firm?

Michael Lockard: Yes, Clark Dietz.

Councilmember Wortman: And that'll hold true, then?

Councilmember Raben: For everything but the water right now.

Michael Lockard: Right, exactly.

Councilmember Raben: So they're going off the original sewage plan. The only thing that's changed is now they're bringing the water in from another approach. So when they get firm estimates on that, then they can come back to us and we'll...

President Winnecke: Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: You know, I've got a question. I want to be fair on this issue but, you know if we vote for this, do we go back and reimburse the people in the past that's paid for their own systems? And if we look at this in the future, do we go ahead and fund these other systems in the future or, you know, I think we're in the same position they're in: can we afford this? So...

Councilmember Raben: Well, I mean, we've kicked this horse around enough, I mean, Mr. Bassemier, you're right, there is the potential for further problems, but we'll just have to address those if they, you know, if they come before us. I mean –

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I want to be fair. I think you've got a good idea, but I just sure don't want it to come back and other property owners that say, you know, you paid for theirs, now it's only fair that we pay for their's also. So, I mean, I'm just throwing this out here, you know, I haven't voted yet, but I want somebody to kind of, you know, help me out here.

Michael Lockard: If I could say something on that. One of the things that I did –

President Winnecke: Mike, could you introduce your–

Michael Lockard: Oh, I'm sorry. Mike Lockard with Westside Improvement. You know, I went out and looked at the other areas that the Health Department had identified as potential problem areas. Most of them, while they are problem areas, none of them are of a critical nature like this. And I think one of the issues that stands before all of you is that, you know, every case is going to have its own unique aspects and its own unique issues. You know, you've got areas that are able to do, such as a Barrett Law situation where you've got 40, 50 and 60 homes, where the take per home is much less. With this one here, if you try to apply the Barrett on ten homes and \$450,000, the value is more than, you know, than they can reasonably afford. And I think as each neighborhood, if somebody else has other funding needs such as Jobes Lane does, then I would say that they would need to go to the same effort that these neighbors did and we did, which was to come before you and ask for your assistance. For all these neighborhoods that, you know, supposedly have so many problems, and I'm not, you know, saying that they're not, I've yet to see anybody down here saying well, wait a minute, I'd rather have the money on our neighborhood. If they have that much of a problem, why aren't they down here asking just like we're asking? If they have that much of an issue, I would think this place would be overflowing – pardon the expression – you know, sorry. There would be more people here saying hey, we paid for ours in the past, why not us? You know, we've got a problem, why not come help us? There's nobody here.

Councilmember Bassemier: Some of them probably thought we wouldn't be so generous.

Michael Lockard: I like to believe in the faith in the system in that, you know, it's taken on its merits on a case by case basis. And I think that's what's happened here.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta, and then we'll work our way back around.

Councilmember Tornatta: On the 230, that covers, as you said, the sewage portion and everything in that portion that was in the manual – I had no idea we were going to do that, so I didn't know a breakdown, hadn't seen anything.

Michael Lockard: It is in – it's appendix B2 when you get a chance to look at the manual, but it does break it down and the 230, I did some calculations and Mr. Hoy came up with that number, and I think that's probably a fairly good number because some of the numbers on this line item by line item basis, I think are extravagant for this project. You know, they've got \$18,300 for traffic control. It's a dead end road with ten homes –

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I know you mentioned that but, I mean, if they put it in there, they have it in there for a reason. Now, we can question that and what have you, but that's their estimate and they do that, estimates, every day and they know what they have to do. So whether it's at the beginning of a street or whatever they have to do, they have to work around –

Michael Lockard: If you subtract out – the 440 was the lowest bid, so we'll go with the lowest number. For water alone was \$140,000, so subtract that out and you're down to 300. You take out some of these other items that are water only related and you just keep dropping back until you end up with just the items necessary for sewer and I think that's where the 230 does roll into be the right amount because sewer –

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and that's my main question. I mean, we're firm on that number, that that will cover the sewage portion?

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy, do you want to –

Councilmember Hoy: The other –

Councilmember Tornatta: Hold on. Yes?

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy is going to respond.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: Were you finished? I'm sorry.

Councilmember Tornatta: I want an affirmative answer on whether that was going to cover the sewage portion. I don't want to throw out a number and know that it's not going to cover the sewage portion.

Councilmember Hoy: I think that's affirmative according to Mr. Lockard and –

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, he's not affirmed that –

President Winnecke: He just did.

Councilmember Tornatta: He said it's a pretty good number, but –

President Winnecke: He said if you eliminate all the things unrelated to –

Councilmember Tornatta: I guess I want to know, Mr. Raben, you threw out the number, are you –

Councilmember Hoy: I came up with the number, I'll take responsibility for it because

we've talked and I've talked to Mr. Raben. Because the reason that I wanted to go to this direction is that Mr. Lockard said, and so did the other folks, we want to take a part in this and with the figures we have, it's difficult to figure out what that part would be. We don't want to unduly – I don't, I'll speak for myself – unduly charge them, I mean, you know, cost them a lot of money, because this is a huge project, but we need to know the exact figures on the water. And what I thought we could say today is let's do the sewer, that will be a good faith move, get the sewer going and the other thing that the Commissioners said, and they're not here today, but when they were in here they said they have some funds available for this project should it be needed. So if this runs a little shy, they have some money they can fill in with. So I'm fairly certain this will work.

Councilmember Raben: And I think if you use the table that Mike is referring to, just sewer related issues, it's really like \$223,000 so this is a slight cushion over and above what that –

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, that answers the question.

Michael Lockard: And I did speak with – I had a long talk with one of the main engineers out at EMC yesterday and went over this. And he was somewhat concurrent on the number around 230 would be able to fund and take care of the sewage portion, which is the portion that they're obviously concerned with.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy and then Mr. Wortman.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, I wanted to respond to Mr. Bassemier by saying...I share that concern, I've shared it all along and why other people aren't showing up, I am not sure. But my experience has been if we vote affirmatively on this they might show up afterwards. I mean, that's often the case. People will stay away until they learn what's happened. But I really, this has been a tough one for me, as you know, we've conversed a lot on this and I've asked a lot of questions, but to bestow this kind of money on, you know, split out ten ways, it's \$36,000 apiece, that's a lot of money. On the other hand, the larger issue is an environmental issue which probably cannot be solved any other way and I realize we're taking a risk. I fully hear what you're saying, it worries me, but there are times when you have to take a risk, I guess, and that's my position on it.

Michael Lockard: Thank you.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I'd like to know, can you tell me how much it's going to cost each property owner, what they're going to contribute?

Michael Lockard: No, not at this point.

Councilmember Wortman: You can't tell?

Michael Lockard: There's no way to establish that at this point.

Councilmember Wortman: But they going to pay something?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Wortman, that's one reason, that was one of my reasons for splitting it because when we know the cost from the water, then we can sit down and say, okay, what seems to be reasonable here because you need the water, too, we know that, I mean, you're hauling water in and all that kind of stuff, but we can come to some kind of figure.

Michael Lockard: Yeah, exactly.

Councilmember Hoy: Is that a fair reflection?

Michael Lockard: I believe so.

President Winnecke: Other questions? Mr. Sutton and then we'll take a vote.

Councilmember Sutton: I think what, if we could, I mean, if this does, if this is voted affirmatively, as it's anticipated, it seems like it's going to be, when we do get the firm numbers and we're working in the 223 range, whether you end up a little bit over, above or right at that number, I would like for you to bring that information back here on what those final costs and estimates, and then a time schedule on this project so that we can really stay abreast of what the progress is, so that when the next phase comes up on the water portion, that we can be adequately prepared to have a good discussion on what some of those issues might be.

Michael Lockard: If I may be so bold, I fully anticipate that with today's vote, if everything is, you know, positive, that the Commissioners will kick this back to Clark Dietz for basically a redo of the figures to give exact numbers, and in doing so, I have been in contact with the engineers that work for Mr. Hahn, and they said they will give me exact numbers for what it will take to bring it across their property with the easements that they will grant at that point. So they've already agreed, they will redo it and break it out, sewer versus water, so it is firmly totaled. The sewer, though, has never really been in question. The sewer has to – no other way, shape or form, has to come up from the bottom of the hill. There is no choice because to – it's not possible to do it engineering-wise. So the sewer is the true given part about this table. The water, though, when they did this study, they did not know that there was a possibility of bringing the water across from Eagle Plaza. That's where the savings came in, that their number of 440 may be reduced because of having to run the line a lesser amount of feet.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I just want to be clear, okay, working with the Commissioners, that's fine, you need to be doing that, but I just wanted to make sure that when those numbers come out that the Council, each of these Councilmembers here get a clear copy of those numbers.

Michael Lockard: Rest assured, for these gentlemen who have been blessed with my e-mails over the last two months, I will get that information to you ASAP.

President Winnecke: And I would just say, I think that before we vote that, I don't think I've ever done this but I'm going to anyway, I'm going to vote affirmatively on this because I think, in this case, it's the right thing to do for people who have faced a health hazzard for many years. Going forward I think this body, to Councilman Bassemier's point, will have to look at everything on a case by case basis. And in this case I think they've gone everywhere they can go and I think we have an obligation and with that we'll have a roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: For the health and safety reasons for not only these ten property owners but for the other property owners that live around there and the environmental problems that Mr. Hoy just brought up, I'll vote yes for this.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes, and I would like to make one comment. Mike, thank you for your e-mails and the work that you've done in terms of research, but your voice mail leaves something to be desired. Do you know you're out of the office until October the 21st?

Michael Lockard: Thank you.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

RIVERBOAT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1490-3112	Infrastructure/Drainage	362,000.00	230,000.00
Total		362,000.00	230,000.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, next is Cum Bridge, University Parkway Bridge in the amount of \$825,000, along with that, I'll also throw in Local Roads & Streets, Eickhoff-Koressel same project, in the amount of \$825,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Mr. Stoll, would you like to say anything?

John Stoll: Just if there are any questions, we got the final estimates back from the project and this is the remaining funding we need to get it on bid letting based on Bernardin Lochmueller's estimates.

President Winnecke: John, you're going to get off pretty easily this month it looks like. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I don't think he got off easy, he got a lot of money. I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes. Thank you, John.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-4404	University Pkwy Bridge #2200	825,000.00	825,000.00
Total		825,000.00	825,000.00

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2160-4741	Eickhoff-Koressel Rd.	825,000.00	825,000.00
Total		825,000.00	825,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: Mr. Raben, before you get to the transfers, I neglected to introduce a couple of guests at the beginning. Mike Bishop and Matt Schnell, would you gentlemen please stand? These are two of Vanderburgh County's latest deputies sworn in November 25th, and they're sitting in to observe what this body does. Gentlemen, welcome and thank you for your efforts in protecting our well-being.

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, I think it's important that we recognize the fact that Mr. Bishop did support the red and gold.

Councilmember Sutton: Is that USC?

Councilmember Hoy: I don't even know what he's talking about.

President Winnecke: That's Mater Dei – it's westside stuff.

TRANSFER REQUESTS

**COUNTY CLERK IV-D
GERMAN TWP. ASSESSOR
COMMISSIONERS
SUPT. OF COUNTY BUILDINGS
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU
COMMISSIONERS (LATE)
COUNTY COUNCIL (LATE)**

**AUDITOR
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
WEIGHTS & MEASURES
CIRCUIT COURT
SUPERIOR COURT
FAMILY & CHILDREN
SHERIFF (LATE)
THE CENTRE (LATE)
SHERIFF/MISD. HOUSING (LATE)**

Councilmember Raben: If no one objects, I know there's quite a few transfers, Mr. President, I will move that we take them as one, only to call attention to just a few items that we try to – I really like to scrutinize these at the end of each year or in December because this is when you get the lion's share of these. But as you look through a few of these different departments, and I'll cite examples, Commissioners, under Abstracts, Hillcrest-Washington; Superintendent of County Buildings, Utilities, that's the line item that we set – that we're able to transfer \$43,500, that we keep in mind that next year in August when we're making adjustments to budgets that – how heavily they were funded this go around that we were able to transfer funds from them. So I'll move approval on all transfers as they are listed.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Wortman, I didn't know if anything was brought to your attention on Superior Court, there's some Office Furniture that looks like it's being purchased there. I didn't know if you'd had a chance to have some discussions with them about the treasures that might be in our basement. That got by you.

Councilmember Hoy: It got by me, too, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Raben: I will, because I am the – that's one of my assignments. I tell you, the courts building itself, most of the furnishings are, I would say probably 90% of the furnishings are from 1972 when this building was opened. So \$1,500 worth probably isn't an exorbitant amount.

Councilmember Sutton: Don't say that too loud.

President Winnecke: Okay, we have a motion and a second before we get too far out of whack here. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY CLERK IV-D		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1011-4220	Office Machines	7,800.00	7,800.00
To: 1011-2600	Office Supplies	7,800.00	7,800.00

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1020-1200-1020	Bookkeeper II/Welfare	2,515.00	2,515.00
To: 1020-1320-1020	Systems Supervisor	515.00	515.00
1020-3530	Contractual Services	2,000.00	2,000.00

GERMAN TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1120-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	150.00	150.00
To: 1120-3530	Contractual Services	150.00	150.00

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1270-1990	Extra Help	6.00	6.00
To: 1270-1910	PERF	6.00	6.00

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1300-3470	Appraisals	500.00	500.00
1300-3471	Abstracts	13,000.00	13,000.00

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1300-3090	Urban Transportation	1,300.00	1,300.00
1300-3190	Solid Waste Disposal	5,000.00	5,000.00
1300-3490	YMCA	8,000.00	8,000.00
1300-2690	Demolition Fund	7,000.00	7,000.00
1300-3021	Hillcrest-Washington	15,349.00	15,349.00
1300-3312	GIS Consultant	2,520.00	2,520.00
1300-3600	Rent	2,438.00	2,438.00
To: 1300-3610	Legal Services	3,000.00	3,000.00

1300-3140	Telephone	24,800.00	24,800.00
1300-3120	Postage/Freight	7,000.00	7,000.00
1300-3050	Patient/Inmate Care	20,307.00	20,307.00

WEIGHTS & MEASURES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1302-3120	Postage/Freight	11.17	11.17
To: 1302-1910	PERF	11.17	11.17

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1310-2300	Uniforms	300.00	300.00
1310-2600	Office Supplies	325.00	325.00
1310-3200	Utilities	43,500.00	43,500.00
1310-3440	Advertising	500.00	500.00
1310-3510	Other Operating	65.00	65.00
1310-3550	Repair to Bldg. & Grounds	3,500.00	3,500.00
1310-3520	Equipment Repair	7,045.00	7,045.00
To: 1310-4120	Buildings	55,235.00	55,235.00

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1360-1980	Other Pay	323.00	323.00
To: 1360-1910	PERF	323.00	323.00

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:1361-1130-1361	Administrative Asst.	147.00	147.00
1361-3310	Training	3,102.00	3,102.00
To: 1361-1240-1361	Correction Supervisor	24.00	24.00
1361-1400-1361	Correction Officer	123.00	123.00
1361-2750	Work Release Supplies	3,102.00	3,102.00

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1370-4220	Office Machines	1,500.00	1,500.00
To: 1370-4210	Office Furniture	1,500.00	1,500.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-4724	Felstead Rd. Culvert #614	15,000.00	15,000.00
To: 2030-4429	Engineer Equipment	15,000.00	15,000.00

FAMILY & CHILDREN		REQUESTED	APPROVED
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From: 2042-32500	Out of Home Placements- Foster Homes	100,000.00	100,000.00
To: 2042-32530	Independent Living for Wards	5,000.00	5,000.00
2042-32540	Preservation Services	95,000.00	95,000.00

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 3570-3440	Advertising	12,500.00	12,500.00
To: 3570-2210	Gas & Oil	1,000.00	1,000.00
3570-2230	Garage & Motor	1,000.00	1,000.00
3570-4230	Motor Vehicle	500.00	500.00
3570-3410	Printing	10,000.00	10,000.00

LATE TRANSFERS

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0047	Patrolman	3,000.00	3,000.00
To: 1050-1130-0049	Patrolman	3,000.00	3,000.00

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1300-3471	Abstracts	15,000.00	15,000.00
To: 1300-1930	Unemployment	15,000.00	15,000.00

THE CENTRE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1440-3536	Centre Operating Acct.	50,000.00	50,000.00
To: 1440-3798	Food Services	50,000.00	50,000.00

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1480-1920	Insurance	2,500.00	2,500.00
To: 1480-1971	Accrued Payments	2,500.00	2,500.00

SHERIFF/MISDEMEANOR HOUSING		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2780-1920	Insurance	500.00	500.00
To: 2780-1930	Unemployment	500.00	500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

President Winnecke: Do you want to do the amendments to the Salary Ordinance?

Councilmember Raben: I certainly will. Mr. President, first is the County Auditor, I move that we amend the salary line 1020-1320 Systems Supervisor as the transfer previously adopted. The current employee is a PAT IV, Step 5, with an annual salary of \$35,526. Community Corrections, I move that we amend salary line 1361-1400 Correction Officer as previously adopted. The current employee is in a union position with a hire date of April 24th, 1989, with an annual salary of \$28,215 including longevity pay. Sheriff's department, amend salary line 1050-1130-0049 as transfer previously approved. The current employee is a newly hired Patrolman with a probation salary of \$34,900. County Assessor/Reassessment, I move that we amend the Salary Ordinance to allow for an additional employee, account number 2492-1090-1990 to be paid at a rate of \$8.00 per hour with no additional funds to be required for that. And Day Reporting Drug Court, amend Salary Ordinance to allow two part-time employees to be paid at a rate of \$8.00 an hour, and again, there's no additional funds required, batteries sold separately! I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE TO INCREASE INNKEEPERS TAX
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President Winnecke: I believe what is our last piece of business for today is the first reading of the change in the Hotel/Motel Tax. And if you'll recall, in February we passed

a resolution unanimously supporting an increase from 5% to 6%. And this would take effect in January and I have the ordinance and I will read it. This will be the first reading. We will take final action at our Personnel & Finance committee meeting on the 18th of this month.

Jeff Ahlers: At the special meeting at 3:00.

President Winnecke: Yeah, it's a special meeting at 3 p.m. prior to our regular meeting at 3:30. Thank you. I'll read this:

"WHEREAS, the Vanderburgh County Council has previously adopted an Ordinance requiring the payment of a five percent (5%) tax pursuant to the authority granted by I.C. 6-9-2.5-6; and

WHEREAS, the 2002 Session of the Indiana General Assembly has enacted P.L. 178-2002, 74, amending I.C. 6-9-2.5-6, allowing the Vanderburgh County Council to adopt an Ordinance levying a tax not to exceed the rate of six percent (6%) on the gross income derived from lodging income only and shall be in addition to the state gross retail tax imposed on such persons by I.C. 6-2.5; and

WHEREAS, the Vanderburgh County Council deems it to be in the public interest of the citizens of Vanderburgh County to change said tax rate from five percent (5%) to six percent (6%) pursuant to I.C. 6-9-2.5-6, as amended.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Vanderburgh County, Indiana, as follows, to wit:

SECTION 1. The Vanderburgh County Council hereby adopts the provisions of I.C. 6-9-2.5-6, as amended by the 2002 Session of the Indiana General Assembly, and imposes a tax levy rate of six percent (6%) on the gross income derived from lodging income only and shall be in addition to the state gross retail tax imposed on such persons by I.C. 6-2.5.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the 1st day of January, 2003.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall amend all prior Ordinances enacted by the Vanderburgh County Council. The provisions of prior Ordinances enacted by the Vanderburgh County Council not inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

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Do you guys get paid by the word?

Councilmember Hoy: Have you considered a career in broadcasting?

Councilmember Sutton: Now what was that again, because you –

President Winnecke: Can you hear me now?

Councilmember Hoy: Right in the middle of that –

President Winnecke: Bunch of comedians, oh my gosh!

Councilmember Hoy: Do you need a motion on this, sir?

President Winnecke: Yes, we do.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll move approval.

Councilmember Raben: I'll second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Any questions or discussion?
Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Do we need a legal opinion on this? Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: Any other business to come before us?

Councilmember Sutton: Sandie probably wants us to fill out these parking permit things,
so...

Councilmember Tornatta: Motion to adjourn.

President Winnecke: We're adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Lloyd Winnecke

Vice President Ed Bassemier

Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2002**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in special session this 16th day of December, 2002 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex, to discuss and take action on an additional appropriation. The meeting was called to order at 8:08 a.m. by County Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good morning. I'd like to welcome everyone to this special meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council on December 16th. We'll begin with attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton		X
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

President Winnecke: Would you please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

- REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR
- REASSESSMENT/ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
- REASSESSMENT/CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
- REASSESSMENT/GERMAN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
- REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
- REASSESSMENT/PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
- REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
- REASSESSMENT/SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
- REASSESSMENT/UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Winnecke: Okay, we are here this morning to consider stipend requests from the Assessors based on the reassessment efforts to date and we'll open it up to Mr. Raben.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, this ought to be quick today. First on the agenda is the County Assessor. I'm going to move that this request be deferred. The second is Armstrong Assessor, and what I'm going to do as we go through these is give you corrected figures and I guess to give you some rationale as to what these numbers will represent. If everyone recalls earlier in the year when we were discussing Extra Help with regards to reassessment, the majority of the Assessors expressed more interest in paying or getting a stipend to their Chief Deputies, allowing them to do most of the extra work or play the supervisory role for the extra time and efforts. So some of these figures will represent 50 cents per parcel for each township. Some of them will

represent 25 cents a parcel where Chief Deputies didn't work the extra time and the weekends and the nights and what have you. So it will be up to the Assessors where 50 cents a parcel is paid to make sure that they do the correct thing with their Chief Deputy in regard to splitting it or compensating the fairest way they see. So first is Armstrong under account 2492-1100-1960 Special Stipend, the correct figure is \$293, FICA \$23, PERF \$16, for a total of \$332. Next, Center Township Assessor, 2492-1110-1960 \$3,465, FICA \$266, PERF \$182, for a total of \$3,913. German Township Assessor 2492-1120-1960 for \$946, 73 FICA, 50 PERF, for a total of \$1,069. Next, under Knight Township Assessor, \$6,340, \$486 FICA, \$333 PERF, for a total of \$7,159. Perry, account 2492-1140-1960 \$5,486, \$420 FICA, 289 PERF, for a total of \$6,195. Pigeon Township, 2492-1150-1960 \$9,490, 726 FICA, 499 PERF, for a total of \$10,715. Scott Township 2492-1160-1960 \$1,004, 77 FICA, 53 PERF, for a total of \$1,134. And last Union, 2492-1170-1960 \$171, 14 FICA, \$9 PERF, for a total of \$194. And I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: I make a motion.

President Winnecke: Second from Mr. Bassemier?

Councilmember Tornatta: Can you run through Scott's again please?

Councilmember Raben: I would be glad to. Scott was \$1,004, 77 FICA, 53 PERF, for a total of \$1,134.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, German Township please, could you go over that?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, German Township, \$946, 73 FICA, 50 PERF, for a total of \$1,069.

Councilmember Bassemier: I have a question –

President Winnecke: For clarification, did you second Mr. Raben's motion?

Councilmember Bassemier: You did.

President Winnecke: No, I didn't, I thought you did.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

(Inaudible – several speaking at once)

Councilmember Bassemier: I've got a question, though. Jim, why did we defer the County Assessor?

Councilmember Raben: I would like further discussion on that one. I guess we need to arrive at a – I mean, we can act on it today if that's the pleasure of this body, but that's one that we can deal with after the first of the year. We had to act on these because we advertised these for the purpose of taking care of Chief Deputies, where we had to take care of Chief Deputies. In the case of that one, there's not a Chief Deputy involved and we can deal with that in January or February.

Councilmember Bassemier: Could I ask Ms. Musgrave, do you have anything to say, ma'am?

Cheryl Musgrave: This is Cheryl Musgrave, County Assessor. I'd just like to express my confusion, confusion as to why the townships would be recognized for the efforts that they have made in the reassessment and I would not be, when in the past the Council always recognized the efforts of the County Assessor at the same time as the townships.

Councilmember Raben: Again, the original call for this meeting was for the purpose of taking care of the Chief Deputies before the end of the year, so we can do what we need to do. There's not a Chief Deputy involved as part of the stipend here with this office, so I'll leave that open to what this body wants to do.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I guess I'm trying to get this right. I'm under the impression that Pigeon and Perry, their deputies have worked overtime and no other deputies have worked in the other townships, is that correct?

Councilmember Raben: That's our understanding, yes.

Councilmember Wortman: And then each one of them we've paid 50 cents a parcel where Pigeon and Perry will split that, is that correct, too?

Councilmember Raben: Correct. That's what we think is the appropriate thing to do, is that the Assessor would split that 50 cents with their Chief.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, that's all.

President Winnecke: Any other questions or comments? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I have some questions about the County Assessor and I think we should include that but to move it along, I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR

REQUESTED APPROVED

2492-1090-1960	Special Stipend	4,000.00	Deferred
2492-1090-1900	FICA	306.00	Deferred
2492-1090-1910	PERF	210.00	Deferred
Total		4,516.00	Deferred

ARMSTRONG TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1100-1960	Special Stipend	690.00	293.00
2492-1100-1900	FICA	53.00	23.00
2492-1100-1910	PERF	37.00	16.00
Total		780.00	332.00

CENTER TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1110-1960	Special Stipend	7,505.00	3,465.00
2492-1110-1900	FICA	575.00	266.00
2492-1110-1910	PERF	395.00	182.00
Total		8,475.00	3,913.00

GERMAN TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1120-1960	Special Stipend	1,929.00	946.00
2492-1120-1900	FICA	148.00	73.00
2492-1120-1910	PERF	102.00	50.00
Total		2,179.00	1,069.00

KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1130-1960	Special Stipend	13,500.00	6,340.00
2492-1130-1900	FICA	1,033.00	486.00
2492-1130-1910	PERF	709.00	333.00
Total		15,242.00	7,159.00

PERRY TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1140-1960	Special Stipend	5,520.00	5,486.00
2492-1140-1900	FICA	423.00	420.00
2492-1140-1910	PERF	290.00	289.00
Total		6,233.00	6,195.00

PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1150-1960	Special Stipend	10,004.00	9,490.00
2492-1150-1900	FICA	766.00	726.00
2492-1150-1910	PERF	526.00	499.00

Total		11,296.00	10,715.00
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SCOTT TWP. ASSESSOR

REQUESTED

APPROVED

2492-1160-1960	Special Stipend	2,090.00	1,004.00
2492-1160-1900	FICA	160.00	77.00
2492-1160-1910	PERF	0.00	53.00
Total		2,250.00	1,134.00

UNION TWP. ASSESSOR

REQUESTED

APPROVED

2492-1170-1960	Special Stipend	350.00	171.00
2492-1170-1900	FICA	27.00	14.00
2492-1170-1910	PERF	19.00	9.00
Total		396.00	194.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President, next is the amendment to the Salary Ordinances. I'll move that we amend salary line – well, is that really a salary line, these...

Sandie Deig: No, stipend.

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I'll move that we amend stipend line 2492-1100-1960 Special Stipend as the motion was previously adopted for Armstrong Township; Center Township Assessor Special Stipend line 2492-1110-1960 as the motion was previously adopted; German Township 2492-1120-1960 Special Stipend as previously adopted; Knight Township Assessor 2492-1130-1960 Special Stipend line as previously adopted; Perry Township 2492-1140-1960 Special Stipend as previously adopted; 2492-1150-1960 Special Stipend as previously adopted; Scott Township 2492-1160-1960 Special Stipend line as previously adopted; and Union Township Assessor 2492-1170-1960 Special Stipend as previously adopted.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously adopted 6-0)

Councilmember Raben: Mr. President, one last thing, I know that we're kind of at the Assessors' mercy at this point once we set these funds forward, but I would request as a body that, again, the purpose of this meeting was solely for the purpose of Chief Deputies, that all Assessors not withdraw any funds in regards to themselves until all data is turned in and stamped off by the County Assessor. So, you know, again, I think that the Assessors themselves, until this project is completed, I don't think that any funds should be pulled, okay? Is everyone agreeable to that?

President Winnecke: Jim, I don't think – once we make the appropriation – we can't make the appropriation with any stipulations –

Councilmember Raben: This is maybe just a request, you know, again, I said we're at their mercy, but I think that's the only fair thing to do, that their responsibility is to see this complete and I don't think that the Assessor should be paid before the project is done.

Cheryl Musgrave: May I ask a question or make a statement?

President Winnecke: Yes.

Cheryl Musgrave: This is, again, Cheryl Musgrave. The process of finishing at the township level really won't be done until Nexus is done at the end of January 31st. So unless the Auditor can carry that money over until January, I don't think that your request can be fulfilled.

Councilmember Raben: In the case of reassessment, that can be, right, because that is a non-reverting fund?

Suzanne Crouch: I'd have to check. They have in the past. I'm not sure we really can. I'll have to check.

Councilmember Raben: That would just be my request because I think it's important that they not only be compensated for their extra work, but I think the extra work should be completed before they withdraw from this account for the purpose of themselves.

President Winnecke: Mr. Wortman and then we'll come back around.

Councilmember Wortman: Would that be – are you directed to that, to be certified, everybody, when they're done, in your recommendation?

Councilmember Raben: Well, when you say certified are you talking about in regards

to the state?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes, Sir.

Cheryl Musgrave: They will turn over their data to me on December 31st. It will not be considered certified at that point in time. Then Nexus will do the independent audit as required by state law. They will recommend changes and the Assessors will have the opportunity to make those changes or Nexus will make the changes and then I, as County Assessor, will certify the final data over to the Auditor. The data will not be certified from township to Auditor, but from County Assessor to Auditor.

President Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, what if they're not finished on December 31st?

Cheryl Musgrave: We will take their data and turn it over to Nexus.

Councilmember Tornatta: Then what will Nexus do with it?

Cheryl Musgrave: Analyze it, compare the figures that are in the database to the sales price that the sales database indicates should be arrived at in that neighborhood and we'll apply factors either up or down.

Councilmember Tornatta: Do you have any idea on how many of those Nexus will have to do?

Cheryl Musgrave: No.

Councilmember Tornatta: I guess my question is, what if there are quite a few that they'll have to do? Where do we stand if that happens?

Cheryl Musgrave: They'll do quite a few.

Councilmember Tornatta: And still get their job done like they were saying?

Cheryl Musgrave: It's a process of statistical analysis. They will get their job done.

Councilmember Tornatta: With the workload that that would entail and his amount of staff that he has, how is that going to be possible?

Cheryl Musgrave: He's accepted the terms of the contract and he is obliged to perform.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, did we ever get a copy of the contract?

Cheryl Musgrave: One is on file with the Auditor's Office.

President Winnecke: But we typically wouldn't, but the Auditor's Office would have one if you wanted to get a copy.

Councilmember Tornatta: The only thing I'm saying is, we talked with the gentleman before. He was telling us of what scope he was going to handle and that he was going to do analysis of the numbers that were given to him by the Assessors. I did not know that he was going to be doing any of the assessment and reassessment procedures from the County Assessor. So that's why I didn't know how he would have the staff to be able to do that, that type of work.

Cheryl Musgrave: I'm really not sure what type of work you're referring to. He'll be doing statistical analysis, various types, in order to bring the assessed value up to market value or down to market value where appropriate.

Councilmember Tornatta: But they have to be assessed at that time. I mean, he has to have numbers that he can work with at that time and from what you're telling me, if the Assessors don't have their jobs done or don't have their numbers in to the point to where he can take that over, then he's going to have to go back and go to the parcels and do the Reassessment on these parcels –

Cheryl Musgrave: No, he will take the data that they have resident in the computer and factor it up or down to meet what the market calls for.

President Winnecke: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: How big is this contract? How many pages?

Cheryl Musgrave: Oh, it's not very long – 20, 25 pages?

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, would you mind supplying a copy for our Council Office and then –

Cheryl Musgrave: Okay, one copy –

Councilmember Hoy: One copy, and then anybody that wants to look at it...

Cheryl Musgrave: Sure.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't have an interest in reading it, but then it would be available.

Cheryl Musgrave: Okay.

President Winnecke: Any other questions? We stand adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 8:28 a.m.)

President Lloyd Winnecke

Vice President Ed Bassemier

Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2002**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in special session this 18th day of December, 2002 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex, for the second and final reading of an ordinance to amend an ordinance for tax on hotels, motels and tourist camps in Vanderburgh County. The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by County Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good afternoon and welcome everyone to the special meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council. We'll begin with attendance roll call please.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier		X
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman		X
President Winnecke	X	

President Winnecke: Would you please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

**SECOND READING
ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE FOR TAX ON HOTELS/MOTELS
AND TOURIST CAMPS IN VANDERBURGH COUNTY**

President Winnecke: The purpose of this special meeting is to consider on second reading, which would be the final reading assuming it passes, an ordinance of the County Council to amend the tax on the hotel/motels and tourist camps in Vanderburgh County. And I did consult with our attorney and he did feel that it's best to read it again, so you will have to put up with the whereas's and therefore's one more time.

“WHEREAS, the Vanderburgh County Council has previously adopted an Ordinance requiring the payment of a five percent (5%) tax pursuant to the authority granted by I.C. 6-9-2.5-6; and

WHEREAS, the 2002 Session of the Indiana General Assembly has enacted P.L. 178-2002, 74, amending I.C. 6-9-2.5-6, allowing the Vanderburgh County Council to adopt an Ordinance levying a tax not to exceed the rate of six percent (6%) on the gross income derived from lodging income only and shall be in addition to the state gross retail tax imposed on such persons by I.C. 6-2.5; and

WHEREAS, the Vanderburgh County Council deems it to be in the public interest of the citizens of Vanderburgh County to change said tax rate from five percent (5%) to six percent (6%) pursuant to I.C. 6-9-2.5-6, as amended.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Vanderburgh County, Indiana, as follows, to wit:

SECTION 1. The Vanderburgh County Council hereby adopts the provisions of I.C. 6-9-2.5-6, as amended by the 2002 Session of the Indiana General Assembly, and imposes a tax levy rate of six percent (6%) on the gross income derived from lodging income only and shall be in addition to the state gross retail tax imposed on such persons by I.C. 6-2.5.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the 1st day of January, 2003.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall amend all prior Ordinances enacted by the Vanderburgh County Council. The provisions of prior Ordinances enacted by the Vanderburgh County Council not inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. From and after the date of passage of this Ordinance, the Vanderburgh County Auditor is directed to forward certified copies of this Ordinance to the Indiana Department of Revenue, the Treasurer of the State of Indiana, and the Auditor of the State of Indiana.

SECTION 5. If any clause, sentence, section or part of this Ordinance shall for any reason be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional for any reason, such invalidity and reason therefor shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance, or any section or sections thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the section, or part thereof, clause, sentence or paragraph, or part thereof, so adjudged to be unconstitutional or invalid for any such reason.

FINAL PASSAGE by the Vanderburgh County Council on the 18th day of December, 2002.”

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

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Couple of members being absent, this could be a close vote here. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

President Winnecke: And with that the motion passes and we stand adjourned until our next meeting at 3:30.

(Meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.)

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President Lloyd Winnecke

Vice President Ed Bassemier

Councilmember James Raben

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 30, 2002**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in special session this 30th day of December, 2002 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex for the purpose of discussing and taking action to amend the 2003 Vanderburgh County Salary Ordinance, to encumber funds, and take action on any other matters that may come before the County Council. The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by County Council President Lloyd Winnecke.

President Winnecke: Good morning. I'd like to call this special meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council to order. We'll begin with attendance roll call.

COUNCILMEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Raben	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Winnecke	X	

President Winnecke: Would you please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of allegiance was given)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Winnecke: Okay, we are here to consider amendments to the 2003 Salary Ordinance for the below mentioned Assessors. Mr. Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Okay, Mr. President. As everyone recalls we did this back a few weeks ago but, with the misunderstanding as to the Assessors themselves, we couldn't amend their salaries for 2003 in (inaudible). These amendments that I'm going to make pertain only to the Assessors; the Chief Deputies' amendments that were made a few weeks ago still apply. So first on the agenda is Armstrong Township; I move that we set in 2492-1100-1960 Township Assessor Special Stipend \$293. Center Township, 2492-1110-1960 Special Stipend at \$2,189. German Township, 2492-1120-1960 Special Stipend at \$896. Knight Township, account 2492-1130-1960 Special Stipend at \$6,340. Perry Township, 2492-1140-1960 Special Stipend at \$3,791.76. Pigeon, line 2492-1150-1960 Special Stipend at \$4,745. Scott Township, 2492-1160-1960 Special Stipend at \$1,004. Union Township, 2492-1170-1960 Special Stipend at \$171. At this time I'll move approval – Mr. President, let me go ahead, I need to set in one. This doesn't mean that we're taking any action or putting these funds in place, but in the event that we would, you know, at a latter point next year, it would be in place and would allow us to do that if we so desire. County Assessor, 2492-1090-1960 Special Stipend at \$4,000. And I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Winnecke: There's a motion and a second. Questions or discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Jim, can you repeat that again on that County Assessor? Not the amount, but the –

Councilmember Raben: Okay, I know we've not taken any action on setting any stipend amount in place for the County Assessor, but this motion, the reason behind including that in this motion is should this body at any given time in 2003 elect to do that, then we can do that and she could draw from it. But if we don't do that today, we're going to run into the same problem we ran into just a few weeks ago that you can't change an elected official's salary in the same year. So this simply allows us to do that if we so choose at a later point.

President Winnecke: Other questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ENCUMBRANCE REQUESTS FOR 2003

Councilmember Raben: Okay, one last item of business, Mr. President. Everyone was given a packet of encumbrances that have been filed with the Auditor's Office. I'll just move that we accept the encumbrances.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Winnecke: Motion and a second. Questions or discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: The only question I would have is, the Lynch Road extension, if they're going to concentrate on the TIF money instead of the County Option Income Tax? That's my only question.

Suzanne Crouch: And I can't speak for the Commissioners, but having sat at two of their meetings, it is my understanding that they are looking at that and they've contracted with a firm to evaluate the use of that TIF money and still pay those bonds off early. So I would conclude that is the direction they're going in.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, thank you and I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Winnecke?

President Winnecke: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Winnecke: With that, I would like to wish everyone a happy new year. Thank you for coming in early. For those of us who are taking another oath, we'll see you Wednesday at 10:00. Thank you and we stand adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 8:36 a.m.)

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