

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 2003**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 8th day of January, 2003 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by Vanderburgh County Auditor Bill Fluty.

Bill Fluty: Eric, could you please open the meeting?

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

Bill Fluty: Thank you. Madam Secretary, could you take the roll call?

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

Bill Fluty: Thank you. Could you please join us in the Pledge of Allegiance?

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

Election of President

Bill Fluty: The Chair will now entertain motions for the President of the Vanderburgh County Council. Lloyd?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. Chairman, at this time I nominate James Raben to be president.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

Bill Fluty: I have a second. May I have a 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Raben?

Councilmember Raben: Yes.

Bill Fluty: Congratulations, Jim.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Raben: Give me just a moment to get organized and we'll begin the meeting. Okay, I'd like to thank all my fellow Councilmembers for their vote of confidence and I'll do my best not to let you down.

Election of Vice President

President Raben: At this time the Chair would entertain a motion for Vice President.

Councilmember Wortman: I'd like to make a motion for Ed Bassemier.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Madam Secretary, I would ask that you take a 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7 -0)

Appointment of Council Attorney

President Raben: Okay, next the Chair would like to appoint County Council Attorney Jeff Ahlers. Do we need to take a vote on that? I'll take a motion for that.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Raben: Okay. Madam Secretary?

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7 -0)

Appointment of Finance Chair and Personnel Chair

President Raben: Okay, the Chair would like to appoint for Personnel Chairman, Curt Wortman; Finance Chairman, Lloyd Winnecke.

Approval of Minutes December 4, 2002 Regular Council Meeting December 16, 2002 Special Council Meeting December 18, 2002 Special Council Meeting December 30, 2002 Special Council Meeting

President Raben: Now the Chair would entertain approval of minutes for December 4th, 16th, 18th, and 30th.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none,

Madam?

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Raben: Okay, next the appropriations and the Chair will turn over this part of the meeting to our newly elected Finance Chairman, Lloyd Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, here we go.

Appropriation Ordinance

SHERIFF

Councilmember Winnecke: First the Sheriff, line item 1050-1130-0048 Patrolman, \$1,449. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1130-0048	Patrolman	1,449.00	1,449.00
Total		1,449.00	1,449.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay Jail, Detention Officer, line item 1051-1130-0304 in the amount of \$205, I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051 -1130 -0304	Detention Officer	205.00	205.00
Total		205.00	205.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

VOTER REGISTRATION

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Voter Registration, line item 1220-2700 Other Supplies in the amount of \$2,500; line item 1220-3410 Printing zero; line item 1220-4220 Office Machines \$300, for a total appropriation of \$2,800. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: The Printing on that?

Councilmember Winnecke: Previously, the members of that office thought they wouldn't need that at that time. If they need it later, they can come back to us.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Raben: Any other discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

VOTER REGISTRATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1220-2700	Other Supplies	2,500.00	2,500.00
1220-3410	Printing	1,000.00	0.00
1220-4220	Office Machines	300.00	300.00
Total		3,800.00	2,800.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, line item 1300-4231 Transportation Service in the amount of \$100,000. I move that we defer that until we have – unless the Commissioners have provided the information that Councilman Bassemier requested at the last meeting on that.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: What information are you – just kind of for the record, Councilman Bassemier, could you kind of refresh our memories on the information that you're specifically looking for that you haven't received?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, this is what it was contracted cost to us for just the wheelchair transportation only. In the past they did not provide service for the wheelchair transportation and they just provide it for the walk-ons and I was just curious what this contract would be with just the handicap transportation only. I asked the –

Councilmember Sutton: I mean, are you assuming that we could end up with a smaller figure or somehow the contract would be reconfigured some kind of way? What's maybe your thoughts there?

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I'd just like to see the majority of the funds go toward wheelchair bound people instead of the people with walk-ons because its always really been a burden to these people in the wheelchairs to get the specialized vehicles to them out there in the county. It's easier for the people who can walk getting transportation and I've had several calls, family members with their children in wheelchair transportation that this would not provide, so this go around I would like to see more go toward the wheelchair transportation than just the walk-ons. And until I get some numbers, I don't have all the facts yet.

Councilmember Sutton: So are you going to be meeting with the Commissioners or are you just going to wait for them to bring it to us?

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I think Catherine was supposed to – she's probably working on it now and she's probably almost got it finished.

Catherine Fanello: County Commissioner. I'll most definitely get that info for you. I've been on vacation, so with the holidays and everything, so I'll work on that.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, I appreciate it. Thank you.

President Raben: Okay, any further discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-4231	Transportation Service	100,000.00	Deferred
Total		100,000.00	Deferred

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, in the Community Corrections, line item 1361-1150-1361 Clerk in the amount of \$2,481; line item 1361-1160-1361 Case Manager in the amount of \$1,554, for a total appropriation of \$4,035. I move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1361 -1150 -1361	Clerk	2,481.00	2,481.00
1361 -1160 -1361	Case Manager	1,554.00	1,554.00
Total		4,035.00	4,035.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Raben: I might – looking through the audience, and I don't see anybody that this would probably apply to, but I guess this room originally was booked for the Board of Safety and that meeting has been moved to 307 if that would apply to anybody. That meeting is now being held in room 307.

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, County Assessor Regular Overtime in the amount of \$1,000; FICA \$842; PERF \$53; line item 2492-1090-1960 Special Stipend zero, and I'll have a comment on that in a moment; 2492-1090-1990 Extra Help \$10,000; 2492-1090-2600 Office Supplies \$3,000; 2492-1090-3130 Travel/Mileage \$4,000; 2492-1090-3530 Contractual Services in the amount of \$183,000; and line item 2492-1090-3700 Dues & Subscriptions in the amount of \$6,600, for a total appropriation of

\$208,495, and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Raben: We have a motion and a second. Discussion?

Councilmember Winnecke: In reference to the Special Stipend, we awarded the Township Assessors their stipends at the completion of their work and I think as the Assessor nears the completion of the portion of her work we would consider that at that time.

Councilmember Tornatta: I still have a couple of questions, one would be on the Travel/Mileage and where did you get your numbers for the Contractual Services?

Councilmember Winnecke: Contractual Services, we backed out the \$32,000 request that was part of the Pro-Val contract. We think there is an overpayment issue that still has not been resolved. So if we end up needing to pay that further down the road, we can come back and make that appropriation at a later time. But right now, I believe Mr. Winternheimer and Mr. Ahlers are still trying to work through whether we, in fact, really owe the \$32,000 for this year. And there was one other item that we cut out of there and I can't remember –

President Raben: \$152,500 is our portion of the GIS city/county split and \$30,500, I believe, is a contract with Kathy McCarter.

Councilmember Tornatta: And that contract last year was what, \$26,000?

Councilmember Raben: That sounds about right.

Councilmember Tornatta: I was supposed to have that information and no one –

President Raben: I think that's pretty accurate. I think that's the number that was quoted to me by the Assessor.

Councilmember Tornatta: And then did we discuss anything on the mileage? I don't know, it seems – is that – I might ask Commissioner Fanello, what is the situation on mileage? Does it have to be approved through the Commissioners or, I mean, travel and what have you?

Catherine Fanello: Catherine Fanello, County Commissioner. Travel does go through the County Commissioners unless the Council has awarded a specific office a travel budget. Our policy states that they are supposed to send it up and just make sure it complies with our county travel policy.

President Raben: Right, now the travel that you're referring to is in regards to attending state called meetings and what have you. This really, it should just probably read mileage. I think this is paying –

Catherine Fanello: Oh, is this just local travel?

President Raben: The field people that drive their personal vehicles out to the properties to measure and assess property.

Councilmember Tornatta: That's what I wanted to know. I didn't ever find out if that was – what exactly that was. I mean, to go to state functions and stuff like that, that should run through the Commissioner's Office, so we shouldn't be responsible to put money into that.

President Raben: Yeah, and that may be something to try to remember at budgets, to address this where it would state mileage instead of travel and mileage. Any other questions?

Councilmember Tornatta: I'd like to take out the Contractual Services and do it separate please.

Councilmember Winnecke: I would amend the motion to – I have to do some quick math here, Troy. I would amend the motion to take out line item 2492-1090-3530 Contractual Services in the amount of \$183,000 and everything else as previously moved.

President Raben: So that would make it \$35,495, I believe. Is that correct? Has anybody else checked that?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible)

President Raben: Yeah, \$25,495. Does the seconder accept the amendment?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

President Raben: Okay. Any other questions? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1090-1300	Regular Overtime	1,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1090-1900	FICA	1,683.00	842.00
2492-1090-1910	PERF	263.00	53.00
2492-1090-1960	Special Stipend	4,000.00	0.00
2492-1090-1990	Extra Help	17,000.00	10,000.00
2492-1090-2600	Office Supplies	3,000.00	3,000.00
2492-1090-3130	Travel/Mileage	4,000.00	4,000.00
2492-1090-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	6,600.00	6,600.00
Total		37,546.00	25,495.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, then I will move, Mr. President, that line item 2492-1090-3530 Contractual Services be set in at \$183,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm going to vote no for the fact that I had asked for some documents on the extra \$30,000 that had not been provided and I did not get that, so I will vote 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1090-3530	Contractual Services	215,000.00	183,000.00
Total		215,000.00	183,000.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Tornatta opposed)

REASSESSMENT/PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals, line item 2492-1091-1180 Per Diem, set in at \$14,400; 2492-1091-1900 FICA at \$1,561; line item 2492-1091-1990 Extra Help \$6,000; 2492-1091-2600 Office Supplies \$2,500; 2492-1091-3130 Travel/Mileage \$1,000; 2492-1091-3310 Training \$1,000; 2492-1091-3370 Computer/Data Management \$2,500; 2492-1091-3371 Computer Hardware \$5,000; 2492-1091-3530 Contractual Services \$12,000; and 2492-1091-4210 Office Furniture zero, for a total appropriation of \$45,961. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

**PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT
BOARD OF APPEALS**

		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1091-1180	Per Diem	14,400.00	14,400.00
2492-1091-1900	FICA	1,561.00	1,561.00
2492-1091-1990	Extra Help	6,000.00	6,000.00
2492-1091-2600	Office Supplies	2,500.00	2,500.00
2492-1091-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1091-3310	Training	1,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1091-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	2,500.00	2,500.00
2492-1091-3371	Computer Hardware	5,000.00	5,000.00
2492-1091-3530	Contractual Services	12,000.00	12,000.00

2492-1091 -4210	Office Furniture	1,500.00	0.00
Total		47,461.00	45,961.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/CENTER TWP. ASSESSOR

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, Center Township, line item 2492-1110-1900 FICA in the amount of \$765; 2492-1110-1990 Extra Help \$10,000; 2492-1110-2600 Office Supplies \$3,200; 2492-1110-2610 Copy Machine Supplies \$1,000; 2492-1110-3130 Travel/Mileage \$2,000; 2492-1110-3310 Training \$7,200; 2492-1110-3390 Assessors Plat Sheets \$1,500; 2492-1110-3410 Printing \$1,000 and 2492-1110-3520 Equipment Repair \$1,000, for a total appropriation of \$27,665.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

CENTER TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1110-1900	FICA	4,058.00	765.00
2492-1110-1990	Extra Help	53,040.00	10,000.00
2492-1110-2600	Office Supplies	4,500.00	3,200.00
2492-1110-2610	Copy Machine Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00
2492-1110-3130	Travel/Mileage	3,600.00	2,000.00
2492-1110-3310	Training	7,200.00	7,200.00
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
Total		76,898.00	27,665.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR

Councilmember Winnecke: Knight Township Assessor, 2492-1130-1990 Extra Help \$20,000; 2492-1130-1300 Regular Overtime zero; 2492-1130-1900 FICA \$1,530; 2492-1130-1910 PERF zero, for a total appropriation of \$21,530. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? No 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1130-1990	Extra Help	30,000.00	20,000.00
2492-1130-1300	Regular Overtime	13,000.00	0.00
2492-1130-1900	FICA	2,395.00	1,530.00
2492-1130-1910	PERF	683.00	0.00
Total		46,078.00	21,530.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, Perry Township Assessor, line item 2492-1140-1990 Extra Help in the amount of \$12,000; line item 2492-1140-1900 FICA in the amount of \$918, for a total appropriation of \$12,918. That's \$12,918, and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

PERRY TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1140-1990	Extra Help	20,000.00	12,000.00
2492-1140-1900	FICA	1,530.00	918.00
Total		21,530.00	12,918.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL PROJECT

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, Jail Project appropriation request, I will move that line item 3660-4321 Road Construction be deferred and after it gets on the floor I'll explain my reasoning.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second, now discussion.

Councilmember Winnecke: I've spent a fair amount of time on the phone last week with INDOT, with Bernardin Lochmueller, with Mr. Stoll, and I'm really interested to see where the city stands. I know the city has committed in theory to being a partner in this road project, but I think before this body releases funding for that road site, I think we should get a firm commitment from the city before we proceed so we know exactly how much we're going to be on the rope for.

President Raben: I would certainly agree with that and I might ask Commissioner Fanello to do what you can to maybe negotiate this with City Council and get some firm

commitment from them, and you're welcome to come to the mic.

Catherine Fanello: Catherine Fanello, County Commissioner. I'd probably ask for the Sheriff's assistance also. Monday night we'll be getting the schematic designs or be receiving the schematic design for the jail project. Or design team will be down presenting that so we're moving at a very fast track. There are several petitions that have to be filed with this road project and as we delay, it really sets us back and I know the Sheriff and Chief Deputy, Eric Williams, met with our design team Monday and spent a considerable amount of time, so we're trying to move as fast as possible and I just want everyone to realize that it does put us at a great disadvantage because we are planning to put this, hopefully put this project out for bid late this year.

President Raben: Have you had any dialogue yet with the City Council?

Catherine Fanello: I have had dialogue with the Mayor. We spoke Monday afternoon not only about the jail but several other issues, one of which I'm going to talk to you about later and he is committed to it in theory as Councilman Winnecke said. What specific amounts, I think that remains to be seen because it just depends on, we don't even have final design plans. The thing I was hoping that we could do today was at least appropriate some money so that we could hire Bernardin Lochmueller to make the final design plans because right now we can't really move forward and I'm not going to have Bernardin Lochmueller do work without getting a contract with them for final design work. See, what they've done so far is basically the site analysis, which is what they were contracted to do and we will be paying for that out of our land project, but we have not contracted with them for final design plans because we didn't have money in place to do that.

President Raben: Do you have a figure on what that might be?

Catherine Fanello: John could probably help us with that but he gave me an estimate of about – John, and I – ten percent of construction just as a rough estimate. We have not negotiated a price with them yet. Of course, I would obviously try to negotiate the best price possible, but was hoping that we could get some in there today just so we could do that. The Sheriff would like to add a comment.

Brad Ellsworth: Brad Ellsworth, Sheriff. I just wanted to add one quick comment. I think we're further along in the purchase of the land than the city is, and if something would happen where the sewage treatment plant out there headed south for that project, we're still going to need the road. So that would be my only input in the decision. That if theirs doesn't go, we're going to have to have a road anyway.

President Raben: I guess, and we don't disagree with either one of you, but if we put the money forth and begin the project then it's too late to expect anything from them. I mean, if I were the city, at that point why would I want to commit any percentage to the project knowing that its already moving ahead?

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, whenever you get a chance...

President Raben: I think Curt was first and then we'll go to Troy.

Councilmember Wortman: I would like to see this part of the \$35,000,000 instead of a separate appropriation because that should be it, the \$35,000,000 appropriated. All expenses.

Councilmember Bassemier: Took the words right out of my mouth.

Catherine Fanello: Boy, I wish I could do that. If jails didn't cost so much, I wish I could do that.

Councilmember Tornatta: I don't believe that's any part of the building.

Catherine Fanello: Yeah, that's – we're working as – believe me, I don't want to spend any more money than anybody else. And I'm trying to help out as much as possible.

Councilmember Wortman: To me, it's part of the project.

Catherine Fanello: Uh huh, and I understand that, but we're trying to get the most amount of bids for the price that we can get. And I know the Sheriff could probably add something to that. I mean, we've gone over numbers, over numbers, over numbers, and we're trying to get the most – the best bang for our buck, we really are.

President Raben: Councilman Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Would we consider putting an amount in to get this side of it done albeit not \$2,000,000? If it takes \$50,000 or whatever it takes to get the ball rolling, we're not committing the entire amount but we are saying that we want to get this project moving. We're not trying to hold it back and the other side of it is the City Council then can decide what they want to do. But I agree, I really don't want to put \$2,000,000 toward the project and have it come back like it has before, where the City Council can say, hey, they put \$2,000,000, you know, we'll make up the rest and it not be any money at all. So I agree with holding and not paying the \$2,000,000 at this time, but I think we need to put something in motion to get the contract going.

Catherine Fanello: Because what happens is, with the petitions that we have to file, we are supposed to actually deliver some kind of design plan and we don't really have concrete design plans at this point because we haven't contracted with them to do that. And that would kind of set us back in the petition process.

President Raben: Okay, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I would agree with Councilman Tornatta at this point. I'm not happy with the city not saying anything. They've been very vocal about Vectren and ballfields and high ticket items that are much higher ticket than this and this is –

Catherine Fanello: This is small in comparison to those projects.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, it is and I think a little more assurance would be welcome.

Catherine Fanello: And I don't mind doing that at all, but I really would most appreciate, would appreciate some type of money to get a contract with Bernardin for the final designs where we could move forward on the petition process.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, with that in mind I would entertain amending my motion to appropriate \$170,000 which would be ten percent of the 1.7 million dollars that was requested for design work for Bernardin Lochmueller to wrap up that portion of the project.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: I was just wondering whether the city would reimburse us for the design of the road.

President Raben: Right, whatever the city does –

Councilmember Winnecke: The total package.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, first of all, who seconded it?

President Raben: Curt.

Councilmember Bassemier: You haven't said anything yet to rescind it? What I'm wanting to know, what happened to our \$35,000,000 agreement we all agreed to here a while back, last year before – \$36,000,000, now two more, of course not today it won't but if we're going to appropriate some money, I was going to say –

President Raben: Ed, hold on just one moment. There is a motion on the floor. Curt, --

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, its on discussion, though, isn't it?

President Raben: Well, we haven't gotten there yet. Curt, would you amend your second?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Councilmember Sutton: The motion stays as it –

Councilmember Winnecke: Then you'll have to vote on the original one and then we'll come back around.

President Raben: Alright, so I guess –

Councilmember Tornatta: Roll call.

President Raben: Roll call and then we'll go –

Councilmember Bassemier: Make the motion again that –

Councilmember Winnecke: The original motion was to defer, so if you are in favor of deferring you say yes. If you're opposed, you say no.

Councilmember Bassemier: I just want to make sure it stays the same.

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: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: No.

(Motion fails 2-5/Councilmembers Tornatta, Sutton, Hoy, Winnecke & Raben opposed)

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, at this time I would –

Councilmember Hoy: You have to bring it back up on the floor with –

President Raben: We need a motion to – the Chair will now entertain a motion to bring

line 3660-4321 back to the floor.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Discussion? Can we just have a sign of hands here? All in favor, raise your right hand. Opposed? It's five to two in support.

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

Councilmember Winnecke: Now, Mr. President, --

Jeff Ahlers: Just say five to two, it passes.

President Raben: Okay, motion passed five to two; Ed and Curt voting nay.

Councilmember Winnecke: I would move that line item 3660-4321 Road Construction be set in, in the amount of \$170,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Now discussion.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think all the discussion we've had on this is -- you know, that this is obviously a very important project for us on the county side, our biggest project we've got going on. And if there's some things that we can do to keep the ball rolling, I think that's something we've emphasized here over the last several months, is making sure there's no unusual delays but at the same time we've also emphasized the need for communication among all the parties that are involved with this. The city, on their side, I would trust that they're going to go ahead and come through on their commitment, but in order for us to move forward with this, I think there's an additional thing we might need to get some information on is, there's some discussion about how the road will be prepared, to what degree. I mean, is it going to be fully prepared or is it just going to basically have the -- and I don't know the exact terminology that's used, kind of the base road that's put down, the gravel and the sub part, I think that's something that we were asking a lot of questions about in one of our previous meetings. I don't know if we got any discussion or determination on that, but clearly, if we want to move forward with this, we don't need to put in the full amount. I think this would be the appropriate amount for us to at least show some good faith on our part, that we are continuing to move this process forward.

President Raben: Okay, Ed, Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I just hate to keep adding money to this. We all agreed back some time ago to give \$35,000,000 to this project, took several of us across the

river. They can build a facility almost just as big for less than \$10,000,000. We can double the size of our present jail for under \$10,000,000. Here, we're going out here, we're going to build a facility that's going to give us a hundred plus beds more. I tell you, I wish it would just stop. We're just giving away the candy store is the way I feel about it. So that's all I had to say. I hope sometime in the near future we say no, and let them work from what we appropriated from in the beginning, the \$35,000,000, and that's all I have to say about it.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. Chairman, I would just add to Councilman Sutton's point, the construction of the road, the design or the concept that they are working from – and John if I misspeak here feel free to correct me, but basically build up the base of the road with dirt and then add a gravel base of several inches and then the original plan was to put eight, ten inches of asphalt down for the construction period. And then after the construction was complete, the surface element of another inch and a half or two inches of asphalt would be applied. If we didn't do any asphalt at all for the construction that -- just allowed gravel or rock to be the base for during the construction period, Bernardin says it's probably about \$400,000 less on the front end of it.

Councilmember Sutton: And then I guess I'd like to hear John's comments on it, but clearly, my concern and I guess some of the others expressed it as well, you know, if we put too much asphalt on there, obviously, if you look at a pothole, the problems with the pothole or what's happening below and now what's above and if we put too much asphalt there, obviously, you know, we're going to have some long term problems with that road. So I don't know what the thought process is of how we're going to proceed with this, but just concerned about how much asphalt we're going to put on there that ultimately may tear up part of this road with the heavy equipment and things that are going to be going through during construction that we ultimately end up paving over the top of a bad road. It doesn't appear bad but down below, it's not as stable as it could be.

John Stoll: Like you say, the bottom is what – the road base is what dictates what happens on top. If they get the dirt compacted properly you wouldn't see any kind of significant problems with potholes when the asphalt was placed. Likewise, if they didn't get all the dirt compacted properly, that's when the potholes would start popping up. Subdivision developers routinely leave off everything but the last inch of asphalt. We've seen ones that have totally fallen apart and other ones that you could go out and pave with no patching whatsoever. It all pretty much hinges on what the dirt conditions were beneath it. So theoretically, I guess if the contractor did his dirt work properly then we wouldn't have to worry about the road falling apart. Probably some of this would hinge, too, on when that road would be put out for bid as well, how much work they can get done between the petition process and the design process, we would be looking at – I don't know – probably late summer to get it under construction at the soonest and there again, depending on what kind of weather conditions we have would probably dictate how far they get before construction traffic starts running into the jail construction site. So a lot of unknowns on our end as well right now.

Councilmember Sutton: Ideally, how much time are we thinking this road would take to

– from start to finish, not including design, but just the actual construction period?

John Stoll: I really haven't talked to Bernardin Lochmueller about that. There again, depending on the time of the year, realistically, the road could be built in one construction season with no problems. The problem is, time-wise, we may be hitting towards the tail end of the construction season which will drag it out into next year. It's just all a matter of when we get the design completed and when we get the petition approved by INDOT and when we can go to bid. And the sooner, the better so that way we could ensure that it would be completed at some fashion whether it's leaving off the last inch of asphalt or just driving on rock initially, at least get that much done yet this year.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Raben: Yes?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Stoll, in order to have an entrance into Highway 41 at that point, from whom do we have to receive permits? INDOT alone, or since that's a federal highway, do we need permitting from the feds?

John Stoll: It will be just INDOT. There will be a permit that will be issued by the Vincennes district office of INDOT and then there's also a railroad petition that will have to be approved through Indianapolis INDOT.

Councilmember Hoy: Second question. I don't think that INDOT is going to say no, but what if they do? What is our fallback position on this as you see it as an engineer? Where we would put the road if they say no?

John Stoll: The only thing I can think of right off the top of my head is in the Bernardin Lochmueller study, they looked at going up to St. George Road. The problem with that is, I don't believe enough easements currently exist to get up to St. George, so some way or another whether it would have to be condemnation or what, I don't know, but some way an easement would have to be acquired to get up to extend the road up to St. George.

Councilmember Hoy: And from whom would we have to receive those easements?

John Stoll: From what Bernardin said, SIGECO owns some property out there, CSX owns some property out there, and then depending on which of the two options you went with, part of it would be existing right-of-way for the city's portion of Harlan Avenue or it would just be all new road east of there and I'm not sure who that property owner would be.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, I have one more question. This relates to the future but I'm concerned because in our talking about this project we've said that there would be an emergency entrance from North Kentucky via a street called Vanderburgh, I believe,

which is about 20 feet wide. Are there any plans in the work for upgrading that stretch of that street? I could see that being a problem or is that not in the –

John Stoll: I've not seen any plans, I'm not aware of any plans for that.

Councilmember Hoy: I just think that as time goes on, that's something we, for the sake of those residents, we might want to look at and we might be asked to look at that because I just came in from Indianapolis today and not at rush hour time, that highway is very busy, the railroad is very busy, and I can see officers saying oops, I've got to go around the other way. And I think those residents on Vanderburgh are going to have a hardship placed on them. Thank you.

President Raben: You know, there's only one point that I've never brought up that has been a concern and I guess everybody has addressed their concerns with this road, and that is CSX's property that is not part of the 40 acres that we took, I mean, does everybody here realize how much per acre that ground has gone up when we build access to it? I mean, that's the only bad side of it I see, that I wish there were a way that CSX shared part of this responsibility because their land values for that other acreage will go up significantly when this road is put in. So that may be too little concern too late at this point but, and there probably should have been something, they probably should be sharing in part of this cost.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, they know we're going to build it, so why should –

Councilmember Winnecke: They'll come.

President Raben: Okay, enough discussion. Roll call vote.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

JAIL PROJECT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3660-4321	Road Construction	2,000,000.00	170,000.00
Total		2,000,000.00	170,000.00

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

Teri Lukeman: May I change the tape?

President Raben: Yes. We're going to pause just a moment and change the tape.

(Tape changed)

Councilmember Sutton: Jim, before you get away from this issue, there's one more thing I wanted to make sure we kind of button up with this. Perhaps maybe we need to set some type of time table on when we want to hear something back on the city's side. I mean, obviously, this request is going to come back to us at some point in time, but can we get some type of commitment or time table of when we'll hear something back?

Councilmember Winnecke: I think the city was interested in looking at some sort of designs, so maybe the action today will help prod them.

President Raben: Just real quick, Catherine, do you have an idea what we're talking about time-wise, from your dialogue with the city?

Catherine Fanello: I guess I would probably have a better answer, I've asked John Stoll over the past week to get us a draft of a contract with Bernardin, so now that you've done that, that will allow us to negotiate a contract. I will certainly be in touch with the Mayor as soon as possible and like I say, we did have preliminary discussion Monday along with some other topics and I will continue those discussions. Believe me, I want to keep moving as fast as possible.

President Raben: And while I appreciate the fact that you're discussing this with the Mayor, I still think it would be advantageous to you and to all parties involved to be negotiating this with the City Council.

Catherine Fanello: I will get in touch with – I'm not sure who the Finance Chair is this year, but I will be in touch with all the appropriate people on the Council.

President Raben: Because that's where the decision is made so thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, my question was, when?

Catherine Fanello: Well, and I would have to check on it because if they are going to be paying it out of water and sewer, that goes a little bit different route, so it may be the water and sewer board that we approach. The initial discussion started with Mike Schopmeyer, so I will check on who the appropriate board is and --

Councilmember Sutton: So can we say 60 days?

Catherine Fanello: It will be sooner than that, I can promise you that. Let's say 30 days.

Transfer Requests

President Raben: Okay, transfers.

**CLERK
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR (LATE)**

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, if it's alright with everyone I'll bundle these together. Clerk, from 1010-1480-1010 Commitment Clerk \$1,444 and Assistant Chief Deputy/Cashier \$2,000 to Extra Help line item 1010-1990, for a total transfer of \$3,444. Cum Bridge from Assistant County Engineer line item 2030-1100-2030 to Extra Help line item 2030-1990, \$5,000. And the Pigeon Township Assessor under Reassessment, from line item 2492-1150-3410 Printing \$4,000 to 2492-1150-1990 Extra Help \$3,500 and 2492-1150-1900 FICA in the amount of \$500, and I make those in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the transfers, please raise your right hand. Trying to speed things up for you. All opposed? Motion passes seven to zero.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1010-1480-1010	Commitment Clerk	1,444.00	1,444.00
1010-1450-1010	Asst. Chief Dep/Cash	2,000.00	2,000.00
To: 1010-1990	Extra Help	3,444.00	3,444.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE**REQUESTED****APPROVED**

From: 2030-1100-2030	Asst. Co. Engineer	5,000.00	5,000.00
To: 2030-1990	Extra Help	5,000.00	5,000.00

REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR REQUESTED**APPROVED**

From: 2492-1150-3410	Printing	4,000.00	4,000.00
To: 2492-1150-1990	Extra Help	3,500.00	3,500.00
2492-1150-1900	FICA	500.00	500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Amendments to Salary Ordinance

President Raben: Now amendments to the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, under Sheriff, amend Salary Ordinance line item 1050-1130-0048 Patrolman as appropriation previously approved. Current employee's 2003 salary is set in at \$37,677. The Jail, amend Salary Ordinance line item 1051-1130-0304 Detention Officer as the appropriation previously approved. Current employee's 2003 salary is set in at \$31,767. Community Corrections, amend Salary Ordinance line item 1361-1150 Clerk as the appropriation previously approved. Current employee's 2003 salary set in at \$27,408. Amend Salary Ordinance line item 1361-1160 Case Manager as appropriation previously approved. Current employee's 2003 salary set in at \$33,377. County Assessor, amend Salary Ordinance lines 2492-1090-1990 Extra Help and 2492-1090-1300 Overtime as appropriation previously approved. Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals, amend Salary Ordinance line item 2492-1091-1990 Extra Help as previously approved. Center Township Assessor, amend Salary Ordinance line item 2492-1110-1990 Extra Help as previously approved. Knight Township Assessor, amend Salary Ordinance line item 2492-1130-1990 Extra Help as previously approved. Perry Township Assessor, amend Salary Ordinance line item 2492-1140-1990 Extra Help as previously approved. Pigeon Township Assessor, amend Salary Ordinance line 2492-1150-1990 Extra Help as previously approved. County Clerk, amend Salary Ordinance line 1010-1990 Extra Help as previously approved. Cum Bridge, amend Salary Ordinance line 2030-1100-2030 Extra Help as previously approved. And Prosecutor, amend Salary Ordinance line item 2670-1110 Chief Deputy Prosecutor to be set in at \$11,363, and I'll just note in that, this is in the Prosecutor's incentive account and not from the general fund. I'll make all that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second, but let me – just a moment. Do we not have an addition to that, for Pigeon Assess...oh, you did read it. Okay, I'm sorry, I

didn't pick up on that. Okay, motion and a second. Any further discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Alan Teeple - Computer Services

President Raben: Okay, next under Old Business, the Chair would like to recognize Alan Teeple from Computer Services.

Alan Teeple: Alan Teeple, Director of Computer Services. I think it was the meeting of the 27th of November, I was not in attendance, I was waiting for the birth of my first child. But what was passed on at that meeting is that the computers that were being pulled out of the courts project, roughly 250, you wanted us to investigate the possibility of upgrading and refurbishing those computers. We've done some diligence, done some research. First off, let me state that about 80% of those computers are P 2's, the current technology is P 4, so just so you're aware of that. Fifty of them are 333's, 175 are 350 megahertz, and 25 of them, give or take some change, are a combination of

above those. We did some research on dollar amounts of what it would cost to upgrade, do a new upgrade as in rip it apart and put in a completely new system. The cost that we felt – we went with a vendor and then on the Internet by using, you know, you would bid on the mother board and the processor and etcetera, etcetera. And what we came up with is a total cost to include labor of \$612 with the vendor and about \$577 with the – and this is per machine, on the Internet and that does not include a warranty on any of those items. And to upgrade, the max that the older machines could be upgraded to was 400 megahertz, which really, now if you look at the current pricing that we've been able to get off the state QPA, we've got a 2 gig processor and this is the current sheet that we're handing out, well, it was the current, I think we just changed it today, but for \$607, they are getting a 2 gig processor, with a 40 gig hard drive and a three year warranty included, and \$118 for the monitor if you do it in a bundle. So it doesn't, I guess having said all of that information, it doesn't make a lot of sense to keep all 250. Now what I would recommend is that we take 50 of them with monitors and keyboards and keep those as spares that someone could use as loaners, that we upgrade those and use those as loaners. If someone's goes down today then we can, they can have a machine to use until a new machine is ordered. So that's my recommendation to this point subject to your – we found storage space for 50 to 80 computers. I can request more because I went through the Commissioner's Office to find additional storage space if we needed it, if it was the Council's will to keep all 250 computers because it does take up room with monitors and keyboards.

Councilmember Sutton: And where would that storage be?

Alan Teeple: We're looking at over at the Old Courthouse.

Councilmember Winnecke: So for 30 - \$35,000 we could upgrade 50, roughly, we could upgrade 50 to use as spares. Is that what –

Alan Teeple: About that, yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: And we have storage for those in-house or would they have to be moved over to the –

Alan Teeple: They'll be over in the – the only storage area that I have currently today is a partial storage room downstairs in the basement so I need additional storage space, and it's okay that it is over there. What we may do if that is, if 50 is what you agree on, may keep 10 over here, pull the rest over there and do some rearranging of what is currently downstairs in our storage area.

Councilmember Winnecke: What would be your recommendation for the rest of the units then?

Alan Teeple: Well, I think two things. One is the donation to organizations that need them like across the lot at, and I always forget the name of the center and I apologize, but the center right across the –

Councilmember Winnecke: C. K. Newsome.

Alan Teeple: Yes, and the other is to put them up for, you know, to turn them in for excess.

President Raben: The YMCA at one point had expressed interest, too, in any old computers. Alan, after these upgrades are made, how useful will they be in terms of time for the county? I mean, does this get them pretty well up to date or –

Alan Teeple: No, no. That's just it, the max that we would be able to upgrade them is 1.7 – wait a minute. The max we would be able to upgrade them today is to a.7 gigahertz and currently we have 2.0 or 2.4 gigahertz is the current one that people are able to order at that \$607 amount figure. So, I mean, but it would help us in the sense of, like I said, to have those if someone goes down in an emergency or for training rooms. You know, the ability to set it up for a training room.

President Raben: Okay. Well, I would recommend that we table this. We discuss this amongst ourselves and we can address this at our next meeting.

Alan Teeple: Okay, and Mr. President, I don't know that this is an appropriate time to talk about the newspaper article, but I will wait until new business if it's a more appropriate time to talk about it then. Does anyone care?

President Raben: I'd say you're there, go right ahead.

Alan Teeple: Okay, a quick comment about it just to clear up some things. John Martin, and I have not met the man, said that ACS's contract was \$2,000,000 per year. It is not, your contract with us is 1.2 million a year. Currently today, roughly \$100,000, and this is for the city and the county combined, and ACS's contract was extended for 12 months and it wasn't just to do Gartner, it was so the city and county could complete the RFP process, and that was one of the, as you know, one of the first things that I did when I walked into the building was to give you that time to complete the RFP process. So I just wanted to clear those publicly and thank you for that. Any questions or comments, gentlemen?

Councilmember Hoy: No, just to concur with what Mr. Teeple has said. I'm on the Data Board and he's correct.

Councilmember Tornatta: I just was wanting to just say one thing. Why would we worry about trying to refurbish computers if we're talking, we can buy a new one with a warranty for 20 bucks more?

Alan Teeple: That was the request that I was asked to look into.

Councilmember Tornatta: I mean, is there a reason why we would try and do that at that point? We wouldn't have to buy a certain amount. If we're just using them for loaners we probably wouldn't need ten at that point, if that's what we're thinking.

President Raben: And again, we'll talk about it over the next 30 days. Another use that we may have without even making upgrades is the O'Day Discovery Lodge, too, that will need a fair amount of computers in the near future. Okay, thank you.

Alan Teeple: Thank you.

President Raben: Okay, next is new business, but before we move into new business I would like to recognize somebody that is in the audience today that was neglected maybe a few months ago and I didn't know what her time frame was like, but Judy Weatherholt that's with the Southwestern Indiana Regional Development Commission, she serves as the Executive Director, is here. I at least wanted to recognize her and I didn't know if she wanted to say anything to the board or not.

Judy Weatherholt: I am Judy Weatherholt with the Southwestern Indiana Regional Development Commission and I appreciate the opportunity to make a comment to you all. I very much appreciate Vanderburgh County's local contribution to the regional effort that we're engaged in. As you know, leaders were approached several years ago about forming a regional organization and the comprehensive plan was put into place about two years ago and the board of directors was appointed this last February in 2002. I came on board in April of last year and since that time we have taken the board of directors of which you all have three appointments, and I hope you all will consider reinstating those three appointments for the next year. We have taken those board of directors of 28 members and formed seven committees for working purposes to institute the goals and objectives of the strategic plan that was developed. And President Raben sits on our, and I'll have to look at my list here, James, he sits on the environmental committee, I got that right. What we're doing with these committees, as I said, we are addressing the strategic plan and to make sure that regionally we are addressing those issues. The seven committees that have been formed are the work force development and training committee, of which you have Michael Osborne that was representing the city of Evansville. Michael has since moved on and we have approached the city about making a new appointment for that committee. There's a transportation committee of which Rolland Eckels has been appointed by the Council to serve on that committee, and we hope you will reinstate him for the next year for continuity. As I said, James Raben sits on the environmental committee and we have an economic development committee of which Richard Mourdock was a Commissioner's appointment and Catherine Fanello has been appointed from the Commission, I hope she will serve as well on that committee. Infrastructure committee, from the county of Vanderburgh was Suzanne Crouch, and we hope that the Council will consider reappointing Suzanne to that. Community development committee, Lou Porter, of course, was a Commission appointment and she has been reappointed for the next year. The executive committee is Jonathon Weinzapfel. He is currently the president of our commission and hopefully, and has been reappointed by the Commissioners as well. All of these committees have been meeting throughout the past year to talk about various issues and we hope to get things moving quite fast this year. Since we've had time now to sit down and talk as a region about these issues that are facing us in the near future and about how we can take our local dollars and partner them together, that we can stretch our dollars further. I know everyone is facing

shortfalls in their budget and how to stretch the dollar much further, and that's what we're trying to do as well is to assist the local governments in doing that. And I do appreciate your all's support and hopefully this next year we can provide more opportunities to help stretch your budget dollars. And I do appreciate it.

President Raben: And thank you for the job you do, Judy. Real quick before you get away, and I hope I don't butcher this up, but the Department of Commerce Office that has just recently moved to USI, they moved from where, Jasper or Princeton?

Judy Weatherholt: Sarah Long, who I think represented this portion of Indiana in the community development block grant program, they have developed 12 regional offices throughout the state of Indiana and when they developed this region there was 10 or 11 counties put into this region and so they moved the office out to USI as kind of a regional office location. So it's going to be quite a benefit to us to have them local, especially since I'm also located on the campus of USI, that we have that local resource that we can tap into and assist you further.

President Raben: In fact, it's probably already proven to be beneficial that – I'm not going to state what it is but we've had kind of the initial nod anyway on a project that we'll all hear about very soon. Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Jim, on that commission, the County Council has three appointments, you're one, Rolland Eckels is the other, and then Suzanne is the third member of that. Since she's on the County Commission now, you think that's, maybe need to replace that position on that commission?

President Raben: Personally, I don't see, and she has expressed interest in regards to staying on that committee, so I don't see a need to change it.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess the County Commissioners have three appointments and I guess I'm just trying to –

President Raben: I understand what you're saying but, I mean, maybe next year but she has, in fact, expressed interest and I think she's done a pretty good job although she serves on a different committee than I do. But I think she's worked on that committee.

Brad Ellsworth - Drug Task Force Office

President Raben: Okay, next Sheriff's Department. Mr. Ellsworth, you're under new business to go over the task force, the drug task force office.

Brad Ellsworth: Sheriff Brad Ellsworth. Really, we've got a request, we've entered into an agreement with the city police pending approval to move under one roof at the Evansville Regional Airport, thought it would be a benefit to both agencies and to the community to combine these two. Basically what we're looking at is renting that space

in the basement out there to be paid for out of task force money, seizures and grant money that's taken in through the Prosecutor's Office, so it's an agreement through the Prosecutor, Stan Levco, Chief Gullledge and myself. If you have any questions about why this benefits, please feel free...

President Raben: I don't have a question in regards to the concept of the office, but I guess the whereabouts. Is there a need for it to be at the airport?

Brad Ellsworth: Well, the need is that neither agency has a place big enough to house both units as well as a deputy prosecutor to be spending a considerable amount of time and the secretarial people, so they do need one place to work out of. The airport, with the (inaudible), and it will also be beneficial for anything that might, any contraband or illegal substance that might come in at the airport. So it wouldn't have to be at the airport, that's some of the cheapest space we could find and it also meets the needs of the task force being out and away, secure parking, it's not a place where, it's secure. There aren't going to be people out there doing counter surveillance –

President Raben: I was thinking about the Old Courthouse as an example, which I don't know if that would –

Brad Ellsworth: It was the first place –

President Raben: – suffice and then as far as the lease, are we talking a year to year lease or –

Brad Ellsworth: I think it was a year to year, yes. And there are escape clauses on that. The Old Courthouse was the very first place we looked at and wanted to go there but it just, after thinking of all the logistical stuff it didn't make any sense at all to the three agencies. That's where we were trying to be first.

President Raben: And it's possible, I guess at some point, as we vacate space for the jail here that even that space can be renovated and utilized for this office at a later point.

Brad Ellsworth: That became the cheapest space possible out there with meeting those needs of being out and away and secure.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, do we need a motion?

President Raben: I don't know, in fact, that we do...

Sandie Deig: I think it does.

President Raben: It does? Okay, then the Chair would now entertain a motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: I move that we approve the request for these agencies to rent the space through the drug task force seizure money at the airport.

President Raben: We have a motion, is there a second?

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Raben: Motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion carried 6-0/Councilmember Bassemier abstained from voting)

Betty Knight Smith - Report of 2002 Income

President Raben: Okay, next the Chair would like to call County Recorder, Betty Knight Smith to the podium.

Betty Knight Smith: Thank you. I wanted to pass out something to you before I –

President Raben: Betty, when you get back if you would state your name for the record.

Betty Knight Smith: I want to report –

President Raben: Betty, would you state your name for the record?

Betty Knight Smith: Betty Knight Smith, Vanderburgh County Recorder. About a year and a half ago I came and asked you for a new employee, so I wanted to report to you today, the Recorder's Office has increase its revenue due to the interest rates. For the past two years it has increased it from \$634,120 in 2000 to \$1,023,798, totaling a \$389,678 increase. Since we've added counters onto our computers and my staff makes all the other copies, the revenue has increased from \$39,739 to \$127,784, that's an \$88,045 increase in the past two years. We also have to buy a new computer system and we have the money in-house to do that, which it'll cost us about \$450,000 but I've trained my staff, each one can do everybody else's job so if someone is off, we keep it going and we're not behind one day. Some of the other Recorders were behind six weeks, so I'm real proud of my staff but I'm proud to present to you over \$700,000 that goes into the county general fund.

President Raben: Thank you, Betty. That's remarkable and one other thing, too, along with that: her office picks up outside of salaries, you pick up all the supplies and what have you, it's paid out of her fund.

Betty Knight Smith: It's a self-supporting office.

Approval of 2003 Amended Salary Ordinance

President Raben: Okay, next on the agenda, approval of the 2003 Amended Salary Ordinance. Everyone should have received a copy of it, it looks like this. The Chair would entertain a motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any questions? Discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">Appointment of Liaisons Appointments to Personnel Administration Committee (Job Study) Appointment to Alcohol Beverage Commission</p>

President Raben: Okay, next appointment of liaisons. Everyone has been given a copy, I think everything should read pretty much the same as its been for at least the last year, maybe even two years. The Personnel Administration Committee, everyone has also been given a copy of that, the appointments for Personnel Committee. The appointment that is in need of being made today is the ABC Board, the Alcohol Beverage Commission Board, the Chair would like to appoint Frank Daugul and I'll need a motion and a second on that one.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

2003 Meeting Dates

President Raben: Along with that is the 2003 meeting dates, give everybody just a moment to look at those, the times are pretty much as they've been in the past outside of budget hearing dates. You'll see that they're all nine until twelve instead of the, I guess typically or in the past its been the second week we meet at twelve and we've moved them all to morning meetings and that was based off of everybody's recommendations. So if everybody's comfortable with that then we'll move on.

Councilmember Tornatta: And then were we going to meet that day for the meeting at twelve?

President Raben: Yeah, immediately following. So that will keep us from coming and going all week.

Catherine Fanello - City & County Computer Services Needs Assessment

President Raben: Okay, and item I, the Chair would recognize Commissioner Fanello.

Catherine Fanello: Thank you. Catherine Fanello, County Commissioner. And what I've

handed out on your desk is in a file folder and I do have an extra one if you need one for the record. The report is actually 200 plus pages so I thought you'd probably appreciate saving paper and putting that on a CD-Rom. Just to kind of go over the report very, very briefly, I've included a memo in there for you. Basically, the outcome of the report is that they are wanting to – their recommendation is that we do rebid our computer services provider. As you read through the report, and Councilman Hoy sat on some of the committees and he was privy to some of the discussions that went on and has been involved in that so he kind of knows what's going on. Do you guys need a minute? Just to kind of recap what I said, there is a memo in there and basically to get down to the whole heart of it, the recommendation is that we do rebid our county computer services provider. There is a couple of different ways we can do that. We can go through a fast track approach or we could do a regular RFP approach. The fast track approach is where they would pick two to three vendors and negotiate with those vendors. Those vendors would be vendors who would be capable of providing the services that we need. The other is to just put out a regular RFP and let anyone who is interested in responding, respond. The city and the Commissioners are working together to try and come up with the best solution. What we would need to do is obviously move to the next phase which we would need to hire someone, preferably continue with Gartner to write that RFP. There are some costs involved in that and in the memo I have asked if the president and the finance chair could please maybe meet with me over the next week and we could kind of decide what we need to do and how much we can afford to spend writing this RFP. They've kind of provided us with some cost estimates because our contract is very outdated and our contract does not match our current needs. And we could see some sticker shock but I believe it's probably all incumbent upon us to just decide what we can afford and we can only do what we can do. So that's just going to have to be one of our decisions that we make together. But if we were to do everything the way we're doing it today, or we're going to get sticker shock and I'm not sure we can afford that, so I think we're going to have to cut back and some people are going to maybe have to do some things in-house and we're going to have to decide how much we can contract out. So I'll give you opportunity over the next few days to read the report. Like I said, it's 200 plus pages, so good bedtime material. But I would like to meet with the president and the Finance Chair over the next few days if that's possible.

President Raben: Okay, will you – I'll contact you and we'll set up a time.

Catherine Fanello: Okay, if you'll contact my office and contact Patti, she can set up a meeting. The reason that we're trying to move fast is because our contract with ACS, it does expire June 30th and so we've got to make some decisions on how we want to proceed and they have to be done pretty quickly, unfortunately.

President Raben: Okay, great. Thank you.

Bill Fluty: Catherine, excuse me, could you provide a copy of that for the Recording Secretary, what you passed out today?

Catherine Fanello: I just gave one to Sandie, can – do you need another copy? Okay,

I'll have Patti make you – I can give you the paper part of it but she can send you up a CD-Rom if you need the CD-Rom --

(Tape changed)

Catherine Fanello: – but the schematic design will be presented by the design team on the jail, so if anyone is interested in that and then also we do have, in case everybody didn't get the memo, we do have an election equipment demonstration Monday at 2:00.

President Raben: Okay.

Catherine Fanello: That is going to probably be in the conference room and in the Commissioner chambers. They are the four approved vendors from the state, so that's all that will be there.

President Raben: Okay, great. Thank you. Just a moment here. Let's see if we've got anything else.

Approval of encumbrance letters

President Raben: While they're picking over that, the Chair would entertain a motion to approve the encumbrances from 2002.

Councilmember Winnecke: Didn't we do that last – the special meeting?

Bill Fluty: These are two that came in after that meeting.

Councilmember Winnecke: Oh.

President Raben: Right, these are two new ones. I'm sorry, I didn't explain that well. These are two additional, which one being the jail land and the other is Convention & Visitors Bureau. Everyone has a copy.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

President Raben: We have a motion and – do we have a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Raben: Now we have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, can we take them separate?

Councilmember Winnecke: We're just holding it over, Curt.

President Raben: That's up to the original maker.

Councilmember Winnecke: No, I won't amend my motion.

President Raben: Okay, the original motion stands. So, any other questions? Hearing none, roll call vote.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

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

Council board appointments

President Raben: One last thing on the Council appointments, there are some of them that are statutory that we do need to vote on. I guess the jury is out on some of the terms that are listed, but first would be Area Plan, the Chair would ask for a motion to appoint Curt Wortman, Mark Foster; Board of Review, Paul Farmer, Kris Seger; Central Dispatch, Lloyd Winnecke and Bill Meisler as his designee; EUTS Board, Lloyd Winnecke –

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, that should be you now.

President Raben: If Bill wants –

Jeff Ahlers: You being president and then he'd be your designee.

President Raben: Okay, Bill Meisler and Jim Raben as the designee, that's fine. And then Museum Board, Bob Musgrave; Solid Waste Board, Curt Wortman; Southwestern Indiana Regional Development Committee, James Raben, Suzanne Crouch and Rolland Eckels; and West Side Improvement, Troy Tornatta.

Jeff Ahlers: Show the length of the term and term expirations are attached and made a part of the record.

President Raben: Okay, the Chair would also ask that the length of terms of expiration dates be made part of the record, although I guess these are going to have to be scrutinized because I think some of them are wrong.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: Go ahead.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

President Raben: Hey, I tell you what, I'm so used to serving as finance chair, I mean, this is a whole new role for me, guys.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: We'll give you one month's grace.

President Raben: I've spent the last seven years in the other capacity, so...

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: The problem is that Councilman Raben doesn't have his cough

drops. I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I have a brief announcement. Just because Mr. Sutton is heckling me, I have a three point sermon with an alter call and he needs it. But seriously, for over 30 years several groups have been sponsoring meetings called meet your legislators. We started on January 2nd, our next meeting will be on January the – let me double check this, the 18th at 10:00 a.m. at the C.K. Newsome Center. The four sponsoring organizations are the Evansville Area Community of Churches, which I'm president of, the Isaac Walton League, the Teamsters Union and the Evansville Teachers Association. I really encourage your attendance at these meetings for two reasons: one is, we need people there to ask questions and to participate, also because in that first meeting and at a meeting I was at in Indianapolis – I was at the Soil & Water Conservation District meeting just the last three days and met with the legislators again, this budget situation is going to be very difficult and tricky. We may see changes in the property tax, not the assessment but a change in how that money is allocated. We may see our property tax bills go up because the state is so short of money. So I think this is a legislative session that we need to follow very carefully because it will impact us as a county. So I will get you a memo on that, on the rest of the meetings. We meet with them about every three weeks. The legislators are very, very good about showing up. Almost all of them show up on a regular basis. So it's a good opportunity to have contact with the public input besides what other contacts you may have.

Councilmember Sutton: The date one more time, Phil?

Councilmember Hoy: January 18th is the first one and then they follow about every three weeks, Councilman Sutton, and I will get a memo ready for you all so you have that on record.

President Raben: Okay, and I appreciate that. You know, I guess everybody here is concerned with the path of action that the legislature may take. It's my understanding that there's even a few that are now making a push to delay reassessment again.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, that has been discussed and there are also some items on the agenda and I will reveal my prejudices here which you all already know anyway and that is on more mandatory sentencing and that's something that I think that we need to look at extremely carefully because that's one of the reasons that our jails are so full and our prisons are so full and our judges are not having the opportunity to make a judgement in a case, rather than just, you know, by fiat saying, you know, we found a joint on you and you get this much time. I think that's a ridiculous way to do the justice system. Thank you.

President Raben: Okay –

Councilmember Sutton: I just have one short announcement as well. Coming up before our next time we're able to gather as a Council, January 20th is Martin Luther King Day, that's a Monday. I would encourage all county employees and County Councilmembers that you not just take that day off but there are a lot of community events that are taking place on that day. I encourage your participation. One of the more high profile events to take place is a march that occurs – a re-enactment of a march from the University of Evansville and it goes over to the C.K. Newsome Center. And with many of you taking up your fitness claims at the beginning of the year, this would be a good opportunity for you to get your walk in, so and then for a good cause as well. So January 20th, Monday, Martin Luther King Day, encourage your participation.

President Raben: Okay, great. Anyone else? The Chair would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Tornatta: Motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: Meeting adjourned. Thank you.

(Meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.)

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President James Raben

Vice President Ed Bassemier

Councilmember Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5, 2003**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 5th day of February, 2003 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. by County Council President Jim Raben.

President Raben: Good afternoon and welcome to the February 5th, 2003 Vanderburgh County Council meeting. Sheriff, would you open the meeting please?

(Meeting opened by Sheriff Brad Ellsworth)

President Raben: Thank you. Madam Secretary, attendance roll call please.

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

(*Arrived shortly after roll call)

President Raben: Let’s all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES JANUARY 8, 2003

President Raben: Okay, thank you. I would now entertain a motion for approval of minutes from the January 8th, 2003 meeting.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

President Raben: We have a motion and is there a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

President Raben: Now we'll move to the appropriations and I'll turn the mic over to Councilman Winnecke.

PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, we'll begin with the Public Defenders Office line item 1303-4120 in the amount of \$17,436. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I did make my call to the Building Authority and this is not the kind of expense they cover so it's good that we go ahead.

President Raben: I appreciate you at least making the attempt to get this part picked up and I might mention that we are reimbursed 40% of this cost so it's not quite as bad as it seems to be. Are there any other questions? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1303-4120	Buildings	17,436.00	17,436.00
Total		17,436.00	17,436.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, line item 1360, this is Circuit Court, 1360-4220 in the amount of \$10,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-4220	Office Machines	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total		10,000.00	10,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Community Corrections line item 1361-1270-1361 in the amount of \$1,500, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1361-1270-1361	Correction Supervisor	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total		1,500.00	1,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Superior Court, line item 1370-1330-1370 in the amount of \$1,305, line item 1370-1900 FICA in the amount of \$100, line item 1370-1910 PERF in the amount of \$69, for a total appropriation of \$1,474, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-1330-1370	Bailiff	1,305.00	1,305.00
1370-1900	FICA	100.00	100.00
1370-1910	PERF	69.00	69.00
Total		1,474.00	1,474.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CCD/COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Commissioners/CCD, line item 2031-1300-4121 in the amount of \$301,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2031-1300-4121	Roof Old Courthouse	301,000.00	301,000.00
Total		301,000.00	301,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/AUDITOR

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Reassessment appropriation requests, first for the Auditor’s Office, line item 2492-1020-1990 Extra Help in the amount of \$10,000; line item 2492-1020-1300 Regular Overtime in the amount of \$5,000; line item 2492-1020-1900 FICA in the amount of \$1,148; and line item 2492-1020-1910 PERF in the amount of \$263, for a total appropriation of \$16,411. I’ll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1020-1990	Extra Help	10,000.00	10,000.00
2492-1020-1300	Regular Overtime	5,000.00	5,000.00
2492-1020-1900	FICA	1,148.00	1,148.00
2492-1020-1910	PERF	263.00	263.00
Total		16,411.00	16,411.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR (TWO REQUESTS)

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Assessor, line item 2492-1090-1960 Special Stipend zero; line item 2492-1090-1900 FICA zero; line item 2492-1090-1910 PERF zero, for a zero appropriation. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: There is a second item. Would you like to add those or take those separate?

Councilmember Winnecke: Sure, yes. I can do them together.

President Raben: You might amend your motion then.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, I'll amend the motion to include the following if Mr. Wortman wants to...?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: To include 2492-1090-1310 Hearing Officer zero; 2492-1090-1960 Special Stipend zero; line item 2492-1090-1900 FICA zero; line item 2492-

1090-1910 PERF zero; and line item 2492-1090-1920 Insurance zero, for a zero appropriation. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none – you do?

Councilmember Bassemier: Lloyd, what's your reason for putting it in at zero?

Councilmember Winnecke: On the Special Stipend, we'll begin there, I believe or at least I believe I made my position clear at our meeting last month. I feel that when that work is further down the road, I think it's probably a more appropriate time to consider. And on the Hearing Officer, we don't have the great appeals yet. If at some point the great appeals turn out, I think then that it's probably appropriate to come back and consider it, but to put the money in place now, I just don't see the necessity for it.

Councilmember Bassemier: Cheryl, do you want to come to the floor?

President Raben: I was going to add one thing, that the first request, the \$22,307 was withdrawn last week.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Cheryl Musgrave: Oh, that \$8,000 was not withdrawn last week. What was withdrawn was the stipends – this is Cheryl Musgrave, County Assessor – was the stipends for the Chief Deputies for the townships that did not receive their stipend. The \$8,000 is for me and for my Chief Deputy and we are within a few days of completing our work. So if you're looking for us to get further down the road, we're pretty much at the exit point.

Councilmember Bassemier: So should that motion be changed?

Cheryl Musgrave: And also with the overtime for my employees, one of them has now accumulated around 200 hours of overtime and I have told him that if the Council did not see fit to pay him overtime, that I wouldn't ask him to work anymore overtime. He was scheduled to do the pricing this weekend, about 25 hours worth of work and I've informed Mr. Fluty of this, and it will set, I'm afraid, Mr. Fluty, our ability to give you that data back several days. I will instruct my employees not to work, any of them, anymore overtime. Whether I get a thousand or ten thousand appeals, Mr. Barter can't handle them without overtime. So even if you disagree with me about the overtime that, you know, I mean, the number of appeals, it just simply means we will not be able to handle the work. When I came up here a couple of months ago, maybe four, to ask for the contract money to buy time from Nexus, you indicated to me at that time that you would have preferred that I do the work myself and so I thought that that's what you wanted me to do with the next opportunity for that sort of thing to come along. Now you're telling me that you don't want me to hire another member of my staff. What I'll have to do then is come back and ask for contract money to bring in a contractor to help hear these appeals. The work exists – I don't create it. It lands on our desks, it has to be processed. I'd like to know from you how you want me to approach it.

President Raben: I have one quick question. Ed, are you finished?

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

President Raben: The overtime that you're referring to for the employees, is that a Chief

Deputy or is that –

Cheryl Musgrave: They are a PAT IV and PAT V, is that correct? Those are the same level as the Chief Deputies in the townships. They cannot be paid overtime on your classification system. The only way you can pay them for the hundreds of hours that they have worked is to put it in that stipend line item.

President Raben: Okay. I would entertain at some point looking at that, but if you recall, and to be consistent with what we did with the outlying township offices, we didn't pay any Special Stipends in lieu of their overtime or pay the Assessors anything until they had completed their work. So –

Cheryl Musgrave: We are within a few days of that, Mr. Raben.

President Raben: Okay, but again, you know, let's be consistent with what we have done for the other townships.

Cheryl Musgrave: We are at the same point in our work that the townships were in their work when you appropriated theirs.

Councilmember Tornatta: I think those overtime expenses were sent to the County Council office in December. Did you send those in?

Councilmember Winnecke: I think they were for the townships, I don't know that there was a request made of the County Assessor – just to the township assessors.

Councilmember Tornatta: How would we know?

Councilmember Winnecke: Sandie sent the request.

President Raben: I guess in fairness to the County Assessor, though, her work did not begin until after December.

Cheryl Musgrave: Well, we were working for several months in advance of that. We were doing a whole lot of things in advance, so it would not be fair to say it didn't begin until December. It just got more intense and it has heated up in its intensity these last couple of weeks very much so. Its been a fun couple of weeks, hasn't it, Mr. Fluty?

Councilmember Tornatta: But that's part of your job.

Cheryl Musgrave: Yes, it is. And the stipend is part of the pay, it always has been.

Councilmember Tornatta: It has and it hasn't been. It has been at some times and it hasn't been at other times.

Cheryl Musgrave: In every reassessment the County Assessor has been paid the stipend along with the township assessors.

Councilmember Tornatta: To have people come in and do their job for them?

Cheryl Musgrave: There has never been a requirement for any other County Assessor to do equalization. This is a brand new requirement and this requirement requires an outside look at the assessments. I cannot actually do it myself and follow the law. I have to bring in an outside person to look at it.

Councilmember Tornatta: If you read the law, you would find out that you could have worked with somebody that you have on board right now, but you didn't want to do that because you have no communication with that outfit. So that was your decision, not ours.

Cheryl Musgrave: Let the record show that Mr. Tornatta and I have a difference of opinion about what the law says.

President Raben: We have a motion on the floor and a second. Any further discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

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: I have mixed feelings about this. Parts of it I'd like to see left in, parts not. I'm going to vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1090-1960	Special Stipend	19,755.00	0.00
2492-1090-1900	FICA	1,514.00	0.00
2492-1090-1910	PERF	1,038.00	0.00
Total		22,307.00	0.00

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1090-1310	Hearing Officer	34,942.00	0.00

2492-1090-1960	Special Stipend	6,547.00	0.00
2492-1090-1900	FICA	3,174.00	0.00
2492-1090-1910	PERF	2,179.00	0.00
2492-1090-1920	Insurance	8,000.00	0.00
Total		54,842.00	0.00

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

REASSESSMENT/CENTER ASSESSOR

President Raben: Center Assessor.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, line item 2492-1110-1900 FICA in the amount of \$2,295, that's \$2,295; line item 2492-1110-1990 Extra Help \$30,000; and line item 2492-1110-2600 Office Supplies \$1,000, for a total appropriation of \$33,295, that's \$33,295, and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

CENTER ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1110-1900	FICA	3,293.00	2,295.00

2492-1110-1990	Extra Help	43,040.00	30,000.00
2492-1110-2600	Office Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total		47,333.00	33,295.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/GERMAN ASSESSOR

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, German Assessor, line item 2492-1120-1960 Special Stipend \$829; line item 2492-1120-1900 FICA \$73; and line item 2492-1120-1910 PERF in the amount of \$50, for a total appropriation of \$952, I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

GERMAN ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1120-1960	Special Stipend	829.00	829.00

2492-1120-1900	FICA	73.00	73.00
2492-1120-1910	PERF	50.00	50.00
Total		952.00	952.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/PIGEON ASSESSOR

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Pigeon Assessor, line item 2492-1150-1990 Extra Help in the amount of \$23,500; line item 2492-1150-1900 FICA in the amount of \$1,298; and line item 2492-1150-3410 Printing in the amount of \$4,000, for a total appropriation of \$28,798. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

PIGEON ASSESSOR

REQUESTED

APPROVED

2492-1150-1990	Extra Help	23,500.00	23,500.00
2492-1150-1900	FICA	1,298.00	1,298.00
2492-1150-3410	Printing	4,000.00	4,000.00
Total		28,798.00	28,798.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, line item 2600-1350-2600 Probation Counselor in the amount of \$5,413 and line item 2600-1930 Unemployment in the amount of \$6,000, for a total appropriation of \$11,413. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

CIR. CT. SUPP. ADULT PROBATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2600-1350-2600	Probation Counselor	5,413.00	5,413.00
2600-1930	Unemployment	6,000.00	6,000.00
Total		11,413.00	11,413.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Winnecke: Superior Court Supplemental Adult Probation line item 2620-1240-2620 in the amount of \$2,090; line item 2620-1250-2620 in the amount of \$2,090; line item 2620-1260-2620 in the amount of \$2,090; line item 2620-1900-2620 FICA in the amount of \$480; and line item 2620-1910-2620 PERF in the amount of \$330, for a total appropriation of \$7,080. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT SUPP. ADULT PROBATION REQUESTEDAPPROVED

2620-1240-2620	Probation Officer	2,090.00	2,090.00
2620-1250-2620	Probation Officer	2,090.00	2,090.00
2620-1260-2620	Probation Officer	2,090.00	2,090.00
2620-1900-2620	FICA	480.00	480.00
2620-1910-2620	PERF	330.00	330.00
Total		7,080.00	7,080.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

**COUNTY CLERK
PROSECUTOR
SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY HIGHWAY (LATE)**

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, transfers, I will move, unless anyone has any objections, to approve the transfers as presented and that does include just for everyone's notification, line item 1480-3460 Consultant \$3,500 to a new line item 1480-3530 Contractual Services in the amount of \$3,500, so that the money for the additional piece of environmental testing the Commissioners approved on Monday can proceed and that money would be available tomorrow, so they can proceed as quickly as possible. And I move all – maybe I already said this and I'm repeating myself, just move that the transfers be accepted as presented – as offered.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Can you take that one separately – that Consultant, 3,500?

Councilmember Tornatta: Which one?

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, I would amend my motion to exclude the County Council transfer.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm not against paying the \$3,500 but, I mean, for having it done, but I don't think we ought to pay for it. We've already given them \$36,170,000 and you're saying we're going to give them – they're going to transfer that? So take it separately and I'll –

President Raben: While you're amending motions, I apologize for this, but I would also like to separate the transfer for the Commissioners for Bond & Insurance pending information on that. So if you would also –

Councilmember Winnecke: I will amend my motion to exclude the County Commissioners and the County Council –

Councilmember Tornatta: Late transfers.

Councilmember Winnecke: Late transfers, thank you.

Councilmember Wortman: And I'll amend my motion to coincide with it.

President Raben: Alright.

Councilmember Winnecke: So actually, that just means we have one transfer –

President Raben: County Clerk, Prosecutor and Superior Court –

Councilmember Sutton: And County Highway.

President Raben: And County Highway. Are there any other questions discussion,

requests for amendments? Okay, hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

COUNTY CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1010-3520	Equipment Repair	300.00	300.00
To: 1010-3550	Repair to Bldg & Grounds	300.00	300.00

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1080-1340-1080	Subpoena Clerk	4,108.00	4,108.00
To: 1080-1150-1080	Deputy	4,108.00	4,108.00

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1370-1790-1370	Child Placement Officer	3,342.00	3,342.00
To: 1370-1401-1370	Probation Officer	3,342.00	3,342.00

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2010-3630	Equipment Lease & Rental	33,000.00	33,000.00
To: 2010-3010	Other Insurance	33,000.00	33,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (LATE)

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, we'll try it again, take two. I will move that the County Commissioners transfer from line item 1300-3100 all the way through to the Bond & Insurance for \$130,123.27 be approved. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Raben: Okay, Mr. President -- I sat in that seat for so many years, it's hard to -- okay, let me explain the problem I do have with this. I guess I would like a little better understanding as to why the Bond & Insurance has escalated, why its gone up as much as it has this year, and everyone needs to bear in mind that while it may be a simple transfer today, they are going to come back for this \$130,000 to go back into those lines. So this is clarification that I would liked to have gotten last year, but due to the fact that --

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, and I will plead, I'll take the bullet on this. I talked to Tammy McKinney the other day and she gave me all of those figures and in the rush to get here I didn't bring them.

President Raben: And again, it would have been helpful to get this information last week but we didn't get that far. So any other questions? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm going to vote no. I've still got a problem with that \$3,500 --

Councilmember Winnecke: This does not include that --

Councilmember Sutton: This is Commissioners.

(Inaudible -- several speaking at once)

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, I'm sorry. I thought you went through that. Okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: This is the Bond & Insurance.

Teri Lukeman: Is your vote...?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: No.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1300-3100	Animal Control	10,722.79	10,722.79
1300-3500	Human Relations	12,172.08	12,172.08
1300-3750	Purchasing Dept.	13,456.84	13,456.84
1300-3850	Building Commission	43,771.56	43,771.56
1300-3860	Contractual Computer	50,000.00	50,000.00
To: 1300-3000	Bond & Insurance	130,123.27	130,123.27

(Motion carried 6-1/President Raben opposed)

COUNTY COUNCIL (LATE)

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, now the County Council, \$3,500 for environmental testing, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I wasn't fortunate enough to be here last week but I understand there was quite a bit of spirited discussion about this. I think this is – you know, can't hurt us at this point and I support this particular move. As I understand, I guess what some of the discussion, some things were said that – I think when we look at what we're trying to do is develop a spirit of cooperation here and we've got a big project on our hands and if we are going to continue to move forward here on this jail project it's going to take all hands on deck. And I think we, back in November we got a good start out. We've had a chance to have a lot of discussion and dialogue on this. I would trust that we can continue to move forward in that fashion on this project. After this particular vote, there is something I would like to bring up after the appropriations. I'll vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm not against having it done, but in the first place I'd just like to say I wasn't in favor of it going out there in the first place. I think we could have built it on campus for about \$10,000,000 and we could have doubled the size of our present jail at that price. It's the most sensible thing to do is do that, put that extra test in there, but there is no way – we've given them \$36,170,000 at this point and it should

be tested since they're going there, but I don't think we ought to give them any more money, so I'm going to vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1480-3460	Consultant	3,500.00	3,500.00
To: 1480-3530	Contractual Services	3,500.00	3,500.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Bassemier opposed)

President Raben: Okay, amendments to the Salary Ordinance, please.

JAIL PROJECT APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, before you move on to those amendments, on the agenda for the appropriations there was one item that was on the agenda last week, it's not on the agenda for this week and that was on the jail appropriation request. And it's still on our sheets where we record the actual numbers that we actually do record on each area, but it's not on the agenda. Was it the – like I said, I wasn't fortunate enough to be here, I know there was a comment made about pulling this particular request. Is that the reason why that particular item is not on our agenda for today on the jail appropriation project? It's 698 is what it was.

President Raben: That would be correct. It was asked that it be withdrawn.

Councilmember Sutton: Who is the liaison for the County Commissioners?

(Unidentified): Curt.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Wortman, did you have a chance to have discussion with the Commissioners on this particular appropriation here?

Councilmember Wortman: I just recall Mrs. Fanello (inaudible) last week saying to pull it.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, well I guess I'm trying to get an idea whether this is something they want, we want, or both want as far as taking it off the agenda because I guess what we were initially presented with, the 698 figure is substantially lower now I guess in terms of what it was from what we understand the initial figure was. So if its

being pulled off the agenda, which it has, is this something that's going to come up on the agenda next month? Are we going to see this again next month? What are we looking for seeing this?

President Raben: It will have to be filed just like a new appropriation request.

Councilmember Tornatta: I thought we were supposed to pay something to the company to make sure that they had some type of monetary – we had cut our monetary balance to them. And you had told me you had a receipt on, or you had the information on your desk.

President Raben: I received it at 12:20 today.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and it had been talked about in the past, yet it all of the sudden got dropped. I don't understand how that happened.

President Raben: Well, it's very simple. Just like anyone else that's ever come in here and withdrawn a request. It was treated just as what was stated, to withdraw the request. Its been withdrawn and I removed it from the agenda.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I will say this, I think that anybody who comes before this particular body of government should respect this body of government and if respect is not accorded I think there is a way in which we can have productive dialogue and I don't think that occurred last Wednesday from all I can read and all from the minutes and all. And I think as a result of that dialogue, I think what has occurred here has potentially affected one, the level of trust, the level of the working relationship, but more importantly, I am concerned whether or not we're going to return to last year when clearly some timing was affected on this jail project because of differences between the County Commissioners and the County Council. And if we are going to return back to that, its going to be a disservice to this body, the Commissioners, but more importantly, the taxpayers of this county. So that's really my concern here. If this item is not on the agenda, which clearly it's not today, when is it going to appear on the agenda and how much of an effect is this going to have on the project ultimately? That's really my greatest concern here is, are we going to get off track with the way we're going? And I'm not pointing fingers at any one individual but what I'm saying is, when we're here, whoever the individuals are, I think a certain amount of accord ought to be given to this body and if we go before any other body, we ought to give the same level of respect as well.

President Raben: Okay, real quick, again, its as simple as filing a new appropriation for next month. But as president, I would like to say this, that I am not going to allow this body or myself to be subjected to inappropriate behavior by another officeholder. The request was made to withdraw it, its been withdrawn. I'm not a mind reader, so again, based off of the conversation from last week, the action was taken as requested.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, you received some document about noon today, is that correct?

President Raben: I did and I've had an opportunity to look at it just prior to this meeting and I'll give this to our secretary and ask that she copy this before everyone leaves today and give everybody a copy. I'm confused with one thing, though, when I review this invoice its as if we're prepaying an invoice because the invoice is dated for 23 days from now and it says invoiced seven days from now. So in effect, they were requesting that we pay a bill that's not actually due nor been invoiced to us yet. But I will give this to our secretary and ask her to run a copy of it.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Essentially on the invoice, the schematic design is what is being requested and the total amount is \$299,565, is the total amount rather than what we had, I guess, is what we were considering last week, the \$698,985.

Councilmember Tornatta: I was asked to provide a number. I provided the number, that was supposed to be a possible solution to not pay the full amount but to at least get some money in the flow for this project. I've got no problem with what you say and its documented in the minutes that it was asked to, you know, be pulled, you know, whatever the situation but I guess my point is, let's don't take it away from the vendor. Let's look to take care of the vendor and we have all the rights right now to take care of that vendor and not put it off unless we are going to stall this project.

President Raben: And again, I don't think there's – it's not a matter of delaying the project and if we approve this appropriation request next month it will still be paid within 30 days of the invoice, so...

Councilmember Tornatta: We've talked about the time that this vendor has –

President Raben: Again, if you review the contract, it states that invoices will be paid within 60 days of the invoice. And then it does go on to say that if it runs 90 days or beyond there will be a penalty involved. If we elect to approve this at our March 1st or March 5th, whatever the date is, the invoice will be paid within 30 days of the invoice date, so we're well within reason of that. Okay, any other questions? Comments?

JAIL PROJECT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3660-4192	Jail Project	698,985.00	Withdrawn
Total		698,985.00	Withdrawn

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

President Raben: Now if we can move to the amendments.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Salary Ordinance amendments, I'll begin with Community Corrections, amend salary ordinance 1361-1270 Correction Officer Supervisor as appropriation previously approved. The current employee's 2003 salary is set in at \$30,429. Superior Court, amend salary ordinance line 1370-1330 Bailiff as appropriation previously approved. The current employee's 2003 salary is set in at \$28,124. And salary ordinance line 2492-1020-1990 Extra Help, this is in the Auditor, as appropriation previously approved and amend salary ordinance line 2492-1020-1300 Regular Overtime as appropriation previously approved. Center Assessor, amend salary ordinance line 2492-1110-1990 Extra Help as previously approved. German Assessor, amend salary ordinance line 2492-1120-1960 Special Stipend as previously approved, and German Assessor special stipend rate approved by the Council on December 30th, 2002. Pigeon Assessor, amend salary ordinance line 2492-1150-1990 Extra Help as previously approved. Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, amend salary ordinance line 2600-1350 Probation Typist as previously approved and set 2003 salary line in at \$15,236 as approved August 2nd, 2002 and the salary ordinance adopted September 4th, 2002. The Superior Court Supplemental Adult Probation, amend salary ordinance lines 2620-1240 Probation Officer \$2,090; line item 2620-1250 Probation Officer \$2,090 and 2620-1260 Probation Officer \$2,090 as previously approved.

Prosecutor, amend salary ordinance line 1080-1150 as previously approved, current employee is an Executive II/Step II with a 2003 salary of \$49,470. Set the salary line 1080-1340 Subpoena Clerk in at \$21,386 as per the 2003 salary ordinance. Superior Court, amend salary ordinance line 1370-1401 as previously approved. The current employee is a PAT V/Step III with a 2003 salary of \$36,654. And Superior Drug Court, set salary ordinance line 1372-1130 Day Reporting Officer in at \$8,982. Set salary ordinance line 137Q-1130 Day Reporting Officer in at \$24,330. The current employee is a PAT V/Step I, with a total salary of \$33,312. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay. Need a glass of water?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes, I do!

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Teri Lukeman: If you don't mind, I'm going to change the tape now.

(Tape changed)

President Raben: Okay, under Old Business we have Alan Teeple with Computer Services.

Alan Teeple: Alan Teeple, Director of Computer Services. I'm back before you, we had tabled a discussion from the last meeting whatever it was, the 6th of January, on the discussion of the roughly 250 computers that were taken out during the court and Clerk upgrade, and how many of those we should keep on hand to use as kind of backups, and what we can do with the other 250. And I'm back to the same recommendation that I had before you last week when you asked me, Mr. Raben, what would you do with them? And I'd like to keep ten of the best: both monitor, keyboard and the CPU. In case someone breaks down we can shuffle one down there or if someone has training maybe its something we can use in a training class that are "extra computers", and I don't have to scramble. The other 240, if you will, to be -- I just spaced what it's called, but to give back to the county and let them sell it at auction. There's a name for it but I've just spaced it. And I also know that the County Clerk wants to speak on it just for a second. But the other recommendation was that some of the elected officials give it to, you know, make use of those computers to some of those facilities around town, schools or whatever or libraries, that need some older computers. And I think Marsha, I mean the County Clerk, wanted to speak just for a second on it.

President Raben: Before you get away and there's probably other questions here, too, if I recall, the savings or the cost to make these upgrades what was, again?

Alan Teeple: It was the difference, you are going to make me put on my glasses tonight. The difference in what the current, what they could get and a better computer with a warranty and including a monitor, the difference was about \$15, and if it was cheaper getting the newer computers with a monitor that was already bundled than we were to upgrade it with no warranty and a less powerful computer.

President Raben: Okay.

Alan Teeple: What did you come up with when you did your figures? Do you remember that, Troy, what was it, \$35 or \$50 when you did it real quick that night? It was something like that. Never mind, he's slept since then.

President Raben: Alan, it would be my recommendation that we still put it on hold and if there's other uses for the equipment without the upgrades in other offices, sure, let's use them. But I have to apologize for this, I need to get some of the types of equipment and I actually have my own people, again, after that meeting looking into it again and I still -- my people are telling me that its, not doubting what you're saying but based on what you can do in the private sector, that we can do what we're talking about doing for a hundred or two hundred dollars max. But they said that they would be interested in knowing the devices and what the equipment is, so I'll continue to work on that. One other usage I think we discussed was O'Day Discovery Lodge, when that new facility opens they'll need several computers and the old ones I'm sure will work good in --

Alan Teeple: And back to the statement that I had made in January and that is I do not have the ability to store 250 computers. I mean, I don't. I don't have the space. That is a huge amount of area to take up. Right now, Matrix, who did the upgrade for us is keeping that for a cost. They are keeping those in storage for me today until we make a decision.

President Raben: Councilman Bassemier has a question.

Councilmember Bassemier: Can some of these computers go out to Burdette Park day

camp?

Alan Teeple: I think that we can use them wherever you feel that they are necessary. They're just – the max on these are PS2's. We are currently, the most current computers in this building are PS4's, so there's a difference in technology. But can they be used at those kind of sites or a library or the Discovery Lodge? Yes, the answer is yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, thank you, sir.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions? And Alan, I do have a suggestion on the storage that I may be able to get donated for a temporary time –

Councilmember Winnecke: I was just going to ask, what are we paying for the temporary storage, Alan?

Alan Teeple: I don't know off the top of my head. I should have known that you would ask me that and I did not ask that of my guys before I walked up here and I apologize.

President Raben: Alright, Marsha – Councilman Hoy, did you have a question? I'm sorry.

Councilmember Hoy: I wasn't clear about the storage. You made some sort of offer on the storage or...

President Raben: Yeah, I may have a place to keep them.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, good.

President Raben: Marsha?

Marsha Abell: Marsha Abell, County Clerk. I'd like to request, I need six computers in the Election Office. We've been using the old network monitors and we could get our work done better with PC's, so I'd like to take six of those out of storage and bring them back here for the Election purposes rather than us purchasing new. They're good enough for what we do. They can't hold Courtview, but they can hold a word package and that's really all we need. So I'd like to have six of those brought back for that use and I'd like to have 15 of those donated to the black coalition, who has set up a computer lab at the C. K. Newsome Center for underprivileged children after school to do their school work. I had talked to Mr. Sutton about this previously and I spoke to Catherine Fanello about it also. And it doesn't seem to be a problem. They could really use these computers. They have virtually nothing over there for these children to do their homework on and they've got software that they can put in them that are school oriented called Leap Frog, but they just need the hardware. And I think that's a much better use than having them sit in a warehouse in Jasper, Indiana.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, some other places that we might use them, Youth Service Bureau works with a number of after school programs, they might be able to use some of those computers there. I think that might be a good use.

Marsha Abell: Would it be okay if I give ACS the numbers of the county I.D. number of the computers that I'd like to have?

President Raben: That would certainly be fine with me. I don't know if it would require a motion or a vote.

Councilmember Hoy: I so move if you need a motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll second.

President Raben: Okay.

Marsha Abell: For me to have in the Election Office and the Black Coalition to get 15 of them?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Marsha Abell: Okay.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Marsha Abell: Thank you and I'm sure the children thank you, too.

President Raben: Thank you and, Alan, thank you for the update.

Alan Teeple: Okay, thank you.

**RESOLUTION TO GRANT A DEDUCTION FROM PROPERTY TAXES
FOR SPURLING HOUSING DEVELOPMENT/PHASE III
LAKESIDE MANOR APARTMENTS**

President Raben: Next under new business is the resolution to grant the term of deduction for the property tax abatement for Spurling housing development.

Councilmember Winnecke: And the copies are coming around of the resolution, Mr. President.

President Raben: Okay, I might ask our legal counsel to read the resolution. That's how we ordinarily do this and then we'll open the floor to any comments or questions.

Jeff Ahlers: It's a resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council granting a deduction from property taxes for a period of ten years for Spurling Housing Development, which is Phase III/Lakeside Manor Apartments.

“Whereas, heretofore, on the 4th day of August 1999, the Vanderburgh County Council by resolution declared property located at 3401 N. Green River Road to meet the qualifications of an Economic Revitalization Area pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1 et seq. and the Vanderburgh County Council Tax Abatement Resolution; and

Whereas, heretofore, on the 6th day of June 2001, the Vanderburgh County Council by resolution confirmed its previous declaration; and

Whereas, Warren Spurling (“the applicant”), having completed the construction of the housing complex as set forth on the Statement of Benefits dated June 8, 1999, desires to obtain the tax deduction provided by I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-3 for the aforementioned property and pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-5 has filed a certified deduction application (Form 322ERA) at the office of the Auditor of Vanderburgh County; and

Whereas, Warren Spurling has submitted a Compliance with Statement of Benefits reporting an investment of \$9,772,600 as of February 11, 2002 and the creation of five (5) full-time and five (5) part-time jobs.

Whereas, Pursuant to Section 3.(B)(iii) of the Vanderburgh County Tax Abatement Resolution, the length of deduction for real estate improvements is to be based on the number of full time equivalent jobs created as a result of the project for which the tax deduction is sought and/or the level of investment. Having invested \$9,972,600 the Project qualifies for a ten (10) year length of deduction; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Vanderburgh County Council as follows:

Section 1. Length of Deduction

Warren Spurling is hereby granted, for the increase in assessed value attributed to real estate improvements located at 3401 N. Green River Road, the deduction as provided in I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-3 for a period of ten (10) years:

Section 2. Effective Date

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Vanderburgh County Council.

Adopted this 5th day of February, 2003, by the Vanderburgh County Council.”

President Raben: Okay, well read. Thank you. Bill, I'll turn it over to you.

Bill Spurling: Bill Spurling, and I would just like to kind of give you guys a little update on where we are with this housing project. You have seen your way clear to grant tax phase in as it's now called to all three phases. And I wanted you to know that nearly all of our residents out there are on fixed incomes and I made some calls to find out where our rents lie in respect to other facilities in town here. There is one on the west side, it's a one-bedroom and they require a \$535 deposit with a rent of \$535. There's another one here in town, Hickory Lake which is \$595 with a \$400 deposit. And our rents for one bedroom is \$400 with \$150 deposit. So as you can see, you guys have really been instrumental in helping keep these rents low and I feel like we've done our part in keeping them low as well.

President Raben: Okay, thank you. Are there any questions or comments?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, not a question but a comment. I understand that our move today is just to set in the period for the abatement. I'm going to vote no on this and I know we're not voting now but I want to say why. I did not vote for this when it came up – the abatement was presented to us last time when I was, I think, a new member of the Council and I voted against it. I voted against similar abatement requests on the west side and this has nothing to do with you or the quality of the development. In my mind, this is not what abatement is for and so when my vote comes, please don't take it personally, but I think that a ten year abatement on a project like this is too long a period.

President Raben: I may have let you jump out too quick. Before I take any other comment, I'd like to get a motion on the floor. The chair would now entertain a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll make a motion to approve it.

President Raben: For a length of ten years?

Councilmember Bassemier: Ten years, yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Okay, now discussion.

Councilmember Sutton: On this motion, Jim, can you clarify something on this motion? How many readings do we have on this? Is this the action that we take today, this will set in the amount or decline it whichever way? Okay.

President Raben: I'd like to comment one time and I guess the record shows I've been supportive on the other abatement issues for this development and the one on the west side. While I do appreciate your figures on the rent, you know, its important that the abatement be granted on these facilities because, you know, one, they're catering to the elderly, the senior citizens and it is a quality of life issue for those citizens. And while I'm not in the construction business, I'm in the tire business, I do know that these facilities cost more to build because they're single-story dwellings, they're probably all handicap accessible apartments. The parking is at the front door, they're not walking through a long parking lot or across traffic to get to them, so these are not your typical apartments. There is more cost associated with building them.

Bill Spurling: I'd like to add to that, too, if I could. You know, the apartments were the first thing that was built out there and we're the only – I know Mr. Hoy said last week that

it was a hot area but it really isn't a hot area. We're the only ones that have built anything out there. But because the apartments were built out there, we're now getting a Schnucks and a shopping center and there are a lot of other offices and retail buildings out there that wouldn't be there if it weren't for these apartments and the abatement is what helped get the apartments off the ground as well as helping afford these people that are of lower income a nice place to live.

Councilmember Bassemier: I like to give a reason for why I made that motion and I agree with Mr. Winnecke, there are times that you need to make an exception and I think this is a time. I've been out to those apartments and I've also been in the business of transportation of the elderly people and I think its very important that they have affordable housing and that's the reason why I support this. And I'll agree with you 100%, in other cases I wouldn't be for it but this is an exception because of the elderly and that's why I'm going to support it.

President Raben: Okay, if no further questions, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I've had an opportunity to visit his various projects and if you guys haven't had a chance to go out, if you know of anyone that lives out there it is a great quality development and there's a great demand for that type of development. I don't think they have any problems with vacancies because they have a good quality product and that speaks for itself. I guess on this particular request, I guess we've had some requests on Mr. Spurling's developments over the period of time and on all those developments I have voted against those with the exception of one I did vote for. You know, we had a request a few years back, well it was last year, and it was a great organization, does fine work. And they came back for an abatement and we had granted an abatement on at least four to five occasions and I felt like that was really ample in terms of what had been done, so I voted against that particular project, though I voted for some of the others. And I kind of really feel the same really here. You know, I think it's a great project and serves Evansville really well and has spurred some development in the area which is what you hope abatement is going to do. So on this one I'm going to vote no for those reasons.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes. The motion failed four to three –

(Motion failed 3-4/Councilmembers Sutton, Hoy, Winnecke & Wortman opposed)

Councilmember Winnecke: So there needs to be another motion for another term, I suspect.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, the abatement has already been approved, so all we're doing here is setting in the term and the number of years.

Councilmember Bassemier: Can I make a motion to do it for five years?

President Raben: The Chair would entertain a motion –

Councilmember Bassemier: For five years.

President Raben: Is there a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: I'd second five years.

Bill Spurling: Would it be possible to make it six? I think it is either a three, six or ten is what...

Jeff Ahlers: Rob, is it – I think you had said five to ten, isn't it?

Rob Schaefer: Well, the law has changed so that they can choose from one year to ten years now. So –

Councilmember Bassemier: Five years is okay then?

Rob Schaefer: You can choose whatever –

Jeff Ahlers: Right, the only thing is when I looked at this motion, though, it has to do with the date of when it was designated an Economic Revitalization Area, which would have been in 1999, right?

Rob Schaefer: Right.

Jeff Ahlers: So then it depends on whether you go by the confirming date. The bottom line is you can definitely do five, the question is, is it five or ten or could you go to the sixth? Anywhere from, you were saying one to ten, so it's any number amount? I've got the statute here if you need me to look at it but –

Rob Schaefer: For real estate it's three, six or ten.

Councilmember Bassemier: Can I make a motion for six years then if that's okay?

President Raben: Rob, would you step to the podium and state your name for the record?

Rob Schaefer: Rob Schaefer, Department of Metropolitan Development.

President Raben: Okay, Councilman Lloyd, did you just amend your motion?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I'd like to amend it -- Bassemier.

President Raben: Or Bassemier.

Councilmember Sutton: Lloyd did not make that motion, believe me.

Councilmember Hoy: They wonder what I'm smoking these days.

President Raben: And I'm sure you'll get even with me for that, won't you?

Councilmember Winnecke: Pay backs are -- I will amend the second.

President Raben: Okay. Now we have a motion on the floor to grant a term of deduction for six years. Are there any other questions or comments?

Jeff Ahlers: I have one. I've got prepared a resolution with blanks in it and rather than re-reading it all, the only difference between the current resolution that it would read and the one that I read was, is in the title it would say for a period of six years. We will be deleting the last Whereas clause, the first four will remain. The reason for deleting the last Whereas clause will be because it made reference to the resolution of Vanderburgh County Council that would have it set in as ten years, so obviously you're not going pursuant to your County Council resolution of 1992, so we've deleted that and then in Section 1 we would, again, just insert the period six years, so that would be the amendment to the resolution pursuant to your motion. In all other respects the resolution would be as I previously read. Is that right, Rob?

Rob Schaefer: That's right.

President Raben: Okay, is everybody comfortable with that? Okay. Madam Secretary, 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: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes. The motion passes 4-3. Thank you.

(Motion carried 4-3/Councilmembers Sutton, Hoy and Wortman opposed)

Bill Spurling: Thank you very much.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

President Raben: Next I have four appointments to make. First is the Minority/Women Business Enterprise, I'd like to reappoint Ellis Redd. Board of Directors for Southwestern Indiana Mental Health Center, I'd like to appoint John Koehler. Burdette Park, Bob Swallows. Library Board of Trustees, I'd like to reappoint Ted DeVries.

FILING DEADLINE FOR MARCH 5, 2003 COUNCIL MEETING

President Raben: Next we have the filing for the March 5th meeting. I'd like to establish a filing deadline of the 14th. I have no other business. Is there other questions or comments from this body?

Councilmember Winnecke: Move to adjourn.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: Okay, meeting adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President James Raben

Vice President Ed Bassemier

Councilmember Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2003**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 5th day of March, 2003 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m. by County Council President Jim Raben.

President Raben: I'd like to call to order the Vanderburgh County Council meeting for March 5th, 2003. Attendance roll call please.

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

President Raben: Let's all please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

<p style="text-align: center;">APPROVAL OF MINUTES FEBRUARY 5, 2003</p>

President Raben: The Chair would now entertain a motion for approval of the minutes.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

COUNTY CLERK IV-D

President Raben: First on the appropriation ordinance is the County Clerk. The Chair will now turn over the meeting to the Finance Chairman, Lloyd Winnecke. Mr. Winnecke, the Clerk has requested, because she has a commitment in just a few minutes, that we take the Election Office with her first request.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, we can do that. Mr. Chairman, I move that line item 1011-4220 Office Machines be set in at \$18,505 and line item 1011-2600 Office Supplies in the amount of \$27,505, for a total appropriation of \$46,010. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: I second it.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Discussion? No 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

COUNTY CLERK IV-D		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1011-4220	Office Machines	18,505.00	18,505.00
1011-2600	Office Supplies	27,505.00	27,505.00
Total		46,010.00	46,010.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ELECTION OFFICE

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, we'll jump down to the Election Office. Line item 1210-3530 Contractual Services in the amount of \$1,500. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
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1210-3530	Contractual Services	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total		1,500.00	1,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ELECTION OFFICE-SPECIAL ELECTION

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Election Office-Special Election. Instead of reading each line item, I'll move that the request that is presented in the total amount of \$75,846 be approved.

Councilmember Wortman: I second it.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Discussion?

Councilmember Winnecke: And just as a point of reference, as mentioned at our last meeting, this will be reimbursed to the county upon the completion of the special election.

President Raben: Thank you. No further 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

1211-1110-1211	Board Member	1,200.00	1,200.00
1211-1120-1211	Election Assistant	1,280.00	1,280.00
1211-1130-1211	Absentee Teams	4,750.00	4,750.00
1211-1140-1211	Canvassing Board	900.00	900.00
1211-1150-1211	Asst. Canvassing Board	750.00	750.00
1211-1160-1211	Election Inspector	12,420.00	12,420.00
1211-1170-1211	Election Judge	8,280.00	8,280.00
1211-1180-1211	Election Clerk	8,280.00	8,280.00
1211-1200-1211	Election Attorney	600.00	600.00
1211-1210-1211	Ballot Aids	450.00	450.00
1211-1900	FICA	305.00	305.00
1211-1910	PERF	74.00	74.00
1211-2280	Precinct Meals	3,900.00	3,900.00
1211-2290	Election Board Meals	500.00	500.00
1211-2600	Office Supplies	300.00	300.00
1211-2700	Other Supplies	1,135.00	1,135.00
1211-3130	Travel/Mileage	240.00	240.00
1211-3410	Printing	14,000.00	14,000.00
1211-3420	Legal Advertising	250.00	250.00
1211-3530	Contractual Services	15,000.00	15,000.00
1211-3570	Janitorial Service	482.00	482.00
1211-3600	Rent	250.00	250.00
1211-3610	Legal Services	500.00	500.00
Total		75,846.00	75,846.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Marsha Abell: Is that it?

Councilmember Winnecke: That's it.

Marsha Abell: Thank you.

TREASURER

Councilmember Winnecke: Treasurer, line item 1030-1200-1030 Counter & Posting Clerk in the amount of \$1,037, line item 1030-1900 FICA in the amount of \$80, line item 1030-1910 PERF in the amount of \$55, for a total appropriation of \$1,172. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: I make that, second that motion.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? No 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-1200-1030	Counter & Posting Clerk	1,037.00	1,037.00
1030-1900	FICA	80.00	80.00
1030-1910	PERF	55.00	55.00
Total		1,172.00	1,172.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, for the Sheriff, line item 1050-1920 Insurance in the amount of \$16,800. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? No 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1920	Insurance	16,800.00	16,800.00
Total		16,800.00	16,800.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Scott Township Assessor, line item 1160-1110-1160 Scott Assessor in the amount of \$631 and line item 1160-1900 FICA in the amount of \$49, for a total appropriation of \$680. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1160-1110-1160	Scott Assessor	631.00	631.00
1160-1900	FICA	49.00	49.00
Total		680.00	680.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, County Commissioners, line item 1300-3471 Abstracts in the amount of \$37,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3471	Abstracts	37,000.00	37,000.00
Total		37,000.00	37,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, Burdette Park, line item 1450-4120 Buildings, I'll move that this be set in at zero and ask that this be requested again next month to be funded out of the CCD account.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: I thought that we had talked back some time ago that this was going to come out of the COIT Windfall.

Councilmember Winnecke: I don't remember that.

Councilmember Tornatta: I believe we were talking February 6, 2002. We were talking about the money that we set aside earmarked for the jail project and then we also talked about certain set asides would be for rainy day funds, one would be Burdette Park for all the furnishings and any extras that were going into Burdette Park.

Councilmember Winnecke: My personal opinion is that at some point this county is going to have to look at the possibility of using that COIT Windfall for election equipment. If the state mandates continue to come down the pike or they stay on track, this county is going to need money up front to fund that money, even though we would be reimbursed. So I think we would be better off to spend the CCD money to finish the Discovery Lodge and basically hold on to the COIT Windfall for perhaps the election equipment.

Councilmember Sutton: Did we have a motion to that effect at our meeting last year? Was it discussion? How did we act on that? Was it just pretty much common consent that that's the direction we were going to go?

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, the consent was we were going to earmark the COIT money for the jail project and to look at putting extra monies toward Burdette Park from the COIT Windfall as a slush fund or a rainy day fund, and much in the same way we set aside money for the jail project.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

President Raben: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I certainly want to see this taken care of at Burdette Park. My concern is, looking at these totals, we knew this was going to be a tough year and we've got a lot of big ticket items that still have to come out of the general fund and we might have to go into the COIT Windfall even for that. I don't know. When we start getting

Patient/Inmate bills and things like that, we're keeping prisoners in other jails and so on, and it's only March. So I would prefer to take it out of CCD, just as long as we commit to doing it.

President Raben: And I would also echo the comments along the same lines, that I see CCD as the appropriate account for this request to come from. And again, we've got, just as Councilman Hoy stated, Patient/Inmate, housing of prisoners elsewhere, and I'm sure there's a large request coming before us in the next month or so for that, so I prefer that we use CCD as well.

Councilmember Sutton: Now, keep in mind, on the CCD fund, we've got \$814,000 there. Under the COIT Windfall, we've got 1.4 million in that fund. Granted, we do have some things that are coming up, but also I guess under the CCD, we had some plans for that. So the bigger piece of the pie is in the COIT funds. So just something maybe we want to give some consideration to as we're looking at this on a tight budget situation.

President Raben: COIT, at some point later on in the year, can be used for so much more. CCD is just what it is, Cum Capital Development Fund, and it can only be used on capital development projects and things associated with capital development. So you're somewhat limited on what you can use that line for. This certainly falls under the guidelines for using that line. So again, this is an appropriate request.

Councilmember Tornatta: Under capital development issues, when you're dealing with capital, obviously you need a bigger amount to fund certain things, so in this instance you would not want to bring that down to anywhere near a half million dollars because if you have a capital project, what can you do with a half million dollars at times when you need it? And the COIT Windfall, you can take that down and, as you said, you can use it for a myriad of things. In this case, with the CCD, you're limiting yourself now on what you can spend on capital development projects.

Councilmember Hoy: Actually, we can fund capital projects out of COIT Windfall. There's only two things you can do with CCD, and that is buildings and public safety. I believe that does include public safety, and that's it. So it's locked in a little more tightly is all. That's the only reason I'd like to be careful with the COIT Windfall, and if we do get that mandate, the legislature is meeting, they might hand down some more unfunded mandates. They're good at it.

President Raben: They're very good at that. Okay, Madam Secretary, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I would say we get a – I'm going to vote yes for this, but I want us to get – at least begin to get a proposal or an outline of how we intend to use both of these funds, the COIT and the CCD, so that we aren't just taking votes kind of in the wind here. And granted, it is a little difficult to come up with some exact numbers but it would be in our best interest from a long-term planning standpoint.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1450-4120	Buildings	236,500.00	0.00
Total		236,500.00	0.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Tornatta opposed)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Cum Bridge fund appropriation request, line item 2030-4730 Roth Road Culvert #1537 in the amount of \$150,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-4730	Roth Rd Culvert #1537	150,000.00	150,000.00
Total		150,000.00	150,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/TREASURER

President Raben: Now we'll move to Reassessment.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, the Treasurer, line item 2492-1030-1300 Regular Overtime in the amount of \$2,868, line item 2492-1030-1900 FICA in the amount of \$220, and line item 2492-1030-1910 PERF in the amount of \$151, for a total appropriation of \$3,239. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1030-1300	Regular Overtime	2,868.00	2,868.00

2492-1030-1900	FICA	220.00	220.00
2492-1030-1910	PERF	151.00	151.00
Total		3,239.00	3,239.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, County Assessor, line item 2492-1090-1960 Special Stipend \$4,000, line item 2492-1900 FICA in the amount of \$306, line item 2492-1910 PERF in the amount of \$210, for a total appropriation of \$4,516. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: And I would just, to get discussion going, we've discussed this for the last two or three months, the request by the County Assessor for a Special Stipend for her work in coordinating the extraordinary reassessment. Her request was for more and that was to pay her Chief Deputy as well as two PAT level employees. My personal opinion is that we should not be paying a Special Stipend for the PAT levels. We have a number of PAT level employees in our county, Mrs. Deig would be one, who work long hours during special times of the year. We don't pay those folks for that work, that comes with the job. In terms of the Chief Deputy, we only compensated the township Chief Deputies for those who actually worked hours. Based on the documentation I have, this Chief Deputy did not work extra hours relating to the reassessment and that's how I came up with the total of \$4,516.

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Winnecke? Given the statement that you just made, are these employees salaried or hourly?

Councilmember Winnecke: Salaried.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, you know, there are some people who would welcome the opportunity to get additional compensation for the additional time that they put in. The appropriation request here doesn't seem to match maybe what – you know, if we look at some of our other employees here in the building, we could get a slew of requests and I guess I really would hate to begin to set precedent with salaried employees receiving additional compensation. Granted, I know this has been a difficult process for them and, as it has been for every county in the state of Indiana with the new assessment guidelines, but there's going to be other guidelines to come down. Things with the Election Office and things like that, so when my turn comes I know I can't support this. But just given what you said and I know what comments I'm hearing from others, it's awfully difficult to justify that balance there.

Councilmember Winnecke: Let me clarify, I don't know if I made myself perfectly clear. This stipend is for the County Assessor, not for the PAT level employees or not for the Chief Deputy, for the very reasons you just said. If the County Assessor wants to spend some of this money to compensate those employees after she gets this \$4,000, that is her business. But I concur, we do not want to start down the slippery slope of compensating PAT level employees because they work a lot of extra hours and I'd just like to go on the record as saying our County Assessor, along with the Township Assessors, have worked very closely over the last several months, painstakingly so, to get us to the point of being able to establish a tax rate and get our tax bills out on time, which will be a great benefit to this county in terms of maintaining cash flow over the course of this year. We're in a much better position than most counties, so I do

commend the Assessor and the Township Assessors for their teamwork in this.

Councilmember Sutton: I concur with that but that's their – when people ran for offices they knew what the duties were with those offices, and those people who hold positions here in the county understand what their job descriptions entail, and sometimes they work a little less, sometimes they work a little bit more.

President Raben: Okay, any further discussion? I might state before we call for the vote that this pertains to a salary line and a salary increase. This vote will take five to pass. So roll call vote.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1090-1960	Special Stipend	12,893.00	0.00
2492-1900	FICA	1,148.00	0.00
2492-1910	PERF	677.00	0.00
Total		14,718.00	0.00

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

President Raben: Motion failed 4-3. Next would be Emergency 911.

911 EMERGENCY SERVICE

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, line item 3290-3890 Central Dispatch in the amount of \$47,200, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, that's from the 911 funds rather than from...? Yeah, okay, thank you.

President Raben: No discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Before I vote, I just want everybody out there to know that all this has been discussed last week, so we're not just passing all this through. It's already been discussed. So I vote yes on it. We're going pretty fast.

President Raben: And I'm doing that to allow as much time as we can for the discussion we're going to get to in just a little bit.

Councilmember Bassemier: Sure, I just didn't want them to think we're just going to rubber stamp everything up here.

President Raben: Right. And again, what Councilman Bassemier is saying is, last Wednesday we had discussion with all the officeholders on each and every request here, so we are not rubber stamping.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

911 EMERGENCY SERVICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3290-3890	Central Dispatch	47,200.00	47,200.00
Total		47,200.00	47,200.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL PROJECT

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, Jail Project appropriation, line item 3660-4192 Jail Project in the amount of \$698,985. I'll move approval and then I have a point to make.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Discussion?

Councilmember Winnecke: I would just say that this is an additional payment to the architectural and engineering firm contracted by the county to design the new jail. This is for services rendered to date and this money will be reimbursed to the county General fund upon the sale of the bonds.

President Raben: Okay, and I did have the opportunity just prior to this meeting to speak with Commissioner Mosby and he reassured me that this will be the last and final request until the point which the bonds are sold and we can be reimbursed. So –

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Raben, could I have Commissioner Mosby up here please?

President Raben: Is he still in the audience? I'm sorry, I'm not...is Commissioner Mosby still in the audience?

Councilmember Bassemier: What about Catherine? Either one, I just want to –

President Raben: Catherine, would you step to the microphone?

Councilmember Bassemier: – get it on record that we're going to be reimbursed.

Catherine Fanello: Catherine Fanello, County Commissioner.

Councilmember Bassemier: And that is correct, we're going to be reimbursed this \$698,985 after the bond issue is granted?

Catherine Fanello: Yes, Councilman, and we are on target with the bond issue and we do hope that those will be issued by July 1st of this year.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, ma'am. I just wanted that on record. Thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President?

Catherine Fanello: I thought I was getting off easy there.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, this isn't a tough question, I don't think. We have been billed for this full amount now?

Catherine Fanello: No, we haven't. That will be the total amount, they will be finished with the design development phase by the end of March. So we will not pay out full payment for that phase until they have completed the work. We will pay what they have billed us to date, which I think they are 70% completed with the design development but they are 100% completed with schematic design.

Councilmember Hoy: I pay my bills, I just pay them when they are due.

Catherine Fanello: We will, too. Thank you.

President Raben: Okay, is that it for 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

JAIL PROJECT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3660-4192	Jail Project	698,985.00	698,985.00
Total		698,985.00	698,985.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Sutton: Before we get away from the jail there’s something I wanted to inquire about. Over the last two years we have made an appropriation of around the range of \$2.7 million toward the jail project and when I look at our balances for this year, and we’ve been making that appropriation either in January or February in the past two years, and I look at our balance sheet for this year, I would like to get an idea of where we might get those funds – what fund we’re going to get this appropriation from because in our, and if you go back and take a look at our projections on the reason why we came up with the \$35,000,000 jail project, it was based upon putting aside \$2.7 million every year for a period of ten years and when we did that, we had a great deal of discussion on that. And two years ago I had a great deal of caution and was really concerned about committing future Councils or even this body for a ten year period when we had really nothing to base that on and our County Auditor presented the information to us, that that would be the way in which we could fund this \$35,000,000 project. Now that we do not have that money, I’d like to hear some discussion on how we’re going to pay for this project when we obviously do not have the funds that we had last year. We had a

very healthy balance last year, something like close to \$5,000,000, and this year we're looking at an unappropriated balance in the General fund just a shade over \$1.8 million. So that places us in a pretty precarious situation. Now I think it really warrants some discussion here when all of our assumptions and our project is based upon this \$2.7 million per year for ten years and we've only done it two years.

President Raben: Okay, that's a good question. I guess at some point we need to look at what's happened in the last 12 months in the economy. I'm very optimistic that, and I think that's what some of these people in front of us are going to propose, that we're not in a decline forever. You know, we've discussed that we do have money to set aside, we discussed the COIT Windfall just a little bit ago, that's roughly 1.4 – 1.5. While we may not have 2.7 this year, I'm very optimistic that we'll have it again in our coffers. And bear in mind that we started this program early just in the event that we would see a year or two that could be tough times. I mean, we've got \$5.4 million set aside right now. That's unprecedented. You never see that amount of money set aside three or four or five years before completion of a project. So if we're able to set aside a million, a million four this year, we come back with 2.7 next year, you know, we probably won't even begin debt service on those bonds until late 2004, 2005, really 2005. So at that time we're going to be so far ahead of the ball game, one year, one slump really isn't going to have a grave effect on it. In fact, you know, again, we're setting money and have been setting money aside at an unprecedented rate prior to any projects. So that's, I guess we can pat ourselves on the back for beginning this process early. I don't know if anyone else has –

Councilmember Sutton: Well, you're going to need to come up with \$1.8 million – if you're just using 20 year amortization and using about 7% interest, you're going to need to come up with a shade over \$1.8 million per year and that's what we have in our unappropriated balance this year. And so we can talk about what future things may come about and what may – I'm just dealing with the reality of what we have right now and we don't have the dollars and we don't know what the economy is going to be the rest of this year or next year. What I'm saying is, we need to come up with a definite plan, a game plan of how we're going to address this because we obviously, is we were making that – if we were obligated to that debt service this year, we wouldn't have the dollars. And they're going to be through with the bonding process, as was mentioned earlier, in July. So granted, we won't need the money until probably 2005, but that has a grave effect upon the bond and what whole process if we don't have the ability to carry that debt service that's going to obviously hit us here pretty soon.

President Raben: And a lot of that is going to be based on the new assessed valuation, too, which could or could not have a grave effect on it. I mean, it could potentially help the situation so, again, we'll examine this. That's a great question. I might encourage – I tell you, Councilman Winnecke and myself, if I've got any volunteers, we can't meet in groups larger than three, but sometime over the next thirty or sixty days, let's sit down with the Auditor.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, what we don't want, and I think we were pretty clear on that about no tax increase, but if we're looking at it this way, where are we going to get the dollars? So that's why I'm saying let's communicate this to the public. We want to make sure that everyone clearly knows what our game plan is on this thing.

President Raben: And again, we still, at some point in time, we can begin to establish a line item in our budget. You know, we've not needed to do that but we can do that at any given point. Councilman Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: That's one of the reasons I was advising that we be cautious, you know, at this point at budget time because in addition to the bond issue we're going to

have to pay for staff for that jail and that figure is not going to go down at all. So we will have to budget for it and I think we're going to have to be extremely careful.

President Raben: Okay, thank you. We do need to move on.

TRANSFER REQUEST

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, we have one transfer, that's in Cum Bridge from line item 2030-4230 Motor Vehicles in the amount of \$91,000 to line item 2030-4250 Miscellaneous Equipment in the amount of \$91,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? No 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-4230	Motor Vehicles	91,000.00	91,000.00
To: 2030-4250	Misc. Equipment	91,000.00	91,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Sutton: Excuse me, Mr. President, before we get – I meant to say something. I was – when will we bring that information back? I guess in looking at that

and talking about that, you know, you talked about two or three people. Can we get some information back on how we're going to pay for this jail here within the next couple of months?

President Raben: Let's set that for maybe our first meeting in June.

Councilmember Winnecke: So, as a committee, get together prior to that?

President Raben: Right.

Councilmember Winnecke: That's fine.

President Raben: Okay, next, Mr. Winnecke.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Amendments to the Salary Ordinance. Treasurer, amend Salary Ordinance line 1030-1200 Counter & Posting Clerk as the appropriation previously approved. The current employee's 2003 salary is set in at \$22,423. The current employee is a COMOT III, Step II. Scott Township Assessor, to amend Salary Ordinance line 1160-1110 Assessor as previously approved. This appropriation request was to reinstate funds for the salary line that was underpaid in 2002. Election Office-Special Election, to amend the salary lines as previously approved. Treasurer/Reassessment, to amend Salary Ordinance adding line 2492-1030-1300 Regular Overtime as previously approved. And one correction, the Sheriff, in the Sheriff's budget amend Salary Ordinance line 1050-1110 Deputy Sheriff to set in the 2003 salary at \$37,468. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

President Raben: Mr. President, I'm sorry. I made an error, I thought it was a typo. I need to amend the motion, the Sheriff's correction is actually to amend Salary Ordinance line 105D-1110 Deputy Sheriff to be set in at the 2003 salary at \$37,468. I move to amend my motion.

Councilmember Wortman: And I amend my second.

President Raben: Okay, our motion maker and his seconder have both amended their motions. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">INDIANA TUBE CORPORATION APPLICATION FOR ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA DESIGNATION AND ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY TAX ON REAL ESTATE IMPROVEMENTS AND NEW MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT/RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EQUIPMENT</p>

President Raben: Under Old Business, there is no old business before us. Next is new business, Indiana Tube Corporation, application for economic revitalization area designation and abatement of property tax on real estate improvements and new manufacturing equipment/research and development equipment. I might remind everyone, this is our first hearing on this and is there anyone here that would like to speak to this? Rob?

Rob Schaefer: There are two gentlemen from Indiana Tube here if you want to...

President Raben: Yes, and would you state your name for the record?

Rob Schaefer: Sure. Rob Schaefer, DMD.

President Raben: Okay, does anyone have any questions for the representatives from Indiana Tube? Would you state your name for the record?

Larry Volz: Larry Volz, I'm the controller and this is Steve Ringeman, Vice President of Operations.

President Raben: Okay, thank you. Any questions?

Councilmember Winnecke: I would just ask you to basically describe the project for which you seek the abatement.

Larry Volz: Okay, there's several projects, there's four of them. The first one is \$2.1 million for a large diameter tube mill. This will add eight jobs to the facility and it will enhance our business. It's another product that we don't have the offering for right now, so this will expand our customer base. Another project is, we just got a business for the Amana condenser and we got a new line that we're putting in now for that. That's a half million dollars. And then there's a research lab which will help us service the customers better. It's a new building. It's in addition to the building and it's for (inaudible) million

dollars. And then there's an (inaudible) line, painting line, painting system, that's \$1.9 million, and this will increase our competitive advantage in the business by giving us a more efficient painting system. Right now we use the powder coating system and this will result in cost savings, will make us competitive with the industry.

Steve Ringeman: It's all about expanding our business at Indiana Tube.

Councilmember Winnecke: Just to clarify, for each of the four projects, the projection is to increase employment by 14 total, is that right?

Larry Volz: It's retaining six people, otherwise we'd have to lay them off. For the Amana line, right now we're in the process of building that condenser and we have six jobs there we will retain. Otherwise we would have to lay off our current employees, and then the eight additional jobs are for the large diameter tube mill.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, thank you.

President Raben: Mr. Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: You've been before us before, but I don't have my notes with me. On your health insurance, what portion do you pay? What portion does the employee pay and does it cover the whole family?

Larry Volz: Yes, we pay probably what, about 85%? And it covers the whole family.

Councilmember Hoy: And your pension plan, would you comment on that?

Larry Volz: We have a pension plan but I'm not that familiar with it, I've only been –

Steve Ringeman: We do have a pension plan for all our employees plus the 401(k) for all our employees.

Councilmember Hoy: They pay part of the pension and you pay part of it, is that correct?

Steve Ringeman: Yes. There's contributions from the company for union as well as (Inaudible).

Councilmember Hoy: You are a union shop?

Steve Ringeman: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: I've got a question for Rob. Rob, what is your department's recommendation?

Rob Schaefer: Troy asked me last week, he asked how many years would they get if it was a city project, because the city has a scoring system and so I looked at it today. And it would score somewhere around eight years, so that's what I would recommend.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: Do we put that into the vote today, Mr. President, that length or

not? Is that later?

President Raben: I might turn to our legal counsel and –

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Winnecke says that's later.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, section five already has – I'm sure you have something in section five?

Rob Schaefer: (Inaudible – comments not made from the microphone)

Jeff Ahlers: Okay, because the one that's currently been furnished in our packets says ten years, so –

Rob Schaefer: I have one that is blank and you can write in the number.

Jeff Ahlers: Okay, so then it needs to go ahead and be included now then?

Rob Schaefer: Right.

Jeff Ahlers: So I guess whenever someone makes a motion, they need to make a motion as to how many years they want to have included into the resolution. That resolution is the same in all other respects except for the number of years, is that right? Okay, because he doesn't have enough copies for everybody, but what you'll need to do is just to "X" out, whatever was voted on, you'll have a copy.

Councilmember Sutton: Rob, did you indicate how many previous abatements have been granted to this company?

Rob Schaefer: Two.

Councilmember Sutton: Two previous abatements have been granted? Okay.

President Raben: Okay. The Chair will now entertain a motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Actually, I don't think we vote – oh yeah, we do, don't we?

President Raben: Yeah, first reading.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. With that motion you need to state under section five that the length of deduction will be established for eight years, if you would make that amendment to your motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll amend the motion to state that section five, the term of the abatement should be eight years.

Councilmember Wortman: Second that.

President Raben: Okay. Now we're official. Any further discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: You know, I generally like to see a few more jobs created in an abatement request than what we have here. And in the past I've voted for some and then others, there's been some other factors that entered in and jobs are one, but I like to see that we're not giving abatement to the same companies time after time. I think it's a great economic tool for us that's been a benefit to this county, but I'd like for us to spread that around, those opportunities around. So I vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I'll shock everybody because I usually vote no on abatements right across the board, but you guys pay an excellent wage, you pay good benefits and these are the kind of jobs I'm in favor of. I'm not terribly in favor of abatement, but you've always done well and I'm going to vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Banner headline on page one, tomorrow. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes. And I, too, am shocked.

(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Tornatta & Sutton opposed)

**PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO LLOYD WINNECKE,
2002 COUNTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

President Raben: Okay, before we get into the Convention & Visitors Bureau production here today, I need to take care of one matter. Every year we present a plaque to the outgoing president for the County Council and so I have the distinct honor to present to Lloyd Winnecke, as our 2002 president, the plaque from the Vanderburgh County Council. And on behalf of the Vanderburgh County Council, you did a great job and we thank you. Okay, allow us to change the tape and then we'll move on.

(Tape Changed)

**EVANSVILLE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU
TOURISM CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR
PROPOSED BASEBALL STADIUM**

President Raben: The time is now 4:20. Some of you may have been in the prior

meetings, some may not, but we have to vacate this room at 5:45 for Area Plan to meet. So I see there's a lot of people here. I assume a lot of people here wish to speak or ask questions. I hate to do this, but we're going to have to set a time limit for each and every one that comes before us to speak for or against. I'm going to set the time at two minutes each. I know that probably doesn't sound like a lot, but to give everyone an opportunity to speak here tonight, that's what we're going to have to do. So next is the Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau Capital Development Fund request. Bev, would you state your name?

Bev Oswald: Bev Oswald, and I don't have a production. I'll talk real quickly here. As you know, the Convention & Visitors Bureau had a request for funding from Mayor Lloyd for the proposed stadium. The request was for \$8,000,000. That was presented to our board. The board felt that this project, the stadium, would play a major role in contributing to the redevelopment of downtown. Also, in a major way, the development of Evansville as a tourist destination for both conventions and entertainment purposes. This sort of development will by necessity create tax dollars for our community in terms of sales tax, and real estate taxes, it will generate from increased development activity. We also feel it will be a catalyst for the downtown to help additional construction projects. We felt we were fortunate to have community leaders who are taking such an active role in this project as well as partners like Aztar, who are willing to step to the plate and assist in funding. We felt the Convention Center was an appropriate expenditure from our capital development just as the soccer fields and the zoo are appropriate expenditures and we also feel that the funding of the stadium is appropriate for us. We felt that \$8,000,000 would inhibit us from doing some other projects that we would like to be able to help fund, i.e. the soccer field and help with the zoo. So after discussion internally, we've passed the following motion at our meeting on February the 10th: beginning in 2005, the Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau shall commit \$245,000 per year for 20 years for a total of \$4.9 million for the retirement of the debt for the downtown baseball stadium. This commitment shall cease on or before January 1, 2025, and this motion is with the understanding that if additional funding becomes available that could adequately service the bond that is used to build the stadium, the commitment from the Convention & Visitors Bureau would be lowered in order to return those funds to the Tourism Capital Development Fund to continue working for new projects and to move Evansville forward. So we thought that was very important to put in that. That was passed and we would like to request that the County Council also help to support this motion. The Mayor is here. There's a financial consultant to answer questions that you may have as well.

President Raben: And Bev, I may not have made myself very clear here. I'm going to allow ample time for the production. It may be helpful, if I could have just a general idea of who did wish to speak, if we could have a show of hands so I know how much time we can allow. Okay, yeah, I mean, two minutes may be short of what I can give you. We can probably allow as much time as needed then. I was under the assumption that there may be 50 people wishing to be heard and I was trying to make sure that we got as many of them as possible. Okay, so continue on.

Bev Oswald: Well, my production is over. If you have anymore questions for me or financial questions, I'd prefer that the financial consultant answer those but we –

Councilmember Bassemier: We thought you were going kind of fast.

Bev Oswald: I did, I got my part in in two minutes. Thank you.

President Raben: It's hard to give a two minute presentation, isn't it?

Russell Lloyd: Okay, I'll start my production. Mayor Russell Lloyd, and I'll try to keep it brief. We did have a public meeting last night at the CK Newsome Center. That was a good meeting. The host was your Councilmember Royce Sutton. I thought that went well. And I'm passing out a letter that kind of highlights how this process has evolved. And what we're asking the County Council for is to follow the recommendation of the Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau and approve the \$245,000 Hotel/Motel Tax that once the Pagoda is paid off, this money would be redirected toward bonds for the new proposed minor league baseball stadium, a total of \$13,000,000. We have Jim Higgins here who is a financial consultant from London Witte Group to answer your financial questions. Briefly, if you recall, this has been a process that was ongoing for over a year and a half. I appointed a group of business leaders to conduct a feasibility study on the possibility of a minor league baseball stadium in downtown Evansville. And some of the goals that I had: to offer wholesome affordable family entertainment, to revitalize downtown, to create new jobs, preserve and protect Bosse Field, and obtain a long-term commitment from a major-league affiliated Class A baseball team owner. And finally, a pledge that no new taxes will be levied on the homeowners of Evansville. And what we've been able to do here is come up with a project that we feel will accomplish all these goals and we think that this will be a benefit for Evansville. The Convention & Visitors Bureau approved it because they see the tourism value in this facility. We think it's going to improve the quality of life here in our city. It's going to be affordable family entertainment and by partnering with Main Street Baseball LLC, David Heller, Cal Ripken and Don Mattingly, that's also going to bring Ripken Youth Baseball to our city, which is very exciting, where we can have hundreds, maybe even thousands of kids coming in under the Cal Ripken Camp for baseball camps and, in fact, they're ready to start this summer. One of the things that we're looking at for the city of Evansville, we want to make the city an entertainment venue, a destination place. We've seen this succeed in other cities such as Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Dayton, Ohio; Peoria, Illinois; and we would like to have these kind of attractions. You're talking about a facility that would have 70 home games, 4,000 plus people per game, bringing that kind of traffic into the city. We also know, based on a study by Convention Sports & Leisure, that this facility will create jobs: construction jobs, over 200 construction jobs. The payroll for that, over \$7 million. And the ongoing operations of the stadium are estimated to create between 140 and 180 jobs with a payroll of over \$2.7 million. We see this as a boon to economic development. We've had developers say, if the city would move forward with this project, we will see new housing in the downtown. We see more development around the stadium and we've seen that in other cities. And just like the county, the city, we want to see our growth in assessed valuation, that's the only way that we can bring this tax rate down is to have the whole pie grow bigger. So when we see more development, whether it's downtown, on the east side, west side, when we see growth in assessed valuation, that's the way that we can bring the tax burden down for our citizens. Finally, I'd just like to state that this plan has been a deliberate process. We studied it for over a year, the financing plan is a legitimate financing plan, and we'll have a gentleman from London Witte kind of explain that for you because I know you're very interested in the finances. But the city is moving on the location at 2nd & Fulton. This is the Redevelopment Commission, which their mission is to redevelop areas that are downtown within the redevelopment district. So the location there, which right now is a parking lot, an adult bookstore and some other businesses that the city would assist in relocating, we are working to acquire that property now. The selection of a team ownership group, we had a feasibility committee look at that, and we were looking for an ownership group that had experience and that would make a long-term commitment. We're asking them to sign a 20 year lease and assist us as well with a cash contribution towards the construction of the stadium. And as I mentioned, it's Main Street Baseball, LLC, Mr. David Heller, as well as his partners Don Mattingly and Cal Ripken, Jr. Let me go ahead and bring up Jim Higgins from London Witte Group, but at our public hearing yesterday we brought out some diagrams of the proposed design. We think it's an exciting design. It is going to have a large plaza

area that will be open year-round so people can walk around the park. And we think that its an exciting design and we think this is really going to be a wonderful opportunity for our citizens. So I would ask for your support in that. And I guess before we bring him up, does anybody have any questions? You've heard it all before. Thank you. Jim?

Jim Higgins: Thank you, Mayor. Mr. President and members of the Council, my name is Jim Higgins. I'm a principal with the firm of London Witte Group in Indianapolis, and we've been retained by the Redevelopment Commission to assist in the financing of this project. The handout, which is being circulated kind of summarizes some of the information that you may have seen or read before about the project and I'll give you a very brief synopsis and then be more than happy to entertain your questions that you might have. As the Mayor noted, this is projected to be a 25 and a half million dollar project. And the first page simply goes through what makes up those costs, how we get to 25 and a half million dollars as its been estimated. The second page talks about how its going to be financed. There is an up-front contribution that Casino Aztar is making of \$10,000,000. In the entire scope of the project there is \$6,000,000, approximately, that's being contributed by the team ownership. About \$3,000,000 of those funds are actually tied to the construction of the building for our estimate, which leaves approximately 12 and a half million dollars to be funded by a bond that would be issued by the Redevelopment Corporation. The plan for financing is that we're going to spend the money that we have available first, the Aztar money, the ownership contribution as groundbreaking occurs and goes forward. The city's money would be the last money put into the pot. The ultimate bond issue to be issued will be a taxable tax-backed bond. It's taxable because of the private use of the stadium through the lease, so it doesn't meet the requirements that we would have to have to do a tax exempt financing under the Internal Revenue Service code. It's tax backed in that it assists in the marketability of the bonds. From an investor's standpoint, by having the full faith and credit of the Redevelopment Commission stand behind those bonds, we believe and experience has shown us that that's a much more attractive product to put into the market. The more attractive it is, the higher the demand; the higher the demand for the bonds, the lower the interest rate. So as we prepare to petition the Department of Local Government Finance for this, we have to prove that while we want tax backed bonds, that there is a likelihood or a greater likelihood that we're not going to have to put those taxes into place. So we've developed, and the bonds will be structured so that, while they're tax backed, the bond payments can come from any legally available revenues to the Redevelopment Commission. The third page starts to outline what those are. At the top of the page, we talk about the annual lease payment that's being discussed. A supplemental lease payment that is in place for the 20 years, and that declines after the first five years. There's a step down, after the second five years there's a step down, and then a base amount that runs through years 11 to 20. The tax from the Convention & Visitors Bureau, which we're addressing today, and then funding that comes from the sports development. So those are the four major primary components that are attached to that project. In addition, the city is in the process of looking at and requesting from the legislature a county option auto rental excise tax to be adopted. Those five funds will generate money that will be more than sufficient to make the debt service payment on the bonds and on that schedule. On the third page, you'll see we looked at interest rates of both six and seven percent. And it just depends on where the market is a year from now as to what that interest rate would be. But those are extremely conservative numbers for tax backed obligations currently given the structure that we're proposing. I guess with that, I want to make sure that I don't dwell on these but address your questions if you should have any. And so I pause here to take any questions you might have.

Councilmember Wortman: Will the fixed rate or flexible rate be affected in the interest rates for so many years?

Jim Higgins: Are you talking about the interest rate on the final bonds? We'll look at that, where the market's at. I would tell you today, if we were looking at bonds with a variable rate, there are two problems with that. We have a very fixed revenue stream as you'll see and interest rates are at historic lows. So at today's market to do a variable rate deal without having some flexibility in our numbers, it wouldn't necessarily be advantageous for us because rates will go nowhere but up. We'll look at that at the time of the bond sale and determine what's in the best interest of the Redevelopment Commission so we're not ruling anything out. But today we would opt for fixed rates over variable rates. These numbers, in addition, the sports development, some numbers you'll notice are flat. We didn't factor in any inflationary factor or growth factor or anything else because from the bond holder's perspective, they're looking at buying the bonds based on the tax backing. Internally, we need to look at what those other revenue sources are so that we're sure that we don't have to put a tax in place.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you.

President Raben: Councilman Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: If you could, on the, I guess its about three pages back where you make the spread across the years on the debt service, you've got that labeled annual license fee base, that would be, that is the lease?

Jim Higgins: That is the annual lease payment.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, and then the next one, additional license fee, I'm assuming that's the ticket tax?

Jim Higgins: Well, it's in lieu of a ticket tax. Rather than establish a ticket tax and have that money collected and put back, be collected and run all the way through the process, it's my understanding that the owners are willing to pay a supplemental lease payment that would be approximately what a ticket tax would be. And on this type of a setup, so it's not so much generated to – somebody will correct me if I'm wrong, but it's not so much as (inaudible) a tax where it has to go through a collection process. It will be a direct payment from the owners to the Redevelopment Commission. So we've kind of taken out the middleman.

Councilmember Winnecke: It's actually called a revenue sharing situation – I believe that's correct. And the \$345,000 that you see in each of the first five years is a cap and then it falls off after that. But I think probably a better way to look at it is a revenue sharing arrangement between the ownership group and the city.

Councilmember Hoy: But does that come from ticket sales anywhere, that amount?

Jim Higgins: Councilman, do you want to...

Councilmember Winnecke: Well, it's my understanding that it can come from any revenue source of the owner. I mean, he's sharing his revenue that –

Jim Higgins: Which would include ticket sales.

Councilmember Hoy: It just sounds, you know...

Jim Higgins: And I took that from the preliminary agreement.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm a magician and I know how to do the three shell game, okay?

And that's just a maneuvering of things as far as I'm concerned.

Councilmember Sutton: The other question I guess I had, the sources that we see reflected here in this proposal, are these the sources that you intend to use to repay on the debt service on this project? Is this your plan?

Jim Higgins: This is the plan as we have it today. The bonds, again, are going to be structured so any legally available revenues, so that if revenues become available in the future, then those revenues can be put into play, and as was mentioned, when the auto excise rental tax comes into play, then the issue regarding the hotel and motel tax is revisited so that that drops off. So we're not pledging that we're using this money outside of the stadium lease money on the sports development side, but the other funds are just whatever is legally available to the city and the Redevelopment Commission.

Councilmember Sutton: And that's the optimistic point of view. Now let's look at the pessimistic point of view. What if one of these funding sources as you have it planned here does not materialize? For example, the auto rental tax is one that is being heavily depended on, you're talking about somewhere in the neighborhood of \$600,000 on that, that doesn't materialize. What is the backup plan for that one or any of the other sources since you did mention that these are the – these are the primary sources. Obviously it means you've got some secondary sources, backup plan. I'd like to hear that.

Jim Higgins: Right. The first issue is on the auto rental excise tax and when it goes into effect. On that third sheet and again, bond sale is a year from now because we're not going to issue bonds initially for construction just from a money standpoint. These are going to be taxable bonds and they have an interest rate of 7%. And the Redevelopment Commission now is sitting on \$13,000,000 to pay out contracts as they're due. We're only going to earn in today's market about 2% on that money if we're lucky, so we're going to be under water. So we're using a construction loan setup in the beginning, kind of like a line of credit. So with that in mind we're a year from now before we issue the bonds. If the auto rental excise tax is delayed, then as we structure the bond payment, we may look at only interest payments in the first year or two years of the bonds. The third sheet at the bottom, I've identified what those interest only payments are and our four primary sources in the first two years cover that payment. So that's again, we've got some flexibility because we're 18 months out before we issue the bonds.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, so keep on going beyond that third year then.

Jim Higgins: Beyond the third year other revenue sources that might be available, and again, as I mention this, I'm not making any commitment as far as what those funds are, but there is a possibility that TIF funding can be used, not existing TIF funding, but there is projected TIF funding with projects that are out there. New increment that's coming on-line that would more than make up after the third or fourth year of this projection, that auto rental excise tax. And so, again, it's at the discretion of the Redevelopment Commission as to what other legally available revenues are there.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess I would have to express some concern if that were – hopefully, that would not be a source that would be used on the TIF side, and in particular, for those of you who are aware, you know, Pigeon Township has the lowest income, highest number of indigent families in our community. But also, it's the highest taxed township in Vanderburgh County. And we're talking about drawing additional funds and we just had a presentation from the school corporation no more than an hour ago talking about the possibility of a tax increase that they want on the referendum. And I just mentioned earlier about a jail project that we're talking about that we've got to pay

for and figure out where the funds are going to come from. So that's the pause that I have about using that as a source because the number of low income persons that live in Pigeon Township would be greatly affected in an adverse way if those funds were drawn upon.

Jim Higgins: And the Mayor has made it clear from the beginning and I don't want to speak for the Mayor, but, and I think he just did earlier when he mentioned he didn't want to have this be a property tax increase. Property taxes are the last resort in any case, be it a new levy or using TIF. But the Council and the Redevelopment Commission will have a bevy of funding options on how they go forward. And some of that may very well rely on how the bonds are structured. These numbers, the debt service numbers that are shown here estimate, which you start paying principal back in the first year. And then you have level debt payments over the 20 years. Bonds are quite frequently structured so that you have lower payments in the beginning and then you back-load some of the debt and that's also an option that we could look at. But again, our primary focus is to get this done with the revenues that are available without drawing against those current TIF dollars or property taxes.

Councilmember Sutton: And then, I guess as well, I asked the question last night at the forum whether this was a public project or a private project. The Mayor's response, and I don't want to put words in the Mayor's mouth, but I think his quote was this is a public/private project. Am I correct? And I see that Casino Aztar, they're injecting \$10,000,000 into this project. Really, it's in advance lease payments that they are already going to make and we're looking at a number of other sources here, how much – I guess I'd like to see some additional private investment into this project. I mean, we're talking about a lot of public sources here even if you're talking about the auto rental or you're talking about a number of those things essentially are public sources. On your side, obviously, reducing that bond issue would be a great help, but I'd like to hear some discussion about additional corporate infusion or support for this since we do have a public/private venture. I've heard some discussions about the naming rights on the stadium. I don't know how that would affect your bond issue, but can you talk about that or someone that's representing how we can see a little bit more of the private side here on this project separate from just the public portion of this?

Jim Higgins: And Councilman, I have not been involved in that side of the discussion and so I would feel free to turn it over to the Mayor.

Russell Lloyd: I did want to mention, we do have Niel Ellerbrook here, CEO of Vectren Corporation, who was the chairperson of the feasibility study that looked at the minor league baseball stadium. We also have David Knapp, who is the Executive Director of the Evansville Regional Business Committee. On the private side, of course, you've got the owner's contribution which towards the construction part is \$3,000,000. Additionally, I think corporate support for various aspects of the project such as the sky boxes, I think there's a number of them. Within the Regional Business Committee, and we could ask one of them if they wanted to talk about that, obviously, I think you'd look for a local corporation or a large corporate presence here whether it's in Evansville or a large division to be the one that would get the naming rights. And these are things that typically in other cities the public sector will build the facility and then lease it out to the private owner. So we could have the private owner speak to some of that because they would go out and sell the naming rights. I think one of the estimates for this project was \$2,000,000 for the naming rights. And we think it would be a great opportunity for one of our corporate citizens. But anyway, I mean, that's something that I could have one of these gentlemen speak to.

Councilmember Sutton: I'd like to hear that.

Councilmember Winnecke: As they approach I might just offer this, I think –

Unidentified: Mr. President, if this is allowed to continue, you're going to run out of time before the rest of us can –

President Raben: What I'm going to do, based on the hands, at 5:00 I'm going to end the presentation and then go to discussion. So that will allow 45 minutes, sir. Okay.

Niel Ellerbrook: Councilman Sutton, would you please restate specifically what your question is?

President Raben: Would you state your name for the record?

Niel Ellerbrook: Niel Ellerbrook, Vectren Corporation.

Councilmember Sutton: My question was, the project, as indicated, that it's a public/private venture and I indicated, we talked about the Aztar dollars, that advance lease payments that are being included in the project. And we've talked about the public side of the project trying to get an idea of the additional private investment that would be included into this project so it truly can be a public/private venture.

Niel Ellerbrook: Well, it seems to me it already meets the definition of being a public and private venture with the funds that are already there. I can tell you this, though, that it is certainly the intent of Vectren Corporation to support the project through attendance whether that be a suite, whether that be encouraging people to attend, whether that be buying tickets, but this project needs to be successful long-term for the community and I think that that means it needs to be well attended and supported. We also, of course, moved the substation, which I think you're aware of which was on the site, so that's been done. That sort of support has been there. We've also talked about the Ripken Youth Baseball program which is part of this project and looking ahead to that, we see ourselves supporting, particularly the underprivileged kids and being able to participate and attend those camps. But if you're, I mean, not to –

Councilmember Sutton: Well, we're talking about – and I don't mean to cut you off, but I guess when I'm looking at a multi-million dollar project, I guess I'm kind of looking at some pretty major dollars being put on the table. Like I said, the Aztar money was going to be paid anyway, just to another source. The owner, they want this team, you know, as a part of trying to come to this community or any community, he's got to put dollars on the table. And I guess I'm just trying to get a sense and feel how much corporate support or private support we've got out there that from a monetary standpoint, that can help this project along.

Niel Ellerbrook: Well, it would be easier for me to respond I guess if you would tell me specifically why you think that ought to be part of the project other than, of course, driving down the cost, which it would. I mean, what sort of a return would the private corporate sector get from those sorts of capital contributions?

Councilmember Sutton: The possibility of lowering, if TIF is used or considered, eliminating that as a possibility, that's one reason. The other reason is the bond issue could possibly be lower than what we've got now. We're talking about a \$13,000,000 bond issue, possibly have a lower bond issue there and reducing the amount of debt service that has to be addressed on this project. So those are really the two key things that I think could be possibilities if there was some additional investment on –

Niel Ellerbrook: Well, I certainly agree that those would be possibilities. What I'm trying

to determine is, I guess, why the project as proposed is not adequate. Because what we studied was what had been done in other communities and whether or not there was sufficient capital sources to construct the stadium and then whether there's sufficient revenue sources to repay the debt that would be needed to fill in the gap and still provide ticket prices that would be very attractive to the average family, and all of that is in place. I mean, I could understand the desire to drive the cost down, but I'm not sure that I understand exactly why you think that that ought to come from the corporate sector.

Councilmember Sutton: Precisely, I think they have explored as many public sources, I think, as they possibly could. I mean, I commend the committee for doing that and that is a public, private venture. Unless there are some other sources out there and I'm pretty sure they are doing everything possible, you guys are looking everywhere possible where you can get some additional funding. But the possibility of any of these other sources that may not come through, that's the area that I want to be assured and feel some degree of comfort that we have a stable financial plan that will carry us through and we're not solely dependent upon all the public sources here.

Niel Ellerbrook: Well, I think Mr. Higgins certainly described the plan and I think there are adequate revenue sources that are projected to repay the debt and we believe that the debt to finance the stadium ought to be very marketable. The corporate community has obviously been very involved. Having dedicated countless hours to exploring the feasibility of the project, trying to determine whether or not it would be beneficial to the community long-term, and have concluded, obviously, that it would be, and that adequate financing is in place so that we could recommend to the Mayor and the community as a whole that this is a project that we ought to proceed on. And in so doing, we certainly intend to make it successful long term by supporting it in every way we reasonably can.

President Raben: Councilman Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, first off I'd like to thank your group for putting the effort in, the corporate people who have pushed this. You know, there is a debt of gratitude to those entities, owe a debt of gratitude for the hard work and coming up with some type of terms for the Visitors & Convention Bureau because we put them in a position to work for us to help us out with certain issues. The few things and I'll follow up with a couple of things Councilman Sutton said, you mentioned, and Mayor Lloyd mentions more than enough sources to repay the bonds. And I think that part of that is trying to find out if something falls through. We say there's more than enough, but I don't think we've heard more than enough sources to pay these bonds. That was just one question, either one of you can answer that. And then the second one is, are we in a position to approve a contract without having the funding in place? And I think that that's something that we've talked about and rehashed more than once even in the minutes. In November 7, 2001, Councilman Wortman said, I haven't said a word, but I have been up here 23 years and we have never approved a contract without funding in place. And so these are certain things that I guess I'd like to have resolved before we can – before I'll feel comfortable with going further.

Jim Higgins: Councilman, let me address your second question first as far as having funding in place. Where we're at right now is the Redevelopment Commission intends to petition the Department of Local Government Finance at their meeting coming up at the end of March to seek their approval for the issuance of the bonds. If that, in fact, that order is approved, at that point then and I'm condensing it and taking all of the legal steps out of it, but at that point, the Redevelopment Commission will enter into a construction/financing agreement. I mean, at that point we have the authority to go out and to issue the bonds, so we do have a funding mechanism in place, the ultimate

funding mechanism. The next step then is to get the construction loan and the bridge financing in place and then the issuance of the bonds some 18 months out. So at the time that the construction contracts are signed and those bids are awarded, the plan has been approved and we've met the rules that the Department of Local Government Finance puts out as far as having the bonding in place, so at that point everything is done except for the actual issuance of the bonds, but all of the legal steps necessary to issue them have occurred. So at that point, the Redevelopment Commission, at the time they get to those contracts have pretty much committed themselves to go forward, so it's not a matter of if there's any risk they're taking because we've passed muster for all of the steps that needed to be taken.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and it shows here, not to get off of the subject, but talking of funding, the auto rental tax we show here, 640. Obviously on our form it says looking at 600, is a conservative number for that? Do we have a number that we will see?

Jim Higgins: We used a study that was done by the Legislative Services Agency last year when there was a similar tax and a rate of 2% that was proposed for the county for the zoo and some other projects. Legislative Services went to the Department of Revenue and said that their estimates of the 2001 collections was in excess of 500 and – I want to say its \$540,000. And that was at a 4% rate. And what had been proposed is a 5% rate, so we took that number from 2001, brought it up to an equivalent at 5% and we haven't, again, factored anything into it. That's based on the actual collections that the state received for its auto rental excise tax during the calendar year 2001. So that number should be more in 2003 and 2004, just based on an inflationary factor from what it costs to rent a car.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and one of the final comments that I had and this comes off of kind of an appropriation resolution that Councilman Sutton had drawn up, is there anything in the lease agreement that, of course, I feel that we need to see some type of contract or some type of agreement between the two sources so that we know of any shortfalls or at least we can feel comfortable in signing off on the process. But is there anything in that package that would be a shortfall for the county whether it be the LLC of the corporation if they do go defunct, do they have personal guarantees? Are there other issues that we would like to know about? We talk about the ticket tax or in lieu of the ticket tax, what are the stipulations, where does that tax go? What's the next step? We talk about it does go down in value, what is that value so we can have an idea on what has to be made up to pay the ultimate year end payment?

Jim Higgins: I have not been part of the lease negotiations with the team so I'm not sure that I'm the best one to address those issues and I know it's still under negotiation.

President Raben: We've got about two minutes.

David Knapp: I can answer a couple of those questions, Mr. Tornatta. My name is David Knapp and I'm the Executive Director of the Evansville Regional Business Committee. Larry Downs is negotiating the contract with the team on behalf of the city. I've been involved in that to some extent. The team is going to be obligated for 75% of the scheduled outstanding debt over the next 20 years, so in other words, if they break the lease and try to leave town, they're going to be obligated for 75% of the scheduled outstanding balance. Which means that the city, if it has the funds can prepay the debt, but that would diminish the amount that the team is going to be liable for. That's the way, it's not signed yet, but that's where it is. Backing that up will be the personal guarantee of Mr. Heller, the city will have a lien on the team itself and the team has a value of probably between four and five million dollars. One of the contenders that wanted to

come to Evansville bought a team in Hagerstown, Maryland and paid \$5,000,000 for it in order to move it here. They weren't selected, but that would give you an idea of what the value is there. Also, the city is attempting to negotiate an irrevocable letter of credit from Heller and Main Street Baseball for two and a half times the annual debt service on the city's or the Redevelopment Commission's bonds. So I think it's a pretty strong incentive for the team owner and it also provides what we think is really strong protection for the city in building the stadium and the team not be successful. In all probability, what would happen is that if it wasn't, the city would try and locate another team but certainly the stadium would be substantially paid for and there would be enough cash flow there to, I think, handle it. So it's a pretty strong contract. The only one I think that's comparable to it is the one that they negotiated in Dayton, and of course, that's where we got the model.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: If the whole house of cards falls and Main Street Baseball, LLC goes broke, files for bankruptcy, then it will be just like any other bankruptcy.

David Knapp: No, we'll have Mr. Heller's personal guarantee that goes through, bankers wouldn't get involved in a deal where we were looking at a shell company or at a special purpose company for our total support.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I read the paper and watch the news and I watch a lot of high flying people get the right kind of lawyers to get out of all kinds of contracts and we both know that.

David Knapp: Well, that may be and of course that's up to the attorney, we have a very good law firm working on it. The irrevocable letter of credit will be issued by a bank also.

President Raben: Okay, Councilman Hoy and Mr. Knapp, thank you. We need to change the tape and then we'll allow comment from the public.

(Tape changed)

President Raben: Okay, state your name and your address please.

Dick Harris: Mr. President, members of the Council, my name is Dick Harris and I live at 112 Charmwood Court, Evansville. As some of you may know I served in the Indiana Legislature from this area both in the Indiana House and in the Indiana Senate. And as you people do, I tried to serve my constituency to the best of my ability. I've been a lifelong republican and I've been a supporter of our mayor until he got off on the baseball kick. And during the time that this committee was out looking around to come back to the city with a report on how minor league baseball was doing in the rest of the country, they apparently overlooked a number of things that were happening. Here in a paper called Baseball America, it points out that the South Bend team was \$286,000 behind on payments to the city of South Bend. It points out that it had been said in the New York Times recently that the debt of minor league baseball in this country had doubled within the last five years. They visited, supposedly Jackson, Tennessee, and I didn't find anything in their report that was bad at all about any of the places that they visited. However, here from Jackson, Tennessee, we come up with a situation where the city was seeking the maximum of \$175,000 for unpaid ticket surcharges. This was during the time our committee was out looking around and they did visit Jackson, I understand. Here is another one about problems in California with minor league baseball teams going bankrupt. I didn't see any of that in the report that I read and they came back with after the study that was supposedly made. How they could have overlooked this, I don't know.

Another thing that concerns me about this is that we had a group of businessmen appointed to decide whether we should have a baseball team or not. Several of these did not live even in Vanderburgh County. Many of them did not live in the city of Evansville, but they were to decide whether this was good for the city of Evansville or not. Now where in this whole thing was John Doe or John Evansville and Joe Evansville represented? The guy who makes the \$40,000 a year and lives in the \$78,000 house had nothing to say about what was going to happen here. And I think that if you people and the other people involved are looking to represent your constituency in the manner that you should or in the manner that I always hoped that elected representatives would, you'll take a harder look at this situation before you make any commitments for additional monies. I was a party to getting local innkeepers to agree to the hotel/motel tax back when it was first imposed. And I didn't think at that time that we would ever see it building baseball parks. Maybe I was just shortsighted. The city administration at this point, this particular situation did not operate as a representative form of government. The Mayor was allowed to appoint the largest number, the majority of the members on the Redevelopment Commission and nothing of this decision on monies or whether this job was going to be done or not was ever brought before the City Council, which is actually a main part of representative government in this city. This was almost a dictatorial situation where the administrator and his own appointees, at least the majority of them were his appointees, made this decision to put this area in this kind of financial situation. The Mayor says that there will be no property tax increase but he also says that part of this money can come out of the TIF situation. Well, the TIF monies have been going into the city's general fund. The city doesn't have a great big balance there, so if you take the TIF monies out, and you run short as a result of that, and I think they probably will, then the only thing I know to do is go out and raise property taxes. With the reassessment situation coming along that we have that's been ordered by the court, we have no idea today how adversely affected our taxpayers are going to be in paying the taxes on their homes. The economy is down at this time. There are countless reasons that we shouldn't be going into this kind of a debt situation regardless of where the money is going to come from. One other thing I'd like to point out, I am a licensed professional geologist and what I'm going to tell you here is not a professional opinion, because I haven't had that much time to study it or look at it. But you're going to build a baseball field down here that is 14 feet below street level and you're building it right up against the river. It seems to me that you may end up with a sizable impoundment down there or be constantly in the situation in which you're pumping water out to keep the baseball field dry. Now again, this is not my professional opinion because I didn't have time to do a study, but it looks like a very likely thing to me. And as a result of that, I'd like for you folks to at least delay until you see that these other sources of income are actually there before you pledge this money from the Convention & Visitors Bureau to finance this. And I thank you for your time in allowing me to speak.

President Raben: Thank you.

Dick Harris: Anybody have any questions?

President Raben: No sir. Thanks again.

Molly Cummings: Hi, my name is Molly Cummings, and I am a citizen of Evansville. And one of my major concerns is when Mayor Lloyd got up, he said a big goal of this project was to create jobs. And yes, it does create construction jobs. You can build any building and that will create a construction job. But I don't call that creating economic jobs when they're going to be at \$6.15 an hour, that does not help economic development. I can go anywhere at this point in time and get a job that pays \$6.15 an hour. I don't feel like that meets the criteria. And when asked last night about would the higher paying jobs come from Evansville citizens, they said they could not guarantee

that. That some would and some wouldn't. So really, the citizens of Evansville aren't really getting many good jobs created from this. They're not going to have benefit packages, not retirements, they're just going to be regular low-paying jobs that I can turn around and get anywhere. I'm a part-time student at USI and the concerns of the students I hear aren't about going out and can I find a low-paying job. It's no, can I find a decent paying job in this area? And that is hard to find. And this project is not creating good paying jobs. I don't feel like it's meeting one of the criteria that Lloyd set for it. And also, affordable entertainment, we have not been told as a public what it is going to cost us to attend these baseball games and I feel that's a problem too, especially if they're going to pay \$6.15 an hour, can those people who work there even go to the baseball games? I think we need to be told if it is really going to be affordable for the public. I am also concerned about the auto rental tax, that really hasn't been passed yet and they're really counting on that money to be used for this project, money that they haven't even told us they're definitely going to get. (Inaudible – comments made away from the microphone) yeah, a problem that I also see that I've just heard today, so I haven't really got to read much on it, is that the corporations who are looking into doing this, he just turned around and asked him and said well, what would corporations get out of it? Why should it come from the private sector? Well, if the private sector is supporting it, but doesn't want to put their money towards it, that shows that maybe something isn't quite right with it, if they are backing it and saying, yeah, we should do this, but yet they don't want to put any of their money up for it, that's a problem. They're the ones pushing it and they say they're not going to get anything from it if they put money towards it. But that was just something I heard today. And then my other concern is, I believe it was Tornatta who alluded to in the paper that it doesn't matter what you all vote, we're still going to get the baseball stadium. And my concern with that is yes, we probably still will get the baseball stadium whether you approve this or not, but to the public, it does matter. It does matter what you all vote because you are the first group, our elected group that have got to see this. The Redevelopment Commission has approved everything else and you're our elected officials. And as our elected body, we want you to show that the people of this city are opposed to it. So what you do say, maybe it won't change whether or not we get this stadium, but it does matter to the people what you vote. It does matter to the citizens of Evansville because you are our elected body and we want you to listen to us and to vote according to our needs and what you believe is best for the city whether or not it's going to go through – the baseball stadium is going to go through or not. Sorry I took up so much time. Thank you very much.

President Raben: Thank you, Molly. Next please.

Don Assalone: Good evening, my name is Don Assalone. I live at 6113 Hamilton Drive in Melody Hills in the county. I've got a number of points I'd like to make and I'll try to keep them as cogent as possible. A number of years ago one of my long lost ancestors said, I've come to praise Caesar, not to bury him. I have also come to praise the stadium and not to bury it, however, my concerns are that instead of a public/private entity, I think it should be a private, public entity, that is in terms of funding. A number of points that I'd like to make is that I'm in favor of the field as I said a moment ago, but I am not in favor of county money and city money because I am a tax payer in the city also with some property. I am not in favor of up-front payments, up-front funding and up-front considerations. I would suggest that we look at back-siding it so that once private enterprise brings it in, then the county and/or the city and/or the state can make concessions in terms of property taxes, seat taxes and any other types of considerations we want to assist it once its here and once its available. The capitalism and profit are not four-letter words. Loss is a four letter word, literally and figuratively. If we lose, we're losing public monies that have been hard paid for through our taxes in other considerations through various governmental entities. We understand as was mentioned

by the two speakers before me that we do not have a true democracy in the city, the state, the county or the country. We are a representative democracy because according to the numbers that I have heard, if we did, in fact, have a true democracy, this thing would probably be voted down without any difficulty whatsoever. I have heard varying numbers, all are north of 50% of the populace is against public funding of the stadium. And if I am mistaken here have somebody correct me, but it's my understanding it's considerably higher than 50%. The other thing is that the Mayor a moment ago mentioned that the new jobs that would be generated would bring in approximately \$2.7 million, I believe. Last year the local soccer organization had one invitational tournament. They brought 3,000 people to the city lasting three, four or five days. They had to cut it off at 3,000 because they didn't have enough soccer fields in order to conduct more games. And they generated approximately two and a half million dollars. One event over three or four days. Imagine if they could do more events as they expectedly will be able to do with the larger soccer fields that we expect to be having out on the north side. My point also is, why can not the Convention & Visitors Bureau give more money to the soccer entity and let them generate more tournaments and more money? It's my understanding that they kicked in something like \$10,000 to generate two and a half million dollars in one event. The next point would be gaming in French Lick. It's a long way from here but I think everybody is of the understanding that if gaming is approved in French Lick be it this year or next year or the year after, then that is going to be a detriment to Casino Aztar. We know very well that Casino Aztar is a floating casino. As soon as they hit that four letter word of loss or less than maximum profit, they're going to seek another venue. And Jim Brown has gone on record as saying he's very much against the French Lick situation because of the drag and the draw down that it's going to make on his situation. Yes, they're bringing in ten million dollars. We have a situation whereby the water and sewer department as I understand it, is going to need \$50,000,000 to upgrade waters and sewers. The schools are going to need \$60,000,000 to bring themselves into a balance. Looking at the soccer field for \$5,000,000. Just those three entities we're talking \$115,000,000 of future taxes, of future expenses that I don't think anybody here is interested in. We have difficulty at the federal level in terms of taxes in overruns in the budget, we have difficulties as we all well know at the state level with shortfalls, we're having some difficulty at the county level with shortfalls, and we certainly have challenges at the city level. And as was mentioned earlier, why in the world are we looking to spend, make the commitment for the city and county monies that we don't have? I believe that there's got to be a greater opportunity to spend that money in areas that are more beneficial on needs of the city and the county than on the desires of the city and county. Many of you, I'm sure, are parents and when your children were younger: I want this, Daddy, I want this, Mommy. There's a difference and we had to tell them the difference between what you need and what you want. I thank you very much for your time and I appreciate the opportunity.

President Raben: Thank you. How many – what do we have, four wishing to speak yet?

Councilmember Hoy: Two.

President Raben: Is there anyone else in the audience that plans to speak? I'm just trying to work out the time to allow everyone the opportunity. So there's just four? Okay.

Jeff Lake: Thank you for hearing me. Good evening. My name is Jeff Lake and my occupation has to do with the nurturing and developing of new business and as I look at the baseball venture, I try to look at it in the sense of an entrepreneurial enterprise. And the more I look at it, the more I see –

Councilmember Hoy: Excuse me, Mr. Lake, would you tell us where you live?

Jeff Lake: I live in Newburgh,

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

Jeff Lake: The more I see of all the ingredients that are going into this baseball stadium project, the more I believe it will be successful. First of all, you have someone who is willing to come to our city and invest a great deal of money and I think we should be grateful and gratified that people are willing to do that to our city. I think the combination of David Heller and Don Mattingly and Cal Ripken, Jr. is a combination you can't beat. It's going to be a beautiful stadium, it's going to be on the riverfront, it's going to be a tremendous venue and I really believe if we talk about downtown development, which we have for years, to me, this is a one piece, the centerpiece of the real downtown development because you're really going to bring people downtown. Not just 8 to 5, but on evenings and on weekends. The amount of businesses that will now secondarily start in addition to the stadium, including shops, restaurants and of course, all important housing, I think will all go along with the development of this baseball stadium. And just to make a couple of comments regarding some comments I've already heard, I think this project is bigger than Evansville. I believe this is a community project. When I say community, I'm talking about a retail marketing community of 300,000 people that could be attracted to this stadium. So I don't think you should just think about it, who lives in Evansville and what the people in Evansville think. The other person that made a comment talked about \$6 an hour. Those jobs were more concession stand oriented jobs. I'm sure the construction jobs will pay much more than \$6 an hour. And I'm not in the private sector in terms of, I'm not Vectren, I'm not Fifth Third, I'm not Old National Bank. I manage a not-for-profit center, but I know that these individuals, these corporations give to this community every day. The other day I heard that, and I hope Old National doesn't mind me mentioning this, that they have given out over the last year, over \$500,000 in contributions in cash alone. So I don't think we should expect the private sector to do more than they already have, because I also believe what you're going to see is the naming rights and the suites and so on will be handled by the private sector and they'll also bring people to the stadium. So again, to summarize, I think this is a tremendous opportunity for the community, not just for Evansville, but for 300,000 people in this greater community and I hope you support it. Thank you.

President Raben: Thank you.

Kathleen Lane: Hello, my name is Kathleen Lane, Downtown Evansville Incorporated and I live in the city. If any of you read the paper a couple of weeks ago, I hope it was called to your attention that the National Landmarks Association of Indiana placed downtown Evansville on the top ten most endangered list. They did this back on February 14th of 2001. The significance of this was that this was a call to action. This was actually a call to our state, to our city officials, actually to the nation, because this is published nationally. They have never put an entire region on this list. It's always been one building that was, find a building that's a historic building and try to save it. They actually put our entire downtown. When I first heard this, I was just so disappointed and just discouraged thinking, how bad can we be? And obviously, we're at the bottom so we have to do things to work ourselves back up. And we have to look at the bigger picture. We have to look at the bigger picture than what is this going to cost me, what is this going to – how is this going to affect me? We have to look at saving our entire community that's going to help our region as well. They actually put us on the list again, it was announced last week, for the same list for 2003. This is not a surprise, it usually takes a couple of years to work ourselves off of the list, but they've recognized some of the accomplishments that have happened since then. Probably one

of the largest things that has happened that caused a lot of controversy downtown was opening Main Street to traffic. And there were nay sayers against that as well. I will say that just since Main Street opened one year ago, our vacancy rates on the first floors of buildings along Main Street has dropped from 22% to 13% in a year. That is significant. That's because someone saw a vision that this is something we needed to do. We work downtown, I eat downtown, I play downtown and I socialize downtown. As a young professional in the community, this is something we need. I was a co-chairman of the Young Evansville Professionals a couple of years ago and we conducted a survey to see what do the young professionals of Evansville and Vanderburgh County and Warrick County want downtown? What do they want to see? Of course, Starbucks was the number one thing they wanted to see, but the second thing was some type of a sports arena, a sports venue. A baseball stadium was listed as one of those, so we have to not only look at what is going to help be an anchor for downtown to bring convention business to our city, but also, what do the young professionals want and what do we want to see happen to keep us here in town, too? So I just want to see us get off of this top ten most endangered list. We're all working very hard downtown to make this happen and the baseball stadium is the second step in this. We have a board of directors of 35, these are representatives from large and small businesses, representatives from the universities sit on our board as well as non-profit organizations sit on our board, as well as business owners who are not residing downtown as well. So it's a combination of everyone within our region and we voted unanimously to support the baseball stadium. Thank you.

President Raben: Thank you. Next please.

Steve Brooks: My name is Steve Brooks. I live on MacArthur Circle. I've been at this podium many, many times in the 1980's pushing downtown projects. In the 1980's in the Vandever administration we included the public, we developed a consensus. And, in fact, we issued bonds and we issued bonds that went directly on the tax rack. And we were able to do that because we included the public. With that experience, with that municipal experience, I look at this bucket of revenue sources. To me, it's a bucket of questions. The bucket has too many holes in it. I applaud the Convention Bureau for trying to plug some of those holes in that bucket, but I don't like it. I can tell you this, and I know a little bit about it, because I was redevelopment director and today I'm a financial advisor, stock broker, I know a little bit about bonds because I recommend them to my clients. I could not recommend this bond issue to my clients without the general obligation pledge. If the worst case happens, and it could, these funding sources are pretty shaky. If the worst happens, it's going to go on the property tax rack. Gentlemen, rethink, rethink this entire project. Go back to the public. We can wait a year. We can build consensus. If Mr. Heller is not here, perhaps there will be another baseball team. It's a pretty good deal for a baseball team. The public is being very generous. When I was growing up, I was always taught that when somebody makes a commitment and they follow through with that commitment, there should be reciprocity. I'm not a baseball fan. I know very little about it to be honest with you, but I know one thing, Evansville has a baseball team and they're called the Otters. They have delivered on their promises and our answer is to go out and find another team. I don't like it. I'm ashamed of that and I'm sorry for that. Please, think about your vote and think about your constituents. Thank you.

President Raben: Thank you, Steve. Next?

Steve Davis: Steve Davis. I hope you don't mind. He wanted to come up here and take part in this. I came last week and –

Councilmember Hoy: Would you give your address also, sir?

Steve Davis: 1327 E. Illinois Street, Vanderburgh County, unlike the gentleman from Warrick County who is not represented here today. The thing I wanted to mention and bring up was the track record of the mayor. Last week I came and I told you guys this governing body has their stuff together, and you do. Your act is together. The Commissioners want more money for a jail. You give them a cap. Checks and balances. Basic concept of the republic for which we stand here today. The mayor has had a free reign to do what he wants, go around road blocks, skip the City Council, forget the public. He can't deny it. I'm here to tell you today that this same, exact thing happened two years ago at the soccer fields and now they have fallen off his radar. A little history with that, he swapped land with Vectren, pretty unpopular, but I support the soccer fields. I always said I would, I just didn't support the location. Now its ironic two years later I'm standing here before a different governing body which he's trying to take money from to tell you the thing that I fought against and their location, I'm here to defend because he's let it go. The soccer people, the groups who were going to have the tournaments here and bring money and fill the hotels which would definitely fall under the Innkeeper's Tax, have no soccer fields. It's a field right now. They now have no way of upkeep. They have also doubled their projected monies they're going to need to build it. So while we're all here arguing over a baseball stadium, he's letting one of his cards drop on the north side of town. I'm ashamed to call myself an Evansville resident. He won the mayorship by 500 votes and he's acting like he's 99.9% of the population and it's a disgrace to the republic and it's ironic today, I'm an E-bay fanatic. I got a piece of the Berlin Wall in the mail and I'm thinking about mailing it to Mayor Lloyd to show him that dictators do not last. There's always elections and they're free elections, thank God, and I don't feel that the County Council should marry the city proposal for 20 years for a shaky baseball stadium when he's already let a lot of financial obligations hit the floor. This boy right here will be 26 years old when this thing matures, when it's all paid off. My other son will be 30. So not only will I be paying on it, but they're going to be paying on it. And I think that's an irresponsible leadership role that the mayor has played here in this town. And I thank you and I hope you all either vote against it or postpone your vote until there's more solid meat to the proposal. Also, I want to say the LLC, for the people that don't realize it, is a limited liability corporation which limits the money they take away from Heller, although the county doesn't have that. Whatever monies we put up, we lose. There is no bankruptcy for the county. It falls on the burden of the taxpayers. Thank you. Any questions?

President Raben: No questions. Thank you. Last comment of the day.

Bev Oswald: Okay, one thing I just want to reiterate, the Convention & Visitors Bureau, our mission is to bring tourism and conventions and this certainly fits that. The Capital Development Fund is restricted to capital projects for the convention and tourism business. It truly fits our project and our mission. And 4.9 million of the total, although that's significant and for 20 years, is not the catalyst of this. It is just a smaller portion of the total funding. And I'd like to see our community, I've been on the board since it started 20 something years, move forward and support this. There's nothing else that we have in front of us that would do the same type of thing for tourism and for our downtown area as the stadium. There's nothing close. We are looking at, we just got a proposal from the soccer field for the new (inaudible), certainly supporting that. We're going to have that at our next meeting, that's why we did not want to support it to the tune of \$8 million, so we could help other projects. But I certainly think it fits the mission of the Convention Bureau, what that money is for. Thank you.

President Raben: Okay, the chair would now entertain a motion –

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. Chairman, I have a resolution and in the spirit of bi-partisanship and input from all parties on this body, there are several elements of this

that were proposed by Mr. Sutton. I think they are good elements and I want to include those in this resolution. And I'll read it:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the Vanderburgh County Council embraces the Resolution entered on February 10, 2003 by the Vanderburgh County Convention & Visitors Commission whereby it, subject to the appropriation laws and procedures, approved for a twenty (20) year period funding at Two Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$245,000) annually to commence on January 1, 2005, to go towards a downtown Evansville multi-purpose baseball stadium and related facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED should the County be empowered by the State to adopt a car rental or related tax, that revenues raised by said source should then be considered so that said Innkeepers' Tax revenues and the term for funding set forth above might be later adjusted.

BE IT RESOLVED that no property tax increase will be used to finance or pay for any part of the stadium project.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Convention & Visitors Bureau/Tourism Capital Development Fund appropriated funds will be used only for the proposed stadium.

BE IT RESOLVED that no Convention & Visitors Bureau/Tourism Capital Development Funds will be expended until all funding sources included in the project financing package are completely secured and in place.

BE IT RESOLVED that no Convention & Visitors Bureau/Tourism Capital Development Funds will be expended until a signed lease agreement between the City and the Ownership group is finalized.

BE IT RESOLVED a detailed transportation plan for the project site including parking, access, shuttle system and traffic flow patterns will be completed before any such funds will be expended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vanderburgh County Council will consider appropriating said funds in its upcoming budgets.

DATED this 5th day of March, 2003."

And I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any further discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I have assessed the votes of this council and once again realize that my negative vote will be defeated by this council. One comment, Mr. Heller was talking about attendance at these ballfields and I have the 2002 attendance records from ten ballparks built in the 1990's or later. The average attendance was 3,167. That includes two top dogs: Lakewood, New Jersey with well over a million and its metropolitan area and Lexington, Kentucky. The rest are very low. I think this is a bad, bad deal for all of us. I certainly hate to see us, as a body, make the first move on it and I hate to see us commit this money for 20 years. I can think of many other projects, the zoo, Burdette Park, I would love to see a hunk of money go to the African-American Museum. I think they should apply for money. A lot, as Mr. Sutton has pointed out, a lot of African-Americans come to Evansville for reunions and I'm sure they

would probably be more interested in going there than going to a Class A ballfield. I do not think that you're going to put a lot of heads in beds with a Class A team when you can ride to Louisville, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Nashville and it's just, I don't think, going to work.

President Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: I'd like to make a comment. I know I've asked a lot of questions but I think in light of the forum that we had last night, I think it was an excellent opportunity for the community to voice concerns on both sides of the issue and you can't ask for more than that and the panel, including the mayor, were very gracious in their responses and handling that with a great degree of tact and professionalism, and I commend them for their involvement. And I think anyone who was there walked away with a whole lot more information than they probably had ever had before on this project and that was some of the criticism that I know I had heard and many others about the project was that there just wasn't enough information out there for people to objectively critique or assess whether this was a good value for the city or not. And so a great opportunity for people to do that. I think, as well, it spoke to this community in allowing us to voice our opinions in such a manner that if you were opposed or you were for it, you have an opportunity to speak. So I think that from that town hall meeting just a lot of positives behind that. And really when I look at this proposal, I've been back and forth. One day I was for it, the next day I was against it. A number of different things on this proposal and there's probably not another issue, I think, outside of riverboat gaming that I've had on this council that has generated as much interest as the baseball stadium. I've got a number of calls, e-mails, I'm in Wal-Mart, people try to talk to me there about this issue, so this has been a very important issue for a lot of people in this community. And in terms of assessing where I stood on this issue, looked at a number of different things and how many jobs would be created, how the surrounding neighborhoods would be supported and I've had discussions with the Mayor about the importance of not just building this baseball stadium but truly it's got to pass by neighborhoods and their entrances to the neighborhoods that people will actually see and the importance of providing housing, you know, working on making progress in that area. I met with members of the committee, I've done an exhaustive amount of research on this and saw a number of different articles, and minor league baseball, according to a number of the articles out there, there's an article in Time Magazine that indicated that the minors are enjoying the best season of their 101 year history. Minor league attendance has risen 29% over the past 9 years far outpacing the majors, whose growth is at 3%. Minor leagues drew 38.8 million fans in the year 2002, so it definitely is something that is growing and an area that a lot of towns and cities have benefitted from such a quality type of project. Now whether it fits for Evansville or not is probably the question more so that I had and the purpose of the town hall meeting helped to clarify some of the questions that I had about the project. In looking at the committee that was comprised to put together this approach, anyone who knows any of those members on the committee, know that they're very well respected individuals in this community. They are very visionary, but most important, they have a vested interest in seeing this project go and that's probably what, for me, is a driving force and that's why I asked the questions about the corporate buy-in because I want to know that truly, outside of the words that there are also other things that the corporate community can do to support this. I have a great deal of respect for that committee in terms of what they have done. And I guess I look at it this way, in how this would benefit the individuals that I represent, I think it can have a great deal of benefit. It is very visionary, I commend the mayor in taking the visionary approach and I look at it also as you know, Moses didn't wait till it started raining to begin building the arc. And we can't begin waiting –

Councilmember Hoy: Moses?

Councilmember Sutton: Did I say Moses? Noah! Excuse me. Help me out. Thank you. Thank you, Reverend.

President Raben: That's why we have a reverend on the council.

Councilmember Sutton: Moses parted that sea, --

Councilmember Hoy: It was one of those guys!

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, but the point being that we can't wait till our community is down to such an extent where nothing can be done. You need to do something, you need to look ahead and I think this project is doing that and when my turn comes to vote, I do intend to support the stadium project.

President Raben: Okay. Thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Sutton, I'd have felt better last night if more questions had been answered. You had about 20 questions from the audience that panel did not answer, notably, what is the investment? Mr. Mattingly --

President Raben: Excuse me just a moment. Can I change the tape? We've run out of tape. I thought we could get through this before we had to change.

Councilmember Hoy: It stopped on Councilman Sutton.

(Tape Changed)

Councilmember Hoy: -- was not answered last night among many, what kind of investment does Mr. Mattingly and Mr. Ripken have in this? There were a lot of questions avoided last night, and I don't know how many people of all economic levels have stopped me and said, please vote against this. Please do something about it. And I said, I get one vote.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, one thing that we did ask, and the committee and the mayor did commit to doing is being more open with the information. If they need to set out a display some place to let us know how the progress is going other than just a website, not everyone is computer literate or gets into the website type of thing. But get as much information as we possibly can on updates on how its performing, what's to be expected. I think the community is owed that degree of information.

Councilmember Hoy: And they were owed it a long, long time ago. This is way down the road. It should have been brought out a long time ago. The public has been left out of the loop. We all know that.

Councilmember Tornatta: And, Mr. Hoy, I agree with you on that sentiment. But the one thing that's encouraging is by the resolution, there was a bipartisan approach and a lot of concerns that Councilman Sutton and I had were addressed. And those were to make sure that the feet are held to the fire on the property tax so there will not be any property tax used to fund this project. We would have a stadium only issue. We'd have the financial packages secured before these funds would go. Lease agreements would be signed and communicated to all of us before any monies would go and then if there is some type of transportation package, which Mr. Heller alluded to last night, that that would all be encompassed before we're able to take this on. And by allowing that to happen, it does give the county some type of out that they can use if these funds don't come into play, if the bucket is not plugged sufficiently. And I think that a lot of that is

due to the Visitors & Convention Bureau and their diligence that they've done to make this thing come to pass and to see that 450 was not going to be something that they were going to be able to do, that they were going to have opportunities after they paid off the Pagoda bond to have extra monies come in and put that toward a project that they think could bring people into this community. And I think we all have respect for the Otters. I think that that's been mentioned before. I think we all have respect also that we can service two baseball teams in town and with that said, I agree that this is a project that needs to be looked at further and I think that by the stipulations that we have allowed here, that allows that to be looked at further without giving the money carte blanche.

President Raben: Okay, I'm going to hold comment there –

Councilmember Hoy: Call for the question.

President Raben: 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: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Hoy opposed)

President Raben: Okay, and that passes 6-1.

APRIL FILING DEADLINE

President Raben: Last but not least, the chair would like to set the filing deadline for March 14th for our April 2nd meeting. I appreciate everybody being here today, both comments for and against. And everyone have a good day. Meeting adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President James Raben

Vice President Ed Bassemier

Councilmember Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
APRIL 2, 2003**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 2nd day of April, 2003 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m. by County Council President Jim Raben.

President Raben: Good evening. I'd like to call to order the Vanderburgh County Council meeting for April 2nd, 2003. Attendance roll call please.

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

President Raben: Now if we could all stand for the Pledge.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2003**

President Raben: Okay, the Chair would now entertain approval of the minutes from the March 5th, 2003 meeting.

Councilmember Wortman: Make a motion to approve.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: Any questions, comments? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

COMMISSIONERS

President Raben: Thank you. Now we'll move on to the appropriation ordinance. At this time I'll turn the chair over to Councilman Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. Beginning with the Commissioners request for Lodging of Inmates, line item 1300-3051, I move that we set this amount in at \$250,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: And I offer a comment --

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second, now questions.

Councilmember Winnecke: Clearly, given the financial statement that we all have of roughly \$1.7 million that's unappropriated in the General Fund, we have two very large requests before us. I think this body is going to have to be extremely frugal in the coming months. I think that the money that's been expended and allocated to date -- we saw a very elaborate explanation from the Sheriff's Department last week, which was very helpful, but I think the fact of the matter is we're going to need to live within this means of \$250,000. And I think that means that the judiciary, the Prosecutor's Office, everyone in the criminal justice community in this county are going to have to tighten their belts and figure out a way to live within their means. And, you know, if it means at some point, if they run out of these funds, the Sheriff uses commissary money, that might be a possibility that might have to be examined. But I think we need to live with this \$250,000 for the balance of the year.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman. I spoke with Judge Trockman and he's going to get himself and some other judges, the Sheriff, the Prosecutor, and he's going to call me, we're going to meet and see if we can lower the population similar to what it was in 2000. Now if we can get that down, hopefully, we can. There's a lot of problems, these inmates or not inmates now, but the people that don't show up in court all the time, it's a problem, the judges do have a problem. But we are going to have to try to solve this and due to the financial crisis we're going to be facing, hopefully, we can get this going. So he's going to call me and I'm going attend, and Mr. Raben is supposed to attend, and then we're going to report back to the Council and hopefully we can eliminate some of these inmates being shipped out and get it down to the 329 level that they did in 2000.

Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman Wortman, what level are we at right now on the jail population?

Councilmember Wortman: I don't know exactly where we're at now, but I know last week – I don't know if the Sheriff is here today?

Councilmember Winnecke: I think it was 315 today.

President Raben: If you look at the information supplied by the Sheriff's Office last week, the average number of inmates housed outside is 48 per day and the cap is at 329. So that should give you an indication of where we're running. Is that not correct?

Eric Williams: Eric Williams, Chief Deputy. Today we have 43 inmates being housed for fee outside and that puts our population probably this afternoon right at about 320.

President Raben: Population inside our facility. You still have to add those other 43 that...

Eric Williams: Right. That doesn't include the 15 that we could get back at any time that are out under gentlemen's agreement with other sheriffs for other reasons that we're not paying for.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman, this is what kind of bothers me if we get this new jail, more beds, is it going to fill that up right away? This is one of the problems we've got, see. And when you've got that, you've got more food, you've got more expenses, more transportation, see, we haven't seen the end of this thing yet. So hopefully, we can get this system, the judicial system, as Mr. Winnecke mentioned, to get it down and hopefully keep it down, see.

Eric Williams: I wish you the best of luck.

Councilmember Wortman: Well, we're going to try.

President Raben: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Oh, and I guess as we're going to meet with them, Councilman Wortman, I mean, are there some suggestions that you maybe have in mind? I mean, obviously, they had some things, you know, a couple of years ago they've been working on, that the group has been meeting, the task force has been meeting on a regular basis and talking about these matters, I mean, what new items do you have in mind that might possibly bring down this population because we're up there approaching 375 right now if you take the numbers that were shared here, 380, you know, I mean, what number are we trying to get down to here?

Councilmember Wortman: Well, of course, 329, I think, is supposed to be the limit right now in the existing, see, is that right, Mr. Williams?

Eric Williams: I think it's always important to remember that there are physically 268 beds in the current facility. The ICLU agreement calls for a soft cap of 329.

Councilmember Wortman: But some of the things Judge Trockman and I talked about is beepers, which he uses in his drug program, ankle bracelets, speedy trials, having the attorneys come up there and have a good case and be ready to go instead of delay,

delay, delay. I think this is one of the problems and, of course, the other problem the judges face is going out and these people don't show up for court. And then we've got this seat belt violation. Are we going to put them in jail for that? I suggested maybe if they don't show up in 30 days, I don't know if we'd ever get it through or not, but take their driver's license away or put it in their property tax, fine them, put the bail so high that they have to come in, see. Something of that nature, just do anything to get this population so we can handle it. That's, I guess, but we haven't really got into the nitty gritty of it yet. But you was on that committee, I think, --

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, and I was just to, what -- from the committee, I mean, they're discussing all of these things, I mean, aren't some of these things already in motion?

Eric Williams: The Criminal Justice Planning Committee meets the fourth Thursday of every month and I believe I send notice to everybody here and we have various items on the agenda depending on what people want to bring to the table. There is some resistance to continue to rehash that which has been discussed through the PMSI study and the Blue Ribbon Commission because we continue to fall on the same results, but we do talk about procedures. There have been a lot of items that have been brought forth from the city police or our office in dealing with the Prosecutor's Office to streamline case management and get good quality information to the courts as quickly as we can so they get moving on issues, but so many of the things that used to be (inaudible) that we're going to talk about are things that we've talked about, and talked about and talked about. And the Blue Ribbon Commission rendered its findings, PMSI rendered its findings. That's where we're at now with this new jail is trying to act upon those findings. I mean, from my perspective, and this is strictly a personal opinion, but I've been doing this a while, there are more than 329 in Vanderburgh County that need to be in jail. And that's just the nature of it, the size of our population, the fact that we're a regional hub, we have a lot of people that come in and out of this community, we need a space bigger than 329. And 329 is a soft cap, we really only have room for 268, so we are dramatically crowded at 329.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, and I guess that's what concerns me as we're moving into these warmer months. The population, the amount of crime tends to go up as the weather gets warmer and if we're dealing with these issues right now, and we've talked about these particular types of resolutions in the past, I'm just concerned about the ability to be able to make much of a dent in this. I really would like to see us do that, I really would.

Eric Williams: From the Sheriff's perspective, we are all for trying to make the system as efficient as we possibly can and getting all the stakeholders and players in the criminal justice system to continue to communicate, to continue to do the right things and make it work efficiently, but you reach a point where you are running at 100 miles an hour all the time and there's nothing else you can do within what we've been given to work with. I know the judges will tell you that more courtroom space will make a difference for them, being able to actually set trial dates and there is a lot of other things out there but they all revolve around dollars and that's the truth of the matter.

President Raben: Councilman Sutton, would you like to be part of those conversations, though, with Judge Trockman?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I'm on the --

President Raben: Will you make sure you contact him as well?

Councilmember Wortman: Like I spoke to Judge Trockman and I spoke last week when I was at that meeting Friday, the general public don't care about how many prisoners you've got, but at the same time, if the judges put them on house arrest and they go out and shoot somebody or some crime, then the public will get uptight, see.

Eric Williams: I think that is a true statement up until the point that somebody is personally affected by a crime and then the story changes. They want that criminal locked up, you know, its until you're personally affected and that's when it becomes an issue for people or it becomes an issue when it is one of your loved ones that is incarcerated within the overcrowded facility and they are sleeping on the floor. Then it becomes an issue. But for the vast majority of the general public, they'd just as soon never build a jail, never know it existed.

Councilmember Wortman: Now how about seat violators, are they arrested or put in jail? Do you know of any case like that?

Eric Williams: Absolutely not, until they fail to appear upon a court order and the court issues a bench warrant for their arrest. We issue citations and right now the policy is then they issue a certified summons after they fail to appear the first time. By the second time they fail to appear, which shows a total lack of regard for the courts and the authority they have, at that point in time generally they will issue a bench warrant for their arrest. At this point in time, Vanderburgh County has over 13,000 outstanding bench warrants for people's arrest.

Councilmember Wortman: I thought that a plea agreement is about 90% of the cases.

Eric Williams: I believe the majority of the one's that go through the system get resolved through plea agreements or some other –

Councilmember Wortman: But see, that's why you need speedy trials, have everybody prepared, even the attorneys, have the cases ready, see, and quit delay, delay, delay, that's what costs the system, and who get's rich? The attorneys, representing everybody.

Eric Williams: I'm not going there.

President Raben: Okay, we're going to move this forward. Eric, thank you.

Councilmember Hoy: I just wanted to make one suggestion. I used to be on that committee that you and Councilman Sutton are on. The purpose of that committee in my estimation is to continue to keep the conversations going, and frankly, the pressure going on the system because it's not much of a system. If we really get honest, if any of us were operating anything that worked as badly as the criminal justice system, then we'd all be out of business. And that's what this is doing to the county. I've talked to two senior judges who feel like a large number of people who are in the jail don't even need to be there, they're not a danger to us. Those are the only people I want locked up. But those conversations need to keep going, Mr. President, and also I know one young man who's been there, I don't know, 400 days or something like this. It's absurd, that case should have been settled a long, long time ago. And he's mostly a danger to himself.

President Raben: Okay, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, I just want to make one comment real quick, that I'm

okay with giving the 250 now. I would like to revisit that at some point when that comes back around. I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: It will be coming back. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Before I vote, my vote – when I make my vote it's not under the assumption that they will be back. My vote should be a signal that hey, this is it. This is all this county can bear. Judges, start doing your homework, you know, work evenings, do what you have to do just as you would in the private sector to get caught up. I vote yes.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3051	Lodging of Inmates	500,000.00	250,000.00
Total		500,000.00	250,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

President Raben: Superintendent of County Buildings.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, I move line 1310-4120 Buildings in the amount of \$16,903 be approved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Questions, comments? Hearing none, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: And if there are any other grants or opportunities out there bringing money to the coffers, we'll accept those, too. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1310-4120	Buildings	16,903.00	16,903.00
Total		16,903.00	16,903.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY HIGHWAY

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, County Highway, line 2010-1850 Union Overtime, I move that we set this in at \$20,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any questions, comments? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

COUNTY HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2010-1850	Union Overtime	25,000.00	20,000.00
Total		25,000.00	20,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, County Assessor/Reassessment funds. We have two requests here unlike last month when we – let me just restate that. I'm going to break these up into two different motions. I'll move that line 2492-1090-1960 Special Stipend in the amount of \$4,000 be approved.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, now how is this different from what we saw last month?

Councilmember Winnecke: There is no difference and later in the meeting I will propose a motion to prevent this from occurring again.

Councilmember Sutton: Do we not in our Council guidelines –

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Councilmember Sutton: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Tornatta: Only Job Study.

Councilmember Sutton: You can just keep coming back and keep coming back –

Councilmember Tornatta: Until this afternoon.

President Raben: Job Study and I think tax abatement issues.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I can remember the tax abatement issue, that coming back, which we definitely need to address this.

Councilmember Winnecke: And as a reminder, this needs five votes for approval.

President Raben: Is that it? Roll call vote.

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: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: No.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1090-1960	Special Stipend	4,000.00	0.00

(Motion fails 2-5/Councilmembers Tornatta, Sutton, Hoy, Wortman & Raben opposed)

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, the other request is for a Hearing Officer. I will move that line 2492-1090-1310 be set in at \$25,144; line item 2492-1090-1900 FICA at \$2,230; line item 2492-1090-1910 PERF be set in at \$1,531; and line item 2492-1090-1920 Insurance be set in at \$10,000 – I’ve read these wrong, haven’t I?

Sandie Deig: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Sorry. I looked at the wrong place.

President Raben: FICA and PERF would need to be adjusted.

Councilmember Winnecke: FICA and PERF, yeah. Actually, 2492-1090-1900 FICA is \$1,924; 2492-1090-1910 PERF is \$1,321 and line item 2492-1090-1920 Insurance is \$2,714, for a total appropriation of \$31,106. I move approval and then I have a comment.

President Raben: We have a motion. Is there a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Questions?

Councilmember Winnecke: I would just say, prior to last week I was opposed to this. But

based on the information that Mr. Barter and others provided last week about the length of time for training, they indicated it would take six weeks to get a new hearing officer up to speed. By that time it might put that office so far behind the eight ball, and really, that impacts our taxpayers coming to make appeals. I would ask that if this is approved, that the Assessor appear before us next month and ask for a transfer, which she had indicated to us two or three months ago, is that she would be willing to promote or move into this hearing officer position an existing employee and so that we don't add a permanent new body for that office, I would ask that she come in and transfer the line item that the person is in now, into Temporary Replacement help until such time as the hearing officer's work is complete.

President Raben: Okay, is everybody clear? Any questions, comments? Hearing none, roll call vote.

Councilmember Tornatta: I've got a comment.

President Raben: Hold on just a moment.

Councilmember Tornatta: We're speculating at this point that we're going to have this abundance just because that's been thrown out there, we don't have any idea.

Councilmember Winnecke: I spoke to one member of the PTABOA, I mean, I think, quite frankly, the members of that board are very nervous about, as are members of the professional staff in the Assessor's Office, are very nervous about the amount of appeals that will hit that office. If they don't hit, that we've not created a permanent position. I don't see any harm in putting this money in place, getting the training going, so if the appeals hit at least that office is prepared for such an onslaught.

President Raben: I, too, have had an opportunity to speak with two board members and they're extremely confident that the numbers are going to be significant and I guess the State Board of Tax Commissioners are also stating that they expect the numbers to be significant, so you know, again, I'd say we probably need to do everything we can to ensure that our collections come in, in a timely fashion and without this, we risk that. So I don't like it either, but it –

Councilmember Tornatta: Have we not in the past given somebody the okay to look for an individual whether in the office, preferably in the office, and then with the hope that if something would go down, that this would be set aside for an individual, or we could appropriate monies at a certain time? I mean, I just think, first off, I mean, there's probably, I would have to say, looking at somebody inside the office would be the best person to look for to handle this because they have the most knowledge of the assessments and then there was one particular name that was thrown out that used to do this particular job, so both those would not qualify. You really would have no training period, so at that point we could vote on it in a month, in two months, and if we didn't need it, then we wouldn't have to vote on it at all.

Councilmember Winnecke: I hear where you're going, but I think what the Assessor's Office and the members of the PTABOA feel, that while the thought now is to promote someone from within the office for the hearing officer, that's not what that person does now. And the hearing officer position is specialized enough that the training period is such that they would need that time, and then the training period also encompasses training for getting a temporary replacement in that person's role.

President Raben: And again, I might add that, you know, property taxes are the fuel, that's what fires this county and if we can ensure that we're going to make those

collections in a timely manner because it means everything. So I hate to appropriate new monies but I think this one is probably a necessity.

Councilmember Sutton: So this position, what's the time line on it in terms of the usefulness, I'll just put it that way, of this position? How long of a time are we talking about? Are we talking about a permanent position we're putting in place here? Are we talking about something that at the end of the year we go back and that's it?

President Raben: We would have the opportunity, as a Council, to approve this annually during each budget, this position, just as any other salary line. You can zero it out or appropriate the funds. But I think we'll have to look at it and see. If the numbers are the, you know, we've heard as many as \$10,000 appeals are what they estimate being filed. If it's anywhere close to that, you know, realistically we probably need to look at a year anyway, maybe in excess of that. But if we find that the appeals aren't as heavy as they originally anticipated, in August we can make the adjustment to this line that we need to make for next year.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I guess when you add a position and you make it a permanent full-time position, sometimes these positions are awful hard to go away that are supposed to be temporary positions. And I don't think you're going to get any officeholder in this building making a pitch once they have an employee to – there are very few that make a pitch to say well, I no longer need that employee anymore. And I guess, given our financial situation right now as a county, adding additional employees, I know where we are, probably we are going to get some appeals but I'm just concerned about costs on this situation, and this concerns me.

Councilmember Hoy: I agree with my colleague except in the case of this officeholder who, as I recall when she was elected, she did – did she not remove two positions, Mrs. Deig?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on)

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, that was a promise and she did, she reduced her staff. And at some point I think we have to trust that again. I know that – I know my taxes are going to go up because I live in an older home that I think has been undervalued and the old system was crazy, as we all know. And once market value comes in, I probably won't contest mine because I expect it to come, but I think a lot of people living in the kind of housing I do, will. And you could have a deluge, we need to be ready for that so that our cash flow continues. We are going to be in all kinds of difficulty as it is with what's coming down the pike and with the economic situation.

President Raben: Okay, thank you for your comment.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

Unidentified: Does that take five?

(Inaudible – several speaking at once)

Jeff Ahlers: It fails four to three.

President Raben: Okay, the motion fails.

COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1090-1310	Hearing Officer	25,144.00	0.00
2492-1090-1900	FICA	2,230.00	0.00
2492-1090-1910	PERF	1,531.00	0.00
2492-1090-1920	Insurance	10,000.00	0.00
Total		42,905.00	0.00

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

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, Local Emergency Plan Commission, line item 2861-3310 Training, I'll move approval in the amount of \$12,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any questions, comments?
Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: She called me and this is really just a formality. In other words, there's no money involved with us pro or con, so in other words, just approval is all she's asking, isn't that right?

Councilmember Hoy: That's correct. This comes out of a special fund and it is required training, and thirdly, the state will reimburse this fund. It's kind of an in and out thing.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. President, as I mentioned last week, this is a very good course with all the new meth labs and all the hazardous materials up and down the highways and over the rails, this training could save lives. So I highly recommend it.

President Raben: Okay, thank you. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2861-3310	Training	12,000.00	12,000.00
Total		12,000.00	12,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, line item 3600-4060 Transportation Center/Pagoda, this comes from the Tourism Capital Improvement fund, I move approval in the amount of \$225,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any further questions?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I would just note that Marilee Fowler and Mr. Dunn from the Convention Bureau are here. I believe they have other guests, although it's not on today's agenda, it certainly, I think has been presented to us to consider at next month's meeting on the soccer request. I don't know what your pleasure is, but several people, I know, have come, I suspect, in support and to speak in support of that, to at least acknowledge them.

President Raben: Okay, I tell you, we can allow five minutes if you want to speak to that matter.

Councilmember Hoy: Do we need to vote on this?

President Raben: Yeah, allow us to vote on this first. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3600-4060	Transportation Ctr/Pagoda	225,000.00	225,000.00
Total		225,000.00	225,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Raben: John, if you'll state your name for the record.

David Dunn: Good afternoon, my name s David Dunn, and I'm a member of the board of the Convention & Visitors Bureau. And, Mr. President and members of the Council, we appreciate this opportunity to share information on a very exciting project and an extremely exciting opportunity that we have before us. Also in the audience, we have members from the soccer community that are able to answer questions about the project specifically, if there may be. The purpose of us taking this opportunity this afternoon is to try to communicate as effectively as we can with this body. As you know, our board cannot appropriate funds without your approval as well and we will be coming before you next month with a million dollar request as we would like to be able to assist in the funding of the soccer complex that's going to be constructed out on North Green River Road. And the information that we've shared with you at this time is basically a site plan, a layout of how that project is going to be designed as well as support signatures of every major soccer group that's in Evansville in support of not only the complex but also of a unique element that we would like to assist with. This is a grand opportunity for Evansville to build a wonderful park facility. As you can see, there's going to be ten

fields associated with this complex and we also propose that there be a championship field that's going to be constructed of an artificial turf product. It's a product that's called field turf and with that product it does several things for us, but mainly what it will do is it will allow us to market this soccer complex as one of the most unique facilities in the tri-state area. At this time there are no other artificial turf soccer fields in the state of Indiana and we will have the first and only one of its kind. We all know the impact that soccer has on tourism and we estimate that this facility by itself will have somewhere between an 8 and 10 million dollar economic impact on the community on an annual basis with the number of tournaments that we anticipate recruiting over the years, as well as those that are currently active in our community. By having this championship field, again, it does allow us to create something most unique in our area and allow us to market our facility against other major soccer complexes in the area that we compete against and we feel very strongly about this addition. And as part of our funding request next month, we have appropriated funds to allow that championship field to be constructed as part of this complex. Again, we've got members of the soccer community that are here that are expert in the turf itself if there are any questions at this point. Next month we will be before you and make a formal proposal, but this was to be as much of an informative session as we possibly could to get this in front of you as quickly as we can just so that if there are any questions or concerns that this body may have, we've got plenty of time to work through those before next month when we do come for a formal appropriation request.

Councilmember Sutton: Dave, I have a couple of questions.

David Dunn: Yes sir.

Councilmember Sutton: I'm not of a soccer background, I'm more of a basketball and track man, so maybe you can help educate me a little bit.

David Dunn: You'd make a good soccer player.

Councilmember Sutton: Too much running without rest. I was going to ask you, you know, this layout that you provided for us, a typical soccer tournament using a facility like this, you know, how do you draw, I mean, how many are you – how wide of a draw do you get for something like this when you've got a facility of this type?

David Dunn: Talking about visiting teams?

Councilmember Sutton: A tournament that might be – I guess, is that what you have in mind?

David Dunn: Well, the most recent tournament that Evansville hosted was the Veterans Memorial Tournament that was, actually it's a brand new event that was just created this part year and it will be an annual event. And I believe they had 110 teams from five different states and they used 21 fields. They did use 21 different fields to try to accommodate that tournament so with a complex like this where you see that there's 10 fields, it by itself won't be enough, but what it does is it consolidates a majority of the play into one facility and then what we'll be able to do is to utilize Price Park and maybe another facility in conjunction with that to accommodate the overall need. This facility, as well as the championship field, allows us to accommodate even greater numbers. We anticipate that the Veterans tournament could grow to 200 teams. This complex will have many lit fields so that we can play later into the day and with the championship field being of artificial turf product, there's no effect to the field itself and we are able to play 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, whereas on a natural turf field, there are limitations to the amount of play that that field can endure before it needs some rehabilitation. The

other thing that's a benefit to this artificial turf field is, many clubs that manage fields are very hesitant to encourage older kids and even adult play because of the wear and tear that kids of that size and adults will put on a field, on a natural turf field. By having this artificial field, it can withstand the wear and tear of adults and of mature teenagers and certainly allow us to be able to attract and encourage that type of activity as well.

Councilmember Sutton: So the complex itself, owned by the city and maintained by the soccer group? I guess, is that –

David Dunn: The city is going to maintain it as well. It will be incorporated into the Parks Department.

Councilmember Sutton: So these tournaments that are going to be put on, the soccer group will primarily coordinate those? And how many do you probably anticipate? How many tournaments per year on average would you anticipate with a complex like this that you'd like to have?

David Dunn: I think conservatively we will have four major tournaments in any given year but in addition to that, it's a term that they call "friendly's" where a club by itself will invite teams, somewhere between six and eight different teams, to come in and play what's called a friendly tournament. And that goes on constantly in addition to the four major tournaments. We also are in conversations with collegiate groups and we will aggressively pursue that through the Convention & Visitors Bureau to attempt to attract that type of athletic tournament into the Evansville area. We will aggressively pursue high school tournament play, whether it be semi-state, regional, state finals, and we hope to be able to utilize our championship field for many of the high school games as well.

President Raben: Okay, and David, I apologize, I called you by your uncle, John.

David Dunn: I've been called worse, actually.

President Raben: Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Dunn, will there be any professional teams in here on that?

David Dunn: I'm not aware of any.

Councilmember Wortman: Not aware of it, okay. And it's all going to be – are all the fields going to be lighted or not?

David Dunn: No, not all the fields. Somewhere between four and five fields total will be lit. The championship field, obviously, will be lit and as part of the package that the soccer community has been able to negotiate, lighting, goals, equipment all comes with that total package and then in addition to that, there will be about four other fields that will be lit.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay. You'll be looking for an electrician then, too. And the fee, who is going to be in charge of this and what you're going to charge and all this? Is there going to be a fee and charge and who is going to manage it?

David Dunn: The Parks Department will be in charge of the complex itself, and whether there's fees associated with it or not, they're still working out those details. As a time table, though, I might add and maybe to share with you a sense of urgency, construction

of this facility is scheduled to begin the first of June and that's a critical date for us because in order to get the seating in place, actually it's sprigging that they're going to do. That has to be done no later than August with the special turf that they are going to sprig in there, it has to be done in the summer months. If we miss that window of opportunity, then we won't be able to use this complex at all for next year either. So there is a sense of urgency in us being able to move as quickly as we can, that's why we felt it important to bring this before you now even though we know that you can't take action, just so that you have plenty of opportunity to review it and formulate your questions to us and give us time to work through those issues.

President Raben: Councilman Hoy, did you have a question?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, Mr. Wortman is interested in the electrical and I'm interested in keeping a window open on Sunday mornings for my profession.

David Dunn: Duly noted.

Councilmember Tornatta: Where is this?

David Dunn: It's on North Green River Road just passed Heckel.

Councilmember Wortman: Northwest corner, isn't it?

David Dunn: Yes, it's actually –

Councilmember Tornatta: So does that run all the way to Millersburg?

David Dunn: Not quite, but very close to it.

Councilmember Wortman: Across from that subdivision there.

David Dunn: That's correct.

President Raben: David, thank you. We need to move on and change the tape. Thank you.

(Tape changed)

COIT/BURDETTE PARK

President Raben: Okay, Burdette Park.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President. I move that we set in line item 4131-1450-4120 Buildings & Structures in at zero and I'll have an explanation if there is a second.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Now explanation.

Councilmember Winnecke: I was out there, spent about an hour and a half out there last week and this is going to be a beautiful facility. I guess I would tee this up in a similar vein that I did with the Lodging of Inmates request. This is a large request, I think we need to look, as I said last month, at other funding sources. Last month I suggested the CCD account. The Commissioners indicated that they don't feel there's enough money

in that because of other projects they'd like to do there. There's over \$600,000 in unappropriated Riverboat money. I would hope that the Convention & Visitors Bureau would be open to helping finish this, but I think, like all of us, we have to make some priorities and I believe that Burdette, along with the Commissioners need to look at these other funding sources and that's why I made my motion the way I did.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions?

Councilmember Tornatta: We have a Commissioner out there. Do you want to ask him about the appropriations he's got on the books?

David Mosby: I'll speak to one appropriation. I wasn't here last week.

President Raben: David, would you announce your name?

David Mosby: David Mosby, President of the County Commissioners. I know last week, I think it was recommended or last month that we take this out of CCD. I believe the CCD, if I'm not mistaken has got a little over \$800,000 in it. I talked with John Stoll about the one project, on the intersection projects where there was \$500,000 went back in that last year because we didn't have a construction contract yet. As of about yesterday, John informed me that project is going to run about \$700,000, so that's what's left in your CCD.

President Raben: Okay, now just real quick and I was not present last Wednesday, but the current balance with encumbrances, which is what you've stated is actually 4.4 million. The unappropriated balance is \$800,000, so that 500 should be part of the encumbrances that you're referring to.

David Mosby: According to John, it's not. It's not a part of the encumbrances. We didn't encumber it because we didn't have a contract to go off of. We were in the design phase of that with RQAW. So that money is not encumbered, so it went back in and he said he's going to have to come ask for that out of the cash balance. Bill is shaking his head yes. And John did tell me it's going to run over the \$500,000. It's going to be close to 700.

Bill Fluty: I think what was encumbered was the design for Bernardin Lochmueller.

David Mosby: The design was encumbered for RQAW, but that's all we could encumber because that's all we had a contract for.

President Raben: And which intersection are you referring to?

David Mosby: It's Green River and –

Bill Fluty: I thought it was St. George and –

David Mosby: No, it was St. George and Oak Hill, I believe. This one here is St. George and Oak Hill.

Bill Fluty: I believe some of that money can come out of the Cum Bridge, is that not correct?

David Mosby: Well, we're hoping that there's a possibility we might be able to take between 75 and 100 thousand out of the bridge. John got to looking at what was going to be the overall cost which is going to run close to 7 – he's thinking we could take 75

to 100,000 out of the bridge fund because of the two culverts we're dealing with. But the rest of it, I mean, we cannot find a way to take out of bridge; we've tried.

President Raben: On another matter, David, do the Commissioners plan to do anything in regards to beginning anything for widening Green River Road?

David Mosby: We are looking at design. We hope to go out for a design on that – you're talking about the third phase? Yeah, we're looking at trying to do something with that third phase out there. Hopefully, bring some of it on board yet this year. I mean, we had a design at one point for that. It's probably, I'm going to guess, four or five years old now and it's going to have to be redesigned or updated anyhow.

President Raben: Because there is like 400,000, I think, in Local Roads & Streets that's been set for doing design work for Green River Road, and if that's a project we're not going to start this year, we could possibly use that for the balance of what you need for the intersection.

David Mosby: That one is going to be let go of here relatively soon. That's the one John's wanting to get on top of real quick.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions? Hearing none, roll call vote.

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 want this funded but I am worried about our balances so I am going to vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

COIT/BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4131-1450-4120	Buildings & Structures	236,500.00	0.00
Total		236,500.00	0.00

(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Tornatta & Sutton opposed)

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, Legal Aid/United Way line 4290-3410 Printing in the amount of \$1,700; line item 4290-3990 Miscellaneous in the amount of \$10,019, for a total appropriation of \$11,719. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4290-3410	Printing	1,700.00	1,700.00
4290-3990	Miscellaneous	10,019.00	10,019.00
Total		11,719.00	11,719.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

AUDITOR	COUNTY HIGHWAY	CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, if there are no objections I'll take the		

three transfers together.

President Raben: I'm fine with that.

Councilmember Winnecke: Any objections to that? Okay, first in the Auditor's Office, transfer from line item 1020-1420-1020 Bookkeeper in the amount of \$3,941 to 1020-1320-1020 Systems Supervisor in like amount. County Highway from line item 2010-3410 Printing \$5,000 to like item 2010-3370 Computer (Data Management) in like amount. And from Cumulative Bridge, from line item 2030-4405 Heppler Road Bridge in the amount of \$10,000 to line item 2030-4407 St. Wendel Road Bridge in like amount. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1020-1420-1020	Bookkeeper II	3,941.00	3,941.00
To: 1020-1320-1020	Systems Supervisor	3,941.00	3,941.00

COUNTY HIGHWAY	REQUESTED	APPROVED
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From: 2010-3410	Printing	5,000.00	5,000.00
To: 2010-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	5,000.00	5,000.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE**REQUESTED APPROVED**

From: 2030-4405	Heppler Rd. Bridge	10,000.00	10,000.00
To: 2030-4407	St. Wendel Rd. Bridge	10,000.00	10,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Raben: Okay, that's it for the appropriations and the transfers. We don't have any repeals today so we'll move on to the amendment of the salary ordinance.

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, I move that we amend in the County Highway salary ordinance line 2010-1850 Union Overtime as previously approved. In the Auditor's Office, amend salary ordinance 1020-1320 Systems Supervisor as transfer previously approved. The current employee's 2003 salary is set in at \$36,592. Employee's current classification is PAT IV/Step 5. Election Office, amend Exhibit H of the 2003 salary ordinance. All part time Election Office employees to be paid up to \$8 per hour for the year 2003. Burdette Park, amend Exhibit G of the 2003 salary ordinance as follows: float stand, gift shop and miniature golf part-time employees be paid at the rate up to \$5.65 per hour, swimming pool manager and day camp manager to be paid at the rate of up to \$8.75 per hour as listed with \$.15 per hour incentive for each year for returning employees up to \$.60; four part-time ground crew employees paid at the rate of up to \$7.00 an hour, remaining ground crew employees paid at the rate of up to \$6.50 an hour. Year end bonus policy remains as listed: for pool manager, guards, slide guards, day camp employees. Cum Bridge, County Engineer's Office, amend salary ordinance line 2030-1100 Assistant County Engineer to be set in at \$33,000, approval to pay a full-time employee enrolled and nearing completion of a degree in engineering, as an unclassified position. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, motion and a second. Any questions? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

MARSHA ABELL - VOTING MACHINES

President Raben: Okay, under old business, we have – before we move on to the confirming resolution, the chair is going to allow the Clerk, Marsha Abell, to brief us or give us a little information on voting machines.

Marsha Abell: Marsha Abell. I won't take too much time. I'm passing around something I want you to read and look at. It has to do with the state's proposal for purchase of election equipment. They negotiated contracts with four different vendors and one of the vendors is one we currently use. So the Election Board would like to stay with that vendor. We met and made that decision and recommended it to the Commissioners and they asked me to write to the state and tell them we were interested in the reimbursement being put on the list, which we've done. Real quickly, Exhibit A is directly after my cover page, is the proposal that we wish to go with and that is a lease/purchase of electronic touch screen equipment for five years. B, the next one under it, is purchasing that equipment and you'll see it's less and I'm going to tell you real quickly why that is. Exhibit C is a lease of two different kinds of equipment. You have to have one touch screen at every poll because that's the only one that's handicap accessible, so this would be with leasing two different types of equipment and exhibit D is purchasing two different types. The reason the purchase is cheaper than the lease is because the purchase does not include all the support people and support that we would have to have to run the system anyway. If we went with the lesser, we get less from the state and then we have to lay out the extra money out of our budget to pay for all the support that we would need. So to get them to pay for the support, we wanted to go with the lease because that puts it out front. It looks like what we know now is that the money will be sent to the state from the federal government on April the 29th and they will be in a position then to distribute money to the counties. And some counties have already bought their equipment and written for their reimbursement. The state is going to pay 95% of the cost and the county will pay 5% and we don't have to pay our 5% until the year 2008, which is the fifth year of the contract. So virtually for four years, we up front the money and then get a reimbursement and then we don't really pay anything out of our pocket until the last year. I'll be coming before you later on this, but I wanted to go ahead and get it in your hands and let you see it. And any of you who want to talk to me about it, feel free to give me a call and I'll be happy to explain it to you.

President Raben: Okay, thank you, Marsha.

**INDIANA TUBE CORPORATION
CONFIRMING RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECLARATION OF AN
ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT
2100 LEXINGTON AVENUE**

President Raben: Okay, now for the confirming resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council confirming the declaration of an economic revitalization area for property located at 2100 Lexington Avenue known as Indiana Tube Corporation. Rob Schaefer is here from DMD.

Rob Schaefer: Rob Schaefer, DMD. This resolution is to confirm the preliminary resolution that was passed last month for an eight year tax abatement for Indiana Tube.

President Raben: Are there any questions? I think everybody probably made comments and took questions that were of concern to them last month.

Councilmember Wortman: I make a motion for approval.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion. Is there a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Tornatta opposed)

<p style="text-align: center;">APPROVAL OF SHERIFF BRAD ELLSWORTH'S CONTRACT AND AMENDMENT TO SALARY ORDINANCE</p>

President Raben: Next, new business. Everyone was given a copy of the new contract for Sheriff Brad Ellsworth. The chair would now entertain a motion for approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I move that we approve the contract entered into with the County Commissioners and the Sheriff of Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Winnecke: And, Mr. President, if I may, we need to amend the salary ordinance now as a result, so I would move to amend salary ordinance line 1050-0 Sheriff to be set in at \$110,000 in accordance with the contract signed by the Board of Commissioners on March 3, 2003.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Raben: Motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>ESTABLISH POLICY REGARDING REPEAT REQUESTS FOR SALARY APPROPRIATION, SALARY TRANSFER, SALARY ADJUSTMENT OR RECLASSIFICATION</p>

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, one other item if I may, earlier in the meeting we talked about a request that had been before this body on several occasions and I said that I would address that. At this point I'd like to make a motion, if I may, that any request for a salary appropriation, a salary transfer, salary adjustment or reclassification that has been considered by this body not be reconsidered for a minimum of six months from the date of the original action.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Is everyone clear on what we're voting on?

Councilmember Hoy: Are we going to put this in our policy book then? Is that –

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes, that's my intent. I'm sorry.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

Councilmember Tornatta: Quick question. What was the six month consideration versus a year? Just throwing that out there, because I guess what I'm getting at is at the year

point, that's when we vote on salaries the next time. At the six month point we're kind of mid-stream trying to negotiate a salary at that point.

Councilmember Winnecke: In all honesty, I don't think there's any magic to six months, that's the number that I sort of came up with. But given, just for the sake of discussion, given our action earlier by denying the special hearing officer, this would preclude, unless we waived, you know, if there is an avalanche of appeals as is predicted, this would preclude that request from coming back for six months unless, of course, we suspended this rule for that request. But I think six months seems like a number that, sort of a compromise –

Councilmember Tornatta: We'll have to (inaudible) through the six months at that period, too, because if we're going to have the avalanche, it might be in three months, it might be in –

Councilmember Winnecke: Could be sooner, no doubt. I'm just saying there might be situations, you know, emergencies might be an overstatement, but there might be cases where its more urgent to come back in six months rather than 12 months.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, in light of that I want to make sure I heard your motion correctly. Does that relate to only denied appropriation requests, sort of make sure, because there might be something that we approve, it may come back, you know, for additional monies later on.

Councilmember Winnecke: I did not use denial, so it will be any action relative to those adjustments, transfers, appropriations, etcetera.

Councilmember Sutton: Well...I guess we really just need to get something. We don't know what may come up but I guess what's kind of going through my head is the possibility of something that we actually do approve and we approve it for maybe a lesser amount pending additional information and then we come back later on that would be kind of a situation where we would have to wait six months before we could put the additional money –

Councilmember Winnecke: That's a good point, I'd be willing to amend to any denial by the body.

President Raben: Would everyone feel more comfortable if we just took this action next month and gave everybody an opportunity to give it more consideration?

Councilmember Winnecke: As long as that same request doesn't come back.

Councilmember Hoy: I think with that clarification I'm ready to vote. I don't know about anybody else.

President Raben: I guess the only thing that really muddies it up is you mentioned appropriations.

Councilmember Winnecke: Salary appropriations.

President Raben: Salary related appropriations, okay. I'm fine with that.

Councilmember Wortman: Is there anything wrong with bringing it back on the floor, take two-thirds majority instead of a four/three count?

Councilmember Hoy: Well, it's got to have five votes anyway if its for a salary, so it would...

Jeff Ahlers: Is your question whether to suspend this rule? To suspend this rule, it would just take a majority. Is that what you're asking?

Councilmember Wortman: No, if it comes back like Mr. Sutton said, in three months, and we think it's necessary, it's going to take five votes to get it to pass, otherwise it'll fail. See, you never know.

Jeff Ahlers: Right, well, it would take five votes no matter what because it takes two/thirds. I thought you meant in light of this rule, it would only take four votes for you to suspend the rule to bring it back on the floor, but it would take five then to pass it.

Councilmember Wortman: Because a salary is involved, see.

Jeff Ahlers: Right.

President Raben: Okay, I think everybody understands it. Roll call vote.

Councilmember Tornatta: It's a good start.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**PUBLIC HEARINGS REGARDING THE PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF BONDS
AND AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR REFINANCING**

President Raben: Okay, under items B & C, these pertain to refinancing of bonds for some of our old bonds that are out there. I'm going to turn the chair over to our counsel and allow him the opportunity to explain a few things on this matter.

Jeff Ahlers: Thank you. We've got two items that have been noticed for public hearing. The first is what I refer to as the bond ordinance, and it's an Ordinance of the County Council of the County of Vanderburgh, Indiana Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Special Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds of Vanderburgh County, Indiana to Provide Funds for the Refunding, Prior to Maturity, of Certain Previously Issued and Currently Outstanding Special Tax Revenue Bonds Together With the Expenses Incidental Thereto, Including the Cost of Issuance of the Refunding Bonds. That, as I will refer to, as the bond notice, has been noticed for public hearing today and I'll give you a brief description and actually, I think I provided that to everyone in writing, but for the record and in terms of the public hearing, basically, the bond ordinance authorizes the re-issuance of bonds that had previously been issued in 1996. As everyone knows, interest rates have reduced, so essentially what we're doing is similar to people remortgaging, refinancing the mortgage on their home. The term will remain the same as the 1996 bond. In other words, the bonds mature no later than January 1, 2010, which was the maturity date of the 1996 bonds. The difference is that we are just refinancing but at a lower interest rate. The original issued amount was \$8,480,000. The outstanding amount now is \$5,070,000. The bond ordinance would authorize issuing in the maximum amount of \$5,200,000. It's expected that they'll actually only be issued in the amount of \$5,000,000 but the underwriter wanted to have some leeway in the event that it would be necessary for a higher amount. The bond ordinance also sets forth a maximum interest rate of 4% per year. Because the term of the 2003 bonds is so short, they will not be subject to optional redemption prior to the maturity. The 1996 bonds were payable from the Vanderburgh County's distributive shares of the county wheel tax and motor vehicle excise surtax and then to the extent that they weren't sufficient to pay the debt service on the 1996 bonds, then it was from the county option income tax. The 2003 bonds will be payable from the exact same sources. There will be a debt service savings in each year that the 2003 bonds are outstanding and the current projected present value of the net savings on the 2003 bonds is approximately \$1,000,000, which includes savings on debt service in the approximate amount of \$600,000 over the life of the 2003 bonds and includes savings of approximately \$400,000 resulting from reducing the debt service reserve. Mr. President, I don't know if you want to go ahead and have a public hearing and gather comments from anyone in the public and the members, and then I will need to address the manner in which this will need to be voted on, but I didn't know for, in terms of having some order of process, if you want to go ahead and conduct your public hearing and see if there is anyone in the audience present to speak at the hearing or any of the Councilmembers.

President Raben: The chair would now recognize anyone in the audience wishing to speak. No one in the audience wishing to speak on behalf of this matter? Okay. No one. Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Raben, on C, the public hearing of the County Council of Vanderburgh Indiana regarding an additional appropriation, would you outline that for me please?

President Raben: Okay, that, if you look at your amended agenda, those were actually flip-flopped. C is now B, and B is now C. But it's my understanding that our Council

had mentioned what we're doing is very much like refinancing a home. You have to pay your old mortgage before you receive the new mortgage, so you're basically, it's considered an appropriation and in essence, it's really just a change of hands.

Jeff Ahlers: If the bond ordinance is passed, then we'll hold the public hearing on the appropriation ordinance and what that does is then giving your permission to appropriate the funds from the bonds, which first will go to pay off the old bonds and the costs in underwriting associated with the existing bond and that kind of thing. In terms of, if there's no other comments and I think I touched on this last week, that the underwriters would like to have the bond closing on April 30th. In order to do that we would have to do one of two things: either there would have to be unanimous consent of this council today to have this reading and introduction of the bond and vote be the first and final reading, and there would need to be unanimous consent for that. If there is consent to do that then we would then vote on the bond ordinance itself and then if it passes we'd move on to the appropriation ordinance. If there was not unanimous consent for this to be the first and final reading and vote on the ordinance, in order to meet that deadline we would need to have a special meeting to come back. The reason that the underwriters want to close on April 30th is because of that's when they believe they can get the most favorable terms for the bond. I mean, I guess, I'm not a financial whiz, but I guess they say rates are going to start or already starting to move back the other way and that we needed to get locked in. So depending upon how you feel about it, that's what I would recommend is that we take a motion for this motion to give consent to allow consideration of the bond ordinance at one meeting today for the first and final reading and vote, and then take a vote on that. And if there's unanimous consent then you can just go ahead and vote on the bond ordinance today one time, otherwise, we'll have to go from there.

Councilmember Wortman: What happens if it's not the total seven votes? What happens then?

Jeff Ahlers: If you do not get unanimous consent to have this be the first and final reading today, then we would just vote on the bond ordinance like anything else, and then if it passes, then we would need to, this body would have to decide if it wants to meet that deadline. I'm told that they'd like for us to have a special meeting to get this passed again next week, so that they can then meet their April 30th deadline. However, if unanimous consent is given for today to be the first and final reading, and then the vote is taken, we won't have to have a special meeting or come back to vote on that again.

Councilmember Wortman: And everything is in order, you're sure?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, as far as I'm concerned, it is. And that's the county's bond counsel, Tom Pittman and Scott Peck of Baker & Daniels have obviously done the lion's share of, you know, the actual work on the bond itself. And I've spoken to them in detail about the procedure to be taken, and that's the course they recommend as well.

President Raben: Okay, the chair would now –

Councilmember Sutton: Just one question real quick. Thank you, Mr. President, in terms of the professional fees that's a percentage of this bond, how much do they account for?

Jeff Ahlers: I don't know what the actual percentage is. I mean, in terms of what the professional fees are, they're not allowed by law to be charged by a percentage. If you want the exact figure, I have in there what Crowe Chizek, the county's accountants, what

they estimated those costs to be which I guess they could be less or they could be more. It looks like that the total cost of issuance detail would be \$80,500. Now that's spread between a financial advisor, bond and local counsel, trustee origination, rating agency fee, POS official statement and miscellaneous.

Councilmember Sutton: And that's all paid as a part of refinancing this bond. There is no additional or separate appropriation required for that fee and that –

Jeff Ahlers: Oh, that's correct. That's all taken out of the bond and part of the charge for that. I think because this is a small issuance, you know, that's a pretty small amount. Like, for example, on the jail bonds, I think those fees are significantly more, but because it's a re-issuance and it's a smaller amount, the Baker & Daniels people told me that's why those costs are less.

President Raben: And I think when you read through the description of the bond ordinance where it addresses that the debt service or the amount, the payoff is \$5,070,000 and they request a preliminary figure 5.2 million, that's to pay those accrued costs. It's still not a bad deal, 80,000 to save a million.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I'll make a motion that this be the one and only meeting to approve the refinancing of these bonds.

President Raben: Okay we have a motion –

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Raben: Any further discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Jeff Ahlers: The next vote that you would need to take, Mr. Raben, would be to move for approval of the bond ordinance itself.

Councilmember Tornatta: So ordered.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion to approve the bond ordinance. Is there a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: We have a second, Councilman Hoy. Any further questions, comments? Hearing none, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Just for a matter of record, Fifth Third Bank, my employer, is involved with this transaction, so I will be abstaining from this vote. So I abstain.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: And for the same reason Mr. Sutton abstained, I abstain.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0/Councilmembers Sutton & Winnecke abstained from voting)

President Raben: And for that reason, we need to be careful that we never allow more than three bankers from the same institution on this body so we can pass something if we need to.

Councilmember Hoy: You can have as many ministers as you want, Jim.

Councilmember Winnecke: What about tire guys?

Councilmember Hoy: We've got two tire guys. We ought to have a limit on those –

Jeff Ahlers: Okay, one final matter and that is what I referred to as the appropriation ordinance, the title of it is, which was also a duly noticed public hearing in the Evansville Courier according to statute. The title of the ordinance is An Ordinance of the County Council of the County of Vanderburgh, Indiana Appropriating the Proceeds Together With Investment Earnings Thereon Derived From the Sale of Bonds Heretofore Authorized to be Issued and Designated as Vanderburgh County, Indiana Special Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2003, For the Purpose of Refunding Prior to Maturity of Certain Previously Issued and Currently Outstanding Special Tax Revenue Bonds, Together With the Expenses Incidental Thereto, Including the Costs of Issuance of the Refunding Bonds. That is now set for a public hearing to be held now, Mr. President, so if you'd like to conduct your public hearing.

President Raben: Okay, is there any member of the audience wishing to speak to this matter? No one wishes to speak? Okay. Do we need a motion?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, now we need a motion for approval of the appropriation ordinance.

Councilmember Tornatta: So ordered.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Abstain. Wait a minute, not this one. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Jeff Ahlers: The only thing I would have is, if possible, before everyone leaves if you could sign a couple of copies of these so I can send them up to the bond counsel in Indianapolis that provides for a signature. Thanks.

President Raben: Okay, there are going to be several things to sign so everybody please stay with us here after the meeting.

<p style="text-align: center;">PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING HOMESTEAD CREDIT</p>

President Raben: Okay, next is permission to advertise the Homestead Tax Credit. We do this every year, so the Chair would now entertain a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any questions? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Raben: And one last matter to handle before we adjourn. I guess a week ago Monday the County Commissioners had requested that this body appoint two individuals to work on research of the Community Corrections in regards to how much this County Council deems is appropriate to spend for a Community Corrections complex, so the

chair would like to appoint Councilman Phil Hoy and Councilman Ed Bassemier. Other than that, that's all we've got and the chair would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman?

Councilmember Sutton: Go ahead. Age before beauty.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay. I'd just like to bring this to the attention of the County Council and any other body involved. Azteca out there is starting to smell again, bad. So I'm going to call them again and if not, I might ask them to appear before us and find out why he's stinking, in plain words. But the people are getting tired of it, it's going on again and they've been just omitting our calls and everything. It's getting so some nights you can't open your windows out there. It even comes up to downtown Darmstadt and that's bad. So I just thought I'd bring it to your attention so if there's something said about it, why we're going to have to do something. Thank you.

President Raben: Okay, thank you. Any –

Councilmember Sutton: Something I wanted to mention.

President Raben: Is it going to be long? We're going to have to change the tape.

Councilmember Sutton: Well yeah, go ahead and change the tape.

President Raben: That scares me.

(Tape changed)

<p>RESCIND RESOLUTION CO.R-03-03-001 APPROVING FOR A TWENTY YEAR PERIOD FUNDING AT \$245,000 ANNUALLY TOWARDS A DOWNTOWN EVANSVILLE MULTI-PURPOSE BASEBALL STADIUM AND RELATED FACILITIES</p>

Councilmember Sutton: I think, Mr. President, thank you, this will just take a couple of seconds. In light of the announcement by the mayor a couple of days ago that the baseball stadium is now a dead project, and in that last month we did appropriate some funds over the course of 20 years, I think just for form and purpose we probably need to take some action here on this body since we did appropriate funds through this, though the funds aren't directly from us, we have to approve the funding, and perhaps if we could have something drawn up maybe for our next meeting, Counsel Ahlers, to maybe effectuate that action to negate what we took last month or rather than just kind of leaving that hanging out there, that appropriation hanging out there, we need something to kind of reverse it. And I don't know if the Convention & Visitors Bureau is going to do something as well on their end, but just for form and purpose we would need to do something.

President Raben: Before you answer that, you may not know this, but in preparation of completing the resolution, I've not actually signed that. I was going to sign it today. So by simply not signing it may take care of exactly what...

Councilmember Sutton: Well maybe for the – I'm thinking more for the record we need to at least get something on the record that indicates, you know, we took the action but now we're not –

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, if you could give me what the final form of the resolution was, if you want, probably could just either be done by oral motion or if you want me to prepare a one sentence resolution, it's basically just pass a resolution to rescind resolution number whatever it was. It's as simple as that. In the meantime, you might want to, some of you or I don't know who the liaison is to the Convention Bureau, you might check with them and see what they intend to do, if they care.

President Raben: What we can do just to make sure it's clean, I'll just state this, the chair would entertain a motion to rescind Resolution No. R-03-03-001.

Councilmember Tornatta: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Raben: One quick legal question, since that document has not been signed by the President, do I need to go ahead and sign it even though we've –

Jeff Ahlers: No, you can do whatever you want. I mean, it's already technically been passed because it was read into the record orally and when you passed it at your vote, it effectuated, so you don't need to if you don't want to. It's up to you unless the Auditor's Office wants it.

Councilmember Tornatta: Motion to adjourn.

President Raben: Motion to adjourn. Do we have a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Raben: Meeting adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.)

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President James Raben

Vice President Ed Bassemier

Councilmember Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MAY 7, 2003**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 7th day of May, 2003 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. by County Council President Jim Raben.

President Raben: I'd like to call to order the Vanderburgh County Council meeting for May 7th, 2003. Sheriff, would you like to open the meeting?

(Meeting opened by Chief Deputy Sheriff Eric Williams)

President Raben: Okay, thank you. Madam Secretary, roll call vote please.

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

President Raben: Now if we could all stand for the Pledge.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Raben: Okay, in the audience with us today, we have several students from North High School. I might ask that you stand and be recognized. Thank you.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
APRIL 2, 2003**

President Raben: Next, approval of the minutes from our April 2nd, 2003 meeting.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any questions? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

President Raben: Next, the Appropriation Ordinance. And at this time, I would like to turn the mike over to our Finance Chairman, Lloyd Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. At this time I'd like to move that line 1310-1850 Union Overtime in the amount of \$500 be approved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any questions? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1310-1850	Union Overtime	500.00	500.00
Total		500.00	500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Councilmember Winnecke: Under Community Corrections, line 1361-1950 Educational Fund in the amount of \$832, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any questions? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1361-1950	Educational Fund	832.00	832.00
Total		832.00	832.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, in Superior Court, line 1370-1803-1370 Legal Transcripts/Pauper in the amount of \$720, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and several seconds. Any 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-1803-1370	Legal Trans/Pauper	720.00	720.00
Total		720.00	720.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, from the Cum Bridge Fund, I'll move line 2030-3930 Other Contractual in the amount of \$90,000 be approved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-3930	Other Contractual	90,000.00	90,000.00
Total		90,000.00	90,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, in Reassessment Fund appropriations under Reassessment/Commissioners, I'll move line 2492-1300-3120 Postage in the amount of \$26,000, and line 2492-1300-3410 Printing in the amount of \$9,000, for a total appropriation of \$35,000 be approved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? No 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1300-3120	Postage	26,000.00	26,000.00
2492-1300-3410	Printing	9,000.00	9,000.00
Total		35,000.00	35,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

911 EMERGENCY SERVICE

Councilmember Winnecke: From the 911 Emergency Service fund, I'll move line 3290-3140 Telephone in the amount of \$14,000 be approved.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? No 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

911 EMERGENCY SERVICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3290-3140	Telephone	14,000.00	14,000.00
Total		14,000.00	14,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, from the Tourism Capital Improvement fund, I'll move line 3600-4067 Soccer Fields Complex in the amount of \$200,000 be approved.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes. On that, what would be the balance left in the account if this particular request is approved? If someone from the Convention & Visitors Bureau is available to speak to this?

David Dunn: Good afternoon. I'm David Dunn. I'm one of the board members of the Convention & Visitors Bureau, and is the question how much will be remaining in the Tourism Capital Development Fund?

Councilmember Sutton: Correct.

David Dunn: Presently, we show a balance of \$509,000, so that would leave roughly \$300,000 in the account.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

President Raben: Any other questions? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3600-4067	Soccer Fields Complex	200,000.00	200,000.00
Total		200,000.00	200,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

JAIL PROJECT

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Jail Project fund appropriations. I'll move line 3660-4321 Road Construction be set in at zero.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Questions?

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll get the ball rolling. The financial statement that we were provided last week shows that we have 1.9 million that's unappropriated in the Local Road & Street budget. I believe it's appropriate that the Commissioners fund this request from that project. A while ago, this body set a budget of 35 million dollars for the jail project. To aid the Commissioners in finding and securing a location for the project we appropriated an additional one million dollars. In my mind, that's it. I think we need to live within our means and I think the Local Road & Street budget is an appropriate funding source for this project.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions? Councilman Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, I think that, although it's in some ways good logic to bring it out of Local Roads & Streets, this is a jail project. At this point we would like to, in my opinion, we would like to pull these funds out of the jail or do what we said we were doing in a prior meeting which is, if we had to go a little bit over our 35 million dollar cap to take care of the property and how to get to that property, then that would be all encompassed under here. In numbers, in looking at it, we are going to have reimbursements come back to us over a million dollars or right about a million dollars, which would cover this project, and so we should be in line even if we had to – I mean, I don't even know if we'd have to go over the 35 million. I mean, is Commissioner Mosby....? Commissioner, could you go over the cash balance and any reimbursables that we are going to receive and then maybe go over what we

see in the Local Roads & Streets coming up and how that will be affected if we take the money out of Local Roads & Streets?

President Raben: Excuse me, David, before you start please state your name for the record.

David Mosby: David Mosby, President of the County Commissioners. Thank you, Councilman Tornatta. What you have in your cash balance of your jail project, first, we'll go back to the fact that there was 2.7 million put in there in 2001, 2002, and there was interest received on that of \$54,000, and interest as of 3/31 was 8,000, so you had a balance of \$5,462,000. Out of that, land was paid for a million dollars, road design \$170,000, then you had architectural fees of \$698,000, which is going to be a reimbursable back to that fund out of the bond issue, and then you had \$373,000 for programming, which is another reimbursable coming back to that fund. Presently, you have a 3.2 million dollar balance. You take the two reimbursables, put them back in and you have a 4.2 million dollar balance. You could take the 1.4 out, you're going to get another reimbursable from the water department which, in turn, is still going to leave you a balance of 3.6 million dollars, 3.677. If you look at the road fund, Street & Roads, and I sent a letter over. We know we have Mt. Pleasant on the books at \$320,000, we know we're going to have to take part of St. George/Oak Hill, we can't take it all out of CCD, there's \$387,000 coming out for that. We have the Green River Road project which we've yet to been able to get started. It has to be started at some point in time, that's almost two and a half million, we have Green River and Millersburg at \$322,000. If you'll remember correctly, Eickhoff/Koressel came in at a whole lot higher than what we thought and that project is still not started. But we have a problem out there because USI had signed off on some wetlands that was never done and we're still in the process with Bernardin Lochmueller of trying to straighten this out. This project could even go higher before it's all said and done. All that's in Roads & Streets is 1.9 million dollars and if you look at everything that's going to have to come out of there, we're nowhere close in Roads & Streets to get that done. But the jail fund does have a 4.2 million dollar or will have a 4.2 million dollar balance. I talked to CSX last week after we had this meeting and I talked to Mark Freeland early Thursday morning. The land, if you look at the description that we wrote for the road project out there, there's ten acres that CSX is donating and it's like Mark said, we're not charging anybody for that land. If you want to say it's worth \$50,000 an acre, that's a \$500,000 donation. But they are donating the ten acres this Council and Commission, and this county and city, is not required to buy that. So they are already putting ten acres of land on the table that we did not have to purchase and we did not have to take out of our purchase for the project. It's like he said, we didn't require you to take that out of your purchase of the 37 acres, he said, so that's our contribution to this project.

Councilmember Winnecke: Relative to the letter that you sent on Monday, referring back to the capital improvement plan, the five year plan that you presented us at budget time last year, Green River/Millersburg is on there for 2004 and 2005, but only for \$175,000.

David Mosby: This is an update that John Stoll has given us, there's going to have to be some stuff changed in that project. I don't know if John is here or not. He was kind of – there's going to have to be some design changes in there.

John Stoll: John Stoll, County Engineer. That project had to be modified because of meeting Federal Aid requirements. Right now it looks like the intersection of Green River and Millersburg would have to be raised up to three feet and that wasn't anticipated in the original numbers so that changes that project substantially. We

originally thought it could be done with a lot lower price tag but meeting the standards and getting the project done is probably going to cost a million, a million and a half ballpark terms right now. And we still won't know for certain until all the final design plans have been approved, and we're just not there yet.

President Raben: Okay, just real quick because you asked a question and I don't think we really answered the question. The question was, the project is scheduled for 2004, 2005. Why are we mentioning today that we need those monies now?

David Mosby: We're just trying to give you an overlook of what is going to be coming out of this fund for the next two or three years and the amount of money we have. And there's –

President Raben: And money goes into the fund every year.

David Mosby: If you look at the two and a half million alone, I mean, what we're going to be getting in and all this coming out, plus Eickhoff/Koressel, there's not a million four to take out of there. That's the point. I mean, it's not – we're just trying to give you an overview of what's coming up in the future. I mean, rather than looking at just today, I mean, we're trying to look at the future and tell you where we're at.

Councilmember Sutton: Dave, what is remaining on Eickhoff/Koressel as far as what the county should expect to see as far as paying and finishing out that project? I mean, how much do we have left out there?

John Stoll: Do you mean how much work till we get it to construction or dollar figures?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, as far as dollar figures coming out of Local Roads & Streets this year for that project.

John Stoll: I can't tell you exactly because there are about, I believe eight condemnation suits out there on right-of-way that have yet to be settled. It depends on what the final dollar figure is on all those. Assuming we didn't have to pay anything above and beyond what we deposited with the courts already, I was figuring that we're about even with what's in the budgets right now. If we have to deal with the – well, it's not if we have to deal with it, it's when we have to deal with the mitigation problem, we'll have to sign another supplemental agreement for design with Bernardin Lochmueller that could cost several thousand dollars more. And the big unknown is the construction cost. Between, I'd say 2000 and then 2002, the cost estimate jumped several million dollars. That cost estimate has been since refined. We think it's a fairly accurate estimate but if we see another jump like that then our local match goes up accordingly and that's where we'd see another big chunk of Road and Street money or some funding needed to make that project a go. Ideally, we'd still like to see that project bid this fall, but the biggest unknown is when we'll get the mitigation issue resolved.

Councilmember Winnecke: I just had one other sort of question or comment. David, you referenced the Mt. Pleasant Road project both at the podium and in your letter. I found through the Auditor's Office that we encumbered \$1.1 million at the end of the year and there's an additional several hundred thousand dollars that's unappropriated for that, so how do you foresee that project and where does that stand?

John Stoll: We're in the process of acquiring right-of-way on that right now, too. I believe condemnation has been filed on six parcels and the cost estimate on that project was around two million dollars. Given what we've paid in right-of-way to date has helped make our cost go higher than what we had anticipated back when that project was originally budgeted. Like you said, there is a million in one account. I believe there is \$500,000 in another. I think we've got \$175,000 in the bridge account for that project, but totaling up all those, plus the remaining expected right-of-way costs, we end up about \$300,000 short. If the bids come in lower, great, then we wouldn't need that money. But unfortunately, we're not to that point yet.

Councilmember Winnecke: And then when do you project that going to bid and under construction?

John Stoll: We're still hoping for that to go this fall as well because we've got, I believe, five parcels of right-of-way that aren't in condemnation as of yet, that potentially could, that aren't settled as of yet. All the rest of them, the condemnation is in the process of being filed. So once we get right of entry on to those properties, then we would be ready to bid the project. There may be a lag time between when we bid it and when construction actually starts because there's a substantial amount of utility relocation that has to be done out there, but we could at least get the project awarded by the end of the year. At least that's our plan.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Stoll, on the bridge over Pigeon Creek, were you going to build an additional bridge there or widen that or what's your plan? Wouldn't you have to do that first or am I wrong?

John Stoll: On Green River?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

John Stoll: The plan that was developed back in the mid 90's, back when that project was originally undertaken, it called for building a new, two-lane bridge immediately adjacent to the existing bridge and then the existing bridge would have a total rehab. So it would be a little bit of both. One new bridge and then one rehab of the existing bridge.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you.

President Raben: John, real quick, since we got on the subject of Mt. Pleasant, did we not discuss some time over the course of last year that there was a possibility that that project was going to be scaled back because of crossing the railroad tracks and intersection?

John Stoll: Morley & Associates is in the process of changing those plans right now. When we met with CSX and INDOT, I believe it was in January or February, they said their preference would be that we not even do any work on their right-of-way. And the way the plans were drawn, we were showing a three-lane road cross section going up to the track. That has to be scaled back to get rid of the third lane, so that's what Morley is in the process of doing right now. And then last summer, the property owners west of Old State did not want any part of the project as far as any widening in front of their houses so the project was scaled back to eliminate the portion of the project west of Old State. But that was only a few hundred feet.

President Raben: Okay, I guess my question is, is I thought that was the case, but if we're talking about scaling the project back in two different fashions, how do we

get into cost run overs?

John Stoll: The right-of-way is where we're seeing the problems right now. I mean, back when the original estimates were prepared, we didn't have all the appraised values of all the properties. Now we do and we've purchased quite a few of them already. So that was the unanticipated portion of the cost. We just didn't have it at the time and now we do. As far as costs for construction, realistically, the supplemental agreements with Morley's will offset a lot of the cost of the, they will offset the reduction in construction cost. Basically, we had to pay Morley's office, I believe it was \$18,000 on this last redesign to change the cross section up by the railroad tracks, plus they were going to address a couple other issues. And I can't remember what we paid last summer, but those increased engineering costs were going to offset any savings when we got to construction.

President Raben: Alright, any other questions?

Councilmember Sutton: I want to just – I think you guys have got quite a bit of information. I just want to make sure I'm clear. Maybe you guys are a little bit more clear than I am. As we look at the priorities on our different projects here and trying to get a good handle on how much we're going to have coming out this year, I know we've got to think about 2004, 2005. We've got to think about that, but yeah, we'll have additional money that will be coming in, you know, to fund things in future years, but kind of help me to see it maybe with a little bit more clarity on just the numbers on these projects, what it's going to cost and what we should anticipate this year. I've got the – you know, got the letter that was prepared here, but given maybe what you guys are sharing here, it appears there might be some updates or some amendments to that. And so if you could give me some dollars and priority wise, where do they fall in, you know, which one is the top one, which one is bottom? Kind of work me through that. That would be very helpful.

David Mosby: In talking to the County Engineer, the first two for sure and going to go and then Green River Road, we're going to at least budget money for design. I mean, we have to do – the design has to be updated. This project has been left sitting now for about eight or ten years.

President Raben: While you're there, do you have an estimate – yeah, we put a half million in there in August for that.

David Mosby: And then Green River/Millersburg, we don't know for sure. And we don't know what's going to happen with Eickhoff/Koressel. And that's a big unknown factor right now.

President Raben: So the only for sure is approximately just under \$700,000?

David Mosby: Yeah, it's going to be \$700,000 for sure, and then depending on what happens with Millersburg and what happens with Eickhoff/Koressel.

President Raben: And not to keep kicking a dead horse, but I still have a lot of questions which, John, I may need to get back with you on Mt. Pleasant, but the total cost of that project as it stands today is estimated at what?

Councilmember Winnecke: Million five.

John Stoll: Around two million.

President Raben: Around two million? Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: So if I took out the Millersburg, Green River and Millersburg project, and I'm including Mt. Pleasant, St. George and Eickhoff, that puts me about 1.3, and then that Green River Road project is – with the design, don't know what the figure is there, so I've got a total of about 1.3 right now without the design cost.

President Raben: We appropriated \$500,000 last August for designs, so that money is in place.

David Mosby: It will be about \$700,000 on the first two and it's \$1,020,000 if you add the third one in, not counting Eickhoff/Koressel, which would leave us about an \$800,000 balance. The other thing that I wanted to mention, I mean, we have a closing date on this land and we're supposed to close this land within a certain amount of days of our use and development commitment, so this is something that we don't have very few days left and that's why we're here today.

Councilmember Tornatta: Why could this money not come out of the balance that we have in the jail fund?

Councilmember Winnecke: Because my personal opinion is that it should be spent here. I mean, I think –

Councilmember Tornatta: Are we building a – it's for the jail, right?

Councilmember Winnecke: We're building a road. We're extending Harlan Avenue, and we've asked every officeholder that's come before us this year to make priorities. We've said no probably more this year than any time I've been on the Council. And with all respect to the Commissioners and the County Engineer, I think they need to make the same kind of priorities. We set a budget of 35 million dollars, we added one million dollars for land acquisition and I think that's it. We have a million nine that's unappropriated there. They expect to spend \$700,000 this year out of Local Roads & Streets on that project. We know that we'll be reimbursed \$700,000 from the utility department once the city closes on its land. It's a \$700,000 project. I think it needs to come from Local Roads & Streets.

Councilmember Tornatta: We did set aside that money for issues like this to take care of any overage or any runs that we needed, and we did state in a Council meeting that if it did run over a few, I think we got an outstanding deal on the property, and that allowed us to also put a road to the property. And then we're going to get reimbursed half of that back. I mean, it stands to reason it could come out of that fund. We don't take it out of the roads that we need to repair and upgrade that have to be for the citizens of this community. I mean, I think that's what it's all about. And then we set it aside knowing that was going to happen.

President Raben: Could I – just a moment. As far as the set aside, I could not differ with you more. The set aside was preparing ourselves to pay the debt service on those bonds, nothing more, nothing less. And we have gone beyond the 35 million with allowing the million dollar purchase for the property out of the set aside. And just like you and I discussed today on the phone, it's a little early to lift the lid off the cookie jar. I mean, you're right, we may need to get into that. You know, we haven't hammered the first nail in this project, we don't know what other costs overruns there may be that we find out as you get closer to completion of this project. So that set aside has always been, in my belief, has been to take care of debt service.

Councilmember Sutton: Let's look at this fully now. The whole 35 million dollar project cost was based on a ten year projection that we would set aside X number of dollars every year. We didn't do that this year. We did it the first couple of years, so we've already – I mean, we've got some issues here that this Council is going to need to – and I brought this up a couple months ago and there hasn't been any follow up on it – where the dollars are going to come from to pay the debt service on this, so we've already had a misstep this year. There hasn't been any money put in to the jail project fund for this year. Granted, we are talking about a separate issue, but it's very much related in that if we're having these issues this year, we don't know what next year is going to bring, so given what we were presented here at this Council, that this Council was going to set aside X number of dollars each and every year, that has not been addressed.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. Sutton, I think you make a great point and I think that reiterates the importance of not funding this project from that. When the bonds are sold and the reimbursables are put back into that account, we're going to need all that money and more to start the debt service in 2006 if everything goes according to plan. The element that we need to look at beyond that is the operational expense of that jail which, you know, frankly, we haven't looked at in some time. So I think you make a great point, I agree with you 100%, but I think it speaks to the point that we need to really fund this from another source versus taking it out of the set aside money.

President Raben: Okay, --

David Mosby: Can I just say two things?

President Raben: One last comment.

David Mosby: Well okay, I'll combine them together then. We're looking at a fund that's going to have a 3.6 million dollar cash balance in it. At the end of the year, even if we take the 1.4 million out and you've got 700,000 coming back in, that's included in the 3.6, that's going to be your cash balance. You're talking about a fund that only has a 1.9 million dollar cash balance which we know 700,000 is already coming out. We have a commitment to this community and the public to take care of the streets and roads out here. We cannot break this fund. This fund will not be broke – I won't do it. I can assure you that. The only other option you're going to leave us is we'll take the 1.4 million out of the jail fund, we'll take it out of the bond issue, but when we do, you're getting one pod less. You're cutting 64 beds off that jail, so you're in turn going to pay for a jail that's not even going to be two times the size of what you've got. And that's what we need to be thinking about. That's our only alternative is to go to the bond.

President Raben: I'm going to recognize Councilman Bassemier for one last comment.

Councilmember Bassemier: I just want everyone to remember that when we put in that 35 million dollars back a couple three years ago, that was for three projects. That's for the jail, juvenile detention center, community corrections. Now we're at 35 million and we can't build it for 35 million, and I don't want to beat a dead horse, but I really feel like we're having the wrong people to build this jail. I know they can do it across the river for a third of the cost or two thirds. I tell you what, you know, I think the taxpayers just spoke just on that referendum. You know, they don't want to raise taxes to help our kids, but yet, it's going to end up we're going to raise our taxes to make it comfortable for our criminals. It just don't make sense. So we just

better watch what we’re doing here when we vote.

President Raben: Thank you. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: We’re setting this in at zero, right? That’s the motion?
I vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I don’t like to have this body threatened by diminishing the size
of the jail. I was ready to vote no on this but I’m going to vote yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

JAIL PROJECT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3660-4321	Road Construction	1,400,000.00	0.00
Total		1,400,000.00	0.00

(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Tornatta & Sutton opposed)

LATE TRANSFER

President Raben: Okay, next we’ll move to transfers.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, we have one transfer. If you recall
a few months ago, we made an appropriation for the referendum. This is just putting
the amount of money that we appropriated into the correct line items. So I would
move that the late transfer that’s presented before us be accepted as is.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: What was the motion?

President Raben: To approve the repeal as submitted.

Councilmember Winnecke: It's a transfer.

President Raben: Or transfer, excuse me. Okay, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

ELECTION OFFICE-SPECIAL ELECTION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1211-3570	Janitorial Service	300.00	300.00
1211-3530	Contractual Services	5,044.00	5,044.00
1211-3410	Printing	1,660.00	1,660.00
1211-1170-1211	Election Judge	8,065.00	8,065.00
To: 1211-3600	Rent	300.00	300.00
1211-2700	Other Supplies	3,765.00	3,765.00
1211-3610	Legal Services	1,279.00	1,279.00
1211-3120	Postage	1,660.00	1,660.00
1211-1120-1211	Election Assistant	7,684.00	7,684.00
1211-1900	FICA	381.00	381.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Raben: Now the amendments to the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, let me dig those out from my mountain of paper here. Okay, Salary Ordinance amendments from the Superintendent of County Buildings, amend Salary Ordinance line 1310-1850 Union Overtime as previously approved; Superior Court, amend Salary Ordinance line 1370-1803 Legal/Transfer/ Pauper as previously approved; and Burdette Park, amend Salary Ordinance to allow an additional \$.25 per hour for an individual having a certified pool operator training certificate. I move approval.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Raben: Did you mention Election Office?

Councilmember Winnecke: I didn't have anything –

President Raben: Oh, that's right. Okay, any further questions? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

RESOLUTION DENYING COIT TO SOLID WASTE FOR 2004

President Raben: There's no old business before us. Under New Business, under item A, the chair would entertain a motion for a resolution to deny COIT distribution to the Solid Waste District for 2004. The chair would ask for a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Troy, did you have a question?

Councilmember Tornatta: No, just making a motion.

President Raben: Any further questions?

Councilmember Sutton: I have a question. I'll be honest, help me understand that just a little bit, why we need to make this particular motion.

President Raben: Okay, we've done this, I guess, since we established the Solid Waste District. And basically, what this is about, some counties allow COIT to fund the Solid Waste District. We've not needed COIT and we've done this, Royce, every year for the last several years.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Raben, the Solid Waste District has a goodly amount of money in reserve and they have a revenue source that pretty much keeps them going.

President Raben: Again, this is nothing new. We've done it for the last – well, as long as, I guess, we've established the district. So any other questions? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: 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 2004 AND CASTING THE VOTES OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL ON SAID ORDINANCE R-05-03-011</p>

President Raben: Next, under B, I would entertain a resolution by the County Council proposing an ordinance of the Vanderburgh County Income Tax Council establishing the percentage credit allowed at 8% for homesteads in 2004 and casting the votes of the County Council on said ordinance. The Chair would entertain a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any further discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: How many votes does this require?

President Raben: Majority, four. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>ORDINANCE OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY INCOME TAX COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE PERCENTAGE CREDIT ALLOWED FOR HOMESTEADS</p>

President Raben: Now, under C, I would entertain a motion for an ordinance of the Vanderburgh County Income Tax Council establishing the percentage credit allowed for homesteads at 8%.

Councilmember Wortman: I move we adopt that, what you said.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Raben: Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDING
PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE
PURPOSE OF FINANCING CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
FACILITIES/THE STERLING GROUP**

President Raben: Under D is a resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council providing preliminary approval for the issuance of bonds for the proposed financing of certain economic development facilities/The Sterling Group. Mr. Schaefer is here. Is there anyone here from Sterling, the Sterling Group? Does anybody have any questions on this? No questions? Well, I didn't mean to call you to the podium. I figured there would be some questions.

Councilmember Wortman: I make a motion for approval.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion. Is there a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: I'm going to, on this vote when it does come around, I'm going to abstain on this for business reasons related to my employer, Fifth Third Bank, so I just wanted to make sure I got that on the record. That's all I wanted to say.

President Raben: Once again, we have to remember how many bankers we can allow here so we'll have enough to make a vote –

Councilmember Winnecke: Or tire dealers.

President Raben: Okay, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Abstain.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: I'm going to vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: I will abstain for the same reason as Mr. Sutton.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion carried 4-1/Councilmember Hoy opposed, Councilmembers Sutton & Winnecke abstained)

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DISCUSSION

President Raben: Under E, we're going to take a few minutes to discuss Community Corrections.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, do you want me to report on our meeting?

President Raben: Sure, and before we begin, allow us to change the tape.

(Tape Changed)

Catherine Fanello: Catherine Fanello, County Commissioner. I do have an updated handout for you, so I'll go ahead and hand that out if you want to...

Councilmember Hoy: I don't know whether it's the same as what we have here or not.

Catherine Fanello: You have before you a handout that kind of details some of the scenarios that we have talked about with the architects and engineers and we've talked with Councilman Hoy, Councilman Bassemier, and Councilman Winnecke joined us last week for a meeting, and I want to thank them for taking the time to do that and also thank the Council for taking the time to listen to us this afternoon about the Community Corrections issue. We do have a couple of people here that would like to speak to the issue today, Russ Woodson and I believe Judge Trockman has been nominated as the spokesperson for the judges. I'll just kind of preface my comments with the fact that a couple of years ago or way before I took office I know that there was a study done and there was a lot of collaboration on that study. I know the judges spent a lot of time, everyone in public safety and the judicial system spent a lot of time with the company appointed for that study. A hundred thousand dollar study that gave us some guidelines to go by. And I believe the – I have the recommendations here in front of me. And the facility size was recommended at 225, expandable up to 275. Their estimated cost in their recommendations were about six and a half to eight and a half million and that was right out of the study. So what you have in front of you today is considerably less than that. The Sheriff and I started discussions with the Department of Corrections last year about, hopefully, giving us money for this project and they did come through with the two million dollars for the project and now we just need to figure out what this county can afford to do. And I'm hoping that we can afford to do the project right the first time and something that's going to serve our needs for quite a few years. So, I guess with that, I don't know if you want to ask me questions or if you'd like to hear from Mr. Woodson and Judge Trockman?

President Raben: Okay, before we get into any other questions, Councilman Hoy, this kind of got away from us. He wanted to give us a brief update. And then we'll move into questions.

Councilmember Hoy: I was just going to give you a report on the meeting that Councilman Bassemier and I had. We looked at this and I don't know whether Councilman Bassemier is still in agreement with me, and that's alright if he's not, but at that meeting we were looking at the 2.621 cost for 144 beds, which would use \$621,000 of county money. Coupled with that you have a drawing that was provided to us in living color by United/DLZ which gives you a rough sketch of what the building would look like. And you will see that it has a connection to the jail which we think is a good idea. So that's where we were. Since then, the community correction board has met this past Monday and I think that would be the next thing you would be wanting to hear, but that's the report from the first meeting. We were looking at a maximum 2.6, we did not say that we spoke for the Council but that we would recommend it to the rest of our Councilmembers. Thank you.

President Raben: Okay, thank you. Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Councilman Hoy and I we, (Inaudible – microphone not turned on) since the state was going to give us two million dollars (inaudible). We can't afford to go anymore (inaudible), but if you look at the number of beds the two million dollar (inaudible). So that's how we came up with 2.6 million dollars over the (inaudible).

President Raben: I guess my question is, is how do we gain an additional 104 beds for under \$600,000? What's the cost of this project that affords you to be able to do that?

Catherine Fanello: Well, it depends on which option you're looking at. If you're looking at it with expandability or without expandability. And if you go the 40 beds to the 96 beds, if you look in the column where we're talking about expandable, they're building all the core square footage so that when you go to add to the facility, you're only adding dormitories, you're not adding office space or classroom size or anything like that. And Eric has had a lot more, Eric Williams, Chief Deputy, has had a lot of discussion with them about that and he could probably even explain it with some more technical –

President Raben: And I guess my next question is, I guess originally we talked about, I hate to use the expression a pole barn, but a pre-engineered steel building.

Catherine Fanello: And that's what this is.

President Raben: Framing some interior walls up and that's not a \$109 per square foot building. I mean, that's a \$50 a square foot building at best.

Catherine Fanello: Well, I believe it was Dubois County, they just constructed a 72 bed facility, 75 bed facility, and it cost them 2.1 million dollars.

President Raben: Seventy-five beds for 2.1? Okay, did they have their own kitchen? I mean, you know, again, we have to remember we're using kitchen services, probably the laundry service, everything that's going to be part of our new structure, our jail, and I'm sure theirs included that.

Catherine Fanello: And that I would have to check on for what services that they included in that facility.

President Raben: Okay, well this, this seems like an awful lot of money for that type

of building and I can tell you because I've built several of them myself and in my business we construct them to have a 25 or 30 foot interior ceiling. You know, here you're probably talking about a ten foot interior ceiling which makes the walls much shorter, you know, it uses basically half the steel that you would see in this type of facility. And, I mean, this is way out of sight.

Catherine Fanello: Well, I'm really not here today to debate the architecture of the facility except to say that it is a bare bones facility and we don't want to spend any more money than we have to, but we're trying to get something that services the needs of Vanderburgh County. And we know that community corrections is very important to Vanderburgh County, it helps stabilize our jail population and that's something that we all need to be concerned about with the amount of money that we're spending, half a million dollars probably this year to house prisoners in other counties. So, I mean, I've had numerous conversations with the architects and engineers, even spoke with them this morning, and we're getting a bare bones facility here, pre-engineered metal building and you're more than welcome to have a conversation with them about the architectural aspect of it, but I'm really here today to stress the importance of using the two million dollars that we received from the state and to see what we can afford to put with that to get a facility that's going to service our needs. And I think it's very important that we use the money wisely. The 144 beds that Councilman Hoy was speaking about is not an expandable facility. And if you remember and Councilman Raben, you were at that meeting, I believe that the state wants us to house some female and some regional –

President Raben: Not to exceed 125 beds. The state, they were very clear on that, that they thought our facility was way too big, it was not manageable and they were very explicit on that, that we don't want you to operate a 200 bed facility. We want you to reduce it to, the figure they used was 125. And there was even some question on that, where it may have been less than 125. And the two million dollar figure, that was to build a 125 bed facility, but you know, again, I don't know how far we want to go with this today.

Catherine Fanello: Well, they really don't say anything about the 125 beds in the letter that they sent out and I know that they mentioned that figure, but I think we have to look at what was recommended, with the \$100,000 study that was paid for. You know, those were recommendations from people who got together from the judicial system and from the public safety system, who got together and made these recommendations. So I think we have to be aware of the fact that everybody worked together to come up with those numbers.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, is this information today just kind of more or less just FYI? How soon do we need to come to some conclusive thought about what direction we want to take on this matter? Obviously, we've got two million to work with, when do we need to know?

Catherine Fanello: We must have a plan to the state by June 30.

Councilmember Sutton: By June 30th.

Catherine Fanello: And so that's why I asked for the consideration today.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, obviously, we'll be acting on this next month.

Catherine Fanello: I was hoping that you'd act on it today.

Councilmember Sutton: One additional thing that I think would be very helpful for us, it's good to know the up-front cost in constructing this and getting a good handle on how many beds we ultimately are going to go with, but in relation to the present facility that we have and regarding whatever is recommended from whatever we're going to go with, we need to know some of the operational cost as well. Are we going to see some efficiencies with the new facility that we aren't getting out of the old facility, some expenses that we have in the old facility that we won't have in the new that we don't have in the old, so if we can get a handle on that, it would really help us to see what might be the best direction to go. I guess when I was in the meeting with the state, I guess they really weren't telling us, if I can recall, how large the facility ought to be or they really didn't care how big the facility was, they had some recommendations of what they thought might be best but essentially what Vanderburgh County felt would be in their best interest, they were just going to provide two million dollars and that's it, and we could make the decision on what we're going to do to add to that, but that's the areas that I'm really wanting to really get a good grip on before I could really move forward with feeling comfortable with any size, whether we're talking about 20 beds or 200 beds, you know, I just want to know.

Catherine Fanello: And Councilman Winnecke was there the day we had this discussion with Chief Williams and I think you'll find its going to be really hard to narrow down some of those operating costs until we know for sure what we're going to build. I mean, we could go through and give you several different scenarios but it's going to be really hard to narrow those down.

Councilmember Sutton: And I have no problem with us going with maybe a couple or three scenarios.

Catherine Fanello: And that would be fine if you give us something to work with and then we can probably come up with something.

Councilmember Hoy: How many beds do we have now, 200?

Councilmember Winnecke: 205.

Councilmember Hoy: 205, so it would seem to me with a more efficient building we ought to be able to do it on the same size staff or even less, certainly not more, you know, if we went that large.

President Raben: Well, we're dealing with multiple floors, this will be a one floor unit.

Councilmember Hoy: Multiple floors and hallways.

President Raben: We shouldn't exceed the staffing that we have now.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I'm not really sure where I stand on this, we've talked several times today and I guess I sort of echo Councilman Sutton's comments about the operations of it. Sheriff, if I miscast something here correct me, but it's my understanding that at the 144 bed level, we're projecting that we could live within the current existing state grant of a little over \$800,000 to fund the operations of that and that we would be able to use the roughly 1.4 million dollars that we now supplement that with from the county general fund to go to additional jail operations or whatever this body sees fit. Is that accurate?

Brad Ellsworth: Brad Ellsworth, Sheriff, Vanderburgh County. Preliminarily, and let me go back just a little bit, I don't know how many of you have been over to the current SAFE house, but we have inmates in about four different locations and that takes people to watch them. The photo or print you have in front of you shows basically dorm style housing, which sure, it doesn't take nearly as many people to watch, that's more efficient. The fact that that building over there has four different flat rubber roofs on it that we've replaced too many times, you know, it's going to be more efficient. If the ceiling is ten foot, and we're heating an entire, you know, building over there and cooling that, heating and air conditioning costs are going to be dramatically lowered as well as all the maintenance, so we're going to be able to operate that with less staff more efficiently. The more people you have on anybody on probation or in drug court, day reporting, whatever you call it, the more people, you know, you might be able to get by with less guards, but if you have a thousand people on probation or day reporting or whatever you want to call it or work release, you have to have somebody, a case manager over that. So if you have a thousand, you need more case managers. If you've got 150 or 700 – it just depends on how many, who watches these people and who's responsible for them. So that cost could go up with the more people you have. So we're going to operate that, yes the smaller the building, the lower the number, yeah, it's going to bring down what I think our goal was to let the state and user fees, that's one of our projected goals, pay for the entire community corrections program and take county general fund money out to be used. And then, you know, I'm not going to sit here and lie and tell you that the jail is not going to cost us more money. When you double the size of the facility, and if we have 500 inmates, you're going to need more guards to guard those people, I mean, that's simple math, even in an efficiently designed building that will not be for the inmates' comfort. There's not a jail that's been built that's comfortable. It's the same metal beds, the same stainless steel toilets, same concrete walls. And that's about something else, but yes, and the long answer to that hopefully will answer yours, not to the dollar, Councilman Sutton, but we will be able to run this thing cheaper, even if we go to the bigger number on a scale. And to answer, that's the goal of us –

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I just don't want us to be, you know, penny wise and pound foolish on this and miss out on an opportunity to really save the county in the long run, there's obviously a point that we can't afford certain things, we need to know what that is and very shortly. But there's a point as well where we could realize some real opportunities for ourselves and that's really what I want to, if we could get some of that information that will be helpful for all of us just to see that.

Brad Ellsworth: And I'll try to do that. It's just really hard, I mean, you're talking about a staffing analysis and we're going from doing nothing up to 500 – you know, my staff is stretched too, and these staffing analysis are not an easy thing to accomplish. You know, if I had an in between, you know, three scenarios, you know, we'll (inaudible) but we're killing ourselves down there now. And we're going from not doing anything to building a 500 bed, at some point my staff says it's enough. You know, we're jumping through a lot of hoops down there and it gets old for us, too. So I apologize to you all for having to build this, too. But at some point, tell us something. I think it's important to hear what the judge and Russ Woodson says, you know, what they're about to tell you.

President Raben: Brad, before you get away, real quick, as far as the design work for this community corrections facility, I mean, we're talking apples and oranges, compared to the design work you need for a jail. I think it would be in our best interest if you would work this side of the community corrections construction with

local contractors where you don't need expensive design work, where you don't need a construction manager, but there is no doubt in my mind, and I say this in good conscience, that you can have a 200 bed facility for a total of two million dollars, but we're going to need to do it locally. We're going to need to do it with our local competitive contractors and treat this as a separate project from the jail, and if you do that, you'll get all the facility and more that you ever expected.

Catherine Fanello: Are you speaking of a design/build situation where a contractor would build it?

President Raben: Sure.

Catherine Fanello: I don't think, and Counsel Ahlers, you'd have to correct me, but in a public works project, I do not think that is legal in the state of Indiana.

President Raben: Well, you would have to bid it.

Catherine Fanello: You have to bid it but you can't do a design/build type situation in the state of Indiana.

President Raben: Are you talking, I guess you're losing me. I'm talking about work with a local architect to design or local engineer to design this building, put it out for bid.

Catherine Fanello: Well, I guess I don't follow you because of the architects that we've been working with who have a knowledge of all the facilities that we've been talking about, you're wanting us to go hire someone else to come up with a plan?

President Raben: This is a separate facility. This is a separate facility connected by a hallway. This is not a jail, this is a pre-engineered steel shell with framed up interior walls. Let's use local contractors on this project where we'll get the most bang for our buck.

Catherine Fanello: Well, local contractors will be working on this project, local contractors will be building the jail.

President Raben: But we won't have a jail architectural firm trying to overkill this building and we won't have a construction manager taking his cut. All we need is, again, someone to design this shell. We know about what the interior needs to look like, and put it out for bid.

Catherine Fanello: I don't think we're talking about hiring a construction manager for this project, what we're talking about is building a facility that is part of the jail facility because it will be connected and the architects that we currently have on board do have a knowledge of what has been happening and you're asking me to go hire someone else and bring someone else in who has to re-educate themselves —

President Raben: I'm asking you to build the building you need for two million dollars and that's how you need to do it.

Catherine Fanello: Councilman Raben, I've done a lot of research on this and if there was any way I could lower the numbers, I definitely would. So I would appreciate it if maybe you would take the time and sit down with me and go through the

numbers and speak with the architects.

President Raben: I'd be glad to.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, and I agree that we need to hear from the other folks, but can I ask the Sheriff one quick question? If this body gave you two scenarios to try and come up with operational estimates, could you do that? Is that fair?

Brad Ellsworth: We can come pretty close. That gives us somewhere to work.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

President Raben: Okay, we'll leave it to who you want to call next.

Catherine Fanello: Mr. Russ Woodson.

President Raben: Could you give your name for the record?

Russ Woodson: Certainly. My name is Russ Woodson and I am a member of the Vanderburgh County Corrections Board. I'm the public defender representative and I appreciate you giving me the chance to talk, Mr. President and Councilmembers. What I'd like to do is try to give you all some information that maybe will help you make a resolution of these particular issues. Unfortunately, I'm not qualified to get into why a building is going to cost two million dollars or three million dollars or four million dollars, that's something for an architect or an engineer, but I've been asked to speak to you on behalf of the Vanderburgh County Corrections Board so that you can have some information. First, what I'd like to do is explain why we believe the SAFE house is important for this community. It's a place where people who have screwed up, quite frankly, they're in trouble in the judicial system, they've got some kind of a criminal charge filed against them, and it's a place where they get to go and they get a second chance. The people that go to the SAFE house are people that typically, the judges, the prosecutors, and the defense lawyer all agree have screwed up but they deserve, they may not deserve a second chance, but can get a second chance to become productive members of society. What the SAFE house does, it gets them jobs or it allows them to keep jobs so they can support their family, support themselves and not become a drag on society. It also helps them deal with the problems that got them there in the first place. Unfortunately, we don't have the funding and we're not asking for the funding, believe me, to be able to have programs out there where you can do drug counseling and you can do alcohol counseling, and psychological counseling, but what we do is we have a facilitator there who will help those people get to the proper agencies whether it's AA, whether it's some other kind of drug treatment, whether it's some kind of alcohol treatment or some kind of psychological counseling, or family counseling or anger management, or whatever it may be, the ultimate problem that got them there in the first place. The good news about the SAFE house is that it works. The people that go to the SAFE house are not people that the judge is going to put on probation, he's not going to put them or she's not going to put them on electronic house arrest because if they were going to do that, they wouldn't go to the SAFE house in the first place. The people that go to the SAFE house typically are people that are either going to go to prison or they're going to go to the SAFE house. There's not really any halfway choice for these people because again, if they could work probation and make it on probation or make it on electronic house arrest, that's where they'd go. So we're not really talking about those kinds of people. So

if we don't have a SAFE house, or if we have a SAFE house that really is too small or it isn't adequate to fulfill the needs of this community, some of those people or all of those people if we don't have the right size SAFE house or a SAFE house at all, are going to go to prison. What's going to happen to those people when they go to prison, and I base this on Department of Justice statistics, it's not something I came up with, it's something the Department of Justice came up with, it's their latest numbers. People that go to prison, more than two-thirds of those people, when they get out, are going to commit a crime within five years. Those people that commit a crime, over one half, 55% commit a crime that's more serious than what they go to jail for, what they go to prison for. So what happens is, we put them in prison, the odds are, they're going to come back to town and that's where people typically could come back to where their family is, they come back to where they had their problems, they come back here and the odds are they're going to commit a crime and instead of committing a burglary, they're going to commit something more serious. Or instead of committing a theft, they're not going to commit a robbery, they're going to commit a robbery with a gun or a weapon or beat somebody up. The odds are, that's what's going to happen if they go to prison. We did our own study of the SAFE house, we just finished that just this year and in our study, we took 187 people, which I'm not going to say it's a scientific study, we did it on our own, we didn't hire anybody, we didn't take any money from the county to say we want to have some statistician or some survey person to come out here and take a study, but we took a study of 187 people, people that have been in the SAFE house and completed their terms and we found that nearly two-thirds of those people did not commit a crime within five years, not quite two-thirds but nearly, about 63%. About 14% of those people committed crimes which were more serious so instead of having a D felony theft, those people committed a little bit more serious, but they were only 14% as opposed to 55%. Almost half of those people, of the people that committed a crime committed a less serious crime. So for example, instead of having a theft or a robbery or something that's more serious like a C or a D felony, they now committed a shoplifting. The rest of the people in that survey, if they committed a crime, committed something along the same level. The numbers are exactly the opposite for the SAFE house than what they are if they go to prison. To me, that's pretty strong. That means that the SAFE house is something that's important for this community. It makes this community safer, and if we don't have it this community will not be safer, it will be more dangerous because the people that go to prison will come back here and they'll commit more crimes and they'll commit more serious crimes. We also think that the SAFE house is important because of the cost in terms of why we are asking and what we are ultimately asking is that we have at least a 250 bed facility and I'll go into those reasons a little bit later. But the cost, it's cheaper to operate a SAFE house than it is to operate a jail. You've got a dormitory, you've got people in the beds, they're in, they're out, you don't need the number of guards, there are not the same kind of security risks that you have for the jail. You don't need the number of guards and you don't need the number of security things that you have to have for the SAFE house that you have to have for a jail. And I think the Sheriff has probably told you that any number of times that, and frankly, that makes logical, common sense. The jail has got bars, it's got all kinds of security things, it's got more people, it's got more guards, you've got to have more control so that they don't escape, so they don't do all the other kinds of bad things they do in jail, if they do bad things in jail. Whereas in the SAFE house you don't need those kind of controls. You don't need those kind of people. If we don't have the adequate size SAFE house, and believe me, this is not a threat, I'm not trying to threaten anybody here because I don't have any power about what's going to happen, but I would like to tell you what I think would happen if we don't have the right size SAFE house. If we don't have the

proper SAFE house, then here is what I believe will happen. Currently, we have a capacity of 329 people in the Vanderburgh County jail. It's actually, I think, 268 beds and the jail was built so it can't be expanded which I think we're paying the price for that decision today. We can't expand it, we're stuck, we've got to move. We are allowed to have 329 people in the jail, we have 205 people or 205 beds, male and female total in the Vanderburgh County SAFE house. If we don't have a SAFE house, then like I said, I believe those people are going to go to prison. The judges of Vanderburgh County, whether I like it or not, because if we don't have a SAFE house, I'm going to be arguing for them to go to house arrest or probation, but I don't think judges in Vanderburgh County are going to say, okay, you folks, we really think before you should have gone to a structured and secure, at least semi-secure environment, we are now going to let you out on your own. Judges of Vanderburgh County just aren't going to do that because I don't think this community would tolerate that. So what's going to happen is, those people, if we don't have a SAFE house at all, they're going to go to prison or they're going to go to the Vanderburgh County jail because sometimes what the judges look at, they don't look at costs, what it costs the county, they don't look at what the other options and problems are, their job in a criminal case is to do what is justice for the society and that individual as it relates to that criminal case. And so if I have a client and I don't have the SAFE house or I don't have a SAFE house bed, this is a person that I think should be on a work release project, then I'm going to argue to the judge, he should go to the Vanderburgh County jail. He's got a good job, he screwed up one time, he doesn't have a problem, he's got a good job, he can provide support for his wife, two kids and he's made only one – this is his first time but he screwed up. I'm going to argue that he go to the Vanderburgh County jail and I'm going to argue that he be allowed to keep his job because say he works first shift, and I'm going to argue that he should be released from the Vanderburgh County jail every weekday, that's assuming he works weekdays, from 6 a.m. in the morning until 6 p.m. at night, and I think that's going to happen in some cases in this case because the judges are going to look at what is best for this society.

Councilmember Tornatta: Excuse me, Russ?

Russ Woodson: Yes?

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm not wanting to get into your speech or anything, but the one thing that I'm looking for here is a discussion of community corrections. I mean, I think that I'm aware of the community correction need and I think everyone on this board is aware of the need. I think we need to have some information on how this is going to affect us and get down to the nitty gritty on how this is going to affect us, because I think we all know of the need. There's no question about that and I apologize for breaking in there, but I guess I want to get to the nuts and bolts on what you can tell us that's going to make us that much more aware of how this is going to affect us for our decision making purposes.

Russ Woodson: Sure. The nitty gritty of it is as I see it is, if we don't have a SAFE house that's the proper size, then we're going to be penny wise and pound foolish because what's going to happen is, people are going to go to jail and be on, in essence, work release. The Sheriff is not going to allow those same people to be intermixing with people that are not on work release. You've got four pods in the jail, as I understand the design. That means if you have just 25 people go out to the jail for work release, the Sheriff is going to have to close down one pod, it's a quarter of the jail. All of the sudden, now we have a 386 bed jail. We're right back where we started here, and if we don't have a SAFE house that's the proper size,

this county is going to spend 35 million dollars in taxpayer money and all we're going to do is move this problem of the jail from downtown out to Highway 41.

Councilmember Tornatta: Now do you have a number that – have you looked at a number of beds that you think would be adequate for what we're doing?

Russ Woodson: Well, I think we have to have at least 240 beds to just stay even with where we are in terms of the SAFE house. If we accept the state's money of two million dollars, then we have to have 25 beds to be used for regional or female beds for the community, because if we don't do that we don't get the two million bucks. We also have to have another, I believe it's 15 beds for community transition program, which is where the state releases people early from the jail or from prison and they come back down here. And that's the situation. That means if we have 240 beds, take away their 35 or 40 beds, we're back at 204-205–

President Raben: We don't have to have those do we?

Russ Woodson: If we take their two million bucks, we do. My understanding is that for us to take the two million dollars, we have to have 25 beds plus I think it's 15. I think those are the right numbers.

Brad Ellsworth: Those are suggested, Mr. Woodson. I don't think they're in concrete.

President Raben: Could I ask a question?

Russ Woodson: Certainly.

President Raben: Why, I mean, it just seems funny to me, you're talking about, you know, we need to increase it above and beyond our current capacity. We're the sixth largest county in the state operating the largest community corrections program and you're telling me that I need to make it bigger?

Russ Woodson: No, I think we're trying to keep it the same at 205. If we have to do the 25 and 15, then I think that 240 is going to keep it the same. The other thing that I think that we don't – in fact, I didn't know this until I looked into it, is that if you look at other counties, we have the biggest community corrections population in the entire state per capita. I'm sure that's the case. But what we don't look at is, is that we don't have a work release. We don't have any work release because the way we have dealt with work release in the recent past is it transferred from the jail out to the SAFE house. Every other county, well, I shouldn't say every other county, most other counties have a work release in addition to community corrections. I can give you some examples –

President Raben: We have had that in the past, though, right?

Russ Woodson: Had what?

President Raben: Work release.

Russ Woodson: Yes, but Sheriff Hamner is the sheriff, I believe, that he closed work release in the jail and transferred it from the jail to the SAFE house. Every other county has a work release. Lake County has a capacity in addition to their community corrections of about 52 beds. They have a capacity in excess of 200

beds for work release alone. That work release is operated by the county, the state doesn't pay anything for it. What we have done is we in essence have had the state help us pay our work release. No other county does that. Every other county that I'm aware of has their own work release and community corrections. They have two separate programs. Indianapolis, for example, has at least three if not four other facilities that are work release in addition to community corrections. And to my knowledge, I think most counties have a work release. They may not have community corrections, but they've got their own work release. That's not paid for by community corrections grants. That's paid for by county money which comes from a County Council just like you all. And that's a huge difference.

President Raben: Any other questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: I've got one. (Inaudible— microphone not turned on)

Russ Woodson: My understanding is and what I've been told is that you can't expand it because you can't go up because the foundation is not strong enough. Well, if you want to go a different direction, then you're right. Then I think it can be expanded outside, but if you go up –

Councilmember Bassemier: You could go up, too.

Russ Woodson: Then I –

Councilmember Bassemier: And another thing I want to question you on is if it's so important like you were saying, I'm not saying community corrections isn't important, but why doesn't the state give us more money than two million dollars? You know, they tell us or its told to us that we're saving \$21,000 per inmate, but yet they're only giving us two million dollars. Are we (inaudible) than they are? Why are they only giving us two million? Why don't they give us four million?

Russ Woodson: I wish they would. I don't know why. I wish they would.

President Raben: For the simple fact that the state does not want us to operate as large a facility as we are and they're very clear with that. I mean, the state's numbers are the, you know, at or around 125. I don't remember exactly how it's written but under their direction, they say that 125, roughly, is the number that they want us to maintain.

Russ Woodson: I understand. And I think one reason they want to, whether they say it or not is because they don't want to pay for our work release. Right now, they're paying for our work release program, at least a part of it, through their grants. Every other county has got their own work release. Judges can say okay, Sam Smith, you go to work release. That's not community corrections. That's another whole deal that's operated by the Sheriff out of county money. And that's what other counties do. We don't do that. When we say work release, we're going to the SAFE house that's operated by county money as well, but also a big chunk of it by user's fees and by state grants. So, of course, the state wants to have 125 beds because they don't want to pay for our work release which they've been doing for several years.

President Raben: Okay, any other question? Thank you, Russ.

Wayne Trockman: Good afternoon. Wayne Trockman, Vanderburgh Superior

Court.

Maggie Lloyd: Vanderburgh Superior Court.

Wayne Trockman: Mr. President and members of the Council, good afternoon. I'd like to speak just very briefly to mainly to your, well, the general comments and as directly stated by you, Jim, and that is how big should this facility be, because I really get the sense that we're beyond the decision on whether a facility is going to be built, I think we all know that we need this facility. How big should it be? PMSI was hired, did their study, said 225 expandable 275. The state has offered their opinions and I'm sure that they had some basis for making that opinion, I don't know what that was either, Jim. But currently, it's at 205. We have, somebody said once, and I think that it's probably a general rule that's used by judges and would be accepted by others, and that is those we're mad at, we want to try to do something to help. Those we're scared of, they should go someplace where they're not going to be a threat to us or our families. And that's what happens in our judicial system every day. I think that what we try to do as judges is what you would expect to be done in this community and this is, the people who pose a threat to us should go to the Department of Corrections and they should not be in the community. Those we're mad at, and let's face it, typically they're those who are abusing drugs and alcohol, 85% or more the statistics show, we ought to be doing something to help. And I don't know what that number should be, and that's the debate today, I think, whether PMSI is right or whether the Department of Corrections is right or whether it should be a number bigger than that, but I do know this, that the numbers that Russ referred to are, I think, very generally accurate. The Department of Justice, the numbers I've seen, Russ, we're 70%, re-offend most within returning from the Department of Corrections, re-offend most within 90 days of their return to a community, including our community. And in our community corrections program, its showing numbers exactly the opposite of that. And we have a waiting list that ranges currently about 30 days right now at the SAFE house, which has been as high as 90 days, trying to get someone placed there. This is a facility, and we've got 205 beds, this is a facility that keeps people, that provides a significant benefit not only to the individuals who are placed there, but I believe to you, me and our community because they receive treatment. They pay at least some of their own way, certainly not all of it, we know that, because it's a very expensive operation. They pay child support, they see their children, they have jobs, they pay taxes, they stay here and they do the things that we would expect someone to do who we want to be accountable for their actions, but we're mad at and we want to help. And so I would urge the Council to consider a number that would fit historically with what we've been doing especially with the delays that we've been running recently with regard to placing individuals at VCCC which we have been experiencing significant delays. And what happens when you experience those delays, these people are on bond, they continue with whatever problem it is that got them in trouble. And if it's drugs and alcohol and they continue with their thefts, their forgeries and the multitude of crimes that they commit in our community that affects you and me, that makes this facility necessary. So on behalf of the judges and I'll let Judge Wood speak, but on behalf of the judges, and I do disagree with Russ on one thing and that is we are cognizant of the cost. We all know that this is a very expensive facility, but I do have to say that I believe that it's well worth the money that we're spending. It's wonderful that the state is going to offer the money. I think that we should do everything that we can with regard to this facility because it is a significant asset in our community. Judge Wood?

President Raben: Just a moment. Allow us to change the tape.

(Tape changed)

Maggie Lloyd: You've heard everyone today basically stating that they believe in the facility and I also believe. Before I was a judge, I was a deputy prosecuting attorney and there was many defendants that I was totally acceptable with sending. And now, I'm sending them to the SAFE house. And it's not just criminal defendants, but we need to also consider that there are child support people who are in contempt of court and these people, you don't want locked up where they cannot still contribute to the family. They're there because they're not contributing. And this is a way to get fathers and mothers who chose not to support their children a wake up call. That they will support their children and they will be accountable, so we need to consider that. Another consideration is right now we have 205 beds. Many of these beds were filled by plea agreements where the prosecutor made an offer, the defendant accepted the offer and you basically have a contract. And the court approved the offer and sent them to the SAFE house. Now if you do not have 205 beds but you have 205 people to serve these beds, they don't automatically go to prison, they may not automatically go on electronic house arrest. It's very serious, you don't change the terms per se. That's another consideration as to why we don't need any less beds at this point. And you have a waiting list and I can't remember a time in probably the last – I'm not going to show my age too much, but many years where you don't have a waiting list, where people are set to go to the facility. I'm also on the Community Corrections Advisory Board and I've been for the past year prior, but all of us who work on that board also support it and when we send people out of Superior Court to community corrections, it's not a light decision. Everyone I send out there, I have a pre-sentence done where I check their criminal histories, victim input is received, also most Superior Court judges, we do what's called a level of service inventory revised where after they go to the pre-sentence interview, the defendant goes to community corrections and they do a, basically a statistical test is done on them and this is also a measure to make sure that they are an appropriate person to go to community corrections because I look at it as a high privilege for them to be sentenced because many of them would be in prison otherwise. And when there's a long delay they're on electronic house arrest sometimes waiting for a bed or they're out waiting for a bed which tends to get them in trouble many times. And a lot of times they get to electronic house arrest at the end of their sentence, it's a reward at that point. They have done their community corrections residential portion and now they are at the end of the sentence and they're on electronic house arrest and they've experienced more freedom whereas if they're out waiting for a bed they're getting, to a certain degree, more freedom than they should have. Any questions?

President Raben: Any questions? How about any other comments from the Council? We'll probably end this discussion. I have one and there may be others but I guess, Judge, quite frankly, I'm shocked that you mentioned the statistic of 85% of the people utilizing the SAFE house or carry drug or alcohol addictions, and your part or you designed and operate a court that this entire county should be quite proud of. That is your thing, you started it and you're responsible for a wonderful program that works with drug and alcohol addictions. And I don't want to go down as the Councilman that built the largest jail or the largest community corrections facilities. You know, I would like to go down as knowing that I was part of what you've been a part of, programs. Not housing, not confining people, but offering more programs. So I thought maybe you would comment on that.

Wayne Trockman: My comment would be that a residential, and I would agree with your assessment, I wouldn't either want to have my signature on the largest jail or

the biggest and the best jail in the state or community corrections facility. But I would want to have my signature on the best community corrections programming. And I think that over a period of years, this entire process has evolved and if an appropriate community corrections program is built, which includes residential, so to answer your question, Jim, I believe that a residential component of community corrections is absolutely necessary. Now again, I'm not trying to answer whether its 125 beds or expandable up to 275 beds as PMSI stated, but I believe it's a necessary component if we as a community are going to have programming that's all encompassing. I believe that Latessa's report which is due soon, I know it's overdue at this point, will be very telling. I'm told that he will recommend a very strong residential component for community corrections also. Is the drug court working? I think so. Could it work without all of the other components that we, as a county and you as the leaders of our county have put together? No. I believe that it requires electronic house arrest, that it requires the case workers and some of the very best that we've got out at community corrections who help monitor and help place these individuals. And in some of the worst cases, drug court. But it certainly is a package that has to include, at least in my opinion, residential.

President Raben: And one last comment from myself that's kind of been a pet peeve of mine and I'm trying to recall, Councilman Hoy, I think it was you and I that one afternoon went out to the community corrections complex, and we often talk about that the benefit of sentencing people to the community corrections complex is it allows them the opportunity to keep working and make child support. But at the same token, we were in an area looking at a large chalkboard of where everyone is employed that works that is in that facility. And it's a chalkboard half the size of that screen there, and the overwhelming majority of the people that work there, worked at McDonald's, Burger King, Hardees. You know, you're talking at that time, this was a few years ago, that you're probably talking five dollar an hour jobs, probably not 40 hour a week jobs, that we're collecting \$70 a week from these people to live in that facility. They're not making child support, they're not making rent payments or house payments. I mean, there's just a lot that's not real kosher about the way we operate that facility and I, quite frankly, I've just never been a great fan of. But I open it up to any other comments.

Councilmember Wortman: You know, we could make Vanderburgh County a dry county and that would eliminate a lot of problems.

President Raben: That may work in Darmstadt, I bet it don't pass out here. Councilman Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: I would just – I appreciate all the information, the strong passion that has clearly been displayed from everyone here today. I keep coming back to something that Royce mentioned earlier and like it or not, we do have to consider the cost. Someone talked about penny wise and pound foolish, I forgot who said that, but at some point, I mean, this body ultimately has to consider what it can afford. But I don't think today, I'm not in a position to say definitely I want to vote on this size facility or that size facility. I think the prudent thing to do is to ask the Sheriff to come up with some estimates to the best of his and his staff's ability on staffing and funding, and come back to us with those numbers at our next Personnel and Finance committee meeting so that at our meeting the first week of June, we can vote. That still gives the state time to say we understand and appreciate the plan, it gives us time to really fully understand the numbers and some of the issues that have been presented. So I think that's my position and I move that we defer it, our vote.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll second that motion and the other comment that I have, that what bothers me is, because I've sat through a lot of these meetings, sat through the one Monday, and that is everybody who's involved in this is looking to us to make these final decisions as to costs and one of the problems with this whole process is that there's been so much imprecision in the process to say the least and also as Mr. Bassemier pointed out, the firm that got the contract is on record as saying they could do all three facilities for 35 million. Now we're being told -- we're not even looking at a juvenile facility which really grieves me that we're not looking at a juvenile facility. I mean, I've been wanting that ever since I was the first director of the Youth Service Bureau in 1972. We couldn't get it then, we had opposition, as soon as I got on this Council we had opposition, and the fact it wasn't all you sitting here, but we had judicial opposition to that. As soon as those words came out of my mouth we had judicial opposition to a juvenile facility. I think we're working in it the wrong way, but I hope you all understand that we are dealing -- we only have so much money with which to do what we have to do and I am confident that in the final analysis whatever works out, we will be blamed for it. I'm prepared to accept that but I wanted to get that on record. Thank you.

President Raben: Thank you. Councilman Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: I thought you were calling for the vote.

President Raben: I'm sorry. Okay, well we have a motion and a second.

Carl Heldt: May I --

President Raben: Sure, go ahead, Judge.

Carl Heldt: Carl Heldt, Circuit Court Judge. I just wanted to just briefly correct one thing. Mr. Woodson said he believed that all these people would be going to prison and that's not the case. It's not going to happen that way, I don't believe. If you build a 125 bed facility, we've got 80 people that have to go someplace, okay. They can go on probation, they can go to the state prison or they can go in the county jail. It's my judgement that a significant number of these 80 people, if not most of them, are going to end up in our county jail, the new county jail that we're building. So I think that needs to be considered from a cost point of view. Is it better to build a community corrections bed or is it better to build a county jail bed because a number of these are going to end up in the county jail. I've told you all that before but I just wanted to get it on the record again. I'm confident that's the case.

President Raben: Okay, thank you.

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

Carl Heldt: I don't know that that's the case because eventually we're going to need bigger both, but I do believe that one of the reasons why we have gotten along on this size jail that we have which is, among jails in Indiana, we're -- out of the ten largest counties in Indiana, we're dead last. We're tenth in the number of beds we provide per felony filed, okay, we're dead last and one of the reasons we've gotten away with that is we've got a 200 bed corrections complex where we can put some of these people. So I think that's taken that much pressure off of this jail. And if you build a small community corrections facility now, it's going to put more pressure, people population pressure on the new jail. I just don't think that's arguable. Nobody can argue against that, I don't think. It's bound to happen. Now how many,

I don't know.

President Raben: Aren't you also sending –

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

President Raben: Judge, aren't you also sending more people to DOC, though? I mean, if what you say is true, then in return you're sending more people on to DOC.

Carl Heldt: So more people from...?

President Raben: Our county jail. I mean, when – and that's part of what may make it reasonable to reduce it. Instead of being sentenced to the community corrections center for 200 days or 300 days or its gone as high as 400 days, they should be sentenced to DOC.

Carl Heldt: What I'm here to tell you, though, Councilman, is that's not going to happen to all of them. See, it's not the advisory board that decides where they go and it's not the County Council decides where they go, it's the individual judge. And if the judge would have thought this person belonged in the state prison, they wouldn't be sending them to the corrections complex. So you've got a judge that says this person shouldn't go to prison. This person is worth saving. This person could provide support, if not to his family, to the county for housing him. So you've got a person already that the judge doesn't want to send to prison. It goes without saying, he doesn't want to put him on probation. So in my judgement, many of them, many of them are going to go in the county jail. That's just my prediction, okay?

President Raben: Okay.

Carl Heldt: And I think you need to consider that.

Maggie Lloyd: Just one more thing in relation –

President Raben: Okay, this is it. Okay.

Maggie Lloyd: Okay, I'll be very short. Another thing is, a lot of these cases are plea agreements that go to community corrections. And generally, most of your defendants are more likely, if they're going to do an executed sentence, do it locally in community corrections. If not, we have far less people plead guilty to an executed prison sentence than to an executed community corrections sentence. So, if they're not going to plead guilty, what you're going to get is people waiting for jury trials and at that point, they may get convicted, they may go to prison. But you're going to have to look at the delay there, where some of these offenders are going to be waiting in the jail, waiting for their jury trial day. So that's just another consideration.

President Raben: Real quick, one last question. You don't have to answer it now, you can get back to me. I'm just curious of the repeat offenders sentenced to community corrections versus DOC. And unless you know it off the top of your head, --

Maggie Lloyd: Not off the top of my head.

President Raben: – throw out of number. Just, I mean, what do you think it would be?

Maggie Lloyd: It's kind of hard to answer because it's going to depend on the crime. I mean, if you're dealing with someone charged with rape and they have another –

Councilmember Tornatta: Look that up.

President Raben: Are the repeat offenders greater with community corrections than with DOC? Are they greater with community corrections or are they greater with DOC?

Councilmember Winnecke: Based on what the judge said earlier, the rate of recidivism rate is higher with DOC versus community corrections.

President Raben: And that's not what's been told before, that's why – that's what Russ said. I wanted her to actually research it.

Russ Woodson: If I may, I don't mean to interrupt, but –

President Raben: No, that's fine. I'm going to end questions here.

Russ Woodson: Can I make two brief comments?

President Raben: No, we've talked this enough. We need to move on. Actually, we do. We need to be out of here. Okay, next – and thank you very much.

Councilmember Winnecke: We have a motion.

President Raben: We need to vote. Roll call vote.

Councilmember Wortman: Repeat the motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: The motion is to defer a vote on a recommendation until the Sheriff can get operational estimates on –

Councilmember Tornatta: Operational costs of the community corrections? Right.

Councilmember Sutton: Do you really need to defer it if it's on the agenda, we're just having a discussion. We didn't have an item on the agenda to act on, so you don't really need to defer. So you can –

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, that's true.

President Raben: That's fine. Do you withdraw your motion?

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll withdraw the motion.

President Raben: And the seconder?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, except that I do think we need that comparison for next month.

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: Because we do have a deadline on the submission of a proposal to DOC on the two million dollars.

Councilmember Sutton: And the people that we're asking that information from aren't even in the room.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll call them.

<p>RECOMMENDATION FOR WAGE INCREASE FOR 2004 PROPOSED BUDGETS</p>

President Raben: Okay, next is consideration for salaries – wage increase for 2004.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I would ask that, and as department heads are beginning to consider preparing 2004 budgets, I think by our actions here today and in previous meetings it's going to be a tough year. I would recommend and ask that our executive assistant send a memo to all county department heads who prepare budgets that they set salary increases in at 3% for 2004 with the understanding that it will be this body's best effort to do that, but clearly there are no promises. But I'd like to see us at least plan at the 3% level.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? No discussion, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes, and I also would like to say that, in talking about this, that we'd like all of the heads of the departments to really work on their budgets and work on the budgets so there's not that extra in there so we can do this. It relies not only on us, but a lot on the heads of the departments

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, as well, I think this falls along the lines of what we indicated last year and that was, last year, the increase that we gave, we discussed that what we will be doing in future years would not be at the same levels. So I think we want to continue to be very conscientious and that's, I think, is a good move in going at 3%. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes. I will amen what Councilman Tornatta said. It would be wonderful if department heads did their own trimming and didn't ask us to trim for them. The other thing I want to say about wages is, I hope someday we can look at some of those lower lying wages because from my studies on what it takes to live in this county, to rent a place or to buy a place, you need to make a minimum of ten

dollars an hour. That's minimum, plus benefits or you can't function. I think that's something we still need to look at. But I'll go with 3% and say yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes. I think that also we ought to say (inaudible – microphone not turned on) to tell people at budget time not to come back and promise them to come back in January because that (inaudible).

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Okay. And thanks for that comment. That is a problem where people are told to come back and let's make sure we don't send that signal this year. And my vote is yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

HIRING FREEZE FOR 2004 BUDGETS

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I have one other motion to make along the same lines and that is, I would propose that we institute a hiring freeze for 2004 and that when people submit their 2004 budgets, that no additional personnel be included in those budgets.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Weren't we already in a hiring freeze?

Councilmember Winnecke: We're just reiterating it.

Councilmember Sutton: Are we refreezing?

President Raben: He's basically stating, don't even put them in your budget. Correct?

Councilmember Winnecke: That's correct.

President Raben: Not only, you know, in the past we've stated that, but they've gone ahead and inserted them in their budget as a request and we're saying don't even do that.

Councilmember Sutton: So we're going sub-zero?

President Raben: Right.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. President, it's real simple. Just live within your means.

President Raben: That exactly right. Okay, roll call vote.

Councilmember Sutton: We already did that. On the 3% or...?

Councilmember Hoy: This is on the refreeze.

Councilmember Winnecke: On the sub-zero.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: The sub-zero motion.

(Councilmember Tornatta left the room and did not participate in this vote)

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

PRESENTATION BY CHERYL MUSGRAVE, COUNTY ASSESSOR

President Raben: Next is a presentation by the County Assessor's office regarding reassessment and her request for a Board of Appeals staff person or a hearing officer. So, Cheryl, would you please give your name for the record?

Cheryl Musgrave: Cheryl Musgrave, County Assessor. And I have with me Phillip Bernard and Hearing Officer, Rick Barter. First I'd like to tell you that we're going to go over a little bit about Vanderburgh County's reassessment, the impact that its had locally, how the assessors arrived at the value, the appeals that have been filed to date, and some relief that may be available to some of the properties that are older, that have had increases in assessed valuation that I'm looking into right now. So first of all, if we could turn off the lights back there. Would you turn off the lights? Vanderburgh County is the first to mail out tax bills out of the 92 Indiana

counties. We should be really proud of that and I personally want to extend my thanks to County Auditor, Bill Fluty and Treasurer, Z Tuley. I think without the true cooperation and communication between us three officeholders at the county level, this might not have happened as smoothly and as successfully as it has done. But our success was seeded upon the success brought to us by the township assessors. They did an outstanding job under terrible time constraints. I hope we never have to do that again. We have avoided several problems by getting our tax bills out in a normal billing time. Vanderburgh County taxing units do not need to borrow money. We don't need to borrow money for the county, the city, the library, the school corp., the fire department, we can go ahead business as usual. Other Indiana taxing units are not only borrowing money and, of course, they're going to have to pay interest, but some are also beginning to lay off staff and there will probably be even more cuts because more than 44 counties will not even bill at all in 2003 and expect to double bill in 2004. Our governmental budget process is happily still on course. We can continue to argue month after month about next year's budget. We don't have to put it on hold. You don't have to say, I'm sorry, we can make no decisions because we have no money coming. Our business community can also project their budgets for next year. They can finish up this year and move on to next year, just as usual. And again, we're doing our billing twice a year as normal. We're not going to ask people to fork over the whole, entire payment in one fell swoop later on in the year like some of our neighboring counties, nor will we ask them to fork over twice as much in one year. And some counties will do that as well. The question I've been asked most often is, whose idea was this reassessment? Well, I'd like to emphasize that none of the local officials brought this upon our taxpayers. It began at least a decade ago, perhaps even longer, when Governor Bayh ordered the implementation study for market value in 1993. And that's the year that they began the sales disclosure process. The inequities in Lake County assessments had already brought a suit that was working its way through the tax system and by 1996, the tax court judge ruled our assessment system unconstitutional. This ruling was upheld by the Indiana Supreme Court in 1998 and Governor O'Bannon was in office in 2001 when the regulations were finally adopted. So whose fault is it? Is it Lake County's fault? Is it Governor Bayh's fault? How about the legislature? Oh, I'm sure its got to be the judicial system there somewhere or maybe it's just O'Bannon's fault, but I'm certain that it's the fault of the official standing in front of me right now, because that's where the taxpayer vents their anger most. They don't know whose fault it is, and they take it out on whoever is standing right there in front of them. So let's talk about the tax regulations themselves. Tax regulations are now written by the Department of Local Government Finance. That's the new name for the State Board of Tax Commissioners. They draft the rules and send them on to the Attorney General's office. The Attorney General sends them to the Governor. The Governor either approves them or not, and in 2000, he was handed a set of rules and it's an election year, and he decided not to approve those rules and he waited until the next year. He took a whole year off the assessing process in order to get new rules. He finally approved them and immediately the legislature began, as they are allowed to do, to amend them even before the local officials began to implement them. The local officials are implementing them now and the legislature continues to amend them. They have the right to do that all the time when they go into statute. The courts then interpret what the officials have implemented, the legislature has amended, and they interpret them so much, that sometimes they throw the whole system out and you start back up at the top and work your way down. But normally, it circles around the bottom. Officials implementing, legislature amending, courts interpreting. That's usually year in and year out, where all the action is. The new rules this year call for assessing property and its value in the

use of the property. In other words, we are not valuing property at its highest and best use; we're valuing property for the use it has now. That's the legal definition there on the wall. And to understand this, think of that home that used to be lived in as a residence until quite recently, at the corner of Green River and Morgan Avenue, somebody's home. A prime piece of commercial property, but Indiana's assessment system now calls for you to value that as a home, as if it were still being used as a home, and not as a prime piece of commercial property. Same goes for farmland that's being farmed out there on Burkhardt Road. You don't tax that as commercial, undeveloped. It is farmland because it is being used as farmland. So those are some big distinctions in our market value system. No, it's not highest and best use. What does constitute the value? Our old regulations were the cost to reconstruct less depreciation and that's where it stopped. The state told you how much it cost to reconstruct something and they told you how much the depreciation was. The new regulations are attempting to capture this value and use and we've adopted new cost schedules that are based on 1999 costs and now we have a whole, brand new thing, cost to reconstruct minus depreciation, multiplied by this brand-new creature called a neighborhood factor. The neighborhood factor was what came out of the equalization. Equalization demanded that we take the sales prices of all the homes in the neighborhood boundaries as defined by the assessor, add them up, and divide by the number of sales. Then it said to take the assessed value for all the properties within that neighborhood, add it up, divide by the number of properties. Take those two averages, divide the one by the other, and you come up with a neighborhood factor. This neighborhood factor is then multiplied against all the assessed values of all the property within that neighborhood. I don't remember what the entire range of our neighborhood factors are, but some of them are below one, bringing the assessed valuations down, and I remember one being at least at 1.5, so increasing the assessed values by 50%. So that's the market value adjustment that's different this time and it was derived using the sales of properties in the neighborhood. Now, another change has happened. The reassessment process has shifted the focus away from whether or not the assessor followed the rules exactly as laid out in the book, to whether the assessor, by whatever means they chose, arrived at the appropriate market value and use of the property. It was said to us, okay go ahead, put a dart board on the wall, if that's the method that your county is going to chose, throw the dart. If you end up with a figure that does equal the market value of the property, no one can complain about how you arrived at it. The fact that you have the market value is the determining factor. So the assessors will no longer adjust things based on the fact that, oh, this assessor did not follow that rule exactly to the letter. He took a detour there before he got to the end. It doesn't matter. What's the final assessed value on your property and does it equal the market value? Now the effective dates of this are causing some confusion because it is taking so long for us to get the bills and the notices out compared to when they're effective. This reassessment is re-valuing all property as of March 1st, of 2002. That's why it's called the 2002 reassessment. The cost schedules that we're using, again, I'm using 1999 figures from Marshall & Swift, we're using the sales that occurred in our county and all across the state from 1998 through 1999. So we're using those two years worth of sales, not a sale that occurred last week, or one that might occur six months from now, the sales that are being used are old, they're already in our data bases and everybody knows about them. These assessments will affect 2002 pay 2003 through pay 2008. Happily, the legislature, in its ability to amend the rules and so forth, did so in this session and the next reassessment is no longer scheduled for 2006 as it was before, but it has been pushed back to 2009. And I am extremely happy about that. So we have a few more years to get things under control before we move on to another reassessment. So what did this reassessment do to our valuation in

Vanderburgh County? The first column there on the left shows you what percent of the total tax pie those classifications of property paid. Those are tax bills, not assessments. So you can see agriculture went from 2.36 to 2.54%. They increased a tiny little bit in their share of the bills. Residences went from 47% to 52%, almost 5-1/2 percentage point increase in the share of the pie that residences are paying. Commercial dropped. They went from 39 to 36%. Industry went from 10 to 8; they lost. Utility stayed about the same at .55 to .61. So the news out of this reassessment is that it is a shift from business and industry to residences and it has hit the residents who are property owners hard. I have some numbers for you on appeals filed to date. 133's are matter of fact appeals and unfortunately, I couldn't get the number for you. But I process those appeals personally, and I can tell you that in the past month we have had hundreds of 133's filed. Those are matter of fact and they take little time to accomplish. And I expect hundreds more. They come across my desk on pink paper like Pepto Bismol poured out of the bottle. Appeals filed to date for the 133's, which are subjective –

Councilmember Hoy: Do they settle your stomach?

Cheryl Musgrave: No. The opposite effect. The 2002 reassessment, as of about 3:00, we had 369 appeals, we have received 75 of those today. I expect we received quite a few more after I left. We have 17 pending from 2001. And just for point of reference, in all of 2001, we received 63 appeals. So we have 386 pending as of around 3:00. Our exemptions, it's hard sometimes to remember that we have one hearing officer who does all of these except for the 133's that I do. He does the 130's and the exemptions. In 2002, we had 1,312 exemptions and that's because the legislature changed the rules. You have to apply for that every four years and this is non-profit like hospitals, churches, that sort of thing. Now you have to do it every two years and we have to do a thorough review every two years. In 2001, which is an off year of having to reapply, 353 new entities applied. We expect to see that many more probably this year. So we'll get between 3 and 400 hundred exemptions filed as well. We have 159 exemptions pending right now but that number is expected to increase. The filing deadline for exemptions is May 15, so May 15. Taxpayer relief, and the next few slides, this is something new that you haven't heard about before. I had hoped that I would get firm confirmation back from the state as to exactly how to put this in process by the time this meeting came. I haven't received that. The laws are on the books. I've read them. I think they apply, the only question is how much do they apply, and I hope to have that answer for everybody here soon, at which time I will have a press release or a press conference or something, because this is very important relief for the taxpayer and it could be very devastating to county budgets. There is an abatement available for residential property that will give you 50% off the increase in the assessed valuation that you suffered from the reassessment for five years. This is available for you for both home owner occupied and lease property and I just stuck on there that the homestead credit was just restored, which you all just accomplished again. But as to the details of the residential rehabilitation deduction, there are two different forms: one is the 322A. It's available for property built in 1953 and earlier. If you rehabbed it prior to March 1st of 2002, if you paid at least \$10,000 for the rehabilitation and you file the application within 30 days of receipt of your Form 11, and I've calculated that to be this year, May 27th. So the clock has already begun to tick and the time is short for people who can apply for this. The benefits of this again are, you get a deduction from the structure's assessed value equal to 50% of the increase in the assessment. The maximum – do you want me to stop?

President Raben: How much longer are you going to be?

Cheryl Musgrave: About three minutes.

President Raben: We've got to change the tape.

Cheryl Musgrave: Okay.

(Tape changed)

Cheryl Musgrave: As soon as Phillip gets back down there, he'll put it on the home page. Are you ready? Okay. The maximum deduction that you can get is 60,000 in assessed value for a single family. And the way the math works is if you increased \$120,000 in your assessed value from the old to the new, you'd get 60 of it. The maximum deduction is 300,000 for any other type of property. And again, the deduction is for a five year period. Now this is a separate program. The Form 322 is a separate statute, a separate application, and differing in important respects from the first one. Again though, it is available for improvements made prior to March 1st of 2002, it's available for residential property and they talk about this, if you had a single family dwelling that had the improvements assessed at \$18,000 or less, if you had a two-family dwelling which had an improvements assessment of \$24,000 or less, or more than a two-family dwelling which each unit had a \$9,000 assessment or less, you can apply for this. The due date is May 27th, and while this statute, this set of statutes that equate to the Form 322 are not expressed and I've asked the State Board to give me the legal ruling on this if they can or will, it doesn't say that you have to invest a minimum of \$10,000. In fact, it doesn't say anything about the minimum to invest. If everybody in the county who is eligible filed for this, Bill Fluty would never speak to me again. And you all would have a serious impact on your collections because he's already set the rate, and the rate will generate the amount of money against the assessed value that we have now to equal the budgets that you have. Anyway, the next slide is, though, the more things change, the more they stay the same. I had to start giggling when I was trying to put together this presentation and I ran across some slides that I had made several years ago. The 1989 reassessment took several years to conclude and some of you were on Council then and it was just wrenching. What were those key events and the consequences? Well, it started out with the schools seeking a tax hike to cover shortfalls that they had. Just like in 2003, they had a decrease in revenue which caused them to raise their own property tax rate and to transfer funds from one fund to another. Summer school was permanently cancelled in 1991 and it has never come back. All day kindergarten is being cancelled now. Then, in 1991, the next headline we saw was Vanderburgh tax rates jump 10 to 16% and some residences to pay 100 to \$150 more, which \$150 is the average residential increase in their tax bill this year, too. And even though our tax rate went down, we're still seeing the same increase for our residences. I thought that was very peculiar. The next article talked about the tax bills going up and the homestead credit dipping. But this time it didn't dip because the state discovered some old error, this time they cut it in order to meet the needs of the budgets, city and county budgets. In part, this was due to the dramatic decreases in assessed valuation granted by the local Board of Review as the PTABOA was called at the time, through the appeal process. They cut the assessed valuation so much that the tax rate had to go up and there wasn't enough money to meet the obligation for the homestead the following year, so the Councils came back and cut it. This is the headline, though, the next one, that I don't want to repeat personally, and I don't want to repeat those other ones either, but this one has yet to happen. The state called our Auditor and Treasurer in for a meeting and at that time it was Humphrey and Tuley, although Tuley is still the Treasurer, just a different one, up to talk to them and I believe they

asked Angermeier to come, too, because Vanderburgh County sent the second highest level of appeals to the state level in the state. We were second only to Marion County. And they wanted Vanderburgh to get its act together and settle those appeals locally and quit sending them to the state level because it costs a lot of money and takes a lot of time and no one is very happy after all that is said and done. In 2003, I will be back in front of you next month again asking for staff out of the reassessment fund, and the reassessment fund has funds in it. And if we run out of funds in that one, we can tap the 2009 reassessment fund. But the lack of sufficient staff is the problem now to making sure that these appeals get done in a timely way. I would hate to see a repeat of the 1994 election cycle when they threw the (inaudible) out, state, city, county, national. That's all I have. I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have. And this, again, will be on my website at assessor.evansville.net under presentations.

President Raben: Do we have any questions?

Councilmember Winnecke: Other than just to thank you. I think its informative. Thank you.

President Raben: Yeah, thank you for the information. I'm sorry?

Councilmember Hoy: So we blame Saddam Hussein, then? Is that it?

President Raben: Okay. That brings up a good point. Real quick, and I know we've got 5 minutes to be out of this room, but in order for her to be able to come back and file a request for next month, we would suspend our own rules which would require a motion. So with that being said, the Chair would entertain a motion if we –

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: Okay, the motion is to suspend our own rules in regards to coming back to Council for a second opportunity for new personnel.

Jeff Ahlers: Suspended just for the Assessor –

President Raben: For this single request.

Councilmember Winnecke: For this single request, that's the intent of my motion.

President Raben: Is everybody clear on that?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, but, I mean, any time we are talking about voting something that's going to be an increase, I mean, legally advertising that item –

President Raben: Well, we're not voting on the position today, but we're voting to suspend our own rules that state she can't come back until next year for this request because we've denied it once this year. So we're just voting to suspend our own rule.

Councilmember Sutton: Which was just put into place last month, okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: Yeah.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion?
Hearing none, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

President Raben: Do we need to get back to you on that, Curt?

Councilmember Sutton: Do you want to defer it until next month?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion carried 5-1/Councilmember Bassemier opposed)

President Raben: The motion passes 5-1. And that concludes our meeting for today. Meeting adjourned. Thank you.

(Meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President James Raben

Vice President Ed Bassemier

Councilmember Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JUNE 4, 2003**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 4th day of June, 2003 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m. by County Council President Jim Raben.

President Raben: I'd like to call to order the Vanderburgh County Council June 4th, 2003 meeting. Attendance roll call vote, please.

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

President Raben: Now if we could all stand for the Pledge.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
MAY 7, 2003**

President Raben: Okay, I would now entertain a motion for the approval of the May 7, 2003 minutes.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Are there questions? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

CLERK IV-D

President Raben: First on the agenda under the appropriations would be the Clerk IV-D account and I will now turn the chair over to our Finance Chairman, Lloyd Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. First under general fund appropriations, Clerk IV-D, line item 1011-3130 Travel/Mileage in the amount of \$2,600. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any questions? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

CLERK IV-D		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1011-3130	Travel/Mileage	2,600.00	2,600.00
Total		2,600.00	2,600.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TREASURER

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, under the Treasurer’s Office, line item 1030-2841 Copy Fees in the amount of \$500. I’ll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? No 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1030-2841	Copy Fees	500.00	500.00
Total		500.00	500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Public Defender, line item 1303-1870-1303 Deputy Public Defender, I move that this line item be set in at zero, as with line item 1303-1900 FICA zero; and 1303-1910 PERF zero, for no appropriation.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: So is this – I guess last week we talked about our hiring refreeze. Does this kind of go in line with what we had talked about even back last week?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Hoy: There is some money that can come back from the state on this, which makes it a little different to me and I know he needs – this is for juvenile, I believe, and he needs this position. But there will be some refund. I don't think he's able to –

President Raben: Steve is in the audience.

Steve Owens: Steve Owens, Public Defender's Office. The need for the additional public defender juvenile (inaudible – microphone turned away from podium), one is to bring the caseload in the juvenile court within the public defender commission guidelines. That would be the main purpose. The second thing was, if we bring all four positions within the public defender commission guidelines, we will be eligible for a partial reimbursement of all four of the salaries in those positions, and right now we're getting partial reimbursement of one salary. And we're not going to be able to ever get to the compliance with the standard with the number of people we've got right now. The appropriation request basically is 40% of the salary for the balance of this year – we'll fund the other 60% and if we can get to that stage where the commission standards are met, then we will be asking at the conclusion of 2003 that the commission reimburse us a portion of all four public defender salaries. That should result in a net increase in reimbursements for those four positions over what we're now receiving for the one position. That is the purpose of the request for the appropriation.

President Raben: Steve, as it is now, I mean, there is not any cut and dried reimbursement on this position, on this requested juvenile position, though right? I mean, you have to then apply to qualify the four positions for reimbursement, right?

Steve Owens: As we're doing it now, we have three public defenders. Two come under – we can get no reimbursement for those two, their caseloads are too high. The third public defender, we have been keeping their caseload within the set guidelines and we're getting reimbursement for a percentage of their salary. But if we have this fourth, we spread the total cases out among the four, and then we're eligible for reimbursement for a portion of all four of the salaries and benefits.

President Raben: And is that 60% or 40%?

Steve Owens: It's always 40%. The only thing that increases over 40 is a capital

case, and that's not applicable down there.

President Raben: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: So what will it cost us if we approve this and all four of them are included? I mean, are we –

Steve Owens: Well, you're funding three of the salaries out of the general fund this year now, and you're going to get 40% reimbursement for roughly one of those salaries. If you approve this for 2003, the \$6800 or whatever the appropriation request is, we're going to get part of that \$6800 back for this fourth position, plus we should be able to pick up some reimbursement for two of the public defenders that we're not getting any reimbursement back –

Councilmember Bassemier: That's what I'm saying, if we do get the reimbursement, it would lower that figure of \$6,831, right?

Steve Owens: Of the \$6800? Some of that is coming back to the general fund in the reimbursement.

Councilmember Bassemier: That's what I'm getting at. Lloyd, are you still stuck on setting that in at zero?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, I was –

Councilmember Tornatta: Come next year, we'd almost get a free employee with the reimbursements.

Steve Owens: That will be the hope. I mean, I anticipate that at least for the balance of the 2003 - 2004 fiscal year, for the Indiana fiscal year, probably there's not going to be any rationing of reimbursement. Probably towards the end of the fiscal year, the state fiscal year that is mid-next year, there's probably going to be some pro-rationing (inaudible.) So will you get a free employee? Maybe and maybe not.

Councilmember Tornatta: I guess I'm looking next year, we put that in the budget for next year, we have four employees, we get 40% of all their salaries –

Steve Owens: You won't get 40% of all their salaries, that's the problem. Not everything in juvenile is reimbursable. We have a unique situation in this county and that is that only the delinquency portion of their salary can be reimbursed?

Councilmember Tornatta: And what would that be?

Steve Owens: That's about 40% of each one of their salaries, their caseload. So you're getting about 40% of 40% for the four.

Councilmember Bassemier: Could you repeat your caseload? They're doing so many more than they're really supposed to be doing? What was that –

President Raben: Steve, before you answer that, could you pull the mike closer to you just so we're sure we're picking it up on tape?

Steve Owens: Sure. Two of the public defenders down there right now are carrying

roughly two times the number of cases that the commission approves. We have kept the third public defender within the commission standards because when we I came to this body last year and said that I needed a third one, the way we got the third one was, we keep this person within the standards and we get 40% of their salary back. We're not going to be able to do that forever. We need to propose a plan to the commission that brings that whole group within compliance. Ultimately what will happen is the commission will ultimately say, if you can't bring them all into compliance, we're not going to reimburse any of them. The fourth public defender in juvenile court should allow us to bring all four within caseload compliance, which should increase somewhat the total reimbursable dollars for those four public defenders.

Councilmember Tornatta: Do you have to do this this month or can you get us some information on this issue for this year and for next year, what we're looking at as far as what our payout would be possibly? Or what our reimbursables would be on all the salaries?

Steve Owens: You've asked me a couple of questions. One, do we have to do it this month? The answer to that question is no. The figure the appropriation request that we've made is figuring on having somebody starting on roughly July the 1st, okay? That's how we calculated that. In terms of getting figures for this year, I'm not sure what figures you want. Caseload figures or salary figures?

Councilmember Tornatta: No, reimbursables for this year. What you would expect if all four go into compliance, what you expect to come back to us, and then for next year, if we had all four in compliance for the whole year, what the reimbursables would be.

Steve Owens: We can give you estimates.

Councilmember Tornatta: We can make a case with that.

Steve Owens: We can give you estimates if we have four for let's say calendar year 2004, but what the potential reimbursement is going to be assuming everything stays the same?

Councilmember Tornatta: Correct.

Steve Owens: Yes, we can do that.

Councilmember Sutton: Steve, is the state totally caught up at this point on its reimbursements for our expenses that are eligible at this particular point in time?

Steve Owens: We have pending a claim that they are voting on today for 140 some odd thousand. I anticipate that's going to be approved. We'll probably receive that within the next 45 days. Are they totally caught up? Yes. I mean, they don't owe us anything at this point. We probably will get full reimbursement for the first two fiscal quarters of 2003-2004, I would anticipate, given what I'm seeing from the state, that probably for the final two quarters, we will probably get pro-rated, but that's kind of up in the air depending on how much each county files a claim for.

Councilmember Sutton: And when is the next time that the state will actually meet to make that decision about whether they'll pro-rate it, whether they'll reimburse us at the 40% level?

Steve Owens: They meet roughly every quarter. They do it on a quarter, so the quarter they're voting on today, basically, is the first quarter of 2003.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, so they've caught up substantially. I know they were behind last year.

Steve Owens: Right. And then this second quarter, they will actually have the meeting probably in August to make a determination of whether they're approving the second quarter of 2003. They're always going to run several months behind because of the way the commission holds the meetings. So we won't know, for example, until August if they're going to approve in full the second quarter request for reimbursement. It appears that they're going to because of the way that the deposits are made to the fund. Those deposits actually come in on July 1st and December 31st, I believe it is.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think the question that Councilman Tornatta had about being able to see if we were in compliance, what that reimbursable amount would add up to, whether it would cover the cost of this position or part of this position. That would be helpful data for us.

Steve Owens: We can give you the general figures assuming everything stays the same as it is right now. And all we can do is make an estimate because we don't control the number of cases that juvenile appoints.

President Raben: Okay, Steve, I know we've got a lengthy agenda today, and I'm going to ask –

Councilmember Winnecke: I will, given the request from Councilman Tornatta, I will withdraw my motion to set these in at zero and move to defer until we get the additional information from Mr. Owens.

Steve Owens: That's fine.

President Raben: And our seconder...?

Councilmember Winnecke: Who did the second?

President Raben: Curt, do you accept that amendment?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

President Raben: Okay, so is everyone clear on the motion that's simply to defer? Okay, roll call vote.

Councilmember Winnecke: Right.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1303-1870-1303	Dep. Public Defender	6,050.00	Defer
1303-1900	FICA	463.00	Defer
1303-1910	PERF	318.00	Defer
Total		6,831.00	Defer

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, Superintendent of County Buildings, line item 1310-3200 Utilities, I'll move that this be set in at \$35,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? No 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BLDGS.		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1310-3200	Utilities	50,000.00	35,000.00
Total		50,000.00	35,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, under Cum Bridge fund appropriations, line item 2030-4725 Darmstadt Road Culvert in the amount of \$100,000; line item 2030-4389 Fulton Avenue Bridge in the amount of \$82,000, for a total appropriation of \$182,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? No discussion? Roll call vote.

Councilmember Hoy: Is that Fulton Street bridge? Is that *the* Fulton Street bridge?

President Raben: I would say that's still the Fulton bridge.

Councilmember Hoy: I hope this is our last bill, that's my only...we've been paying a lot on this thing. John's not here, is he?

Councilmember Wortman: No, he said he couldn't be here today.

President Raben: We're ready.

Councilmember Wortman: It's very important we get that Darmstadt bridge in there.

President Raben: Okay, that's the only one I have a real problem with, Curt.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-4725	Darmstadt Rd. Culvert	100,000.00	100,000.00
2030-4389	Fulton Ave. Bridge	82,000.00	82,000.00
Total		182,000.00	182,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, under Reassessment, appropriations, line item 2492-1090-1310 Hearing Officer, I move we set this in at \$19,145; line item 2492-1090-1900 FICA, I move that it be set in at \$1,465; line item 2492-1090-1910 PERF be set in at \$1,053; line item 2492-1090-1920 Insurance in the amount of \$2,200, for a total appropriation of \$23,863, and I move that it be approved with the following condition: that if an existing employee is appointed to this position, the funds in that employees current salary line will be transferred into line 1090-1970 in Temporary Replacement and that a temporary employee be hired until the proposed hearing officer's duties are completed. The hearing officer's position that we're creating would be created through this year only. And I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Tornatta: Then make it again.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Let's make sure we're clear on that motion again. Why don't you go back over that.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, you have the numbers, right?

Councilmember Sutton: Got the numbers, we just need some bullet points on that caveat.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, basically, the motion is that we create the additional hearing officer as we've discussed and that, assuming that this position is going to be filled by an existing employee, okay, that person moves in that

position, that employee's original line item be transferred to Temporary Replacement so that a temporary replacement can be filled for that position. So we are creating no permanent employees in this office, but we are creating a hearing officer for the balance of this year to help with the appeals for the reassessment.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, what about the PERF, FICA, Insurance? Would you provide that for a temporary employee?

Councilmember Winnecke: We currently don't for temporary replacement.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, but you're leaving that line item open?

President Raben: No, the temporary that he's referring to is this person's old position. So the funds that are in her current line item before she assumes this hearing officer's position is where he's stating that those funds be pulled from the old line item so a new full-time employee can't move in to that spot. So we don't end up with a new full-time employee.

Councilmember Tornatta: Alright.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, the one thing with that, now if this person for this hearing officer position is selected from the office, it's an upgrade, say, in their present position. Come, well actually, the beginning of next year, are they to go back down to the original salary level and position grade that they had originally?

Councilmember Winnecke: That's correct.

President Raben: Correct. And that's the purpose with moving the old line's funds into temporary replacement, so a person can't be put in that position where we end up with, technically, what would be a new employee.

Councilmember Sutton: Is that the intent of the officeholder? I mean, she's not here, but –

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes, and I talked to Ms. Musgrave a couple of times today, and she had a previous commitment and could not be here, but that is her intent.

Councilmember Tornatta: And my question also to follow up on that is going to be, are we going to need any other data entry help or any clerical help to go with this position because I haven't seen that come across? And we're essentially creating a new post, although we're not, but are we going to ask for an additional person to help with data entry and such?

Tammy Elkins: I don't believe so. Tammy Elkins, Chief Deputy for the County Assessor's Office. With the addition of the hearing officer and putting another person in this, the temporary replacement, to do the data entry that that person was doing, we're hoping at this time that will be sufficient for our office along with the extra help that we have. They've also been working on that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, because I would – I mean, I'm okay – there's more than one way to skin a cat and this will work, but I'd really, I don't want to see this office back here asking for another employee to do data entry, you know, if they think they've got it figured out here.

Tammy Elkins: I personally can't speak for Mrs. Musgrave, but as far as what I know right now, we don't have any plans to ask for additional clerical help.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Raben: And I have one quick comment before we vote on this. You know, we've taken the position, no new employees, and my personal opinion of this is that this is an emergency. That property tax collection is what makes our clock tick here, so this is, in effect, an emergency and I'm okay with it.

Tammy Elkins: Just an update, as of 2:00 this afternoon, we had 1,243 appeals. We have the last several days going on, so we expect to get quite a few in the last few days and we know a lot will probably be mailed on the 9th to meet the deadline. If you're interested, we have a breakdown of the appeals in the individual townships. We only have the grand total on this sheet of 702 because, as you mentioned, we are logging those in. So take the difference of those two, that's what we have to log in at this point. Are you interested in that sheet?

President Raben: Sure.

Councilmember Tornatta: And how many did we have last reassessment?

Rick Barter: 1,300 and change.

Councilmember Tornatta: Now, the only thing I'll bring to the board is 1,300 and change was the last reassessment. That was the number of appeals. We really don't know, am I correct, we don't know the number of appeals that are going before PTABOA, because they'll have to go to the townships first, so that might even be a lesser number than the number.

Tammy Elkins: And I understand it, they all go to the preliminary hearing with the township assessor. If they reach agreement, they still come back to our office just as a review and then they go in front of the PTABOA. So yes, the ones that the townships agree on, we'll still have some paperwork to do on those, but very little compared to the ones that cannot be reached agreement at the township level.

Councilmember Tornatta: So we might not end up in as bad a shape on the appeals as what we once – was reported in the paper. Thank you.

President Raben: Okay, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1090-1310	Hearing Officer	20,484.00	19,145.00
2492-1090-1900	FICA	1,568.00	1,465.00
2492-1090-1910	PERF	1,076.00	1,053.00
2492-1090-1920	Insurance	8,000.00	2,200.00
Total		31,128.00	23,863.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, next Reassessment/Knight Township Assessor, line item 2492-1130-1920 Insurance in the amount of \$40; line item 2492-1130-1990 Extra Help in the amount of \$5,600, for a total appropriation of \$5,640, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Raben: Okay, any questions? No 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1130-1920	Insurance	40.00	40.00
2492-1130-1990	Extra Help	5,600.00	5,600.00
Total		5,640.00	5,640.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, Reassessment/Commissioners, line item 2492-1300-3120 Postage/Freight in the amount of \$1,808. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1300-3120	Postage/Freight	1,808.00	1,808.00
Total		1,808.00	1,808.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF MISD. HOUSING

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, Sheriff Misdemeanor Housing, line item 2780-1850 Union Overtime in the amount of \$2,500; line item2780-1950-2780 Teamsters Education Fund in the amount of \$208; and line item 2780-1920 Insurance in the amount of \$3,836, for a total appropriation of \$6,544. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

SHERIFF MISD. HOUSING		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2780-1850	Union Overtime	2,500.00	2,500.00
2780-1950-2780	Teamsters Ed. Fund	208.00	208.00
2780-1920	Insurance	3,836.00	3,836.00
Total		6,544.00	6,544.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CONVENTION CTR. OPERATING FUND

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, line item 3650-3002 Convention Centre Operating Fund, Coupon & Bond Expense \$5,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

CONVENTION CTR. OPERATING FUND		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3650-3002	Coupon & Bond Expense	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total		5,000.00	5,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

CLERK
COUNTY ASSESSOR

PROSECUTOR
BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, on the transfers, if it's alright with everyone I would like to group the first four together, that would be Clerk, Prosecutor,

County Assessor and Burdette Park. I would move that those be approved as presented.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1010-1540-1010	Abstract Clerk/Misd.	515.00	515.00
To: 1010-1200-1010	Small Claims Clerk	13.00	13.00
1010-1630-1010	First Deputy/Elections	502.00	502.00

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1080-1190-1080	Deputy	4,108.00	4,108.00
To: 1080-1150-1080	Deputy	4,108.00	4,108.00

COUNTY ASSESSOR**REQUESTED****APPROVED**

From: 1090-3140	Telephone	450.00	450.00
To: 1090-3370	Computer (Data Management)	450.00	450.00

BURDETTE PARK**REQUESTED****APPROVED**

From: 1450-1250-1450	Maintenance	6,775.00	6,775.00
To: 1450-1850	Union Overtime	6,775.00	6,775.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)**REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I would move under Reassessment/ County Assessor, line item 2492-1090-3700 Dues & Subscriptions in the amount of \$1,600 be transferred to line item 2492-1090-2600 Office Supplies and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/COUNTY ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2492-1090-3700	Dues and Subscriptions	6,600.00	1,600.00
To: 2492-1090-2600	Office Supplies	1,600.00	1,600.00
2492-1090-3550	Buildings	5,000.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/PTABOA

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I would move that the balance of our transfer requests including the late transfer request from the Commissioners be approved as presented.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Tornatta: I have a question. I was never sure what the contractual services were on the PTABOA.

Councilmember Winnecke: I believe that was for attorneys. Mr. Barter or Tammy?

Councilmember Tornatta: At one point had we not done something with the attorney already?

Tammy Elkins: I believe that the contractual services would be used for the PTABOA attorney as well as any contractual services that we may need for appraisals that would be used in the appeal process. We have money in there now, but we just want to put this in to make it through the end of the year, transfer it.

Councilmember Tornatta: How much money do you have in there now? I don't have that in front of me.

Tammy Elkins: I don't think I do either.

Councilmember Tornatta: What do you think you're going to need that extra...?

Tammy Elkins: Well, again, with the meetings we –

Councilmember Tornatta: And then how do you come up that number? I'm just trying to –

Tammy Elkins: We had that money available in the computer line item to transfer and I can't say that we used any mathematical calculation to deduct the \$4,900. We just thought if it was available in the computer line item and we didn't need it there, that we could actually just cushion that in case we did because of the amount of appeals that we're going to be receiving, we know that we will be using our attorney a little bit more especially, you know, being in a new system, any information she can give us. Along, again, like I said, any appraisals that we may need done from certified appraisals...

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. Tornatta, according to the information they provided the current balance is \$8,452 in that account. Do you want me to set that aside?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah.

Councilmember Winnecke: Pull it out?

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, yeah.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I would amend my motion to exclude the PTABOA transfer request.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll accept that.

President Raben: Okay, both our maker and co-maker have accepted and amended their –

Councilmember Winnecke: And then I will move that the Reassessment/PTABOA transfer request be set in at \$4,900 and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we now have a new motion and a second. Any further discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I know we just – he just went through this, but just a kind of an FYI, just wondering on this, on the one that was "X"d out on the building for where you guys wanted to expand your office, I mean, where are you guys wanting to expand to?

Tammy Elkins: Actually, the renovation has been completed. We took over some of the hallway area in front of our office. Again, due to the amount of appeals that we're receiving, we had no place to put them so we extended our counter so that it now faces, I guess, perpendicular to the other counters in that hallway. So that has allowed us to move two people right up to the counter, so we feel we've increased customer service in that way. Its also allowed us to create more space within our office to bring in two new file cabinets for the new appeals that we're receiving and its now our responsibility to collect and store the exemptions for not-for-profit organizations so we need storage space for that as well.

Councilmember Tornatta: You had to have a contract to build that or no?

Tammy Elkins: No, we talked to the Building Authority. They gave us a price quote. They were available to do the work on a specific weekend, otherwise, it would have been months down the line.

Councilmember Tornatta: So where does that come out of...

Tammy Elkins: We were interested in transferring that to our building commission or our building line item so that it would be coming out of the appropriate line item. However, if the transfer doesn't pass, then we'll pay it out of our contractual services line item since the work has been completed.

Councilmember Winnecke: Say that again.

Tammy Elkins: We will just pay it out of our contractual services line item.

Councilmember Winnecke: The existing?

Tammy Elkins: One that we have with money in it.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

President Raben: Okay, just so everyone is clear on the motion –

Councilmember Winnecke: The motion is for Reassessment/PTABOA \$4,900 from the computer account to the contractual services account.

President Raben: Okay. That and only that, is this one.

Councilmember Winnecke: That's right.

President Raben: Okay. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: This looks like a double entry to me to try and get money to cover that, so I vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, that did have me a little puzzled there. It just seems like if we're going to spend money we would come before Council first before doing that. I'm going to vote yes for it, but I just think you guys just in the future really need to exercise a little bit of caution in taking that on. I recognize you do have some extra responsibilities and some space needs there, but we really need to be in the loop on that.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes, but I would like to echo Councilman Sutton's remarks that you should have been before us before now. So I'm going to approve it. The damage is done, but hopefully we won't see that again.

Tammy Elkins: That one, but the one, if I understand, the one you just approved was actually for the PTABOA but you're just –

Councilmember Winnecke: For contractual services.

Tammy Elkins: Okay.

REASSESSMENT/PTABOA		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2492-1091-3370	Computer (Data Management)	4,900.00	4,900.00
To: 2492-1091-3530	Contractual Services	4,900.00	4,900.00

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

**REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
REASSESSMENT/PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION
CCD/COMMISSIONERS (LATE)**

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, now I would move that the balance of the transfer requests including the late transfer request be approved as presented.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TWP. ASSESSOR REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 2492-1130-1120	Office Coordinator	5,600.00	5,600.00
To: 2492-1130-1990	Extra Help	5,600.00	5,600.00

REASSESSMENT/PERRY TWP. ASSESSOR REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 2492-1140-3410	Printing	129.95	129.95
To: 2492-1140-1910	PERF	129.95	129.95

CIRCUIT COURT
SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 2600-1980	Other Pay	1,723.00	1,723.00
To: 2600-1930	Unemployment	1,723.00	1,723.00

LATE TRANSFER REQUEST

CCD/COMMISSIONERS REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 2031-1300-4126	Old Courthouse Parking Improvements	300,000.00	300,000.00
To: 2031-1300-4121	Roof Old Courthouse	300,000.00	300,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO-07-98-001 ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BOND/SOLARBRON POINTE, INC. PROJECT

President Raben: Before we get into the amendments to the salary ordinance I'm going to first make some changes on the agenda. Judge Trockman is here to speak on behalf of the Solarbron refinance issue and he needs to get to Nashville, so I'm going to move to item A under new business and then we'll come back to the amendments.

Wayne Trockman: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Council, I made some explanations at the – and thank you for accommodating me. I did drive down for this and I'm going to return as soon as we finish today. I did make some explanations at the finance committee meeting last Wednesday but can answer any questions that anyone might have this afternoon.

Councilmember Hoy: I move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Raben: Judge, have a safe trip back.

Wayne Trockman: Thank you. And while I'm here may I thank your counsel, Jeff Ahlers, who worked with me very closely and our Indianapolis counsel to make sure all the documents were in order and, Jeff, I believe you have those originals. And if not, I'll get those to you. Thank you again.

<p>WAYNE TROCKMAN PART-TIME EMPLOYEE FOR DRUG COURT</p>

President Raben: Judge, I guess while you're here we should probably address item E.

Wayne Trockman: May I ask that that be withdrawn from the agenda today? I talked to – earlier from the car with your counsel and with Sandie Deig and I think we have some more homework to do before we make any formal request.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Raben: Okay, now if we could move back up to the top under the Amendments to the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, move under County Assessor, amend Salary Ordinance adding line 2492-1090-1310 Hearing Officer as approved for PAT V/Step II effective June 16, 2003; under Knight Assessor, amend Salary Ordinance 2492-1130-1990 Extra Help as the appropriation and transfer that was previously approved. Sheriff Misdemeanor Housing amend the Salary Ordinance line item 2780-1850 Union Overtime as approved; under the Clerk, amend Salary Ordinance 1010-1630 First Deputy/Elections as the transfer that was approved. The annual salary is set in at \$30,541, for a PAT III/Step IV. Under the Prosecutor, amend Salary Ordinance 1080-1150 Deputy as previously approved. Under Burdette Park, amend Salary Ordinance 1450-1850 Union Overtime as approved, and amend Salary Ordinance to set in the Campground Manager's salary in at a rate of \$7.50 per hour effective June 16 and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any further 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

**PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION DECLARING AN ECONOMIC
REVITALIZATION AREA FOR TAX ABATEMENT FOR REDEVELOPMENT
AND/OR REHABILITATION OF PROPERTY AND FOR ACQUISITION OF
MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT PERFECT CHOICE PRODUCTS, LLC
5404 FOUNDATION DRIVE**

President Raben: Now we'll move into new business and first on the agenda is the preliminary resolution for Vanderburgh County declaring an economic revitalization area for tax abatement for acquisition of manufacturing equipment for Perfect Choice Products, LLC., at 5404 Foundation Drive.

Teri Lukeman: May I change the tape?

President Raben: Sure.

(Tape changed)

President Raben: And it looks like before us is Evan Beck. Evan, if you'll state your name for the record.

Evan Beck: Yes sir. Thank you, President Raben. Evan Beck, President Woodward Development & Construction. Thank you for your time this afternoon. Due to the agenda, we'll try to keep this as brief as possible. I'm in front of you today to assist Carolyn Moisson and Perfect Choice Products in obtaining the most aggressive tax deferral program that this company can achieve in a new project that my company is fortunate enough to have the opportunity to be involved in. And the

project in summary form is the development of lot number 11 in Vanderburgh Industrial Park, which is just to the west of Graham Packaging Company, which you supported in a tax deferral program two years ago. The plant will be 110,000 square feet which will include manufacturing, warehousing, processing and an office complex. And the office complex will be constructed in a class A format. The project is very exciting. It represents retention and expansion of a company that currently is located in Vanderburgh County. Carolyn Moisson is president of Perfect Choice Products, she contacted my company approximately three months ago in an effort to locate temporary space to plan on moving the company to St. Louis, Missouri. And through the efforts of several people including County Council to this point, that have partnered with us to develop a very aggressive economic development program to compete with the state of Missouri and included the County Commissioners, the county Redevelopment Commission, the state of Indiana through the Department of Commerce, and Connie Fowler, who is here this afternoon, the Evansville Industrial Foundation which represents the development of Vanderburgh Industrial Park, Vectren Corporation, which has put an energy package on the table that is competitive with the state of Missouri, The Airport Development Zone and then the efforts of Vision 2000, Ken Robinson. Now we've done a lot of legwork and I appreciate the time that each one of you have taken with us previous of this meeting this evening and, again, I ask for your full support in this project as its very important to the community, to the growth of the Vanderburgh Industrial Park, and it meets the guidelines that the park was developed for, that's generating new, high quality manufacturing jobs for Vanderburgh County. And this fits that, again, to perfection. I'm going to turn the floor over now to Carolyn Moisson. Some questions came up in last week's meeting that Councilman Hoy brought up and she has those answers for you now. Thank you.

Carolyn Moisson: Good afternoon, Carolyn Moisson with Perfect Choice Products. I did want to present some information that you had asked, Mr. Hoy, from last weeks' meeting and I do have that information in front of me. What we have now is a combination of the employer/employee paid medical benefits. And Perfect Choice right now does somewhat of a – well, I'll start over. The company pays \$1,087 towards a family plan. An employee pays \$130 of that. If its an employee only, so that this person doesn't have a family, the company pays \$470 and the employee pays \$47. So as I stated last week, my plan is to change the medical program so that the employee has no cost, but there would be some additional cost if there was a family, additional family members to be added to the plan. So I hope I've answered your question.

Councilmember Hoy: That's per month, right?

Carolyn Moisson: Yes sir.

Councilmember Hoy: And you're saying that you're going to change it and pay it all?

Carolyn Moisson: That's right. I will not expect our employee to pay any money towards the employee's medical benefits.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

Carolyn Moisson: You're welcome.

President Raben: Okay, are there any other questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: Make a motion to approve.

President Raben: Real quick, before we approve this, we do need to set the term for the abatement.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll make a motion to that effect and I would just say I think this is the retention element of this, I think it's critical. Anytime, rarely do we get a chance to really make an effort through this body to keep jobs here and the fact that this is an economic development win, kudos to everyone who had a part of that and with that being said, I would make a motion this be approved at the ten year level.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Jeff Ahlers: Is that for both equipment and real estate because you set it at two different – anywhere from zero to ten. Thank you.

Councilmember Winnecke: For both.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any further discussion?
Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I think its an ideal company coming along at an ideal time.

President Raben: Okay, great. Thank you. Any further discussion? Councilman Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: One other question. I think when all of us were initially approached and its probably been a month or two, there still was some question at that time. I guess another community was also interested in this project, the question is, I mean, if this is approved, is Evansville the choice?

Carolyn Moisson: Oh, absolutely.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, alright. I just wanted to know that.

Carolyn Moisson: I've already promised that to Ken Robinson, so...

Councilmember Sutton: That could affect the voting pattern here, you know.

President Raben: Okay, we do have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? No discussion? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I'd just like to say welcome to Evansville. I think it's a great opportunity for your company, great opportunity for this community, economic development at work. Thanks, Ken. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: As adamantly opposed as I am to abatements, and I still am, I've made some concessions lately. Shocked everybody. This is about the best health program I've seen and that's such a crucial item for so many people. So I will disappoint some of my fans and vote yes.

Carolyn Moisson: Thank you.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Raben: And one last thing, real quick before you leave, I did have one question that really doesn't hinder my vote one way or the other, but on the form which is Form SB1, I just had a quick question on the construction cost. The current values where it lists \$515,000, is that the real estate itself, the actual property, the land?

Carolyn Moisson: Yes.

President Raben: Okay. That's all I needed. Thanks.

Carolyn Moisson: Thank you all very much.

Councilmember Hoy: I'd like some information, I think we are progressing towards – you're part of it, but it doesn't concern you – it concerns where we are on the paying off of the Industrial Park, Bill. I don't know whether you have that at hand...do you? I'd like to know.

Bill Fluty: Currently, this year we expect to collect \$50,000 in property taxes from those companies that are out there right now. I think there's four of them now but they've all had tax abatements, so as they phase out...and we are paying \$96,000 every year on the debt service.

Councilmember Hoy: So we're a little over halfway?

Bill Fluty: Yes sir.

Councilmember Hoy: Because we put some up-front money on it, too.

Bill Fluty: That's correct. I would say in the next two years – we are using COIT money at this time, and within the next two years I believe we will be using property taxes for that.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Robinson, would you mind coming to the mic? I am curious as to how much space we have left out there.

Ken Robinson: Ken Robinson, Executive Director of Vision 2000. Councilman Hoy, the park is, at this point with this project, a little over 20% full and that's with about two years of activity. So that's where we are currently.

Councilmember Sutton: Ken, before you get away, as far as the state's involvement on this Perfect Choice, can you share with us the state's involvement as well. We've been focusing on the local side, but –

Ken Robinson: I can, but we also have Connie Fowler here, with the state, who can speak to that, to their package, if you'd like her to speak to it or I can. I think it would be appropriate to have Connie.

Connie Fowler: Good afternoon, gentlemen. I am Connie Fowler. I am director of regional Indiana Department of Commerce, and it has been my distinct pleasure to work with my partners in the local community to offer this incentive package to Perfect Choice Products. We are offering a \$28,500 Skills Enhancement Fund Grant for retraining and training of the new employees. We are offering industrial development infrastructure assistance in the form of a grant of \$85,000 or 48% for the construction of the rail spur that is deeded to the property for the operation for Perfect Choice. We are also offering \$165,000 in the Edge Program for attraction. This is the tax credit program and it will result with the 34 net new full-time Hoosier jobs at this facility with an annual payroll of at least \$1,154,171 by the year 2006. We are also offering regulatory compliance assistance regarding any particular permits.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you. Very helpful.

Connie Fowler: Any questions?

Councilmember Hoy: It's still buying jobs.

Connie Fowler: Thank you, gentlemen.

President Raben: Okay, next under item C is Emergency Management, Sherman Greer.

Councilmember Tornatta: Before Sherman gets up here I'd like to also thank Evan and Ken for diligently working. And the past two years we really didn't know what we were going to do with that park and I know there's been some midnight oil spent. And more than you guys I know have worked together, but you guys have really tied the knots where we needed it, and to make that park successful, we have to have people like you guys working it up. So thank you.

Evan Beck: One followup to his question just so you're all aware, there is a major proposal being considered on another lot up the street from this project here that may come down in the next six months.

Councilmember Hoy: Next time around I would like to hear the state's incentive first. As this body knows, I am probably the only one (inaudible -- microphone not turned on) seriously question the buying of jobs. I think buying jobs is frankly un-American. (Inaudible) I was raised in the business field, but (Inaudible). And I guess I'm from the old school that (Inaudible).

<p style="text-align: center;">SHERMAN GREER DIRECTOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY</p>

President Raben: Okay, Sherman, would you state your name for the record, please?

Sherman Greer: Sherman Greer, Emergency Management Director for Evansville-Vanderburgh County. I'm here today before you to request the move of the Emergency Management Agency to 708-710 Stanley Avenue. And I've got some information I'd like to pass out to you so that you can see what I'm talking about. Just for your information, the Emergency Management Agency right now is operating and has for the last eight years, operated out of the Red Cross. You also are aware that the Red Cross is building a new facility out at the state hospital grounds and we were not included in on that move for the Red Cross's project. We came before -- well, we made proposals a couple two or three years ago about moving in with them but that didn't come forth. Right now we're looking for a place to go. The Red Cross is going to be in their new facility by the end of October, first of November, possibly, and we would like to take this time to get ourselves ready to move into another facility so that we can be operational as soon as possible. The facility that you're looking at here, at present time at the Red Cross, we were paying \$1,900 a month for 2,200 square feet. We're going to -- this facility here --

Councilmember Tornatta: Sherman, how much? I'm sorry, how much?

Sherman Greer: \$1,900 a month.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, the new one or the old one?

Sherman Greer: The old one, at the Red Cross.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, thank you.

Sherman Greer: And the new facility on 708-710 Stanley is 3,300 square feet. So we're getting 1,000 square feet for approximately \$12 more as it is right now.

Councilmember Tornatta: What's the going rate on that?

Sherman Greer: Pardon me?

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm joking. That's good.

Sherman Greer: Well, I've got the realtor here in case you want some of that information. So as you can see here, this is -- I don't think we're going to find anything any better throughout the city. We've shopped around for over a year looking for something for us to be able to move into. And this is a quiet neighborhood. It really fits Emergency Management well. The building is only about eight years old, seven years?

(Unidentified – inaudible – comments not made from the microphone)

Sherman Greer: About five years old. So do you have any questions?

Councilmember Hoy: Give me those figures again, Mr. Greer. You've had \$1,900 a month for 2,300 square feet now –

Sherman Greer: 2,200 square feet.

Councilmember Hoy: 2,200, and you're going to go to how many square feet?

Sherman Greer: 3,300.

Councilmember Hoy: For?

Sherman Greer: For \$1,912 is what it is here. I think those figures changed a little bit because of the reassessment, wasn't it, or is that the..?

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

Councilmember Hoy: I just wondered if you could negotiate some other contracts we –

Sherman Greer: You have to look long and hard.

Councilmember Tornatta: Sherman, are there going to be any yearly, anything yearly or any other numbers that we're going to look at or is this for ten years, the \$1912? Is that going to move up?

Sherman Greer: Yeah, adjustments for the year, about 3% (inaudible)

(Unidentified – comments not made from the microphone)

Councilmember Tornatta: And that's every two years or every year?

Unidentified: Every two years.

President Raben: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I did get the opportunity to go through that building and through my employment, I work very closely with Emergency Management. And it's an ideal location, I think, and it's really a nice facility. It's brick and the room that's not finished that they're going to finish for them, it's going to make an ideal EOC, which is the emergency operations center, and it is, I highly recommend this building and for \$12 more a month and to get another thousand feet, it's a good deal for the county.

President Raben: Okay, thank you, Councilman Bassemier? Any other questions? And Sherman, are you asking us for a verbal nod or do we need to vote on this? There's, well, I mean, --

Councilmember Bassemier: The city is waiting for an answer from us.

Sherman Greer: Well, I also sent this resolution also to the mayor's office –

President Raben: There's funds in your budget now to cover this rent?

Sherman Greer: There's funds in my budget to cover only the leasing from – if we get in there about September, to the end of the year. Our budget for next year, we figured the facility in on how much it would cost us and everything, so we would have enough money to make it to the end of the year if we got in there. The other thing that we would be appropriating funds for is the technical networking infrastructure and other things that we need to move into this facility. At present time, the Red Cross, and I'm not kicking the Red Cross for this and everything, but that facility needed a lot of work, the roof leaked as Mr. Bassemier can tell you that when he was over there for our exercise, that the roof leaked and it destroyed a lot of our tables and different things and everything, so we're going to have to more or less bring it up to – we just don't want to move into this facility and not have the technology and the supplies and the things that we need to be able to operate. For years – I've been in this job 13 years now and in 13 years we have gotten variances from the State Emergency Management Agency on not having all of the things in an emergency operations center that is required. We didn't have a shower in our last one, we did not have a generator for an automatic startup and everything so we could be operational and all the electricity is out and everything else like that, so we have gotten by, by being able to show them that we would be operational as soon as possible in a disaster or emergency situation. So all of the things that I've got listed here, we've talked to Computer Services, we've talked to a lot of others and the things that we've got here we've got listed is not any frills or anything like this. This is just operational for us.

President Raben: You say you've got here listed, I don't – unless I'm missing something. I don't have anything like that. Do you show any itemized list of...

Sherman Greer: You've only got two? I'm sorry, I've got the itemized listing.

Councilmember Hoy: While he's doing that, what is the (inaudible – microphone not turned on).

President Raben: Sherman, what are the 42 inch plasma displays for?

Sherman Greer: What we are doing right now, if we have a situation here in the Evansville area, out at our office now we have dry erase boards that we put all our information on. We're going to be working through the GIS system and being networked with the city, so when we have a situation going on, we can display that, the GIS up, so that everybody within the emergency operation center, may be anywhere from 30 to 40 people within there, will be able to look up and see exactly where the situation is happening, where the police cars are, where the sheriff's cars are, where the fire departments are, where we're going to evacuate, all of that information will be on a split screen right in front of you to be able to give that information to you at a punch of a button.

President Raben: But some of that, I mean, for instance, just like the plasma displays, I mean, we could probably cut some of that back if we went to a cheaper unit other than plasma, right? I mean, if we went to the standard, you know, we could even go to high definition or something, but you would not have to have a plasma monitor, right?

Sherman Greer: I would defer to our technical people on that.

President Raben: I can't even think what you would refer to as the old conventional type of monitors that we've been accustomed to before plasma, but –

Adam Groupe: Not necessarily plasma –

Sherman Greer: State your name.

Adam Groupe: Adam Groupe, Deputy Director. It's not necessarily plasma, it's a plasma type. What we're looking for is the size. And of that size, they're generally the plasma or LCD. And the problem we have is we need such a fine resolution where you can not only see pictures and maps, but to read text. Everything that we'd normally put on a dry erase board: status of units, status of shelters, lists of evaluations, routes, availability of resources, road closures, all these things to use on a dry erase board, you're managing them on paper, a legal pad. Well now the industry standard in Emergency Management is to manage them on computer and display that data as it changes on these screens.

Sherman Greer: And the regular screens that you were talking about, it may not be as clear as it would be on a plasma screen.

President Raben: It would probably be ample, wouldn't it?

Sherman Greer: Pardon me?

President Raben: We'll come back to that. I mean, this is something you're going to give us in August to consider, right?

Sherman Greer: Yes.

President Raben: So we've got between now and then.

Councilmember Hoy: We're not voting on this today.

President Raben: No, but I guess you are asking that we approve –

Councilmember Tornatta: Approve the resolution.

Sherman Greer: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I move we approve the resolution and then I want to comment.

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

Councilmember Hoy: I have worked with Mr. Greer and with the (inaudible – microphone not turned on) until recently, and the current building is a (inaudible), there's no question about that. The space is not adequate. The other thing is, should we have any kind of disaster in this county, you are looking at the man and the department who are going to be at the eye of that storm, whatever it may be. And this is a public safety issue, I think, of the first magnitude. And God forbid, you know, that we ever have a terrorist attack, but (inaudible) for anybody, anywhere these days, that would also apply (inaudible). I think its one of the more important –

Sherman Greer: We've initially taken this from when we first started up to about \$500,000, then we went down last year, just the last year, I think, wasn't it, about \$250,000. We're down to \$150,000 now and we feel like we're down to where that we are – we can't go any lower to be able to give the basic things that we need to do and the reason for that is that the state Emergency Management Agency is getting grants to upgrade their facilities, and to us it doesn't make any sense that us on a local level to try to communicate with them when we don't have the ability to do that. We feel right now at this point here, at this approximate cost here, we will be able to communicate with them. We're not, you know, going out for the Cadillac, we're still driving a Ford, okay.

Councilmember Hoy: But it's a good Ford.

Sherman Greer: It's a good Ford.

President Raben: Sherman, can I –

Councilmember Winnecke: What kind of tires does it have?

Councilmember Hoy: As one who does not own a Ford, I probably (inaudible – microphone not turned on) that statement.

Sherman Greer: I drive a Ford.

Councilmember Tornatta: We've got a motion and a second.

Councilmember Hoy: The other thing that I don't think is going to be coming your way and you've kind of (inaudible – microphone not turned on) I do not see a lot of funding coming out of the federal government (inaudible) Homeland Security, it seems like that's –

Sherman Greer: Most of the funding that we're getting and the grants that we're getting right now is for planning for the fire departments, for the law enforcement agencies and things of that sort. We in Emergency Management or more or less the clearing house for that to be able to distribute that out to them, to make sure that they've got all the training, and also the plans that are written and everything else for them to use. There's a possibility of funding coming down, but we can't wait for that. That may be '04 money before we can get that.

Councilmember Hoy: (Inaudible – microphone not turned on) The funding for, as I understand it, the police department and fire department, has not been nearly as generous and what it (inaudible).

Sherman Greer: When you break it down to 92 counties in the state of Indiana, you're not going to get that much.

President Raben: Okay, Mr. Winnecke, did you make an actual motion?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. Hoy did.

President Raben: Okay, could you, just for a matter of clarification, could you restate your motion?

Councilmember Hoy: I move that we approve the resolution for them to move.

President Raben: Okay, when you state – their resolution, you're just, a resolution...

Councilmember Winnecke: As presented.

President Raben: Okay, because their resolution doesn't have signature lines for the Council.

Councilmember Hoy: This is just an indication of support.

President Raben: Okay. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Sherman Greer: Do we have to come back before this, for –

Councilmember Winnecke: You have to file an appropriation and I assume that is a total, so we would split that with the city.

Sherman Greer: That's the total so it would be 50% of it.

Councilmember Winnecke: So roughly, a little over \$62,000 would be the county's share.

Sherman Greer: Thank you.

JOINT CITY/COUNTY BUDGET HEARING

President Raben: Okay, next, joint city/county budget hearing date is set for July 29th at 5:00 p.m. Again, that's July 29th, 5:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DISCUSSION

President Raben: Under item F, Community Corrections discussion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. Chairman, we've kicked this around for about, I guess this is maybe the third meeting, maybe the second meeting, I forget which, but in one of our previous meetings, we were presented with a spreadsheet which indicated six different scenarios for community corrections. If you recall, the low end, a little over \$2,000,000 got us 40 beds to the high end where an investment of 4.2 million dollars would get us 288 beds for community corrections. You'll recall that we have a commitment from the state of Indiana for two million dollars for construction of a new facility. I spoke with Commissioner Fanello, I think she's still here, earlier today and I'll just share with the Council what I shared with Commissioner Fanello. I think these numbers are frightening to me. I don't think we get enough bang for our buck. I think that – I just don't think we get enough bang for our buck. I would, understanding time is of the essence, Commissioner Fanello – and correct me if I go astray here – but you indicated that if we asked the Commissioners to look at getting – take another look at these costs in terms of local architect, local contractor sort of situation, that we could not, we would not put our two million dollar state grant in jeopardy.

Catherine Fanello: And I guess I would have to bring it up at the Commissioner meeting Monday, but you know, I guess we would have to ask the DOC if they would be willing to extend that June 30th date. I mean, they're not wanting a design by that date or anything like that, they're just wanting a plan of what we're going to do. So if, you know, you needed is to explore something, we could do that over the next couple of weeks, and I guess get the information.

Councilmember Winnecke: I just think that, you know, not to beat a dead horse which we have a tendency to do, I guess, but I think we can get more for the dollars we have. I think that the two million dollars from the state is very generous and I'd like to see us take as much of advantage of that as possible. And I would ask that you take back to the Commissioners the consideration of having a local architect, or a local design team take a look at this to see if, in fact, we can't get more for two million dollars.

President Raben: Could I, real quick, just ten minutes ago we discussed and approved tax abatement for Perfect Choice Manufacturing. They are building a hundred thousand square foot manufacturing facility with 6,000 square feet of office space. And it also says coupled with an additional 80 parking spaces, a concrete drive, and parking and turn around area for semi trucks, which will be a very large area. I mean, they're probably talking an additional, probably two or three acres, maybe more than that in just truck parking, and ten loading docks. That's an expensive facility at a cost of 3.5 million dollars. So that's a pre-manufactured steel building, pre-engineered steel building, 100,000 square feet, with all that office space and everything they're doing for 3.5 million dollars. So if that gives you a clue as to what we can get, if 16,000 square feet is what we need for 150 bed community corrections center, that should give you an indication what kind of

money you should put to spend on that.

Councilmember Tornatta: And I'm fine with that as long as it fits within the guidelines of what we have to have by the state. Now Sheriff, I don't know if you have anything to add to that, but I'd be interested to know exactly what would be different from like was said, building by like Councilman Raben saying, versus a community corrections complex that's attached to our jail.

President Raben: Hold on, Brad, before you answer that. Let us change the tape.

(Tape changed)

President Raben: – we have to bear in mind the differences. You're talking about a facility that will be designed for high cube storage, and machinery, and a much taller facility, and probably a great deal of electricity to operate heavy equipment, probably much thicker concrete floors to support heavy equipment, so along with that, although it's not dorm style housing, it's a very expensive building to build when you're talking manufacturing. So go ahead.

Brad Ellsworth: I'll try and answer your question briefly. The DOC, when you're talking about residential and people sleeping there, there's certainly fire codes and that stuff we have to meet. There are not true Department of Correction housing standards, not like the jail we're going to have, there's not nearly the requirements that we have to meet for community corrections and that. So I couldn't tell you. That's not my game and if somebody directs me to look into that, this is all new information to me today. I did talk to President Raben and called one of the contractors and he had some things to say. If I may, we talked about, he said could do a building of that size cheaper, he said, but I'd have to have more information about does it include a parking lot, does it include the site work and all this. The building is, you know, I can do that cheaper, but then he goes, I don't know what's included in United's plan. Well, I called United and they said that does include site work, parking lots, showers, building walls and that. So Mr. Lamb said I need more information on it to give you a true price. So there's not the same regulations in the jail, so I can't tell you the difference between a building that houses machines in it and houses 100 inmates.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and if you find out that information, that would be great to know. But kind of switching gears, let's just get down to the real nitty gritty. What do you see us needing for community corrections right here today?

Brad Ellsworth: Simple construction, I know that the colored photo or the computer printout that we gave you is something that Chief Deputy Williams and I sat down and drew on a yellow pad and then he put on the computer. So we're looking at something very simple. If we go with the larger beds, if we don't go with anything, it –

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm talking about numbers.

Brad Ellsworth: Numbers? That's in this discussion. I guess I'll speak on behalf of the Community Corrections Advisory Board, and they're saying the numbers we're talking about, they recommend the 250, the minimum of 250 beds. Can the Sheriff's Office, and what we've done, run 144 beds, that's fine. There's a lot of debate whether some of the people that are over there should be there, and for that long. Do I think, personally, that some of the people are in community corrections

too long? Yes, the sentences are too long. But that's not my call at this point. I represent the board. They have guidelines that they have set. Are some people sentenced there maybe shouldn't be, coming from a law enforcement point of view? Absolutely. I grew up saying send them away, but I've kind of adopted some of the correctional attitude. So can we run 144? Yes. But the board, and I represent them, says go with the bigger because all that's going to do is make more demand the smaller we go in community corrections, the more we're going to need jail bed space. And one of our judges has said he would intend on running work release out of that jail. I am adamantly opposed to that. I've told him that. If he were here tonight, I'd tell you that, that you don't want to mix a work release inmate with a secure detention inmate, but that's what this judge has told me he intends to do or he will push for. So I would say the next day that we will build a concrete wall and we'll put a door on the outside and work release, and that cuts our jail beds...so, if I have anything to say about it. So on behalf of the board, they say 250, minimum.

President Raben: And I guess my point with the case that I presented on what we can do for our two million dollars and why it's so concerning to me, is that, you know, it's not like building a jail. I mean, while there's guidelines on fire and safety and things of that nature on exit doors, maybe sprinkling in the facility, it's basically the same standard building that you walk in and out of, you know, in a lot of places you go. This is a building that we really don't need jail designers, builders, we don't need to pay the fee that we pay for that type of facility. We don't need those people to design this facility. This is pretty simple. So we can get the 200 or 250 beds that the Sheriff has mentioned that the Community Corrections Advisory Board is asking for, for that two million dollars, but we can't do it the way we're trying to do it.

Councilmember Sutton: But Jim, what are we using as a base of reference here? I mean, what other facility, like facility, are we using to compare this to when we say this is way too expensive, or it doesn't cost enough, whatever the case may be, I mean, what are we using as a base of comparison? I mean, to compare two different type of uses or structures doesn't really give you an opportunity to really look at the structures really fairly to say that one design firm is going to design it less expensive than another. You know, maybe they do. Maybe they don't. Maybe they're from here locally, maybe they're not. You know, so I guess maybe that's what I'm really trying to get a sense of, when you begin to try to make comparisons or to try to set a baseline on what you want to spend. We already know what the figure is. When we say it's too high, what are we comparing that too high, to?

President Raben: I hear you and I don't hear you. I mean, let me answer the best I can based on what I understand you're asking. You know, personally, I've spoken to contractors. I've spoke to one just as recently as today that was in this room just a little bit ago. So, and I've built these buildings. I haven't built community corrections complexes, but I've built pre-engineered steel buildings that have had a lot of things this building won't have. So I know the cost of building these type of structures and I think if you had a roomful of contractors out here, if you told them that you had two million dollars to spend and you wanted 250 beds, I'll guarantee you'd have a room stand up saying, give it to me, I'll get it done.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I mean, I've worked on a few projects, not a lot, none like this, of course, and I don't think anyone else in here has as well, but every project that I've been involved in, the contractor that's not picked or that's not involved with the job, will always tell you, oh, I could do that cheaper than what that guy is doing, that you've got. I can do it a third less or a quarter less. Maybe you could have. Maybe you might have been able to do a better looking building for

less price, but the guy who is not selected always says that. So we just – I guess my concern is the potential of losing the two million dollars here, and we need to find out as soon as possible if we need to move on this or if the state is going to give us the approval to delay a little bit longer, that would be great. I mean, more information is fine, but we can't keep stretching this out and stretching this out with the anticipation that somebody is going to come along and present some fabulous proposal that's going to be so cheap, but we get everything that we want. We need to make a selection here.

President Raben: Councilman Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: I would just say, I mean, I don't necessarily disagree with you. I think what we're asking here, and Commissioner Fanello, we haven't gotten her quite to the microphone yet, but, I mean, she has agreed in principal to take this back to the Commissioners to ask if the Commission will look at it a second time to see if we can get more for our money. I don't think – I mean, I think that represents the best interests of our community. You're right, I mean, whoever doesn't get the job could always say, I could do it better or bigger or whatever. And if that's the case, you know, so be it. But at least we've taken the time to check as best we can.

Councilmember Tornatta: And then at what next time, next meeting, you'll be in touch with us or a letter or something of that nature?

Catherine Fanello: Let me address that. Let me ask you this: if we, the Sheriff or I talk to DOC and they're not willing to extend the date, but, I mean, we can work over the next few days and try and get, you know, talk to as many people as possible and get some estimates. I mean, are you willing to come back before your next meeting and take this up?

Councilmember Tornatta: Absolutely.

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

President Raben: That would require a special meeting and I don't know that I'd go along with that. But again, I'm going to reiterate, 100,000 square foot facility –

Catherine Fanello: Councilman Raben, let me address that. Why wouldn't you go along with making sure that we get two million dollars from the state secured?

President Raben: I think this body probably ought to make that decision today. We've discussed this long enough, but 100,000 square foot facility, 6,000 square feet of office space, 80 parking spots, 10 loading docks, truck parking, 3.5 million dollars. This is a manufacturing facility, I can guarantee you there is as much money spent per square foot building this building as what we're talking about. You just need to take it to your local contractors and I'll guarantee you, you'll get exactly what you want and more for two million dollars.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, she's wanting an answer. I'd like to make a motion we build this, take the two million dollars from the state. I'll make that as a motion that we accept the two million dollars from the state. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Raben: Are you stating to limit the project to two million?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes sir. Two million dollars.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion. Is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: I'll second it.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any further discussion?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Brad Ellsworth: You can go first. I do want to say something.

Councilmember Winnecke: I disagree. I think we owe it to ourselves. If a few phone calls can find out, you know what, we can build 152 beds or whatever the number may be, for two million dollars, we just owe it to ourselves to check.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm not saying we don't, I'm just saying give them two million dollars.

Councilmember Winnecke: We've already expressed our intent to accept the money. We did that many months ago. So the state knows as of that vote earlier in the year, our intention was to accept the two million dollar grant. So to reaffirm that today, I mean, in my opinion is moot.

Catherine Fanello: And I would just add, Councilman Winnecke, and you and I talked. And I'm very willing to take it back to the Commission and check around and see what we find out. And once we find out, you know, we'll let you know, but you may be surprised at what you find out. So I think you ought to hold off on that until you get some firm responses back from contractors.

President Raben: You know, we set limitations at \$35,000,000 on the main jail facility. We've already gone over that. So we have, in an emergency situation, or in at least one case, we have come back and maybe appropriated more money. I'm not saying that I would ever vote in favor to do that, but we can go ahead and give them the benchmark of two million dollars today and if they need, you know, they can approach us at any point to say they need more than that. It will be up to us at that time to –

Councilmember Bassemier: And I talked to the Sheriff and the Sheriff is going to try with us, too, and try to find some funds somewhere there. Good luck, right, Sheriff?

Brad Ellsworth: Absolutely. There's a couple of points I'd like to make. For one thing, I think there becomes a benchmark, and I haven't seen the spreadsheet for a while, where, in good conscience, I wouldn't recommend to build too small with that. To take their two million dollars and build a 40 bed facility is ridiculous, and it's a waste of the state's money. I'd say shut the thing down and we'll get out of the community corrections business. So take it, just to take it, I don't think is good business on our part. I don't know and I'm not saying, this may be out of my bailiwick, but I don't know if there's architects and maybe I'm talking about the wrong thing, but there's nothing in the community corrections that's going to be security grade. I mean, the bunks are already over at the SAFE house, we replaced all those with metal bunks. It's going to be a glorified pole barn. It's not going to be the stainless steel toilets and the security grade, I guess, is what I'm saying. Are we looking for, when you say a high paid jail designer, are we looking

through resumes and saying, you only do pole barns, do you?

President Raben: Oh no, but I'm saying there is a long list of architects and engineers in the city of Evansville that will work with –

Brad Ellsworth: But they've estimated the cost of the, and like I said, we won't know the prices until the bids come in is what everybody's been saying for seven years now. But they've estimated the cost of the security, the jail, at 180 to 220 a square foot, and they're thinking this is coming in at 119 a square foot, so that's, there's a huge, I say a huge difference there between security grade and a glorified pole barn.

President Raben: No, what I'm talking about is just like you step in throughout the course of your life every day, a pre-engineered steel building, which is what you have been saying and the Commissioners have been saying all along, that we're looking at. That building. That building, a square foot, delivered on your site before you erect it, is \$7.50 a foot. That building. Anywhere you go. That's what it is. It costs you another \$3.50 a square foot to have it erected, then you've got foundation, you've got concrete, you've got roughing in plumbing, and what have you, and finishing the interior, heating and air, things of that nature. But those buildings are just that. They're like designing and building an erector set. It's a rectangular shaped, steel building, you know, the only job an architect really has is working with you if you want a wall here, you want a wall there. You want this dorm to be 40 by 60, or do you want it to be 60 by 70. I mean, any engineer, any simple draftsman in this town could design what you're talking about designing, and it won't cost you \$700,000 in soft costs.

Brad Ellsworth: And I'd need them to coordinate it with the building of the jail. I think it needs to be coordinated with building the jail because there's cross communication and cross employees and a lot of cross services. So I do think they need to coordinate that with the other construction.

Catherine Fanello: And I want to correct you on something. I don't want you to imply to the public that, you know, fees are \$700,000. Those soft costs include site work, the corridor over to the community corrections and many other things. The fees are a very small part of that.

President Raben: And the fees are how much?

Catherine Fanello: I think they were, well, and these are not negotiated fees, these were their proposal, I think a couple hundred thousand dollars.

President Raben: I think it was 260, was the figure, which is a lot of money. Again, that's a whole lot –

Catherine Fanello: And those were not accepted fees by the Commission. But those were a proposal.

President Raben: Alright. Thank you.

Russ Woodson: (Inaudible – comments not made from the microphone)

President Raben: Real quick, because I'm going to bring it to --

Russ Woodson: My name is Russ Woodson, I'm a member of the Vanderburgh County Corrections Board, and I want to make it very clear, I have no financial interest in this. This is one of the few boards, it doesn't get paid, I don't get any money for being here, this is something that the board feels very strongly about, and I'm going to be very brief, or at least I'll try to be brief, for a lawyer, anyway. I have some very serious concerns. I think that if we don't build a new SAFE house, we won't have a SAFE house. The SAFE house, the building we currently use is on the market. That lease ends, I believe, in February of next year and I think there's every reason to believe that, given some of the circumstances from what I've heard, and this is not reliable, but once it's sold, it's not going to be used as a SAFE house anymore. And secondly, I think if we don't build this SAFE house now with this two million dollars, we're not going to build a SAFE house. I mean, now is the time to build it. And if we lose this time to get the two million dollars from the state, then I think we're doing a terrible disservice one, financially, to this county, because we've lost two million dollars that we could have used, that isn't coming out of this county, at least directly. And secondly, we are in a situation where we don't have a SAFE house, because I don't think it's going to get built if we don't build it now. I mean, I don't see this Commission coming up with two million dollars or this Council coming up with two million dollars, or three million dollars, or whatever it's going to take to build a SAFE house two years from now, when they could have done it for another million dollars. I just don't see that happening.

President Raben: And Russ, I'm going to interrupt because there is a motion on the floor to use that two million dollars.

Councilmember Bassemier: You recommend that?

Russ Woodson: The problem we – I'm sorry to interrupt. The problem we have is that we need a commitment from this Council that they're going to back a SAFE house. To simply say, we want your two million dollars, that's not good enough for the state. If we go to the state and say, we want your two million dollars but we're not going to commit to 144 bed, or 152 bed SAFE house, they're going to say, sorry, it's gone. We have to have a plan of some type. My suggestion to the Council is, and obviously we can't take away the motion, I understand that, but my suggestion to the Council would be, that since we're having some problems with the numbers, we don't need an appropriation today to get us \$600,000 or 1.9 million, but to have a resolution from this Council that they will support building a SAFE house of no less than 256 beds or 144 beds or whatever it is. That doesn't mean it can't be bigger than 144 or bigger than 256 or less than 256, and if you want to make 256, then you can even put a cap on what the Council will contribute toward that. I mean, for example, you could have a resolution saying, we believe we should have at least a 250 bed SAFE house, but this Council will not appropriate more than \$600,000 or a million dollars or whatever figure that is. Or, if you don't want to do that, to have a resolution where this Council says, given the numbers that I see here, it's 2.6 million to build a 144 bed SAFE house, which I think is below minimum but at least is something, and I think below 144 beds probably isn't worth dealing with, quite frankly. But to have the Council say, we will at least support a SAFE house of at least 144 beds. You're not committing yourself to spending two million dollars for a 250 bed SAFE house. That gives us time to go up to the state and say, here, we've got this plan, we're going to build at least this much. We've got the support of the County Commissioners and the County Council to do that. And you aren't committing yourself for two million bucks.

President Raben: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I really think we can build 144 beds at two million dollars. And I'll give you a good example, you know, I've been preaching a long time about our jail. I have to agree with Jim, he's built several of these buildings. We know about what you can get for that kind of money. The jail over there in Owensboro, that's a 427 bed facility. They built that one for 7.5 million. We can't build it over here for 35 million. I think we could build a 144 bed facility over here for two million dollars, and that's why I made the motion for two million dollars.

President Raben: Councilman, if I understand your motion, it's that we're agreeing to spend the state's two million dollars, and they make of it what they want, basically. Is that correct?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, and I'm not just saying take their two million dollars, I'm believing that – I want their two million dollars because I can build a 144 bed facility plus with that.

Russ Woodson: With all due respect, if that motion is what we take to the state, I think we'll lose the two million dollars. We have to have a commitment from this board, from this Council, that they're going to support the SAFE house. Now if you want to get more information and have a special meeting before June 30th, fine. I mean, --

Councilmember Bassemier: What do you mean, support it? We are supporting it. We're making a vote for a two million dollar facility. It will be better than the one we've got out there, I guarantee you.

Councilmember Sutton: But what you're saying, though, in your motion, though, it is –

President Raben: And Russ, I was part of a meeting with the state, and the state isn't looking for us to build larger than 140 beds. They made that very clear. They said 125 is what we think you should operate at. So I don't really care to hear anymore about that it needs to 200 or 250 plus, and that the state is not going to offer us two million dollars because we don't build that, because the state is very clear. They say you should live within what our grant is and you should not be exceeding 125. That's what they recommend, that's what the heck I'm going with. Now the motion is, two million dollars. Is that correct?

Councilmember Sutton: I don't think the question is dollars here. I think that what they're asking from us, if I'm hearing correctly, is they need to be able to carry something back that indicates that we are committed to a particular type of facility, and I don't think they're asking for any particular size, shape, whatever, that's what they're asking for. Yeah, the dollars are important, but they're asking for, okay, if this is what you want to do, if its 125 beds, say 125 beds. I think that's what they're asking.

President Raben: And the motion is that, Councilman Bassemier, I don't want to put words in your mouth, but your motion is that you think we should make the best of what we can with their two million dollars?

Councilmember Bassemier: That is correct.

Catherine Fanello: And so just so I understand, that means two million only and no more commitment from the Council, no dollars from the Council?

President Raben: Is that your motion?

Councilmember Bassemier: That's correct.

President Raben: Okay, does the seconder understand that?

Councilmember Wortman: I do.

President Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President? The issue on the floor that came from conversations between the Council and Commissioner Fanello is that there is indeed the possibility, strong possibility, that we could achieve a structure with no beds for less money than has been projected at the present time. And that's what we were wanting to look at. Is that not correct?

Catherine Fanello: Right. That's what Councilman Winnecke expressed to me today on the phone and I told him I was willing to go back to the Commission and see if they wanted to explore –

Councilmember Hoy: That's the issue today in my estimation and I'd like to see us explore that.

Catherine Fanello: And I'm willing to take that back and take up that task, and get the information back as soon as possible.

Councilmember Hoy: I came prepared to vote on this to support that conversation and –

Councilmember Tornatta: Then initially, I think we have to vote this, and then if that –

Councilmember Hoy: That's correct.

President Raben: Well, or you can –

Councilmember Sutton: Let's withdraw.

President Raben: He can withdraw his motion –

Councilmember Sutton: He can amend it or withdraw it or...

President Raben: Well, this conversation has flip flopped. I mean, originally, it was, you know, if we didn't take action today, we probably would risk losing the two million dollars.

Catherine Fanello: Well, we do, and I'm going to have to make some phone calls tomorrow to see if we can get that date extended. But I'm not saying I can't get the information back, and I'm going to call developers tomorrow and I'm going to start checking around.

President Raben: Okay, so our main focus today is to secure the two million dollars that the state has offered.

Catherine Fanello: Well, the two million at the state is secured. What we –

President Raben: Okay, but you stated earlier –

Catherine Fanello: What we had asked you today from the Commission was that, if you cared to commit above that two million dollars, so that we knew how much money we had to work with.

President Raben: Okay, and the motion is –

Councilmember Bassemier: My motion is two million dollars.

Catherine Fanello: Well, when you say two million dollars, you're really, basically, saying I make a motion that the Council not commit any dollars towards the project. That's your motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: And I guess indirectly, I'm saying I'm not ready to raise property taxes to –

Catherine Fanello: I didn't ask you to raise property taxes. You don't have to. You just tighten your belt and keep the budget going, but –

President Raben: Just so we understand. So there is no risk if we defer this action today? There is no risk as far as –

Catherine Fanello: I can't answer that question because this conversation came up this afternoon and I'm on my way back from an audit from Posey County, I didn't have time to call the DOC. I'm willing to go back to the Commission, see if we can explore the dollars, I'm not saying I can't get the information back before then, but I'm going to have to make a call to DOC.

President Raben: Okay, I'll let you make the decision then. Are you comfortable with us deferring any action today? If not, I'm going to move on with the vote.

Catherine Fanello: With a commitment from you that if I need for you to come back and take action, that you will do that.

President Raben: Next month.

Catherine Fanello: No, I mean, if the DOC says June 30th is the date and I go ahead and take the next week to explore, you know, finding out from other people what the costs are –

President Raben: You're not going to find out that quick.

Catherine Fanello: I bet you I can.

President Raben: Okay.

Catherine Fanello: I know enough contractors and developers in the city of Evansville, I could find out –

President Raben: I want to be part of the original conversation when that takes place.

Councilmember Hoy: Is that agreeable, to have our president as part of that discussion?

Catherine Fanello: That's fine with me if you want to sit in the room while I make the phone calls. You can come up to my office tomorrow morning.

Councilmember Bassemier: It won't change my vote in the future. I'll stick to two million whether you, you know, but I can rescind my motion. It's not going to make any difference on my part if you come back here and say 2.6. I'm sticking to two million.

Brad Ellsworth: Can we, Brad Ellsworth, Sheriff. Can we quit calling wasteful meetings, then, because people need to quit wasting each other's time. I sat in, the County Council appointed a committee; I think it was Councilman Hoy, Councilman Bassemier, we all went up there and we said – and maybe Councilman Winnecke was there, we got invited to go through the pony show again, and we walked out of there saying that body was going to bring back to your body, we think we can go 144 beds and we'll try to find the 600 extra thousand dollars. Quit appointing subcommittees and wasting everybody's time. Now we're back at two million, again. I heard you say you'd support that and we'd try to find it. So we need to get on some kind of –

President Raben: Councilman Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: With all due respect, Sheriff, and I've tried to keep my cool, but we sat there, the four of us, we did say, I said 2.6. And then the Monday morning meeting was called of the board, and you all sat there and lobbied me, and asked how you might lobby this Council to go to four million dollars. Now I resent you calling that first meeting a pony show when that meeting that followed that meeting, and nothing was said about, you know, that original agreement.

Brad Ellsworth: I can't direct the Community Corrections Advisory Board on what they say.

Councilmember Hoy: No, no, no, no. It was how that meeting was conducted, what you all said in that meeting, and you know exactly what you said, --

Brad Ellsworth: Well, attribute my quotes to me and not to the whole board.

Councilmember Hoy: I have the floor. What I resent is you calling our meeting a dog and pony show when we did that in good faith and then a subsequent meeting is set up to simply circumvent that and lobby us for four million dollars. I –

Brad Ellsworth: That was not that meeting that was set up already, and then that was not a pony show –

Councilmember Hoy: – and if there was recording at that meeting, all of the discussion was, how can we get the Council to move off the –

Brad Ellsworth: Because that group didn't feel that that bed, that the 140 beds was enough, but let's just quit calling meetings and make the decision.

Councilmember Hoy: I've been sitting here eleven years and I get weary of us getting beat on by everybody under the sun because in the final analysis, we have

to manage the money we have. And I am very much in favor of looking at what we might be able to achieve, you know, at a lesser cost. I am very willing to come back and discuss it. I think we do have to look seriously at what DOC has recommended, and they have not recommended 250 beds. And I am one member of the Advisory Board, and everybody on the Advisory Board knows how I feel and probably God and everybody else knows how I feel about the whole system.

Councilmember Bassemier: Sheriff, do you feel –

Councilmember Hoy: – is a poverty system and –

Councilmember Bassemier: Sheriff, do you – I'm sorry, Phil.

Councilmember Hoy: – avoid all of this, all of these –

Councilmember Bassemier: Sheriff, do you feel like we should vote on the two million and just try to find the extra 600 – it is a better deal. I know what we talked about: 40 beds for two million, but for another \$600,000 we can add, you know, 140 beds. I know it makes a little more sense, but I'm thinking, you know, let's get our two million and then work on trying to get the 600. We've came back and voted and we told you 35,000,000 for three facilities, but we only ended up with one for 35. But it was voted on for another million on top of that 35, so I'm saying let's go back to the state, take the two million. Say we're going to try to build 144 bed facility, we want your two million and that's the plan, and go from there. And try to work with the system. I don't think we've got to take out any more. I don't think we can afford anything over two million out of our budget.

Brad Ellsworth: I think we need a consensus, that's all I'm asking is that instead of all these little separate meetings, just lock ourselves in this room and decide in one day. There's also some stipulations, there comes a point where the state, they want us to run it for ten years, that was part of the agreement, we run it for ten years, so we have to commit to that if we take the two million, and there was some beds tied to that, some community transition beds and some female beds, and regional beds. And I don't remember the numbers off the top of my head, but there comes a point, if we're only getting 40 beds, it would not be prudent to run that. And that's what I'm saying, we need to all come in, you know, one day or something and make a decision and run with it. I'm sorry I offended you, Mr. Hoy, but I've been going to all of those meetings, too.

President Raben: Council, is it okay if we accept, if we vote on Ed's motion with the understanding and Ed and Curt would have to approve this since they made the motion, that if the Commissioners come back to us with another deal, that we would set up another meeting, --

Councilmember Hoy: Special meeting.

President Raben: – special meeting, to consider whatever their alternative is. That way we are securing the two million dollars today. You go make the best of it. If we need to call a special meeting, we'll call it.

Councilmember Tornatta: Is it not already secured? I mean, --

Councilmember Winnecke: It is secured.

Councilmember Tornatta: It is secured, so we're making no motion –

Councilmember Bassemier: It's not secured until we –

Councilmember Winnecke: Absolutely it is –

Catherine Fanello: The two million is sitting there until June 30th. You do not have to do anything with the two million today.

Councilmember Sutton: The difference is, his motion says that we're only going to –

(Inaudible – too many people speaking at once)

President Raben: Do you wish to withdraw your motion?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah.

President Raben: Does Councilman Wortman, --

Catherine Fanello: Whenever we –

President Raben: Councilman Wortman, do you wish to withdraw your motion?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, that's –

Catherine Fanello: Councilman Winnecke, maybe you could help explain exactly what we're doing today.

Councilmember Wortman: The only thing I would think, in two million dollars, I just want to know, get out and get some prices for what you can get for two million dollars. It's real simple.

Councilmember Winnecke: And that's what the Commissioners, Commissioner Fanello has agreed to take back to the Commissioners to see if we can get more bang for our buck. If, in fact, they can, and we have to meet before January 3rd – June 30th, pardon me, we have a special meeting to consider that. If we don't have to act on it before June 30th, we can act at our next meeting.

Catherine Fanello: Let's just say that, you know, I can find what we need for two million dollars. I won't need you to do anything. But let's say I get a price for \$2,500,000, and it's still better than the prices we have here, then I'm going to need a commitment from you if you want to give us \$500,000.

Councilmember Winnecke: I understand that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Is that okay?

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, you don't have to wait for a special meeting, I'll vote no because two million is my limit.

President Raben: We all understand what you're saying, that's fine. Let's move on.

Councilmember Hoy: The other part of it is, Commissioner Fanello, you said you

would be willing for Mr. Raben to meet with you, as I recall. Is that correct?

Catherine Fanello: And that's fine. If he wants to meet. I'll make some phone calls tomorrow and see who I can get set up and we can sit down and talk to them.

President Raben: I can't do it tomorrow. I can do it Friday.

Councilmember Winnecke: You can do it offline. I mean, you can set up your meeting offline.

Catherine Fanello: Yeah, we'll take care of that because I've got an audit I'm working on right now.

PROPOSED JAIL FINANCING

President Raben: Okay, next under item G is the proposed jail financing.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, the Commission acted last week and made a recommendation to this body that we shorten the length of the proposed jail bond from 25 years to either 17 or 18 years. I'm sorry, I forget it after all this discussion. My recommendation as Finance Chair is that we do not change the term of the bond. Although we would realize a savings in interest expense over the life of the bond in the neighborhood of 8 to 9 million dollars, I don't think this county can afford the higher annual payments. On the shorter term bond the annual payments increase to roughly three million dollars. On a 25 year bond, they are roughly 2.4 million dollars. I equate it to a 15 year mortgage and a 30 year mortgage. People take 30 year mortgages all the time because they like the smaller annual monthly payment, but they do pay over time. I have spoken with the bond underwriter. The county would be in a position to pre-pay on the bond and it would be my intention as long as I am a member of the board, that we pre-pay to the extent that we can. We'll have a little over four million dollars when we receive the proceeds from the bonds in our jail set aside. At some point, we could apply that to the principle. So a non-action by the board today keeps the term at 25 years and I would recommend we take no action.

President Raben: Okay. Is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: That's a second, if that's a motion. Right?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes, it is.

President Raben: Motion and a second. Any discussion?

Jeff Ahlers: I don't think you need a motion to take no action, do you?

President Raben: That's true. We just don't take any action.

Councilmember Tornatta: Motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Winnecke: No, there are two other items.

President Raben: Let's stay on the jail just a moment. The Sheriff's Office has given us what appears to be a lot of information in regards to preliminary staffing for the new facility. Do you want to take just a moment and do a brief overview, we

can...does anybody want to do that or do you want to –

Councilmember Winnecke: I mean, we can read it.

Catherine Fanello: Yeah, you can read it. I mean, that's basically, it's not just for the new facility. It's to compare what the savings would be if we attached a community corrections facility with the new jail facility.

Councilmember Sutton: I know we've been here for a while, but you're referring to this big wide sheet. Can you –

Brad Ellsworth: – visually challenged, like myself.

Councilmember Sutton: Just point to areas where I need to be reading on this –

(Inaudible – too many speaking at once)

Brad Ellsworth: Go to about the seventh page of the document, go to the one with the star on the front, go to the second to the last page. That is probably the nuts and bolts. Page nine would be a three way comparison of staffing a 512 bed jail and then increases for the additional community corrections of 144 beds and 250 beds.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Raben: I'm sure if anyone has any questions, --

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I think what would be good, since we just got this is for us to look it over and then set aside some time, Sheriff, for say the next meeting if we have questions. Because we're not going to implement this by next month. We all know that.

Brad Ellsworth: I'm sure you'll have questions. It's a shocker.

Councilmember Hoy: I mean, that's up to everybody else, but I think that would be a good approach to it. How do you feel?

Brad Ellsworth: There's a lot –

Councilmember Hoy: There's a lot to digest here.

Brad Ellsworth: And I do commend my staff and especially Chief Deputy Williams in assisting and putting this together. This isn't something we've done or they teach us at the police academy, is doing staffing analysis.

President Raben: Okay, thank you. Councilman Winnecke.

BOND REFINANCING FOR THE CENTRE

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, two other issues relating to the Commission. So, Commissioner Fanello, this shouldn't take long. First, relating to, the Commissioners passed a resolution regarding refinance of the bonds at the Centre. In a nutshell, there is a little over \$4,000,000 in excess Food & Beverage money, and the Food & Beverage tax goes to retire the debt at the Centre. There's a little

over \$4,000,000 in reserve that's been paid. I would move that we affirm the Commissioner's decision to refinance those bonds and to apply 3.4 million dollars of the reserve to the principal that will leave a balance of \$600,000 still in a reserve account, that would realize a savings to the county of approximately 5.8 million dollars. I think I represented that correctly. And I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: And I'll second that motion.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any questions? I just – one question. Catherine, do you know what the current rate is we're paying now?

Catherine Fanello: On the Centre's debt? Oh, I want to say somewhere between five and six percent. And I think we're going to be getting less than four on this. And we should end up with a real low payment on the jail. I think it was –

Councilmember Winnecke: 4.14 on a –

Catherine Fanello: I mean, that's unbelievable, so that's great.

President Raben: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Winnecke: The last issue I have – do you want to change tapes?

Councilmember Sutton: You made a motion –

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm sorry, we didn't vote. Correct, I'm sorry.

President Raben: Okay, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Did someone second his motion?

Councilmember Winnecke: Curt did.

Councilmember Sutton: Curt? Alright. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Raben: Now, if we can change the tape there's a few –

Councilmember Winnecke: One more.

(Tape Changed)

<p style="text-align: center;">DISCUSSION OF VACATION TIME/COMPENSATION FOR UNION EMPLOYEES</p>

Councilmember Winnecke: I just have one question if you could – this is an issue relating to benefits and vacation. As I understand it, Mrs. Deig had a meeting with Kevin Winternheimer yesterday regarding benefits for a retiring county garage employee. As I understand, the Commissioner's decision changed the benefits. This employee will receive payment for vacation that they took in full last year, this year, in addition to whatever vacation they've accrued this year.

Catherine Fanello: No.

Councilmember Winnecke: Basically, they get last year's vacation twice as I understand.

Catherine Fanello: No. They shouldn't –

Councilmember Winnecke: That's how Kevin Winternheimer has explained it.

Catherine Fanello: Well no, I mean, if they use a vacation last year then they don't get it. They get what they've earned. What we have, we have changed the county booking time up front because I do not want to see time up front. I think it's very difficult if people leave for us to get money back if they owe us back. So we have changed from them booking time up front to them earning the time and being paid after they have earned the time. So, I think it reads in the union contract, and I don't have this in front of me, I didn't know we were going to talk about this and I'm not prepared to talk about it, after three years of service, for example, they get two weeks' vacation. So in the year 2002, if that's their third year, then at the beginning of 2003, they would get their two weeks' vacation. And then if they left in March of 2003, and they hadn't used their 2002 vacation, they would get what they earned and then what they earned up to the time that they terminated their employment.

Councilmember Winnecke: But if, in the case of this employee, and I don't know the person's name, they use their 2002 vacation in full in 2002, and they left in July, let's say for the sake of discussion, this person is only entitled to the vacation time they have accrued, unused vacation time they have accrued this year?

Catherine Fanello: To be honest with you, I'd have to look at the records. I'd have

to see what we're talking about here.

Councilmember Winnecke: I would just ask if Mr. Ahlers could talk to Mr. Winternheimer because I think it's our –

Catherine Fanello: At some point, and I'll agree, at some point in time you will, because the city went through this when they changed from an up front to a earned status, you will probably, you have that point where yes, you're flipping over and you're going to see probably a one time cost of doing that.

Councilmember Winnecke: So does that mean that it is possible some people will get compensated for vacation twice?

Catherine Fanello: Without looking at the records, I don't know how that really could happen.

Councilmember Winnecke: Based on what you just said, do you know what the financial impact would be to the county?

Catherine Fanello: Well, if everybody left at one time?

Councilmember Winnecke: Based on the flip, whatever.

Catherine Fanello: No.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, I would ask, I mean, Mrs. Deig's understanding from Mr. Winternheimer was different than what you're explaining. I would ask that Mr. Ahlers talk to Mr. Winternheimer and report back to us at our next meeting. And I don't know if you've created this action. I would like for it to be deferred until we have a better understanding of what the action is and what the financial –

Catherine Fanello: Well, then I would request this, that Mr. Fluty send me all of the – I won't mention the employee's name in public – all of the employee's time so that I can go back and, if you have it from the beginning and all the vacation he's taken.

Bill Fluty: As we spoke earlier, and I think it was my understanding from Monday's meeting, we prorated time in the past where he had taken everything that he deserved as of –

Catherine Fanello: You would have to go –

Bill Fluty: Please let me finish. As of December 31st, and actually any time that he would earn this year was actually on hours worked and we prorated that time. If he left the first quarter of the year, then he would be compensated for the first quarter of the year. I believe the change that you made at Monday's meeting actually makes that, that he earns time this year that you've actually put time in his bank of whatever years of service that he had, and that employee, that new buyout, which there wouldn't have been a buyout for this particular gentleman, is \$2,900. So there is some –

Catherine Fanello: I think the problem we have here is that you need to go back from the beginning of his employment and look at all the time that he has worked, the time that he earned the vacation he earned and what he took, and you will come down to your final answer, which I think will be different than what – you're looking

at one year's time. And when you change to a status like this, you're going to have to go back to the beginning of his employment and look at the time that's earned and the time that he's taken. And I don't think you'll come up with the same answer.

Bill Fluty: That was not my understanding at Monday's meeting.

President Raben: Jeff was wanting to address that.

Jeff Ahlers: By the way, just for the record, I did place a call to Kevin Winternheimer, it was either shortly before or right after noon and I didn't get a return call before coming here, so I do have a message for him to call me and I will address it. The only thing I would say is in quickly looking at this one, it was brought to my attention, is that we've got a union contract that went into effect, I guess, January 1 of 2003, and so whatever that contract is with regard to union employees, it is what it is. I mean, we can't change the policy one way or the other. And as I read that, there's nothing in there that would entitle somebody to double payment, they just get prorated time. But, I mean, I'll be happy to talk to Kevin and see if maybe we're just missing each other here.

Catherine Fanello: I think you are because if you go back to the beginning of his employment and look at all the time that he's worked and the time that he's earned, which is what you should do for every employee, then I don't think you're going to come down to the same answer that you're coming to.

Jeff Ahlers: But I don't think you can because they're represented by a collective bargaining unit, so whatever deal is better for them, worse for them, whatever, the deal is the deal come January 1. Sometimes, you know, I don't know how it figures out from the beginning of time, but they've got a union contract and you know how that is.

Catherine Fanello: I ask that you not hold up his because we are holding up his PERF by doing this. The more we delay, we're holding up his PERF as I understand it.

Bill Fluty: At this time, we've sent his PERF off. I wouldn't expect to see his buy-out until the next week, the 13th, I believe.

Jeff Ahlers: Why can't we just pay him what you, as the Auditor, agree to be paid and then if somehow somebody convinces somebody later, he can always be paid. I mean, I don't know what holds up PERF, why that's related. But I don't understand how that works but, I mean, I'm wondering, there's a certain part that's undisputed. If that can be paid, let him get on with life and if him or somebody convinces somebody that, I mean, I'm just saying to get rid of that problem, if that's the case.

Catherine Fanello: I just know the Commissioners are not in favor of paying time up front before it is earned.

President Raben: Sandie, you were wanting to address it.

Sandie Deig: I think where the confusion came in is years ago when this employee was hired, according to the union contract, they could take a vacation after they've been employed two weeks, okay? Up until the mid-1990's, after six months of

service you could take your vacation after six months. So all the employees up until end of 1995-96, up until that time, we all had it up front and I know this from personal experience, that we did get it up front. And we still are. So the only employees that are in arrears are the ones that were hired after the end of 1995, through 1997. In 1997 it went back again to the six months. But all of the older employees, including myself, we have our vacations right up front.

Catherine Fanello: Up front, yeah, and that's what we, that's what we have changed.

Sandie Deig: And so when I talked with Mr. Winternheimer, we kind of parted with we agreed to disagree because he agreed that this employee had been paid as of December 31st, everything that was due him, but that the Commissioners reserve the right to calculate the benefits and the vacation pay. However, I don't know if we still have them, but it used to be we had long white sheets years ago that we marked our, it wasn't accruals, --

Catherine Fanello: So you're saying at different times throughout the different contracts, sometimes they've been paid up front, sometimes they've been paid as its been earned.

Sandie Deig: Exactly, exactly. But up until the mid-1990's, I'm going to say late '95 - '96, we all had our vacation up front.

Catherine Fanello: Well then, what Councilman Winnecke said could very well happen. But that's the effect by changing it.

Councilmember Winnecke: But I think Mr. Ahler's suggestion is a good one, make the payment for which there is no dispute initially, and then if the parties can get together to decide how to move forward, I think that's prudent.

Catherine Fanello: The Commissioners did vote on it Monday night, I mean, --

Councilmember Hoy: He can get his PERF, is that correct?

Bill Fluty: The PERF has been sent off at this time. There is no payment to make to Mr. -- this individual.

Catherine Fanello: That's what you're saying, that there is no payment at all?

Bill Fluty: If, depending on what your decision is on Monday night --

Catherine Fanello: The decision is to abide by the union contract. After they work so many years of service, at the beginning of the next year, they get what they earned in the previous year.

Councilmember Winnecke: Even though they've spent it already?

Catherine Fanello: Well, but if you were under an old contract, that could very well happen.

Bill Fluty: You've actually, what you're doing, you're putting banked time in their bank, which we didn't do before so it's a change in policy.

Catherine Fanello: It is a change in policy. Our intent was to pay people for only time that they earned, not pay people for time up front.

Councilmember Hoy: But my concern is that if this is held up, his PERF is not held up.

Bill Fluty: His PERF has gone. He's okay on that.

Catherine Fanello: And maybe we need to sit down and talk, Councilman Winnecke, if you want to sit down and talk, but it is the intent, the way the new personnel policy is written right now, to change everybody to a status of not paying people up front, but paying them for time that they –

Councilmember Winnecke: And I theoretically have no problem with that. I do have a problem with paying someone twice for vacation they've already – I mean, that shouldn't happen. Ever. I mean, it wouldn't happen at our bank, it wouldn't happen at any tire store, or food pantry, or anywhere.

Catherine Fanello: And I don't think that would happen with the non-union employees, we just may have a problem because we were under several different contracts before.

Councilmember Winnecke: Well, we need to huddle so it doesn't happen to anybody.

Jeff Ahlers: The one thing I'd point out, though, is I do think if there – obviously, the Commissioners have the ability to change certain policies, but clearly by statute, only this body can change the compensation of employees. To the extent that vacation is money, --

Catherine Fanello: Right, you have that final decision.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, that's what I'm saying is I just wanted to make sure and I'll talk to Kevin about it, that you can't make a unilateral decision to change what becomes compensation.

Catherine Fanello: Right, I mean, if we're saying that we're only going – it's our policy to pay people for time they've earned. How you interpret that in the Auditor's Office or how you decide to pay it out, that's your decision, if you have a problem with that. But we're saying, our policy is to pay people for time they've earned and not pay people up front.

SET JULY MEETING FILING DATE FOR JUNE 13TH, 2003

President Raben: Okay. Alright, last we need to set the July meeting filing date at June 13th.

APPOINTMENTS TO CITY/COUNTY CONSOLIDATION BOARD

President Raben: And one last item, we were requested by the Chairman of, I'm trying to think what they call it, the joint city/county – my mind is, I'm worn out. Never mind, I'll come back to it. Oh, what's Joe Kiefer? The city/county consolidation board. There's five for the Council. I have come up with a list of three

appointees. There's yet two to be made. I'm looking for help if anyone has got any suggestions. But the three appointees that are available today: one being Joe Steinkamp, Lyle Granger and Robert Reid. So if anyone has an appointment or two appointments that they would like to recommend, please give me a call.

Councilmember Hoy: Is John Bittner on that now?

President Raben: I've asked John Bittner to take part in it and John declined. I thought it would be good, frankly, to have two people out of our five at least from the farm community. And Joe Steinkamp is one of those representatives and I've got a call in to another individual that's a farmer. So anybody with any ideas, please give me a call and I'll be glad to consider those. With that being said, meeting adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President James Raben

Vice President Ed Bassemier

Councilmember Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 30, 2003**

The Vanderburgh County Council held a public hearing this 30th day of June, 2003 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex to discuss and take action on the following matters:

- A resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council amending 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.
- A resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council amending an ordinance of the Vanderburgh County Income Tax Council establishing the percentage credit allowed for homesteads for 2004 and casting the votes of the County Council on said ordinance.

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by County Council President James Raben.

President Raben: Good morning and welcome to the special meeting of June 30th, 2003. Today we are going to hopefully approve a resolution amending resolution C-2002-7, which is an ordinance by the Vanderburgh County Income Tax Council establishing the percentage credit allowed for homestead credits for 2003 and 2004. So if we could all stand for the pledge.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Raben: Okay, Teri, would you like to take a roll call?

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING
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**

President Raben: Okay, we need to take this, I guess, in two motions, correct?

Jeff Ahlers: You’re going to have to pass the 2003 and 2004 in separate motions. And then you might want to make a motion to pass the – I mean, you’re casting

your votes by the resolution. This is always an odd process. You're casting your votes with the resolution. You probably need to go ahead and pass the ordinance, too. Just make a motion – I'd do a motion on 2003 to pass the resolution to cast your votes, and then do a motion to pass the ordinance that's attached thereto, and then go to 2004 and do the same thing. That might be the easiest way.

President Raben: Motions for each? Okay. Is everybody clear with that? Okay, the chair would now entertain a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: I'll entertain a motion that we accept it for 2003.

President Raben: Okay, the resolution?

Councilmember Wortman: The resolution, that's right.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<p>ORDINANCE OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY INCOME TAX COUNCIL AMENDING THE PERCENTAGE CREDIT ALLOWED FOR HOMESTEADS FOR 2003</p>

President Raben: Now, if we could have a motion approving the ordinance for 2003.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<p>RESOLUTION OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING AN ORDINANCE OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY INCOME TAX COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE PERCENTAGE CREDIT ALLOWED FOR HOMESTEADS FOR 2004 AND CASTING THE VOTES OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL ON SAID ORDINANCE</p>

President Raben: And again, if we could have a motion entertaining a resolution for the 2004 homestead tax credit.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved as you said it.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion. Is there a second?

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<p>ORDINANCE OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY INCOME TAX COUNCIL AMENDING THE PERCENTAGE CREDIT ALLOWED FOR HOMESTEADS FOR 2004</p>

President Raben: Now we need a motion approving the ordinance for 2004.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Raben: And that concludes today's meeting. The chair would now entertain –

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Meeting adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

_____ President James Raben	_____ Vice President Ed Bassemier
_____ Councilmember Lloyd Winnecke	_____ Absent Councilmember Phil Hoy
_____ Councilmember Curt Wortman	_____ Councilmember Royce Sutton
_____ Councilmember Troy Tornatta	

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**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JULY 2, 2003**

Note: Portions of the minutes were inaudible due to a fault with the podium microphone. Every effort has been made to provide as much of the discussion as possible.

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 2nd day of July, 2003 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. by County Council President Jim Raben.

President Raben: Good afternoon. I'd like to call to order the Vanderburgh County Council meeting for July 2nd, 2003. Attendance roll call please.

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

President Raben: Now if we could all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
JUNE 4, 2003**

President Raben: Okay, the chair would now entertain a motion for approval of minutes.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

President Raben: We have a motion, is there a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

CLERK

President Raben: Okay, just like any other meeting, at this point I'll turn the mic over to our Finance Chairman, Lloyd Winnecke, and he'll begin the appropriation ordinance.

Councilmember Winnecke: Thank you, Mr. President. To begin with the Clerk's Office, line item 1010-1200-1010 Small Claims Clerk in the amount of \$1,086; line 1010-1900 FICA in the amount of \$84; and line 1010-1910 PERF in the amount of \$58, for a total appropriation of \$1,228. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-1200-1010	Small Claims Clerk	1,086.00	1,086.00
1010-1900	FICA	84.00	84.00
1010-1910	PERF	58.00	58.00
Total		1,228.00	1,228.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Sutton: Excuse me, last week when we asked that she might bring some information back – I don’t know if Marsha is here...I don’t see anyone from her office. Did you guys by chance have any discussions about conducting some kind of informal survey of some type to give us – to gauge what interest there might be in this regard on election day...did she have any discussions about that?

B. J. Farrell: I really can’t answer your question (Inaudible – podium microphone not working properly) she’s at a funeral and supposed to be here shortly.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Thank you.

JAIL

Councilmember Winnecke: I’ll just go to the Jail and go down the agenda regularly until they get here. Line 1051-2240 Medical, I move that we put this in at \$100,000. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-2240	Medical	130,000.00	100,000.00
Total		130,000.00	100,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ASSESSOR

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, in the Assessor's Office, line 1090-1190-1090 Deeds/Plat Deputy in the amount of \$2,100; line 1090-1900 FICA in the amount of \$161; line 1090-1910 PERF in the amount of \$111, for a total appropriation of \$2,372. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? No 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1090-1190-1090	Deeds/Plat Deputy	2,100.00	2,100.00
1090-1900	FICA	161.00	161.00
1090-1910	PERF	111.00	111.00
Total		2,372.00	2,372.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Center Township Assessor, line 1110-1180-1110 Deputy Assessor in the amount of \$1,146; line 1110-1900 FICA in the amount of \$88; and line 1110-1910 PERF in the amount of \$61, for a total appropriation of \$1,295. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? No 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

CENTER TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1110-1180-1110	Deputy Assessor P.P./M.H.	1,146.00	1,146.00
1110-1900	FICA	88.00	88.00
1110-1910	PERF	61.00	61.00
Total		1,295.00	1,295.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ELECTION OFFICE

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Election Office, I'll go ahead and make my motion and get it on the floor, and we'll open it up here. In the Election Office, line 1210-1110-1210 Board Member in the amount of \$1,200; line 1210-1120-1210 Election Assistant in the amount of \$4,000; line 1210-1130 Absentee Teams in the amount of \$3,430; line 1210-1140-1210 Canvassing Board in the amount of \$900; line 1210-1160 Election Inspector \$8,640; line 1210-1170 Election Judge in the amount of \$12,480; line 1210-1180 Election Clerk \$11,520; line 1210-1200-1210 Election Attorney \$600; 1210-1210 Ballot Aids \$640; line 1210-1900 FICA \$493; line 1210-1910 PERF \$66; 1210-2280 Precinct Meals \$3,000; 1210-2290 Election Board Meals \$370; 1210-2600 Office Supplies \$600; 1210-3120 Postage/Freight \$888; line 1210-3130 Travel/Mileage \$200; 1210-3410 Printing \$10,000; 1210-3520 Equipment Repair \$550; 1210-3530 Contractual Services \$15,000; line 1210-3570 Janitorial Services \$500; line 1210-3630 Equipment Lease \$500, for a total appropriation of \$75,577. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Discussion?

Councilmember Winnecke: And I would just offer, based on our conversation from last week, this is basically no change in what the Clerk presented, were proposed changes. This is what the city has budgeted, so if we did what the Clerk suggested, which I think is probably something we need to talk about at budget time for next year, it would put the city in a precarious budgetary position. So that's the rationale for this motion.

President Raben: Okay, and I have just one question. Marsha, are you going to repeal the funds from the school corporation's election? Have those been repealed?

Marsha Abell: Let BJ tell you, she's working on that bill.

President Raben: Okay.

B. J. Farrell: I'm B. J. Farrell with the Election Office. I've spoken to Terri Woodward on several occasions and we were waiting for one more month (Inaudible).

President Raben: Okay, great. Any other questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes. Marsha, we had a discussion last weekend just before you came in the room, kind of got a little head start there. I wondered if you had gotten any information on the idea I was kind of tossing out there about the day off

and if you could maybe give some feedback on what you may have received.

Marsha Abell: I'm drafting a letter. I have several officeholders who are going to sign it, that letter is submitted to the County Commissioners because it's actually their decision (Inaudible).

Councilmember Sutton: Correct, correct. But I guess in terms of the information that we could receive, I guess they would make the decision but knowing or recognizing how much support or whether there was some interest along that line might would help guide that decision. If no one wanted to do it, obviously, --

Marsha Abell: Well, that's why I'm going to different officeholders. I have one officeholder who's already said that he'd be glad to sign it. And he wants his office to work. And I had talked to some others trying to get all the elected officeholders to support it and it be easier for the Commissioners to support it.

President Raben: I have just a quick question, Royce. I'm not sure with this question, either, you know that is a paid holiday now or they're paid to be off election day now. Were you aware of that? Employees are.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I'm aware of that, but I guess in terms of those individuals that are probably most involved with the governmental process are those who work here in this building. But if we aren't getting any participation on election day from those individuals, yes, they're getting the day off, but are we really making the tie there between or even providing any type of incentive? Why should they work? Why would they want to work on that day? Yes, it would be a good thing from all of our perspective, but what we think but obviously has not been a good thing from what they think. So again, just trying to provide some type of way rather than just going in and just arbitrarily putting in a figure to increase the pay to increase interest. Find another way to increase interest. So I just offer that. Now I really would like to see us -- I really would like to see a greater level of participation other than just saying, okay, we'll just add two dollars to this salary or a dollar here or whatever and still not really getting an idea of how many people would want to work. I think it does place Marsha and both parties in a pretty tough situation trying to come up with enough people on election day and I know they've tried a number of things.

Marsha Abell: The county election, we have to have 705 people, that doesn't count people I need in the election office, running around, you know, that's a lot of people you've got to come up with, 705 workers. (Inaudible) In Fort Wayne, let me tell you what they did because I talked to them, you can either come to work and work your eight hours or you can go to the polls and work and you get your eight hour's pay for being out of the office plus your poll worker pay for working the extra from five to eight, and after five o'clock. That's something the Commissioners are going to be interested in, but you know, I find it (inaudible) in my computer right now pretty much says, you know, this is your decision, but I'd like you to look at these different offices and I know that you indicated that you thought of (inaudible) holiday, a good way. I think it causes some harm to some offices that schedule other than eight to five work but I'm sure they could work it out. I don't know, maybe you could just get the word out and (Inaudible). This is how we get these jobs. If we don't have an election (inaudible).

Councilmember Sutton: Well, but that's you and I. That's our thinking. Obviously, it's not their thinking.

President Raben: Okay, well, we're going to move on. Are you comfortable with where the conversation is at right now?

Marsha Abell: I'll just send you a draft of it before I submit it.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm not comfortable with it at all because I'm connected with an organization where we monitor elections in other countries where people walk two days to vote and I'm ashamed of us as a country. We've wrapped ourselves in the flag since September 11, 2001 except when it comes to something like this that I think is tremendously important. If we really are as patriotic as our flag waving would indicate, we really should not have any trouble getting workers at the polls.

Marsha Abell: I agree, but it's not the reality.

Councilmember Bassemier: Marsha, can the Commissioners change what's already in the contract? I mean –

Marsha Abell: Well, I don't think it's necessarily with the represented groups they can change unless they do that in a contract, but I would think that you can change anything you want to change for next year. You can decide whether or not they get any raises in pay or not and I don't think that the Commissioners who set the calendar couldn't change the calendar.

President Raben: Okay, alright, well let's move on.

Marsha Abell: (Inaudible)

President Raben: Okay, thank you, Marsha. Next is County Commissioners.

Councilmember Winnecke: We have to vote yet.

President Raben: Oh, that's right. We need to vote. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I just don't think this maybe is the way to get what we're getting and I definitely appreciate the Clerk taking some positive active steps toward trying to get this done. I would like to see some other options explored. So I vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes, but just with some brief clarification. Just so everybody understands. Your motion was to basically not change anything, to continue to pay as we've always paid and this is what the city has budgeted for this year's election, so, Royce, were you clear on that? I mean, you understand the motion he made wasn't to make any changes, it was to leave the system as its been for the last however many years.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah.

President Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: Symbolic vote.

President Raben: Alright, motion carries.

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1210-1110-1210	Board Member	1,200.00	1,200.00
1210-1120-1210	Election Assistant	4,000.00	4,000.00
1210-1130	Absentee Teams	3,430.00	3,430.00
1210-1140-1210	Canvassing Board	900.00	900.00
1210-1160	Election Inspector	13,440.00	8,640.00
1210-1170	Election Judge	22,080.00	12,480.00
1210-1180	Election Clerk	20,730.00	11,520.00
1210-1200-1210	Election Attorney	600.00	600.00
1210-1210	Ballot Aids	640.00	640.00
1210-1900	FICA	754.00	493.00
1210-1910	PERF	70.00	66.00
1210-2280	Precinct Meals	3,000.00	3,000.00
1210-2290	Election Board Meals	370.00	370.00
1210-2600	Office Supplies	600.00	600.00
1210-3120	Postage/Freight	888.00	888.00
1210-3130	Travel/Mileage	200.00	200.00
1210-3410	Printing	10,000.00	10,000.00
1210-3520	Equipment Repair	550.00	550.00
1210-3530	Contractual Services	15,000.00	15,000.00

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1210-3570	Janitorial Services	500.00	500.00
1210-3630	Equip. Lease	500.00	500.00
Total		99,452.00	75,577.00

(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Sutton & Hoy opposed)

COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Commissioners line 1300-1930 Unemployment in the amount of \$15,000; line 1300-3040 Soil & Water in the amount of \$5,000 and line item 1300-3210 Emergency Management in the amount of \$75,000, for a total appropriation of \$95,000. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-1930	Unemployment	15,000.00	15,000.00
1300-3040	Soil & Water	5,000.00	5,000.00
1300-3210	Emergency Management	75,000.00	75,000.00
Total		95,000.00	95,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Public Defender line 1303-1870-1303 Deputy Public Defender, I move that we set that in at zero; line 1303-1790-1303 Investigative in the amount of \$1,490; 1303-1801 Public Defender Appeals in the amount of \$1,937; line 1303-1900 FICA in the amount of \$263; line 1303-1910 PERF in the amount of \$189, for a total appropriation of \$3,879. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: We are effectively cutting his request for this –

Councilmember Winnecke: Denying the request for an additional body.

Councilmember Hoy: I know we took that vote, you know, not to add employees, but I think on balance financially we come out well on this. And in terms of justice, we come out with an excellent mark.

Councilmember Tornatta: You know, the whole problem with this is you should see some type of incentive or significance in doing what you're doing and looking at the numbers, I don't think you see the significance of – I mean, I think you see some caseload changes, but one would think that the numbers would come in if you're going to hire that amount of employees to take care of an issue in a certain area of the court system and I don't think per pound that we're getting any benefit out of that.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, the poor are. When I look at the poverty statistics of this county, about 40% of the children living in poverty, that says something to me about the need for some more personnel in the public defender's office. This is a relatively new department, as we all well know, long needed, and I just think it's just really hell to be a poor person in any county and especially this one. Thank you.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions? Hearing none, 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: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

PUBLIC DEFENDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1303-1870-1303	Dep. Pub. Defender	6,050.00	0.00
1303-1790-1303	Investigative	1,490.00	1,490.00
1303-1801	Pub. Defender Appeals	1,937.00	1,937.00
1303-1900	FICA	726.00	263.00
1303-1910	PERF	499.00	189.00
Total		10,702.00	3,879.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Hoy opposed)

SUPERIOR DRUG COURT

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Superior Drug Court. Line 1372-1130-1372 Day Reporting Officer in the amount of \$4,195; line 1372-1140-1372 Home Verification Officer I'm going to move that this line be deferred one month and I'll explain why assuming the motion is sent to the floor; line 1372-1900 FICA in the amount of \$321; line 1372-1910 PERF in the amount of \$231; line 1372-1920 Insurance in the amount of \$2,000; line 1372-1930 Unemployment in the amount of \$126; line 1372-2600 Office Supplies in the amount of \$671; line 1372-3130 Travel/Mileage in the amount of \$1,134; line 1372-4220 Office Machines in the amount of \$854, for a total appropriation of \$9,532, that's \$9,532. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I would, for clarification purposes on the deferment for a month, there is an issue regarding how overtime is paid. I think everyone has a copy of a memo, I assume – I don't know, it's on my desk here – from Judge Trockman. There is an issue, something called Chinese overtime, that frankly, I don't understand and I believe the Auditor has agreed to meet with the judge in the coming weeks or so to try to explain and see how all that works.

President Raben: And I did talk to Judge Trockman this morning and he was okay with deferring this matter pending your meeting. So, any other questions? Roll call vote.

Councilmember Tornatta: Can we have an explanation on Chinese overtime?

President Raben: I'll ask the judge to get back with you on that after our meeting.

Councilmember Tornatta: Can we make the rules up as we go?

Councilmember Hoy: Is this a racist issue?

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

SUPERIOR DRUG COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1372-1130-1372	Day Reporting Officer	4,195.00	4,195.00
1372-1140-1372	Home Verification Ofc.	938.00	DEFERRED
1372-1900	FICA	465.00	321.00
1372-1910	PERF	231.00	231.00
1372-1920	Insurance	2,000.00	2,000.00
1372-1930	Unemployment	126.00	126.00
1372-2600	Office Supplies	671.00	671.00
1372-3130	Travel/Mileage	1,134.00	1,134.00
1372-4220	Office Machines	854.00	854.00
Total		10,614.00	9,532.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, from the Cum Bridge Fund, Cum Bridge line 2030-4731 Stockwell Road Culvert in the amount of \$700,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? No 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2030-4731	Stockwell Rd. Culvert	700,000.00	700,000.00
Total		700,000.00	700,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/TREASURER

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Reassessment fund appropriations, under the Treasurer in Reassessment, line 2492-1030-1300 Regular Overtime in the amount of \$1,719; line 2492-1030-1900 FICA in the amount of \$132; line 2492-1030-1910 PERF in the amount of \$91, for a total appropriation of \$1,942. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/TREASURER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1030-1300	Regular Overtime	1,719.00	1,719.00
2492-1030-1900	FICA	132.00	132.00
2492-1030-1910	PERF	91.00	91.00
Total		1,942.00	1,942.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/CENTER TWP. ASSESSOR

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Center Township Reassessment, line 2492-1110-1910 PERF in the amount of \$111, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/CENTER TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1110-1910	PERF	111.00	111.00
Total		111.00	111.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, from the Tourism Capital Improvement fund --

Councilmember Wortman: You missed one.

Councilmember Winnecke: I did? Oh, I'm sorry. 2492-1150-1910 PERF in the amount of \$313; line 2492-1150-1900 FICA in the amount of \$520, for a total appropriation of \$833. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1150-1910	PERF	313.00	313.00
2492-1150-1900	FICA	520.00	520.00
Total		833.00	833.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, now to the Tourism Capital Improvement fund. Line 3600-4070 Burdette Park Furnishings in the amount of \$150,000. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? No 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3600-4070	Burdette Furnishings	150,000.00	150,000.00
Total		150,000.00	150,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COIT WINDFALL

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, from COIT Windfall, line 4131-3630 Equipment Lease in the amount of \$521,369, I'm going to ask that this be deferred and brought back in a month. I've asked the Auditor to check with the Secretary of State to get specifics on the reimbursement schedules just so we have it on the record from them. As soon as he gets that information and we're more comfortable, hopefully, we'll get it back for next month. I guess I need to make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Now discussion.

Marsha Abell: I have a couple of questions. If we start it, how long before we can sign a contract? I don't care about how long (inaudible) sign a contract.

President Raben: Well, if we have the information before our next meeting and this is back on the agenda for our next meeting –

Marsha Abell: Then you could do it the next meeting?

President Raben: Sure.

Marsha Abell: For next meeting –

Councilmember Winnecke: The next, yeah.

Marsha Abell: Because we're trying to get in for November. And I'd like to pass this around to you. This is from a letter from Todd Rokita that I have (inaudible) this is page 26, that talks about the reimbursement and maybe this will help with some of the (inaudible). It says that the state will be dividing the groups into two tiers, tier A and tier B. Tier A is qualifying precincts under HAVA, and that's precincts that currently use punch cards and then Tier B is everybody else. That's other counties that have already gone to one of the systems that (inaudible). Tier A is \$8,000 per precinct and...at \$8,000 a precinct, we're in wonderful shape and the other counties are going to get \$4,000 per precinct that have already done theirs. And I made enough copies of this for all of you to have one and let me give you this, and then I have one more thing I want to ask you. You might want to appropriate a new microphone over here. I wanted to ask you something about on here or do you want me to wait until after you vote on this? Or do you have to vote on putting this off till next week or is that just a done deal?

Councilmember Winnecke: The what?

Marsha Abell: Do you vote on putting this off until next week or is this just –

Councilmember Winnecke: Oh yeah, we need to vote on that unless you have further discussion?

Marsha Abell: No, I just wanted you to have that and I've got the whole letter from Todd Rokita that explains all that.

Carla Hayden: It's also available online.

Marsha Abell: Oh, it's also available online on his website, I understand.

Councilmember Winnecke: So, I guess, if your questions pertain to something else, let's vote on this.

President Raben: Let us take care of this matter first. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

COIT WINDFALL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4131-3630	Equipment Lease	521,369.00	DEFERRED
Total		521,369.00	DEFERRED

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Marsha Abell: I have a question and I apologize, I wasn't here when you voted on the appropriations for the salaries and I just have one comment I want to make. One of the salaries that was submitted to the salary committee was turned down because I had submitted for an increase for that particular individual less than two years ago. And I'm here to ask if you would consider still approving that particular person and I'll give you my justification. Because one person who we took down from a COMOT VI to a COMOT V agreed to that because after I offered her the job and after she agreed to take the job at a COMOT VI, she had a stroke and she could not do part of the work that was involved with that. So the other person said, well I'll do it and we'll split – I'll go up to a COMOT V and she'll come down to a COMOT V, and I'll do that extra work. Well, the salary committee agreed to take the VI down to the V, but they didn't bring the IV up to the V, so I've still – I've got a problem, I've got a girl there doing work and not being compensated for it and I could change her out with the other one that had the stroke but then that's going to really hurt the courts

because this particular individual is my courts person that does all the abstracts that sends people to DOC. Now I realize that the salary committee has to go by the rules that you set forth, but I don't know that you have to follow – what you can't make an exception to your own rule. I mean, there's clearly a lot of work that's been put on her. She's spending one full day of her time at the warehouse, which was not part of her job, never has been, but she agreed to do that because we needed that help.

President Raben: Okay, Marsha, I understand what your request is, but that request is not part of our agenda today, correct? So technically, we can't vote on it today because it wasn't advertised.

Marsha Abell: Well, can I bring it before you without going back to the salary committee because they're going to turn it down again because it's not in their guidelines.

President Raben: Well, the job study committee is just a recommending body. I mean, this Council can accept or deny their recommendations, so I mean, you've been before them, that's all you need to do. I mean, you can put an appropriation through for our next meeting and we'll make a decision at that point.

Marsha Abell: Okay, that's fine.

President Raben: Alright.

<p>TRANSFER REQUESTS</p>

**CLERK(TWO REQUESTS)
ASSESSOR
JAIL(LATE)**

**AUDITOR
REASSESS/PIGEON TWP.
THE CENTRE (LATE)**

**PROSECUTOR
SHERIFF(LATE)**

Councilmember Winnecke: Transfer requests. Unless anyone has any objections, I would move that the transfers as well as the late transfer requests be approved as presented.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion on the transfers? The motion, just to make sure that it's clear for the record, is to take all transfers as they are listed, right?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

President Raben: Okay, roll call vote.

Councilmember Hoy: You asked for discussion?

President Raben: Yes.

Councilmember Hoy: The only one – I'm going to vote yes on this but I would like to get a report on how much The Centre is actually costing us. We're going to get feedback on this thing now. I think as a Council we just need to look at that every now and then to make sure where we are. We've spent a lot of money there and see how they're doing. Can you do that for us, Bill?

Bill Fluty: Yes, I'd be happy to do that.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

Councilmember Tornatta: If I'm not mistaken, part of this request, and we've had this before us before, is actually if they're able to do a certain amount of business, then they'll go over their quota which should mean that they're putting some money in a good place.

Councilmember Hoy: And I hope you're absolutely right, Councilman Tornatta, I just think that having been a Councilman here ever since we voted the money to build the place, we should periodically take a look at it, that's all.

President Raben: And, you know, in years in the past, we had that information. It was provided to us probably quarterly. I don't remember exactly, but the information was always provided. Good point, thank you. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I'm going to vote yes, but I was wondering if it was possible for us to get a listing of all the vacant positions that we've got throughout the county, because I see a lot of transfers in and out of salary lines. And sometimes it's not necessarily a vacant position, sometimes its adjustments to positions, but this way we can get kind of a better feel on this so we can know what we are doing with this. Is that something you can get for us, Bill?

Bill Fluty: Yes –

Councilmember Sutton: Or even Sandie?

Sandie Deig: Do you want to know how many or what offices?

Councilmember Sutton: What offices.

Sandie Deig: Okay, we have 13 vacancies, I think, but we can give you the offices.

Councilmember Sutton: Because it does get a little confusing at times.

President Raben: Royce, do you want that monthly?

Councilmember Sutton: That would be helpful monthly. Yeah.

President Raben: I mean, the list constantly changes.

Councilmember Sutton: Let's just get it once and then we can kind of take it – maybe we might decide we may not need it from there.

Sandie Deig: All the changes today are due to maybe there was a vacancy in one particular line item and there were upgrades approved or recommended by the job study, and that's why they're transferring the money rather than asking for appropriations.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Raben: Okay.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes. And the motion carries.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1010-1450-1010	Asst. Chief Deputy/Cashier	3,596.00	3,596.00
To: 1010-1230-1010	Garnishee Clerk	1,039.00	1,039.00
1010-1280-1010	Counter Clerk/ Small Claims	986.00	986.00
1010-1440	Bookkeeping Clerk	1,571.00	1,571.00

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1010-3550	Repair to Bldg & Grounds	300.00	300.00
To: 1010-3520	Equipment Repair	300.00	300.00

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1020-1310-1020	Administrative Secretary	5,200.00	5,200.00
To: 1020-1130-1020	First Deputy/Supervisor	1,884.00	1,884.00
1020-1250-1020	Exempt. Transfer Clerk	1,141.00	1,141.00

1020-1270-1020	Exemption Files Coordinator	1,034.00	1,034.00
1020-1360-1020	Exemption Correction Clerk	1,141.00	1,141.00

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

ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1090-1160-1090	Business/PP Deputy	14,061.00	14,061.00
To: 1090-1970	Temp. Replacement	14,061.00	14,061.00

REASSESSMENT/PIGEON TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2492-1150-3410	Printing	2,513.00	2,513.00
2492-1150-3310	Training	3,447.00	3,447.00
2492-1150-3520	Equipment Repair	2,030.00	2,030.00
To: 2492-1150-1990	Extra Help	7,990.00	7,990.00

LATE TRANSFER REQUEST

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-3310	Training	3,000.00	3,000.00
To: 1050-1990	Extra Help	3,000.00	3,000.00

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1051-1130-0337	Detention Officer	15,000.00	15,000.00
To: 1051-1850	Union Overtime	15,000.00	15,000.00

THE CENTRE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1440-3536	Centre Operating Acct.	200,000.00	200,000.00
To: 1440-3798	Food Services	200,000.00	200,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Raben: Did you take, have we taken the appropriation request for The Centre bonds? No, that will be under new business.

Councilmember Winnecke: Yeah, I've got the salary ordinance amendments next.

President Raben: Okay.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, amendments to the salary ordinance, from the County Clerk's office, move that line 1010-1200 Small Claims Clerk, COMOT IV, the current employee is a COMOT IV, Step 3, annual salary is \$25,810, move as previously approved. 1010-1440 Bookkeeping Clerk, COMOT VI, current employee is a COMOT VI, Step 1, annual salary \$26,919. Line 1010-1230 Garnishee Clerk, COMOT V, current employee is a COMOT V, Step 2, annual salary \$26,819. 1010-1280 Counter Clerk/Small Claims, COMOT IV, current employee is a COMOT IV, Step 1, annual salary \$23,478. In the Auditor's office, move that we amend the salary ordinance in 1020-1130 Administrative First Deputy to a PAT V, current employee is a PAT V, Step 3, annual salary \$36,654. 1020-1250 Exemption Transfer Clerk, COMOT IV, current employee is a Step 4, annual salary \$27,066. 1020-1270 Exemption File Coordinator, COMOT IV, current employee is a COMOT IV, Step 2, annual salary \$24,615. Line 1020-1360 Exemption Correction Clerk, COMOT IV, current employee is a COMOT IV, Step 4, annual salary \$27,066. The Assessor's Office, amend salary ordinance line 1090-1190 Deed/Plat Deputy as previously approved, current employee's 2003 salary is set in at \$33,518, current employee is a COMOT VI, Step 6. Amend salary ordinance line 1090-1970 Temporary Replacement as previously approved. From Center Township Assessor amend salary ordinance line 1110-1180 Personal Property Coordinator as previously approved, the current salary is set in at \$29,496, the current employee is a COMOT V, Step 4. Public Defender, amend salary ordinance line 1303-1801, Public Defender/Appeals as previously approved, current salary is set in at \$49,470, the current employee is an Executive II, Step 2. Amend salary ordinance line 1303-1790 Investigator as previously approved, current employee is set in at \$29,683, the current employee is a PAT IV, Step 1. Superior Court Drug Court, amend salary ordinance line 1372-1130 Day Reporting Officer as previously approved, position is a PAT V, and currently is paid at an initiation rate of \$31,762 annually. From the Treasurer's office, amend salary ordinance line 2492-1030-1300 Regular Overtime as previously approved. From the Jail budget, amend salary ordinance line 1051-1850 Union Overtime as transfer approved. The Sheriff's office, amend salary ordinance line 1050-1990 Extra Help as transfer approved. Pigeon Township Assessor, amend salary ordinance line 2492-1150-1990 Extra Help as transfer approved. County Clerk, amend salary ordinance line 1010-1480 Commitment Clerk position category to COMOT V as recommended by the Personnel Administration Committee, the current employee is a COMOT V, Step 3, annual salary \$28,124. The Auditor, amend salary ordinance line 1020-1310 Administrative Secretary position category to COMOT VI as recommended by the Personnel Administration Committee, that position is now vacant. And I'll make those in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Discussion? Anybody want any part of that repeated? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes. Motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, we have one other that we held out at the request of Councilman Hoy. We have one other, to accept the revised job description for Erosion Control Specialist as recommended by the Personnel Administration Committee. The County Commissioners approved the change of job description in its June 16, 2003 meeting, and accept the revised job description for Water Quality Specialist as recommended by the Personnel Administration Committee. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Discussion? Councilman Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, as Chairman of the Soil & Water Conservation District, we submitted a job description for both these positions. Unbeknownst to us, a job description was submitted which had been approved by job study for the Erosion Control Specialist. And speaking for that board of supervisors, we are opposed to that change. We think that position should stay in the Soil & Water Conservation District office, rather than be moved. We think the district has done a good job and we have some objections to the process that was followed or wasn't followed in our estimation. So what I would like to do is vote yes on the Water Quality Specialist because we do want to see that one approved. We've improved that job description. We had submitted one for the Erosion Control and that one was not voted on. That's the one I'd like to vote against. But those are my reasons. I have nothing against the County Engineer's office, I just think that historically we've done well. We are the oldest district in the state and we were voted the number one Soil & Water Conservation District in the whole country. It seems strange that that change should occur, in my estimation. Thank you.

Councilmember Tornatta: Can I, real quickly, ask Bill Pedtke to come up here and just explain a couple of things?

President Raben: If you could, just one moment, allow us to change tapes.

(Tape changed)

President Raben: Okay, go ahead.

Councilmember Tornatta: Bill, kind of explain to us how this came about and what some of the decisions were to move this out of the Soil & Water Conservation District.

Bill Pedtke: My name is Bill Pedtke and I'm (inaudible) the Southwestern Indiana Builder's Association. As part of Phase II to the Clean Water Act, IDEM has created two pieces of regulation. One is that they allowed changes to Rule 5 and they also have created Rule 13. Rule 13 is what's going to affect the county government and the city governments all across the state and it has to do with construction sites run-off pollution. We have studied Rule 13 intensively and extensively and we have worked with the neighborhood groups and we believe that the best way to keep the approval process for development sites to be efficient and for the controls on erosion control measures to be effective, that this is the best proposal that we can come up with. Rule 13 is extremely complicated and I learn things about it every single day, so I'm happy to go into it as much as you want and answer any specific questions that you may have.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, I'm really just trying to – I know we've talked about it before, I'm just trying to figure out why it would move out of the Soil & Water Conservation, just for efficiency or what does the Engineer's office add for that position?

Bill Pedtke: Well, I'll talk about both sides. From the developers standpoint, most of the plans that they've done for subdivision projects are drawn up by an engineer professional. And so the developers' side believes that it would be nicer and more efficient to be talking to the Engineer's office to the engineer of the plans. So on the developers' side, we believe that the engineer to engineer conversation would greatly benefit the industry side of home building. On the effectiveness side, the neighbors felt like it would be better to be able to have this responsibility handled under the County Engineer's department because they felt like they had a better chance to voice any concerns they may have. Also, under the County Engineer there would be an approval process of plans before the construction project ever gets started and the public would have input at that point. Again, before the projects get started. And that was really one thing that was very important to the neighborhood associations. I don't know if I'm doing this incorrectly.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Pedtke, with all due respect, that's quite different than the letter that you and the home builders sent to us and the remarks that you all made at our meeting about the district pitting farmers against developers as a board, and things of that nature that I feel were derogatory to the board. The board is comprised of some who farm, one who farms full time, some who farm part time, but a highly educated bunch of people, so are the advisors who sit there. And your presentation has cleaned that up a good bit. But this is not how it originated and you know that and I know that because you put it in print.

Bill Pedtke: I also have a letter that is a petition to the County Commissioners and

to the County Council that I'd like to present and it is signed by the Builder's Association, the West Side Improvement Association, UNO, and the Oak Hill Neighborhood Association. And basically it asks for the Commissioners to handle the ordinance side of this and for the Council to approve this type of a transfer. And I'd like to hand that out now.

Councilmember Hoy: The other comment I would make, Mr. President, is that we have looked at the new regulations coming down. We're going to be under an MS4, and as Mr. Pedtke has said, that description would take a long meeting, to say the least, because it's very complicated. He's quite right on that. But the other thing that was said in the resolution, or the memo, or whatever you want to call it, the builder's organization sent to us, was to move one employee. And some responses to that, he said, well, one employee can't handle it, and that's true. I think as a Council, we ought to also know that when this comes down, this is an unfunded mandate from the federal government to the state of Indiana. The state of Indiana has written very strict regulations on it and we're going to be looking at added staff here and I don't see any way around that and for anybody to say that the movement of one employee will solve this blows my imagination, to say the least. Thank you.

Bill Pedtke: Well, we're not suggesting that we transfer just one person. We're suggesting that we transfer one person and form a technical review committee so that plans can be reviewed effectively and efficiently, and to make sure that in the field those plans are built toward the plan that was adopted or amended with approval. And that's why we think that would happen most efficiently, most effectively under the County Engineer's office.

Councilmember Hoy: And your technical committee is going to be comprised of county employees who are already very busy in the present jobs they have and I think Council needs to know that, too, because we're going to add – I think this will pass – it's been orchestrated very well, I must admit. Better than I've ever orchestrated anything in my life.

Bill Pedtke: Thank you for your confidence.

Councilmember Hoy: Oh yeah. I have a lot of confidence in what you've done, Mr. Pedtke. When you run out of good water, good soil and good food, give me a call because we're not discussing seriously the environment at all in this whole process either. But you're not going to do this with one employee and I want this Council to know that I don't care how many technical people they put on this committee, you've got to have someone out there doing work on a daily basis. We don't have enough staff now, and this is not going to change that. Thank you.

President Raben: Just real quick, Bill, the technical committee that you're referring to will consist of...?

Bill Pedtke: It's to be determined by, when the ordinance is written, there are some details of this that are just too fine at this point in time. All I can say right now is what we'll try to do is pool engineer professionals from the County Engineer's side, and this will also have to happen somehow, somehow with the city's side, and hopefully we can pool it so that it's most effective.

President Raben: And their responsibility will be what, exactly?

Bill Pedtke: Well, at this point in the conversations, the primary purpose of it will be to approve the plans before they happen and serve very parallel to how the Drainage

Board acts now.

President Raben: Okay, when you say approve plans before they happen, are you talking about every set of plans be it a –

Bill Pedtke: No, not necessarily. It will be plans for projects that are one acre or greater because that's one of the biggest changes in Rule 5. It will apply not just to projects five acres or greater, but now it's being moved down to projects one acre or greater.

President Raben: Well, I would certainly recommend that at least a, or depending on the size of the technical board, but I would recommend that some lay persons be added to that board as well; people that aren't necessarily part of the loop here within the Civic Center.

Bill Pedtke: Yeah, and one thing we would like to do is include somebody, a way to provide an opportunity for input from the general public on these plans.

Councilmember Hoy: One other remark I would make is that as a district, we responded to the request of the Builder's Association to do workshops. We did those. We brought experts from the state in. We did a good job on that. One of the things that we have found is that no matter how much training an engineer has, this is a speciality kind of training. We have gone out on sites where silt fences haven't even been installed properly. I'm a layman at this and I can tell you how to install a silt fence properly. So I have a lot of confidence in Mr. Stoll. I also think that Mr. Stoll has an awful heavy load to carry already. His credentials, his skills, his work ethic are not in question here. But we've run into a lot of problems where some of the top firms have gone in. We've had to go out and say this is not right. And I don't think this change will necessarily make a difference in that unless some of the engineers begin to take the proper training in erosion control, which some of them do not have.

Bill Pedtke: Actually, that will be required in Rule 13.

President Raben: Okay, thank you. Any other questions, comments?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I would move to amend my motion to include only the Erosion Control Specialist and we'll vote on the Water Quality Specialist separately.

President Raben: Okay, is the – Curt, do you accept that amendment?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

President Raben: Okay, 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: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Hoy opposed)

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, then I would move that we accept the revised job description of the Water Quality Specialist as recommended by job study.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? No 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Winnecke: And, Mr. President, one last item. I would just make a note that all salary ordinance amendments are effective July 14th with the following exceptions, the transfers, the Assessor/Temporary Replacement, Sheriff/Extra Help, Jail/Union Overtime, Pigeon Assessor/Reassessment/Extra Help, and Treasurer/Regular Overtime, all those become effective tomorrow. Just a note.

President Raben: Okay, thank you. Any other old business?

<p>APPROPRIATION AUDITORIUM FUND - FOOD AND BEVERAGE</p>

President Raben: Okay, moving into new business, the first item is an appropriation ordinance for the purpose of providing funds for the refunding of the Evansville-Vanderburgh County Building Authority Excise and Income Tax Lease Rental Bonds for 1996, which basically, this is an appropriation in the amount of 3.4 million dollars to be paid towards the existing bond for The Centre. So are there any questions with this? The money just goes towards the principal. No 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

REFUNDING OF 1996 BONDS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3500-5590	The Centre	3,400,000.00	3,400,000.00
Total		3,400,000.00	3,400,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">CONFIRMING RESOLUTION PERFECT CHOICE PRODUCTS, LLC.</p>

President Raben: Okay, and last, Confirming Resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council Confirming the Declaration of an Economic Revitalization Area for Property Located at 5404 Foundation Drive, known as Perfect Choice Products, LLC.

Councilmember Wortman: I make a motion for approval.

President Raben: We have a motion on the floor. Is there a second?

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Raben: Motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, I voted yes on this and I will vote yes on it again, however, I would like to make a request that the next time that we hear information on a project such as this, I would like to hear how much the state is putting into the project before I vote. Had I known that on this project, I may have had to weigh my yes vote considerably, because as most of you know, I have a reputation of opposing welfare for companies of any kind and that's what I consider abatements and other incentives to be, is just a reverse kind of welfare.

Rob Schaefer: Rob Schaefer, DMD. I don't always know the (inaudible) that are coming from the state, so I can't promise that I can always tell you.

Councilmember Hoy: She was here, if that person was here, though, we could put her at the mic first, it would seem to me.

Rob Schaefer: Connie Fowler.

Councilmember Hoy: And that would work.

President Raben: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

<p>EVANSVILLE-VANDERBURGH SCHOOL CORPORATION REQUEST FOR FUNDING</p>

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, if it's alright, I'd like to bring up one item that's on here under EVSC. There is no appropriation request but I guess I'm curious as to really how to proceed in this regard. I have very definitive feelings on how this body should move. And I guess I hesitate slightly to take action when we did advise the EVSC that we couldn't appropriate money today, but I think the more people I talk to on this body and the more I think about it, I don't think this body has any role in funding the schools or supplementing their extra curricular budget. So I guess I would make a motion to send a letter to the EVSC declining their request.

Councilmember Wortman: I'll second that motion.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion on the floor and a second. Is everybody clear with the motion and are there any questions?

Councilmember Sutton: I guess the question that we had, I guess what the intent of bringing it before the Council for approval or whatever for consideration next month, was the advertising time, was that the issue that we're looking at?

Councilmember Winnecke: There have been no appropriation requests filed. They just sent a letter and actually it was beyond the filing deadline for this meeting anyway. So that's why we couldn't take any action today.

Councilmember Sutton: And I guess with that, should we wait until they actually file something before we –

President Raben: We would actually be filing the request or we would be putting in the appropriation request from our budget or our office. So that's why, you know, we either need the direction to put through the request or to just kill it. And if the votes aren't here, there's no sense in putting this off another 30 days leaving them hanging, thinking that there's a chance they're going to get this money. If I understand your motion correctly, you're telling them today that the votes probably aren't there and his motion after we vote will make that very clear.

Councilmember Winnecke: And its not meant as any disrespect to them, but if, just in talking to people I think I know what the level of support is. And why delay it? If they have an extra 30 days to try and find additional money, that would be good for them.

Councilmember Tornatta: I think it's a good gesture and I fielded the same calls, and not one call have I gotten in support of this. And I think we kind of reiterated what the voters have said when they voted on the tax raise in the first place, although it's not necessarily taxes, it is raising taxes in one way or another because we have to

fund our own different offices here. So I think it's a good sign to send them back something and at least let them look ahead and it's a good gesture.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, in a sense, though, we all are continuing to pay taxes so we are supporting the school corporation, so by taking no action here that doesn't mean that we aren't supporting, because we are. However, given the limitations of our resources, we really have to be very careful and I think we said enough of that last week about what we're able to do. But most important or the thing that I probably have concerns about is just setting precedent with an action along this line and bodies of government from time to time will experience points where the income is not what it had been before. And there are some steps that need to be taken in those situations when your revenues are down. So I think the referendum was an opportunity for them raise those funds, that didn't happen, and so the school corporation has to respond, not as if the budget is going to be the way it was in years past, but based upon how it is now, and make the appropriate steps and make the adjustments.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, is there anybody here from the school corporation? I think, you know, that they were under the impression that, you know, we was going to do something next month and here I don't see anybody out here. Don't you think its kind of unfair to just send them a message right now with –

President Raben: Well, I think what we explained to them last week was that we would have to file an appropriation through the County Council's office, okay. It would basically be a request from County Council in the amount of \$100,000. And with that being said, you know, we did tell them that we could not do anything this month, that because of the deadline, it would be next month. But if the votes aren't here, and I don't mean to put words in Councilman Winnecke's mouth, if the votes aren't going to be here 30 days from now, why put them off another 30 days? I mean, if they're on a mission to come up with these funds to – if we can give them 30 days advance notice that, hey, you're not going to get it from us, that will give them more of an opportunity to find it in the private sector or to borrow it or what have you.

Councilmember Hoy: I think it's an issue, I think you're right, it's an issue of fairness to them. As they seek funds, they're going to seek them elsewhere and I think they realized last week – they did a good presentation, it was impressive, we all felt, you know, a lot of us have been beneficiaries of those special programs, I am of some of them. But we simply don't have the money, either. And I don't want them to be hopeful that we will have the money because we don't. We're going to have a tough time finishing this year with the funds we have.

President Raben: And if this motion dies today, then that will be enough directive to me to tell Sandie to file the appropriation request for next month. So, I mean, this kind of tells me what I need to do.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, or to Councilman Bassemier's point, maybe I could, I have no problem rewording my motion to recommend that this body not file an appropriation request. That might be a cleaner way.

Councilmember Tornatta: Do we have anybody that needs to speak to this out here?

President Raben: Councilman Wortman has been waiting patiently.

Councilmember Bassemier: I wasn't through yet, Jim. Jim, can I still have the floor?

I mean, I wasn't through yet.

President Raben: That's fine. Can you wait just one more moment? Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: I, too, have to agree with their presentation last week. Some kind of hit home with me when they said that these after school activities will cut down on the crime rate and that kind of touched home and they do bring revenues to the community by the tournaments and stuff like that. Some of us participated in those activities. And here I see that we spend \$36,000,000 on a jail to enlarge it to put these people, but yet, I know it's a hardship on us to give \$100,000, but I was kind of hoping we could give them something, just a little something to show that we're behind our kids. If they mismanaged their money, it's not the kids' fault, it really isn't. And I know the referendum, I know the people have spoke, but if we give them something it's not going to raise taxes, what we do here today, it's not going to raise taxes. I think it will send them a message that we want to help our school kids, our children, get them off the street, and I really hate to see this voted on without them here today. I really kind of, I think at least we ought to tell them to their face instead of sending them a message when they're not here, and say we're not going to support it. So I'm just kind of against how we're handling it today. So thank you.

President Raben: Okay, Councilman Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: I think, as a Councilman, my responsibility along the Council is to make sure that the government under our jurisdiction is funded adequately instead of taking on any other issues with the money as tight as it is. We've got to look out for our employees and our department heads and all operating under this situation.

President Raben: Okay, thank you. A lot of great comments. Are there any other...discussion? Hearing none, --

Councilmember Winnecke: So my motion is for this body to not file an appropriation request of \$100,000 on behalf of the EVSC.

President Raben: Okay, and is the seconder clear?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

President Raben: Okay, roll call vote.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Bassemier opposed)

Councilmember Tornatta: Just one last point to bring up, I know it's the second to the last point, but we did receive a letter from the Board of Commissioners. On March 31st, 2003 they approved a 3-0 vote to reduce the Cum Bridge tax by .01 due to the reassessment generating a larger sum of money than originally anticipated. This would generate approximately \$750,000 a year for many needed infrastructure and cosmetic improvements to the Old Courthouse. I believe at some time we'll have to approve that. Is there a certain time that we're looking at or is that a budgetary situation?

President Raben: It can be either one but we can certainly address this. I just opened the letter up just moments ago. But that's between now and next month, but it is great news.

Councilmember Hoy: That's what we have advocated and I think it's a good –

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I think that the one thing that I look at is, you know, we're going to continue to have issues with that courthouse and if everybody loves it as much as they come out and say, then we're going to have to find ways to fund the many things that are going to happen to that. So if we're going to do that, then we need to look at avenues like this to raise those funds.

Councilmember Hoy: The more money we spend on that, the more we're going to wish we did what Ft. Wayne, Indiana did. They took their old courthouse and made it into a courthouse and built additional offices. And unfortunately, we didn't do that.

President Raben: Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I think originally we suggested this here a good while ago, that the Commissioners should have done it, and now they've just come about doing it. You know what I mean? So I don't know what the delay was because I thought it was a good recommendation myself.

President Raben: About a year and a half later but, nonetheless, it's done and it is a great funding source. Okay, with nothing else before this board, I'll entertain a motion –

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Raben: Meeting adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 5, 2003**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 5th day of August, 2003 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President Jim Raben at 9:00 a.m.

President Raben: I would like to call to order the meeting of August 5th, our first meeting for our 2004 budget review. Roll call vote please. Roll call attendance.

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

(*Arrived at 9:04 a.m.)

President Raben: Now if we could all stand for the Pledge.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Raben: Okay, I would like to welcome everybody here today. First I would like to discuss just to do a little housekeeping here, we have this room from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. this week. While that should be ample time to go through all the budget schedules for each day, we'll just have to try to use good judgement on how much time we can allow and there is no penalties for getting out before 12:00. We'll spend as much time with each budget as necessary, but if, you know, if we spend too long we may have to move on. First on the agenda today is the Levee Authority, which Kelly Lawrence is in the building. He is next door in a meeting so we told him or I told him he could come back to us after their meeting, so next would be Weights and Measures.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

President Raben: That's on page 91. Loretta, would you state your name for the record?

Loretta Townsend: Loretta Townsend, Weights and Measures.

President Raben: Okay, are there any questions on the salaries or benefit lines? None? Two thousand accounts? Three thousand accounts? Four thousand? This is one of those budgets, Loretta does a great job keeping her budget at a bare minimal. If you look at it, it almost never reflects any sort of increase outside of salaries.

Loretta Townsend: And we're worth it.

President Raben: Yes, you are. Okay, are there any questions? None whatsoever. Thank you.

Loretta Townsend: Does that mean I get it?

President Raben: Yeah, we'll get back to you on that.

Loretta Townsend: Yeah. Thank you.

TREASURER

President Raben: Okay, County Treasurer. This can be seen on page 11.

Z Tuley: Z Tuley, Vanderburgh County Treasurer.

President Raben: Are there any questions on any of the salary or benefit lines? None?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. Chairman, I would like to get into some discussion on Extra Help if that is alright.

President Raben: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: On line...account 1990 Extra Help can you explain what the need for that is?

Z Tuley: I truly believe that at tax time, tax collection time, from like April 1 through most of May and then October 1 through most of November, that extra help is needed. If anyone had been present, I don't know if any of you were or not because it was so hectic up there that I couldn't tell who all was there and who all wasn't there, but the line was out the door. The staff just cannot keep up. I am going to push the media a little harder to emphasize the fact that there are bank locations listed on the tax bills. They don't have to come downtown to pay their taxes. This is a huge benefit to the taxpayer. We had like, I want to say 22 bank locations where they could pay at. I had an extra cashier running this time, so I had four cashiers. That's all the stations that I have that can possibly be running. The fifth station would add a great deal of computerization and programming to get going, so we have not done that at this time. But even with four cashiers going, if you have any bank location, typically speaking, they have at least two tellers going at any bank location and some of them there are as many as six or more tellers that are going. The idea is to make it convenient so the taxpayer doesn't have to come down here, but they still do and we were even labeled the Civic Center 500 because no one could find parking. They would just drive around the block until some opening came open.

Councilmember Winnecke: If this is approved and you create the extra counter help, do you have the equipment already in place for someone else to use?

Z Tuley: Yes. They would not be a cashier. They would help with those people that have questions so that we can streamline them through a little faster. And so that what happens is, the people that don't have questions, they go straight to the cashier. Those that have questions get stopped at the counter so that they can get their questions answered and resolved. Then by the time we do this, then they may have come in, in line behind gentleman X who is now tenth in line, but now they have to go to the back of the line otherwise, it appears as though they cut and right now I am working on trying to streamline a little more effective counter situation, traffic flow. But I really think that it would be most helpful if we could even just have somebody. If they're not at the counter because the people don't have questions, those phones are ringing off the wall.

Councilmember Winnecke: Right. That's all I had, thank you.

President Raben: Okay. Any questions? Any further questions for salaries or benefits? Councilman Tornatta.

Councilmember Tornatta: Z, it shows Office Supplies this year was over budget. Do you anticipate that for next year or what was the issue there?

Z Tuley: Well, I can't think of anything specifically off the top of my head. I think that what I had based that on is the need to maintain the amount that I had because it seems to work well.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Z Tuley: And you say that was over budget?

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, so far this year. Till June 30th it was over budget. I was just wondering was that going cover it? A couple of other questions. You have a thing in here for copy fees and that jumped up over right about \$1,000.

Z Tuley: It didn't jump up. You guys cut it last year.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Z Tuley: The deal with the copy fees is it's a PACER program. It is Public Access Court Electronic Records. This program allows us to go in on the internet every day and pull up who files bankruptcy and so forth. They establish a stay which means that I cannot pursue payment, or pursue collection, and I cannot put these people on tax sale if they have not paid, and even if they become delinquent, if they file bankruptcy, they are completely protected. Most of the time if the Treasurer, if I'm notified at all by the attorney, it has the potential to be too late, so I need to know the day they filed immediately, and the time that they filed sometimes is important as well. Even if they file on the day of tax sale and I've started the sale at 8:00, if they file any time during that day I have to void that sale and it costs the county money, but I've got to know and I've got to know on the spot. So they charge us per page that we view in that PACER program. It was implemented last July, July of 2002, and I didn't really know how much we were going to spend so I think I estimated something and you guys cut it in half. But now I've got a little better feel of what it is going to cost. As you know, bankruptcy has spiked. I think Indiana is leading the U.S. in the number of filings.

Councilmember Tornatta: Office Machines. What do you anticipate you are going to need this year?

Z Tuley: I would really like to have some scanners. I would like to have something that will view the Micr encoding where you can just slide it in. I think it will reduce the amount of improper postings. When it gets real busy and real hectic that will also push through the traffic so that people aren't standing in line as long because they are not going to have to sit there and key in a 13 digit tax code number. The computer will do it and it will also make it more accurate so that if someone has multiple parcel numbers, sometimes the last digit is the only one that is different and if the cashier is running it and she looks up and she glances and she sees the name is Smith, well it is Smith, but she still posted it on the wrong parcel. Now, we do run an exceptions list and we do catch those, but at the time and then if the taxpayer reviews his receipts, then he is angry and calls and says you did this wrong, blah, blah. That's always pleasant.

President Raben: Z, how many scanners are you looking at?

Z Tuley: I would need four. I need one for every cashier station and we're always trying to update our office equipment, so if we find something that is more efficient and faster.

President Raben: Okay. Any further questions? None? Okay, thank you very much.

Z Tuley: Okay, thanks.

COUNTY CLERK

President Raben: Next is page 1, County Clerk. State your name.

Marsha Abell: Marsha Abell, County Clerk. I brought something today that really doesn't have...it doesn't change my budget any, just a little something I wanted to show you. Our

caseload, and I made enough copies for all of you, of all the kind of cases we've made up just to August 1st.

President Raben: Okay, are there any questions on any of the 1000 lines? No questions there. Let's move into the 2000 accounts. Are there any questions on the 2000 accounts? Marsha, 2600 Office Supplies, what do you anticipate that you'll spend this year?

Marsha Abell: Well, we've budgeted \$100,000 and as you can see on what I'm passing around to you, we've made up almost 35,000 files already. December is our largest month, so we'll probably hit about 70,000. So \$70,000 is just going to cover files, so that leaves me \$30,000 for 54 people to have pens and paper and I think we'll hit \$100,000. That may even be a little low, quite frankly.

President Raben: Okay.

Marsha Abell: When I say a dollar a file that counts everything. I figure that to set up a file. The file folder, the paper that goes in it. We have to make a copy for everybody in town of everything that is in it, so we end spending easily a dollar a file just make to a file, whether it be a speeding ticket or a murder, it doesn't make any difference. It's the same cost to make up a file.

President Raben: Okay. Any questions on the 3000 accounts?

Councilmember Winnecke: On the equipment repair, can you talk about that?

Marsha Abell: The \$1,500?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Marsha Abell: Well, that covers our equipment like some of the repairs on our copiers that are no longer under warranty. I have three. I have one in the Election Office, I have one in my Misdemeanor Division. Actually, I have four. I have two in my office, one of which actually, you know, you make money off my copies because my copies are a dollar a piece, but I've got some machines that aren't under warranty contract any more and that's just to keep those copy machines running because this doesn't have anything to do with our computers.

Councilmember Winnecke: And then on the maintenance contract as I understand...I guess I don't understand. Are the increases built into the contracts that you have? On the maintenance contracts?

Marsha Abell: Yes, and that is on the major copier. It's under maintenance contract as are some of our other equipment.

Councilmember Winnecke: So it goes from twenty...I mean, contractually we're obligated to go from 22 to 25.

Marsha Abell: I don't know that contractually we are. I think that's if we want to continue with them I think that's what we have to do. When I think contract, I think you mean like a signed contract and I'm not sure that we have that.

Councilmember Winnecke: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: Marsha, same line item. How many contracts are we talking about there on that line and are any of them scheduled to, I guess, expire?

Marsha Abell: No, our major copier is only a few years old and we plan to keep it. It's working good and we plan to keep a contract on it. The fax machine which was built into

this budget died last week so we've bought another one, so this will take the place of the fax machine warranty because we had to purchase a different one last month and actually we bought a rebuilt one. We didn't buy a brand new one. The rest of those are just the small machines that we would have. We have one copier in the library that is devoted just to the general public and it's under warranty.

Councilmember Sutton: And in Record Storage line item 3603 you've got an increase built there and I guess in the IV-D budget which we haven't gotten to that yet, you've got a little bit of an increase on Record Storage.

Marsha Abell: Yeah, well the Record Storage, it gets more expensive because we're having to put more out there and we're not taking any out, so we're taking more space.

Councilmember Sutton: And they charge us by the square foot?

Marsha Abell: They charge...sorry about that. They charge us by the box that we send out there, yeah, uh-huh. We send a huge amount of boxes almost every other month.

Councilmember Sutton: So is that their...is that kind of our guesstimate of what we anticipate our expense will be?

Marsha Abell: Yes, based on how many boxes we know are in the basement that have got to go out of the basement. And I don't know what that contract says because I don't have it. It's not mine.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions? Councilman Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman, I noticed on the next page 6, we've got 3603 a duplication of Record Storage, \$11,000 and then we go up 3603 Record Storage \$55,000. Is there a mistake there?

Marsha Abell: Where are you?

President Raben: Yeah, he is on your IV-D budget.

Marsha Abell: Oh, on my IV-D budget. I don't see the fifty...I must not be looking where you're looking. On page 6, I'm seeing \$66,000 for Supplies.

President Raben: That's the same thing.

Councilmember Tornatta: In IV-D you've got it in two different places.

Councilmember Wortman: You've got 3603 and then—

President Raben: In 3603 you've got Record Storage of \$11,000.

Marsha Abell: Well, that's not for paper records storage, that's for putting the child support stuff on microfilm and CDS.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay.

Marsha Abell: That's not for actual paper storage.

President Raben: Okay. Any other questions? Okay, that's it. Thank you, Marsha.

Marsha Abell: Are you doing the Election budget next?

President Raben: Yes, let's do.

Marsha Abell: I'm going to have B.J.—

ELECTION OFFICE

President Raben: Page 72.

Marsha Abell: —come up for that because she prepared that.

B.J. Farrell: B.J. Farrell, the Election Office.

President Raben: Okay, are there any questions of B.J. on any of the 1000 accounts?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, okay. I guess I was trying to figure out why the raise in the salary.

B.J. Farrell: For? Are you talking about a specific line item?

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I'm looking here at the Election Assistant, quite a bit more, Election Inspector, Judge.

B.J. Farrell: Okay, one reason this year's requested budget will be tremendously higher than this current year, this is a city election. We have less employees. Next year we'll have a county wide presidential election. We'll have more ballots, more people voting so we'll have a need for more employees. If I may, we did ask the Council to consider an increase in the pay for our Inspectors, our Judges and our Clerks. We did make some calls to three other counties, Hamilton County, Warrick County and St. Joe County. Warrick County and St. Joe County pay their Inspectors \$125. Hamilton pays their Inspectors \$140. Judges in Warrick County are going to be paid \$90 and \$75 depending if you are the Democrat or Republican. The Judge in St. Joe County will be paid \$85. The Judge in Hamilton County will be paid \$125. Clerks will be paid \$75 in Warrick County and they will be paid \$85 in St. Joe County and they will be paid \$110 in Hamilton County. One of the reasons we are asking for the increase is, one, it will be mandatory that they attend the meeting for training for poll workers and it's just really hard to get people to work the polls at \$90. They're not even making minimum wage after they spend a 15 hour day, so we're hoping that if you allow us the increase we would attract more people to work the polls and it will be less difficult to find those workers.

Councilmember Tornatta: What did you say that figure was on the Inspector for St. Joe?

B.J. Farrell: \$125.

Councilmember Tornatta: And was I...am I correct, the Judge was \$85 in St. Joe and \$85 on the Clerk as well?

B.J. Farrell: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: So what rates are these figured off, B.J.?

B.J. Farrell: Pardon me?

Councilmember Winnecke: What rates are these figured at then?

B.J. Farrell: I'm sorry.

Councilmember Winnecke: What rates are these figured at then?

B.J. Farrell: You mean the ones that we're proposing the increase?

Councilmember Winnecke: That you're presenting, yes.

B.J. Farrell: Marsha and I sat down and we basically, I think, took a 15 hour day at minimum wage and then we also put in money hoping that we could eliminate the meals and each poll worker would be responsible for their own meals, so there is about a ten dollar increase in there as well to cover the cost of meals.

Councilmember Sutton: Can you break that down? Take the Inspector, Judge and Clerk?

Councilmember Winnecke: Are they all figured at the same rate then?

B.J. Farrell: We calculated the Inspectors at \$140, is that what you are asking Councilman?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

B.J. Farrell: I'm sorry, I totally misunderstood.

Councilmember Winnecke: That's all right.

B.J. Farrell: Our Democrat Judge at \$120, our Republican Judge next year at \$110 and our Clerks at \$110.

Councilmember Winnecke: And what was the Inspector, I'm sorry?

B.J. Farrell: \$140.

President Raben: B.J., you made mention of a training. Is that a state requirement?

B.J. Farrell: Yes, it is mandated by the state that you now have to attend the poll worker training classes that will be offered.

President Raben: Okay.

B.J. Farrell: I did want to point out to you that in Hamilton County they do allot \$15 per person on election day for their meals. In Warrick County the meals are provided and in St. Joe County they just pay their election workers an extra \$6 a day and they bring their own food.

Councilmember Winnecke: So, and what is the...how did you calculate the meal figure, too?

B.J. Farrell: Currently we pay \$10 a day per poll worker.

Marsha Abell: But we would like to eliminate that.

Councilmember Winnecke: Right, but it is in there for next year. That's what I am asking.

B.J. Farrell: Well, I put it in there because if you didn't give me the increase in the line I had to have something in meals.

Councilmember Winnecke: Right. So this is figured at \$10 a person?

B.J. Farrell: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: And one more time on Warrick, what do they do and St. Joe on those meals? I'm sorry, I didn't catch that.

B.J. Farrell: In Warrick County the meals are provided just like we do and they are sent to the precincts, and in St. Joe County they just tack on an extra \$6 to the Inspectors', Judges' and Clerks' paychecks and they're responsible for their own meals. Hamilton County, they allot \$15 a person for their meals and they can do basically like we do. Order from one provider or whoever they want to order from.

Councilmember Sutton: I was just looking at that \$6.

Marsha Abell: Well, you can get a coke.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, they're there for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

B.J. Farrell: Two meals.

Marsha Abell: Well, you have to brown bag it.

Councilmember Winnecke: It will get you a diet coke at every meal.

Councilmember Hoy: It's a new county diet. It's a health program.

Marsha Abell: Actually, you know, the meals is not our problem. I mean, we pay it, but it is actually up to the Inspectors and they dump it off on the party chair and it's a problem. To us, it's not extra work because we don't have to do it, but I think the party chair is getting tired of doing it.

B.J. Farrell: We just get the phone calls all day election day, when is my meal going to be here. I need to take my medicine. The food you sent was terrible, it was cold, blah, blah, blah.

President Raben: Okay, and there were some members of the audience questioning. We're not advocating that anyone leave for lunch.

B.J. Farrell: Oh, no.

Marsha Abell: Oh, no.

B.J. Farrell: No.

Marsha Abell: You can't.

B.J. Farrell: Well, there are some precincts that could order pizza and it could be delivered or they could take their own food. A lot of the counties seem to be gearing more towards the poll worker being responsible for their own food.

Marsha Abell: However you can work half days now. You can work from 6:00 to noon or noon to 6:00. We could split the shifts if we had enough people, so they could leave, but they would need to make sure somebody is there to relieve them.

President Raben: Alright, any other questions?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes, I have one other question, if it is alright. On line item 3530 Contractual Services, that's our really large increase. I was looking back to the last presidential election and county wide election and it was significantly less.

Marsha Abell: This is for the new equipment, doesn't this include that?

B.J. Farrell: Yes. See in 2002 we spent \$50,000. In 2002, we spent \$50,500 so I think I just put like maybe a ten percent increase in there because I'm not really sure with ES&S.

I'm sure Council is aware we're trying to negotiate for new voting equipment so some of these numbers may be somewhat inflated because I really didn't know which direction we would be in next year.

Councilmember Winnecke: I guess, but weren't you using 2000 as sort of the baseline for the others since it's a...just compare elections?

B.J. Farrell: Our contract ran out and we're just on an election by election basis right now.

Councilmember Winnecke: So that's the difference?

Marsha Abell: Yeah, they can charge us whatever they want. We don't have a contract.

Councilmember Winnecke: But in 2000 we were still under contract?

Marsha Abell: Yeah, and it ran out.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, I gotcha.

Marsha Abell: We didn't renew a three year contract.

Councilmember Winnecke: I gotcha.

Marsha Abell: We're just on a year by year with them.

President Raben: Okay, Other Supplies 2700. There is a sizable increase based on our last county election.

B.J. Farrell: I did put \$64,000 but I don't really know— (inaudible, comments not made at the mike).

Marsha Abell: B.J. and I worked on this together and the only thing I can remember is that we had to throw away all of our envelopes this year because the state changed all of them. We had thousands and thousands of envelopes. We're having to order all new supplies because they changed the wording on the outside of the envelopes. I don't know how much it is going to cost because I have not had to order those things in a long time. This is the first time they have changed them in several years.

President Raben: Okay.

Marsha Abell: We had them stockpiled and they changed the wording on them.

President Raben: I don't recall whose assignment the Election Office is. Does anybody recall?

Councilmember Winnecke: I think it's Mr. Raben's.

President Raben: Okay, we'll...if you can try to find that information and I'll get back with you on that. On Printing 3410 that is significantly higher there.

B.J. Farrell: Well, that covers our ballots if we have to print new ballots next year.

Marsha Abell: Yeah, we have to print all new stuff.

B.J. Farrell: Right. Following up on what Marsha said just a moment ago, next year is a bigger election. We'll have more printing costs and a lot of the forms that we use and we stick in the little packets that we send out election day, all those have to be printed by a printer and since all those things have changed we have to print all new documents.

President Raben: Okay, the forms that you're referring to—

B.J. Farrell: And that once again, Councilman Raben, is a ballpark figure because we're still waiting to see about the new voting equipment. If we get that, then all these costs will be covered in that purchase and/or lease agreement. So that would be—

President Raben: That's where I was going with this. Okay. Any other questions?

Marsha Abell: We also have to print this year a large quantity of information regarding people's rights to vote and people's rights to have access to the polls under the HAVA Act.

President Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Rent. What are we...that's line item 3600.

B.J. Farrell: Those are for the polling places that we pay \$50 each to use on election day and we're going from 96 precincts to 139 next year so that's an increase of about 80 for the whole year.

President Raben: The difference based on 2002 is the fewer overall precincts.

Marsha Abell: It went down.

President Raben: It was \$7200 two years ago.

Marsha Abell: Right.

President Raben: Okay, thank you very much.

Councilmember Sutton: Marsha, there was one other thing before you get away. You gave us a handout on this caseload back on your other budget reflected through August. Can you take this for 01 and 02 through the same time period so we can have something maybe to compare that to with the different areas?

Marsha Abell: Sure, I can get that to you. I can get that to you, Mr. Sutton.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: Marsha, we don't pay for public schools do we?

Marsha Abell: No, we don't pay for any. As far as I know we pay for no municipal buildings.

President Raben: Okay, is that it on this budget? Okay. Thank you. I was going to move to County Commissioners. Let's take just a moment to...Sandie?

Sandie Deig: Yes.

President Raben: Would you care to go over and see, David was in the room and left a few moments ago. Oh, he did? We could...let's just move ahead and we'll go to...we'll just move on to Veterans and we'll come back.

VETERANS SERVICES

Mark Acker: I didn't plan that, ladies and gentlemen, it just worked that way.

President Raben: Page 84.

Mark Acker: I'm Mark Acker of Veterans Services of Vanderburgh County. I have a pretty straightforward budget. Good morning, how are you? A little information while you're looking over the budget because there is not much fat in that. We did \$15.8 last year in returns for your investment in Veterans Service in revenues that came back through veteran's comp pensions, widow's pensions, educational assistance, housing and general medical, so that will kind of give you a little feeling of what you're putting—

Unknown: \$15.8?

Mark Acker: Yes, \$15.8 for Vanderburgh County. We finished third highest besides Ft. Wayne and Marion County for service to veterans. So your bang for your buck is there.

President Raben: Okay, are there any questions on any of the one, two or three thousand accounts? No questions, thank you, Mark.

Mark Acker: Thank you.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

President Raben: Now moving back to the County Commissioners, page 85. Dave, just a moment.

TAPE CHANGE

President Raben: Dave, would you state your name for the record?

David Mosby: David Mosby, president of County Commissioners. And I got three changes we need to make, really before we start, and I've got copies of each one of them for you. The YMCA budget got put in at \$1,000, and that needs to be \$24,000. There was an error when it was put in.

Unidentified: Line item (inaudible)?

David Mosby: I'm sorry. Yes.

President Raben: 3490.

Councilmember Tornatta: And it should be what, 24?

David Mosby: Should be 24,000, our contract with the Y.

President Raben: Okay, next—

David Mosby: And then the Highway Fund, 2010—

President Raben: Okay, hold on just a moment. Highway is on page 132.

David Mosby: Right.

President Raben: And what account number?

David Mosby: 2010. Yes, 2010 is the line item but 104 and 105 need to be divided. Hold on, hold on, I've got the wrong number there. Hold on.

Bill Fluty: That's 1004 and 1005. The amount for 1004 should be \$38,193.

David Mosby: Yeah.

Bill Fluty: And the amount for 1005 should be \$38,193.

Councilmember Winnecke: One more time on that.

Bill Fluty: 1004, \$38,193. 1005, \$38,193.

President Raben: Okay, is that it for the changes?

David Mosby: Yes, and then we just need to add the GIS budget.

President Raben: Okay.

David Mosby: I'll give you a copy.

Councilmember Winnecke: Yeah, it's coming around.

Bill Fluty: It's on it's way.

President Raben: Okay, let's...has everyone received all the information? Let's move back to page 85. Are there any questions on page 85?

Councilmember Tornatta: I just had a quick question on the Soil Conservation Specialist. Is that still set up -- Phil, that might be a question for you -- is that still set up in that office, or is that Wathen that moved?

Councilmember Hoy: That's the position that moved down to the County Engineer's office.

Councilmember Tornatta: Alright, should that be in that budget?

Councilmember Hoy: Probably. We should move it over there, same amount of money.

Councilmember Tornatta: Just--

Councilmember Hoy: But that's a good question. Yeah, it's a...I think one of the things, this whole thing with the MS4's is a work in progress, and it's gonna be a difficult job. That's probably why it's still here. We're still in that transition period, but eventually we probably would be moving it over I would assume.

David Mosby: That would be my thought.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah. He has moved there--

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, that's why, yeah.

Councilmember Hoy: --and he is supervised by Mr. Stoll.

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm thinking at this point should we go ahead and look to move it this year? Move it over since it will be coming out of there?

Councilmember Hoy: Probably, because he is there.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: We could just amend the salary ordinance to do that.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah.

President Raben: Okay, page 86.

Councilmember Winnecke: My first question has to do with Southwest Mental Health. I have a call into John Browning. Do you understand the formula, how they calculated this increase?

David Mosby: I didn't do the calculations, Catherine did, but, I mean, she showed me the formula.

Councilmember Winnecke: Do you know what it is then? That's a big, huge increase.

David Mosby: I'd have to get the formula from her. I mean, it's not anything I could read off to you.

Councilmember Winnecke: No, it's not.

David Mosby: And, I mean, that's what it come out to. I mean, we knew it was a huge increase too, but...

Bill Fluty: That is due to reassessment, and that's just...and many counties are struggling with the same issue, with the increase in reassessment. It actually has produced this windfall for Mental Health through all these counties. They're struggling with that as many councils are with their budget hearings right now, but, they actually are...their levy and rate is produced.

President Raben: But that does not mean that we're necessarily bound to give that.

David Mosby: The way I understand it –

Bill Fluty: No, I believe it does.

David Mosby: The way I understand it, there is a calculation you have to use, and if your assessment went up, I mean, you have to calculate the new assessment.

Councilmember Hoy: That's state law.

David Mosby: It's state law. It's per state statue. I mean there's... we don't do the calculations. I mean, it's given to us. We do the calculations, but the formula's given to us per state statue. With our assessment being higher this year, this is cause for a big increase.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll bring back to the council what the formula is so everyone has an understanding.

David Mosby: Tammy might have it over there, I believe. I'm gonna ask her when we take a break or whatever, and I'll see if I can't have it yet today.

President Raben: Before we go any further in the 3000 accounts, 2690 Demolition Fund, could you explain that request?

David Mosby: I think that's the funds we use with Roger Lehman if we have buildings that he finds, you know, inadequate anymore. As a matter of fact he told me there is a couple on the list for next year already that they would like to, I mean, they've condemned them. Then we would go out and tear them down, and then tack it on to the property if we were selling.

President Raben: And those-

David Mosby: But those, them are the funds we use to—

President Raben: --those buildings are in the county? I mean, outside the city?

David Mosby: Yeah, the ones that we do are outside the city. There is a couple that he has identified.

President Raben: Okay, moving back into the 3000 accounts. Any questions? I have a question on Bond and Insurance.

Councilmember Hoy: On the EARC, that's not like the mental health center. That's not mandated, that's a request, right?

David Mosby: No, that is a request.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay.

David Mosby: I had talked with Theo over at EARC, and she had given me some information pertaining to, and I'll just give you a couple of the references. In 1992, when we started this, they dealt with 338 people. They're now dealing with 1,000 plus. They had 88 members on staff in 92, today they got 176. They used to be about 60% government funded, now they're about 40% due to the increases, and they had requested, you know, extra money through the county to see if we could help offset some of their costs. I could run you a copy of what Theo has given me if you'd like to reference it. She said she'd be more than happy to come and talk to you.

President Raben: You know this is one of those that I hate to take away my colleague, Reverend Hoy's pitch here, but another one of these very much like an unfunded mandate. Whereas, state or federal monies are cut and organizations come before us looking for us to pick up loose ends, and, you know, I don't see that the financial crisis is getting any better for the county. So it's just tough to come in and rescue every mission or organization because of a state or federal cut. So, you know, again, that's usually Mr. Hoy's lines, but, you know, I tend to agree with him on this issue.

Councilmember Hoy: Well, it's one of those areas where, I certainly believe in their mission, I think most of us do. It's not a question of whether we believe in it or not, but I think we're going to see more cuts in those areas, and social services, unfortunately.

David Mosby: I...and they expressed that, you know, they're seeing cuts from the state level. So, they're like everybody else.

President Raben: Let's go back to 3000, Bond and Insurance. Could you explain the reasoning behind that request?

David Mosby: I didn't get a chance to talk to Dennis Woehler yesterday, but that is the number they had us put in, and I'm gonna get an answer. I've gotta call him tonight. So, that is the number that they had requested that we put in this year. That was per our agent, so I need to talk to him. I got in late yesterday afternoon. I'm not sure, I know what you're asking, but I'll ask him specifically what is driving that, and have that answer for you.

President Raben: Okay, Councilman Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: Get back to the EARC building, they got structural problems over there with that roof, too. That delays your problem. I just thought I'd bring that out front, the day I talked to her.

President Raben: Councilman Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Along that same issue, I guess, I'm just curious to know where the commission is, sort of philosophically with helping organizations like this. I mean, there

are other organizations that are not-for-profit who have great missions, that do great work in our community. Yeah, the Rehab Center, whose mission is very similar to this. I mean, do you see the commission supporting requests for organizations like that if we grant this large increase?

David Mosby: Now are you talking about do I support—

Councilmember Winnecke: I mean—

David Mosby: --this one or all of them?

Councilmember Winnecke: No I mean, I guess, sort of look, asking, give me a sort of where you are, where the commission is philosophically on future requests. I mean, clearly if we almost double the amount of this funding level, that will not go unnoticed by other not-for-profits who have similar funding challenges. So, I guess, my question is, are we opening the floodgates? If we do, how, where is the commission on reacting to those other requests? Assuming they would come forward.

David Mosby: First off, I guess, in my case I'm going to try to deal with what I have on my plate today before I take on anything new. I understand there is, you know, several entities out there that would probably want help. I know we can't fund them all, and I understand that. I know they all have good missions, but I'm gonna look at what we're doing today, and probably take that, you know, first, before I start taking on any new. I mean, I wouldn't want to see us definitely cut funding to take on somebody new, and then probably not be given the best service that could possibly be given, if you start cutting them in half and trying to take on too many. I would take care of what I have first, and then if I feel like there is money available and we could take on a new mission, that's fine. I mean, Evansville ARC's did a good job. I mean, I've been out there, I've went through their plant, you know, where they have the disability people working, the mental people, I mean, they provide them jobs. I think Theo and them are doing an excellent job.

Councilmember Winnecke: I don't disagree. I was just—

David Mosby: You know, so, I mean, I guess, that's why, you know, they requested this and we put it in knowing the services they were providing, you know, right now. If there's a way that we can maintain that level and keep them going I would rather see us, you know, put into that program first before we would try to take on a new program and get half the bang for our buck out of each one.

Councilmember Wortman: David, you might be referencing new, coming on would be the YMCA. That would be a factor.

David Mosby: Yeah, I mean, that's one that, you know, has requested money too. I mean, you just have to look at it and do what you think.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions of the 3000 accounts?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, 3040. That was a jump of roughly \$6,000, is that another formula we're working on?

David Mosby: Well, the board had requested that from SWCD.

Councilmember Hoy: I can...I'm on that board, I... Mr. Raben, can you give my speech? It's, the state cut our funding. The other document that I passed to you I think is important, because if there is any... I think a lot of departments, you know, when they come before us feel a little misunderstood, and certainly the district is. We leverage \$602,461 a year of federal and state funds in the district. So for every... and we contribute about \$141,000 if you include Mr. Wathen's salary in that as well, all those three salaries plus this money.

So, for every dollar we invest we bring back \$4.27. It's more than just bringing money back, it's bringing in services that are far beyond just erosion control. We try to report that, it's very difficult to report all the things that the district does, but it's...that's why, that's why that's in for more money.

President Raben: Councilman Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Councilman Hoy, is the...are they gonna take that Wathen's salary out of their budget? Is that gonna...are they gonna hire a new person in that place? What's the position there?

Councilmember Hoy: No, actually if you took the...that salary out, which we probably will do, you would find that what we leverage is even more than the district. Taking that salary out will only make this paper look a lot better than it looks now, to be honest with you, because none of these services are one's that he performs. These are all in addition to that. So, you would even have a leverage be...the dollar leverage would be even higher.

Councilmember Tornatta: So, as far as the budget, the offset, even with his salary, wouldn't compensate for what you've asked for?

Councilmember Hoy: No, the problem we'd have is simply with the state funding.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: But his, those wages, all come out of the county budget, all three of them do. We'll be down to two employees. However, we have negotiated, the district has, with the state, and Mr. Rice, who is there, who...is going to help, he is going to supervise the office. So, we're not picking up the third employee but we're picking up some supervisory skills, which we need, and I think that will be helpful to the district.

President Raben: Okay, Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman, I think the council, if we remember a couple months ago, Mr. Hoy, we gave them \$6,000 for Extra Supplies. On that thought, I thought I'd bring that out.

President Raben: Okay, David, 3080, Emergency Medical, that's our ambulance contract.

David Mosby: That's per AMR's contract, yeah.

President Raben: And is there an increase in that contract for next year?

David Mosby: I believe so, and that's...we had, that's what the contract will call for.

President Raben: Has that contract been negotiated or—

David Mosby: It is, and we finalized that, I'm trying to think, about a month or so ago. I'd have to go back and check, but we do have a contract with them on the medical and I believe we just did one on the wheelchair. I believe we just finished that one. So just this (inaudible).

President Raben: This line is only for AM... for the ambulance.

David Mosby: Well, then they probably got, I think there's an increase in that line item over the year. I can pull the contract and take a look at it. I'll ask Tammy to—

President Raben: Great. Were there any other questions on page 86? Moving to page 87. Does anyone have any questions on page 87? Looks like we don't, page 88?

David Mosby: 3490 is the one we've changed on page 88.

President Raben: I have a question on Rent. What has been worked out on next year? I think, if I'm not mistaken, last year we absorbed an increase, and it may have been conveyed to us last year that we would not see an increase this year. Do you know what's going on there with the Rent line?

David Mosby: I've got Mr. Rector here to explain anything you need to know.

Dave Rector: Dave Rector, Building Authority manager. The rent this year is a 2.1% increase over last year. Which is actually the lowest since 1997 and the second lowest since 1987. The biggest hit, as you might imagine, was insurance. We have reduced in a couple of line items as much as \$100,000. We've done that also with anticipating \$20,000 less in income than what we usually get just because pay phones are out now, everybody's got a cell phone. We aren't getting that income. Some of the vending machines aren't generating what it used to. And then of course we had a number of projects last year that we completed.

President Raben: Okay, Dave what is your unappropriated balance?

Dave Rector: Depreciation reserves? I could let you know exactly, about two and a half million. As you recall, we're very restricted on what we can use that for by the lease. It's specifically for building repairs, HVAC, roofing, that kind of thing. We just can't use it arbitrarily to come in and remodel somebody's office. We can do common spaces like this that we just did this year, but we're really restricted with what we can spend that money on.

President Raben: Okay. Is the county bound by any contract?

Dave Rector: Yes.

President Raben: Does that contract allow for an annual increase? What--

Dave Rector: Yes, it does.

President Raben: How is it worded?

Dave Rector: Well, in fact, says that the County Council shall fund the Building Authority budget, and shall levy any tax increases necessary to fund that budget. That runs through right now, 2006.

President Raben: Okay. Are there any other questions?

Councilmember Hoy: What's our square footage cost going to be, David?

Dave Rector: Don't quote me, but I think we're at about \$18.43.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, Thank you.

Dave Rector: I forwarded all that to the commissioners.

Councilmember Winnecke: Did you say the increase is 2.5%?

Dave Rector: 2.1.

Councilmember Winnecke: 2.1%?

Dave Rector: Yes. Last year's, I'm going on total budget city and county. So maybe that's where there is a difference.

Councilmember Winnecke: Well, I'll look at—

Dave Rector: Last year's city and county was \$4,087,858. This year we're 4,175,404, and that's a 2.1% difference.

Councilmember Hoy: Overall.

Dave Rector: Yes, that's city and county.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm sorry, could you say those numbers one more time?

Dave Rector: Sure, \$4,087,858 is 2003. 2004 is \$4,175,404.

Councilmember Hoy: And your rent formula is based on square footage that the county uses, right?

Dave Rector: Yes, and that may change next year according to if the Health Department moves, and whether the courts go over there, or whatever decisions are made, and funded, and how. So that percentage allotment may shift, but we did that based on the current situation.

Councilmember Winnecke: Do you know off the top, I'm sorry—

President Raben: I was just going to ask that you repeat those numbers again. 2003, I have \$4,087,858?

Dave Rector: Right.

President Raben: Then \$4,175,404?

Dave Rector: Yes.

President Raben: Okay, so that's...again I was speaking with legal counsel when you raised that question, so I apologize if I'm being redundant. That appears as if it's roughly a \$90,000 increase overall.

Dave Rector: \$92,546.

President Raben: But how is the county's portion going up 250,000?

Dave Rector: What you may not be -- some... I'm not sure what you're looking at. Don't forget that the county also has The Centre in there. Not just the Civic Center, the county also has The Centre in your portion.

President Raben: That would still seem like a lot.

Dave Rector: The county, the county's portion has not gone up \$250,000.

Councilmember Winnecke: Sure it is. 2003 to 2004 it is.

Dave Rector: No, 2003 total budget, city and county-

Councilmember Winnecke: No, we're not looking at that. We're looking at just the county. It's \$2.3 million for this year. And for next year it's going to be 2.5. Well maybe.

President Raben: You've got for next year, for the county \$2,712,327, and then for The Centre additions \$363,654 for \$3,075,981.

Councilmember Winnecke: What's in here is \$2.5, \$2,560,852 for this year.

President Raben: That would be for everything except Centre, The Centre.

Councilmember Winnecke: The Centre is in a different budget, I believe.

President Raben: But you're stating that it should read \$2.7 million?

Dave Rector: \$2,712,327.

President Raben: Well, that would be a \$400,000 increase.

Councilmember Hoy: That includes The Centre budget.

President Raben: No.

Dave Rector: No, The Centre is \$363,654.

President Raben: Yeah, that's a \$402,000 increase.

Councilmember Tornatta: Maybe (inaudible) both.

President Raben: That's true. Dave, excuse me one second.

Dave Rector: Sure.

President Raben: There is like the Public Defender's office that we, the figure that we're looking at here doesn't reflect your figures, because we list them in their budget for the purpose of reimbursement. So, wherever we have a reimburseable it's not in this line.

Councilmember Winnecke: But, still, that's a huge discrepancy, \$250,000 increase.

President Raben: Yeah.

Dave Rector: The total increase is \$92,546.

Councilmember Winnecke: Ours is \$250,000. I mean, if you look at what's in our budget book from this year to next year, it's \$250,000.

Dave Rector: Lloyd, I can tell you, here's the budget.

Councilmember Winnecke: But, we don't have that one.

Dave Rector: I know, but I don't give it to you.

David Mosby: Lloyd, you might want to check, since the Health Department is moving out, we might be picking Rent up. Because, I mean—

Councilmember Winnecke: Well, it's in, the Health Department's Rent is listed in their budget.

David Mosby: Is it in their budget?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yeah.

David Mosby: I mean, I haven't looked at their budget.

Dave Rector: As last—

David Mosby: We're absorbing the cost of their move, so.

Dave Rector: As I said last year, again this year, I welcome any questions. I'll sit down with you. I'll show you what we have.

Councilmember Winnecke: Well, I mean, I guess—

Dave Rector: I don't know what you're looking at, Lloyd.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm looking at the budget book that was presented to us.

Dave Rector: Well, I'm looking at the budget we prepared.

Councilmember Sutton: What can we do to get the numbers that we need to really be taking a look at here? Your numbers are different from the numbers that we've got, and we're not sure whether we've extracted the Health Department, and maybe some other things. There might be duplicating. What can we do to get that corrected?

Dave Rector: Well, it sounds like—

Councilmember Sutton: Also, I guess, one other thing—

Dave Rector: —(inaudible) some other figures in here.

Councilmember Sutton: You're factoring in that 2.1% increase. I think I factored right at about 2.4%. So, you might want to take a look at that as well.

Dave Rector: Are you looking at total?

Councilmember Sutton: I just looked at the total.

President Raben: Commissioner Mosby? If we could, could you get a copy of their contract to our attorney?

Dave Rector: I think you have that from last year when you requested it. We forwarded that last year when you requested it at budget time.

Jeff Ahlers: I don't have it. If you could get me a copy please.

Dave Rector: I understand. I'm not arguing with you, I'm just saying we did forward that last year.

Jeff Ahlers: I understand. I'm just saying I don't have it. Could I please have a copy?

Dave Rector: We would be happy....do you want the full lease?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, and if you could reference the portion where you talk about saying that there is a mandate to raise taxes or whatever.

Dave Rector: That was included in the letter last year when the same questions came up. I would be happy to...if you like, I can run down to the office and pull last year's letter and quote those to you right now, if it would help.

Jeff Ahlers: That's fine.

Dave Rector: Okay.

President Raben: David, I mean, we're not trying to play hardball, other than the fact, you know, this Rent line is a big part of our overall picture.

Dave Rector: I understand.

President Raben: You know, we're concerned with every penny, and, you know, one of my concerns has always been, you know, that we do keep a pretty sizable reserve, and I often look at, you know, why do we absorb an annual increase in lieu of spending down that reserve.

Dave Rector: That's the way the lease was written in 1960—

President Raben: I understand that, but while we may be bound to a lease, that doesn't necessarily mean it needs to be passed on. Okay, so any other questions?

Dave Rector: Can you give me a couple of minutes? I'll run down, if you want to continue with Commissioner Mosby, and I'll get that for you.

President Raben: Okay. Thank you.

Dave Rector: You bet.

President Raben: Okay.

David Mosby: Tammy is going to get exactly what we've got figured in that line item. What space we are paying for out of that line item.

President Raben: Okay. Are there any other questions for page 88? Okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes, I do have. I'm sorry. It has nothing to do with Rent. To the two requests on the YMCA, the \$24,000, is that our—

David Mosby: That's our contract for county employees.

Councilmember Winnecke: —portion for employees who participate?

David Mosby: Right.

Councilmember Winnecke: Is that, are we going to be at that number? It doesn't look like we'll quite be a little south of there for this year. Or is that just—

David Mosby: According to the contract, we're going to be at that number. That's the number that we're...I mean, with the amount of employees that we have using the facility and what we owe the Y, that's the number.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, and do you know how many employees use the facility?

David Mosby: I don't have that number off the top of my head. I can find out.

President Raben: I think Sandie Deig, you have that information, don't you?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible) employees at \$11 a month.

President Raben: Right. We're on target to spend almost \$19,000 this year, is that—

Sandie Deig: \$18,876.

President Raben: So, \$19,000 would probably be an ample amount for that line.

Councilmember Winnecke: Does that, do you know if the number of employees fluctuates much from month to month?

Sandie Deig: Actually this year (inaudible).

Bill Fluty: Well, each employee has, they can go to the Y and sign up or cancel. Then that information is passed on to payroll, and we would not deduct their portion. They pay the portion out of their payroll, and the Commissioners are paying out of their budget.

Councilmember Winnecke: My other question has to do with the Capital Campaign, is where the Commission is philosophically about this campaign, versus all the other capital campaigns that are going on in the community.

David Mosby: It was requested of us and we put it in there. I mean, if you're asking me about one over the others, I mean, I don't know which others you are talking about. I mean, the Y—

Councilmember Winnecke: There are a lot of capital campaigns. I just, I mean, you support it, obviously, or you wouldn't put it in there, but, I mean—

David Mosby: Yes, I mean, I support the Y, and, you know, they had called and asked if we would, you know, plug in \$50,000, so we did.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

President Raben: Okay. Any further questions there? Okay, let's move down to page 89. Are there any questions by any Councilmember for page 89?

Councilmember Bassemier: I have one, Jim. Dave, on that 4231, that Transportation Service, now that's that transportation out in the county, right? Used to be for the handicapped and elderly.

David Mosby: Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, now, with that \$75,000, I understand they're not offering wheelchair transportation anymore, is that correct?

David Mosby: I will have to check the contract, because we just talked with AMR about that.

Councilmember Bassemier: The reason why I'm asking, because I think you negotiated that contract and it was for a lot more.

David Mosby: Exactly. We couldn't afford the one that we started out with, and the other provider had dropped off.

Councilmember Bassemier: So, I guess, I'll get back with you on that, because that could change, right? That \$75,000, because they won't, I know they won't offer that. I've had several calls from parents that had wheelchair children, and they won't pick them up. So, we need to check on that.

David Mosby: I'll let you know in a little bit.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, Dave.

Councilmember Sutton: Say, David, on the line item 3620 on Copy Machine Lease, the requested amount is \$50,000 there, can you talk to us a little bit about what you guys have in mind there?

Councilmember Hoy: The rationale is a purchase versus a lease, or not?

David Mosby: It's under lease, but I think that's what we were—

President Raben: That one, not to put words in Commissioner Mosby's mouth, but, I guess, there was some question that the copy machine lease that is used by many offices in this building is down in the Auditor's office, and they were considering instead of taking on a new lease, just buying a copier.

David Mosby: I was going to say, and that's what that is, the cost of a new machine. Because I just asked Tammy.

Tammy McKinney: Which is going from a paper copier to more of a digital, like a scan type.

President Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Is there, following up on that just a little bit. Is there, I mean, going with this new machine, I mean, what's the condition of the existing machine? This new type of machine, these features that we're looking for, I mean, just kind of maybe talk to us about, maybe what lead us from what we've got to what we think we need to have.

Tammy McKinney: In the Auditor's office, that copy machine that we have down there, the whole reason for it was to copy the green bar, I think for the Assessor, and they don't need that anymore. So, it has a feature that we don't even use anymore. Plus the maintenance on it, because the paper jams and how it has to duplicate and everything. The new copier will have a scanning feature, so you won't have all that jamming. It's basically maintenance free.

President Raben: Okay. Bill, I might ask your thoughts on any changes there, since that copier is in your office.

Bill Fluty: It's housed in our office, but it's used by all the county offices. It's put there just as a location for everybody. They actually key in their number when they use it. It tells who uses it and which office uses it. I guess, we would use it the most for Council and Commissioners minutes and so forth. We do use the green bar at different times. It's not only the Assessor's, so that is a feature that I'm not sure we would like to give away, but I don't have information on the subject business.

Tammy McKinney: It's the feeding mechanism, and I don't think, because when I talked to Terri Woodward they said they just basically copy it, instead of like feed it through like they used to.

Bill Fluty: We feed it through, I saw them using it the other day feeding through this.

Tammy McKinney: Oh, well.

Bill Fluty: But, this is the first I've, on this, the first discussion I've had, so.

Tammy McKinney: That lease is up, I believe, in December.

President Raben: Okay. If we can, let's allow the secretary to change the tape.

TAPE CHANGE

President Raben: Questions on the copy machine request? Okay.

David Mosby: Jimmy, if you want, or Councilman Raben, I'm sorry. At this time, I've got the square footage on the rent and you will see where the Health Department is in there.

President Raben: Okay. While those are being passed around, David, on 3850 Building Commission, that's up a little over \$100,000?

David Mosby: It's a joint department and that's our percentage. I don't know what they've added that's big. I know we got them hearings this afternoon.

President Raben: Well, that...I guess my question there is when you look at their proposed budget there is a slight increase on everything except on Building Demolition of 204. You know, that kind of goes back to my earlier question on the demolition within your budget. How much of the...page 22 is what I have.

David Mosby: Well, I got just a short...I just found it though. It looks like it went from \$10,000 to \$ 204,000. I mean I don't know what Roger...when I talked to Roger the other day he said he had a quite of few buildings laying around that if he got his, you know, proposed budget he was going to start trying to remove them, but, if not, people are going to continue to complain until he could come up with the money. So, I mean, as far as a breakdown on that \$204,000, what's city what's county, I really don't know. Do you know anything about it?

Tammy McKinney: How much we budget? We have \$ 7,000 in our demolition.

David Mosby: Yeah, but do you know how much?

Tammy McKinney: Oh, the percentage breakdown? No, I can get it though.

President Raben: Okay. That just, you know, seems like a lot.

David Mosby: We might ask Roger at 3:00.

President Raben: I don't know. I guess I would be concerned as to, you know, what buildings or what types they are. If they are any state or federal, you know. Some of this is being used for brown fields.

David Mosby: The ones that he told me he had listed is ones that he could not get any funding from Solid Waste. Like we have taken money out of Solid Waste and we have put into some of these buildings where we could use that money we've did that, but these are buildings laying around outside of that are bad had been condemned by their office, but they just don't have the money or resources to tear them down.

President Raben: Okay. Thank you. Are there any other questions for page 89?

Dave Rector: Excuse me, President Raben, if you like I think I have some clarification for you.

President Raben: Okay, great.

Dave Rector: It's in there. Councilman Hoy to respond to your question, it's 1787 on the square footage. The actual increase from last year to this year for the county is \$ 67,489. The Centre's portion is \$5,000 less. That's because the trustee advised us that we did not have to charge...the letter of understanding requires the Council to fund it, but because our trustee advised us that the coupon and bond expense can be paid from what's on deposit, I didn't put that in for 2004. The letter of understanding says that you're supposed to do that, but when the trustee told me I thought well there is no sense charging you for it when we can pay it out of what the trustee has on deposit so I didn't charge that.

Councilmember Hoy: Isn't that because the money is coming in so fast on the Food and Beverage?

Dave Rector: Yeah. The other question you had, and I will get Mr. Ahlers the lease, but Section 2.03 addresses depreciation, reserves, and Section 7.10 further addresses it and specifically says that reserves are not to be used for employee salaries or operational costs. There are for nonrecurring general building related maintenance, improvement or replacement and then further in Section 3.03 is where it talks about the need to fund and in there it says:

“Shall be required to pay as additional rent to cover its share of operations, shall include in the respective budgets thereafter amounts sufficient to pay total annual rental obligations and shall levy annually a tax sufficient to produce each year the necessary funds.”

So 35 years later maybe we need to take a look at it, but for two more years this lease that we're operating under—

President Raben: Okay, real quick before you get away Dave, where are we at with refinancing of the Centre bond?

Dave Rector: Actually last Tuesday, the Centre bonds were put up for sale and the bond counsel, Fifth Third, pulled it. The rates had increased so much that it wasn't doing as well as they wanted and so they pulled it back off the market and they are letting it sit there for a couple of weeks and see if it improves. In the two weeks time from when we sold the jail to when we did the Centre it just shot up and their advice was not to proceed with it at that time. The good thing about it is if for some reason it doesn't move ahead, all the professionals have said that they will not charge for their services.

President Raben: Okay. One last question, because the jail is the largest area that we lease from the Building Authority, you say that this contract is through 2006 or is that end of fiscal year 2005?

Dave Rector: At the end of fiscal year 2005.

President Raben: Okay.

Dave Rector: Is what we think is going to happen, it looks like now.

President Raben: And that will be...when we renegotiate that or rework that contract, will that be in 2005 or 2004?

Dave Rector: I would think sometime in 2005. The way the lease (inaudible) and then we have depreciation reserves, and we have the bonds paying off and there will be some money coming back in at that time that you are certainly going to need, at that point when the jail goes and try start renovating this place, and some of that money hopefully will help you with that.

President Raben: That's, yeah, I guess my concern is, is where the county's obligation will be on that 31,000 square foot at that time. You know—

Dave Rector: It addresses those things too when space is vacated and for what reasons and why and what the obligation is.

President Raben: Okay. Any other questions?

Councilmember Winnecke: I have one question, you said the square footage now is 1787?

Dave Rector: Yes, 1787.

Councilmember Winnecke: What is the county's total square foot? That's as of 2002.

Dave Rector: Total square foot for 2004 will be 152,031 square feet.

Councilmember Winnecke: How has that changed?

Dave Rector: That changed because the Sheriff took over some space in the courts building that was public space that we were maintaining and the Sheriff now is occupying another...that should of bumped up a couple hundred square feet.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay. That's all.

President Raben: You know, I guess again, maybe I am unclear where we're at and thanks for getting this information to us.

Dave Rector: No problem.

President Raben: When you look at the total bottom line cost to the county, and this does not count the Centre, it's \$2,553,227.

Councilmember Winnecke: No, that's wrong.

President Raben: Well, that's—

Councilmember Winnecke: These figures—

Dave Rector: No, it's \$2,712.327.

President Raben: Okay.

Dave Rector: Last year it was \$ 2,644,838.

Councilmember Winnecke: I came up with a different number, but mine is higher.

President Raben: Now wait a minute.

Councilmember Winnecke: Just multiplying 152,000 times 1787.

Dave Rector: It's 1787 point dot, dot ,dot. It carries out several decimal points.

President Raben: I guess, again, I'm confused. The \$2.7 million, that's what is being proposed for 2004?

Dave Rector: Yes.

President Raben: Okay.

Dave Rector: Now that is our number to the Commissioners. They have other things that then, that they adjust that by.

President Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: So what's that number again?

Councilmember Winnecke: It's \$2,716,793.9 is 152,031 square feet times \$17.87.

Dave Rector: The figure for 2004 is \$ 2,712,327.

President Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: Well, something is wrong then, I mean—

President Raben: For the purpose of our budget and how we set lines as you look through this, almost 152,000 square feet, there is a lot of...there's a lot of budgets or a lot of different offices or departments that are part of this overall that aren't reflected in this 3600 line in the Commissioners. So as you look at this list you have go through and take out, you know, let's look at the Prosecutors Office. You can take out, I think, Child Support, Adult Protective Services. You can take out Public Defenders. You can take out--

Dave Rector: Health Department.

President Raben: — Health Department, exactly. Well although that space, I guess, we are going to be paying the fare on next year. That would normally be reflected in their budget. I mean we're under the gun to make up for that rent that we used to see in their budget.

Dave Rector: Yes.

President Raben: So, anyway, as you look through this, Legal Aid is the same way. There are a lot of different...you know, I'm sure there is more, but at a quick glance you know there are several hundreds of thousands of dollars of this rent that don't fall in under line 3600 of page 88. So I guess we need to try to digest...you know, in essence I think we are way over budgeting that particular line.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, I've got a question when you get a chance?

President Raben: Okay, go ahead.

Councilmember Bassemier: Sir, we've got in Room A23, I'll assume that is in the basement, right?

Dave Rector: Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, we've got inactive storage.

Dave Rector: Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, and we're paying...of course there is almost 4,000 square feet down there and we're paying \$67,000...over \$67,000 for it. Is there anything there that we're paying for that we need that storage room?

Dave Rector: Well, it's, I guess, the Commission is going to have to answer that question and quite literally, I know Tammy and I have been working on looking down in the basement on how we can clear some of that stuff out. There's just an accumulation of things over the years that we aren't sure whether they need to keep it or not. So I know she is working on it trying to see what she can do down there.

Councilmember Bassemier: But when I see inactive there is nothing there.

Dave Rector: No, there is inactive files.

Councilmember Bassemier: Oh, okay.

Dave Rector: No, it's loaded. The room is plenty full.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay. I thought it looked like we're paying for a vacant spot. I can put something down there. Okay, thanks. I was just curious.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, can we not—

Councilmember Winnecke: Take a break?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, I didn't get to finish my sentence, Mr. Winnecke did. Some of us would like a break, but I wanted something before that.

President Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: I think we need to follow through on what you said and look through here and find out, you know, I think that is where the discrepancies are as in those...some of those rents may have been counted twice and we need make sure those aren't.

Dave Rector: I understand Commissioner Mosby just passed this out to you; this was information we provided them. I don't know if you all have seen this before on all the breakdowns, that they pass on to the various departments in the building.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, what we're dealing with is not with the overall, but with the discrepancy we've got in our budget lines here. We need to resolve that.

Dave Rector: I'm sorry I can't answer that question.

Councilmember Hoy: Right, but we need to find the answer so we know where we are.

Dave Rector: Other than the copy of the lease to your attorney, do you need other information from me?

President Raben: That'll get us.

Dave Rector: Okay, I'll answer any questions. I'm hoping to sit down with any of you and try and walk through it and explain where we got and how we got there.

President Raben: That may be helpful if you could possibly do that with one or two of us. I need to actually take time to review these numbers myself and if possible that will be great, sometime between now and next Tuesday.

Dave Rector: Just give me a call and I will make myself convenient to your schedule.

President Raben: Okay great, thank you.

Dave Rector: Good, thanks.

President Raben: Any other questions on page 89?

Councilmember Hoy: I think I know the answer, but the Youth Services is for Youth Resources, is it not?

David Mosby: I'm sorry?

Councilmember Hoy: I'm sorry, line 3931 Youth Services, that is for Youth Resources I believe, isn't it?

David Mosby: Yes. And I did have the answer, Councilman Bassemier, we do under the Transportation \$75,000, we did sign a contract with Tri-State Transportation and they can do wheelchair service, but it will cost a little bit more. So they can do wheelchair services. That's under Tri-State now.

Councilmember Bassemier : I knew it was going to be more than \$75,000, that's why I was looking at the numbers. You got \$ 75,000, should that change in here, is it going to be

more because (inaudible, mike not on). The whole deal with this program is transportation set up for people with wheelchairs.

David Mosby: Right.

Councilmember Bassemier: It started all of a sudden there for several years, I find out later it just all (inaudible, mike not on) then come to find out that we're not going to do wheelchairs, now we're going to charge them and that's not right. (Inaudible, mike not on.)

David Mosby: No. I mean I don't know how many wheelchairs they would do. I mean –

Councilmember Bassemier: They don't do any for \$75,000, I don't think. We had a couple people call us and they won't pick up...they're not picking up any wheelchair transportation and this was a few months ago.

David Mosby: I've would have to find out why.

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible, mike not on.)

David Mosby: I mean, I'll find out why they're not. I thought they were supposed to do some at that cost but I'll find out.

Councilmember Bassemier: I know the price has gone up but (Inaudible, mike not on.)

David Mosby: Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: That this is the same price it was last year and last year they were not picking up wheelchair (Inaudible, mike not on.)

David Mosby: Okay.

President Raben: Okay. Well, we need to...were you finished, Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

President Raben: We need to move forward because time may be of essence here. Let's move on to Cum Courthouse, page 145.

CUMULATIVE OLD COURTHOUSE

President Raben: Are there any questions on this budget? I don't really have any questions on it other than thanks for establishing that fund. That's something that we need and I think won't have any effect at all on the fund that we've reduced to establish this so thank you. Any other questions, comments? None?

DRAINAGE BOARD

President Raben: Let's move to Drainage Board, 83. This is pretty minimal. Are there any questions of any Councilmembers? None.

RIVERBOAT

President Raben: Okay, 131, Riverboat. Are there any questions pertaining to page 131?

Councilmember Winnecke: I would ask, the last I checked with the Auditor it seemed like the Initiative Based, what we used to call Welfare To Work, was working well from a budgetary standpoint, so I applaud whoever has put all the guides in place to keep it on track. So that's good news.

President Raben: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: Before we get away from Riverboat, I don't have the exact figure on what we generate on the county side with the Riverboat dollars. We've got the three funds we established quite awhile back ago each being at \$500,000. Bill, would you know by chance what that's generating on the Riverboat?

Bill Fluty: It will generate close to \$2 million dollars. We've always only budgeted, I think, the \$1.5.

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

Bill Fluty: For safety sake because of not knowing the trend. Historically, at that this time it seems to have flattened out, so I don't expect any increase in that.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess I ask because I didn't know if there might be some thought to revisiting those allocations on that Riverboat. We've been at that same figure for awhile so I don't know if there is some Infrastructure or Economic Development things that we might looking at coming up down the road that might be better for or even a thought you may have.

David Mosby: There's plenty of projects. I mean, if the money is there, and I would be more than happy to give you a list of projects if you want to look. Probably Infrastructure and Drainage being one of the biggest. I mean there is a lot of need out there for Infrastructure and Drainage projects but, I mean, it simply, we don't have the money to do them all. One big project we're probably looking at is Carpenter Creek. I mean, that's been a major, major project and I mean we are in the process of getting figures. We have a consultant on that job right now.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, I think that the thing that I've always just had a degree of concern of because the Riverboat money is not something that we are assured of on an annual basis. We just don't know what that may be, whether it may be there from one year to the next and the thought is kind of a specialized or one time type of project will be what we'll use the Riverboat dollars for and if we are getting in excess of say an additional say \$5,000 or \$6,000 and it's rolling over into the General Fund I guess it could, to a certain degree, I get a little queasy about getting dependent upon Riverboat dollars moving over into the General Fund. It has helped the General Fund the last few years, but just I think that we're...I don't want to see us move to a point where we're just expecting to use that for operational expenses for the county.

David Mosby: I would totally agree with you. I mean, I don't think Riverboat funds should be used for operational and there is one time projects like you're talking about that we could use these funds on. I think Jobes Lane is one of them.

Councilmember Sutton: But if we don't request it I guess in this budget, then it's going to roll over and that's why I was asking you if there are some other things you had in mind or thoughts or whether this is, you know—

David Mosby: We've always been told, you know, that it stays at \$500,000 and each one and that's just what we request. I could make a request for a lot more, you know, knowing some of the projects that are out there and I could prioritize them for you real simply. But if you tell me to make that request I'd most definitely do it.

Councilmember Sutton: I'm not telling you one way or another. I'm just saying—

David Mosby: I'll make it anyhow if you want me to.

Councilmember Sutton: I'm just saying you might want to give some thought to how we want to approach those dollars.

David Mosby: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Your mind is percolating over there. Does it look like it is percolating?

Councilmember Hoy: Well no. The only comment I was going to make is that in the Auditor's report to us that is reported in a...that excess is reported, the Riverboat money, is reported in a separate column so we do know what that is. I mean that's something we are aware of from month to month. How it's spent is another question and it is a chancy fund.

Bill Fluty: That's reflected on the financial statement.

Councilmember Hoy: My key point on gambling is, first of all, I call it gambling and not gaming. That's what it is and it's too bad we can't put it to help people who are going through bankruptcy and foreclosures.

President Raben: Just a quick comment, as you look at this budget, for instance, 3110 Economic Development where there's been just \$68,000 spent to date of \$500,000. There are funds, I mean you know, if that fund is used appropriately that's a lot of money to work with and you know that's a line that appears to be over budgeted that can always be transferred into 3111 or 3112, but this has worked well, you know, since the start of Riverboat funds and been effective and worked well. I don't see making any major changes right now or trying to create, you know, quick needs for the pure purpose of spending money. So let's move on.

CONVENTION CENTER OPERATING FUND

President Raben: Convention Operating, 197. Are there questions for page 197? No questions? Let's go to page 119.

THE CENTRE

President Raben: Are there any questions here? Just a few things to call attention to would be for instance 3798 Food Services which is up \$150,000.

Councilmember Tornatta: I know in the past that we've kept that on line, but I guess the more money we put in there, the more they sell, the more money we make. We could take it out initially and reappropriate it at another time.

President Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: We made an appropriation this year, didn't we?

President Raben: Yeah, we have \$200,000.

Councilmember Hoy: That's a good idea, I think.

Councilmember Tornatta: I think we've done it the past three years.

Councilmember Hoy: Maybe, yeah. You do have to look at the income generated by conventions and things like that doesn't come here it goes into the community, but it is a source of income for the community.

President Raben: Okay, any questions? None?

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

President Raben: Okay, page 97 Superintendent of County Buildings. Are there any questions on the salary or benefit lines? No questions? On 2000 accounts? I just have one question of like 2868, some of these lines, Building Supplies, can that not come out of the Cum Fund?

Tammy McKinney: Those are just our supplies that keep the maintenance of the building like toilet paper and soap.

President Raben: Yeah, I understand that. Can't any of these miscellaneous lines fall into that fund?

David Mosby: I don't know if you would want to take everyday operations out of what I consider more of a capital.

President Raben: Like, for instance, Contractual Services, some of those it seems like Repairs to Building and Grounds, some of those I would consider to be appropriate shifts to the Cum Fund.

David Mosby: I don't know what the contract yet is going to be to get started over there. I mean, we are looking at an energy savings contract, you know, right now.

President Raben: And that's in here.

David Mosby: But I don't know how much the cost of, you know, whatever we do over there is going to be per year before I tell you you can start eating into, you know, what we have.

President Raben: Well, that energy savings contract, I mean, that's...you actually have a contract, right?

David Mosby: We haven't done any work. I mean, we're getting ready to do an RFP.

President Raben: Okay.

David Mosby: Which is what we're doing. But I mean, there has been no—

President Raben: So there's not any contract?

David Mosby: There's no contract signed with nobody. I mean, I think we have four proposals. They were Siemens, ESG, Exxon, and Proformance, I think were the four that gave us their qualifications, but there has been nothing signed with anybody to start any type of work over there. I mean, it's basically we have to see if you fund this, and if you fund it we have the money to do something. If you don't, I mean, we can't sign a contract.

President Raben: Allow me just a moment, David.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. Chairman, while you're looking, if I might ask a quick question. Tammy, on 3530 Contractual Services and 4120 what generally are those for?

Tammy McKinney: The Contractual Services is for trash pick up, the pest control and the elevator maintenance.

Councilmember Winnecke: And then Buildings?

Tammy McKinney: Buildings is like JE Shekell needs to come out for the heating and air conditioner. That also includes any repairs that the garage, the physical building has. Those come out of my budget.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay. Thanks.

President Raben: Any other questions? No, questions? Okay. Let move on to County Highway 132. David, do you feel like you need a seat yet? That's a long time to stand. Maybe we need a barstool or something.

David Mosby: I was going to say for the next guy that has to do this, bring him a little stool.

President Raben: Oh, I tell you what, let's give you an opportunity to sit down. Kelly Lawrence is back. Let's...allow us to move to him.

David Mosby: That's fine.

President Raben: He was actually first. Now okay...let's take a five minute break and come back to Kelly. Well, let's get Kelly out of the way. He was first on the list today. Then we we'll take a break. Levee Authority page 198.

LEVEE AUTHORITY

President Raben: Okay. Are there any questions of Kelly? I know this is a fairly large budget and there will probably be plenty of questions this afternoon during the joint meetings, so we may not to get to ask all the questions or get them all answered today, maybe we will at 3:00. Ed?

Councilmember Bassemier: I would to say...Royce. I got something. Royce, you go ahead.

Councilmember Sutton: Kelly, on line item 3000 maybe it's the same way you have your budget laid out. Bond and Insurance, is that just kind of industry related cost just passed on or have there been some changes that caused us to see the increase there?

Kelly Lawrence: I can't answer that. I'll find out for you by 3:00. I don't prepare this part of my budget, the finance office does.

Councilmember Sutton: How about on Maintenance Contract? That's our line item 3540?

Kelly Lawrence: That's not a maintenance contract. That's my repair account. My city side is \$96,000 to repair our levee walls and all our pump stations.

Councilmember Sutton: Repair pump stations?

Kelly Lawrence: I mean, that's why I'm not sure about this Bond and Insurance whether that's the health and welfare or what. You all use different numbers than what we use, but that \$96,000 is the repair.

Councilmember Sutton: Is last year's budget \$83,500, what...were your guys able to get as much done last year because we don't show anything in our budget and I don't, it might be just different from what you may have. We don't show anything expended up to this point.

Kelly Lawrence: In what?

Councilmember Sutton: Under that what you call your repair account

Kelly Lawrence: Bear with me here and I'll find it.

Councilmember Sutton: Most of your lines don't have anything expended with the exception of—

President Raben: He shows he expended \$16,299 to date. Royce, it may be helpful on your joint department handout, turn to page 5 and that line is on there, but he is on target to spend a whole lot less than what the request is for sure.

Kelly Lawrence: If one pump breaks down that's like \$60,000 just to get it repaired and we do have a project going if we have enough money to take care of it afterwards.

Councilmember Sutton: So you are just kind of factoring that up just for—

Kelly Lawrence: It has always been that way. In 2002 we expended \$78,000.

President Raben: Royce, are you with us?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I'm with you.

President Raben: What about legal services, Kelly, could you explain that?

Kelly Lawrence: Legal Services is what we pay the city law offices. I don't know how they arrived at that figure and charges, but the city law offices says for the services that we pay X amounts of dollars then divide it on a percentage basis through the different departments.

President Raben: So every city office is assessed with a certain amount?

Kelly Lawrence: That's our assessment.

President Raben: Well, you have to look at the sheet that the city actually uses. They show that as being paid while our book doesn't reflect any of these.

Councilmember Sutton: It shows \$16,480 has been paid.

Kelly Lawrence: Yes, \$16,480 has been paid this year for our legal services. We already expended the total amount.

President Raben: But there are a lot of lines that you know everybody probably does need to cross reference those ones. Kelly, like Repair Parts, the request is for \$20,000. In fact we budgeted \$20,000 this year. In 2002 you spent a little over \$8,000. To date, you've just spent \$3,300. It seems like several of these accounts are pretty high for what the usage and the track record has been. Garage & Motor, \$18,000. It looks like last year you spent \$12,000 and the year before that \$11,000. You know, just for everyone's information, you know, this budget is funded by a different revenue source other than our General Fund, but it does affect, it's much like the Health Department, it affects our overall levy. You know, when this budget grows, when the Health Department grows, that's all factored into our five percent that state statute allows us to grow. So there is not always a lot of attention given to some of these budgets, but there needs to be because they do have a grave effect on what your operating balance and our overall cuts need to be by the end of next week. So this is a tough year, and you know, we've got to look for every cut in any department that we can find to allow us to grow in other areas where, you know, if needed. Okay, any other questions? No questions? Kelly, I just have one. It looks like Electricity, you know, is just another example and we can all take time to digest this, but the request is for \$65,000 and some change. It looks like 2002 we spent \$41,000. In 2001 we spent \$18,000. You know, we might, anybody that has a moment this afternoon may go through this and prepare any other questions we've got.

Kelly Lawrence: I can assure you this year, I don't know if I've got enough money in my account to cover my electricity bill. Well, my overtime bill we have been trying to solve it for four months.

President Raben: That's true. It would have a lot to do with it.

Kelly Lawrence: We had a lot of high water this year and I don't have the luxury of having a big cash reserve to go back to. You need to remember that. I'm self serving.

President Raben: In 2001, where it was extremely low, we may not of...you know, the river just could have been completely different that year.

Kelly Lawrence: Right, we don't have a crystal ball to tell us how much rain we're going to have and how many days we're going to have to pump. Like I'm within \$6,000 of my overtime budget for the rest of the year. That's kind of got me concerned right now, you know.

President Raben: Any other questions? None, thank you, Kelly. Now we'll take a five minute break.

TAPE CHANGE

President Raben: Our five minutes has gone beyond, so let's move on.

CO-OP EXTENSION SERVICES

President Raben: I'm going to, before we take Legal Aid, I'm going to move to Co-op Extension Services, page 78.

Susan Plassmeier: Hi, I'm Susan Plassmeier with Purdue Extension.

President Raben: Are there any questions on page 78 of the 1000, 2000 accounts? Moving into the 3000 accounts I have some questions. I see Travel & Mileage is up. Is there a reason for that?

Susan Plassmeier: We just use...we travel a lot. We pretty well, we've been able to stay within our budget, but we had someone on maternity leave this last year and so she was out a couple of months so we just would like that extra money to help defray those costs.

President Raben: In Travel & Mileage?

Susan Plassmeier: Uh-huh, yeah. She was out. She does a lot of our traveling in doing school programs from that money and up to Purdue for conferences.

Councilmember Bassemier: What page are you on?

Sandie Deig: 79.

Susan Plassmeier: Helps pay our mileage to do that.

President Raben: Okay, Training 3310.

Susan Plassmeier: Well, that one falls in that category where state funds have been cut because our training money, we've always got money from Purdue to help defray our costs when we have training, national training, and they've cut costs too so we have three Purdue educators that could go to training and while I'm asking \$500 more that doesn't,

when you divide that three ways, doesn't go too far, but it would help defray some of the costs rather than it coming out of our pockets.

President Raben: Any other questions?

Councilmember Winnecke: I guess I need to be...I asked this at least the last few years and I don't remember, I apologize, what is the Contractual Services line item used for and then how is the Youth Program used also?

Susan Plassmeier: Okay, Contractual Services line item pays for three Purdue educators. We used to be on county line items and they went this way with the Contractual Services, because people were getting caught up on retirement. They were only getting accounted for partial funds versus the total amount they were being paid, so they decided to go to Contractual Services. That's where that is. I think that was only a two percent increase this year. The Youth Program, that helps support our school enrichment programs that we go into the school and do, and also 4-H programming.

President Raben: Office Machines.

Susan Plassmeier: Yes, we would like to purchase a risograph machine. Ours is six and a half years old and they keep telling us it's really out of date and we're not going to be able to get parts for it. It's kind of limping along now and we did go and we talked...I talked with Troy about this and we've encumbered money the last few years to help pay the bulk of that and so we were actually asking for an additional \$1,500 this year from the traditional \$2,000 that you have given us to help, excuse me, pay for that machine. I went out. We took estimates of things that we print to a printer and what we got, the quote was \$14,000 a year to print those, costs for those printing costs, so when we do them out of our office I think that machine if you figure the new machine it would be about \$1,300 a year over the life span of six or seven years so with our paper and everything, I think probably about \$3,000 versus if you sent it out \$14,000 a year print.

Unidentified: What kind of machine was it?

Susan Plassmeier: It's called a risograph. It's a duplicating machine. It cuts its own masters and we only use that when we have things that we are doing in bulk, over 100 copies or more because it's a lot more cost effective than using a copy machine.

Councilmember Tornatta: We've also talked about possibly doing some type of revenue source which would come out of...they send a newsletter and that's what that goes to the 4-H members, the garden club.

Susan Plassmeier: Master Gardeners.

Councilmember Tornatta: Master Gardeners. They send those newsletters out and all they get is postage to send those out, so possibly looking at something to defray some of the costs of the newsletter. That could come down the pike.

Councilmember Sutton: Like advertising or something like that in the newsletter?

Councilmember Tornatta: No, actually charging for the newsletter. They don't charge anything for the newsletter. Like most places will not charge for the information, but they will charge for the newsletter. They charge for nothing. All their printing costs and everything is out of their pocket. It seems to me like a small charge for the newsletter would be sufficient to take care of a lot of these costs.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions? Thank you, Troy. Okay.

Susan Plassmeier: Thank you.

President Raben: That's it. Thank you.

LEGAL AID & LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY

President Raben: Now let's move to Legal Aid, page 126.

Sue Hartig: Good morning. I'm Sue Hartig. I'm the Director of Legal Aid and I am proud to have three of our attorney board members with me here today, David Kent, David Guerrettaz, Kelly Lonnberg.

President Raben: Okay, are there any questions on the 1000 accounts? Let's move down to the 2000 accounts? Three thousand accounts?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I highlighted three items in a row. Malpractice Insurance, Dues & Subscriptions and Continuing Ed. Sue, if you could give us the highlights of those for us.

Sue Hartig: Our malpractice insurance policy covers the three attorneys in the office as well as any pro bono efforts that private attorneys take on our behalf. We have not yet received the quote for this year so we're always a year behind and I try to just guesstimate what that will be. Some insurance has gone up substantially in the last couple of years. That's why I built in an increase there. Dues & Subscriptions, that is memberships, journals, publications that we subscribe to to stay on top of the law that we're interested in and Continuing Education is continuing legal education for the attorneys and computer classes and continuing ed classes for the secretaries.

Councilmember Winnecke: To what extent does the state require continuing ed for attorneys?

Sue Hartig: Attorneys have to have 36 hours of continuing ed in a three year period and we often go to the video tape replays that are shown here in Evansville rather than the trips to Cancun.

Councilmember Winnecke: We thank you for that.

President Raben: Okay, Councilman Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: In reference to 3250 Law Books. Can't you use the library over here in the court system?

Sue Hartig: To an extent, but we have to have the book right there with us. We have an Indiana Code and we get the Indiana cases that are ruled on each week. We basically take those cases home and read them at home because we don't have time to at work. We wouldn't have time to leave a client, walk back to the other building and look something up in the law library. Part of that we had for a while and want to pick up again, electronic research. It's called Lexis Nexis is the one that we had before. It's right there on our computer on our desk.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions? Let's move on to the United Way, 201. Are there any questions? Sue, it looks like Examination of Records is up, Printing?

Sue Hartig: Yes, we have just gone through a lot of our flyers and our internal information that we produce, so we have asked for an increase there. We've entered into a new three year contract for the audit after taking requests for proposals and we will need the \$2,500 there, but we have reduced other columns, so our bottom line of \$64,000 is the same.

President Raben: Alright, any other questions here? None? Thank you.

Sue Hartig: Thank you.

COUNTY HIGHWAY

President Raben: Okay, now let's go back to County Highway, page 132 through 133, 134, 135. Are there any questions on starting with 2000 accounts on 135? Let's go on to—

Councilmember Winnecke: Yeah, I'm sorry. I was just getting there. Line 2530, that's a pretty sizable increase. Is that what we buy our salt and sand for winter out of?

David Mosby: No, that's bituminous...that's paving.

Councilmember Winnecke: This is paving, I'm sorry.

David Mosby: That's material, yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: I don't know my minerals, sorry.

David Mosby: Calcium and chloride, if you see that's going to be your salt. Bituminous is your overlay for your roads.

President Raben: (Inaudible, mike not on) is that account.

Councilmember Winnecke: Oh, I'm sorry, I didn't go far enough.

David Mosby: Yeah, 2580 is your salt.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: 2210, from what we've spent and what we've spent so far to date is there a reason for the jump? I know that was approved last year for some reason, but I'm sure there was a reason coming for that as well.

(Inaudible conversation at mike)

President Raben: One thing we need to bear in mind, a lot of this will be adjusted between now and usually it's September, is it not, John, when the state will actually kind of finalize the numbers that we can use on this budget and they'll tell us what needs to be cut?

John Stoll: I was going say, I remember when the state does do that, I don't remember what specific month it is.

President Raben: It's usually, yeah, after the first of September anyway. Now they won't go through and, John, typically they'll say you need to take \$100,000 out of this budget and then he'll tell us or he'll make the cuts from whatever lines, but this is funded with gasoline tax and it's kind of a unknown right now. Councilman Wortman, this has always been your assignment. Will you stay on top of this?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, doing pretty good. I want to thank Dennis for getting that railroad, and John, for getting that railroad out at Boonville-New Harmony Road straightened out. It's pleased a lot of people out there.

President Raben: Yes, it has. I've heard a lot of comments on that.

Councilmember Wortman: We had three of them. We've got one down and two to go now at St. Joe Avenue and Mill Road there. Thank you, I appreciate it.

President Raben: Okay. Any other questions? We've already bought calcium chloride for this winter, right? Calcium and salt?

Dennis Hudnall: We always keep the barn full from year to year, but we have replenished that. It's 1,300 ton capacity in the barn. Oh, sorry. The capacity of the salt barn is 1,300 tons and in one snow, if it is pretty harsh, it will take 600 tons out of there, so I keep replenishing it. Last year we had to fill it up about six times. But we always keep a full barn and then we've got something to start with and we just keep replenishing it.

David Mosby: We are full right now.

President Raben: Okay, and that, I mean, the biggest usage of that usually falls after the first of the year, so we don't really need to probably look at spending any more of that for the balance of 2003 probably, do we?

Dennis Hudnall: Last year it started at Thanksgiving and lasted until March. So it's hard to predict.

David Mosby: Christmas, Christmas day.

President Raben: I'll tell you what. Like with all of us, you know, you get plenty of phone calls, you know, people complaining about one thing or the other and wanting to give their two cents worth, but you folks never, Dennis, really hear enough about some of the good and you guys last year did a great job of keeping the roads clean and I know you don't have any control over what time of the day it comes either, so you're getting them out of bed and they're doing a lot of the right things so we appreciate that.

Dennis Hudnall: We appreciate the comment, but I have to give credit to the guys that work out there at the garage. They're always, you know, willing to come in on the overtime, work long hours, so I have to give them the credit for being dedicated workers.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions, comments? None?

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

President Raben: Okay, let's move to Cum Bridge, page 138. Are there any questions on any of these? This, I'll give my little spiel here again, while this is a separate levy this does have an effect on your overall mission here for the next two weeks, so if there is any questions we need to speak up.

Councilmember Winnecke: Where is the...on line 4366 the Green River Road North Culvert, where exactly is that?

John Stoll: That would be local match money for the bridge project. If the bridge is raised to get the bridge elevation out of the 100 year flood, in effect by raising it we're building a dam and to be able to get DNR permits in order to raise the bridge we'll have to put in overflow structures.

Councilmember Winnecke: Are we talking north of Lynch?

John Stoll: I'm sorry. Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

John Stoll: Between Hirsch and Heckel.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

John Stoll: So we'll have to put in some additional culvert structures to offset any overflow that was going over the top of the road.

Councilmember Winnecke: I gotcha.

John Stoll: Hopefully there will be federal aid money available for that bridge and the intent was that \$700,000 would go towards a local match for federal aid money.

President Raben: John, this budget is, in comparison to last year, is up a little over \$700,000. Is that project the culprit for that, or does that take blame for most of that increase?

John Stoll: In general, I would say yes. There are several smaller projects we've added, smaller culvert replacement projects, but that is the one single biggest item. We've got some other smaller things like the Oak Hill Road culvert. That's another \$150,000, but that project is under design right now and that will be replacing the culvert that is up just south of Keystone Subdivision between Keystone's entrance and St. George Road, so those are just one time projects, but that is primarily what is making the jump in the overall budget.

President Raben: I've got one question of the Auditor. Bill, in dealing with this budget and, John, I mean I guess this is where we would need to ask you to consider if, in fact, all these projects will get completed in 2004. You know, that fund continues to collect the money regardless of whether or not it is all budgeted for, so the money never goes anywhere. Yourself and the Commissioners have total control of those funds, but am I correct if I state that if we have projects in this budget for fiscal 2004 and we don't do them that, in essence, hurts us in terms of how we budget for our five percent levy, is that correct?

Bill Fluty: Yes, the Cum Bridge is in your maximum levy total, so a reduction in the Cum Bridge would actually let you put some money in other places, whether it be the General Fund, Museum, Levee.

President Raben: So what we're saying here is not that we would be using this money for other purposes. The money would stay in the Cum Bridge Fund and would be there for you to use and the Commissioners to use at any given time, but if it is not reflected in our budget, if we've got projects that realistically won't even start next year it is to our benefit for the purpose of budgeting for the whole county that they not be part of this budget. That's just something to consider. If we've got some in here that, you know, you don't really feel like we may even start on next year, you know, it would be helpful to us to be able to take those out. Again, your fund, Cum Fund, continues to grow. You still have the funds available to you, but it's not necessarily reflected in your budget. I don't know if this is making sense.

John Stoll: Yeah, I follow what you're saying. So you're basically saying if there are any projects in here that wouldn't get potentially done in 2004 get them out now and then you could increase somewhere else.

President Raben: And you can pull from that fund. You know, you can get an appropriation at any given time. The fund will still collect the exact same amount of tax that it would if it is in the project...in this budget or not. That fund is still for your discretion and David's discretion. I mean, we can't change that fund, but from a budgetary standpoint it does help us trying to reduce our big number.

John Stoll: That might be one of the projects we might want to take—

President Raben: Well, and you can give it some consideration and get with maybe Councilman Wortman. Is this your assignment?

Councilmember Wortman: Oh, yeah. Yeah.

President Raben: Maybe get with him and see if there are any changes that can be made.

Councilmember Wortman: Basically, Mr. Chairman, I think what he has referenced to is all the projects, are they going to go in 2004. I guess that's what you're asking, isn't it, Mr. Raben?

President Raben: It is. And, again, it's not any sales job to cut, you know, any of the projects that you have in mind. It's not intended for that, it's just for all practical purposes for what we have to do in the next two weeks, it's helpful to us and you still have the same amount of money regardless next year to work with.

John Stoll: The plan would be to go ahead and get the projects done, but we've been battling right-of-way on every single project we've done as of late and it has slowed down everything we've tried to do, so the plan would be to get the projects done in 2004. Whether or not we could get them finished in 2004 would remain to be seen. And whether it is University Parkway or a small culvert bridge project, we have battled right-of-way everywhere, so it's an ongoing headache. That would be the one thing that would prevent us from getting the project done in 2004.

Councilmember Wortman: And if you wouldn't, like some of these projects, you do transfer from one to another, too, if you run into problems on some and then it would roll over at the end of the year, too. Back into the fund, see.

President Raben: Okay, well if you would—

David Mosby: I know what you're saying, Councilman, and I'll see if there is something that we don't think could possibly go.

President Raben: Bill, did you have anything to add to that? I see you got your mike keyed there.

Bill Fluty: No.

President Raben: If you were wanting to jump in. Okay, and, you know, I don't know, I think I'm on base with what I am saying. I may not have done a very good job of making it understandable, but that is correct, is it not?

Bill Fluty: It is included in your maximum levy, the Cum Bridge, and I think there are five other funds, so it's just a shift of where that money needs to be. If there is money in the Cum Bridge that is not needed, it can be shifted to those other funds.

David Mosby: Let me, because I keep hearing you say that, are you saying that would decrease the bridge fund by like a penny or something if you did that? I mean, is that what you're saying?

Bill Fluty: If you're able to decrease the Cum Bridge, then you may be able to increase Levee Authority, the General Fund, the Museum.

David Mosby: Right, okay. Is that what you're saying?

President Raben: But the rate, the actual Cum Bridge rate would not necessarily have to change, would it?

Bill Fluty: Yes, the rate would be lowered to bring in what you budget.

David Mosby: I mean, we just lowered it by a penny and I don't want to lower it any more.

President Raben: Okay, and that may be where I am off base. Okay, I didn't think that would happen, so the actual rate would actually change?

Bill Fluty: That's the way I understand that, but I will check on that for you.

President Raben: Let us...David, let us double-check that.

David Mosby: Because what I'm hearing you say—

President Raben: I mean it is my understanding that the rate would not change and that's why I say I would want...before I ask you to do anything let us get some clarification on that because it really wouldn't be necessarily my intent to change that rate.

David Mosby: And I don't think we can afford to change it after taking the penny off already.

President Raben: Okay, we'll get back with you on that.

David Mosby: Okay.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman, I was always under the impression that you set the rate like 15 cents or 10 cents per hundred, that's the way it was and you budgeted that, that's the way it was. That was my impression for years, not unless it has changed or something. You would have to check with the Auditor.

David Mosby: Well, it was a nickel and we just lowered it to four cents, so we're at four cents right now which I think is going to be sufficient, but with the projects that we've got coming up over the next year or two we cannot afford to go below the four cents.

President Raben: And this budget we have, I mean, it does allow us to pick up some road improvements, you know. Because what are you allowed, 500 feet on either side of the bridge, so some roads, that has been the better part of it. Okay, we'll get back to you on that. Are there any other questions for Cum Bridge?

LOCAL ROADS AND STREETS

Let's move on to Local Roads & Streets, 155. Okay, we're going to change tape.

TAPE CHANGE

President Raben: Any questions on 155?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. Chairman? I would just ask on line 2530, Bituminous Materials, and 2550, I guess, first on Bituminous Materials why, that's a pretty good size increase. Then on Sand and Gravel, what is that used for?

David Mosby: That's our paving.

Dennis Hudnall: Bituminous Materials, this our paving, this is for the 29 miles that we do each year. We also have Bituminous Material on the Bridge.

Councilmember Winnecke: Right.

Dennis Hudnall: Which you noticed, I think it was something like \$75,000 or so. Anytime I do a bridge approach on either side of 500 feet, I charge that to the Bridge account.

Councilmember Winnecke: Right.

Dennis Hudnall: That's why you see it in both accounts.

Councilmember Winnecke: What about county, it's also in County Highway too.

Dennis Hudnall: Yeah, basically, I discussed this with John, basically, County Highway and Local Roads and Streets are the same way, it's just different color money coming from the state, is my understanding.

Councilmember Winnecke: I hope it's all green.

Dennis Hudnall: Me too.

Councilmember Winnecke: Sorry.

Dennis Hudnall: This is the majority of our roads, and then the other comes out of like the Bridge Fund and things like that.

Councilmember Winnecke: But, Sand and Gravel, in this budget doesn't have anything to do with winter treatment of roads?

Dennis Hudnall: Okay, in this right here, some of this sand is, but what we do is, when we put a culvert in or repair (inaudible), we have to do back fill, a culvert or a driveway. A drainage culvert that goes across the highway, we have to back fill that, and that's the sand and gravel we use.

Councilmember Winnecke: But it doesn't have anything to do with material, oh, never mind, you answered my question. I'm fine.

President Raben: Okay, are there any other questions here?

Councilmember Winnecke: I guess I'll jump in also on page 156, the four large projects; Oak Hill and St. George, Oak Hill and Bergdolt, Green River and Millersburg, and then Green River at Lynch. Could you give us the rundown? I guess, just on the status of those, where they are in their lives, and all that.

John Stoll: On Oak Hill and St. George, the consultant is doing the final plans right now. They will start right-of-way acquisitions as soon as the final plans are prepared. We hope to have the right-of-way acquired by the end of this year, so, this project could go to construction. That's what the \$550,000 is for.

Councilmember Winnecke: Is for, I'm sorry, is for construction?

John Stoll: Construction, yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, does that represent our entire cost?

John Stoll: Plus the \$150,000 that's in Cum Bridge for next year as well.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, but this represents—

John Stoll: Right.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

John Stoll: On Oak Hill and Bergdolt, this is design money. EUTS has done some studies and found that a traffic signal would be justified there, and intersection improvements would be warranted. So, this would be design. This would be a federal aid project, so the

game plan would be design a traffic signal, plus put in left turn lanes on Oak Hill at Bergdolt.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, and how does that fall in as far as the priority list of all this?

John Stoll: On EUTS?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, the EUTS project list.

John Stoll: This would be pretty far down right now, simply because it's just going to design. It won't be ready for construction for a couple of years at the earliest. So, as far as a top priority for construction right now, it probably isn't even on their list at this point. They are just now getting it finalized and getting the federal aid final approvals on it. So, this is just the very beginning stage of that project. On Green River and Millersburg, that is for right-of-way acquisition. That project is in design, and hopefully, by the latter part of next year we could be acquiring the right-of-way on that project. It's a federal aid project, so, just like Oak Hill and Bergdolt, it will take a long time to go through all the federal aid hoops, but hopefully, it will be ready to go for right-of-way acquisition.

Councilmember Winnecke: So, the \$150,000 represents right-of-way, and then at some point, like next year, will you come back and ask for construction money?

John Stoll: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: What would you anticipate that being, ballpark?

John Stoll: Probably \$200,000 to \$300,000 would be our share.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

John Stoll: The project right now is around \$1 million, \$1 million five.

Councilmember Wortman: I might add, these projects that John's talking about, there's quite a few subdivisions out there, and this traffic is really increasing out there.

John Stoll: When this project was started, we thought we were ahead of the game, and we're behind again. The last project on Green River, that would be for design and for construction, and for right-of-way as well. In trying to get the project moving ahead, the project will have to be split into two phases. One phase would be the section between Hirsch and Lynch, and the other would be between Heckel and Hirsch. The bridge is in the section between Heckel and Hirsch, and with federal aid going to that portion, there is no federal aid money available for the section from Hirsch to Heckel. Basically, all the federal aid money for this area will be used in the University Parkway project, the city's St. Joe Avenue project, and Warrick County has a couple of projects on, I believe, Telephone Road and Epworth Road. So, we don't see any federal aid money being available for Hirsch to Lynch. That section could have a construction price tag of up to \$2.7 million, plus. There again, we've got an issue of raising the road, so we'll have to acquire right-of-way, and then anything left would be applied to design for the section between Hirsch and Heckel.

Councilmember Winnecke: John, where does this, where do you see this project in its life relative to the soccer complex and its progress?

John Stoll: At best we would get the section between Lynch and Hirsch under construction some time middle to latter part of next year. It's my understanding that the soccer complex is going to open next summer.

President Raben: Right.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Wortman: I noticed, John, you've put zero in for Mt. Pleasant there. I guess that's on hold right there, like Ray Road and all that there, and 41?

John Stoll: No. We've got all but one parcel either secured or in condemnation on our right-of-way acquisitions. Once we get all the money deposited with the courts, then our plan is to go ahead and get that project out for bid by the end of this year. So that would be using existing money that is already in the budgets, and we wouldn't need any additional 2004 money.

President Raben: John, on the Green River and Lynch, the 4920, how much will actually be needed for fiscal year 2004 of that total 4.5?

John Stoll: Based on what the consultants have said, they could have a design done for up to Hirsch Road, between Lynch and Hirsch by next April, I believe. So, then we go right into right-of-way acquisition, if needed. It's hard to say what the right-of-way acquisition might cost, but the construction cost is estimated to be up to \$2.7 million. With the other design costs for the section from Hirsch to Heckel, depending on what options are done...the way the contract was set up, the consultant has to go out and study, really, what elevation we can put the road in, where we can go in regard to getting DNR permits, which in turn dictates what we can do on the first phase up to Hirsch Road. Then it definitely affects what we can do on the second phase. The additional design money could be up to a million dollars for the section between Hirsch and Heckel. So, realistically, we could need \$2.7 million for construction, a million for design, and then that leaves \$750,000, give or take, for right-of-way, plus any construction inspection contracts. So, depending on how fast the project goes, all that could be necessary next year. But, there again, the right-of-way is the big unknown on all these projects anymore.

President Raben: Okay.

John Stoll: We do have the right-of-way, back when this project was originally initiated back in the early 90's, the right-of-way was purchased based on keeping the road at its existing elevation. So the county does have a pretty good chunk of the right-of-way. We shouldn't need significantly more, but how much more won't be known until the design is completed. So hopefully, the right-of-way process won't take as long as it has on University Parkway or Mt. Pleasant, but that remains to be seen.

President Raben: Alright. Thank you. One quick question, John, on that 4.5, did you take into consideration the \$500,000 that we put in there last year?

John Stoll: Yes, that's going for design, and the studies right now to determine what elevation we can actually get the road built to.

President Raben: Oh, so that's in addition to the 2.7?

John Stoll: Yes.

President Raben: Whew! So, the design, that's \$3.2 million for just design and engineering?

John Stoll: No. The 2.7 of that would be construction.

President Raben: Oh, okay. Okay, I got you. Alright, any other questions? No questions. We're moving on. Let's go to Burdette Park.

BURDETTE PARK

President Raben: Page 121. Without getting into a long to do, Steve, what do revenues look like in comparison to the same time last year?

Steve Craig: They're lower than last year, but as with our summer, as the weather goes, our revenues go. With late May and June being so cold and wet, we started out in the hole, we were behind last year in almost everything.

President Raben: Okay, and this is our last full week.

Steve Craig: Yeah, we'll be starting school a week from yesterday.

President Raben: Okay, are there any questions for page 121?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President?

President Raben: Mr. Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: Steve, how did you, on line 1180, Other Employees, how did you get to \$475,000?

Steve Craig: We're, with the Discovery Lodge starting to rent now, next year we're booking it up, you know, at a pretty good rate, we're probably going to need to have a maintenance man. That actually doubles the size of our indoor rental capacity in the park. If we have everything rented on weekends, such as we do now, and then we throw that into being rented, we're probably going to need extra people. Plus, I'll probably have somebody there at night to begin with to make sure that people using the building know what they're doing. But basically, it's from going to be taking care of the new building and that area up there. We have another 25 acres to maintain, mow, take care of, and for the building to be cleaned every time it's used.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions on page 121? Let's move on to 122, 2000 accounts. Any questions on 2000 accounts? I have a question on 2310, Steve, Laundry and Cleaning, history does not speak for a \$10,000 request there. What's your thinking there?

Steve Craig: Well, one of the things that goes with laundry and that is the rugs and that that we rent from our laundry service, and we're going to put them in our new building. Plus for when people come in on wet days and wet nights, that they don't slip. Another thing, we do a lot of our own laundry, we had purchased a washer and dryer, and it's kind of a catch 22, the more we do, the more we pay people to do than to have it done at the other one. So, if I can save money by not having my people, you know, do it all the time, then we would go through the laundry. But, we've, last year we were a little bit lower, but, I know in the past we had ran out of money on the laundry and that. We have bought some of our sheets and that that we do the chalets with, whereas we used to rent them. I'm finding out that the one's that we get aren't quite the quality they are, they don't last and that. So, we figured we needed a little bit more money in that area.

President Raben: Any other questions for 122? Moving to 123, 2550, Sand and Gravel, do you want to speak to that one?

Steve Craig: We can always, every year I run out. I mean, it's, that's what we do our roads with. Our campgrounds, all of our parking lots that aren't paved are gravel, and it doesn't reflect that we've spent very much now. But as the fall comes and the winter, we go through and do all the roads so they make it through the winter. But it's just the aggregates that we use in the park is sand, rip rap, you know, gravel, pea gravel, we use that in our playgrounds.

President Raben: I'm going to say it this year, because I don't think I've missed in the last five or six, but this is a line that really should come, you know, we can spend out of the Highway. I mean, we discussed Materials lines and stuff, these are county roads, county parking, you know, this is stuff that could be paid for with other funding sources, but we've never gotten there. Okay, any other questions?

Councilmember Winnecke: Steve, line 3440, Advertising?

Steve Craig: What this was based on is with our master plan and that, one of the things that they had suggested from the very beginning, that we did not put enough money into this area. That we should be advertising more. Then I had talked to the Evansville Convention and Visitors Bureau, and with the monies that they've allotted for the soccer fields and everything that they've got, that money next year is going to be a little bit scarce. Every year they help put money into our Advertising Account to help us advertise, and, you know, get the word out to the people that's visiting the city. From every indication I got from them, the money's not going to be available because of the projects that they've taken on.

Councilmember Winnecke: What is your, or what is the recommendation, I guess, for how to market the park then based on this \$30,000 budget?

Steve Craig: Excuse me?

Councilmember Winnecke: What is the plan to market the park with this \$30,000 budget? How do you propose to do it?

Steve Craig: Recently we used t.v., we used radio, I like to use billboards. We only had one billboard this year. I think last year we had three. But, we go through the media, trying to catch, you know, what appeals to the people that we think is going to be at the park. It goes, like I said, t.v., radio—

Councilmember Winnecke: Is there an ad agency that creates, does the creative work for you, or do you do that in-house? How does that work?

Steve Craig: Do what?

Councilmember Winnecke: Is there an ad agency that does the creative, or is that done in-house?

David Mosby: The ad agency we used.

Steve Craig: Yeah, Media Management.

David Mosby: Yeah, Media Management did it last year. The reason we put this in here, because these books just came in Friday, but with talking with the people from the master plan, you know, they were talking about our budget and our marketing strategy, and they are suggesting that we target television, radio, on-line, and public signage initiatives, and other available sources. They recommended that we put \$40,000 in, they think that's only adequate, anything less, but we're going to try it with \$30,000. Or that's what we're asking.

Councilmember Winnecke: How wide an area is the, are they suggesting that we market to? Is that just the Evansville sort of media market? Or in media markets beyond Evansville?

Steve Craig: Well, what we've done is what I call the tri-state area, because we had a billboard that was right on the other side, or this side of the Henderson bridge, catching people from Kentucky. We put one on the northern part of the county up by Toyota, and then we had one on the west side. But the t.v. with our local television stations, it puts

them out, I think, about 50 miles that, you know, surrounding area. If they listen to the radio stations, different one's you go with, some of them go to Owensboro, some of them go to Terre Haute, some of them hit southern Illinois, so, I can say we're probably hitting a 50 mile circle with our ad copy.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess, on, Steve, over here. Just supposing that this campaign, this marketing effort that you guys want to undertake is geared more toward the summer months and that type of activities that are going on during the warmer seasons?

Steve Craig: Yeah, well, the one, you know, the advertising that we do with our website and on the Internet and that, you know, of course, that's year round, but we do advertise the chalets, the buildings and that, and we do want to add some advertisement for the new Discovery Lodge, at least for the first year to get the word out. I think once the words out and that, then we'll be self sufficient in advertising itself. Most of it, I would say 80% to 90% of it is geared for May, you know, May through August.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, so yes, nothing is going to spread throughout the year. It's just kind of a push that you're trying to get during a certain time of the year to promote it.

Steve Craig: Yes sir.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. In terms of the usage on the chalets and the lodges, in the off season, what are we seeing there?

Steve Craig: Well, we've had a new program where that if during the week in the winter, which we started last year in January that if you would rent one during the week, you would get one day free and that. There seemed to be a lot of interest in that, and we're having certain promotions that we've had with the chalets to...we can't rent them anymore in the summer, because they're pretty well rented out. After the five months of May through September, we've been offering different things, even then to the county employees. We want to offer them where they can use these discounts. The theory is that once the people use them, they always want to come back. We've had good success with this.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess, I'm just inquiring, I guess, just so that we can really think about the park as being a place where people can go all year round, and the summer is really our busy time where we are gonna make the most opportunities available, but some of our other things people maybe need to know about those as well. In the other parts of the year.

David Mosby: Royce, I think some of that is going to be addressed in the master plan. There is a couple copies of this that I'm going to give Sandie to put over in the office, because they just came in Friday. But, that was one of the things that was addressed that we heavily discussed in the master plan is the year round use of that park. I mean, I'll tell you they are recommending, initially it was in the one to five year, an enclosed roller skating rink was recommended back into the master plan. In talking to Rolando the other day, he's not sure that he wouldn't move that up to the immediate, because it's one thing that they see as a year round use. He said that's one of your biggest things is trying to get people out there year round. That's what we're doing with the chalets now.

President Raben: I can't imagine that that's in that. I don't know who took advantage of the initial viewing of the master plan on a Saturday morning back in early spring, but that was raised by some members of the audience, bringing back an indoor roller skating rink. In fact, they were very clear on the fact that, you know, that's not a recommendation. I don't know when that became their recommendation, but that Saturday morning they said, hey, today that wouldn't be our recommendation, because, you know, people aren't roller skating. He was very explicit that we can see you doing an outside roller skating area, much like the city has done, you know, for the kids that are roller blading—

Councilmember Sutton: Right, and the skateboards.

President Raben: –that people aren’t....yeah, and for skateboards, but he emphatically said, no, that would not be a recommendation. So, when did that change?

David Mosby: Probably, a couple three weeks ago when I talked to him. One of their other assessments was going to be to an indoor ice skating rink. I said, you know, I cannot see us building an indoor ice skating rink and competing with the city when they’ve got two facilities.

President Raben: Well, that was an outdoor.

David Mosby: Well, at one time it was outdoor, but then due to the weather they were talking about indoor so it would be year round use on whichever. Well, ice skating you would be competing with the city. They’ve got two \$13 million buildings sitting out there, and he said his other recommendation would be an indoor roller skating.

President Raben: I don’t want to hit on this too much, but I’m confused–

David Mosby: Well, he’s going to be in town, we’re having–

President Raben: –how we go from this isn’t, in fact, they almost laughed at the idea to, you know, within a matter of a month or two it’s, they’ve moved it to the priority list. I’m confused how that happened.

David Mosby: He just called me the other day and said I’m not sure I wouldn’t move it up to the–

President Raben: Well, it wasn’t even part of the original recommendation.

David Mosby: It’s under his one to five, but he said I would probably would move it to my initial. So, we’re inviting them in town, I think it’s the 18th, at our meeting to go ahead and go through this presentation, because this just came in Friday.

President Raben: I would be interested to find that one out, because something stinks there. That’s not, that’s not kosher.

David Mosby: The thing about it is we don’t have to do it. I mean, nothing says we have to do anything in that plan. I’m just telling you this is there, that there’s an initial, a one to five, and a five to ten. But you don’t have to do anything in there. I mean, it’s just what they’re recommending.

President Raben: Again, my point is that’s what was open to the public was their plan, and now that’s already changed, so.

David Mosby: Yeah, I mean, I went out there that morning for awhile.

President Raben: Okay, Steve, I have a question, moving to 3190, Solid Waste, that’s gone from \$12,000 to \$14,000, you know, there again looking back at the history, even through 2000, you know \$9,000 would have been enough for the last three years, four years. Why the request for \$14,000.

Steve Craig: We’ve added another dumpster up at the Discovery Lodge, which the day camp used all summer, and it would be a dumpster that sits up there for the year. That’s for the–

President Raben: Do you have a balance for that account now?

Steve Craig: Which one?

President Raben: 190.

Steve Craig: As of June 30th it was as \$1,627, is what we had used.

President Raben: Used or the balance?

Steve Craig: This says has been expended as of June 30th. So, that's what we have used just this year. If you go according to the billing, that would have been the last billing would have been May 10th. If it was after May 10th—

President Raben: Okay, \$1,627. I thought you were...yeah, that's your expenditures was \$1,627.

Steve Craig: Yes.

President Raben: For the first—

Steve Craig: But, that's not any of the summer.

President Raben: Right, I understand that, but that's one we need to look at, because your balance right now is in excess of \$16,000 in that account, which means that we're budgeting for way more than we're using. Okay, are there any other questions?

Councilmember Winnecke: I just have two quick, actually two quick one's, I guess. One, Steve, the increase in Utilities, is that attributed to the Discovery Lodge?

Steve Craig: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay. Quickly, on the computers, what's the need there?

Steve Craig: This was suggested to us by Computer Services, that this should be put in.

Councilmember Winnecke: That's fine, but what is it for?

Steve Craig: It's supposed to get one new computer, and one, our printer is ten years old, and they want to replace that.

President Raben: What is that, 3520?

Councilmember Winnecke: 3371.

Steve Craig: That's for one computer and one printer. It says computers—

Councilmember Winnecke: Then, what about the software.

Steve Craig: It says this is needed to upgrade our software programs. That was suggested by Computer Services.

Councilmember Sutton: Now, which software would this be you're talking about improving or upgrading?

Steve Craig: For our office services at Burdette.

President Raben: The one we just spent—

Councilmember Sutton: It's not the reservation system?

Steve Craig: No.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: My last question just had to do with the Motor Vehicles. I guess, I'm trying to reason the justification, I'm trying to figure out if these are requests or if they are needs?

Steve Craig: They are needs. We didn't get one last year. I think the last time that we had got one was in 2000, and that was a utility truck. We have two pick up trucks that's used every day, and they both have 100,000 miles on them.

Councilmember Winnecke: How many miles do you put on your vehicles a year?

Steve Craig: Do I?

Councilmember Winnecke: Or, I mean, do people at the park.

Steve Craig: They're ten years old, probably 10,000 miles. But, 10,000 miles in the park, that's a lot of miles, there's no highway miles. These trucks—

Councilmember Winnecke: I understand that. There are how many vehicles? There are two altogether?

Steve Craig: We're requesting two.

Councilmember Winnecke: Right. Do we have a dump truck now?

Steve Craig: We have two of them. One of them is about 12 years old, the other one is about five years old.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, thank you.

President Raben: Okay, Steve, just a few other things. The land which was, I'm looking for it here.

Councilmember Sutton: 4110.

President Raben: 4110, if you would just briefly talk about that request.

Steve Craig: That's land for, \$5,000 of it's to repair our ditches. They're the original WPA ditches, and a lot of them have collapsed and that, and we've been trying to repair them over the years to keep the water directed in the right direction. The other \$19,000 is for the land that's on the south side of the park, which we rent part of it right now for overflow parking. The guy had come to us and had wanted to sell it last year. We had asked to buy part of it, and he was not interested in selling just the part that we lease, but he wanted to sell it all at one time. He said that if we were ever interested in buying all the ground, which I think is 12.75 acres or something, that he would be interested in selling it all. It was appraised for \$19,000 at the time. He did not want to sell part of it. He wanted to keep it together.

President Raben: That land, in fact, I started to say a high percentage of it, but probably most of it falls below the flood plain, does it not?

Steve Craig: Yes.

President Raben: That's why it appraised at such a low rate for 12 acres.

Steve Craig: Yes.

President Raben: You know, Steve, Park and Playground, 4130, what's the explanation with that?

Steve Craig: We've been replacing all of our tables at our buildings, our chalets and that with metal tables that have a plastic coating over them. I've been receiving several warnings on the picnic tables that's used across the United States, and especially in Burdette, is made out of treated lumber. They have arsenic, some kind of salt solution in them. They are not recommended for using to eat food off of. We've taken a lot of them and sprayed the tops of them, which they recommended with a coating, but all of the one's at our buildings we have been changing over to these metal with the plastic tops on them. They are very expensive, but they're a good picnic table. I think we probably bought 25 of them this year. We're just going to every building, so that we're trying to comply with this problem. It's not considered a good idea to use these older wooden tables like we've got at the park. In every building we're putting ADA tables also, which is something we didn't have in the past. We just kind of systematically have been going through the park replacing them with these better tables.

President Raben: Steve, I'm not following you. I understand what you're doing there. You're just doing what you have to do, my gosh, people have been eating off wooden picnic tables forever. Really, it kind of gets old. You know, they pick everything to death today, don't they?

Steve Craig: Yeah. It's when they came in with the treated lumber. Before that they used to paint them, so.

Councilmember Sutton: What do we with the...Steve, what do we do with all the tables that we're getting rid of? I mean, do we have some type of surplus process or something?

Councilmember Tornatta: Could save on Utilities.

Councilmember Sutton: Maybe we offset some of the cost of what we're paying for these new one's for what we sell off or whatever.

Councilmember Winnecke: (inaudible) Discovery Lodge (inaudible).

Councilmember Tornatta: Save the Utilities.

Steve Craig: Royce, a lot of these was built when Ray Wolf was out at the park, which was, well, that was probably 15, 18 years ago. That's how old they are. Every year we probably have ten to 15 that we just unbolt and throw away, because they are too old to reuse. It's been like a replacement process. We've been taking the one's from the buildings, which we've kept in probably better shape than what's out in the park, just because some of them are under cover and that. We've taken them and put them out in the park and kind of deleted some of the tables that wasn't worth the time and that to put them back together. If you come out and take a look at them, some of them are getting in bad shape, but it's better to have an old picnic table than no picnic table, so.

President Raben: Steve, I don't mean to cut you short, but we're already beyond our allotted time, so we need to move on. You and I will be together before we have to finalize this budget. So, that's it. Let's move on.

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES

President Raben: 911 service, which is on page 191. Are there any questions there? No questions?

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION

President Raben: Local Emergency Planning on 189. That's basically the same.

LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY

President Raben: Drug Free Community, page 190. Everything looks in order there. Any questions? Okay, no questions. Let's see, I don't actually, we just recess. So, the chair is going to recess until 9:00 a.m. August the 6th.

Councilmember Winnecke: (Inaudible. Mike not on.)

President Raben: Well, that's pertaining to this. Everyone, just a reminder that, as Councilman Winnecke said, there is a 3:00 p.m. meeting, joint City-County meeting today. The meeting is recessed.

(The meeting was recessed at 12:04 p.m.)

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 6, 2003**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 6th day of August, 2003 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President Jim Raben at 9:00 a.m.

President Raben: Good morning, we will now reconvene the budget hearings for today, August 6, 2003. Attendance roll call, please.

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

President Raben: Now if we could all stand for the Pledge.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

**FAMILY AND CHILDREN
CHILDREN'S PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES**

President Raben: Okay, thank you and good morning to everyone. First on the agenda is the Division of Family & Children's Services, page 146. As everyone comes up today, if you would, please state your name for the record.

John Schroder: My name is John Schroder. I'm the Assistant Director with the Vanderburgh County Office of Family & Children, part of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration. The printout, I believe that you have, is a preliminary printout indicating that we did not have our budget back from Indianapolis when this was prepared for you. I have put a packet on your table. The actual budget submission was included in there. What we have in this packet for you is the submitted Family and Children's Fund budget. All the budget preparation material where we work on the estimates and everything like that. There's a legally required second quarter Senate Bill 400 statement material that we have to provide to you twice a year and I have also included in here a Family and Children's Fund historical information over the past eight years and information concerning delinquent placement costs which have become a greater part of our budget. In addition to that, this year, on the other side of the packet, is a submitted budget form for a new fund established by the state legislature called the Children's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services Fund. This was established apparently by the legislature for certain child placement expenses. There is information that we have received concerning this following the actual budget information form and also included with that is the legal formula for how the fund was developed. In other words, they said there was a certain percentage of funds and expenditures that had to be used to create this new fund as it was established. There is a lot of information in these packets, and like I indicated, what was originally printed out since we do not receive this back from the director in Indianapolis in time for your printouts, we asked the Auditor's Office to include in the printout more than...what we assume to be more than what the final budget was going to be submitted for so that there wouldn't be a shortcoming there. You got a printout that said it was so much and we were going to ask for more, actually what is included in the actual budget submission is somewhat less than what was submitted. However, this year is a year, where you will note, there are considerable increases in the projected expenditures. We

have several reasons for those. Tighter regulations on institutions which up their costs. More regulations on us participating in problem families particularly where there may be drugs involved. Now anytime there is some kind of arrest, or some kind of problem where there are children in a family, it is required that we now become involved with that and in many instances have to place the children in either foster homes or institutions temporarily. At the same time, we have to work with the families once they are restored to make sure...a lot of times one of the things that we're paying a lot for is drug testing, drug and alcohol testing where there has been problems with this in families and things like that. There are a number of issues that are involved here that have increased the costs, but the major increases that we have are in children placed in institutions and preventative care types of expenditures that we're trying to do so that we can get these children back out of these institutions and back into the community or try to get them the proper care that they need here in the area so that they don't have to be placed in these institutions. If there is any...if you want me to run through each of the budget items and tell you what it is that we've requested or what these things deal with, that information is actually to some degree in this pamphlet that I have passed out, but I'm sure that you may have questions on that. I will let you know that the costs have increased faster than we had anticipated last year in the budget and I will probably be seeing you here in the very near future to get an additional appropriation out of our working balance particularly to cover the institutional costs that we have for children in placements. That's for this year.

Councilmember Hoy: Adoption costs are also up?

John Schroder: I beg your pardon.

Councilmember Hoy: Costs, adoption costs are also up, correct?

John Schroder: Yes, adoption costs are up and that is probably going to be a continuing situation. Part of it has to do with the fact that the emphasis from Indiana Family and Social Services Administration is to try to get children into family situations if at all possible and we are required after a certain period of time to terminate parental rights if the children can't be returned to the home. Then we are trying to place them up...trying to if it is possible to place them for adoption. They would probably be considered hard to place children and that means that there are adoption subsidies that are normally provided for the parents or the people who might be adopting the children. Also, I believe, is it the hard to place that they dropped from six years old to two years old? Yeah, the qualification on children who are hard to place used to start at least at six years of age and recently that regulation was changed to two years old so that even children of two years or older of age would be considered hard to place children since they probably already have certain behavioral factors that are involved in their placement.

President Raben: Councilman Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: John, on this Children's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Fund, this \$1.7 million, does that stay here for the operation of the facility in Evansville?

John Schroder: I can't really answer that. I don't believe it goes for any state institutions. It's a fund for certain licensed institutions that are not covered by Medicaid and it is set up so that because of...and what I know about this is just about what you see in the pamphlet there, because that is what was provided to us when we were preparing this. We didn't actually...that fund was all prepared by this formula and, of course, by the law and basically the information they gave us is what we have there, but as I understand it, it's not for children in state institutions, because most children in state institutions might be medicaid eligible and looking back at our Division Director of Family Protection back there, because she has been helping me on this to some degree, I'm trying to grasp exactly what these are for. There are certain institutions that have a certain...around the state that are licensed and regulated for certain types of placement and I believe the reason that the state set up this particular fund was that the state is going to pay these directly and there

is a federal reimbursement that is available. They will get the federal reimbursement to cover part of it and then bill the county for the other part that is not reimbursable under federal law. This is, in essence, to garner a little more federal reimbursement.

Councilmember Hoy: John, on page three there is part of the answer there listed and that is where they list some duplicates and those are all private institutions, Crossroad in Ft. Wayne and Whittington and one in Muncie and so on. One in Carmel. I'm very familiar with Ft. Wayne. My late wife used to work there and they have a closed unit for young ladies there.

President Raben: Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes, Mr. Schroder, on this temporary loan interest, can you explain what that temporary loan was for, please?

John Schroder: Well, we went ahead and included an appropriation in there because it is possible that we may run out of working capital toward the end of next year and our payments we may have to...we're trying to cover all the bases. We may have to seek a short-term loan to cover the payments made before taxes are distributed at the end of the year. The increases have been such that we are at our maximum levy limit. What we are requesting is at our maximum levy limit and, in fact, we are beginning to deplete the working balance that we have every year to get us through the first six months of the year until the taxes are distributed and then again in the second six months. There is the possibility that we may come up short of working capital and would need to require...to get a short-term loan to make the payments that we would need before the taxes are distributed. So, that is why we included an amount in there so it would be there. It may be that amount or it may be less or maybe we won't have to do it. We're hoping we would not have to do something like that. However, like I said, we are experiencing some major increases. Like I was telling, was telling someone earlier, it also has to do with the economy. People get in harder times, have more difficulty dealing with situations.

Councilmember Wortman: Where would you get a loan from?

John Schroder: Beg your pardon?

Councilmember Wortman: Where would you get the money at? What agency? An agency, a bank or what?

John Schroder: Possibly or we would maybe try to get a...I know that we have had a short-term loan before from the county General Fund at one time. We would probably seek that first. That would depend on what circumstances were available for that, or then we would have to go to a bank or something like that.

Councilmember Wortman: We may be out too, see.

John Schroder: Peg your pardon?

Councilmember Wortman: We may be out, too.

John Schroder: I understand.

President Raben: Are there any other questions? Troy.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, um, so you're saying that next year you don't think this \$19 million, almost \$20 million, would cover you?

John Schroder: No, no, no. that is one and a half times what we had for this year. Actually, what we're looking at for a total appropriation this year is \$15,335,500 in the

Family and Children's Fund. As I said earlier, the reason that wasn't in the printout was because we had not received it back yet from our central office in Indianapolis.

President Raben: John, explain to us what...since you state you're at your maximum levy, what changes are made to increase that maximum levy?

John Schroder: Well, we could possibly request an excess levy, but our central office does not want to do that unless it is the absolute last step that we could take to meet the budgeted criteria. They do not want us to request an excess levy at this time. If we were to run out of funds, and deplete our working balance, and actually have a negative figure in this, then they might allow us to request an excess levy.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions. No further questions? John, thank you.

John Schroder: Thank you.

SUPERIOR COURT

President Raben: We're going to get out of sync just a bit here. We're going to move in to Superior Court, page 108.

Terry Dietsch: Good morning.

President Raben: Good morning.

Terry Dietsch: Terry Dietsch, Senior Judge, Vanderburgh Superior Court. I appreciate being taken out of order for two reasons. One, I had a pressing matter and two, when you get to be my age you don't know how long you can sit if you've had coffee in the morning. We've been doing this long enough that you understand our budget is pretty straight forward. We supplied rationale sheets for both the Superior Court general and the Juvenile Division and think those were distributed to you. In addition, we have gone over the budget with your president, who is our liaison. In terms of salaries, we have computed all of those at three percent. We have seven or eight step raises and we also have asked for an additional \$4,000 for our magistrates. We had neglected to do this in the past and we found out that they were entitled and eligible for that and it has been my mistake that they have not been included in the past. I would be happy to answer any questions you might have. Mr. Raben had a couple of questions on some of the items that we went over. One had to do with one of the line items in Juvenile Court that required an increase for drug testing. I inquired about that and one reason for that was that last year Judge Niemeier had a grant that helped him in that particular area. This year he does not know if that grant is going to be available until the end of September or October. If it is, then obviously there would be some monies that we could return. In addition, Mr. Raben asked to check on 1370-3931 the Youth Service Bureau account. Judge Niemeier had requested an additional \$15,000 in that account for 2004, and the reason for that is that evidently the truancy department in the School Corporation, I guess, has been cut back to the point where there is no checking on these people and evidently it has fallen on the court to do that. The Youth Service Bureau takes care of that and that is why that additional amount has been asked. I would be happy to answer questions on any other matter that you might have. Did that cover your questions, Mr. Raben, or was there another one?

Councilmember Hoy: Which line was that, Judge?

President Raben: 3931.

Terry Dietsch: Youth Service Bureau, Mr. Hoy.

Councilmember Sutton: Judge, one more time on that Youth Services line. Over here on this side.

Terry Dietsch: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Sutton: Explaining a little bit about that boost there. Can you give us a little bit more detail on what that is?

Terry Dietsch: Well, evidently what has happened, and this is the information I received from Judge Niemeier, the court's house arrest program has increased significantly. Almost double, okay. Those folks have to be checked on. In addition, there is a truancy program, both within the schools and it is affiliated with the court. I guess there is a drastic cutback in the truancy program in the school as a result of these general cutbacks. We're going to have to rely more on Youth Services Bureau to do this which means people are going to have to go out to check on these things and those two matters combined, he estimates is going to require this increase in the budget.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Terry Dietsch: And as you know, you know, it may be less, but that's his estimate.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Raben: Councilman Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: Judge?

Terry Dietsch: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Wortman: On page 115, down at the bottom of the page, 4230 Motor Vehicles, is that request for a new car or van?

Terry Dietsch: Yeah, in the Juvenile account, 4230?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes, sir.

Terry Dietsch: Yeah.

Councilmember Tornatta: A van and a car.

Terry Dietsch: A van and a car. I suppose, I don't know if one or two vehicles were retired. We checked with Judge Niemeier on that and those other vehicles were in bad condition. Of course, they purchase these through the state plan where they get them cheaper than one normally would, but he feels that these are needed and obviously we have to have a roadworthy vehicle if you are transporting juveniles. Otherwise, if you had unroadworthy vehicles, I wouldn't want to be responsible for the liability.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, thank you.

President Raben: Any other questions?

Councilmember Sutton: I'm back on...Judge, I'm back on page...I lost my space there. There we go. Back on page 114. Typically, on training, what types of things do you guys undertake as far as training is concerned in your office?

Terry Dietsch: On training? Okay. There are any number of training sessions, say, that are done at the University of Evansville or perhaps in Indianapolis or wherever and in the Juvenile Department what happens is, we send a number of the Probation Officers to go to those training sessions. Generally, we don't send all of them at the same time because it would cost too much. So, we sort of rotate that. In the other training account, that's the account that is used to defray the costs involved with judicial training that aren't covered

by the state. For example, we're all going to the judicial conference in Indianapolis in September, but a lot of that expense will be picked up by the state. There will be some incidental expenses that will not be and that is included in our budget, so the two training accounts are for training of Probation Officers, Magistrates and judicial officers.

Councilmember Sutton: The second training that you are referring is continuing education, I guess I was assuming?

Terry Dietsch: Yeah.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Raben: Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Line item 3620 Copy Machine Lease. That went up \$1,500.

Terry Dietsch: Yeah, I'm glad you mentioned that because Mr. Raben asked about that, too. The reason we increased that by \$1,500 is twofold. Number one, it seems that we are using more paper and more toner all the time, okay. In addition, we are now mandated by the Supreme Court to provide, for example, copies of the court's final instructions to each member of the jury who sits and hears the case. We did not do that before, but just let's assume that you have a total of 40 jury instructions and you have a six person jury, roughly speaking that's 240, okay? If you have a 12 person jury that is 480. Those are additional copies that we have never had to run before. Obviously we can't predict what number of trials we're going to have, what other matters are going to be submitted under the new jury rules that allows the people on the jury to have copies of those documents. That has all changed and we are going to be required now to supply that and to us that translate into a lot more paper and also it's probably going to affect what we pay per copy when we exceed the limit on the copy machine. So, there is going to be quite a bit of cost involved.

Councilmember Wortman: Those limitations and that's why the increase?

Terry Dietsch: Yeah.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Winnecke: Judge, on that point would that, based on your description, then wouldn't that be better off in the supply line item versus the amount of the lease? Because I wouldn't think the amount of the lease would increase.

Terry Dietsch: No, because we also pay out of that...isn't that right, Rosemary?

Rosemary Latham: It's a maintenance account. We own the machine.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, so this is maintenance contract and not a lease?

Terry Dietsch: Yeah, that's exactly what it is.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, that explains it.

Terry Dietsch: It's listed that way, Mr. Winnecke, because years ago the Auditor requested that we list it that way, so we do that.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, that explains it. Okay, thank you.

President Raben: Judge, or maybe I need to direct this to Rosemary, too. As far as the jury instructions, it has been...I've been told that will actually be a responsibility of the Clerk's Office. Is it one way or the other?

Terry Dietsch: No, that's not certainly my understanding and I don't know how we could do that as a practical matter. With all due respect to the Clerk's Office we're not going to let those court's instructions to the jury be handled by anyone except the court.

President Raben: Okay, thank you. Any other questions?

Councilmember Wortman: One more. How are you coming along with this translating with the people?

Terry Dietsch: Okay. I think I told you last year that there was a session at the last judicial conference that touched on those matters. Nothing has been finalized and I checked, I don't know whether it was two months ago or three months ago I don't remember, trying to get some more information. I could not get any more information than I supplied you with. However, in this session of the judicial conference there is going to be another seminar that has to do with interpreters for the hearing impaired and related items, whatever that means. So I intend to attend that particular session. Hopefully, there will be more information available as far as language interpreters are concerned. We have not had a real acute problem. We had one of our Spanish interpreters retire. Another Spanish interpreter that we had recently lost his wife, but he has indicated that he is going to continue interpreting. What the requirements will be, ultimately, from the state or through the Supreme Court I don't know, but I am almost certain that there is going to be some kind of licensing procedure. What that is going to entail, who knows? You know, I hope it is not going to result in increased costs, but I can't say that it will not and then depending upon the licensing procedure, we may run into difficulty with bilingual people who may not be willing to undergo whatever is necessary to be licensed to interpret. So, those are still unanswered questions and, you know, we attempt to find out more as we go along. I would guess it will probably be another year before we get any real answers.

President Raben: Okay, let's move to page 118, Superior Drug Court.

Terry Dietsch: Do you have any questions about—

President Raben: He wants to take care of that one? Okay.

Terry Dietsch: Excuse me, Mr. President. Do you have any questions on the User Fee budget? It's as it usually is.

President Raben: Page 22. I did not realize Judge Trockman was coming to speak for his budget.

Terry Dietsch: Yeah, that was my understanding.

President Raben: Okay, page 182. Are there any questions anywhere on this budget? No questions? That gets us. Thank you, Judge.

Terry Dietsch: Thank you.

PROSECUTOR

President Raben: Let's go to page 139, Prosecutor. Or 39, excuse me.

Stan Levco: Good morning, I'm Stan Levco, Prosecuting Attorney and I'm here to help you.

President Raben: Stan, before we...allow us just a moment to change tape.

TAPE CHANGE

President Raben: Starting with page 39, salary accounts, through page 40. Are there any questions on any of those? No questions?

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm sorry. Was there, let's see, 1080-1150-1080, is that a step increase? It went from \$45,000 to \$55,000.

Stan Levco: 1150, do you know what that is?

Councilmember Tornatta: 1150-1080.

Stan Levco: I have it here from \$33,900—

Councilmember Tornatta: It shows here \$45,362 to \$55,186.

Stan Levco: Oh, 1150 wasn't...right, I see it. Who is that? Oh, apparently, there isn't anything here that's other than step increases and 3%. So, if that's an increase from a prosecutor who made more, or had more longevity into a different line item. Do you know who it was?

Regene Newman: (Inaudible. Not at mike.)

Stan Levco: That's Martha. Okay, she was in Domestic Violence, and then she's no longer head of Domestic Violence, she had roughly five or six years, I don't know exactly how many. So, she went into a line item where somebody did not have that much experience.

President Raben: Troy, just for piece of mind, those, all these line items are gone through—

Councilmember Tornatta: Are checked.

President Raben: —between Sandie and Tim between now and our finalization in September.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, just curious.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions on salary lines? Moving to 41. Any questions on 41 or 42?

Councilmember Winnecke: I have a question, Mr. President. On Law Books, do you buy the same law books that the courts do?

Stan Levco: We buy fewer. Most of this is actually West Law for the computer.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: Should we set up a whole Law Book Fund?

Councilmember Winnecke: I was just trying to figure out, you know—

Councilmember Tornatta: Tax levy.

Councilmember Winnecke: —it goes up in one, and stays flat in another.

Councilmember Tornatta: On the Return of Fugitive, is that mandatory that you go up in that line item? Or is that something that you can come and ask for an additional appropriation?

Stan Levco: We can ask for an additional appropriation.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Stan Levco: But, the amount is what it is. I mean, whatever we have to pay, we have to pay. We've already this year, you know, gone over half our budget for 2003.

President Raben: Okay, Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Levco, on page 41, line item 2610 and 2700, you've knocked \$1,000 off of each one, which is good, but I didn't know, do you have plenty left over from last year?

Stan Levco: We do have money left over from last year, yeah. That's why.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you.

President Raben: All in all, Stan, this is a pretty tight budget.

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, you're doing good.

Stan Levco: I must have made a mistake.

Councilmember Tornatta: You didn't ask for anybody here.

Stan Levco: I do want to say this though, I didn't ask for anybody because you said you weren't giving anybody. Had you not said that, I would not have asked for anymore attorneys, but I definitely would have asked for more IV-D people. I've said every year I really think we are woefully understaffed in IV-D, and I may have asked for more secretarial people, but I didn't.

President Raben: Yeah, you've condensed this budget down about three pages, which is, by cutting out the normal...our counsel has a question.

Jeff Ahlers: Stan, do you know, do all the separate offices have separate West Law contracts? I didn't know whether like Public Defenders, Courts, all that, I didn't know if at some point in the future or something, if that's the case, if you guys communicated, or something on that. I mean, I don't know whether you can buy, and, you know how all that stuff is negotiable. We go through that at our firm, too. Whether or not if the county could get one contract, then you would just have multiple users where you can all plug in. You might be able to get a, you know, when you get West Law and Lexis battling each other and that kind of stuff, you can, it's just something to think of for the future. I don't know if that would help all of you.

President Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: Is that that Lexis Nexis that...now, so they could actually own the same books or whatever?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I mean, there is a Lexis, I mean, what do you—

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I mean, yesterday there was a group that had a Lexis Nexis system in theirs. I don't know what that was—

Jeff Ahlers: Lexis is the counter part of West Law. Some people prefer one, some people prefer the other, but those two companies always come in, and they always compete and try to out bid each other and that, but it's just a computer terminal, something you could have multiple users. I mean, the Prosecutor's office, Public Defenders, Courts, whoever else wanted access to it could do it. You know, the combined buying force, if you take the amounts that everybody's spending in all their budgets, you might all have, it would give

you extra money to spend elsewhere if you buy it in bulk, versus every county office getting their own contract.

Stan Levco: Doug says the judges get theirs for free.

President Raben: A lot of their costs are maintaining the library, though. Okay.

PROSECUTOR IV-D

President Raben: Moving on to IV-D, page 43. Are there any questions on this budget?

Councilmember Winnecke: I have a question related to Postage and Freight on 44, is that, do you pay an annual, like a, it looks like it's paid like once a year. You can come up to the podium.

Regene Newman: Regene Newman, Prosecutors office. We have to buy our own postage separately rather than going through the county office, because we get reimbursed from state for that.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay. Then the reason it would double is?

Stan Levco: Tell it to me, and I'll--

Councilmember Winnecke: I don't care who says it, just someone come to the microphone.

Regene Newman: I believe some of the mandates have changed from the state increasing what they have to mail out. So, the volume has just almost doubled.

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President Raben: Okay, any other questions? No questions on that one. Okay, let's move into page 45, I guess, Check Recovery. No questions? 46, 47, 48 and 49 and 50. No questions? Alright. Thank you.

Stan Levco: Thank you.

PROSECUTOR PRETRIAL DIVERSION

President Raben: Okay, Public Defender. Oh, Stan, one moment, we missed 184. I'm sure there's no questions here either. This budget has actually gone down slightly, so. No questions. Thanks again.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

President Raben: Page 93.

Steve Owens: I assume that's the Public Defender.

President Raben: Steve, would you state your name please?

Steve Owens: Yes, Steve Owens, Public Defender.

President Raben: Okay, Steve, you've got, on page 94, a couple new requests. Maybe you could hit on that for just a moment.

Steve Owens: I assume you're referring to the Administrative Assistant/Office Manager, and the Juvenile Public Defender?

President Raben: Uh-huh.

Steve Owens: We are in the same position, if you look at our comparative support staff to our counter part, we have two secretaries, I think they have ten clerical support staff. The Administrative Assistant, frankly, I wish we had renamed that, but when we started this office two and a half years ago, that was the title that was suggested to us from the Job Study. Job Study approved it, set it in at a given salary level. We've never had it funded, although we've requested it every year. As you can notice, when I come up here for budget requests, it's usually me. I don't have an Office Manager, Financial Manager, and this person really is doing most of those duties now, in addition to the secretarial duties that she's doing for all the other public defenders. So, our need, frankly, is to have someone who can oversee the office, handle the books, do the financial type data, the day-to-day operation, as well as additional secretarial duties. Whether you call it an Administrative Assistant, or you call it an Office Manager, or you simply call it a Secretary, the duties are going to remain the same. So, that's the need for that position. I've been before this Council before on the Juvenile Public Defender issue. I know that I've been told not to ask for anybody, frankly, I figured if I didn't put it in and ask for it, I'd be accused of not needing it. The need is there. I understand that the Council has some tight budget times ahead of it. As this Council knows, Judge Niemeier has implemented a number of different programs, the load down there just continues to increase. It's not going to get any better. We probably aren't doing justice to the juveniles that we're representing. My people just don't have that kind of time. So, my request is for the additional Juvenile Public Defender, this Council, I think, voted on that issue earlier this year when we asked for that, and that's my need.

Councilmember Winnecke: Just a comment, Mr. President, on that request. I received a letter this last week from the State Public Defender Commission, and I don't know if everyone was copied on it or not, but, I guess, the thing, when the state writes us to say they may reduce reimbursements for certain defense expenditures going forward, I think that's something we need to take heed, certainly take note of. That's certainly a concern that I have. I don't know what you've heard beyond that notification.

Steve Owens: Well, I think that's the same thing I told you when I was here last time discussing this need for the Juvenile Public Defender. Because of the amount that was passed by the state legislature, there was no increase in the Public Defense Fund. That's going to necessitate, probably, as that letter points out, a pro-rating of reimbursement in the latter half of 2004 fiscal year, 2003-2004. We've generated, and actually, I think, put into the County General Fund in about two and a half years, approximately a million dollars. Would we have gotten more had they not had to pro-rate? Yes, we would have. But had we not had this program, we would have gotten nothing. So, I think we have to kind of balance the fact that, yes, we may get pro-rated in the latter part of the year, but, on the flip side of it, we're putting money into the General Fund that has never been going in there in the past. As I pointed out last time, juvenile delinquency cases are the only cases that are reimburseable. So, two thirds of what they are doing in juvenile court, that is the CSHCN's, and the paternities, and that sort of thing, aren't reimburseable expenses in any event. We can't get reimbursement. I don't think we're going to see that in the foreseeable future, where the state changes that, unless there is some kind of substantial funding increase in the state. That may come next legislative session if they pass the increased court cost to help fund this program. You're right, I got the same letter. I think it was from Dean Lefstein and, basically, that outlines where we are.

President Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: Just real quick, there was a pretty good step up on some of the public defenders, is that to try and get them in line with the others? Is that—

Steve Owens: As you may recall when we were first started back in 2001, there was about a \$10,000 discrepancy between the Juvenile Public Defenders and Misdemeanor Public

Defenders, and the Felony Public Defenders. I don't remember if it was last year or the year before, you increased all of the part time salaries in the Prosecutors office to the level of the Felony Public Defenders, and we got part of that for the juvenile people. That is, that does represent a substantial increase, and is an effort to bring them up to the level that five of those part time prosecutors are making. The other part time prosecutors are up to around \$40,000.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and the Public Defender of Appeals bumped up pretty good. Is that—

Steve Owens: That was a result of the Job Study. You'll find that's probably in both the Investigator position and the Public Defender of Appeals. We had a job study, they rated those jobs, and I think the Council approved an increase earlier this year. So, that's why that is more than the 3%.

President Raben: Okay. Any other questions? No further questions?

Steve Owens: I would point out one thing that Mr. Ahlers said about the West Law. They will come in and do that, I'm not sure it's going to be....we've looked into that, Jeff, and I'm not sure that given the fact that the judges get it for free, we get it for free. I think the only person using West Law may be the Prosecutors office. It's not going to be economically viable, at least at this point.

Unidentified: (Inaudible. Mike not on.)

Steve Owens: We get it free through the Public Defender Council. We get Lexis, we don't have West Law. The judges of the supreme court signed a contract, state wide contract, with Lexis to provide it to the judges, and, I think, actually they could get the prosecutors to get it as well. We've never had West Law, and my understanding is maybe the law library has it, and they get it through the law library, but, as you know, they charge for that. I think we explored that a year ago, whether that would be economically feasible, and it was not, because of the fact that many of us were getting it at essentially no charge.

Councilmember Hoy: So, when we say that they get it free, actually the state pays for it.

Steve Owens: The state is paying for our Lexis, they are paying for the judges Lexis, that's basically who's paying for it.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah.

President Raben: Okay. Thank you.

Steve Owens: Thank you.

SHERIFF

President Raben: Sheriff, page 16.

Brad Ellsworth: Good morning, Brad Ellsworth, Sheriff of Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Winnecke: That was funny?

President Raben: Okay. Let's start with the salary lines. Any questions on any of the salary lines? Brad, if you would, explain, and it looks like it starts on page 21, third from the bottom, and then there's more requests on 22, could you explain those? End at 24.

Brad Ellsworth: I've got my rationale, it may be easier to go off of that. I think I can cover most of them on that. My first one I list is 1050-1130-0068, for Deputy Sheriff. My vision

for this position, and that also would include down to Clerk Typist, and I talked about this with a couple of Councilmen last year, there was a lot of press during a particular campaign, I believe, about the outstanding tax warrants in Vanderburgh County. I think, at that time, it was somewhere in the area of \$6 million. It was our thought at that time, and, like I said, I discussed that with a couple of Councilmen to assign a deputy and a clerk typist, and specifically put them in the position to collect tax warrants here in Vanderburgh County. At this time, it looks like we have about \$1,589,000 in outstanding tax warrants in Vanderburgh County. With that, at 10% coming back to, for everything we collect, the county would get 10%, as long as I'm negotiating the contract for the county. So, my idea of that, with the Council's approval is that we assign a Deputy of Tax Collection, along with a Clerk Typist, that would more than cover their salaries, with a pledge from our office that if there was ever a point that we could not cover and (inaudible) what their salaries are worth, it would then halt that program. I don't think there would be any problem. Our records show that what we've collected over the last several years would more than pay for those two positions. Like I said, 10% goes to Vanderburgh County, and the rest, the 1.5, the million five would go to the state. So, I don't think we would be in any kind of lose situation at all in that. I could answer any questions to that.

Councilmember Winnecke: Did you say \$1.5 million?

Brad Ellsworth: This morning's figures we had \$1.5 million in that of outstanding tax warrants. Like I said, I think it's something we can do. If we can't exceed that by a lot, and, like I said, basically what we do right now is that we write an initial letter when we get a tax warrant from the state, and that system is not flawed, but when we get a tax warrant from the state, we write an initial letter. When that's not answered, we write a follow up letter, and that's basically it, the warrant is then sent back to the state with an active or somewhat aggressive, and there's a person in there that follows that up. There are tax warrants out there sometimes in the millions that would be a quite sizeable profit for Vanderburgh County. I know that Marsha Abell called attention to some last year, there was a local business that had, you know, a couple million in outstanding. So, like I said, I think we can actually, you know, bring more money into the coffers by adding these two positions. Like I said, we would be willing to, if that doesn't work, make them go away, but I'm confident we could do it based on the previous records.

President Raben: Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Sheriff, going through, it looks like you're asking for six new people, right?

Brad Ellsworth: Probably more than that, Councilman.

Councilmember Wortman: More than that, whew.

Brad Ellsworth: I would like to go on the record and explain those requests, when we get through this, I can do those one at a time.

President Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: The Clerk Typist, which one did that fall under?

Brad Ellsworth: I've got it listed below that 1050 account, 1130-0219.

President Raben: Sheriff, what was the other one (Inaudible)?

Brad Ellsworth: In 1050-1130-0068 as the Deputy, and I'm trying to couple these together. I've got them, that would be the Tax Collection Deputy. Then 1130-0219 was the Clerk Typist that would assist that person, do the office work, and the Deputy would be actually the one out that would potentially padlock the business and collect the goods. When we

take those, we have to guard those, and see that they're, you know, could potentially run into a sale. So, when we're out potentially padlocking a business, I would rather that be a sworn Deputy Sheriff seizing property.

President Raben: Councilman Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Sheriff, do you know how much that figure may fluctuate from month to month?

Brad Ellsworth: On the figure that the tax warrants come in?

Councilmember Winnecke: Well, on the outstanding.

Brad Ellsworth: Like I said, actually this figure, we checked this morning, the million five kind of surprised me, because last year we had over \$6 million.

Councilmember Winnecke: Right.

Brad Ellsworth: I don't look at that as going down, you know, much further than this. The state has said that they are going to keep sending these out. Like, you know, we were getting boxes full, where it used to be envelopes, and then last year with the state's financial situation, they started sending them out by the box, and that's cut back some.

Councilmember Tornatta: That would, bankruptcy would take that off the log, though. So, if there have been bankruptcies that would take it off the log, would it not?

Brad Ellsworth: I'm not sure about that.

Councilmember Tornatta: That might be why it wouldn't be lower right now.

Unidentified: (Inaudible. Mike not on.)

Councilmember Tornatta: I don't think you can touch a bankruptcy. I don't believe so.

Councilmember Winnecke: My other question relating to this position is, and if you said this earlier, forgive me. How do you handle this now?

Brad Ellsworth: Basically, it's with two letters. That's it. There's a certain amount of days, I think, if it's not answered within 30 days, we send a second letter, a little more stern. After that, that's pretty much it. There's not much effort after that, Councilman. This deputy would actually go out, set up appointments, set up payment schedules, like I said, potentially seize property, if that became necessary.

President Raben: Okay.

Brad Ellsworth: They do this, I know Marion is a lot bigger, but they've got, I believe it's 13 deputies assigned to tax collection and bring in millions for their county, along with civilians in the office.

President Raben: Brad, the next one in question would be 1130-0091.

Brad Ellsworth: Okay. That's pretty easy to explain. You all probably heard of Zachary's Law, it was the law that went into effect when, that required all sex offenders and child molesters to register with the local police agency, and to be perfectly honest, it was one of those emotional laws that was enacted that didn't really have any teeth, or was not effective. In this last year the legislation, in an effort to bring that at least up to speed, passed on that responsibility to the County Sheriff and the Indiana Sheriffs Association to keep track of...we now, as opposed to the City Police, have to register, we have to send

letters to every registered sex offender in Vanderburgh County that doesn't...it doesn't matter if it's a City Police case, our case, if it's in Vanderburgh County, and there's approximately 400 registered sex offenders, supposedly in our county right now. That's now the responsibility of the Sheriff's Department to register them, take their pictures, keep track of periodically, and prepare, when they don't report, to prepare the case file to forward on so that they can be prosecuted. In a couple of recent studies, I know Channel 25 did a story on this, and they went to 16 residences of registered child sex offenders, and 13 did not live, out of the 16 that they went to, randomly, 13 weren't where they registered that they were. This is a public safety issue. Sex offenders and child molesters, statistically, are the least, I guess, fixable. They've got one of the highest reoccurrence rates of crimes. Like I said, the law was passed where these now are required to register with us, that we keep track of them, and their picture is on the website with the SMDS and the Indiana Sheriffs Association, but we're going to be the one's required to go out and check on that. That's what this deputy would be doing, is, (a) doing follow up, keeping track of these supposed 400 sex offenders in Vanderburgh County. To do the periodic checks on those, the visits to the homes, the verification, as well as those required by law, and this was an unfunded mandate by our legislation. Maybe a move in the right direction, that remains to be seen. But, he would be the one in charge of that, and preparing the case files when he finds that person is not at the address that he's registered at. I'll try to answer any questions you have about that.

Councilmember Sutton: Brad, is that, just that responsibility, I guess, by state law, it falls in the hands of the Sheriff only? I mean, the Police Department doesn't play any role in that whole process?

Brad Ellsworth: They put it in the hands of the Sheriff. The Indiana Sheriff's Association will maintain the website, the follow through and all that is in our hands.

Councilmember Sutton: Are you hearing anything about how some of the other counties are handling this?

Brad Ellsworth: At this point it's been just getting the information...this is all, like I said, there's been a couple of supreme court cases fighting back and forth, could they put the picture, you probably read about it, could you put the picture on the website. There has been more emphasis on getting the information to the Indiana Sheriff's Association for that website, and getting that up and running, not so much, I mean, everybody's griping at the meetings, because it's going to require more work, unfunded mandate for the Sheriff's offices. So, we know we're going to have to do more case files. There has to be some, when we don't find them registered, and we have to, you know, go out and send the letters and check on verification, unless we just throw up our hands and say, okay, they're not there, and we send a report in, but I don't think that's what the public expects. That we probably should file case reports and follow up on that with the Prosecutors office to see if these people registered properly, and if not, they're punished.

Councilmember Sutton: The last question I have, given that you guys have this responsibility, does it require, what qualifications are required for a person to have that position? I mean, does it necessarily have to be a deputy that takes on these responsibilities? Could it be someone that isn't necessarily, you know, trained by the academy and everything like that to take on these responsibilities? Since it seems to be a lot of administrative types of things that are required with it, and a certain level of understanding of these types of case files, but does it have to be a deputy that takes on these?

Brad Ellsworth: If it were just the picture taking, and the paperwork, I would say a civilian could handle that. The fact that this person will go out and prepare case files, and be testifying in court, and what I envision as doing visits to these residences, I would be a lot more comfortable if it's a person that's trained, a law enforcement officer. So I would say yes. You know, you're going to have to train that person. If he's out in a car, and he's

making visits, I would rather have them in a uniform in a marked squad car, quite honestly. The other stuff, taking the picture, we are going to start that now, with civilian help, out at our command post, and make that another additional duty of the person that is at our command post on 41. That's clicking a picture.

President Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: I would just follow up. I was going to ask the same question, but if we decide not to fill this, fund this position, how would you see, I mean, what would be your sort of plan B if you didn't have a new person designated for this?

Brad Ellsworth: I'm going to try to comply with the law as much as possible. I'll still ask these, we'll send the letters, and that's what we're required to do, send letters to every, the address of the sex offender, registered sex offenders. The one's that do respond, we will take their picture. The other ones, I'm not sure what we'll do. If we'll have the manpower to go out and actively look for these people to try to get them, and make case files. I, with the work load we've got, I'm not sure I'm going to be able to give that, you know, it's just investigation and report that. So, you're relying on them to be honest, which isn't probably a good thing to do.

Councilmember Winnecke: The last question is, do you feel comfortable that 400 is the number for Vanderburgh County, or not?

Brad Ellsworth: I'm pretty comfortable with that. That's what we're hearing. At this point, there are 400 registered in Vanderburgh County. Is there more than that? Some people haven't been caught yet. Some have moved, obviously, but that's what we currently have paperwork on, is 400.

Councilmember Winnecke: So, I'm sorry, I said that was my last question.

Councilmember Sutton: Between three and four.

Councilmember Winnecke: You (inaudible) me, but, so, if a registered sex offender lives at 567 Main Street, and moves to 123 Main Street, they have to re-register?

Brad Ellsworth: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Brad Ellsworth: And that's a lifetime—

Councilmember Winnecke: For life?

Brad Ellsworth: Yes, and when they move to another state, they have to register in that state, but that's not our problem. It's when they move into Vanderburgh County. It's their requirement, that once they do it, it is for life that they have to re-register. So, if they're moving around Evansville, it's incumbent upon them to come tell us. Let's face it, they're not always doing that. So, somebody has to enforce it, make the case files, and make that happen.

Councilmember Winnecke: If they don't, what can they be, can they be charged again with....what's the?

Brad Ellsworth: That remains to be seen with this new law.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Brad Ellsworth: What's, that's all in the works.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

President Raben: Okay, well, let's move on. 1130-0104, Corporal.

Brad Ellsworth: That's a new one on me, Councilman.

Unidentified: (Inaudible. Mike not on.)

Brad Ellsworth: Oh, okay. I'm sorry. As you all know, we now are under a federal cap to keep our jail at 329. That's not going great. The last week, I'm sure you all got the numbers, it's over. We're taking people out of our county, out of our state to keep the inmates down. With the increased court movement, we're doing a lot more transports, and in anticipation that when the new jail does come, and it's out on 41, we will see, you know, some increased transportation needs. Those two deputies that I've requested are to increase our transportation staff. To and from court appearances, and in and out of the county. We've got two people assigned to that now, and they're just, it's not efficient the way we're doing transports, and they're getting a lot of overtime.

President Raben: That would be what we see 0104, Corporal, and 0116, Deputy, right?

Brad Ellsworth: I've got it listed as 104 and 115, Councilman. I'm not sure if...116 is a different—

President Raben: Okay, 114 is—

Councilmember Tornatta: 104.

President Raben: 104, okay, alright.

Brad Ellsworth: And 115.

President Raben: Well, you said, okay. I got you. The, just below that, 116.

Brad Ellsworth: 116 is to supplement the security in the court rooms. As you know, we are, and I wish Judge Niemeier were here because we're having trouble filling all the judges needs to have court security in the courts. As you know, if this move takes place, where the courts move over to the main building here, it's going to require some additional help over there too, if they want those courts secured. So, this is not including what goes on in the basement, or in the first floor of this building.

President Raben: I know you don't have any controls over this, so I'm not even questioning you on this, but it's something that I've never really understood, you know, while they ask for those additional securities, their back door, their employees come and go, and let, you know, I can walk in and out of that back door if an employee is standing there. You know, I just don't understand it. I mean, you know, they want every protection they can in the front, but they've got a probably just as big a problem in the back that they don't even concern themselves with.

Brad Ellsworth: Well, they are key coded, and they're supposed to lock...we paid for, and we've written countless memos. We had a problem with smokers and people putting a pencil in the door. I agree with you, Councilman Raben, and like I said, I can produce memos to them saying that it circumvents our security system, but, like I said, we're policing the front door, and we're also now policing the back door, and we've locked all those off, you know, at one time they were all open, so.

President Raben: Right, it's locked, but there's nobody attending that door. I mean, it's not like there's an armed deputy back there.

Brad Ellsworth: Right. That lock is supposed to keep that from happening. They can go out, and, like I said, the employees have the key files, but I agree with you.

Councilmember Hoy: You run the risk of having something happen like what happened in New York City where, you know, they weren't checking the City Councilmembers, and this guy came in with them.

Brad Ellsworth: Nobody knows better than me.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, they ought to check all of us.

Brad Ellsworth: When we went to the key file system, we reduced it from like, I don't know, there was 900 files out, something like that, and we reduced it to a couple of hundred. I thought I was going to be lynched by office holders and employees alike, but it's in the interest of security.

President Raben: Okay, and then last....do we need to flip tape? Okay, hold just a moment.

TAPE CHANGE

President Raben: Brad, what would be, 0220 Computer Technician?

Brad Ellsworth: As you know, in the recent negotiations with ACS, it did not include, their contract didn't include us anymore. So, basically, we are out of the loop with ACS's assistance. As I think the county's largest employer, we've got a lot of computers, and a lot of computer programs, and a lot of maintenance that goes on there. That's going to hurt us. I do have one person in there, but he is smothered. It is causing a lot of dissent down in my office, who gets Greg on this day to try to do what is doing, and, like I said, with as many computers and computer programs at three different locations, he just can't keep up. Like I said, it is causing huge problems down there for us, in the efficiency of the operations. So, with them not supporting us anymore, and I think that also, it is not EPD, and it's not Evansville Fire. They took public safety out of that contract. We need help.

President Raben: Brad, if we –

Councilmember Hoy: You've been under... public safety's been under separate domain any way, right?

Brad Ellsworth: Right.

Councilmember Hoy: Even prior to it.

Brad Ellsworth: Pretty much yeah. Now we're cut off.

Councilmember Hoy: Cut off entirely.

President Raben: I don't know if we elect to put in a Chief Information Officer, I don't know if that helps your situation at all or not.

Brad Ellsworth: It would be tough. I don't, if, for the entire county you're talking about? I don't know. I would defer that to Chief Williams, who is also President of the Data Board, I believe. He might be able to answer that better than me, if I'm allowed to have him up here. Thank you.

Eric Williams: Eric Williams, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office. To answer your question, having a Chief Information Officer for the city and county would be a great benefit to everybody, but it wouldn't be so much to help us do our day to day maintenance and things

we need to do on our systems. What it would do is coordinate enterprise level projects. For example, somebody over in the Recorder's office wants to get into scanning. If that CIO is involved with it, and knows that somebody in the Sheriff's office is wanting to do that, that's when we can combine our efforts and make sure we are not duplicating efforts, duplicating technologies. But as far as a CIO helping the day to day maintenance on equipment, installs, upgrades, updates, break fixes, probably wouldn't do much, unless that CIO is given a staff. You know, that the CIO had some people on that, and they were allowed to help public safety. To answer your question, Phil, you are all too aware from Data Board meetings that public safety has operated under a separate domain, but that is just a technological thing. ACS did provide support to public safety up until this new contract, while it was limited, it was some support, and we don't have that any longer, and we just feel like we need some assistance to keep—

Councilmember Hoy: No, I just want to give you all credit though, because, you know, you and GIS, on your own, did a very good job on those two domains.

Eric Williams: I'm not here to bash anybody.

Councilmember Hoy: No, I'm not bashing anybody either. I'm giving you a compliment.

Eric Williams: I'll put our built-in support, and what we've done for so long, up against anybody's record. We think having two people on a network our size is way below what would be considered a standard.

Councilmember Hoy: I want to be clear, I am not bashing anybody.

Eric Williams: I know you're not.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm complimenting what you all did and what GIS did.

Eric Williams: We appreciate it, because we do work hard at trying to keep our system running, so we can provide good information.

Councilmember Tornatta: Chief, what do you think the contract was with ACS, just for your service?

Eric Williams: It had originally been estimated, to add public safety, and we had asked that question, because, you know, by and large, public safety doesn't really want to be in the computer maintenance business. We've kind of had to take it on just because of a need. On the original ACS contract, it didn't provide for 24 hour, seven day a week services to us. It never did, and that is something we obviously had to have, and that is kind of how we transitioned to having our own domain, and began to support ourselves. But we did ask that question. It was estimated somewhere between \$700,000 and \$1.4 million to take on the Sheriff, City Police, and Central Dispatch and Evansville Fire.

Councilmember Tornatta: This would be more of a bargain.

Eric Williams: We think it's better use of the money. I want to go on the record and say, we really don't want to be in the business of supporting computers. We think there are other people that ought to be doing that, but financially it was relayed to us that the county was not going to be in a position to sign a contract with ACS of that magnitude to provide those services at this time.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and it had been mentioned, if GIS had a staff. If they did have a staff... don't hit the other side of his head... if GIS did have a staff, what would...how would that help you, and at what point? I mean, are you saying that this person could, possibly, if they did have a staff would not be? It is my intention, not GIS, the Chief Information Officer to have a staff and start servicing the City-County?

Eric Williams: Depending on the level of staffing that person is provided, certainly it would be beneficial, if they are going to provide support to us. I think that is a long-term goal, and even in that case, what I envisioned the CIO position to be was to coordinate and overlook, and also to serve as a contract manager for ACS. That is one thing that is critical, in my position. This is kind of an aside from that is, in the Sheriff's office, but at the Data Board level, you've got a pretty substantial contract with a private vendor, and you really don't have anybody day to day making sure that they are meeting what is spelled out in that contract. So, if you're not going to hold them to the letter of the contract, it's not worth a whole lot. That's really what that CIO's primary objective, in my opinion, would be. That is to be a contract administrator for a multimillion dollar contract. As a side bar, they would also coordinate all the enterprise level efforts. That person may very well be kind of the leader of the Data Board, or whatever future entity takes its place, to make sure that the city and the county are all moving in unison, and I know it's tough. I'm trying to keep a straight face. You know keep the city and county moving in unison, in a proper direction, and making sure we're staying up with the technology that is available to us. You guys brought the fly in, didn't you?

Councilmember Hoy: It's that after shave you're using.

Councilmember Tornatta: We're trying to get you up and down.

President Raben: Troy, call your fly back.

Councilmember Sutton: Down boy, down, down.

President Raben: Call your fly back. Okay, thank you. Let's move on. Any questions on page 25? There's 1920, Insurance, in the amount of \$16,100. Oh, it's life insurance, okay. Page 26. Are there any questions?

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim? Sheriff, on page 26, that 2660, Reserves, did you say we can cut that back to \$10,000.

Brad Ellsworth: Yes. Right, I had asked for \$15,000, please cut that by \$5,000 back to \$10,000.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, thank you, sir.

Councilmember Tornatta: Sheriff?

Brad Ellsworth: Yes, sir.

Councilmember Tornatta: I know we kind of got into this sticking point last year. Just trying to...we had quite a bit of jump in the Clothing Allowance, and then the jump this year, is that for the new employees, if they were hired?

Brad Ellsworth: Actually, I think we had asked for \$500 last year, and the Council was gracious enough to give us \$250, and if I recall some of the conversations, they said try to come back next year and we'll try to get the other \$250. So, recalling those conversations, that's why we put it back in there.

Councilmember Tornatta: Clothing Allowance?

Brad Ellsworth: Clothing Allowance, 1750.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah. You said \$500?

Brad Ellsworth: We had asked for \$500 last year, and, like I said, you all gave us \$250 and said let's revisit this this year, or somebody that I met with, per deputy.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Brad Ellsworth: I'm sorry.

Councilmember Sutton: \$250, not \$250,000.

Brad Ellsworth: Yes. Oh, no. They're really good dressers.

President Raben: You noticed how those two bankers got real interested when they—

Councilmember Sutton: That would be a really good start.

Brad Ellsworth: On 4230—

President Raben: Councilman Wortman?

Brad Ellsworth: Oh, sorry, excuse me.

Councilmember Wortman: Sheriff, are you at liberty to tell us how much drug money is available, or how it is distributed yet, or anything?

Brad Ellsworth: On the seizures or how much--

Councilmember Wortman: How much you've got downstairs there? Do we need to know that?

Brad Ellsworth: Right at \$50,000. In the safe? About \$50,000. I'm not going there, but it's there.

Councilmember Wortman: Well, I didn't know.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, if you don't know, that's good.

Councilmember Wortman: You kind of distribute that—

Brad Ellsworth: That's right.

Councilmember Wortman: —between three departments, I think?

Brad Ellsworth: Right. We came up...we combined the narcotics agencies from the Prosecutor's office, City Police, and ourselves, and, basically, on the same formula that we are going to distribute assets that we seize, we're are going to put in on the same thing. I think it's... I want to say 45 for city police, and 14 percent for us. We will be putting money into that, into the task force, the same amount. When they need the money they'll come and we'll give them 14 percent instead of giving them 40. Any bust made in Vanderburgh County that there's asset seizure, we're going to distribute that in the same form. We do keep a certain amount of cash money for when the big one hits and we need that, so that's that money down in there. But if they need it they come down, they sign it out, and that's all accounted for.

President Raben: That and retirements, right?

Brad Ellsworth: Before you take a break, in that same line, I know the commissioners, for Vehicles, the commissioners did put half of that \$125,000 into their, I believe it's CCD fund. So, if that comes through, then, obviously, we could cut this body's request to 125.

President Raben: And this request is for how many cars?

Brad Ellsworth: Approximately ten.

President Raben: Ten.

Brad Ellsworth: That's what we've been doing the last three or four years, I think.

President Raben: Okay. Are there any other questions on this budget?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, excuse me. One quick question is, and this might be for Chief, on the Computer Data Management, we show that we're pretty over budget for this year. Was that something... is that everything taken into consideration for this year? Or that's—

President Raben: That's 3370. Brad, while they are looking at that. When we finish your regular budget, if you would, let us get Judge Trockman, so he can get back to court?

Brad Ellsworth: Sure. Is he going to Indy again? Oh, my God.

President Raben: He was down at the (Inaudible), weren't you?

Judge Trockman: I was in Nashville, Indiana.

Brad Ellsworth: I'm going to Chandler after this, doesn't that count? No, that's fine, he can jump right in there.

President Raben: Councilman Tornatta, did you get that?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah.

Councilmember Sutton: Sheriff, one question real quick, Meth Lab Cleanup, we don't have any requests there, and what are you guys doing now? What source are you drawing from to pay for... I know that is getting pretty substantial, but we don't show any requests there at all on line 3725?

Brad Ellsworth: We are trying to get grant money and that's... we put in for it before, not anticipating the grant, but we're receiving some through the Prosecutor's Office and the City Police. Now through the task force we should be kind of on a wait and see. So, we won't need it this time.

President Raben: Okay. Brad, we'll come back to you. Judge, if you would want to step to the podium.

Judge Trockman: Thank you. Good morning.

President Raben: Page 118.

SUPERIOR DRUG COURT

Judge Trockman: I don't have any presentation, but I'll answer any questions that you have. I know that you are supplying the cash match on the two grants that operate the Drug Court, which I believe is listed, and then you are also funding one position with the Drug Court in Case Manager. I don't have the full printout of the budget, but that's what should be showing.

President Raben: Okay. Are there any questions on this budget? Judge, there is not a whole lot here to question.

Councilmember Bassemier: I want to ask about the Verification Officer. Is that \$3,000? Is that just going to be added to someone's salary ?

Judge Trockman: Mr. Fluty and I worked on it, and the reason I think that... is that still listed as deferred?

Councilmember Bassemier: It's just got Home Verification Officer here.

Judge Trockman: That's the county's portion of the cash match. We're receiving a total of \$15,000 from, through the Burn grant that assists us for employment of a Home Verification Officer, and we employ an off duty Sheriff Deputy. So, that \$3000 would be the county's cash match portion of that position. I worked closely with Mr. Fluty, and he's helped us arrange an appropriate way to have that employee, actually, he is an independent contractor, we entered into an agreement, a written agreement, which the commissioners have a copy of the contract, and they have approved it, and Mr. Fluty and I went through it pretty carefully.

Councilmember Sutton: So, it's a part time position, Judge?

Judge Trockman: Yes. He does two evenings a week, sometimes three, visiting the participants, and the courts used him for...also sometimes on Saturday and Sunday mornings to do when we drug test everyone, sometimes as a surprise, we'll drug test all the participants all in one morning, and we need an extra male, since a male has to give drug test to males, and females to females. So, he is out in the evenings, and he works some early Saturday and Sunday mornings. And just found, out as of last night, when he, no two nights ago, when he encounters someone with a warrant, an outstanding warrant, we lose him for the rest of the night, because he takes that person into custody and brings him down, and, of course, we have to pay him, but he encountered someone who was with one of our participants two nights ago who had a warrant and effectuated the arrest, which was a good thing for the community, but we lost him for the course, for the rest of that evening. But, I think that actually is an added benefit of having an off duty Sheriff Deputy doing that job.

President Raben: Okay, no other questions? Judge, thank you.

Judge Trockman: Thank you very much for getting me up and down. It was nice to see everyone.

President Raben: Okay page 29. We'll go ahead and get Drug and Alcohol out of the way and come back to you. His won't take but a moment. 116.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICE

President Raben: Okay, are there any questions? There's no changes in this budget whatsoever, outside of salary lines and one \$300 increase for Office Furniture.

Councilmember Winnecke: What about Extra Help?

President Raben: There is, in fact, Extra Help.

Bill Campbell: After 27 years you're just taking for granted that I'm not going to change anything. The first time, I think, in probably 20 years I've asked for Extra Help, part-time help. So, I have hope that you believed its warranted, or I'd have doing it more often. It's because we come under a different certification process. We're now under the Indiana Judicial Center, for certification, as opposed to Indiana Department of Mental Health. Requirements are different, and basically it's a lot more paperwork. In fact, its impeding our ability to function right now, we're so backed up that we've had...it's really creating some real significant problems in our relationship with treatment agencies and delivering

service. So, that is truly, truly warranted, and the equipment is a couple of typewriters. Yeah, we still use typewriters. And when we needed computers we went to the basement, and we found some good computers there. So, that's the increases that you see other than the salary increases.

President Raben: You know, there's probably typewriters throughout this building that aren't being used, or I may assume that, but I would think you could probably round up several of them.

Bill Campbell: Well, we probably could, and we'll certainly look into that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and I've got one. I've got a typewriter so—

Bill Campbell: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, on that... is it just one person that you are gonna have come in and that's pretty much established?

Bill Campbell: Yes, that's clerical, to help with some intake processes, and typing and getting information typed up to send to the agencies.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay and they know about ...I mean, they're kind of trained in what you guys do as far as—

Bill Campbell: It's gonna be more just (inaudible).

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Bill Campbell: It will not require virtually any training or expertise in addictions or anything like that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Raben: Alright. No other questions. Bill, thank you.

Bill Campbell: Thank you.

President Raben: Now we'll go back to the Sheriff, Jail, page 29.

JAIL

President Raben: 1130-0339 through 0343, there's five requests for Detention Officers. I guess, we can start there.

Brad Ellsworth: The justification for this, and obviously we've got 200...this is all old business, but 268 beds, we've got no less than 329 inmates at any one time. I don't think anybody, there is any question that we've been, although it's hard to explain working understaffed in this jail for the inmate to guard ratio, a lot of this is going to have to do with, the request now is with what looks like this new jail opening up. Although that seems like a long way away, every school we've been to, and every consultation we've had from AJA to the NIC talks about the importance of a transition team. I know we've talked about that with several Council people about the importance of starting out...running the new facility is not going to be anything like running the old facility. Basically, it's gonna take, other than keeping people in there that aren't supposed to be out. It's gonna take...the last consultant we had in said you are looking at a year and half to two years of a transition team, almost full-time, writing policy, to make that happen. We certainly don't want to happen what happened up in St. Joe where they have a building and can't open it for eight months because they didn't have staff in place or have a transition plan done. So, this is in an

effort to start now and ease this in. I provided a somewhat accurate staffing analysis to this body about a month ago. It's definitely going to require more people, but to assign a transition team out to writing policy out there, its going to take replacing some of these people. When this opens, I don't think we can do it with 20 new rookies running the floors of the place. So, it would be my request to add five. That would essentially give me one new person on each shift by adding five. I can then put one person on each shift.

President Raben: A quick question. Just above that 337, is that a vacancy?

Brad Ellsworth: What page is that?

President Raben: That's page 31. It's two lines above your first new Detention Officer request.

Brad Ellsworth: The incumbent's name is Ben Justice. We hired him as a Deputy and we're just now filling that as we speak. We've got the guy going through the testing right now. The polygraph and the drug test and the health physical.

President Raben: Okay, but that figure...no monies have been spent from that line yet, right? Okay, page 32, does anybody have any questions there? I'm sure the Medical Technician is probably for the same purpose, for the new facility?

Brad Ellsworth: Well, that, and I know we've asked for that probably for the last seven years or so, third shift. Even back into the prior Sheriff. We just feel that medical attention, a lot of this stuff happens on day shift, the paperwork, and the doctor in does his thing on day shift, but it's very hard....we've got second shift covered, but we really don't have any medical on third shift. That's when a lot of the people come in that are heavily into alcohol and/or drugs, and as much training as we try to give our staff in drug recognition and first aid, for the jailers, they don't have that advanced medical training that an EMT would have. We think, and I'm not sure of an exact figure, but we make a lot of ambulance runs out of there on third shift, and that's basically because the jailers are not comfortable triageing or diagnosing themselves, and I don't expect that they would be. We think we can cut down on ambulance runs in that matter, on third shift, if we had medical help on third shift. Like I said, we've got 300 and something people that we're responsible for, trying to avoid in-custody deaths and that. That's just one more piece that we think is important is having 24 hour, as much coverage in medical as we can.

Councilmember Tornatta: Sheriff, do you think you can produce some type of idea of how many runs that they will have in a particular year?

Brad Ellsworth: I can do that. That's no problem.

Councilmember Tornatta: Just get some type of total.

Brad Ellsworth: That's easy. We should be able to tell you about, I think the average ambulance runs about \$400 every time they pull into the canopy, I think.

Councilmember Sutton: Is that broken out by shift, as well?

Brad Ellsworth: We can, we should be able to do that by shift.

Councilmember Bassemier: Sheriff, how many inmates do you have in other jails at the present time? Are they all in one jail, one location, or do you have them in a couple other locations?

Brad Ellsworth: We've got them in a few. Have we got 29 out right now that we're paying for?

President Raben: 29 is what your e-mail was this morning.

Councilmember Bassemier: And they're--

Eric Williams: There are 29 in other jurisdictions for a fee right now. That doesn't count the probably 15 that are gentleman's agreements, or for other transfers for court appearances in other counties. As of this morning we're moving another ten right now. They're loading them up as we speak.

Councilmember Bassemier: So, it would be 39 out. Some is over in Daviess County, where do you have the other ones?

Brad Ellsworth: Henderson, Henderson has 13, I think, a dozen or 13. They'll probably get some more today. Posey is keeping some right now. It just depends on who has the beds at that time.

Councilmember Tornatta: Is that \$35 a day?

Brad Ellsworth: It varies. Kentucky's a little bit cheaper, I think somewhere between \$31 and \$32. Indiana is \$35.

Councilmember Bassemier: Sheriff, have you ever checked, in the future, with our new jail that maybe we're going to house the overflow from other jails? Is that a--

Brad Ellsworth: There is nothing that I would love better than to do that.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't think we've got enough space to be able (Inaudible)--

Brad Ellsworth: I don't know if we're going to have enough beds, Councilman. I wouldn't predict it. Maybe at the very beginning.

Councilmember Bassemier: So, you're assuming that we're, say 329, but you've had about 350 or 360, but you're projecting, or predicting that as soon as we open the door we're going to fill that 500 plus bed jail?

Brad Ellsworth: I'm still not sure we're going to get 500 beds, so.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Brad Ellsworth: I'll wait and see what the...I know what we've got designed, but I think we need to wait for the bids to see. I know that one of those pods, I think they refer to it as an add alternate. So, if they have to cut the number of beds, you know--

Councilmember Bassemier: I was...just for information, I didn't mean to--

Brad Ellsworth: If we get 512 beds, we could rent some for awhile. I would love to do that. The federal prisoners, they are paying \$41 a day, and we're losing out on all that.

President Raben: Okay, Councilman Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: One last question relating to the jail, on the contractual services for the physician, how is that person paid? Is that an annual--

Brad Ellsworth: We've got it broken down into monthly payments--

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Brad Ellsworth: –but it is an annual contract that we sign with them. The problem, I know he's not had, the incumbent there, hasn't...that contract was negotiated, I think, toward the end of Sheriff Hamner's tenure. There's not been an increase in that since. We had a meeting last month, and the doctor pays his own malpractice insurance, and when they hear that they're the contract doctor for a jail, they get pretty...I know his insurance company is hassling him about that. He's not had an increase, I can tell you, this doctor is charged with saving us money, and does a good job at that, but he's not had an increase. His malpractice insurance continues to go up, and yet we haven't, he's not seen an increase in, I'm going to guess, six years, seven years, something like that.

Councilmember Winnecke: No, how much does he work? How much is he at the jail?

Brad Ellsworth: It's two or three days a week, plus he's on call, actually he, and his brother is also a physician, they share that duty. The brother will cover for him when he's not there, but they're paging him all hours of the night. So, they are basically on call 24 hours a day.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Brad Ellsworth: But, they visit two or three times a week, depending on how many they have on doctor call.

Councilmember Tornatta: One last thing, on the food, do you think that's going to get it? Or are you supplementing that in any way?

Brad Ellsworth: At the Community Corrections, or?

Councilmember Tornatta: At the jail. I know last year, well, Community Corrections you supplement, is that right?

Brad Ellsworth: Right. We, you all told us to go back–

Councilmember Tornatta: Right.

Brad Ellsworth: –and see what we could cut. We did a pretty good job of collecting User Fees in lieu of that.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right.

Brad Ellsworth: But, are you talking about the jail?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah.

Brad Ellsworth: I don't anticipate that price going up. It's pretty standard, three meals a day for every inmate in there.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, about halfway through you show it about \$212,000, which would put you over \$400,000, and yet you've just put \$350,000 for next year. I mean, I'm just wondering if that's supplemented by User Fees, or...

Eric Williams: Part of that you see, because it's ahead of schedule, because we pay off the debt left over from last year with the next year's money.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Eric Williams: So, we're always about two months behind.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Raben: Okay, that does it for the jail, let's move into Misdemeanor Housing.

MISDEMEANOR HOUSING

President Raben: Page 187. Are there any questions for page 187?

Councilmember Tornatta: Is the insurance in there because that's reimburseable? Or why would the insurance be in there?

Brad Ellsworth: The grant doesn't cover...we were awarded, and I couldn't tell you, is it \$160,000 to keep the misdemeanors out of DOC? That number has remained the same over the years, and as the county employees got raises, we've had to whittle that back and assume more through the county coffers, as opposed to the state. Every county has asked about increasing that, it's never happened from the state. So, we constantly have to adjust that, keep the grant employees up on the same level as the county employees.

President Raben: Brad, I guess, starting first with Civilian Overtime, there's, it appears as if there's been no money spent from that. Is that a line you think we need to keep open?

Brad Ellsworth: Is that in the jail?

President Raben: Or, at least, do we need to keep it at that level? Misdemeanor Housing, yes.

Brad Ellsworth: Let me consult the staff there before I—

Eric Williams: (Inaudible. Not at mike.)

President Raben: It's 1301, Misdemeanor.

Councilmember Tornatta: 187, 1301, here it is.

President Raben: The very first line.

Brad Ellsworth: According to the contract, we have to give them a choice between comp time and paid overtime. Although most are choosing comp time, at this time, as long as they meet the requirements and notify us, we then have to pay comp, along with their check. That's what Kim just informed me, so I think we need to keep some in there in case they elect to take the money.

President Raben: Alright. Let's see, Shift Differential, that's up slightly. That's really about it. Okay, are there any questions? No questions. Let's move on to Community Corrections, page 103.

Teri Lukeman: I need to change the tape.

President Raben: Okay.

TAPE CHANGE

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

President Raben: Okay, are there any questions on any of the salary lines for Community Corrections?

Councilmember Hoy: 1361 Clerk, is that because someone else is in that position who was paid more money? Okay, thank you.

Brad Ellsworth: What page, Councilman?

Councilmember Hoy: They've already-

Brad Ellsworth: Okay, if they nodded then-

Councilmember Hoy: They nodded.

Brad Ellsworth: I'll take that as a-

Councilmember Hoy: And, that's the only one I had a question about. The other two look like a step increase.

President Raben: Are there any questions starting with page 106?

Councilmember Winnecke: Sheriff, I'm sorry. I heard you say something to Troy about this and I guess I was looking at something else. On the Food, you funded that this year through user fees, but in 2004 you don't think that's possible?

Brad Ellsworth: We're gonna look at that. We, you know, there's a lot we fund out of those user fees and although the balance in there looks like it's really healthy, there's about \$80,000 a month, just in salaries, we take out of that along with programming for the GED, and those things. I know we've got a meeting set up with at least Councilman Bassemier for Friday. Let us run some figures. We did want to... Steve Woodall out there was looking at using some of that for some other programming and that. Let me get...put our heads together and see what we can do there, if we can't trim that back a little bit and contribute again. We were glad to be able to do that last year. I think that's a tribute to...although we kind of got gigged for it in the Latessa report, that they are collecting the fees out there and doing a good job of collecting fees. And this may not be the venue but I'm proud of the work they're doing. If they'd accused us of stealing, or selling drug tests, or having sex with the inmates, then I'd have been shook up about this in the Latessa report, but I think we're running a pretty tight ship out there and I think that's what people want. So I'll look at that in answer to your questions, see if there's anything we can do there out of user fees.

President Raben: Okay, Councilman Bassemier.

Councilmember Bassemier: I just want to, the Sheriff just mentioned it, as he said, we're going to meet Friday at 10:00 and anybody is welcome. Because, you know, this is the largest budget. We're going to touch base with it again so anybody is welcome at 10:00. Is that okay with you, Sheriff?

Brad Ellsworth: Can we do it down in my office in the conference room? That would be great. Be glad to meet.

Councilmember Bassemier: And, of course, Sandie's going to be there.

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible comments, mike not on.)

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, two more. Only two more.

MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER

President Raben: Okay, moving on. Let's go to 186. Ouch. Misdemeanor Offender, that looks like it's pretty much the same with the consideration of salary increases and insurance allowance. So any questions here? None? Alright.

Brad Ellsworth: Thank you all.

President Raben: That completes you.

Brad Ellsworth: Good luck in your endeavors.

BOND

President Raben: Okay, thank you, we need lots of luck. Alright, let's move to page 203. Are there any questions there?

Councilmember Hoy: I'm just curious as to where we are and what we owe, that's all. Just, on the money, USI, that's the intersection out there.

Bill Fluty: Yes, I'm Bill Fluty, County Auditor. The USI overpass, I think that's \$480,000 which we take out of COIT. We also use surtax wheel tax which is about the same amount. That's been refinanced this year. I believe we'll still need that \$480,000 but we'll reduce that next, probably in the following 2005.

Councilmember Hoy: When will we pay that off? Do you know?

Bill Fluty: I'll have to check on that, but I'll get that back with you, but-

Councilmember Hoy: That was my only question.

Bill Fluty: We didn't -

President Raben: That was extended with the refinancing.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah.

Bill Fluty: No, we didn't extend years, I don't think. But I'll check on that.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm just curious where we are on the payoff on all three of them.

Bill Fluty: Councilman Tornatta asked if I would do a bond review of all our bonds and where we stand and I'm putting that together. Either I can do it in a PowerPoint or just a hand out.

President Raben: Okay, a handout is fine.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, we want...we're dying for more paper, Bill.

Bill Fluty: Okay.

AUDITOR

President Raben: Okay, let's move to page 7, Auditor. Bill, do you want to let us in on any little secrets you got here in this budget?

Bill Fluty: It's really, I reduced my office supplies, and all classes are reduced with the exception of the salaries. So it's pretty straightforward.

AUDITOR/REASSESSMENT

President Raben: Yeah, in fact, there's about three lines reduced here. Good job there. Okay, let's move on to page 158, which is your reassessment. And I can't remember if there's anything in there or not.

Bill Fluty: There's \$10,000 in there for part time help. Again, we are still working through reassessment. It has put us back on our regular work also. I'm anticipating some needs there for reassessment next year.

President Raben: Okay, any questions there?

Councilmember Tornatta: I don't want to question on this, I talked with Auditor Fluty on...before, about possibly looking at the different PO's that come before him in December. I guess, kind of what my concern is, is I know we all have experienced it in the past where we seen these, these carry overs, or encumbrances, and we don't really have a good idea of what's been encumbered, or what's carried over. If it's frivolous, if it's something that somebody's trying to store money. I think we've heard up here that a couple people have stored money for a couple years, and now they're gonna buy a big expenditure. Well that's not really how the county should do business. And so, what I've kind of worked out, is to try and get those PO's before us in December so we know some of the things that they want to do and if we want to accept those PO's, then we can accept those. If not, we can have them turn that in at the end of the year. But just kind of get some direction from the Council on what we want to do here, but I think that would be a good way for us to maintain our cash balances and also be fiscally prudent when it comes to next year and our budgets.

President Raben: Bill, correct me if I'm wrong. We probably, in fact, need them, I mean, the real mass of them start coming in, in November, don't they? I mean, they start working their way towards, you know, holding their money in November. So, we need to start sooner than that or sooner than December?

Bill Fluty: I'd say we need to start looking at them the last quarter of the year, and then just kind of keep you updated as month by month. Is that agreeable?

President Raben: Well, I think what Troy would like to do is actually be able to close the door on any of them that we're not comfortable with in December. You know which, you know, we've discussed that before, that I don't, you know. We need to research the statute and see what controls we do have there. Because, you know, once we put money in a budget outside of our own, you know, we don't have a lot of control. You can't force someone to repeal money, but it's something that this county has needed to do for a long time.

Bill Fluty: I can surely make up a spreadsheet and keep you aware of all and any PO's that come through. Be happy to do it.

Councilmember Sutton: Bill, one thing, while I've got you here, I want to ask you, I didn't know if maybe you were just maybe waiting until next week, but I guess at the beginning of our budget sessions, traditionally we've gotten something that shows the condition of the county as far as our revenue, expenses, what we anticipate. How much we may need to look at cutting under this whole budget process. And, I'm wondering if that's something that you're going to make available to us or what your thoughts were?

Bill Fluty: We're putting that together. I think that was a budget overview. I think that's what you're referencing.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Bill Fluty: That will be done shortly.

President Raben: Since you brought it up, and this may be where you were heading, is about what number do we need to get to-

Councilmember Sutton: That's it, for next year-

President Raben: –and, you know, the number is 51 or below is where we need to be to stay within the required five percent levy or maximum levy, and still have what Bill considers a healthy operating balance for next year.

Bill Fluty: This year, like any other, normally our COIT money increases. And as you all know our COIT money is decreasing. That's our largest miscellaneous revenue. When you see that go down a million instead of go up a million, you can see the impact that has on the county budget. That is very helpful and always been a good miscellaneous revenue. There's been some mismanagement at the state level on the COIT money and they're projecting their revenues. There are steps now that they are not going to do it like they did before for projections and we are actually going to look at hard dollars what this county receives. They've recommended that we institute a rainy day fund and we can proceed on that line too, to look at any shortfalls that would be COIT in the years past. What you've done in the...you've been very prudent. When you did get COIT money, you set it aside. That's a compliment to you, because that may be helpful as things have turned out.

Councilmember Tornatta: Do we think the state is going to possibly adjust some of their formulas when it comes to giving the different tax levies their money? Do we see it all because I know that this whole reassessment has kind of thrown numbers out of whack. Do we see something coming down that might show a change in that?

Bill Fluty: Well, I think if you're talking about the Southwestern Mental Health, is the key one, that with reassessment and how that is figured, that shows them as getting quite an increase in there from year to year. I think \$660,00 to 997-

Councilmember Tornatta: Nearly 30%.

Bill Fluty: Yeah, every county has experienced that same issue. It sounds like there may be something come down to fix that.

President Raben: Could Jeff give us a quick update on that?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, we've been checking into that, researching that issue so that we have to set in that full amount and we're not the only county that has concerns about that and so there are hearings going on at this very moment at the state level. I'm being given assurances that that's going to be taken care of so–

Councilmember Tornatta: So how do you, because that's part of the tax levy, when will we find that particular number out? To know how much, I mean, isn't that part of what we'd have to cut if-

Jeff Ahlers: Well, we're supposed to find out any day. I'm supposed to be getting a call as soon as these hearings are done if they come up with a resolution, otherwise we may just have to...we're checking in right now to find out what the Southwest Mental Health's actual budget is. I mean, presumably it would be something similar to what it was in the past years. If there won't be any dramatic changes I would assume, but–

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and what about Family and Children Services? Does that not fall in that same boat?

President Raben: No, no that one doesn't have an affect on our levy. Correct me if I'm wrong, like, Southwest Mental Health, per se.

Bill Fluty: Southwest Mental Health is also outside our levy. So it will not help your maximum levy, for the General Fund

Councilmember Winnecke: But it's in the General Fund, right?

Bill Fluty: Yes, added in and minused out to come to your maximum levy. I think a lot of counties actually have a rate.

President Raben: We set the Health Department about ten years ago outside of our levy, but it still has an effect on the overall-

Bill Fluty: It actually has an effect on the tax rate which goes into property taxes. So, yes, anything you do cut has an effect. How direct, is the question. So, reducing that will help the taxpayers.

President Raben: Now, Jeff, just so I understand what you were saying on Southwest, we may have to decide as a body that we want to make a cut, but there is always the chance that, you know, they could come back, or the state could come back and say, no, you have to put that 900 and whatever the change is, thousands dollars in place, right?

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I suppose anything is possible. Yeah. So, I mean, I guess worst case scenario you set it in at what you think it should be and worst case scenario they come back and, you know, set it in at the higher amount. But, what I'm told is hearings are going on in fact this morning, and this is going to be dealt with and so we're supposed to have an answer from the state as to how we deal with this issue by the end of the week.

President Raben: You know that's a 50% increase. I can't imagine that every county in the state is not arguing that right now. At worst there is a day of, I don't know what they call it, state house correction day or something in late November where they can go in and make adjustments to statutes and bills and stuff like that, that you know would be their opportunity to straighten this whole mess out, too. So, okay, well does anybody have anything else to add or say? We're going to recess this meeting until tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. We'll see everybody else at noon today for our Council meeting.

The meeting was recessed at 11:02 a.m.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 7, 2003

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 7th day of August, 2003 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President Jim Raben at 9:00 a.m.

President Raben: Good morning, everyone. I would like to reconvene the Vanderburgh County Council budget review sessions for today, August 7, 2003. Attendance roll call please.

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

President Raben: Now, if we could all stand for the Pledge.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Raben: This side had to slow down to allow that side to catch up there.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, yeah.

President Raben: Okay, first on the agenda today is County Recorder’s office, page 14.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, before we get going too swiftly, I think it’s very clear that we’ve got a lot of work ahead of us to make the cuts in the budget. But, contrary to the Courier headline today, we don’t have to cut \$6 billion in our budget, for those of you who may be afraid about your budget out there.

Councilmember Winnecke: I don’t think we voted 9-0 on the election equipment yesterday either.

Councilmember Bassemier: No, uh-huh.

Councilmember Sutton: Right, right, right.

Councilmember Winnecke: Someone voted twice.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, we’re cutting billions now.

Councilmember Hoy: Curt, voted three times.

RECORDER

President Raben: Okay, now we’re ready. Please state your name for the record.

Rick Davis: My name is Rick Davis, I’m Betty’s Chief Deputy. Betty is on vacation and couldn’t make it. I’ve submitted a Recorder’s office report, which shows deposits from January 1 to January 31st. As you know, thanks to low interest rates, we’re headed toward another record breaking year in the Recorder’s office. Last year we took in \$1.23 million

in fees. That's million, not billion, and recorded 50,000 documents. Through July 31st of this year, we have recorded 35,180, which is already more documents than we recorded in the complete years of '94, '95, and '96. By the end of this month, we will also have recorded more documents than were recorded during the years of '93 and '97. So, if we continue at this pace, we will record about 60,000 documents and take in \$1.3 million in fees. So far we've deposited \$526,680 in the General Fund, \$25,440 in the Surveyor's Perpetuation Fund, and \$221,558 in the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund. \$115,000 of that was from copies, and \$106,000 was from a certain amount of money per recorded document that's put into that fund, for a grand total of \$773,678. That's it.

President Raben: Okay, great. Thank you. That's a lot of money. It's not six billion, but it's a lot of money.

Rick Davis: We'll take it. It's a plus, not a minus.

President Raben: Yes, it is. This budget is, everyone knows, outside of salaries, everything else is picked up from their own fund. So, this budget remains to stay constant with no increases, outside of salaries. So, does anybody have any questions? Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I think the rest of the office holders would recognize how the Recorder is doing, and Weights and Measures, they would all get in line, I think.

President Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: As I've seen so far, they are all trying to do a pretty good job, so.

President Raben: Alright, great. Let's move on, next page 36, Coroner.

CORONER

Don Erk: Good morning. I'm Don Erk. I'm the Vanderburgh County Coroner. The budget that I have submitted is basically the same, except for one particular item, and that's Office Supplies. The reason that particular line has gone up a lot is that I do not have any more storage, and I need places to put them, the records is what I'm speaking of. I need to have some kind of storage facilities. I have contacted Bennie, and I have obtained about 30 legal file cabinets that I'm using in the building, but I'm rapidly running out of them, and I need some place to put these records. Part of the reason for that increase is also because the Clerk's office, a few years back, run out of storage room, and had them moved over to our building. I think the rest of the budget that I'm looking at has some increases, but it's built-in kind of increases, with the Gas & Oil, all the different products going up. I think it's a reasonable budget.

President Raben: Okay, Don, just a quick question on storage.

Don Erk: Sure.

President Raben: If everybody remembers their space allocation sheets that we were given Tuesday. I was looking here where we're paying like for 4,000 square feet of inactive storage in the basement. So, I would assume that's empty space.

Councilmember Winnecke: I think the records are inactive.

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, I think they are inactive records is what he said.

President Raben: Alright. Any other questions?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President?

President Raben: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: Don, talk about your records for a minute. Are these records that need to be accessed frequently?

Don Erk: Infrequently. They are records that date, basically, back from 1980 to 1990. I don't think they are records that can be destroyed. They are records that occasionally need to be referenced. For instance, homicides, things like that come up. Some of them 20 some odd, 30, 40 years old. At the same time, it's infrequently. I don't know what you do with these records. Like I say, I don't feel like they can be destroyed, and yet there is a huge storage problem with them. Another thing that I might mention to the Council while I'm here, is the fact that the building itself is new, in the sense that it's fairly new, but it is 13 years old. It's like the chairs that we're using in the break room, they are all gone except for about three. The arms have come apart, I've glued them, I've used leg screws on them, and whatever, but part of this is, at some point I was hoping this next year to be able to replace some of these in the conference room over at our building.

Councilmember Winnecke: Don, reference the storage issue again. How did you get the \$8,000 figure from \$3,000? Is it just—

Don Erk: Well, I estimate that it will probably cost somewhere around \$5,000 to buy the additional file cabinets, in order to store this stuff.

Councilmember Winnecke: So, do you have, do you have the space for file cabinets?

Don Erk: I'm using the upstairs of the building, yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: So, you have space, it's just a matter of—

Don Erk: Of someplace to put them.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

President Raben: Alright, any other questions for Don? No questions? Alright, thank you, Don.

Don Erk: Thank you very much.

President Raben: Page 153, the Airport.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Bob Working: Good morning. I'm Bob Working, I'm manager of the airport. I think you all have our records, or our budget that we submitted. There has been, at least, one change to that since it was submitted, and that was that we were notified by PERF that they were increasing our participation amount from 4.75% to 6.25%. That caused a change in the amount from \$154,453 to \$184,348. Then, that also caused a change under the total budget for Personal Services to \$2,504,507. Then, the ultimate budget amount of \$4,700,507.

President Raben: Okay, questions?

Councilmember Winnecke: Is Mr. Bassemier happy with it? Garage and Motor, that's a really large increase, can you explain that, Bob?

Bob Working: It really was, and at the time we formulated the budget, we were concerned with the Iraq war, and fuel prices were just climbing on us astronomically. We were already a little bit behind the curve on it. So, it was just making an adjustment in that.

President Raben: Bill, this budget, does it affect our overall?

Bill Fluty: No, this is outside.

President Raben: It doesn't affect our levy? Okay.

Bob Working: We are self sufficient, still, at this time, I will say the airlines are going to experience rather healthy increase in their rental rates and landing fees, if we continue as we have been. We've lost about 20% of our seats, airline seats, and traffic is down, and, of course, it's all originated with September the 11th, but certainly with the war in the spring and the economy, travel continues to be depressed. I am, I would say, I am pleased that the state legislature this year, and Brian Hasler and Speaker of the House, Pat Bowers, amended the Airport Authority Act, which would allow airports to spend up to \$1 million, if Airport Authorities so desired, from their Cumulative Building Funds to try to develop and establish intra-state airline service. South Bend and Evansville are moving forward on this, and we're developing a request for proposal. We hope to have one out fairly soon to see if we can attract airlines, scheduled airline service to Indianapolis that would connect and go on to South Bend. The premise behind that is that we would actually purchase the aircraft, the service, and then we would be responsible for establishing ticket prices, and controlling that from that aspect of it. I think it's real exciting, and I'm very hopeful to see that put back in, and it be successful, and then we could expand it to other communities within the state.

President Raben: Councilman Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Was that, I would assume, Bob, should that be accomplished, and I hope it is, that the connection with the Indianapolis hub would also boost business.

Bob Working: Oh, yes.

Councilmember Hoy: Because you could fly from Indy to, as a hub, to a number of places.

Bob Working: Sure, sure. We're not really concerned, at this point in time, with connecting service, but if we are able to set a very inexpensive fair to Indianapolis, and we believe that we can, the opportunities then to connect with Southwest and some discounted carriers become much more feasible.

President Raben: I know you know your business a whole lot more than I do, but I just can't imagine, today, with the amount of time it takes with, you know, getting to the airport more in advance than you did three years ago, you know, Indy's what, a two and half hour drive, two hours and 45 minutes. It just seems like most people would drive.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, how many tickets have you received?

President Raben: Well, it's, you can drive it in under three hours.

Bob Working: Right.

President Raben: It just seems like—

Bob Working: Again, what it does, it gives us South Bend at six, you know, a five to a six hour drive, and it allows us to connect. For those people that regularly conduct business in Indianapolis, to be able to cut out that five and half, or six hours of driving on 41 and 70, still means a lot to them. I know the state legislature will certainly look forward to being

able to do that. Of course, they are getting reimbursed for that, but we're thinking we can price that somewhere, I hate to say it, but about \$100 round trip. I think if we can get that type of fare in there, that we'll...when we had a similarly, well, we've never had a similarly priced fare, but when it was \$200 round trip, we had about 28,000 people that would fly from Evansville to Indianapolis and back.

President Raben: Bob, the aircraft that you had mentioned would be purchased? Would it be new equipment?

Bob Working: No, no, no. I'm sorry. We're not purchasing the aircraft. We are purchasing the service from an airline. So, what they would do, instead of them taking the risk of coming in and seeing if they can sell enough seats, they would determine what it costs them to fly an airplane from Evansville to Indianapolis, and then we would pay, or we would underwrite that cost. Then we would sit there and establish what the fare would be. We would try to set it so that we would break even at about a 50% load factor. So, if we get more than that, then we're actually making money, and we'll use that money to either expand services, or go into other communities.

President Raben: Okay. Any other questions? Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Bob, how's the foreign trade doing out there?

Bob Working: It's not doing very well right now. I'm glad you brought it up. I guess, I should, we had been put on notice by Centrepopt, the operator, that they are wanting to cease service at the end of this month. That's the bad news. The good news is that we have a local operator who we are in negotiations with at this time, we believe that they will pick it up. They have already identified that they have an opportunity to fill up about a fourth of the building with foreign trade zone material immediately. So, we're in the process of having to make a transition, but it appears that we've got an operator that has an opportunity to have it be successful.

Councilmember Wortman: The place in Lawrenceville, does that hurt you or anything? Are they still operating?

Bob Working: I don't believe that they're active, the one in Lawrenceville, to be honest with you. The, I think the biggest thing that hurts foreign trade zones, if there is, is that NAFTA, and there's been a reduction on the amount of materials that really have to pay duty and be at such an amount that it becomes onerous for a business, so that they are wanting to defer those taxes, you know, for a substantial period of time. It's just global trade taking place now, and it's not as important as it used to be.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you, Bob.

President Raben: Okay, thanks, Bob.

Bob Working: Thank you.

President Raben: Okay, now we move into page 55, Armstrong Township Assessor.

ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Raben: As we go through the Assessor's budget, you know, there's their regular and the reassessment budgets. Some offices have put the same request in both budgets. It would be my intent, or what I plan to do is, between now and the next few days, complete the work on trying to shift as much of the 2000 and 3000 and 4000 accounts as possible on to the reassessment budgets. We have roughly about \$200,000 we can shift into reassessment. So, we really, I mean, I don't see a need to go back into the reassessment budgets, at this point. We'll just hear out their interests and keep moving forward.

Joyce Kron: Joyce Kron, Armstrong Township Chief Deputy.

President Raben: Okay, are there any questions for Joyce? This is a rather large budget. I don't have any questions.

Councilmember Wortman: I think, did you have any appeals, or just one out there.

Joyce Kron: Three.

Councilmember Wortman: Three, you did have three. That's a pretty good record.

Joyce Kron: Uh-huh. Two were on farm ground, which isn't anything I can do with anyway, because that's set by the state. So, really, I only have one home that was appealed.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you, Joyce.

President Raben: Okay, thanks, Joyce.

CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Raben: Okay, Center Township, page 57.

John Gerard: Good morning, John Gerard, Center Township Assessor. I tried to make your job very easy for you this year. I made a pledge to, last year, that I would only ask for what I needed. My overall requests from last year is down \$16,000. There is only just a couple of increases, one was in Subscription and Dues, that amount will take us so that we're even in that, and not have to go over. The other was in Training, a slight increase in that, and there's a possibility even with that, the state IAAO chapter is trying, the state's trying to come up with the IAAO training fees. Which, if they do that, I won't need as much as what's in there now, but we don't know where that stands yet.

President Raben: John, talk about that Training just a little more.

John Gerard: Sure.

President Raben: Because \$8,000 would be a lot for training.

John Gerard: One is that we don't use the commissioners. We pay everything ourselves. So, that's one of that. These IAA courses, well, there's several, one is that we have the two conferences, the January conference and the summer conference put on. We have five people in our office. Well, we have four level two's and right now we have a level one who next year will probably will be taking his level two. So, we'll have five people who will need the continuing education. Then there's also the, to be, also the IAAO courses, and those courses are approximately \$400 a week per person. Hopefully, we're hoping, like I said, that the state will be able to take over these, and that way we'll be able to commute. They will have them at a regional place, so we won't have the hotel things to go by. It was just, with the continuing education that we have to have to maintain our certification, it just keeps getting, unfortunately, it keeps getting more and more expensive. Like I said, we don't use the commissioners budget. Everything comes out of our own budget.

President Raben: Okay. Does anyone have any questions?

Councilmember Sutton: The number of appeals that you've had, John?

John Gerard: 559, of which we've turned back in 205. We've had 15 withdrawals. We have agreement on all but two.

Bill Fluty: A little bit slower, John.

John Gerard: Okay, 559 total. We've turned in 205, which works out, I believe I put that in, I think it's 36.6% or something very close to that. We've had 15 withdrawals. Of those, they are all agreements, except for two.

Councilmember Tornatta: Of the 205?

John Gerard: Of the 205, right.

Councilmember Sutton: When you say 205 turned in, what are you turning in?

John Gerard: That means we have reached agreement with them, and they have been turned back over to the County Assessor's office to be processed by PTABOA.

President Raben: Okay, Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: You don't reference the storage space we heard from the Coroner. I'm just wondering if somebody ought to go down in that basement, because there's probably a lot of records that are old and need to be thrown out, revised down there, so we can make room for this new storage.

John Gerard: Well, it may be in another office, but it's not on our shelves. Our shelves are jam packed, and right now we need...I mean, unfortunately, we are in, we are like them, we are in a real storage crunch. I have the smallest office, and we just don't have room. We have to, we constantly have to go downstairs for active files, not inactive files. There is stuff stored in my office that people are having to come into. There is stuff in Rebecca's office, which is jam packed. I mean, we are, something is going to....if we keep growing like we're growing, we're, it's getting critical. We are on top of one another.

Councilmember Wortman: That's what I was thinking, maybe somebody ought to contact the Building Authority and see if we can't make some room down there. Some old stuff, throw it out, or find out what's going on down there. I'm sure some of that's obsolete down there.

John Gerard: Not that I'm aware of.

President Raben: Bill?

Bill Fluty: John, I don't know if you participate or not, but there's two meetings a year held by the County Clerk. They actually are going through public records, and there is a form to fill out, send to the state for permission to destroy. They have different years, how long you have to keep certain documents. All your state documents actually have a number on the top—

John Gerard: Right.

Bill Fluty: —and they will reference how many years you have to keep them. Our office, we're trying to, you know, we're sending 40 boxes down, and destroying 40 boxes, hopefully, every year to stay even. Sometimes we can't stay even, because there are some we have to keep longer. We do try to do that.

John Gerard: Yes, we try to microfiche, and get rid of what we can rid of, but all I'm saying is that we've done that, but with growing, we're out of room, and we're having to use downstairs for active storage. Rebecca has just informed me that we are up to date on our records. On what we can clear out, has been done. We do try to go downstairs at least, I know since I've been there, we've gone down twice. We try to go down once a year and make sure that whatever we have, and, like I say, and keep, try to get it on microfiche so we can get rid of the other records when we can.

President Raben: Okay, great. Any other questions? None? Let's move on. Thank you. German Township.

GERMAN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Raben: I don't know if Tim's in the audience or not. I have spoke with Tim on this budget, and so, you know, again, it's one, it's really not a lot of changes, and we're going to try to shift as much as we can onto reassessment.

KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Raben: Knight Township, page 61.

Al Folz: Al Folz, Knight Township Assessor.

President Raben: Good morning.

Al Folz: We've got two budgets, and like the President said, all I did was shift over one to the other, which, so it's almost a duplicate of what we've had. I was told to prepare it this way. I talked to Councilman Raben about it, and he said go ahead and fill out both of them. So, those kind of represent both things.

President Raben: Okay, does anyone have any, Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Folz, how are you coming on your appeals?

Al Folz: Making pretty good progress. We're finding that with a lot of ours, that people have already had appraisals run on their property, from all of this refinancing that's been going on, and we're able to use this. Because we feel that if you've just had an appraisal, that that should be market value. So, if it doesn't match what's on the assessed value, this is what we're recommending then. Because most of the appraisals that we are having are very qualified people that we use time and time again, and that does address everybody, as far as the assessors are concerned. Moving along with this, why, we find that it's working out very well. At the bottom of each appraisal it says this market value is so and so.

Councilmember Sutton: Al, can you tell us how many you've had?

Al Folz: I had about 650.

Councilmember Sutton: And how are they coming?

Al Folz: Out of about 27,000 parcels. I beg your pardon?

Councilmember Sutton: How are you in terms of processing that 650?

Al Folz: They are moving along very well. I don't know a specific number that we've already turned in, but we've had people in and out of the office quite rapidly on this. We're also able, those who cannot, oh, give us an appraisal, or whatever comps, comparisons, that are in their neighborhood, we are able to go back in to help them, and pull up various sales in a neighborhood, and averaged them out for them to see how it appears up to the assessed value we have on it. We find that some people are for this, and some are not. Most of them say, well, yes, I can see this is right now. So, we're helping on this particular end. This does take a little bit longer. Now, I've had to pull off almost two people to run out and to put through Form 11's. Mr. Fluty's been on me, you know, like a wet shirt here, wanting these Form 11's, which is notice of assessments, whether it would be up or down. Most of them are down, as far as what they had, because we are finding out different things on properties, maybe that had been missed or overstated. So, I just turned in 975,

or something like that, close to that to Mr. Fluty the other day, which has kind of slowed us down just a little bit getting on back into the appeals. Since we do have that finished, why, we're able to now concentrate just strictly on appeals. We had been doing pretty well. People seem to be very, very understanding on these. Now, there are some that do not. Don't misunderstand this. We find that when we show them what we have, and from the software that we can pull up on sales in certain areas, and certain districts and certain neighborhoods, we find they go along very well.

Councilmember Wortman: You keep doing a good job, Cheryl Musgrave won't have nothing to do.

Al Folz: Well, I could comment on that, but I don't think that you would want that right now.

Councilmember Sutton: Al, if you could, when you come back next week—

Al Folz: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: —bring those numbers to us, of those that you've dispositioned, or that you've processed through, and how many were in agreement. We've got the number of appeals, if we can just see how you're coming along with that.

Al Folz: Do you want me to also bring back the number, that when we turned in the Form 11's, and turned in over 900 of those, so, out of those people they just withdrew.

Councilmember Sutton: That's fine.

Al Folz: Because we were able to be able to satisfy them, and they are saying, you know, that, well, we realize we're getting to market value, and etcetera, but, we've run through a lot of paperwork.

Councilmember Wortman: The old saying is, if the assessors don't bring the money in, we won't have no tax money.

President Raben: Councilman Bassemier?

Al Folz: Well, I don't want to see you miss your salary.

President Raben: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: (Inaudible. Mike not on.)

Al Folz: Well, we find that this is what we're having to utilize in having people go out now and check out properties that we're using as comparables. Taking additional pictures and such like that. Then also, that we're utilizing this to get back on to our software, and saying, okay, we'll pull up these particular comparables to be able to back up the taxpayer in the utilization of this. Also, you know, we've had so many businesses that have been starting up, that the personal properties are really starting to add up to my people, which they have to help on those. I find it's pretty efficient. I haven't come to you for that extra person for a long time, because I'm utilizing this in a more efficient way to be able to do this, which saves quite a bit on the insurance, and other compliments that our people have.

President Raben: Councilman Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Just curious about the Contractual Services?

Al Folz: That's our microfilm and microfiche.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Al Folz: That we're able to do this, so that we can work with the storage area that has been brought up before the Council.

President Raben: Okay. I have one question, and then I'm going against my own rule here. I said we weren't going to do this, but in your reassessment budget you have a request for Special Stipend, could you explain that?

Al Folz: No, I don't know how it got back in there. I was asked by my Chief Deputy on this, and she said should we put that back in, and I said, no. She said, well, why not? I said, well, you know, we've already had a stipend, okay. I didn't notice until about a week or two ago that she had put it back in there. That's how that got back in there.

President Raben: Okay.

Al Folz: I mean, now if you want to leave it in there, that's fine, you understand this. I looked on there, and I thought, aw, man, here it is. Because I thought somebody was going to question me on this one.

President Raben: Alright, thank you.

Al Folz: You're welcome.

President Raben: No further questions? We'll move on.

Al Folz: Alright. Thank you.

GERMAN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR (Revisited)

President Raben: If anyone does have any questions, German Township Assessor, Tim Schaeffer, is in the audience. Did anybody have any questions on German Township? None? You can go back to work. Alright, page 64.

Councilmember Sutton: Before he gets off, if I could just get his appeal number.

President Raben: Tim, Tim!

Councilmember Sutton: Before you take off—

President Raben: Step to the podium, and state your name for the record.

Tim Schaefer: Tim Schaefer, German Township Assessor.

Councilmember Sutton: How are you doing, Tim?

Tim Schaefer: Pretty good.

Councilmember Sutton: Just got a question for you. Just trying to get an idea on the number of appeals that you had in German, and how many of those have been processed through, or how many have been withdrawn? If you've got some numbers to help us with.

Tim Schaefer: I believe we had 37. I think we have somewhat negotiated all of them but two.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. Thank you.

President Raben: Okay, thank you.

Tim Schaefer: Thank you.

PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Raben: Okay, Perry Township, page 64.

Glen Koob: Good morning, Glen Koob, Perry Township Assessor.

Councilmember Tornatta: Good morning.

President Raben: Do you want to give your appeals numbers?

Glen Koob: Sure. 329 appeals, we had three withdrawals, we have 112 turned back in to the County Assessor for the PTABOA, that we have agreement on. Well, no, actually that's not right. We have 112 turned back in, but we did not agree with all of them. I think there's about 18 of them that we didn't agree with, and it's just pieces of land, lots that are not in a very good area. We have stopped, like AI, to try to get our 2003 payable 2004 pick ups done. So, we are going to get that, hopefully, Bill, finished by next week, our pick ups. Then we will start again on the appeals, with the hearings, with the taxpayers. Oh, by the way, the difference in, you might want to know this, the difference that we gave to the Auditor's office that we agreed with the taxpayer, you know, when we had our hearings, was \$1.7 million less assessment than we had when we assessed them. That means we agreed with them, that they brought in their appraisals, out of 112.

Bill Fluty: What I've asked the assessors to do, if the original assessed valuation was \$100,000 and they agreed to \$75,000, to just produce, give that information back to me so that I could get an estimate, or just a projection of how we're flowing with our appeals.

Glen Koob: The tax rate.

Bill Fluty: Or that assessed valuation, are we holding up overall.

Glen Koob: For like the tax rate for 2003 payable 2004, he can kind of get an idea. This isn't a set in concrete number, but this is what we've done so far with our appeals, on the township level.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions? Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Mrs. Koob?

Glen Koob: Oh, yes.

Councilmember Wortman: Page 65, Communications, line item 3141 \$1,200, got expended 107?

Glen Koob: Wait a minute, I can't find, okay. Okay, Communications, yes. That is, what that's for is for our cable modem line to go from our office to the Civic Center, but yesterday, which I'm sorry that I missed the meeting yesterday, I thought it was at 3:30, and it was really at 1:00, so we're going to get that changed. That \$1,200 is \$99 a month presently for Insight Cable, our cable modem line to attach. Now, next year it's going to be \$170 a month, but we left it in there like that, because we are going to take the difference out of the Utilities, if we can. If not, we're going to come back.

Councilmember Sutton: So, you're going from \$99 to \$170, did you say?

Glen Koob: Yes, well, for the T-1 line. The T-1 line is more expensive than a—

Councilmember Winnecke: Last month we approved a transfer to improve the communication between the Civic Center and her office, because of frequent breakdowns, and that includes the installation of a T-1 line.

Glen Koob: Thank you. Yes.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions? Thank you.

Glen Koob: I have one more statement. Other than my budget is still the same on the 2000 and 3000 accounts, as last year, the only difference of it is, I want you to pay attention to, if you would please, the Transfer Deputy, where she, we went before the Job Study, and they changed her from a COMOT IV, and she's also getting a step this year. That's why the difference in that. I wanted to point that out. Thank you.

President Raben: Okay, thank you. Let's move on.

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Raben: Pigeon Township, page 66.

Judy Stricker: Judy Stricker, Chief Deputy, Pigeon Township Assessor's office.

President Raben: Okay. Judy, do you have your figures?

Judy Stricker: No, not right now. I know it's over 1,100 appeals. 678 residential, 400 and something for commercial and industrial. We have turned in a little over 100 to the County Assessor for the Property Tax Assessment Board. We have probably finished all the residential, except for about 150 to go. She wants them in neighborhood order. So, we haven't got all the replies back yet from the taxpayers, and when we get them back, we give them to her in neighborhood order. So, you know, like if somebody in P-4, or P-5 hasn't sent in their reply, then that holds up all of P-6, P-7, P-8, and all them. So, but, we are, we are finished with all the residential, except for about 150.

President Raben: Okay...do you need to change it now? Let's hold just a moment to change tape.

TAPE CHANGE

President Raben: Okay, we're ready. Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Extra Help, is it the same?

Judy Stricker: No, we increased the Extra Help because of the reassessment appeals. We are spending all of our time checking and rechecking all of the appeals, properties that we are behind on our building permits. So, by next year we'll still probably be in the process of checking commercial and industrial appeals, and trying to catch up on building permits. So, we will need three people out, you know, checking the properties.

Councilmember Sutton: Judy, next week do you think you'll, I mean, I know we have to tell you in advance that we're gonna ask for this information. We just figured you guys were kind of floating along the hallways with this-

Judy Stricker: Well I'm sure Mr. Hatfield has, he knows how many we've processed and stuff. I just-

Councilmember Sutton: If you could bring that to us next week, that would be helpful.

Judy Stricker: -sure.

Councilmember Sutton: Or if you get it before then, that would be great, too.

Judy Stricker: Okay.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, I've kind of seen this in a couple of the budgets, the computer hardware and software. What do you use that for?

Judy Stricker: Okay, we are getting a new software program for personal property that the other townships, I believe all of them have already. And, we found out we have to have CD burners. I don't know much about them, but I know we have to have those. So, we're going to put them on some of the software. I don't think they're real expensive, but I don't know exactly how much. You never know, every time I turn around they're popping up with you gotta get something new, you gotta have this, you gotta have a new cable for that. You know, stuff that I didn't foresee coming on. And the software is for the maintenance of the new personal property program, which now that we're getting it, it seems like all the maintenance fees has just tripled or more.

President Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: And Mr. Hatfield called this morning and said he was under the weather and wasn't gonna be able to make it. So he'll try and be here next week.

President Raben: Okay, great. Any other questions? Thank you, Judy.

Judy Stricker: Thank you.

President Raben: Okay, let's move on to Scott Township.

SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Wortman: He called me and (inaudible), but I think he's working so it should be alright. It's a pretty good township.

President Raben: I'll sleep better tonight, Curt. Thank you.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, find out about that computer hardware. It's something...hardware and software costs \$6,000 in Scott Township. Such a great township.

Councilmember Hoy: What big metropolis is in that township? What big city is in that township?

Councilmember Wortman: Darmstadt.

UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Raben: Okay, we'll move onto Union Township. This is another one that usually isn't a whole lot to argue with. This budget, has exceeded \$11,000 now. It's probably the smallest budget, this and Armstrong. Well, they are the two smallest budgets in the county. Let's move on to County Assessor, page 51.

COUNTY ASSESSOR

Cheryl Musgrave: Good morning. Cheryl Musgrave, County Assessor. Just here to answer your questions, and I understand that you've been interested in the number of appeals. So, I brought a map that shows the appeals mapped out by category. And I can leave this for you, if you like. The various parcels are in different colors. For example, green is agricultural, blue is residential. So, it gives you an idea of what appeals are where. And also at the bottom of the page, it tells you how many appeals there are. For example, there are 2,000 residential appeals, more than 400 agricultural appeals, some 800, if my memory

serves, commercial/industrial appeals. And you can see where they are. If you wanted exact numbers of how many of each type were in any township, we could certainly get that for you later on today. But, if you want, I'll just leave this here, or if you want me to pass it around? Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Cheryl, what are we looking at there? I see the red, the green-

Cheryl Musgrave: The green?

Councilmember Sutton: -I mean.

Cheryl Musgrave: Where you see green-

Councilmember Sutton: -those dots, or what's the-

Cheryl Musgrave: Where you see green, that indicates that that is an agricultural parcel, and it is under appeal. Blue indicates, that's commercial. Tammy, maybe you could come over here and tell me what blue is. Blue is residential, so this is a residential property that's under appeal. The little blue dots, those are very small parcels.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, because I can't...from here, hard to see-

Cheryl Musgrave: Yeah, you have to fit the map on a page so it makes some things smaller than others. So that's what that map shows you. But I understand you've been asking questions in that regard before I got here.

Councilmember Sutton: What was that total appeal number, did you say?

Cheryl Musgrave: The total number of appeals, I've had that written down here somewhere, is more than 3,600. So between 36 and 3,700 real property appeals. There have been some other appeals to personal property. The townships do not get the exemption applications for total exemption and we have some of those. And, of course every day a varying number of 133 appeals, which are processed very, very quickly, come across the desk. So there are multiple kinds of appeals. But of the real property appeals that are mapped on that map, I think it's 3,627 is the number.

Councilmember Sutton: And how many of those have moved on to the PTABOA?

Cheryl Musgrave: Some of them, but not very many. The board has heard a few. I've asked for figures as to how much assessed valuation the board has cut to date. And I don't have that final figure, but...and I can get that for you later on, because it's an issue that has come up in Marion County at the legislature level. I believe we have already cut close to 20 million out of assessed valuation. I don't know how much was held back for the appeal process, but 20 million is a lot. A tremendous amount, and we've only probably processed 50 to 100 appeals. One of those appeals cut, I think almost 15 million in a single property, out. So, I'm here to tell you that the damage is already pretty high, and we haven't even started on them.

Councilmember Sutton: So, I mean when you talk about 50 or so-

Cheryl Musgrave: That has been voted on.

Councilmember Sutton: -already heard by the PTABOA, but just they're already ready for the PTABOA.

Cheryl Musgrave: That rough number has already been heard and voted on by the PTABOA-

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, now the ones that are, you know, awaiting for them to hear. You've done what you need to do on your end, just waiting for the PTABOA to go ahead and give the consideration?

Cheryl Musgrave: Oh yeah. There are a handful that are done and waiting for the PTABOA. Each file I look at it, sometimes ask for more information, sometimes it's good on the face of it. But it takes a lot of time, and they are coming across my desk right now because the hearing officer is finishing up...they'll be voted on this week, the exemptions that were left from last year, we're still finishing those, and a couple of personal property appeals. So my commercial and industrial hearing officer has not had a chance yet to start on the appeals that were filed in June. The second hearing officer has been at it for maybe three weeks now, and she has processed this, most of the 50 some that have reached the vote stage. I'm trying to train her, so that's why I'm looking at each file personally. And, the decision making process this time is brand new. We're dealing with market value in use. The taxpayers and the townships are looking at bringing in and looking at evidence that we've never had before. There's no guidance from the state as to how to approach the evidence that you're being given. The state has actually left township and county assessors in the lurch. So let's just say that, we're in the lurch. We have to figure out what to do. We aren't being told in this situation do thus and such, so you know, we have, arriving on my desk township A will decide to take this approach, and that approach. And, township B rejects this and that approach, and they choose the other approach sometimes.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, Cheryl, it sounds like, I guess, with the new position that you've got, they're still in the training process.

Cheryl Musgrave: Absolutely.

Councilmember Sutton: So, when will it probably be when they'll begin to actually hear the appeals? Because, obviously, with this large number of appeals that are gonna have to be dealt with, you need as many people in your office ready to go. When will that person be ready to begin to-

Cheryl Musgrave: She has already begun. Her replacement though has not been hired. We had a college student who filled the position for, it was either two or three weeks, something like that, while she was here. But she has already gone back to college, and she left perhaps, I think it was last week. And we have a number of resumes that we're looking at to hire somebody into that new position. But the hearing officer, so then is having both hearing officers, since there is no staff person to process the paperwork, are juggling the hearing officer portion and also trying to do the staff position work at the same time. So, when is your question. Just as soon as we get everything rolling. We've already heard some, there are some in the pipeline. The county and the township and county assessor conferences. The township has already taken place. The state has given some advice. The county assessor conference is next week, there will be some more advice. As soon as we can get to a place where we can all agree, we're going to approach appeals this way. We're going to decide what we're using. We're gonna make decisions in this respect. But, as County Assessor, as a member of the PTABOA, and I've been a member of the PTABOA for ten years now. The thing that tax representatives, tax payers, lawyers, other government officials want to know is when I file an appeal, what information do I need to bring? And what will...how will they measure the information that I bring? How will my township assessor make the decision on my property? How do the township assessors make a decision on my competing property? Will my property be treated the same way as this competing property, or comparable property? When those appeals arrive on my desk, I'm looking to see did the township assessor systematically apply a decision? Did all the township assessors use the same or similar approach? Have they treated everybody who comes before them in the same way? And, what I'm telling you now, is that I'm seeing, all across the board, sometimes I can figure out why a change was made, and sometimes I can't. Sometimes it makes sense, and sometimes it doesn't. So I will go back, I will try to do post hoc reasoning. Okay, I think that this was the approach he used, is that why you

cut this assessed valuation here? We've had to go back and forth on these. We're still at the very beginning process. We're first to, among the first three, four counties in the state to approach it, and the state is getting these questions right now because they have not had time to reason them out in advance. They're busy trying to get all 92 counties in the state done. So, they're not of much help to us, and I know that we'll get through it, but we will not be speedy at it, because no one really wants us to be speedy, they want us to be right.

Councilmember Sutton: I've got just one last question. And, I know, there is probably a lot of things you would want to add to it, but I know we're kind of pressed for time. As I do the calculations on your budget, there is a 73% increase in what you've requested this year, as opposed to what you received last year.

Cheryl Musgrave: Gee, I guess, I need to look at that. Is it because we've asked-

President Raben: I might answer that. Because a lot of the two, three, and four thousand accounts would have been shifted into reassessment.

Cheryl Musgrave: Yeah.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Cheryl Musgrave: So last year the General Fund funded salaries, but nothing else. This year the Council has asked us to put in double requests. Put everything identical in General Fund and in Reassessment Funds. So, last year you moved out a good half of the budget into another budget, and this year you told me to move it back. So, it looks like an increase, sir-

Councilmember Sutton: Okay-

Cheryl Musgrave: -but it's being funded differently.

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, okay. Well, I'll go back and maybe readjust that figure

Cheryl Musgrave: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: But the Contractual Services is probably the one that stands out the most, I guess, out of all of them.

Cheryl Musgrave: Well, I think that you'll find that I'm asking for less in Contractual Services this year than last.

Councilmember Sutton: And that is for?

Cheryl Musgrave: The Contractual Services is for two things. Kathy McCarter, who is the consultant that we use, who basically has replaced what ACS used to do for us. So she helps us run the reports and analysis that ACS used to do, and those are extremely important reports. And, I'd like to talk to you more about them because she has saved us hundreds of thousands of dollars. In one case, where we had the new parcel ID requirement, the state said you have to give every single parcel in the county a brand new number. And, in our county she helped us do this for about \$20,000 and I can tell you that St. Joseph county spent \$386,000 to perform the very same function. So, there is a difference there of 350 some thousand dollars that this person saved for us in that one project. You know, and another project, the reassessment, we did lots and lots of reports before we sent our numbers to the state. Back and forth between the Auditor, and all the assessors, finding errors that the data revealed to us. Monroe county did not do some of the reports that we did. They made a remarkable error in their assessed valuation, causing a \$6,000,000 under funding of the government. They're either going to have to bump up

their rate next year to do this, they're trying to decide whether to adjust, go with the under funding this year, or borrow the money, increase the rate next year, in order to get the money. There's now some discussion that they might issue a new rate and new bills. These are two examples of problems that this particular individual helped us to avoid. The second part of the request, is that for ProVal?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Cheryl Musgrave: ProVal is the reassessment software, the assessment and reassessment software, that the assessors use. For many years that fee, the amount of money that is used to pay the software fees to the company that we have under contract, has been put in ACS's budget, although they do not oversee the software. They don't do any part of the work for the assessors. That work is split between Kathy McCarter, and my staff, and the GIS department. Last year I asked you to go ahead and move it to my budget, and this year ACS also wants it to be moved to my budget. And, I've put in there the number that ACS gave me as the amount that they had always requested in the past. So, that is what that is.

Councilmember Winnecke: Cheryl, just one question along the same lines. Could you give us the request for Contractual Services is \$115,432. Could you give us the breakout between what the ProVal fee is and what the fee is to Kathy?

Cheryl Musgrave: No, let me let Tammy look that up.

Councilmember Winnecke: And the other question, that ProVal fee, that encompasses the fee for the townships as well, is that correct?

Cheryl Musgrave: And anyone else who has a ProVal applicator, and there are some spread throughout the Civic Center.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Cheryl Musgrave: And I don't believe that the commissioner's budget included this amount.

Councilmember Winnecke: Does not.

Cheryl Musgrave: She can't find it just here handy, and I think it's \$82,000 for ProVal. I think, but I'm not positive. And I can get that to you. If you don't mind, can I email that to you?

Councilmember Winnecke: Sure.

President Raben: Cheryl, on Dues and Subscriptions, 3700, what would be the reason behind the increase there?

Cheryl Musgrave: The maintenance contract for the townships assessor's for ARC view. ARC view is the software which runs the GIS. There are some other things built into that, but that's the reason for the increase. Smaller and smaller example, much smaller, would be the county assessor's association dues, I think they went up or something. And the virtual web server. Is that all?

President Raben: That's all the questions I have. Does anyone else have questions?

Councilmember Tornatta: The maintenance contract.

Cheryl Musgrave: For ProVal?

Councilmember Tornatta: Is that 3540? Maintenance Contract.

Cheryl Musgrave: Line 3540?

Councilmember Tornatta: Is that a copier, or...?

Tammy Elkins: Tammy Elkins, Chief Deputy. That's for our copy machine maintenance and our fax machine maintenance agreements.

Cheryl Musgrave: That is driven totally by the invoices that we get from those-

Councilmember Winnecke: Did those agreements go up this year, or are you just estimating that it will cost more?

Tammy Elkins: I believe they have gone up. I think they went up this year, and we anticipate they probably will go up a little bit more for next year.

Councilmember Winnecke: Are the prices built into the agreements, do you know?

Cheryl Musgrave: They're like a per copy amount. And, we're kicking out more paper now.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions? None? Thank you.

Cheryl Musgrave: Thank you.

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEAL

President Raben: Well, we did have PTABOA if anyone has any questions on that one? Contractual Services on that account, 3530?

Cheryl Musgrave: For PTABOA?

President Raben: Yes.

Cheryl Musgrave: That pays for the attorney. One more, 35, where is it?

Tammy Elkins: That's number...

President Raben: Alright-

Cheryl Musgrave: Yes, the PTABOA attorney is paid out of that. You did an appropriation earlier this year into the same line item, so we might be able to carry some of that forward, in order that we... if the PTABOA needs an appraisal or some outside expert to testify on something, then that would be used for that as well.

President Raben: And the per diem rate, has that changed? Or is this request-

Cheryl Musgrave: For the board members?

President Raben: Yeah.

Cheryl Musgrave: No.

President Raben: Okay. Any other questions? None? Alright, thank you.

SALES DISCLOSURE FUND

Cheryl Musgrave: Thank you. Do you want to do the Sales Disclosure Fund, or not?

President Raben: Yes, let's do, 192.

Cheryl Musgrave: Very last page. Yes, we're asking for less this year than that, and it lasted...concentrating on training needs.

President Raben: Any questions? Alright, moving along. Thank you.

Cheryl Musgrave: Thank you.

CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

President Raben: Page 193, Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Marilee Fowler: Good morning, I'm Marilee Fowler, executive director at the Evansville Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Councilmember Hoy: My only concern is 1160-3570. I wish that wage were a little higher.

Marilee Fowler: Oh, that person is paid out of two accounts.

Councilmember Hoy: Oh.

Marilee Fowler: She is paid through the Convention and Visitors Bureau, but she also is our staff person upstairs in our visitor's center. So, she is also compensated through that fund as well.

Councilmember Hoy: What is the total amount?

Marilee Fowler: I think her total is probably about 25 or \$26,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

President Raben: We'll take just a moment and allow everybody the opportunity to review this one last time.

Councilmember Hoy: Our convention business is up considerably.

Marilee Fowler: It's been an incredible year.

Councilmember Tornatta: Marilee, can you talk about some of those numbers since you're here, or do you have any of those prepared?

Marilee Fowler: Well, we're still recovering from the LST. That was probably the most incredible event. I had somebody in my office yesterday say that was probably one of the most incredible events we've seen in Evansville for a long time. But just as an example of that, we started working a year ago with the local steering committee about bringing that ship to Evansville. And through our office, we started contacting different LST reunion groups to think about being in Evansville during that ten day period. As a result, we had 11 LST reunion groups and we had the Indiana LST conference in Evansville. So, the economic, well I shouldn't say economic, we know the expenditures during that ten day period by these conventions, as well as just general visitors exceeded a million dollars in that ten day period. So that's probably one of the most outstanding. I called this our star spangled summer because we had the Gold Star Mothers, we had the American Legion, we had all these different LST reunions. I think we've found a market that we really hadn't pursued, was with this reunion opportunity. We're in the heart of the country, we're very accessible. And I think probably more importantly, we're more affordable than a lot of the destinations these places have been going. So, it's an area we're going to continue to

pursue very heavily and of course we're very involved and, hopefully, getting that LST here permanently.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions?

Councilmember Sutton: There was one question I did have, Marilee-

Marilee Fowler: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: – and if you could just do a little bit of digging for me on this. This predates your arrival. We made an allocation, oh it's probably been about four or five years ago at least to, and it was through, they made a request to the Convention and Visitors Bureau. And it was for a series of equipment, to make a community room possible, and they were gonna buy all the high tech equipment you need for a community events type, not events, but more of a meeting type of room. And that was going to be in The Victory. I guess as I understand it, that that is no longer being used as a, there isn't a space for the meeting room, but we did make an allocation for that equipment. If you could do a little digging and find out where that equipment went and how the room that was allocated, how it's being used now?

Marilee Fowler: I will investigate that. This is the first time I have heard about that. But I will go back and talk to our staff and find out if the equipment was purchased and if so where it is.

Councilmember Hoy: The amount for that I believe, Councilman Sutton, you're right. We appropriated \$250,000, and it was supposed to be for business meetings, to bring people in town for training, and I sent a letter too, it's grown old with age, no response expected. We will get the material to you as to how much that room is being used. How many people are coming into town, and I think Mr. Sutton's right. I don't think the room exists anymore.

Marilee Fowler: And it was one of those meeting rooms upstairs in The Victory, is that correct?

Councilmember Hoy: That's correct, and it was to draw in a lot of people to come in and-

Marilee Fowler: I will find out where that process-

Councilmember Hoy: We think it's being used fully by the Signature School, to be honest with you.

Marilee Fowler: Okay, I will find out if that's the case.

President Raben: Okay, thank you. Any other questions? Thank you, Marilee. Okay, we're gonna take a break but before we do, John Bernard-

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Marilee Fowler: Did you want to do the Tourism Capital Development?

President Raben: Oh we can. Let's move to page 196. Are there any questions here?

Councilmember Hoy: Just a comment. I'm happy to see the African American Museum on that list.

Marilee Fowler: So am I.

Councilmember Hoy: I think that is a-

Marilee Fowler: I think that is a great addition. And that is what we're looking at in 2004. We'll pay off the debt on the Pagoda, that will be retired about a year from now, I think it's late August. Then we'll be allocating \$200,000 again for the soccer complex, and \$125,000 for the African American Museum.

President Raben: Okay, thank you.

Marilee Fowler: Thank you.

UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Raben: As I stated just a moment ago, John, we've already gone through your budget, and I think everybody was comfortable with it, but he did make the trip in if anyone had any questions.

John Bernard: Just one comment. In case there was a question on, I think on software, computer software, has to do with recording that personal property, that PPDMS software. We got it ordered and put it in this year and the first payment until this budget comes in next year, rather than do an additional appropriation for this year. At least that's what they told us to do. If that's, was a question anybody might have had, why that jumped up so much this year.

President Raben: No, I think everyone was comfortable with your budget. Any other questions?

Councilmember Wortman: (Inaudible)

John Bernard: Pardon?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, the appeals, how are we coming with them?

John Bernard: I think everything is pretty well settled. I've got some individual houses that I've got to get to yet. But on the majority of them it was glitch, mess up, or whatever in applying flood factor to the farmland. That's where the large number of them came from. And that's pretty well been settled, we just got to do the paperwork, and get it all back into Cheryl's office. Pretty much everybody that had the appeals in has seen it, what we're gonna do, and are satisfied with it. So, there's no real argument. It's just a matter of getting all the processed ones finished.

Councilmember Wortman: Got everything under control.

John Bernard: Yeah, pretty much.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you.

John Bernard: So nobody's come to get me yet.

Councilmember Sutton: So how many appeals did you receive?

John Bernard: 300 and something. I don't remember the exact count, but that was mostly all farm ground, which is the majority of my personal, my codes anyway, are undeveloped farm ground. Out of, other than that there are ten, two commercial and eight individual houses or lots that were appealed outside of the farm ground problem. So, that wasn't too bad I didn't think, on that point. Then I've already spoken to most of them. I'm waiting on two that were done through professionals, and I need to get back to them, on those two, because they are gonna send me an appraisal, and they haven't gotten it to me yet. So, I need to get a hold of them and see where they're at in the process. Otherwise, the rest

of them are pretty well taken care of. It's just a matter of doing the paperwork, and getting them run back through. So we're pretty well in shape, I think.

President Raben: Okay, thank you very much. Now if we could it's, I've got 11, 10:15, maybe 10:14. I can't see that clock because of the glare, but we'll take a quick recess and start again at 10:20.

TAPE CHANGE

President Raben: Area Plan, page 80.

AREA PLAN

Brad Mills: Brad Mills, Area Plan Commission. One item that I had mentioned, in the City-County combined, was our contractual services and I won't speak on it too long, as I spoke on it earlier. I would just like to reiterate that I think it is a very valuable tool. It shows potential companies, that are moving into the region, where the development is. Shows that the area that's over to the east of Burkhardt Road is not a cornfield anymore. It shows we have the connection with the Lynch Road connector to I-164, and that is to update the GIS photography that we have. I think it is a needed improvement. Our office is charged with keeping all the parcels current. The assessors' office contracted out to have all the information put into the GIS. I have allocated a staff member and taken a staff member and put her directly into that, and she does that full-time with no additional requests for employees. I've basically shifted her work to the other employees, which they weren't real happy about that, but, we were able to get more work done with the same personnel and I would really strongly encourage if we can keep that money in there, it would be a benefit for the community, the realtors, Chamber of Commerce, Builder's Association. I think it would be asset to us, to use it as a marketing tool, which it is being used for currently.

President Raben: Councilman Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Brad, when was the last time that photography was done? In an ideal world, how often should it be redone?

Brad Mills: I think it was done in 2000, my staff told me. I think every three to four years we should do it. It depends upon how quickly we're growing. I mean, if we stop and it wasn't doing any good to update the photography, but we're growing pretty rapidly on the eastside and on the westside. There is a lot of development that is going on. I think it shows that Evansville is growing, and Vanderburgh County is growing. When they look and say, well, why should I move over there? They can make a visit here, but a lot of people will just bypass and say, well, there's nothing going on.

Councilmember Winnecke: And is \$75,000 the entire fee for the refly, is that right?

Brad Mills: Yes, that will get us everything that we need for the entire county.

Councilmember Winnecke: And then, the last question I have, I forgot what you said the other day at the joint City-County budget hearing on the Travel Mileage. That it's going from \$2,000 to \$4,000, why the increase there?

Brad Mills: I don't know that we addressed that. That is funds that we are requesting to allow myself and my deputy to go to the Area Plan conference. That's an annual event. This last year I allowed him to go in my place. That's a valuable tool for us to continue education, to help us to stay on the cutting edge of where the planning community is going.

Councilmember Winnecke: Where is that?

Brad Mills: It varies year to year. This last year it was in Denver and I don't remember where it's going to be this next year. I'm sorry.

President Raben: Brad, I guess, I question the need to refly the whole county. I mean, there's obviously a lot of areas that haven't changed since 2000. Why would we not just fly the areas where we have seen a lot of growth?

Brad Mills: I believe, with that we get into some difficulty with looking at the photography. Where do you cut it off? Because there is spot development. There is redevelopment in the city. I think we can miss some areas that show, like the downtown area, as we're building Old National. I mean, there are other improvements that go throughout the county, and I think to do a hit and miss would miss some areas, or we wouldn't have current data. You wouldn't know. We wouldn't be able to show, each time you pull up a parcel, what the photo is behind that. The photo is just the background.

President Raben: Yeah, but I understand that, but that also, I mean, once you refly the whole area today, three months from now there's changes.

Brad Mills: That's very true.

President Raben: I mean, you never stay ahead of those changes. So, if we—

Brad Mills: I think on a periodic basis we need to update that. That's my personal opinion.

President Raben: I understand that, but I, you know, again, probably the largest area within the county has seen no change. You know, that's a lot of money, \$75,000, to spend every two or three or four years to—

Brad Mills: Well, I had requested last year, and, obviously, that was taken out of the budget. I think it's something that we need to address at some point. Obviously, you all make that decision.

President Raben: Let me ask you this, the state maintains aerial photos too?

Brad Mills: They do, but it's not near to the level of detail that we use for the flood plain information, for the GIS, for the parcels and everything. It's a lot poorer quality, I guess I would state.

President Raben: How often do they refly?

Brad Mills: I don't know when the last time they have flown. They haven't done anything recently, to my knowledge.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Prior to the last aerial fly over in 2000, when was the last time that they, we actually had... I know it had been—

Brad Mills: We had budgeted, from our records that I can see, obviously, that was when I was not here, but that was something that was done in '94, I believe. We had budgeted funds for that in '93-'94.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Raben: Okay. Any other questions? No questions? Thank you.

Brad Mills: Thank you.

President Raben: County Surveyor, page 34.

COUNTY SURVEYOR

Bill Jeffers: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Bill Jeffers, County Surveyor. In our general account, the Gas and Oil, we're asking for an additional \$300 to cover estimated increases in gas price and gas use. The gas price is an estimate, based on what we projected the market price would be when we submitted this. It may be higher or lower than our estimate in reality. The usage is the fact that our survey crew is logging more hours to collect their GPS data for both the location of section corners and the establishment of benchmarks, preparatory to the new flood plain maps that FEMA is publishing that raises the flood plain. We need to provide benchmarks for residential and commercial property owners, so that they can start getting their letters of map amendment and letters of map revision to avoid paying what we estimate to be, on the eastside, as much as \$500 million in increased insurance costs because of benchmark, I mean, because the flood plains being raised. So, we're out there establishing benchmarks that they will be able to use for that. Garage and Motor, 2230, we're asking for an additional \$500. We have a '91 Ford wagon, and, I believe, a '94 Chevy van. We don't ask for new cars until we need them. We don't feel we need a new car at this time, but we are experiencing, last year we experienced a transmission break down, and we anticipate other normal repairs on cars of that age. Office Supplies, we're asking for an additional \$500 to pay for federal and state regulation requirements to publish brochures and other materials to work on our new storm water control ordinance and that type of thing. That mainly is for printing costs, paper, and toner, and so forth. 3310 Training, we're asking for an additional \$500. Again, we need to stay current with new software equipment to train our staff to meet the federal and state requirements for certification of technicians with regard to new rules. Dues and Subscriptions, we're asking for an additional \$1,000 over last year. That's to keep our AUTOCAD and GIS software subscriptions current. The GIS software subscription is approximately \$3,500, and the AUTOCAD subscription is approximately \$1,000. That would leave us \$500 for miscellaneous small fees and subscriptions to organizations and other things. Computer Hardware, we're asking for \$6,000. That's our major request in the General Account. Our last new computer that I am aware of, was bought three or four years ago. Previous to that, I believe our next newest computer is four or five years old. Our other five computers, we have one at each station in our office, the other five are parts and pieces that came from the basement, and we're beginning to find out the reason they were in the basement is the other offices were having the same problems were having with them. So, we're asking for two new computers, top of the line for those people who are using them for applications that are absolutely critical with GIS, AUTOCAD, etcetera. Then their two computers will be passed down to replace some of the surplus computers that are just breaking down on them on almost a daily basis. We will continue to raid the basement for parts and pieces to keep everything else operating. That covers the General Account. Are there any questions on those increases? Under our 2650 account, which I believe is the Corner Perpetuation Fund. That's a special account established by statute whereby \$5 from each recorded deed that's recorded in the Vanderburgh County Recorder's Office is put into a special account designated for the perpetuation of section corners only. That's the only thing that can be used for. We have 992 section corners in our county. Those were originally laid out by the Congressional Surveyors between 1807 and 1816 before Indiana became a state. By statute, the County Surveyor is supposed to recover, uncover, certify, and perpetuate those corners. Every piece of property in Vanderburgh County is tied to one of those 992 corners by deed. That's why the \$5 comes from each deed, to perpetuate those corners, so that all property descriptions can be reproduced on the ground accurately to a point of origin. Each one of those 992 section corners is a point of origin for a piece of property in Vanderburgh County. All parcels are tied to those. What we're doing, at this time, the state requires us to recover and monument those corners, five percent per year, so every 20 years they should be totally recovered. We're on a four year program. This is our third year of the four year program, and our Chief Deputy, who is a certified land surveyor registered to practice in the State of Indiana, has recovered 75% of those 992 corners, and has

established their longitude, latitude, and elevation above sea level to within an eighth of an inch for use by all private and public users. Those are on the Internet. Anyone, anywhere in the world can access that information, and do land research, flood plain research, and design work for survey projects or development projects from their office anywhere in the world. Like I say, we have 75% of those accounted for down to, you know, a hair's width of their actual location. We're probably one of the two or three counties in the State of Indiana that's that far along in the GIS program. The \$40,000 would establish a base station. We think it would be somewhere on the southeast side. The reason for that is there is a paucity of cover in the Union Township bottoms, the eastside, along the river or boundary with Kentucky, in that general area. The base station we're looking at will cover a 30 mile area. So, it would cover the entire county, but it would give the most intense signal down around...we would like to put it at a volunteer fire station or a city fire station, so we're looking at somewhere on the eastside, east of Vann Avenue, and, hopefully, south of Covert. I had sent a memo in this regard to the Councilmen because this would specifically helps us complete our program, the 25% of the corners we have not recovered. Many of those are down in the bottoms, covered by several feet of sediment and it will specifically help us complete our program. So, it does qualify, under statute, for a corner perpetuation program. However, I did give you some bullets at the bottom of the explanation to tell you that this beacon could be shared by anybody that has access to it with their GIS equipment. For example, wireless E911 emergency system would give accurate, extremely accurate, location of anything that was an emergency, hazmat accidents, whatever. Vehicle with GIS could use it. Earthquake monitoring. We do have volunteer earthquake monitors out there, plus the preparedness organization in the building could use it. The phase two storm water requirements, when we have to go out and physically locate the storm sewer inlets, the entire infrastructure for drainage, the city and the county could use it. Jurisdictional boundary issues, when the court orders mapping requirements to establish where a crime, or an alleged crime, may have been committed, whether it's in the city, the county, or Kentucky, or Indiana. That's a frequent request. Flood plain certification, I mention that, that would give private surveyors access to extremely accurate elevation, to certify whether a building is in or out of the flood plain, whether or not it requires expensive insurance. If it is out of the flood plain, why pay the insurance. The urban forester could use it for his champion tree locations, wet land delineations, that type of thing. Boater's safety, boaters on the river. Barge safety for transportation. Farmers could use this GIS unit down in the bottoms on board their machinery. That's standard equipment now. Water safety enforcement by the Sheriff's Department. Then the private users, the surveyors who are out in the field, would get better coverage in the weak areas that now exist. So, that's why we are asking for that amount of money. To establish that greatly needed base station out in the field.

Councilmember Sutton: Is this a manned location, Bill? Or is this, just a kind of describe...are these just instruments or equipment that you are talking about that would be in some location to be determined, that measures or gauges something? Kind of—

Bill Jeffers: Yes sir. It's a mechanical or electronic device that sends out a digital signal, and it would be comparable to the weather department locating equipment out there to gauge the weather. They want it in a secure location, like either the airport or a municipal building. In our case I'm looking, I'm going to be looking for a fire station that is a manned, 24 hour manned station, where it would be secure. It's simply a beacon that would be located on the roof of the building that sends out a constant signal and allows people with GPS units to use that to communicate with satellites to triangulate a specific location down to within an eighth of an inch.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess, in terms of defining terms you're using a little earlier, I wasn't quite sure what you meant by...you said something about like 992 corners. What's a corner? Is that an instrument, is that a location?

Bill Jeffers: Oh, that's a monument. That's a physical monument that the U.S. Congress, I believe it was 1795, said we're going to lay out the entire northwest territory in square

miles. Everything is divided up in square miles, and each square mile has nine corners. Every half mile, you have one on each corner of the square mile, and then every half mile between those corners you have another one. That's how the entire land was divided up, prior to the northwest territory becoming seven or nine states; Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota. Everything is divided up into square miles. Subsequently, the U.S. Land Office sold land in 160 acre parcels, 40 acre parcels, 80 acre parcels, to individual settlers. Subsequently, subdivisions of those larger parcels are all tied to a specific corner. The Area Plan Commission requires, when a sub-divider turns in a plat, that that plat have a legal description that is tied to a section corner by an exact measurement. So many feet north, so many feet west from that corner. So in order to reproduce land survey on the ground, each time someone hires a land surveyor, he has to start at a known corner, and if that thing is off a half an inch, it'll throw that parcel off three or four feet by the time he traverses around it, at that distance. So that's why the state statutes requires those corners to be exactly located, and the more exactly located they are, the less land dispute you have. That's the basis for the Perpetuation Fund. It used to all be done physically or manually with tape measures and, you know, the telescope, the transit, and now it's done using the defense satellites. You use three defense satellites, or three beacons on the ground and one defense satellite, and triangulate that location. You can get it down to, you know, several centimeters rather than parts of a foot.

President Raben: Bill, the corners, you might explain to us, the corners can be identified by what? I mean they're—

Bill Jeffers: Oh, when they were first put in the ground, they were just wooden posts that the original surveyors did in the 1810's or so. Then they were replaced with stones by subsequent county surveyors over the next century or so. Then when we got into, say the thirties and forties, they started using iron pipes so that they can locate them with a magnetic detector. So most of them right now are iron pipes or iron rods. Whenever we establish one, we put a cap on it that says, you know, Vanderburgh County Surveyor with a little dot right in the middle of it, a little indentation made with a chisel to show the exact point. But now days, actually, we just publish the longitude and latitude form, and they can be reproduced exactly that way. If somebody has plowed one up, or knocked one over with a bulldozer, or what have you, they can be reproduced on the ground to their exact location, using this GPS equipment.

President Raben: Okay, Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, we had a farm out there in Darmstadt that they used the stone, and it was off 25 feet. They had a little controversy about that. Somebody moved the stone, I think that's what it was.

Bill Jeffers: Yeah, stones have been physically picked up and moved, and that's why we hired Doug McDonald, as a land surveyor, who is very meticulous. We hired him, and he has gone out and corrected and established the exact location, like I said, of 75%, which is about 730 something, so far, in the last three years.

Councilmember Wortman: Wasn't Baseline Road the start of Vanderburgh County, where they started?

Bill Jeffers: That is a baseline from which they started work, yes.

Councilmember Wortman: Right, Right. Now another question, and I'll let you go. The highest point in Vanderburgh County, can you identify that?

Bill Jeffers: It's on Henry Lane, 607 feet above sea level. It's the old Boy Scout camp across from Apache Pass, where Mr. Raben developed. You know, that little lane that goes across from your entry road. It goes back on that ridge, off of Bromm Road, towards

Orchard, and there was a flagpole where the Boy Scouts had a little camp there, in that circle. That flagpole is 607 feet above sea level. That's the highest point.

Councilmember Wortman: There's been controversy where it's at. There's Orchard Road and –

Bill Jeffers: Orchard Road has probably a dozen high points that are over 600,602,605 feet, but the highest one we found is Henry Lane.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you, Bill.

Bill Jeffers: Yes, sir.

President Raben: Councilman Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: My question will not be nearly as interesting. The computer request, and this budget, this is a duplication of the one that is in the other not, or not?

Linda Freeman: No, this is to replace Doug's–

Bill Jeffers: This is to replace Doug McDonald, the Chief Deputy, it's to replace his, which is crashing frequently, because of the load it has, all that digital GIS information. He's ... I mean, I may cuss like a sailor, but he made my face turn red when that blue screen comes up–

Councilmember Winnecke: I've learned so much this morning.

Bill Jeffers: He's really getting frustrated. He's doing a wonderful job, but that thing crashing on him daily.

Councilmember Winnecke: But, this is not a duplicate request, is what my question is?

Bill Jeffers: No sir, no sir.

President Raben: Let' move on, page 157, his Map Fund. There's sure no questions on that one, so, Bill, thank you very much–

Bill Jeffers: Yes, sir.

President Raben: –for all the info, and enlightening our day.

Bill Jeffers: Well, it's been enjoyable, thank you. You all enjoy the rest of your hearing.

President Raben: Okay, now let's move on to page 147, the Health Department.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

President Raben: Sam, it looks like you brought plenty of reinforcements today.

Sam Elder: I tell you, all of them are an improvement over myself, so, you don't believe me... that look! My name is Sam Elder. I'm the Director of the County Health Department. Most of the changes in our budget were at the directions of either the commissioners or the Auditor's office. There are a few that we have made ourselves. If there are any questions on them, I can go through them, or you can ask.

President Raben: If everyone recalls, we were given a supplement, what, Tuesday, with corrected figures for, now wait a minute, I'm thinking of another budget. Yeah, I was looking at the page above. Okay, who has questions for Sam?

Councilmember Winnecke: I'll start if its alright. On Extra Help, Sam, line 1990, the increase there?

Sam Elder: Actually, the mosquito control, we hire students in the summertime that collect mosquitoes and birds for the encephalitis and the West Nile survey. Incidentally, we had our first three birds last week that were positive for West Nile, from here. So, we won't collect anymore birds. The State won't run them after you have them. But the increase in that is for security in the new facility, and that's kind of an educated guess.

Councilmember Winnecke: Do you know what is the plan for security in the new facility?

Sam Elder: Actually, most of it is going to be controlled by cards, and we don't know just exactly. We thought, there's a possibility that we could have the security jointly with Mulberry Center and with Mental Health. But, until we have the lease completed, it's difficult to say just exactly what it's going to be.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Sam Elder: It's not going to be free entry like we have in our facility down here. You know, everybody here, you look up at your desk and you might see most anybody walking through.

Councilmember Winnecke: What is the plan for public access to the new facility?

Sam Elder: Well, that's not finalized, but it will be at the main door. That will be the main entrance for it, and there's two elevators there, and, of course, there's also interior and exterior staircases. We'll have some sort of receptionist there that will direct them to where they're going. The high traffic operations, like vital records, a lot of people come there. That'll be as close to the entrance as we can get it. We also plan, and, of course, the architect is not decided on yet, you know, the commissioners have the right to approve the architect.

Councilmember Winnecke: We've had that experience before.

Sam Elder: Okay, but, until we have the architect, you know, we can't be exactly sure. But, roughly, we've all been through it, all the supervisors, some of the board members, committee, Reverend Hoy has been through it too, and, I think, if any of you would like to go through it and look at it, I'll be glad to make arrangements for you to see it.

Councilmember Winnecke: Can you...since we're on that subject, can you give us, I know one of the largest requests is for \$1.4 million for renovation. Can you just sort of characterize, in general terms, what you feel needs to be done to the facility?

Sam Elder: Actually we're going to do as little, the plan is to do as little as we absolutely have to it. You know the...we need some open space, that's all in small spaces, so some of the walls are going to have to be removed. We got a good lesson from the small pox clinic that we had. We just didn't have the facility to have it here. We didn't, and now everybody charges you. We've been charged this year, you know, I mean, for using Newsome Center, and we never had been before. We've also paid attorney fees this year, which we never had before. So, we pay recording fees, for recording liens when we clean up property, and we never paid those before. So, that \$1.4 million, you know, that money is already in an unencumbered balance in the County Health Fund. You know, that, and it was put in, we put it in last year, and you strike it, but to make it real plain, in all probabilities, we'll need that money out of the unencumbered balance for the move into the new facility.

President Raben: Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Sam, you're gonna have that space here. Are you going to have any extra space you are not going to use over there?

Sam Elder: We don't intend to take...it could fluctuate. The architect can put us in whatever he says. We put 25,000 square feet, and that's what we anticipate, but it won't be any more than that. We'll have to make do, but it may be less. I don't know.

Councilmember Wortman: The reason I asked the question, we're looking for storage space. I thought if you have any extra you wasn't using, we might talk –

Sam Elder: I tell you storage here, every time someone talks about how crowded they are, I think we're number one on the list to be called on to straighten our storage up, because we keep spilling out of what's allocated to us. We got some records, for example, if you want a birth certificate, you have to file a paper there, and a lot of people don't like it, because the legislature passed that law, and they said you have to keep those forever. Over about a 15 year period, you'd be amazed at how much space is taken up for those little pieces of paper. But, I doubt real seriously, it'll probably take you probably a week to find one just looking for it, because we bundle them up by the year and put down there. But they take a lot of space.

Councilmember Hoy: Those records, will those be moved to the storage?

Sam Elder: We'd like to leave them, but I don't imagine they'll allow us to. You know, that's just my guess. If they want to keep them for us, they are welcome

Councilmember Hoy: There is some basement storage space in this building, which will also be in this lease?

Sam Elder: Yeah, we'll have space there in the basement.

Councilmember Hoy: I want to go back to the Extra Help, because, I think, that security and privacy is connected with HIPPA, is it not? I mean, that's going to mandate–

Sam Elder: It's going to mandate that we can't have people wandering around in the facility anymore. You know, we have people's health records come in on the fax machines, and it has to be isolated, and has to be kept so everybody can't come look at. They can't walk around in back of a desk and look at, you know, at the computer, and that is part of it. HIPPA, that was the legal fee that we had to pay, because it's a field all of its own. None of the county's attorneys were familiar with it, or at least they wouldn't admit it.

Councilmember Hoy: Council needs to know, it has far reaching effects and it will impact this facility, and we'll need that security. As a clergyman, the hospitals no longer can call me and tell me that someone's in unless that person has signed permission to release that information and I can't access that either. That's a small part of this, but I think it's illustrative of how important this is. This money is for the security.

Sam Elder: You don't have any choice but to be in compliance, if you're going to participate in a lot of the programs–

Councilmember Hoy: The fines, I think the first fine is \$5,000, and they go upwards, oh yeah. This is not small potatoes. I have to be careful in a church service about announcing who's in the hospital, or I can be fined.

President Raben: Before we go any further, we need a tape change.

TAPE CHANGE

President Raben: Okay, moving right along. Did anybody have any other questions?

Councilmember Sutton: I did have a question, we're on a new tape now. Sam, there's some significant changes that have impacted your budget as a result of the school corporation's changes and you've got some additional requests for, on positions...how-

Sam Elder: I'll tell you-

Councilmember Sutton: -did that come about? Is that something that they initiated with us, that we initiate with them? How did these additional positions --?

Sam Elder: I think Dr. Del Rio, who is our board chairman, wants to lend herself to that.

President Raben: Okay.

Sam Elder: If it's alright.

President Raben: Sure, come on up. And, Marie please state your name for the record.

Maria Del Rio: Maria Del Rio-Hoover, Chairman of the Vanderburgh County Board of Health. Thank you for allowing me to be here. I think that the issue of the extra help was started and begun by myself and the physicians on the board. As we saw that the school health nurses were not going to be available and there was going to be a decrease in nursing services in the schools, we felt that the health of the children is the responsibility of the Health Department. We have been fortunate that our school corporation allows and has allowed, up to now, to have nurses in the schools during the school hours. Not all schools do this, and not all schools have to do this. Starting this year they're only going to be there four hours a day. The way, that the health in our community is going, obesity, diabetes, asthma, and hypertension in children, we need to be very present in the schools, because many of these children do not have a medical family and sometimes they're seen only by the school nurse when they have problems, and then referred. I felt that it was the responsibility of the Health Department to provide some help especially in education and evaluation of these children to the nurses who are going to have shortened times in the schools. We discussed at the board and we discussed it with the other board members and we felt that we can't ask you for 35 nurses, or the number that are in the schools. There are 35 schools. But we felt that by taking two positions that were already there that were at higher level salary that were not being used, that were vacant because we weren't using, the Health Department is moving into different needs and different services for this community. So we took two positions that were on higher salaries and those two positions essentially can make up three nursing positions for our staff nurses. And then, two new positions for a total in the budget of about \$85,000 extra. We would have five total positions that would allow us to have nurses that could serve the community better, number one, and serve the school corporation. I do have some guests, Kathy Gray is here and she is Assistant Superintendent for Vanderburgh County School Corporation, and Diana Butler is Supervisor of Health Services. And I don't know that you know Diana Simpson and she's director of our nursing division in the Health Department. You know there is a big question as to who's responsibility is it, is it the school's or is it the Health Department's? And, it all boils down to maybe it's both. I think this is a good way for us to be able to help them and help the children.

Councilmember Hoy: My comment on this, and because I know as a council we've said no new positions, and it would be easy to join in that unfortunate chorus that has begun to sing against the school corporation. I think that is unfortunate. Everybody's got a solution for that dilemma. But when we're dealing with the health of our children, it gets very personal for me, in addition to the situations you have mentioned. With modern medicine, we have a number of young people for whom daily medicine is crucial. I'm not talking about Ritalin and medications in that particular family for hyperactivity. But I have two grandchildren who probably, you know, 20 years ago, would be dead except for modern medicine. And that medicine that they take must be regulated. It must be given to them every day. It's crucial to their well-being. They both have illnesses, by the way, that will be

outgrown when they become adults. And I point that out because a lot of people misunderstand from their own background. Particularly people in my age group, when we lived in a simpler time. And those children, with those illnesses, just simply died and we accepted it. That's no longer something we accept, no longer something that's true. And I don't mean to be overdramatizing this. We all know how health care has changed immensely for all of us, for the better, except for the cost perhaps. But I think this is a bargain for the sake of the general health of our children.

President Raben: Just a quick question, for instance, in the school corporation where nurses are working for, that's four hours per school, right? They'll probably work two schools in one day, or is it? And I probably don't even need to ask that question but, children that need medications administered to them will still get that right?

Maria Del Rio: I presume they will. But when the nurse isn't there, it will be a non-health professional providing it and administering it and there will be four hours a day that there will be a non nurse in the schools.

President Raben: Okay, so these extra couple of nurses, I mean, I'm just in my own mind trying to figure out how does so little make an impact? How does it make any difference? I mean you know they can't be in however many schools there are at once. I'm just having a hard time thinking through this.

Maria Del Rio: There are many times that a nurse is required for education. Prevention is the basis of everything, not just administering the medicine, and to make sure they're vaccinated. The public health nurses deal with vaccines with the Women, Infant, and Children's program, and other issues related. So, we tie into a lot of the services that the schools do also. We, but the main issue is, when there is, for example a head lice epidemic, they're gonna need the nurses to come and help address that. If there is an epidemic related to another illness, if there's education to be done about nutrition, or physical activity, which is one of the basis of hypertension in our children right now. And, we're seeing a great increase in hypertension in our kids right now. And, I can give you, I after being here yesterday, I decided to go and get some, a little bit of data. A 50 year old man who is healthy, not overweight, and doesn't smoke has an 11% chance of getting coronary artery disease. A 50 year old man who is overweight and smokes has a 36% chance. That's what it's gonna be to our community if we teach these children to stay healthy, to not smoke, to have better activity, aside from the hypertension. So it's not just dealing with the medication. It's dealing with the whole health issue of our community that is gonna become a major issue in our entire state.

President Raben: Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I'm gonna ask the question, I don't know. Retired nurses, is that a pursuable possibility, to go out, that they would want to do for three, four hours?

Maria Del Rio: I'd love to have them if they'd do it for free. But we haven't found any retired nurses to provide any services recently. There is a major shortage of nurses, as this you've heard, in our community and throughout the United States. So, nurses, even the retired ones, when they do go back to work, do it intermittently. We haven't had a surge of retired nurses that have been willing to be volunteers.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Councilman's Raben's question, you know, these five nursing positions. How would you, there's a lot of schools, I don't know the exact count, but how would you spread these out?-

Maria Del Rio: And, we don't have...one of the things we would think about doing is developing two positions that would be public health nurses that would be school liaisons,

and they will work directly with the director of nursing services for the schools and identifying what are the health care needs of the schools. Many times it's not giving a pill, but giving education, helping with health fairs, doing blood pressure checks and doing assessments to some of these kids you know, throughout the school year. So, the two nurses would work with the school health nurses in identifying what different schools need at different times. By spreading them out and not limiting them to one school, they can be at one school at one time, and another school at another time. It still won't be perfect, but I don't think I can come here and ask you for \$200,000. So I thought that it would be a start to address the lack of nursing services that we're going to have in the schools and a beginning, it's better than nothing, and I think it would be a beginning for us to then address. And I do want to ask you to challenge us if you want to, to come before you, before the budget meeting next year, and give a thorough report of what we have done, what we plan to do, what we have accomplished, and if we have failed. You have every right to know where you spend your money. And I would be very happy to come before you and tell you whether I failed or not, or whether we need, or, what we need to do, because this is so early that I won't have a lot of facts until we have a chance to put it in place.

Councilmember Tornatta: Dr. Del Rio and I talked yesterday, and part of the thing that I was concerned about is, as a council, we always want to know the best bang for our buck. And then what different ways do we think that we see advantages? And one of the reasons Councilman Hoy has mentioned is the children. We want to make sure they're taken care of. The other thing I say is EVSC came to us asking us for \$100,000 for help in a certain area. I think this is a way that we can give support to the schools, to the children, and take care of them, and another area that is going to benefit not only the county as a whole, but the school system. Then we do challenge the Health Department to come back with a progress report in a year to tell us how the process has gone. Then the last thing, there will be grants that will be sought to possibly even take care of a position like this through the state and/or federal funding. To see if any of these programs, which this would actually be a start-up program, would possibly pass on through the state and get some state funding as a pilot program for the school systems.

Maria Del Rio: There are state and federal grants, we just don't know until we get started where we could go with this. There may be grants to increase the services. Like Councilman Sutton said, how are we going to really impact with just five people. I don't think we'll impact as well as a full time person, but it's better than a person that's there four hours a day. It's a beginning, and it allows us to see how much we really need, and where we need to go. I want to make it perfectly clear that this idea did not come from the school corporation. This idea came from the Board of Health to the school corporation. We went before them first and asked them if they would be interested in having us work with them in providing health care services to the children of our community. The school didn't come to us, we went to them. We felt it was our responsibility.

President Raben: Councilman Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: I would have just one last, sort of a personal note, sort of along the theme of Councilman Tornatta and Councilman Hoy. I have a daughter who is asthmatic, and I'm grateful for the fact that she has very good health care. But if I had a nickel for every time she was in the nurse's office from Kindergarten through her senior year in high school, I would probably never have to work again. I wonder about how many children are out there who are like that, who don't have access to that? That's what scares me, and while, yes, we are really trying to keep the clamps down on growth. You know, I think this is a dire need for the county, and I support it.

President Raben: Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Your definition of school, is parochial schools involved in this, too?

Maria Del Rio: Right now it's Vanderburgh County, but this, we are responsible for the health of the community. If the parochial schools want us to come and help and provide any kind of services, we certainly would not turn them away. I think it's the health of the entire community.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you.

President Raben: Any other questions?

Maria Del Rio: I have an answer to Councilman Winnecke. There are 24,000 total students in Vanderburgh County, and 44% are on free and reduced lunches right now.

President Raben: Okay, I guess, there's been a lot of editorializing here today, so I'm not going to get into that and I quite honestly haven't made up my mind one way or the other. You know, I still believe that the people made the decision back in May how far they wanted us to go in regards to the school corporation. I, you know, I'm still 50/50. You know, if I vote in support of this, then I've slammed the door on the message that the people sent in May. So I will leave that be right there. Looking at the direction that this could go, and it's quite possible the way it sounds, that this could pass this body. What other areas in this budget can we cut back to offset some of this additional? I mean, when we look at your budget, and I've always been extremely supportive of the Health Department, and have pushed and worked hard to help you get this move that you've much needed. But, you know, we are talking about more money. Granted the rental charge per square foot is less, and we're getting twice as much space. But, you know, with our additional cost in rent, with remodeling, and the move, now we're asking to put five new employees on the payroll. What other areas in this budget can we cut to offset some of this?

Maria Del Rio: Well, it's really, we had some line items on the payroll, so the total amount, it won't be a cost of five employees, it will be the cost of two plus \$12,000. Because we had some line items of positions that were vacant that were at higher salaries. So, when you look at the difference, it's \$85,000 difference.

President Raben: Okay, identify those for me.

Maria Del Rio: Alright. They're not, I think they were in last year's budget, but I don't know that they were already changed in our budget. We had a position of, we had a position for a Clinic Supervisor that was not being utilized, and we weren't functioning and this is 213.0, is that the same number that you have?

Councilmember Sutton: Our numbers are—

Councilmember Winnecke: 1560.

Maria Del Rio: And a position, a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, they were both at much higher salaries. Those were changed to Public Health Nurses, at a lower salary.

President Raben: Okay, now, 2130 is just (Inaudible).

Maria Del Rio: Oh, okay, see I don't know what numbers.

Councilmember Sutton: It's the second set of numbers.

Maria Del Rio: 1140.

President Raben: 1140?

Maria Del Rio: And 1180, is that it? 1140 and 1180 were two positions that had been vacant for quite a while, that are positions that we, as the Health Department moves on, we're not going to be using another Nurse Practitioner. We haven't been able to fill it. The Clinic Supervisor position was not, was something that was used in the past, but we did not have that position anymore, and they were in the budget. We just changed them to Public Health Nurses, because that's what we really need right now.

President Raben: Okay. Quick question, on the 1180-2130, there is no one being paid out of that line item currently, correct?

Maria Del Rio: Correct.

Sam Elder: The Clinic Supervisor is not being paid, but (Inaudible)--

Maria Del Rio: That's the 1180 that he asked about, it's the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, and there's no one--

Sam Elder: No one paid out of that--

President Raben: There's a request now for 204 for \$36,000. I assume that we can maybe set that in at a dollar to maybe keep the line item open, because you'll have \$51,000 to spend next year that you're not using this year. So, technically, we can either set that in at zero... I mean, we can set it in at zero and the line doesn't go away, right?

Councilmember Sutton: I think they want the line to.... I don't think they want the position anymore, Jim.

Maria Del Rio: No.

Councilmember Sutton: They want a new position.

President Raben: Right, that will need to be, that will have, that will need to have a new title. You'll need to give us those titles and we can make those adjustments in September. My point is, as we look at this budget, that line, we really don't need to insert \$36,929, because there is almost \$52,000 that can be used next year, that's not being used this year.

Maria Del Rio: We didn't add \$36,000, we just changed from \$51,000 to \$36,000.

President Raben: I understand that, but you really, technically, do not need that \$36,000 next year, because you can carry over the \$52,000--

Councilmember Winnecke: The \$51,080 will carry over.

President Raben: --that's not being used this year.

Councilmember Winnecke: So, it's already there.

Maria Del Rio: Well, it needs to be changed to--

Councilmember Winnecke: Right.

Maria Del Rio: --yeah, right, correct. The other one, too, the other position that's higher can be changed the same way. Those are the two positions that are vacant right now.

President Raben: Now, which other one is vacant?

Sam Elder: It's the Supervisor.

Maria Del Rio: You used that this year.

President Raben: Is the 1140-2130 vacant?

Maria Del Rio: No.

President Raben: Okay, what's the other one that you're referring to that's vacant?

Maria Del Rio: This one was.

Sam Elder: The Clinic Supervisor, what's the number on that one?

Peggy Groves: The Clinic Supervisor position was 1140, and it was vacant for a period of time. This was the position that we had to move the Public Health Nurse into in order to use that Public Health Nurse. We couldn't find a Clinic Supervisor. There was no one qualified for that.

Sam Elder: We have it filled. It's filled now, Barbara Sprinkles is in that position.

President Raben: Okay. Now, let's, the other positions are—

Sam Elder: That's the two.

President Raben: That's the two.

Maria Del Rio: The other three are—

Councilmember Sutton: You're wanting to keep that existing position though, and then this new position, you're wanting that, too. So, you probably can't use that same line item, or that same line. Do you know what I'm saying, Jim? That 1140-2130, they have someone there, they are not wanting to get rid of that person.

President Raben: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: What they've requested here for next year is that additional nurse position. So, essentially, you've got two people labeled in that.

President Raben: They've got line items where they are requesting those new persons. Starting with 1590—

Maria Del Rio: 1580 and 1570.

President Raben: No, there....okay. Right, there's three new requests.

Maria Del Rio: Right.

President Raben: And then, the other two are that 1140 and 1180.

Maria Del Rio: Correct.

President Raben: Now, the 1140 and 1180, in September we'll need to put new titles, you know, what those people really represent. Instead of Pediatric, well, no, that's probably going to be correct, right? Pediatric Nurse Practitioner?

Maria Del Rio: No, Public Health Nurse.

President Raben: Public Health Nurse.

Maria Del Rio: The salaries are different.

President Raben: Okay.

Maria Del Rio: I'm trying to save you money.

President Raben: Okay. Hold on just a second. Yeah, I've spoken on that. Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I was just curious, we're jumping these positions around, don't they have to go through Job Study on this? I mean, this is—

President Raben: Well, they do, actually, you're right.

Councilmember Wortman: They should.

President Raben: New positions have to go through Job Study first. Well, you know, again, regardless of what this body does, we can set it in, and then they will need to go before Job Study before the end of the year. Before these people would be hired.

Councilmember Sutton: Then there's a request to reclassify a position, too. It's going to need to go through.

Councilmember Bassemier: Because I know somebody's going to call us on that.

President Raben: Sam, I know Sandie is very busy this week and next week, but maybe sometime at the end of August, or the very first part of September, if you could get with her and she'll, I think she'll be happy to assist you on the appropriate steps for going through Job Study.

Sam Elder: She always is.

President Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: I'm not saying this that I'm not for this—

Sam Elder: No, we always go through it. We know we have to go through the Job Study.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

President Raben: Okay, but, I guess, back to my other questions, you know the balances in each and every individual account. Are there other areas that we can take away from to offset the additional? Maria, you mentioned the \$85,000, you know, that probably doesn't include benefits. So, you know, you've got to tack another \$10,000 per person on to that. So, I mean, again I'm asking for your suggestions here because, you know, this does have an effect on our overall.

Maria Del Rio: I don't know. I'm going to defer to Sam about anything else. I think we've all been pretty fiscally conservative in our staff and in our expenditure. I can't think of anything that we can cut back on. However, there is one item that we hope that we will be lower...as we do an assessment of how many square feet we need for the new building, if we were to need...we asked for \$350,000 for 25,000 square feet. We may not need that much. Depending on how much we need, that number will be much lower. I can't guarantee you, but we're definitely not going to use anymore than we need. We won't pay for anymore than we need. I've calculated that if we use 20,000 square feet, that would be a yearly cost of \$280,000 versus \$350,000, which is a \$70,000 a year difference. We'll probably be somewhere in between, but we're going to try to be very fiscally responsible, to use as much as we need, but not more, so that we can save you some money there.

Sam Elder: The only place that we could cut would be to eliminate programs, and that would have to be a board decision.

President Raben: Okay, and I'm just looking at things like 1971 Accrued Payment, we budgeted \$20,000 this year, we haven't spent anything to date. Last year you only spent \$3,000, the year before that \$8,900—

Sam Elder: They are leaving that in there for me because when I leave, that's how much it will be.

President Raben: Well, are you leaving next year?

Sam Elder: No.

President Raben: Okay, then, there you go. Then we can probably take it away, right?

Sam Elder: Well, you know, they always say, the old Indians has the only rocks that last forever. We all know that's not even so.

President Raben: Well, if you would, please, Sam, revisit this, because we are talking about a lot of money. A lot of additional money here. So, any areas like that, that, you know, we can take out for this year in order to help offset some of it, we need it. The other one is Extra Help. I mean, I understand we've addressed the security needs, but there's, you know, \$15,000 budgeted and \$238 spent here to date.

Maria Del Rio: The other thing about security is those are numbers that we don't know, because it was my understanding with Mr. Browning that they were going to have a card system. I thought they were going to install it. So if they install a card system and we just have to pay for our own cards, it might not be very much. It's their building, so—

President Raben: I understand there's a lot of "what if's".

Maria Del Rio: So some of that, you know, some of these costs we may be able to come back to you next year and say they were a lot less, including the one million for moving. We hope for that moving cost to be a lot less. We just won't be able to tell you until next year.

President Raben: Okay. Just another example or two before we get off this like Other Contractual 3930, we budgeted \$30,000, we've spent \$6,700 to date. Last year was the highest of the past two and that was at \$13,000. So, you know, there are some lines that we can probably cut from. Since we did mention...we've had a lot of discussion on the cost of the move, the 1.4 that's requested, we don't actually need to insert that. You're going to spend that out of set aside. So, you'll actually come to us, if need to be, for our blessing in January.

Sam Elder: We have to come back for that money as soon as we have the lease arranged.

President Raben: Well, I didn't want to alarm you, because we will actually set that figure in at zero next week.

Councilmember Winnecke: Right.

President Raben: And then you'll come to us in January to spend it out of your unappropriated.

Sam Elder: Yeah, we understood that.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President, if we could find some time, as your liaison, to look for some areas? I would be glad to do that.

Sam Elder: At your convenience, I'm here everyday.

President Raben: Okay. Let's move on. Thank you so much.

CIRCUIT COURT

President Raben: Circuit Court, page 99.

Carl Heldt: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, Councilmen. My name is Carl Heldt, Circuit Court Judge. Good morning. On the General Fund, there's a couple of changes. These have to do with increases in Probation Officers stipends, and they were put in there, over and above the general salary increase. They are put in there to comply with the minimum salary guidelines that have been passed by the legislature this last year, to get those up to those minimum guidelines. However, the statute provides that any raise in that pay to comply with the administrative, or with the minimum guidelines, is to be taken from the increase, or the administrative fee, the extra \$100 administrative fee that they are allowing us to charge to probationers, which goes into the User Fund. So instead of these increases, to get to the guidelines, to be taken out of the General Fund, we're going to take them out of the User Fund. We're going to need to change that at a later date on our User Fund request as well. So let me tell you what they are, 1360...1600-1360 Special Stipend, it says \$5,000, change that to \$3,334. 1640-1360 Probation Officer, it says \$39,518, that will be changed to \$37,754. Then we'll come back at a later time and pick those up in User Fee expenditures. Are you with me?

President Raben: Okay, are there more yet?

Carl Heldt: That's all for the probation. On 4250 Miscellaneous Equipment, \$30,000, put that at zero. That's a project that I'm not ready to present to you yet, and I hope to at a later date, but at this point, take that out. Other than that—

President Raben: Everything else is the same.

Carl Heldt: That's pretty good, isn't it? So far.

President Raben: Yeah.

Councilmember Sutton: We don't want to stop you.

Carl Heldt: Other than that, I think it's pretty standard. No dramatic changes that I can think of. The same for the User Fee Fund, Supplemental Adult Probation Fund. So, I'll be happy to entertain any questions or requests.

Councilmember Sutton: On that Magistrate, there's an increase there.

Carl Heldt: There is? Where's that?

Councilmember Sutton: No, I take that, no....scratch that.

Carl Heldt: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: Judge?

President Raben: Questions for the judge on this budget?

Councilmember Tornatta: What do you...now you don't get fees in this budget right here? But you do in the other budget, right?

Carl Heldt: The Supplemental Adult Probation?

Councilmember Tornatta: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Tornatta: That's the User Fee Fund.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and what's your balance there?

Carl Heldt: What's the balance?

Councilmember Tornatta: I mean, what, how much do you have in that fund right now?

Carl Heldt: \$59,000.

President Raben: Okay, judge, your regular budget looks good. There's no changes from last year. That's what we like to see. Thank you for that.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

President Raben: Page 79, Supplemental Adult Probation. 179, excuse me. You had some changes that needed to be made there.

Carl Heldt: I don't think so. No, no changes from what you have in front of you.

President Raben: Okay. Yeah, don't we have to pencil in the stipend difference?

Carl Heldt: Can we do that now? Somewhere.

Karen Angermeier: We could do one now. Would that be okay?

President Raben: Sure.

Karen Angermeier: Okay. The original position, that additional amount that we took out of the Circuit Court budget in 1640, okay? If we go to the User Fee budget, 1470-2600, if we could adjust that to \$1,764.

President Raben: We need to add (Inaudible).

Karen Angermeier: No. We need to reduce that amount. The person that left this position was John Mueller. He's no longer with us. So, the person—

President Raben: (Inaudible. Mike not on.)

Karen Angermeier: Reduce it to \$1,764.

President Raben: Well, good, this is a windfall on both sides. Isn't it?

Councilmember Sutton: Can you...that line item that you're referring to again?

Karen Angermeier: Yes, 1470-2600.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Karen Angermeier: The amount is \$1,764.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Raben: Okay, are there any other questions on this budget? None? Let's move on. Thank you very much.

Carl Heldt: Thank you.

President Raben: Voters Registration, page 76.

TAPE CHANGE

VOTER REGISTRATION

President Raben: Please state your names for the record.

Connie Carrier: Connie Carrier, Voter Registration.

Anthony Bushrod: Anthony Bushrod, Voter Registration.

President Raben: Okay, does anybody have any questions here? My only question would be, 3371 Computer Hardware.

Anthony Bushrod: Okay, our existing system is an in-house system, and we already have the PC's, which we got from surplus. To put them in operation we need, like, the drops to the terminals, working, you know, hook them up, when the state gets ready to hook up to the system, for the state wide voter file. For right now, you know, what we have is outdated. There is very few replacement parts or anything like that. So this is the computer drops to hook into the PC's, which we got from surplus.

President Raben: Okay, any questions?

Councilmember Sutton: Looks good.

President Raben: No questions? That's a long wait for nothing, wasn't it? Thank you very much.

Connie Carrier: Thank you.

Anthony Bushrod: Thank you.

COUNTY COUNCIL

President Raben: Last but not least is County Council, page 128.

Councilmember Tornatta: All the books look good till here.

President Raben: Yeah.

Councilmember Sutton: Zero. Curt said he didn't want his 3%.

President Raben: I don't know if anyone has any comments.

Councilmember Tornatta: Can you get Lloyd to...(inaudible) our salary?

President Raben: There are a few lines that we can adjust, 3310 Training, zero. And 3315, I'm sorry, 3315 was set in at \$5,000. So are there any other questions, comments? None?

Councilmember Sutton: Are one, Sandie, are one of the salary lines off?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, we'd like to get Lloyd up with us, with our pay.

Councilmember Sutton: 1130-1480?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, that's Lloyd.

Sandie Deig: Yeah. No, he requested that he didn't get a raise one year. So, he's being—

Councilmember Sutton: You're running behind. Yeah, he lost his—

President Raben: Okay, well, if no one has any questions or comments on that budget, the chair is now going to recess until next Tuesday, August 12th, where we'll begin the dirty part of this job, and that's making cuts. So, I know—

Councilmember Tornatta: And that's 12:00?

President Raben: That is at 9 A.M.

Councilmember Tornatta: 9 A.M.?

President Raben: 9 A.M.

Sandie Deig: Write that down.

(Meeting was recessed at 11:37 A.M.)

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
AUGUST 6, 2003**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 6th day of August, 2003 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m. by County Council President Jim Raben.

President Raben: I'd like to call to order the Vanderburgh County Council meeting for August 6th, 2003, Vanderburgh County Council meeting. Attendance roll call please.

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

President Raben: If we could all stand for the Pledge.

Jeff Ahlers: I just wanted to make a public announcement for the record that there was also scheduled at the same time for this room, a Park's bond issue public hearing and that has been moved to room 307. Is there anybody here that wants to be heard on the Park's bond issue public hearing? Okay, there is no one, I guess, here. So anyway, that's been moved to room 307. Thanks.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
JUNE 30, 2003 SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 2, 2003 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

President Raben: Okay. The chair would now entertain a motion for approval of minutes for our June 30th, 2003 meeting and July 2nd, 2003 regular meeting.

Councilmember Wortman: Make a motion to approve them.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second by Councilman Hoy. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Raben: Opposed? Okay, motion carries. That's kind of a new one here, isn't it?

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Raben: Okay, now we'll move into the appropriation ordinance and I

would now turn the chair over to Finance Chairman, Lloyd Winnecke.

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

CLERK

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. Beginning with the Clerk's Office from the General Fund appropriation requests, line 1010-1160-1010 Deputy Clerk/Superior, I move that we set this amount in at zero.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any questions?

Councilmember Winnecke: I will just state, this position was reclassified last year and based on Council policy of not reviewing requests for reclassifications, we're supposed to do it every two years, so since this was just done last summer, this would fall under that. So that's why its set in at zero.

President Raben: Okay. Any other questions or comments? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1010-1160-1010	Deputy Clerk/Superior	915.00	0.00
Total		915.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AUDITOR

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, from the Auditor’s office, line 1020-3530 Contractual Services, I’ll move that we put this amount in at \$30,000.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Winnecke: And I would just add that there is a repeal that mirrors this, so there is negligible effect on the general fund unappropriated balance.

President Raben: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1020-3530	Contractual Services	30,000.00	30,000.00
Total		30,000.00	30,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Raben: Motion carries.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Community Corrections line 1361-1850 Union Overtime, I'll move that this amount be set in at \$25,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1361-1850	Union Overtime	35,000.00	25,000.00
Total		35,000.00	25,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

THE CENTRE

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, from The Centre, 1440-3536 Centre Operating Account, I'll move that this amount be put in at \$200,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

THE CENTRE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1440-3536	Centre Operating Acct.	200,000.00	200,000.00
Total		200,000.00	200,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR DRUG COURT

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Superior Court, line 1372-3530 Contractual Services, I'll move that this amount be set in at \$938.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes. Motion carries.

SUPERIOR DRUG COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1372-3530	Contractual Services	938.00	938.00
Total		938.00	938.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, the request for Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation has been withdrawn.

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2600-1900	FICA	1,300.00	Withdrawn
2600-1920	Insurance	5,000.00	Withdrawn
2600-1980	Other Pay	17,000.00	Withdrawn
Total		23,300.00	Withdrawn

JAIL PROJECT

Councilmember Winnecke: We'll move on to Jail Project Fund. Jail Project, Community Corrections line – actually, I will move that this be deferred one more month.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Discussion?

Councilmember Winnecke: I would just – a carryover from our last meeting last week, Councilman Tornatta has been in some discussions with DOC to see what can be counted as this county's portion of the match. I don't think those discussions are fully complete. And based on the fact that we're still in budget hearings for 2004, I think before we commit, we need to look and see how things play out. We have until September 9th to commit to the state what our intention is in terms of the match. We can meet that deadline by taking action at our September 3rd meeting and I would anticipate that we would have a commitment one way or the other at that meeting.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, I did say I was going to get in touch with the appro-

priate entities; however, they have different budget obligations and have been in and out of office, so although I have left messages to get in touch with them, they have not been able to get with each other in order to get in touch with us as well. So they said we would get in touch as soon as possible. Deferring it a month shouldn't hurt anything.

President Raben: Okay, Councilman Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: I hate to sound suspicious, but I'm going to. Do we have the paperwork that assures us that we have to do a match? I've never seen that and I would love to have that on my desk where that has been bounced around so much. I'm sure that we have to do the match. I'd just like to see the paperwork.

President Raben: Okay, well, that's a fair request.

Councilmember Tornatta: Now he said he'd sent it to the office and I –

Sandie Deig: Commissioner's office.

Councilmember Tornatta: He could have. He thought he sent it to the Council office as well, but I will see if we can't get that. He just sent another letter, I believe, recently.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm sure that its there. It's just that I've watched this thing being – you're this body's appointment to that board and I want to see the final document.

Councilmember Tornatta: I asked him why we hadn't - did not receive any type of literature on what was going to go on and Ed, he really didn't have a good answer. He said he'd be happy to send it to any of us. I told him we could get it in the Commissioners office or in our office.

Councilmember Hoy: It is not unusual, Councilman Tornatta, for us to be left out of the loop on a number of things. We get the blame for everything and we get left out of the loop quite often. Thank you.

President Raben: I tell you, I had told Councilman Tornatta before the opening of the meeting, you know, I think there's been a lot of cutbacks in that department. In fact, when you visit there, you see that at one time it housed a great number of people and you could fire a cannon through there today and not hit anybody. But, you know, I've been trying to get in contact with Robert Ohlemiller for a week and haven't yet been successful. So I think they're just extremely busy up there. Well, okay, any other questions? No 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

JAIL PROJECT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3660-4193	Community Corrections	2,000,000.00	Deferred
Total		2,000,000.00	Deferred

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COIT WINDFALL

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, next is the COIT Windfall request, line 4131-3630 Equipment Lease. I'll move that this be set in at \$250,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Discussion?

Councilmember Winnecke: A couple things and then maybe some comments after this. I think based on our recent experience dealing with state government and reimbursements, I think its important that we make a commitment that we get out – we want to be a part of this but I think its also a little premature. We may need some of the COIT Windfall money to help our 2004 budget. Frankly, we don't know how that's all going to play out until our budget hearings have concluded. Having said that, I think its important to go ahead and make a commitment we think that this body can fund. New election equipment, my personal opinion is we ought to look to do a purchase, and I think Councilman Raben and I know, I believe, the Commissioners feel that way, so that's why its set in at \$250,000. I think this gets the ball rolling. Does it get us on the time frame that everyone wanted? Maybe not, but I think it's a commitment on this body's part to move forward none the less.

Councilmember Hoy: I'm also still concerned about the security of the system. I'm also concerned about this fly that the Sheriff sent over here. But I'm also concerned – I'm not clear about the paper trail when I go into vote. I'd like for my ballot to be on something more substantial than a screen and in a computer. Computers have a way of failing.

Councilmember Tornatta: There are actually thermal printers in this quote, so I had already checked on that myself to find out. And its just like anything else, I believe that either you get the receipt, essentially a receipt, after you vote and then that has to be distributed and in a box because you don't want to walk out and have somebody finding out what you voted, but that would go into a box for recount

purposes, and that's how I think the system is going to be run. And I questioned that as well.

Councilmember Hoy: I hope that's true because the information I had received wasn't real clear on that and I think we need clarity for sure.

Councilmember Tornatta: They said that with this option, the amount of thermal printers –

Councilmember Hoy: Are they supplying those –

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes, that was in the contract. Now my question is, is \$250,000 based on any certain amount of number? I mean, for that –

Councilmember Winnecke: Just south of half of the request is really the only – it's a round number. There's no scientific number to it.

Councilmember Tornatta: Then why not say \$10,000 or \$50,000?

Councilmember Winnecke: Pardon me?

Councilmember Tornatta: Why not say \$10,000 or \$50,000?

Councilmember Winnecke: I just thought the figure \$250,000 was a firm, just sounds more firm to me than 10 or \$50,000, and it gives the Commission and the election board and the Clerk a definitive feeling from our body that we do want to move forward. And maybe 10,000 or 50,000 might not send the same message.

President Raben: I might add something, too, that may or may not make you feel better, but I think it will. This account number is our COIT, so that money still would require our blessing after we set this figure in today. It would still require our blessing to be spent.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, I guess we would have to have the full amount for the first payment in place, would we not? Even if we didn't spend it, we'd have to have it in place before we ordered the system.

Councilmember Winnecke: Well, according to the spokesman from ESS who was here last week, they would not require the first payment until after we received, the county had received its reimbursement from the state.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right, I guess I understand that, but what I'm saying is even though they wouldn't require the first payment, wouldn't we have to have that in place even though we wouldn't spend it?

B J Farrell: If I could, we do have a representative from ES & S today, Rob McGinnis, if you have any questions he'd be more than happy to address them.

Councilmember Tornatta: Sure. Come on up, Rob.

Rob McGinnis: I actually would like to clarify the question – Rob McGinnis with ES & S. Point of clarification in regard to paper. Actually, the way the system works, we can print out the ballot image of every ballot cast so you can physically do a hand recount from the system. As far as the printer and what you get at the precinct, what that will be printing is a hard copy of all the contest candidates and their totals right

at the close of polls, so we know at 6:01 who won in every precinct. That report will print out and then when we get things back to the courthouse we can physically print out the audit trail of every ballot cast.

Councilmember Hoy: What happens if there is a failure between point A and point B? That's my concern.

Rob McGinnis: Sure. As far as between going from the precinct back to this location with the totals? The totals stay on each individual unit. There is a device, a card that we will be bringing the totals back on to accumulate all of your precincts here down in the Election office. But if something happens and that does not get here, the totals remain on all of the individual units so we just go back and recollect.

Councilmember Hoy: Okay, what happens, suppose that system fails and you take my precinct where we've had 875 votes normally over a long period of time and we're only showing 676?

Rob McGinnis: The way its designed, in each individual unit, when you press the vote button it is recorded in three different areas of memory. The way the FEC asked us to set it up is if one of those areas of memory goes down, the unit shuts off so we still have it stored in those two areas of memory. So we can't have a situation where all three areas go down. So regardless of what happens to that unit, we will at least have those totals on EPROM chips on at least two areas of memory in each device.

Councilmember Hoy: You all could actually, it would cost us more money, I mean, you could have the printout right there, but that would cost a lot of money, right?

Rob McGinnis: It would cost more, that's correct. We can attach printers and all the states feel differently about that. There's been much discussion as far as doing the receipt to the voter. There have been some issues as far as, well, if I get a receipt and I go out and hand that receipt to show somebody how I voted, there are some issues there. So it has been kicked around. California is the only state right now that is serious about that and they have not put that into effect. But we certainly can add a printer. And you're correct, it just adds to the cost of the device.

Councilmember Hoy: A good deal of the cost on that.

Rob McGinnis: Yeah, that's correct. Were there questions on payment?

President Raben: Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I think this also – makes the Council commit to this plus we're going to have a mandatory to adopt it within what, 2006? I think that's mandatory.

Rob McGinnis: It's mandatory for next year unless the state gets a waiver. Correct.

Councilmember Wortman: Then the next thing is, if we don't get on that list, they've only allocated \$15,000,000, we could be on the bottom and not get that, too.

Rob McGinnis: You will not get it. As a matter of fact –

Councilmember Wortman: That's right. And then the next thing, we're not going to be ready this fall anyway, so I would say maybe the primary. So we can't rush things

because you've got training and everything else involved.

Rob McGinnis: Well, it depends on where you want us to go from here. We certainly can be ready for November. As far as the training, most of our training is done within two weeks of each election because if we train poll workers too far out from the election, when they get out there election day, they'll be a little foggy on the details. So most of the training will be, like I said, within two weeks of election day. And it truly is up to, I believe, the election board, yourselves, and Commissioners if you want us to proceed for November. The nice part about November, and I believe that's been discussed, its an election on a smaller scale. Its easier for us to implement. But that is something for all of you to decide. We certainly can be ready.

Councilmember Tornatta: And they have to actually, its state mandated and you have to have a training regardless this year? Next year? Okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: Just to sort of button this stuff up, the intent of the motion is to let the Commissioners and the Election board know that this body supports this and they can proceed with negotiations with your company and others if they so choose, and really explore the lease versus purchase options and then come back to us at a future time with that information.

Rob McGinnis: I believe we have some numbers as far as if you had questions on the lease versus purchase and I don't know if you want to get into that today.

Councilmember Tornatta: I'd like to know if you had the numbers on that.

Rob McGinnis: The purchase option was 2.3 million to purchase the equipment and what we did, we took that and compared it to the lease option and the difference being, with the purchase and the lease, we had five years of services included in the lease which includes your software license agreements, your hardware maintenance, project management, we tied that into the lease. If you do the purchase, these are costs that you have above and beyond and with the five year deal, say for your elections for the next five years it would come up to 3.2 million total dollars when you include your ballots, all of the items that you need to run your elections after you buy the equipment. So that gives you an idea on the difference between the lease and the purchase. Because what you have, obviously, other than just purchasing hardware, you have costs every election associated with the program which are not much different than your costs now. You have programming, coding of the equipment, printing of ballots, all the supplies that go along with it. Again, the lease, we factor those costs in; the purchase, we do not. And that's how we come up with the 3.2 number.

Councilmember Wortman: And all the supplies we have to get from your company say if you got the bid?

Rob McGinnis: Yes, most of it is proprietary.

Councilmember Sutton: Now if we wanted to extend the warranty beyond the one year point, what are the costs involved with a mechanism like that because that's not included in that 3.2 figure, if we wanted to go with a –

Rob McGinnis: Actually, we did factor that in as far as all of those costs. The hardware maintenance, how we got to the 3.2, we factored what it would cost you for the hardware maintenance agreements yearly, the software license agreements, your ballots, all costs associated that you would have to run your elections, we did

factor in and that's how we came up with the 3.2 number.

Councilmember Sutton: And how much is that annually, 16,000 beyond year one if we extended the warranty beyond what would have normally been included if we were to purchase? Let me make it more clear. If we decided not to get an extended warranty, that's included in as a break. Comes with the standard package which is a one year warranty.

Rob McGinnis: Correct.

Councilmember Sutton: If we decide to go beyond one year, the cost per year for that warranty would be \$60,000, is that – am I reading the spreadsheet correctly here?

Rob McGinnis: Yes, you are. That is correct.

Councilmember Sutton: \$60,000 per year?

President Raben: I have a question. May you can tell us why we would actually need your services beyond the first year.

Rob McGinnis: Sure.

President Raben: If we bought the equipment.

Rob McGinnis: That's a good question. What I tell everybody and what folks are seeing now that they are having to switch off a central counting system is, and this is not just Vanderburgh County but it is all the counties in the state and around the country, people do not have the election staff. What I tell everyone with this equipment, election day is fabulous. There is no comparison running these elections election day on the touch screen compared to punch card. But leading up to election day is a lot more work. Reason being, is you're going to from three tabulators down here in a central location to 550 tabulators, essentially, and the amount of work that it takes to clear and test and do maintenance, do the programming, all of these items truly, unless counties hire full-time staffing for the election office, you just don't have the bodies. To give you an idea, we will have probably five of our technicians here on election day. Leading up to election day for about 60 days, we will have people here full-time. So the counties have the option of hiring full-time staff which is unappealing to most jurisdictions because they look at it and say well, we run two elections this year, what are we going to have those people do when they're not running our elections. So they run into that issue. The other issue is if you do hire full-time staffing, the turnover, what we see with turnover in county government, we see quite a bit of turnover so you're constantly retraining people on how to do the testing, how to do these things, and that's why we have the majority of jurisdictions that hire us so they don't have to hire full-time staffing to do it.

President Raben: Thank you. Any other questions?

Councilmember Sutton: And what is that voter awareness? Is that kind of what you're referring to there in that year one?

Rob McGinnis: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Rob McGinnis: The voter awareness –

Councilmember Sutton: It's \$50,000.

Rob McGinnis: The voter awareness – and actually that, much of what you see in the numbers, you do not get billed for up front, and voter awareness is one of them. What we mean by that, and what is very important when you install these new systems, we send out direct mail pieces to all registered voters showing them that there's going to be a different system explaining it. We do PSA shots to run on cable. We do as many things as we possibly can do and that really is up to the election board. All of our jurisdictions have a different idea on how they want to spend the money. But that \$50,000 is not billed to the county up front. That's money that's set aside that the election board will determine how to spend to get out the vote. And that truly is one of the most important parts because once people see the equipment, they see it and they say, that's it? But before they see it, quite often there are questions, people feeling that they won't understand it, so its very important to get the information out to the voters.

President Raben: Okay, just one last comment. I would still, in my own personal opinion, rather look at buying the equipment.

Rob McGinnis: Sure.

President Raben: The only reason I may be hesitant is the fact that we use it the first year and find out that it doesn't work the way we would like it to work or that there are problems within the equipment. If we selected the lease program, the other gentleman that was here last week –

Rob McGinnis: My partner, Jack, yes.

President Raben: The question was asked, if we opted to go with the lease program and after the first year we saw the equipment does work as it should, would we have the option to buy it at that point?

Rob McGinnis: There is not. With the strict lease program there is not an option to purchase. The options with that program are at the end of the term, you can send it back to us and do whatever else, go with something new, you can re-up a new contract, a new rental agreement with the same devices if you're still pleased with those, which typically we find it would come in at half the cost. The state of Maryland just did that. They had a five year state-wide contract with us. At the end of their five years they said, we love this equipment, we want to continue to do it and we factored their new cost and it come in at about half of what they were paying. So those are the two options. That being said, we can do another option for you that is the five year, that you do own the equipment at the end and that has the services as well, and I can run those numbers.

President Raben: Okay, let me ask you, in the case where you stated, like the state of Maryland where they re-upped the lease after year five, if you use the half figure, are your services still inclusive or...?

Rob McGinnis: Yes. That includes all the same services that they were being provided in the initial lease.

President Raben: Alright, any other questions? Seeing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

Rob McGinnis: Thank you for your time.

Councilmember Winnecke: Thank you, sir.

COIT WINDFALL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
4131-3630	Equipment Lease	521,369.00	250,000.00
Total		521,369.00	250,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

B J Farrell: President Raben, the Clerk, Marsha Abell, could not be here today and she did ask me to tell you that she appreciates your support.

President Raben: Thank you. Councilman Winnecke?

GENERAL FUND REPEALS

AUDITOR
ELECTION OFFICE-SPECIAL ELECTION

Councilmember Winnecke: Transfers – oh, we have two repeals first, I’m sorry. From the Auditor, line 1020-1310-1020 Public Information Facilitator \$15,000, line 1020-1300-1020 Transfer Clerk \$15,000, for a total repeal of \$30,000. And the Election Office-Special Election, they are numerous, but I would mention that’s a total repeal of \$35,098, for total repeals of \$65,098. I would make – that we accept that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? No 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1020-1310-1020	AA/Public Information Facilitator	15,000.00	15,000.00
1020-1300-1020	Transfer Clerk	15,000.00	15,000.00
Total		30,000.00	30,000.00

ELECTION OFFICE-SPECIAL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1211-1130	Absentee Teams	4,750.00	4,750.00
1211-1150	Asst. Canvassing Bd.	750.00	750.00
1211-1160	Election Inspector	12,420.00	12,420.00
1211-1170	Election Judge	215.00	215.00
1211-1180	Election Clerk	8,280.00	8,280.00
1211-1210	Ballot Aids	450.00	450.00
1211-2280	Precinct Meals	3,803.00	3,803.00

(Table continued next page)

1211-2290	Election Bd. Meals	500.00	500.00
1211-2600	Office Supplies	9.00	9.00
1211-3130	Travel/Mileage	240.00	240.00
1211-3410	Printing	736.00	736.00
1211-3420	Legal Advertising	207.00	207.00
1211-3530	Contractual Services	2,456.00	2,456.00
1211-3570	Janitorial Service	182.00	182.00
1211-3600	Rent	100.00	100.00
Total		35,098.00	35,098.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

CLERK
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
REASSESSMENT/GERMAN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR
SALES DISCLOSURE (LATE)

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, now the Transfers and we have one late transfer. If it's alright with everyone, I would move that we accept the transfers as presented.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? No 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1010-1380-1010	Deputy Clerk/Misd.	2,765.00	2,765.00
1010-1580-1010	Misd/Traffic Clerk	1,282.00	1,282.00
1010-1590-1010	Ticket Clerk Misd./Traffic	1,115.00	1,115.00
1010-1680-1010	Deputy Clerk/Misd.	4,400.00	4,400.00
To: 1010-1990	Extra Help	9,562.00	9,562.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-4407	St. Wendel Rd. Bridge #1930	500.00	500.00
To: 2030-3141	Communications	500.00	500.00

REASSESSMENT/GERMAN TWP. ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2492-1120-3520	Equipment Repair	200.00	200.00
To: 2492-1120-2600	Office Supplies	200.00	200.00

LATE TRANSFER REQUEST

SALES DISCLOSURE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:3300-3310	Training	5,368.40	5,368.40
To: 3300-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	5,368.40	5,368.40

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Raben: Okay, now we move into amendments to the salary ordinance.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I would move that we amend salary ordinance line 1361-1850 Union Overtime as previously approved; and from the County Clerk amend the salary ordinance line 1010-1990 Extra Help as the transfer that was just approved; and amend the salary ordinance with the repeals that were just approved from the Auditor and the Election Office. I would make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none,

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Raben: Okay, is there any old business before this body? No old business.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT RESOLUTION

President Raben: Now new business. The first item is a resolution for the Health Department. I don't think the resolution needs to be read into the minutes but we can request that they be made part of the minutes if you would just like to make a motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Yeah, we were provided with a copy of the resolution last week. This is essentially a resolution by this body determining that we have, after just investigation by various entities determined that there is a need for the Health Department to move from this building and to lease new space at the Oak Park office building. Our attorney provided that resolution last week. I would move that we adopt as it was presented to us.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

FILING DEADLINES FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER MEETINGS

President Raben: The next item is the filing deadlines for our September and October meeting. I would like to set the filing deadline for September the third meeting as August 13, and the October the first meeting, filing deadline is set for September the 10th. The chair would entertain a motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Discussion? No discussion? All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Raben: Opposed, same sign. Motion carries.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

M/WBE BOARD APPOINTMENT

President Raben: Okay, and the last item is appointment for the Minority/Women's Business, I would like to defer that until September. Does anyone have anything

to add to the meeting before we adjourn? Nothing? The chair would now entertain a motion for adjournment.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Raben: Opposed? Motion carries.

(Meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.)

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President James Raben

Vice President Ed Bassemier

Councilmember Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

Recorded and transcribed by Teri Lukeman.

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARING
AUGUST 12, 2003**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 12th day of August, 2003 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President Raben at 9:14 a.m.

President Raben: Good morning, I would like to call to order the August 12th Vanderburgh County Council budget sessions. Roll call vote, please. Attendance roll call, yeah, attendance roll call, excuse me.

Councilmember	Present	Absent
Councilmember Tornatta	X	
Councilmember Sutton	X	
Councilmember Bassemier	X	
Councilmember Hoy	X	
Councilmember Winnecke	X	
Councilmember Wortman	X	
President Raben	X	

President Raben: Now if we could all stand for the Pledge.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Raben: Okay, just a few housekeeping matters. Last week was our week for asking questions, and trying to get as accurate of understanding of these budgets as possible. So, I'm not going to allow for the officeholders to come to the podium. Again, this week is to make our cuts, in an emergency or, you know, should the need arise we'll look at bringing them up. I would not encourage that we bring each officeholder up. And then we're going to take a few budgets out of turn. So, I would move now that I turn the chair over to our Finance Chairman, Lloyd Winnecke, and he will start with page 198.

LEVEE AUTHORITY

Councilmember Winnecke: Thank you, Mr. President. I would just first like to thank everyone, all the Councilmembers for their input over the last week. I think, we have displayed great teamwork in trying to present a budget that really benefits the entire county. I appreciate everyone's time, and comments, and commitments. Right now we've identified cuts approximately \$5.3 million. We still need to identify approximately \$2.5 million in cuts to remain under our maximum levy. So there is still some work to be done. Some of that will bear out as we get further into today's agenda. But to begin with, the Levee Authority on page 198. I would say...ask one other...offer one other comment and that is by and large we have used the 2003 budgeted amounts as a baseline for this year's or for next year's budget. I will be noting that and marking exceptions because we did make some exceptions. By and large these are 2003 budget levels. Also a reminder that we'll set in salaries, FICA, and PERF at our September 3rd meeting. So with that we'll get to the Levee Authority on page 198. Again, we'll do salaries, FICA, and PERF at our September meeting, and I will move all other line items be accepted as presented, and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. For clarification, when you state as presented—

Councilmember Winnecke: In this case—

President Raben: –we may need–

Councilmember Winnecke: In this case it is presented in the 2004 level.

President Raben: That's correct on this one. Alright. Any other questions? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

President Raben: Weights and Measures, page 91.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, all salaries, FICA, and PERF will be set in at our September meeting. All 2000, 3000, and 4000 accounts set in at the 2003 levels with the exception of line item 2700, Office Supplies, \$1,100 and line item 3600, Rent, \$5,400 and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TREASURER

President Raben: Okay, County Treasurer, page 11.

Councilmember Winnecke: Just a moment, Mr. President. Okay, all salaries, FICA and PERF be set in at our September 3rd meeting. All 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts also at the 2003 levels and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Discussion? Did you include the 4000 accounts with that?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes, I did.

President Raben: Okay, any other discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

Councilmember Tornatta: Quick question. We are...that is a \$4,000 to the Office Machines.

Councilmember Winnecke: What line item is that?

Councilmember Tornatta: Ah, 4220.

Councilmember Winnecke: Let me get to my other book here. I'm working on two books. Yes, 4220 Office Machines, \$4,000.

Councilmember Tornatta: Thank you.

President Raben: Okay, any other discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes. Motion carries.

2700	Other Supplies	\$2,000.00
2841	Copy Fees	\$250.00
3410	Printing	\$45,000.00
3530	Contractual Services	\$1,000.00
4220	Office Machines	\$4,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)¹

President Raben: Election Office, page 72. Excuse me, that falls with...that will be tomorrow with the other County Clerk's request.

DRAINAGE BOARD

President Raben: So let's move on down to Drainage Board. Page 83.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, all salaries, FICA, and PERF will be set in at our September meeting. Line 2600 Office Supplies at zero, and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second, any discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

¹ See page 15 for reopened Treasurer's budget

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

2600	Office Supplies	\$0.00
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(Motion unanimously passed 7-0)

RIVERBOAT

President Raben: Okay, Riverboat. Page 131.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President I think that's one we should defer until later in the agenda.

President Raben: You want to defer that one as well? Okay, we'll come back to that one.

CONVENTION CENTER OPERATING FUND

President Raben: Center Operating Fund, 197.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I would move that this budget be presented...be approved at the 2004 level. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second, any further discussion? Okay, could you clarify that? You did state 2004 level, correct?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

President Raben: As presented.

Councilmember Winnecke: As presented. I'm sorry.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

THE CENTRE

President Raben: Now, page 119.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, all salaries, FICA, PERF, and insurance will be set in September. The three and four hundred accounts as presented for 2004. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, 2000 accounts?

Councilmember Winnecke: There are none. Page 119.

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm sorry.

President Raben: Okay, any other discussions? No 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

President Raben: We will skip down to page 84, Veterans Administration.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, all salaries, FICA, PERF and insurance be set in our September meeting. All 2000 and 3000 level accounts set in at 2003 levels, and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second, any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COOP EXTENSION SERVICE

President Raben: Now, we'll skip down to Co-op Extension, page 78.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, all salaries, FICA, PERF and insurance be set in our September meeting. Line 1991 Extra Help be set in at \$6,240. All 2000, 3000, and 4000 accounts at 2003 level, and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second, but just as clarification, line 3530.

Councilmember Winnecke: At the 2003 levels.

President Raben: Okay

Councilmember Winnecke: It's \$60,335.

President Raben: Okay

Councilmember Winnecke: Isn't that the correct number?

Councilmember Tornatta: Is that a contract, I believe?

President Raben: It is.

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes. Let me check my other book.

Councilmember Hoy: That's for Purdue educators.

Councilmember Winnecke: All that's correct.

President Raben: Okay. So they would not get the increase. Okay, any other questions?

Councilmember Tornatta: They would get the increase?

President Raben: Would not.

Councilmember Winnecke: No, would not.

President Raben: Okay, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

1990	Extra Help	\$6,240.00
3130	Travel/Milage	\$6,000.00
3310	Training	\$500.00
3530	Contractual Services	\$60,335.00
3910	Vanderburgh Youth Program	\$8,000.00
4220	Office Machines	\$2,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LEGAL AID

President Raben: Now let's go to 126, Legal Aid.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, all salaries, FICA, PERF and insurance be set in our September meeting. Line 2600 Office Supplies, \$3,000; line 3120 Postage/Freight \$3,000; line 3250 Law Books \$1,500; and line 3520 Equipment Repair \$500. All other 2000, 3000, and 4000 level accounts set in at 2003 levels, and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay we have a motion and a second, any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

3140	Telephone	\$2,000.00
3600	Rent	\$23,913.00
3680	Malpractice Insurance	\$4,500.00
3700	Dues and Subscriptions	\$1,000.00
3730	Continuing Education	\$1,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LEGAL AID/UNITED WAY

President Raben: Now let's turn to page 201, United Way/Legal Aid.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, all salaries, FICA, PERF and insurance set will be set in September. All 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts set in at the 2003 budget level, I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any further discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Real quickly, you say 2003 or 2004?

Councilmember Winnecke: 2003.

Councilmember Tornatta: Do you want to look at that again?

Councilmember Winnecke: Oh, I'm sorry. Thank you. Line 2600 with...I'll amend my motion, if I can get a second, to amend 2600 Office Supplies to set in at \$474.

Councilmember Wortman: And I'll amend my second.

President Raben: Okay, I think we have an amended first and second motion. Is there any other questions?

Councilmember Winnecke: Oh, there's one other amendment. Line 3990 Miscellaneous, zero.

President Raben: Okay, and does his seconder accept that amendment?

Councilmember Wortman: I'll amend mine the second time.

President Raben: Okay, is everyone clear on the 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

2600	Office Supplies	\$474.00
3280	Examination/Audit	\$2,000.00
3410	Printing	\$500.00
3990	Miscellaneous	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

911 EMERGENCY SERVICE

President Raben: Now, let's turn to page 191, 911 Emergency Service.

Councilmember Winnecke: Just a minute, Mr. President. Okay, Mr. President, line 3140 \$20,000, and line 3890 \$1,150,044. That number again is \$1,150,044, and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second, any discussion?

Councilmember Wortman: That's quite a bit more.

President Raben: That is moving the 911 budget out of the Commissioner's and into the 911 account.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, thank you.

President Raben: Okay, any other discussion? None? Roll call. Just for the record, this will require five votes because we're increasing the line. Okay, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

3890	Central Dispatch	\$1,150,044.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMISSION

President Raben: Okay, page 189, Local Emergency Planning.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I would move that that budget be accepted as presented.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY

President Raben: Page 190, Local Drug Free Community.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President I would move that this budget be accepted as presented.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second, any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COMMISSION

President Raben: Okay, now let's go back up to the top to page 85.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, at this time I'm going to ask that we defer this budget and several others that are on today's agenda until such time we have the

opportunity to have further discussion with the Commissioners on what I think is an opportunity to help the budget process for this county. We have identified a fund that has excess funds in it, that I believe can't all be expended in one year. If we were to reduce that rate I think it would put us in a position to be able to keep us under our maximum levy, and still provide a three percent pay increase for county employees which I feel personally is important. But the fact that these...the Commission budget and several related to it are clearly the largest and clearly have the greatest opportunity for deeper cuts if we can't reach some sort of agreement, I think it would be difficult to try and reduce or edit on the fly. So at this time I would move that we defer the County Commission budget, Cum Old Courthouse, Riverboat, Superintendent of County Buildings, County Highway, Cum Bridge, Local Roads and Streets, and Burdette Park until our September 3rd meeting.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second, any discussion?

Councilmember Winnecke: I would just for the record, the Commissioners are hearing about this, I think Commissioner Fanello heard about it late last evening, and Commissioner Mosby heard about it this morning, and I believe both have conflicts with our additional budget hearings later this week and it would probably be unfair to try and squeeze that in. So I think September 3rd is the most prudent time to try and schedule... reschedule those.

Councilmember Wortman: So we're just giving them time to digest it, is that what we're saying?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes, correct.

President Raben: Any other questions?

Councilmember Tornatta: Do we need to check and see if schedules are going to permit at this point? I know we have a Commissioner in the audience.

President Raben: Well, this is far enough out. I mean, we're talking almost a month in advance. There are three Commissioners, so surely that date will work for one of the three.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. President?

President Raben: Yes?

Councilmember Wortman: We have two more days in case they might come to an agreement or something.

President Raben: Well, that's true. We can always pick these budgets back up Thursday. If their scheduling should change or, you know, a representative from their office can attend Thursday, we can pick it up then, too. But you know our tentative schedule is September 3rd depending on, you know, the outcome over the next few days. So with that being said I am going to move this—

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. Chairman there is one other piece of business I have been informed, I think I need to clarify, if you're done with that? Before you adjourn this—

President Raben: Let us, we need to vote on—

Councilmember Winnecke: Oh, I'm sorry, I forgot.

President Raben: — this move to defer. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY TREASURER

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm sorry, Mr. President, I didn't mean to get ahead of you there. I think I need to go back in I move that we reopen the Treasurer's budget. I need to clarify one line item, I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second to reopen County Treasurer's budget on page 11, any-

Unknown: (Inaudible comments, mike not on.)

President Raben: Right, any discussion? Okay, no 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Raben: Okay, the move passes seven to nothing.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, on line 1990, Extra Help, if I was not clear in my previous motion, I would move that line item be set in at zero.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Bassemier: What is the motion?

President Raben: Okay, and that is on page 12. Everyone's clear on the motion? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
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(Motion unanimously passed 7-0)

President Raben: Okay, that pretty much concludes the business at hand today. The chair would now entertain a motion to recess until 9 A.M. tomorrow morning.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Discussion? Roll call?

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

Meeting was recessed at 9:39 A.M.

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARING
AUGUST 13, 2003**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 13th day of August, 2003 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President Jim Raben at 9:12 a.m.

President Raben: I would like to reconvene the Vanderburgh County Council August 13, 2003 budget session. Roll call vote, please. Uh, roll call attendance, please.

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

President Raben: Now, if we could all stand for the Pledge.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Raben: Okay, thank you very much. Before we get started this morning I would like to mention for the folks in the audience and as a reminder for us up front the meeting time is 8:00 a.m. tomorrow morning, not 9:00. Just a few other matters, today just like yesterday we’re going to go through and make our proposed cuts and allowances. This is not a time for officeholders to come to the microphone and plead their case. Everyone had that opportunity last week, so you will not be called to the mike. If there is a good enough reason I may allow it, but I want to discourage it.

GERMAN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Raben: We’ll begin today with German Township Assessor’s Office, page 59. I will now turn the mike over to the Finance Chairman, Lloyd Winnecke.

Councilmember Winnecke: Thank you, Mr. President. All salaries, FICA, PERF and insurance will be set in at our September meeting. I would move that all 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts be set in at zero and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. You may want to give the reason for the record on the–

Councilmember Winnecke: I’m going to do that. We’re moving a lot of these, as some of us discussed, to the reassessment budget so the zeros will be funded out of the reassessment fund.

President Raben: Okay, any questions or comments on this budget? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

2600	Office Supplies	\$0.00
3120	Postage/Freight	\$0.00
3130	Travel/Mileage	\$0.00
3141	Communications	\$0.00
3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	\$0.00
3410	Printing	\$0.00
3520	Equipment Repair	\$0.00
3530	Contractual Services	\$0.00
3540	Maintenance Contract	\$0.00
3600	Rent	\$0.00
3700	Dues & Subscriptions	\$0.00
4220	Office Machines	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

GERMAN TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR REASSESSMENT

President Raben: Page 166.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, beginning with Office Supplies, line 11202600, \$600; line 11203120 Postage/Freight \$350; line 11203130 Travel/Mileage \$400; Communications line 11203141 \$625; Printing line 11203410 \$400; 11203520 Equipment Repair \$200; line 11203530 Contractual Services \$170; line 11203540 Maintenance Contract \$302; line 11203600 Rent \$3900; line 11203700 Dues & Subscriptions \$300; and line 11204220 Office Machines \$300 and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

DIVISION OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES

President Raben: Page 146, Family & Children.

Councilmember Winnecke: Just a minute, Mr. President, I need to consult my other book here. Okay, Mr. President, line 30090 Child Welfare Service \$296,500; line 32500 \$1,585,000; line 32510 \$825,000; line 32520 \$6,720,000; line 32530 \$22,500; line 32540 \$2,150,000; line 32550 \$235,000; line 32560 \$5,000; line 32600 \$3,485,000; line 32700 \$6,500; and line 32920 \$5,000 and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: I'm sorry, that's a total appropriation, a total budget of \$15,335,500.

President Raben: Councilman Winnecke, I think we also need to insert a new line 32926 and it should read Children's Psychiatric Residential Treatment. Oh, that's going to be established as a new fund, okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: Just for clarification purposes, these were revised figures that Mr. Schroeder gave us last week.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any questions? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

30090	Child Welfare Service	\$296,500.00
32500	Out of Home Placements-Fost	\$1,585,000.00
32510	Out of Home Placements-Ther	\$825,000.00
32520	Out of Home Placements-Inti	\$6,720,000.00
32530	Independent Living for Ward	\$22,500.00
32540	Preservation Services	\$2,150,000.00
32550	Misc. Cost of Wards	\$235,000.00
32560	MRO	\$5,000.00
32600	Adoption Services	\$3,485,000.00
32700	Foster Parent Insurance	\$6,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CHILDRENS PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES

President Raben: Do you want to set up the other fund now? What we need to do is establish a new fund for, well, yeah it should be fund, for the record, 2045-32926. It should read Children's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services Fund in the amount of \$1,767,975. Okay, and that will be under a line item called Other Services & Charges, so I'll need a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

204532926	Other Services & Charges	\$1,767,975.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AREA PLAN COMMISSION

President Raben: Area Plan, page 80.

Councilmember Winnecke: Too much stuff, sorry. Okay, Mr. President, Area Plan Commission I would move that all salaries, FICA, PERF and insurance will be set in at our September meeting. Then into all 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts be set in at the 2003 levels with the exception of line 3600 Rent and that figure is \$48598; line 4250 Miscellaneous Equipment zero and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

3130	Travel/Mileage	\$2,000.00
3140	Telephone	\$2,600.00
3310	Training	\$1,000.00
3311	GIS Licensing Fees & Training	\$6,000.00
3530	Contractual Services	\$75,000.00
3630	Equipment Lease & Rental	\$290.00
4250	Miscellaneous Equipment	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT

President Raben: Okay, page 99, Circuit Court.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, all salaries, FICA, PERF and insurance will be set in at our September meeting. All 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts will be set in at the 2003 levels with the exception of...actually, there would be no exceptions and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Discussion? No 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

4250	Miscellaneous Equipment	\$0.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

President Raben: Page 179.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, all salaries, FICA, PERF and insurance will be set in at our September meeting. I would move that all 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts be set in at the 2003 levels. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? I just would call one item to your attention, 4210 and 4250.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I missed those, sorry. I would amend my motion to have line item 4210 Office Furniture read \$1,000 and line 4250 Miscellaneous Equipment to read \$1,000.

Councilmember Wortman: I'll amend my motion to satisfy that.

President Raben: Okay. Now any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY CLERK

President Raben: County Clerk, page 1.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, all salaries, FICA, PERF and Insurance will be set in September. All 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts be set in at the 2003 levels and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

2600	Office Supplies	\$65,000.00
3520	Equipment Repair	\$1,000.00
3540	Maintenance Contract	\$22,000.00

3603	Record Storage	\$50,000.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY CLERK IV-D

President Raben: Page 6.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I would move that line 2600 Office Supplies and line 3606 Record Storage and line 4220 Office Machines be set in at the 2003 levels.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Now, we get two-thirds of that, is that correct? Back?

President Raben: Well, this is...actually, this is her incentive fund, so—

Councilmember Tornatta: This is probably one we ought to just leave like it is. We're going to get money back on this one. There is some...I mean, this is not one to take from.

President Raben: We can always...she can always use it for other items at a later date.

Councilmember Tornatta: For what?

President Raben: If she runs short on office supplies or anything.

Councilmember Tornatta: For the other...for...she can't do that, but this can—

Councilmember Winnecke: She can come back and request additional funds though.

Councilmember Tornatta: She wouldn't have to...these offices work close together therefore there wouldn't have to be anything out of the Clerk's Office. We wouldn't have to replenish anything out of there for next year.

Councilmember Bassemier: What's the question?

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm comfortable leaving it as it is. I mean, the votes can fall where they may. I mean, we can go back and if they don't...if we don't get the votes then we can, you know, make another motion.

Councilmember Sutton: So, Troy, is your question regarding how much we get reimbursed back from the state and we don't want to cut and reduce how much they reimburse us, is that your question?

Councilmember Tornatta: My only statement is that we do get money back from the state on this and she can use these funds, I mean, the two offices tie pretty close together. So it's not saying...I mean, first off we're going to get two-thirds of the money back, I believe, on this account.

Councilmember Winnecke: I understand that, I guess my position is if we keep it at 2003 levels that's money we can use elsewhere and at some point during 2004 if they need additional funds they'll have to approach us and we would still be reimbursed for whatever additional appropriation we would make at that time.

President Raben: And this fund will still continue to grow.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, but we cut the Clerk fund. You with me?

President Raben: Yeah, I understand where you're coming from, but it–

Councilmember Tornatta: Because there is going to be a shortage there.

President Raben: And, again, I think I understand that and the Finance Chairman, Lloyd Winnecke, understands that, but we can always...this fund will still continue to bring in money and at a later point, you know, she can spend from this fund.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. President, we've got the same thing with the Prosecutor, it happens, sixty-six percent, too. There are several programs like that on IV-D.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

2600	Office Supplies	\$40,000.00
3603	Record Storage	\$9,000.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Tornatta opposed)

ELECTION OFFICE

President Raben: Page 72, Election Office.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, beginning with line 11101210 Board Member \$2400; line 11201210 Election Assistant \$32,000; line 1130 Absentee Teams \$9,500; line 11401210 Canvassing Board \$1,800; line 1150 Assistant Canvassing Board \$1,500; line 1160 Election Inspector \$25,020; line 1170 Election Judge \$36,140; line 1180 Election Clerk \$33,360; line 12001210 Election Attorney \$1,200; line 1210 Ballot Aids \$1,500; FICA and PERF we'll set in September; line 2280 Precinct meals \$13,900; line

2290 Election Board Meals \$650; line 2600 Office Supplies \$800; line 2700 Other Supplies \$47,000; line 3120 Postage/Freight zero; line 3130 Travel/Mileage \$500; line 3410 Printing \$45,000; line 3420 Legal Advertising \$750; line 3520 Equipment Repair \$500; line 3530 Contractual Services \$55,000; line 3570 Janitorial Service \$2,700; line 3600 Rent \$5,250; line 3610 Legal Services \$1,000; and line 3630 Equipment Lease & Rental zero. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Are we taking into account any of the election equipment if we do it for next year?

Councilmember Winnecke: No, this is just what was presented to us under the old system, so if the Election Board and the Commissioners move this budget would have to be adjusted accordingly, but until that time I don't know that we can plan any differently. This does take into account the lease of the existing equipment which is line 3530 Contractual Services.

President Raben: As far as election equipment we did approve just last Wednesday \$250,000 in our regular meeting out of our COIT Windfall towards, you know, election equipment. It's my understanding from speaking with Commissioner Mosby yesterday that, I guess, there is a move towards a new agreement that would be a little more favorable than the two that were presented to us originally.

Councilmember Tornatta: If that happens these would go away? These would nearly go away?

Councilmember Winnecke: We would have to readjust it.

President Raben: Right, there would be adjustments to be made. For one, you wouldn't need 3530.

Councilmember Winnecke: It all depends on whatever terms that the county enters into with whatever vendor it chooses.

Councilmember Tornatta: And at this point would it not be prudent to cut it out of the budget and supply it if we need it. I mean, if that's the direction we're looking to go.

President Raben: Again, I guess until we're...there is something definite that is tough to do. There may be an agreement reached between now and our September 3rd meeting and at that point we could make these adjustments. So there are so many what ifs, let's fund it as if we weren't getting new equipment next year and if, you know, if that need changes then obviously some of these monies won't be needed and can be repealed or, you know, if we have an understanding of what is going to take place between now and September 3rd we can make those adjustments. Any other questions? None? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

1160	Election Inspector	\$25,020.00
1170	Election Judge	\$36,140.00
1180	Election Clerk	\$33,360.00
2290	Election Board Meals	\$650.00
2600	Office Supplies	\$800.00
2700	Other Supplies	\$47,000.00
3130	Travel/Mileage	\$500.00
3410	Printing	\$45,000.00
3420	Legal Advertising	\$750.00
3570	Janitorial Service	\$2,700.00
3600	Rent	\$5,250.00
3610	Legal Services	\$1,000.00
3630	Equipment Lease & Rental	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Raben: Page 55, Armstrong Township Assessor.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, all salaries, FICA, PERF and insurance will be set in at our 2003...I'm sorry, September meeting. All 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts move that they be set in at zero and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

2600	Office Supplies	\$0.00
2700	Other Supplies	\$0.00
3120	Postage/Freight	\$0.00
3130	Travel/Mileage	\$0.00
3140	Telephone	\$0.00
3141	Communications	\$0.00
3372	Computer Software	\$0.00
3540	Maintenance Contract	\$0.00
3600	Rent	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR REASSESSMENT

President Raben: Page 163.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, beginning with line 11002600 Office Supplies \$500; 11002700 Other Supplies \$500. Actually, I guess 11003120 Postage/Freight \$592; line 11003130 Travel/Mileage \$120; line 11003140 Telephone \$2,000; line 11003141 Communications \$228; line 11003372 \$499. I'm sorry, I skipped one, 11003371 Computer Hardware zero; line 11003540 Maintenance Contract \$350; and line 11003600 Rent \$1,320 and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: 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 Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, page 57 Center Assessor. All salaries, FICA, PERF and insurance will be set in at our September meeting. All 2000...Extra Help...I want to make a note on Extra Help. I will set in...defer all Extra Help set ins until at least September based on a couple of ideas that are bouncing around up here and we've not really had time to do the math on it, but I would like to leave those just blank for now. We'll come back and set those in at a later time.

President Raben: Okay, just for the record does everyone understand that all Extra Help for all reassessment budgets will be set in later in September or, you know, we can set them in December if we need.

Councilmember Winnecke: Then all 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts be set in at zero and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

2600	Office Supplies	\$0.00
2610	Copy Machine Supplies	\$0.00
2710	Color Film	\$0.00
2820	Red & Blue Books	\$0.00
3130	Travel/Mileage	\$0.00
3310	Training	\$0.00
3380	Photography/Blue Prints	\$0.00
3390	Assessors Plat Sheets	\$0.00
3410	Printing	\$0.00
3520	Equipment Repair	\$0.00
3700	Dues & Subscriptions	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CENTER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR REASSESSMENT

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, Center Assessor Reassessment, page 164. Beginning with line 11102600 Office Supplies and moving forward through that budget I would move that we accept that as presented.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Raben: Page 64.

Councilmember Winnecke: Sixty-one, actually. Knight, we skipped Knight.

President Raben: Okay, 61, excuse me.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, I would move that all salaries, FICA, PERF and insurance and extra help be set in September. And all 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts be set in at zero. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

2600	Office Supplies	\$0.00
2710	Color Film	\$0.00
2820	Red & Blue Books	\$0.00
3130	Travel/Mileage	\$0.00
3141	Communications	\$0.00
3310	Training	\$0.00
3400	Printing Plat Sheets	\$0.00
3410	Printing	\$0.00
3520	Equipment Repair	\$0.00
3530	Contractual Services	\$0.00
3540	Maintenance Contracts	\$0.00
3700	Dues & Subscriptions	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

KNIGHT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR REASSESSMENT

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, Knight Assessor Reassessment, page 168. Beginning with line 1130 1960 Special Stipend zero. We're excluding Extra Help as I mentioned previously. All other lines as presented. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Just for clarification, did your motion also include the normal, the FICA and PERF?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes, sir. I'm sorry.

President Raben: Okay. Any questions?

Councilmember Tornatta: You're going off 2004 requested right?

Councilmember Winnecke: Right.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Raben: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

11301960	Special Stipend	\$0.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Raben: Page 64.

Councilmember Winnecke: Perry Assessor. All salaries, FICA, PERF and insurance and Extra Help to be set in September. All other lines to be set in at zero and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

2600	Office Supplies	\$0.00
3000	Bond & Insurance	\$0.00
3120	Postage/Freight	\$0.00
3130	Travel/Mileage	\$0.00
3141	Communications	\$0.00
3200	Utilities	\$0.00
3310	Training	\$0.00
3380	Photography/Blue Prints	\$0.00
3410	Printing	\$0.00
3520	Equipment Repair	\$0.00
3600	Rent	\$0.00
3700	Dues & Subscriptions	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PERRY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR REASSESSMENT

Councilmember Winnecke: Perry Assessor Reassessment on page 171. All salaries, FICA, PERF and insurance will be set in at September as well as line 11401990 Extra Help. All other salary line items I would move that we accept as presented.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. You did state salary line items in that in all other line items.

Councilmember Winnecke: Correct, that's what I meant.

President Raben: Okay. Alright, any other discussion? None? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Raben: Page 66.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay. All salaries, FICA, PERF, insurance and Extra Help will be set in at September. All other line items to be set in at zero. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

2600	Office Supplies	\$0.00
2820	Red & Blue Books	\$0.00

3130	Travel/Mileage	\$0.00
3160	Radio/Pagers	\$0.00
3310	Training	\$0.00
3371	Computer Hardware	\$0.00
3372	Computer Software	\$0.00
3410	Printing	\$0.00
3520	Equipment Repair	\$0.00
3700	Dues & Subscriptions	\$0.00
4210	Office Furniture	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PIGEON TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR REASSESSMENT

President Raben: Page 173.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, all salaries, FICA, PERF, insurance and Extra Help to be set in at zero. All other lines items in that budget I move that we accept as presented.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay. We have a motion and a second. We can't actually...Councilman Winnecke, you set the FICA, PERF, insurance and Extra Help in at zero. That motion really needs to say to be set in September.

Councilmember Winnecke: Did I say that?

President Raben: You set it in at zero—

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

President Raben: --would mess our salary ordinance up that will be prepared between now and September.

Councilmember Winnecke: I will amend my motion, I beg your pardon, to say FICA, PERF and insurance to be set in in September.

President Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Wortman: I'm going to second that motion as requested.

President Raben: Alright, any other questions? Thank you. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Tornatta: Just breaking you in, Lloyd.

Councilmember Winnecke: I tell you what—

Councilmember Bassemier: I told Lloyd not to stay up all night working on numbers.

President Raben: Well, I saw Sandie getting nervous. She was wondering how she was going to work through that salary ordinance. Okay, page 68.

Councilmember Hoy: She was wondering anyway.

Councilmember Bassemier: My leg is getting sore over here with her kicking me to be waking you guys up.

Councilmember Winnecke: Down boys, down.

Councilmember Hoy: We need some coffee to go with these donuts.

Councilmember Winnecke: Maybe we need a donut break.

SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Scott Assessor, page 68. I'll try this again. All salaries, FICA, PERF and insurance to be set in September. All other line items in this budget to be set in a zero and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

2600	Office Supplies	\$0.00
2700	Other Supplies	\$0.00
2820	Red & Blue Books	\$0.00
3120	Postage/Freight	\$0.00
3130	Travel/Mileage	\$0.00
3140	Telephone	\$0.00
3141	Communications	\$0.00
3371	Computer Hardware	\$0.00
3372	Computer Software	\$0.00
3410	Printing	\$0.00
3520	Equipment Repair	\$0.00
3540	Maintenance Contract	\$0.00
4210	Office Furniture	\$0.00
4220	Office Machines	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SCOTT TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR REASSESSMENT

President Raben: I would like to say one thing. I hope none of the Kempf family walks in this building today.

Councilmember Winnecke: They all live on the west side don't they?

Councilmember Sutton: We like donuts too.

President Raben: Okay, page 175.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, I'll try and get this one right. FICA to be set in in September, then all other line items presented...I move that we accept as presented.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any other discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

President Raben: Troy, is that your radio voice?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

President Raben: Page 70.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, I move that all salaries, FICA, PERF and insurance will be set in September. All other 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts be set in at zero and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

2600	Office Supplies	\$0.00
3000	Bond & Insurance	\$0.00
3120	Postage/Freight	\$0.00
3130	Travel/Mileage	\$0.00
3140	Telephone	\$0.00
3372	Computer Software	\$0.00
3410	Printing	\$0.00
3520	Equipment Repair	\$0.00
3700	Dues & Subscriptions	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

UNION TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR REASSESSMENT

President Raben: Page 177.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, line 11701900 FICA I'll move that we set that in September. All other line items I move that we accept as presented and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY ASSESSOR

President Raben: Page 51.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, I move that all salaries, FICA, PERF and insurance be set in September. I would move that line 13101090 Hearing Officer be set in at zero; line 1970 Temporary Replacement be set in at zero; line 1990 Extra Help be set in at zero; and all 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts be set in at zero and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, I'm probably not always one in Cheryl's corner, and it might be a shock, but we did grant her this employee and I think we ought to make sure that this reassessment is being handled and completed. At some point maybe we can have a review at the end of the year, but I don't think I would take this person out of that spot until we knew that the reassessment was handled. Now I am getting some conflicting stories from the townships and the Assessor, but it does not sound like things are being handled as quickly as we thought they would be. Now maybe that's because the amount of hearing dates, maybe one a month, and maybe we need to get more hearing dates in to get these things processed quicker and we can get it done by the end of this year, but if it can't be done and the people on the PTABOA Board can't meet then we can't get it done any faster. If we can't get it done any faster then we are going to need this Hearing Officer in place to get these appeals handled. I mean, that's my only issue to keep that where it is.

Councilmember Winnecke: I guess just in response, you know, we heard a lot of numbers last week about which townships had how many appeals and where they were in the process. I guess I'm not comfortable sitting here today knowing exactly where we are, but I would be willing in November or December to hear an update of where the appeal process stands to reconsider it for January, but at this time I'm not willing...personally, I'm not willing to do that.

Councilmember Tornatta: This is kind of like we say with the election equipment. We think we'll have new election equipment next year, but we're hedging that we won't so we put money in that line item. Now I don't think we'll be done by reassessment for this year, so why wouldn't we put money in that line item to make sure that was funded?

Councilmember Winnecke: Oh, I don't think we'll be done with reassessment...with the appeals by the end of the year, but we might be...we might have worked through enough of the appeals that the existing Hearing Officer who is already in place can hear the remaining. I think that is what...those are the figures we need to hear as a body later in the year after the appeals have run their course.

Councilmember Tornatta: And then we can cut that position at that point, is where I'm going.

Councilmember Winnecke: Or we could add it.

President Raben: One other option I might suggest, too, that is part of why I think Councilman Winnecke has suggested that this be zero is we can always put this in the Reassessment Fund as well for next year, so as much as anything this gets it off the General Fund and, again, we'll decide between now and the end of the year based upon how the appeal process is going we can put this position in reassessment.

Councilmember Tornatta: We wouldn't have to put it in reassessment at this budget?

President Raben: We don't have to set any reassessment budgets this budget. We can do it all in December of this year or January of next year.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, and I was going to move that position be set in reassessment at that time, but, I mean, if we can do it by the end of the year that's fine. I think Cheryl owes us...County Assessor owes us some type of explanation on how things are going, how they are progressing and proceeding. We need to stay on top. Do you need to change that?

President Raben: Yeah, let the record show that the tape change took place for Councilman Tornatta.

TAPE CHANGE

Councilmember Tornatta: Like I said, I really, I was not in favor of funding this in the beginning but this person has only been on the job for two months at this point and so at that position to try and get that person caught up to speed which we knew they'd have to do and get in the process and then finish the end of the year. That's not going to be a lot of time on the job. So just for the future, and then the other side of it is I hope that we do have a meeting with Cheryl come November and December to figure out exactly where the appeals processes are and along the way to make sure we're having enough meetings to get these things knocked out.

President Raben: Okay, Councilman Hoy, did you...okay I saw you - -

Councilmember Hoy: No, I am going to vote yes on this. I think, we as a body, will all take into consideration what Councilman Tornatta has said. You know we're not going to mess this whole operation up if we need more funding but I'm comfortable with zeroing this out at this time. We can always bring it in later and I would commit to doing that if we needed.

President Raben: Okay, great. Let's move on. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

13101090	Hearing Officer	\$0.00
1970	Temporary Replacement	\$0.00
1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
2600	Office Supplies	\$0.00
2700	Other Supplies	\$0.00
3130	Travel/Mileage	\$0.00
3140	Telephone	\$0.00
3250	Law Books	\$0.00
3310	Training	\$0.00
3370	Computer (Data Management)	\$0.00
3371	Computer Hardware	\$0.00
3372	Computer Software	\$0.00
3530	Contractual Services	\$0.00
3540	Maintenance Contract	\$0.00
3700	Dues & Subscriptions	\$0.00
4210	Office Furniture	\$0.00
4220	Office Machines	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Raben: Page 160.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, move that all salaries, FICA, PERF, and Insurance be set in, in September and all 2000, 3000, 4000 accounts be accepted as presented I will make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second, any discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Question? The Stipend? Are you going to zero that out?

Councilmember Winnecke: Where are you? I'm sorry, what line?

Councilmember Tornatta: Top, Assessor?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes, that will be a zero. I'm sorry that should say zero.

President Raben: Does co-maker accept that amendment?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes

Councilmember Tornatta: While you're accepting things, you did zero out Extra Help in the other line, are you zeroing it out now?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes. I'm sorry if I didn't make that perfectly clear; line 10901990 Extra Help will be set in at a later time.

Councilmember Tornatta: You zeroed it out in the other accounts - -

Councilmember Winnecke: It will be set in on this budget at a later time.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Raben: Okay, so the motion is to - -

Councilmember Winnecke: The motion is 10901110 Assessor zero , 1990 Extra Help set in, in September along with FICA, PERF, and Insurance and all others as presented.

President Raben: Okay, 10901310 does that not also get set in at zero?

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm sorry which one?

President Raben: 10901310.

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes, I'm sorry it does.

President Raben: Okay, does the...is that an amendment to the motion?

Councilmember Tornatta: We're going to move that over anyway aren't we?

Councilmember Winnecke: This is the Reassessment budget.

President Raben: This is Reassessment.

Councilmember Tornatta: So wouldn't that come out of the Assessor budget in to this budget, that one person?

Councilmember Winnecke: This is the Hearing Officer that you were lobbying for that we zeroed out.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Raben: Okay, is that an amendment to your motion?

Councilmember Winnecke: That's another amendment to my motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Then I have accepted the amendment.

Councilmember Tornatta: One other question? Would we not put any of the salary of that of which would be Rick Barter into this area?

Councilmember Winnecke: Well, all the salaries will be set in, in September - -

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: For the entire staff like we've done with everyone else.

Councilmember Tornatta: Are those going over into Reassessment?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

President Raben: On this particular one right now is in Reassessment.

Councilmember Tornatta: Right. I'm just saying all the salaries from the Assessors' office will go in Reassessment?

President Raben: No.

Councilmember Tornatta: Will any of the Hearing Officers go into Reassessment?

President Raben: That's what we discussed when we were on her regular budget when he zeroed out that Hearing Officer.

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm saying what about Rick Barter?

Sandie Deig: He's in there.

Councilmember Tornatta: In the Reassessment?

President Raben: He's in the regular now.

Councilmember Tornatta: Will he go into the Reassessment Fund because he had duties of Hearing Officer?

Councilmember Winnecke: Technically you could, yes.

Councilmember Tornatta: That's where I'm going.

President Raben: No, you really wouldn't want to because - -

Councilmember Winnecke: I mean technically you could.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, you could.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm not saying you want to but I'm saying technically you could.

President Raben: Yeah, technically you could, but we would already be moving one, or possibly moving one from the General to Reassessment and then picking up this one as well. Okay, any other questions? Is everyone clear on the motion? Just for a matter of record, the motion is 10901110 zero, 10901310 zero, 10901990 zero, FICA, PERF, and Insurance to be adjusted September 3rd and other lines as they are presented. That is the motion, correct? Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: That's what we thought you said.

President Raben: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

1110	Assessor	\$0.00
1310	Hearing Officer	\$0.00
1990	Extra Help	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEAL REASSESSMENT

President Raben: Let's get out of order just for one page, go to 162 and handle...since we're already there. I'm about ready to wear this book out turning back and forth. Need hinges on these pages.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President I move that line 10911180 Per Diem be set in at \$ 14,400, FICA and Extra Help be set in at a later time, Office Supplies line 10912600 and the remaining budget items we accept as presented.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: 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 Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEAL

President Raben: Now page 54.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President I move that each of these line items be presented at the accepted, at the 2003 level. I want to make that in a form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: With the exception of FICA - -

Councilmember Winnecke: With exception of FICA, Per diem we just fund it out the other account. So that's a zero.

President Raben: And FICA will be adjusted September 3rd. Okay any questions? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

1180	Per Diem	\$0.00
1900	FICA	\$0.00
1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
2600	Office Supplies	\$0.00
3130	Travel/Mileage	\$0.00
3310	Training	\$0.00
3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	\$0.00
3530	Contractual Services	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SALES DISCLOSURE FEES

President Raben: Okay page 192.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President I move that we accept this budget as presented.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second, any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR

President Raben: Prosecutor, page 39.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, I move that all Salaries, FICA, PERF, and Insurance be set in, in September and all 2000, 3000, and 4000 accounts be set in at 2003 levels with the exception of line 2610 Copy Machine Supplies \$1,000, line 2700 Other Supplies \$2,000, and line 3901 Witness Fees \$10,000. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second, any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

3900	Return of Fugitive	\$15,000.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR IV-D

President Raben: Page 43.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President I move that all Salaries, FICA, PERF, and Insurance be set in, in September and all 2000, 3000, and 4000 accounts be set in at 2003 levels with the exception of line 2700 Other Supplies \$ 3,000, line 3130 Travel & Mileage \$ 4,000, and line 3720 Lab Tests \$ 2,000. I'll make that in a form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

3120	Postage/Freight	\$4,000.00
3140	Telephone	\$4,800.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR FEES - CHECK RECOVERY

President Raben: Page 45. With the exception of salaries in September.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, page 45, Check Recovery move that all Salaries, FICA, PERF, and Insurance be set in, in September and line 2600 Office Supplies be set in at the requested amount. Make that in form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: 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 Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR GRANTS

President Raben: Page 50.

Councilmember Winnecke: Are you going to 46?

President Raben: Excuse me, 184, I'm sorry.

Councilmember Wortman: 50 is right, wasn't it?

President Raben: 184. Page 184.

Councilmember Winnecke: We didn't do 46-50? Right, because that was different than the others. I will do this on page...I will move that...the grant pages line 3994 on pages 46,47,48,49, and 50 be accepted as presented.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Raben: Those...I need you to make an amendment on that. Those are salary accounts so those will need to be adjusted September 3rd, as well.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay. I amend my motion. Sorry.

President Raben: Okay and as his co-maker accept that amendment? Okay. Any other questions?

Councilmember Sutton: I made the second, Curt didn't.

President Raben: Oh, Curt didn't. Okay, excuse me. Well, he approves of it if you go along with it.

Councilmember Sutton: I got at least one item. Yes, I do.

President Raben: Yes, he put the Darmstadt seal of approval on it if you go along with it. Okay. Any questions? Everybody's clear with the amendment. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

PROSECUTOR PRETRIAL DIVERSION

President Raben: Page 184.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President I move that these line items be set in, in September. I make that in form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Raben: We have an injury timeout here.

PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION

President Raben: Okay, page 193 or 93, not 193.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay. All Salaries, FICA, PERF, and Insurance be set in, in September and then line 18201303 Administrative Assistant zero, and line 18701303 Public Defender zero.

Councilmember Tornatta: What was that one?

Councilmember Winnecke: Which line item?

Councilmember Tornatta: I got the 18201303 what was the next one?

Councilmember Winnecke: It was 18701303 and the other one was 18401303. No, I'm sorry 1820 and 1870. Line 3000 Bond and Insurance \$ 37,485, line 3370 Computer Data Management zero, line 3600 Rent \$ 43,766, line 4210 Office Furniture zero, and line 4220 Office Machines zero. I make that in form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Tornatta: I need the rent one more time, please.

Councilmember Winnecke: Sure. The rent was \$ 43,766. All other 2000, 3000, 4000 accounts be set at 2003 levels.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Discussion, I have one question on 4220. Did you say to set that in at \$ 1,000 or at zero?

Councilmember Winnecke: Zero. I read zero.

President Raben: Okay. Any other questions?

Councilmember Sutton: What was that amount, Curt?

Councilmember Wortman: Zero.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Raben: You seldom ever hear that come from him. Okay, any other questions?

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, real quick on the Bond and Insurance, have they not expended anything or have you asked that question?

President Raben: Bond and Insurance, I think that's twice annually. Is that correct?

Councilmember Tornatta: I don't know.

President Raben: It's in the budget for this simply so we can get reimbursement but I think it's paid twice a year, so you probably have to pay it in June and again in December so...

Councilmember Tornatta: I just didn't see anything out of that account so - -

President Raben: Well, it may not have been recorded because this is through June 30th, but I think it is paid twice annually so they will use some of it by the end of the year. Okay any other questions? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

18201303	Administrative Assistant	\$0.00
18701303	Public Defender	\$0.00

3000	Bond & Insurance	\$37,485.00
3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	\$0.00
3943	Pauper Expense	\$45,000.00
4210	Office Furniture	\$0.00
4220	Office Machines	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF

President Raben: Page 16.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President I will move that all Salaries, FICA, PERF, and Insurance be set in at September. I will move that line 11300068 Patrolman on page 20 be set in at zero. On page 21 line 11300091 Patrolman be set in at zero. On page 22 line 11300104 Corporal be put in at zero, line 11300115 Patrolman be set in zero, line 11300116 Deputy be set in at zero, line 11300199 Part-time Clerk be set in at \$ 9,220. On page 24 line 11300219 Clerk Typist be set in at zero, line 11300220 Computer Technician be set in at zero, line 1750 on page 25 be set in at \$ 131,250. Everything else I move that we set it at 2003 with the exception of line 3310 Training \$ 27,000, line 4290 Vehicle Equipment zero and if I didn't say it all Salaries, FICA, PERF, and Insurance be set at September. I make that in a form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have motion and a second. Discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, Mr. Finance Chair we ask if you could amend your motion to take line 11300091 . . .

Councilmember Winnecke: What page?

Councilmember Sutton: That's page 21. That's the Sex Offender position that the - -

Councilmember Winnecke: Line 11300091?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: You want to exclude that.

Councilmember Sutton: If you could remove that from your motion. I'd like to see us to do something in that regard and I know we are trying to look as closely as possible to keep from adding any new positions this year but this is a rather important position that I think that not necessarily that we came up with the idea but the State has required us to take on these responsibilities, and in light of that occurring, and the importance of this position, I really think we need, I really think it's something I'd like to see included in our budget. So if we could pull that out of our - -

Councilmember Winnecke: I will amend my motion to exclude line 11300091 to exclude that from the motion.

President Raben: Who was the co-maker of the motion?

Councilmember Wortman: I'll accept that.

President Raben: You accept that amendment. And along with that, your motion to set 4290 in at zero was with the intent of moving that into CCD, correct?

Councilmember Winnecke: That's correct.

President Raben: Okay. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, in the Sheriff's Budget I would move that we set in 11300091 Patrolman in at zero.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay we have a motion and a second. Any discussion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, Is there somewhere there that the Sheriff can take that somewhere, that \$38,000 from another fund? You know, I mean in his budget...We can call the Sheriff up here? I know we haven't been doing it but maybe there is somewhere we can find that \$38,000. Maybe the Sheriff got a idea on that so - -

President Raben: Well, before we do and that might be putting them on the spot asking them to find because actually he would need about \$50,000 with benefits but - -

Councilmember Bassemier: I know you and I had talked to him about that.

President Raben: If they had the opportunity to do that they could possibly come back after the first of the year with proposal that may state, you know, we'll transfer this amount of money into a line if you'll agree to put this position in place.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I know you and I talked with the Sheriff on that and that was our main issue. When we talked to him was on the Sex Offender and we know we want somebody working on that so - -

President Raben: Maybe we can get an unofficial nod, but is that workable with the Sheriff that possibility to provide the opportunity between now and January to review your budget and find some additional funds?

Brad Ellsworth: How do you do an unofficial nod?

President Raben: Deer in the headlights kind of thing, you know where - -

Brad Ellsworth: I'll look.

Councilmember Bassemier: Like I said you made a good point. Like I said Jim and I met with the Sheriff and Deputy Chief Eric and we talked all about the Sex Offender. We are all concerned about that, about that issue so even though this is put in at zero don't think we're...that I'm not for this. We're just trying to find somewhere else and he can surely come back and if we can't find it somewhere else then we can vote on it.

President Raben: Sheriff, if you would like to step forward? I mean this... we obviously made it this far through the day one I'm sure is not going to kill us. But I mean that's something that's probably workable.

Brad Ellsworth: I think it is my duty to seize evidence whenever I see it and I'll seize this and put in..

President Raben: Take them, take them.

Brad Ellsworth: Somebody would make a joke about it. You know how we try and live down - -

Councilmember Sutton: We thought you were going down (inaudible)

Brad Ellsworth: I am having withdrawal.

President Raben: The question I had or the point I made is that would it be possible between now and January to... and we'll allow you the time to do that to find those cuts and present a proposal maybe after the first of the year that you know, I can transfer these funds here, you know, in lieu of getting this position. I mean that is something that is probably doable, isn't it?

Brad Ellsworth: I mean certainly I'm not going to sit here and tell you my budget is fat. I think we trim it and do a true budget, but I'll look because I think this position is extremely important as all the ones I asked for. But this is one that's gonna, that's an emotional issue and the public I think is gonna... they're going to call us on it and when we're not doing anything to follow up on this law. So I'll look, that's all I can tell you.

Councilmember Sutton: I'd rather see us go ahead and put the dollars in there and if there are some other dollars available, then we can always remove it out rather than say we put in a zero and then we'll kind of search and you know if we don't find any extra funds, according to the Sheriff, I mean if he's got other things already spoken for with his other funds then we end up with no position. That's what we end up with. So that's why I'd like to see us go ahead and put something in there. We can always remove it out if we need to.

Councilmember Tornatta: My point would be, is this possibly going to be somebody that moves into that position that is on the force right now?

Brad Ellsworth: I want an experienced person in that with some investigatory skills because what it is going to boil down to they are going to be...somebody had the question last week about it. What the...I believe it was Councilman Winnecke. I believed I e-mailed you or Eric did, but it is a Class D felony when you're not where you're supposed to be. And on a second offense, it's a Class C felony which is going to require a case file be prepared and again you got a whole new set of charges here. Now and again, it will be arrestable people could go to jail for that, but a case file, more trials, more hearings, and more people locked up but that's a pretty serious felony when you get a Class D or Class C. And as we know, as I explained last week is that 25 did a cursory search and 13 of the 16 residents they went to the person was not there. It's, I won't say an epidemic, but I can expand it out to the 400 child molesters and sex offenders here in Vanderburgh County. This person is going to have a lot of work to do.

Councilmember Tornatta: And a lot of people have said stuff about the... this individual being a deputy, but we kind of talked about it, you want a deputy because they are trained in the academy. They do know how to handle these individuals. They've been around the block you know a few times, a guy you want to have some experience. So that's what you're bringing in as opposed to somebody who is just coming in off the street with a Psychology degree. This has to be a person who is actually trained in law enforcement.

Brad Ellsworth: He's going to be filing police reports and making police case files too in the Prosecutor's office. And on top of that he will be going out and doing field work and going to neighborhoods and checking residents and I'd wouldn't be comfortable sending a civilian up to a house and knock on the door and a person thinks he's going to jail, or whatever, without that he wasn't armed and trained to use that. So that requires a police, you know, a law enforcement officer.

President Raben: Okay, thank you Sheriff.

Brad Ellsworth: Thank you.

President Raben: I'm going to call for the vote. Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: And what I understand, in research, the City of Evansville has per capita, more police officers, sheriffs than Indianapolis, Marion County plus the salaries are higher here than Marion County and some other cities and this is why I have a few problems to vote for it.

President Raben: Thank you. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

11300068	Patrolman	\$0.00
11300091	Patrolman	\$0.00
11300104	Corporal	\$0.00
11300115	Patrolman	\$0.00
11300116	Deputy	\$0.00
11300199	Part-time Clerk	\$9,220.00
11300219	Clerk Typist	\$0.00
11300220	Computer Technician	\$0.00
1750	Clothing Allowance	\$131,250.00
2230	Garage & Motor	\$60,000.00
2660	Reserves	\$10,000.00
2670	Identification	\$7,000.00
3200	Utilities	\$22,000.00
3310	Training	\$27,000.00
3370	Computer (Data Management)	\$10,000.00
3920	Youth Development	\$1,000.00
4230	Motor Vehicles	\$0.00
4290	Vehicle Equipment	\$0.00

(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Tornatta & Sutton opposed)

JAIL

President Raben: Page 29.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President I would move that all Salaries, FICA, PERF, and Insurance be set in our September meeting. On page 31 line 11300339 zero, line 11300340 zero, line 11300341 zero, line 11300342 zero, line 11300343 zero, line 11300407 zero, line 1301 \$ 100 and again all other Salaries, FICA, PERF, Insurance be set in, in September. Then all 2000, 3000, and 4000 accounts be set in at the 2003 level with exception of line 2240 Medical \$ 150,000. I make that in a form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Line 3530 Contractual, was the motion to set that in at 2003 level or the 2004 requested?

Councilmember Winnecke: 2003 with the exceptions to the ones I noted.

President Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: Set that aside, set 3530 aside then?

Councilmember Winnecke: That would be part of the 2003 level.

President Raben: Would you entertain setting that in at the \$ 52,000?

Councilmember Winnecke: Oh, I'm sorry I missed that. Let me amend the motion to make that level \$ 52,000. I'm sorry.

President Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: I missed that in the book.

Councilmember Wortman: I accept that motion

President Raben: The co-maker accepts that motion. Everyone's clear so, line 3530 Contractual will be set in at \$ 52,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Question? Line item 1750, did that stay at the requested amount?

Councilmember Winnecke: What line?

Councilmember Sutton: Line 1750, on page 32.

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

11300339	Detention Officer	\$0.00
11300340	Detention Officer	\$0.00
11300341	Detention Officer	\$0.00
11300342	Detention Officer	\$0.00
11300343	Detention Officer	\$0.00
11300407	Emergency Medical Tech.	\$0.00
1301	Civilian Overtime	\$100.00
2240	Medical	\$150,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TAPE CHANGE

MISDEMEANOR HOUSING

President Raben: That would be next, page 187.

Councilmember Winnecke: Are we ready?

President Raben: We're ready.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay. All salaries, FICA, PERF, and Insurance will be set in, in September. All other accounts be accepted as presented.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. 1301, is that part of the September adjustment?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

President Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: Do I need to exclude that?

President Raben: I don't know that you do or don't. I mean, that's--

Councilmember Winnecke: That's my intent, that it's part of the September--

President Raben: Okay. Alright. Any other questions? Hearing none. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

President Raben: Page 103.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, I move that all salaries, FICA, PERF, and Insurance be set in, in September. All 2000, 3000, and 4000 level accounts be set in at 2003 levels, with the exception of line 2260 Food zero, and line 2750 Work Release Supplies \$8,000. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Questions?

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, everything is at 2003?

Councilmember Winnecke: Except—

Councilmember Tornatta: And the Food was at zero in 2003, for 2260.

Councilmember Winnecke: Yeah, I said zero, I specifically mentioned that zero.

Councilmember Tornatta: Alright, has that been—

President Raben: Is the intent to use User Fees on that?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yeah, as of yesterday, the Sheriff communicating, or Chief Deputy communicating with someone, thought they could commit to up to half initially. So, if they can do more, if they can do all of it. If not, we may have to revisit this line item later. The intent is to fund that out of User Fees, which is how we handled it in 2003.

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, but that was also a one time shot. We were told that at that time. I mean, do we need to put something in that line item?

Councilmember Winnecke: They've said that, they're confident that they can handle up to half of it, and maybe the entire amount. So, I'm comfortable leaving it at zero for now, and then see how the revenue comes in from User Fees.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions? Roll call vote.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

2260	Food	\$0.00
2750	Work Release Supplies	\$8,000.00
4352	Maintenance & Repair	\$15,000.00

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

President Raben: Let the record show that Councilman Wortman, for the second year running, did not mention MRE's.

Councilmember Winnecke: I will in September.

Councilmember Hoy: That's good, because they cost more.

MISDEMEANOR OFFENDER

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, page 186. All salaries, FICA, PERF, and Insurance be set in, in September. I move all other line items be accepted as presented.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

DRUG AND ALCOHOL DEFERRAL SERVICES

President Raben: Page 116, Drug and Alcohol Deferral Services.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, I move that all salaries, FICA, PERF, and Insurance be set in, in September. I move that line 1990, Extra Help, be set in at zero. All 2000, 3000, and 4000 accounts be set in at the 2003 levels, with the exception of line 3370, Computer (Data Management), \$500. Line 4210, Office Furniture, zero. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

1990	Extra Help	\$0.00
2600	Office Supplies	\$1,200.00
3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	\$500.00
4210	Office Furniture	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

President Raben: Page 108, Superior Court.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, I move that all salaries, FICA, PERF, and Insurance be set in, in September, and that line 1171-1370, Magistrate, be set in at zero. Line 1172-1370, Magistrate, be set in at zero. Line 1173-1370, Magistrate, be set in at zero. Line 1174-1370, Magistrate, be set in at zero. The correct figure for, and we'll confirm this is September, but the correct figure for line 1200-1370, Juvenile Magistrate, is \$41,33, I'm sorry, \$41,393. All other 2000, I'm sorry, then line item 1990, Extra Help, \$1,500. \$1,500. All 2000, 3000, and 4000 accounts be set in at 2003 levels, with the exception of line 3000, Bond and Insurance, zero. Line 4210, Office Furniture, zero. Line 4230, Motor Vehicles, zero. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Raben: I have a motion and a second. Discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: What was that 4210, one more time?

Councilmember Winnecke: 4210 is zero.

President Raben: I would recommend that on 4230, while we zero those, to go to the Commissioners and see about possibly taking that out of CCD. So, that would be the decision they would have to make, but that's another avenue for getting those vehicles. Okay, any other questions? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

1171-1370	Magistrate	\$0.00
1172-1370	Magistrate	\$0.00
1173-1370	Magistrate	\$0.00
1174-1370	Magistrate	\$0.00
1200-1370	Juvenile Magistrate	\$41,393.00
1990-1370	Extra Help	\$1,500.00
2230-1370	Garage & Motor	\$1,500.00
2600-1370	Office Supplies	\$25,000.00
3000-1370	Bond & Insurance	\$0.00
3250-1370	Law Books	\$15,000.00
3310-1370	Training	\$4,000.00
3410-1370	Printing	\$6,500.00
3520-1370	Equipment Repair	\$11,000.00
3620-1370	Copy Machine Lease	\$8,500.00
3722-1370	Med Exp & Drug Testing	\$2,000.00
3790-1370	Professional Services	\$12,000.00
3903-1370	Petit Jurors	\$70,000.00
3931-1370	Youth Services	\$36,000.00
3980-1370	Trans Child & Misc.	\$13,000.00
4210-1370	Office Furniture	\$0.00
4230-1370	Motor Vehicles	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR DRUG COURT

President Raben: Page 118.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, I move that all salaries, FICA, PERF, and Insurance be set in, in September. I would move that line 1140-1372, Home Verification Officer, be set in at zero. Then all 2000, 3000, and 4000 accounts be set in at the 2003 levels. Then we need to add line item 3530, Contractual Services, and that amount should be \$3,750. That's line 3530, Contractual Services, \$3,750. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Office Supplies, you don't want to do the 2004?

Councilmember Winnecke: Let me check my notes. I had it as 2003, but let me check my notes. I don't have a note on it. I'm comfortable with 2003.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, they've requested \$1,800. In 2003 it was \$2,140. So, why would you go higher?

Councilmember Winnecke: On line?

Councilmember Tornatta: 2600.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm sorry, I'm in the wrong, I was on the wrong line, I apologize. Yeah, that should be, I amend my motion to make that read \$1,800.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm sorry, I was on the wrong line, Troy.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions?

Councilmember Wortman: I'll second as requested.

President Raben: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

1140-1372	Home Verification Officer	\$0.00
2600-1372	Office Supplies	\$1,800.00
3130-1372	Travel/Mileage	\$1,715.00
3530-1372	Contractual Services	\$3,750.00
4220-1372	Office Machines	\$625.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERIOR COURT SUPPLEMENTAL ADULT PROBATION

President Raben: Yes, page 182.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I would move that all salaries, FICA, PERF, and Insurance be set in, will be set in, in September. The remaining budget be accepted as presented.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BOND DEBT REPAYMENT

President Raben: Yes, page 203.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I move that this budget be accepted as presented.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AUDITOR

President Raben: County Auditor, page 7.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, I move that all salaries, FICA, PERF, and Insurance be set in, in September. All other 2000, 3000, and 4000 accounts be set in at 2003 levels, with the exception of line 2600, Office Supplies, \$14,000.

Councilmember Tornatta: Hey, Lloyd?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yeah.

Councilmember Tornatta: I think you can set everything in at 2004 levels.

Councilmember Winnecke: That's correct. We could. We could just put everything else in at 2004 levels, all 2000, 3000, and 4000 accounts.

President Raben: Okay. Did we have a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. The motion is that salaries–

Councilmember Tornatta: As is.

President Raben: –FICA, PERF, and Insurance be set in, in September, and everything else as listed.

Councilmember Winnecke: As listed.

President Raben: Roll call vote please.

Councilmember Sutton: I've got a question.

President Raben: Excuse me.

Councilmember Sutton: Question, line items 1180-1020, I'm on page seven. 1180-1020 and 1190-1020, at 2003 it's the same. The salary is the same on those positions in 2003. Then there is just a slight difference on what's been expended in 2003, then there's a difference in 2004. Is there a step increase that comes into play on that first position?

Sandie Deig: What line item?

Councilmember Sutton: 1180-1020, as compared to 1190-1020.

Bill Fluty: They are...that's in Bookkeeping. I think that's Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable–

Councilmember Sutton: Uh-huh.

Bill Fluty: –is your question?

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

Bill Fluty: They were hired in at the same year, but they are three weeks apart. If you're hired in in January, you do get your step, but if you're hired after February, then you do not get your step. So, there is a difference in salary in those two. It's due to step increases.

Councilmember Sutton: Is that the case? I mean, as far as one was hired, I guess, in January, and one afterwards, Bill?

Bill Fluty: 1180 and 1190, correct?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Bill Fluty: Yes, those two.

Sandie Deig: One was hired on February 5th, and the other one was hired on January 29th.

Councilmember Sutton: Oh, gosh. Just missed the cutoff. Just missed it.

Bill Fluty: Now, that was 25 years ago, I think, so I often hear that.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AUDITOR/ REASSESSMENT

President Raben: Yes, page 158.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, I would move that line 1020-1300, and FICA, and Extra Help, line 1990, be set in at a later time. Line 1020-3371, Computer Hardware, set in at \$4,000, and everything else as accepted.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any questions? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LEGAL AID

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, there is one other piece...we need to adjust a figure from yesterday. Go in your book to page 127, Legal Aid. I would move that we re-open line 3600, Rent, to correct the figure. It's a \$50 adjustment.

Councilmember Wortman: I'll second that motion.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, I would move that line 3600, Rent, be set in at \$23,776.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Tornatta: That's 726.

Councilmember Winnecke: It says 726 in the book.

Councilmember Tornatta: That's what it should be.

Councilmember Winnecke: (Inaudible) 776.

Councilmember Tornatta: You set it in at \$23,913, which is 2003 level.

Sandie Deig: My number is wrong, it was \$23,726.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, then I amend my amendment to say \$23–

Councilmember Sutton: Amend my amendment?

Councilmember Winnecke: –726.

Sandie Deig: Sorry.

Councilmember Winnecke: That's alright. It's alright with me.

President Raben: The seconder amends his–

Councilmember Tornatta: Amended, amended.

Councilmember Wortman: I'll second that.

President Raben: Okay, is everyone clear? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

3600	Rent	\$23,726.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Raben: Okay, well, that concludes today's session. Great job everybody.

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. Ahlers, is there a piece of business that you want to share with us prior to tomorrow's meeting? About lunch plans or anything like that?

Jeff Ahlers: I don't know. It doesn't matter to me. I thought you guys were pushing for September 3rd, no?

Councilmember Sutton: Okay. I think that's what we did last year.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, last year I think we did it earlier, but tomorrow you're probably going to get done at 10:00, I don't think you want pizza at ten in the morning. It's up to you guys.

Councilmember Winnecke: I can't be there tomorrow. Do whatever you want.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, maybe September 3rd, because we've got that noon meeting, maybe we can adjourn, after that might be good for everybody. Is that good for everybody?

President Raben: No.

Jeff Ahlers: After the September 3rd meeting.

President Raben: Hey, hold on just a moment. Let me adjourn the meeting. We don't really need all this discussion on the minutes. Teri types enough so I'm going to move that we recess until 8:00 a.m. tomorrow morning. Meeting adjourned.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARING
AUGUST 14, 2003**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 14th day of August, 2003 in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President Jim Raben at 8:07 a.m.

President Raben: I would like to call to order the August 14th Vanderburgh County Council Budget hearing meeting. Attendance roll call, please.

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

President Raben: Now if we could all stand for the Pledge.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Raben: Thank you. Just as the past two days, for those of you that have not been in the audience this week, last week was our time for discussion and questioning. The officeholders and department heads will not be called to the podium today. Today is simply our opportunity to go through these budgets and make our final cuts and approve each individual budget, so I will in just a moment turn the microphone over to our Finance Chairman, Lloyd Winnecke, but I would like to state that there is one office that was postponed until today, the County Commissioners, so we’re going to kind of take this out of order for a few budgets and then we’ll move back to the top of the agenda.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

President Raben: So first up today will be the County Commissioners on page 85.

Councilmember Winnecke: Good morning, Mr. President, and fellow members of the Council. I think it is important as we begin our final day of hearings to offer some thank you’s. These are in no particular order because each of these people or their staffs have played an equally important role during this process. To our officeholders and department heads we appreciate your patience and understanding during a time of difficult deliberations. Thanks to County Auditor Bill Fluty and his staff for their dedication to make sure we have the best possible information. To Teri Lukeman, of the Auditor’s Office, for her professionalism and attention to detail in recording our minutes. Last, but certainly not least, Council Secretary Sarah Nunn and our Executive Assistant Sandie Deig who really do work tirelessly on behalf of all members of the Council, not only during this budget process, but during the course of the entire year. We thank each and all of you. As Mr. Raben said, on Tuesday we deferred the Commissioners’ budget and others that they oversee until September because we needed time to collaborate with them in order to resolve some outstanding issues. We appreciate Commission President Mosby rearranging his schedule in order to address the issue this week instead of waiting until September. In fact, I know that each of the three Commissioners have spent time over the last couple of days with various members of Council in attempts to reach an agreement that I think will greatly benefit our county. Heading into Tuesday’s session we had identified about \$5.3 million in potential cuts. In order to remain under our maximum levy we need to find about \$7.8 million. This is where Council asked for the assistance from

the Commissioners. The Cum Bridge Fund overseen by the Commission has about a \$3.5 million cash balance, plentiful enough to fund the proposed projects for 2004. It is funded from a four cent per \$100 assessed valuation in property taxes. Commissioner Mosby has agreed to urge the Commission to reduce the rate to three cents per \$100 and to zero out the proposed Cum Courthouse Fund. However, it would be the intent of the Commission and the Council to reinstate that fund at next year's budget hearing. If the Commission agrees this represents savings of about \$1.5 million. It would be my recommendation, and I believe...I know I have the support of President Raben, that this body will use \$1 million from our COIT Windfall account to make up the rest of our shortfall. Just as a matter of procedure and being official, the Auditor reminds me that if the Commission does take...agreed to the reduction that they would need a resolution stating such before our final budget meeting on September 3rd. These actions, if approved, should provide continued quality and efficient professional government services. It means that vital road projects will stay on track, important community services will continue and that 700 plus county employees will enjoy a three percent pay increase in 2004. Again, a lot of negotiations and discussions have taken place over the last couple of days with the Commissioners. We appreciate their flexibility and their understanding in trying to resolve what really is a big picture situation for the entire county. With that, Mr. President, I would move to get to the Commissioners' budget on page 85.

President Raben: Thank you.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, I would move that all salaries, FICA, PERF and insurance be set in at our September meeting. I would move that 12501300 Soil Conservation Specialist be set in at zero. This will be one that will be moved to a different account. All other 2000, 3000 and 4000 level accounts be approved at the 2003 level with the exception of line 2690 Demolition Fund \$3,500; line 3000 Bond & Insurance \$850,000; line 3020 Southwest Mental Health \$640,000; line 3040 Soil & Water \$13,000; line 3050 \$1,700,000; line 3051 Lodging of Inmates \$150,000; line 3090 Urban Transportation the correct figure is \$44,738; Animal Control the correct figure is \$172,104; line 3190 Solid Waste Disposal \$2,500; line 3210 Emergency Management the correct figure is \$124,028; line 3270 Change of Venue \$500; line 3280 Examination of Records \$5,000; line 3410 Printing \$100; line 3470 Appraisals zero; and line 3471 Abstracts zero. Just as a reminder, that was a change in state law which doesn't require us to do that. Line 3490 YMCA \$19,000; line 3491 zero; line 3500 the correct figure is \$38,295; line 3530 Contractual Services \$1,500; line 3534 ADA zero; line 3600 the correct figure is \$2,360,127; line 3610 Legal Services \$92,000; line 3620 Copy Machine Lease \$18,500; line 3750 Purchasing Department \$123,762; line 3850 Building Commission the correct figure is \$486,526; line 3860 Contractual Computer the correct figure is \$545,223; line 3861 Rent \$43,093; line 3870 Computer Management \$730,800; line 3890 Central Dispatch zero. That's gone to the 911 fund. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes. We've got a couple of areas on here starting with page 86. Line 3051 Lodging of Inmates, now, I know, none of us wants to see this figure escalate any higher than it already has up through June of this year, but we've already spent through June of this year \$155,000 and we don't foresee any changes taking place in the population in the jail which we really don't control. I mean, putting that in at \$150,000, I mean, is that really a number that is really workable in light of what we've already seen the trend being?

Councilmember Winnecke: I think that's a good question. I would just offer that I can't disagree with anything you've said other than I would say that the jail figures that came out this week and I think the number has been fairly consistent over the last several months. If you look at the number of folks who are being lodged out of county this week the figure

was 50. I believe there are still like 61 electronic house devices that are available for use. So, you know, I hope as we sort of evolve and grow into this situation that we'll be in a position where we can use more electronic devices versus sending more people out of county to be housed. So I think this is a number that is certainly workable to start the year and we realize we may have to revisit that at some point during the course of the year.

Councilmember Sutton: I say that we will be revisiting that, it won't be a may just based on where we are. I know we're trying to get the budget pared down here, but just trying to see if there are areas where we're just really on target. The other thing I want to take a look at is on page...where is it. Oh, same page. Looking at 3030 EARC, Evansville Arc. They have probably spoken with most of us here on Council and in light of the fact that our allocation toward them has stayed consistently the same since, I guess, 1992 when it was first put into place and just trying to see if they can get some type of increase there to reflect some of the cutbacks on the state's side. I guess what was put in, what was suggested, is leaving them at the 2003 level. Just given where that organization is and our support over the years, it just seems like we might be able to move that up to at least \$325,000 or somewhere around that range for EARC.

Councilmember Winnecke: I would...I can't necessarily argue with anything you said. I mean, I disagree with you, but in terms of whether we should make that a priority funding the organization is a great one. If you tour there you really do see what they're trying to accomplish in this community and that's to improve the quality of life for some citizens who need assistance. On the other hand, I don't know that it warrants eliminating or reducing funding in other county governmental services in order to increase their shortfall because of what the state has done.

President Raben: Councilman Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Well, I agree with Councilman Sutton. I would also encourage all of us and encourage the citizenry to lobby Washington, DC and Indianapolis, Indiana where those cuts have come from. There are some unconscionable cuts going on the national level for services such as this. We need to get the ear of our representatives there.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions or comments? Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I might remind through my experience and to you, Mr. Chairman, and to the Auditor, that if we don't meet our levy the state will cut us, so I think we ought to be reminded of that. We've got to do something regardless on that.

President Raben: Okay, any other comments?

Councilmember Sutton: The last one on page 89. If we look at the trend on line 3610 Legal Services, again, that's an area where we obviously are going to see folks revisiting us. I mean, to reduce that below what the trend line is—

Councilmember Winnecke: And we realize that also. If you look at 2002 actual expenditures of \$95,000, you know, these large budgets we're looking for places to find \$8,000 to \$10,000 to \$15,000 in cuts to meet a number. You know, hopefully they can live within \$92,000, but we also realize, you know, it might be \$100,000. We all need attorneys. Again, this is a number to start at in order for us to remain under our maximum levy. I did have one...the Auditor did offer one note. Alan Tepool from ACS on line 3860 actually has provided a revised number of \$495,223.

Councilmember Sutton: One more time.

Councilmember Winnecke: \$495,223, so I would amend my motion to include that figure on line 3860.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, with that being the case that's about \$50,000. That's about the equivalent amount we took away on the EARC and we could put it in there. Put back in there since we were going to go at \$545,000, so we still put ourselves in the same position that we were before.

President Raben: I might state that if this move is to put that money back in I would not recommend EARC, but Patient & Inmate Lodging. You know, again, I am very sympathetic of their needs. There are a whole lot of other organizations within this county that are faced with state and federal cutbacks. There is another organization that we weren't able to assist and that was the YMCA for a \$50,000 request. So, you know, we as a county cannot make up for shortfalls within these organization's budgets. I mean, state and federal government has problems and we have our own problems, too. We're having a tough time making the cuts that we need to make to operate small Vanderburgh County, so, you know, let's don't look at those funds if we're going to put money back in. Let's look at the ones that we are truly responsible for as a Council and fund those long before we—

Councilmember Sutton: So you're saying then, Mr. President, in line 3051 rather than \$150,000 you would be rather willing to put that at \$200,000. Take that \$50,000 and put that \$50,000 in Lodging of Inmates?

Councilmember Winnecke: I would amend my motion to such.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: Yeah, that sounds reasonable.

President Raben: Patient & Inmate—

Councilmember Winnecke: No, it's Lodging of Inmates line 3051.

President Raben: It's 3051. The original motion was to set that in at \$150,000. The amended motion would be to set 3051 at \$200,000 if the seconder of his motion accepts that amended.

Councilmember Sutton: Do we have any other \$8,000 reductions out there that will get that Legal Services back up?

Councilmember Winnecke: Curt, are you going to?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, and his co-maker accepts the amendment. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

12501300	Soil Conservation Specialist	\$0.00
2690	Demolition Fund	\$3,500.00
3000	Bond & Insurance	\$850,000.00
3020	Southwestern Mental Health	\$640,000.00
3021	Hillcrest-Washington	\$1,471,000.00
3030	EARC	\$279,000.00
3040	Soil & Water	\$13,000.00
3050	Patient/Inmate Care	\$1,700,000.00
3051	Lodging of Inmates	\$200,000.00
3080	Emergency Medical	\$197,000.00
3100	Animal Control	\$172,104.00
3120	Postage/Freight	\$328,100.00
3140	Telephone	\$210,000.00
3190	Solid Waste Disposal	\$2,500.00
3210	Emergency Management	\$124,028.00
3270	Change of Venue	\$500.00
3280	Examination of Records	\$5,000.00
3410	Printing	\$100.00
3470	Appraisals	\$0.00
3471	Abstracts	\$0.00
3490	YMCA	\$19,000.00
3491	YMCA Capital Campaign	\$0.00
3530	Contractual Services	\$1,500.00
3534	ADA	\$0.00
3600	Rent	\$2,360,127.00
3610	Legal Services	\$92,000.00
3620	Copy Machine Lease	\$18,500.00
3750	Purchasing Department	\$123,762.00

3850	Building Commission	\$486,526.00
3860	Contractual Computer	\$495,223.00
3890	Central Dispatch	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/CCD FUND

President Raben: Page 144.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, I would move that line 13004122 be set in at zero; line 13004126 zero; line 13004130 Park & Playground be set in at \$1,300,000; line 13004171 zero; 13004191 zero; 13004230 \$200,000; and that the rest of the line items in this budget be accepted as presented. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Just one moment, Councilman Wortman. I had spoke with Commissioner Mosby prior to the meeting and neglected to inform you on this particular line. He had requested that we leave that in at the \$125,000 and he'll make adjustments, you know, when they determine what the real need is there.

Councilmember Winnecke: I will amend my motion to show that line 13004230 Motor Vehicles be set in at \$125,000.

Councilmember Sutton: The seconder agrees.

President Raben: Okay. The maker and the co-maker of the motion accept the amendment. Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, on 13004130 what will that consist of?

President Raben: That is based upon the final master plan for Burdette Park. If you remember, last week the Commissioners said that finalized plan is in and in their office, so I realize most of us because of budgets have not had the opportunity to study a plan as thick as a phone book, so we all need to do that. That is what this figure is for is to begin those improvements. Are there any other questions? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: I'm going to vote no due to the budget crisis we're in that we're going to have to cut back. When you've got a \$400,000 debt out there at Burdette Park and \$1.2 million budget we've got to cut back, so I'm going to vote no.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilman Wortman opposed.)

CUMULATIVE OLD COURTHOUSE

President Raben: Page 145.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, based on the discussions earlier I would move that this budget be set in at zero. It would, just for the record, be the intent of the Personnel Chair and the President of this Commission that we reinstate this during the next budget hearing process in a year.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Raben: I have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

3530	Contractual Services	\$0.00
4129	Energy Savings Contract	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

RIVERBOAT

President Raben: Page 131.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I'm going to move that this budget be accepted as presented.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

President Raben: Page 97.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, I will move that all salaries, FICA, PERF and Insurance be set in at our September meeting. Line 1990 Extra Help \$4,000; line 2210 Gas & Oil \$500; line 2300 Uniforms \$500; line 2860 Building Supplies \$6,000; line 3200 Utilities \$70,000; line 3440 Advertising zero; line 3510 Other Operating \$1,000; line 3530 Contractual Services \$7,500; line 3550 Repairs \$12,500; and line 4120 Buildings \$20,000. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, one question. On 3550 for Contractual Services did you check and make sure that those...that \$10,000 was not going to contracts?

Councilmember Winnecke: According to the records from the Auditor's Office there is a balance of a little over \$23,000 that is unappropriated.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

President Raben: Any other questions? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

1990	Extra Help	\$4,000.00
2300	Uniforms	\$500.00
2860	Building Supplies	\$6,000.00
3200	Utilities	\$70,000.00
3440	Advertising	\$0.00
3530	Contractual Services	\$7,500.00
3550	Repairs to Bldg. & Grads	\$12,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY HIGHWAY

President Raben: Page 132, County Highway.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, I would move that all salaries, FICA, PERF and insurance be set in at our September meeting. All 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts be set in at the 2003 budget levels with the following exceptions: line 2780 Office Material zero; line 3120 Postage/Freight \$300; line 3201 Traffic Lights \$3,500; line 3410 Printing \$3,000; line 3530 Contractual Services \$1,000. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: There is something I've always kind of wondered. Maybe it is a matter to be taken up maybe later on in the year or first of the year. You know, we pay our department heads basically for next year three percent, and it appears we're on course for that, and they would come in and their salary would be right about just a shade over \$56,000. The County Highway Supervisor, which is a department head there, and it's a rather large department. A lot of people are supervised and that salary next year will be just a shade over \$43,000. It just seems like a very large disparity between what that person is compensated at as opposed to our other department heads and I think that might be something we might need to go back in and take a look at in light of just the responsibility level that that person is required to undertake. So it's something to take a look at.

President Raben: That would need to go before job study.

Councilmember Sutton: Right, right.

President Raben: Councilman Winnecke, just as a matter of clarification, your motion stated at the 2003 figures?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes, with the exceptions of the ones I noted.

President Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: Do we need to amend something?

President Raben: Well, I might suggest that we set this in at 2004. It looks like there are some adjustments between lines and just as an example, 3410...let me go through. Just as an example, but, you know, then there are some big differences like 2580 and 2550, but this one is the one budget that the state will make the adjustments if it doesn't fall within their...excuse me, Councilman Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: You know, the state, if there is a need, they will cut this. You know, they have in the past.

President Raben: Right.

Councilmember Winnecke: I would amend my motion to set these in at 2004 levels then.

President Raben: Okay. Okay, does co-maker accept that amendment?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, reluctantly I'll accept that request.

President Raben: This is gasoline tax. This fund, you know, that rate is set by the state. I might ask that we just...that the motion may state as presented. There are two salary lines that need to be adjusted and that's 1004 and 1005. Those need to be read in that this meeting just for the purpose of—

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, let me get my notes from my other book.

President Raben: Or I can give you the amounts and save you the digging.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

President Raben: 1004 on page 132 should read \$38,193 and 1005 should read \$38,193.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, I would amend my motion for the County Highway budget for line 1004 Road Foreman to read \$38,193; line 1005 Road Foreman to read \$38,193 and that the balance of the budget be accepted as presented and I'll make that in the form of a motion. An amended motion.

Councilmember Wortman: I'll accept that.

President Raben: And his co-maker seconds that amendment. Any other questions?
Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

1004	Road Foreman	\$38,193.00
1005	Road Foreman	\$38,193.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

President Raben: Page 138.

Councilmember Winnecke: On 138 I would move that all salaries, FICA, PERF and Insurance be set in at our September meeting. We do need to add in the salary area line 1230 Erosion Control Specialist \$46,066.

Councilmember Tornatta: One more time.

Councilmember Winnecke: It's \$46,066. I would move that the remaining 2000, 3000 and 4000 level accounts be set in at the 2003 budget levels with the exception of line 2300 Uniforms \$3,600; line 3520 Equipment Repair \$78,000; line 4230 Motor Vehicles \$65,000; line 4341 Koressel Road \$50,000; line 4358 Old State Road Bridge #110 zero.

Councilmember Tornatta: What was that?

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm sorry, 4358 Old State Road, I can't read the rest.

President Raben: Bridge.

Councilmember Winnecke: Bridge, I'm sorry. Okay, 4366 Green River Road North Culvert zero and we've had discussions with the Commissioners about moving that into...paying for that out of TIF proceeds. Line 4381 zero; line 4410 St. Joseph Road Bridge zero; line 4411 Golden Rule Bridge \$25,000; line 4727 Marx Road zero; line 4728 West Franklin Road zero; line 4729 Fischer Road Culvert zero; and the remaining lines I would move that we set in at the proposed 2004 levels. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, starting with what number?

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm sorry, line 4731 Miller Road Culvert.

Councilmember Tornatta: Goes at the 2004?

Councilmember Winnecke: All at the 2004 as presented.

President Raben: Just for those who may be listening in today or in the audience, the cuts that he made on various projects were projects that were budgeted for this year that—

Councilmember Winnecke: Were not for next year.

President Raben: —are not for next year. Those aren't actual cuts, per se, those are all funded projects. Any other questions?

Councilmember Tornatta: Go ahead, Lloyd, and read those projects into the record.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: That you're funding those last ones.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, on the 2004 levels line 4731 Miller Road Culvert \$50,000; line 4732 Miller Road Culvert #882 \$50,000; line 4733 Schaeffer Road Culvert \$200,000; line 4734 Owensville Road Culvert \$100,000; line 4736 Barton Road Culvert \$75,000; line 4737 Kansas Road Culvert \$100,000; line 4738 Oak Hill Road Culvert \$150,000.

Councilmember Tornatta: Thank you.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions? Hearing none roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Did you have a second?

President Raben: Did you second that?

Councilmember Hoy: I did.

President Raben: Oh, Phil did. Thank you. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Due to the excessive amount of money in the Bridge Fund and you can't build all them bridges this year I think it should have been reduced to one cent, so that's the reason I am going to vote no right now.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes. Page 155. Okay, we need to pause for just a moment.

1230	Erosion Control Specialist	\$46,066.00
2230	Garage & Motor	\$50,000.00
2530	Bituminous Materials	\$150,000.00
2560	Concrete	\$57,000.00
3141	Communications	\$1,200.00
4366	Green River Rd –Culvert	\$0.00
4429	Engineer Equipment	\$35,000.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

TAPE CHANGE

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

President Raben: Okay, page 155.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, I would, one second. Okay, Mr. President, Local Roads and Streets, I would move that this budget be accepted as presented with the exception of line 3481, Traffic Department. The correct figure is

\$160,191. \$160,191. Line 4329, County Line Road, zero. Line 4823, Oak Hill Road-Bergdolt Road, zero. 4824, Green River Road-Millersburg Road, zero. Line 4920, Green River Road, zero, and this is another project that we feel can be funded from the TIF. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Did I understand you correct? 4822, 4823, and 4824, zero?

Councilmember Winnecke: 48, I'm sorry, 4329 and 4823 and 24.

President Raben: Okay, did your motion state to set those in at zero?

Councilmember Winnecke: Let me re-check my notes here.

President Raben: You want to set those in, I believe, correct me, at the 2004 levels. Those are requests for—

Bill Fluty: Those cuts were, with discussion with Catherine, to get under what that fund will actually bring in.

President Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: Yeah, I thought—

President Raben: That's fine.

Councilmember Winnecke: I thought they gave those to us.

Bill Fluty: Those were given to us by Catherine. No, that's fine. This budget was presented at \$7,800,000, and revenues will not produce that, so, we had to make those cuts. So, it was just the priority of the projects. Actually, the TIF, the \$4,500,000, there's enough money in TIF to do that.

President Raben: Right, I understand that. I wasn't aware of the others.

Councilmember Winnecke: Someone gave those to us the other day.

President Raben: Okay, and if we find those aren't correct, we can make those adjustments in September, is that correct?

Bill Fluty: That's right.

President Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, just for clarification. So, on like 4823, the Oak Hill project, the motion was for zero. Is that part of freeze related issues, or pulling from another fund? What's the thought process there?

Bill Fluty: That's just related to the revenues that move into that fund that this budget won't support. Catherine agreed to Green River Road with the option to go to TIF money. So, that's a wash. Bergdolt, \$75,000, \$150,000, and \$100,000 to get this down to \$2,994,000, which it can fund with revenues it receives, plus the million dollar COIT that the Council puts in.

Councilmember Sutton: Was there mention on line 4920, the other Green River Road project at Lynch and Heckel, about the possibility of moving that to TIF? Or is that—

Councilmember Winnecke: That's TIF.

Councilmember Sutton: Is that at zero?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes, zero to be funded from TIF.

President Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: What is the projected revenue for this fund, Bill?

Bill Fluty: I believe it's going to be about \$1,800,000. A million with COIT, about \$800,000 revenue, and it does have a little bit of an operating balance. So, it will cover this.

President Raben: Again, if there's adjustments that would need to be made, we can do that in September.

Bill Fluty: Or, if revenues would come in a little stronger, then maybe some of these projects can be put back in.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions? Hearing none. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

3481-2160	Traffic Department	\$160,191.00
4329-2160	County Line Road	\$0.00
4823-2160	Oak Hill-Bergdolt	\$0.00
4824-2160	Green River-Millersburg	\$0.00
4920-2160	Green River-Lynch/Heckel	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BURDETTE PARK

President Raben: Page 121

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, I would move that all salaries, FICA, PERF, and Insurance be set in at our September meeting. Line 1190-1450, Security, \$50,000. All other 2000, 3000, and 4000 accounts be set in at 2003 budget levels, with the exception of line 2550, Sand and Gravel, zero. Line 2770, Medical Supplies, \$500. Line 3190, Solid Waste Disposal, \$6,000. Line 3200, Utilities, \$100,000. Line 4110, Land, zero. Line 4130, Park and Playground, \$25,000. Line 4230, Motor Vehicles, zero, and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Parks and Playground, one more time? Park and Playground, say that again?

Councilmember Winnecke: As budgeted. As presented, \$25,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Advertising was at what? Line 3440?

Councilmember Winnecke: What line was that, Royce?

Councilmember Sutton: 3440.

Councilmember Winnecke: Last year's level, \$15,000.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions? Hearing none. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes. Motion carries five to two.

1190	Security	\$50,000.00
2210	Gas & Oil	\$8,000.00
2310	Laundry & Cleaning	\$9,000.00
2500	Electrical Supplies	\$2,000.00
2550	Sand & Gravel	\$0.00
2730	Sanitary Supplies	\$12,000.00
2770	Medical Supplies	\$500.00
3190	Solid Waste Disposal	\$6,000.00
3200	Utilities	\$100,000.00
3371	Computer Hardware	\$0.00
3372	Computer Software	\$0.00
3440	Advertising	\$15,000.00
3520	Equipment Repair	\$18,000.00
3580	Vehicle Repair	\$8,500.00
3590	Pool Operation	\$45,000.00
4110	Land	\$0.00
4140	Water Attractions*	\$8,000.00
4230	Motor Vehicles	\$0.00

(Motion carried 5-2/Councilmembers Sutton and Wortman opposed)

(*Line reduced after vote to reopen. See discussion below)

President Raben: Okay, moving back up to the top, page 14, County Recorder.

Councilmember Tornatta: Can I ask a question back on the Burdette budget? Under 4140, we did set that in at \$8,000?

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm sorry, what page are you on?

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm sorry, the Burdette budget. I was, I'm trying to keep track--

Councilmember Winnecke: What page is that, Troy?

Councilmember Tornatta: --124.

Councilmember Winnecke: And what's the line item?

Councilmember Tornatta: 4140.

Councilmember Winnecke: At last year's level.

President Raben: That would be...there wasn't a request for this year.

Councilmember Winnecke: Oh, I'm sorry. No, there was not. I did not have that highlighted, I'm sorry.

President Raben: So, we need to move to re-open.

Councilmember Hoy: I move to re-open.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: I'm not wanting to take any money away from Burdette, but it's going to mess up the....I don't want them to get a false idea of money, because I know it's going to be taken out September 3rd.

President Raben: Okay, so we need a motion--

Councilmember Hoy: No, you got a motion and a second to re-open.

President Raben: Right, now we need a motion to take that line out.

Councilmember Hoy: No, you need to vote on the motion to re-open.

President Raben: Oh, that's right. Excuse me. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Winnecke: Then I would move that line 4140 be set in at zero.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Discussion? Just as a matter of clarification, 4130, that was set in at what amount?

Councilmember Sutton: \$25,000.

President Raben: \$25,000? Okay.

Bill Fluty: Not set in at 2003?

Councilmember Winnecke: I have that highlighted as, as accepted.

Bill Fluty: Okay.

President Raben: Okay, that, I'm comfortable with that. That is one that we could probably look at. I don't know if any of that is part of the master plan or not.

Councilmember Tornatta: What's that?

President Raben: Park and Playground, 4130. I'm just calling attention to it. I'm not—

Councilmember Sutton: I recall a discussion from last week, that was, Steve had mentioned about replacing those tables with that new type of table that's required.

President Raben: Yeah, I guess, I was questioning if that was part of the 1.3 that we've approved in CCD that reads Park, what does it say, Burdette Park and Playground, I think is how it's even read.

Councilmember Sutton: Right.

President Raben: If that's part of the master plan, you know, that's a line that we may be able to cut. If you look at CCD, which is, let me find it here. All these are starting to run together. Page 144.

Councilmember Tornatta: We can ask.

Councilmember Sutton: You say Park and Playground out of CCD, we zeroed that.

Councilmember Tornatta: No.

President Raben: We set that in at—

Councilmember Tornatta: \$1.3 million.

President Raben: —\$1.3 million. I guess, my question is, since we've re-opened, I'm just simply calling attention to that line, is that one that we maybe should have scaled back. Is that part of the improvements that are, you know, within that master plan? I might—

Councilmember Sutton: We've got Steve here, I don't know if David's gone.

Councilmember Tornatta: That's a quick question you can ask.

Councilmember Sutton: As long as there's no speech.

President Raben: Well, let's hold it to that. Steve, I might ask you to come to the mike. I think you understand what the question is here. Is the Park and Playground request in the amount of \$25,000 in your regular budget, is any of those improvements part of the master plan that we've approved \$1.3 million for?

Steve Craig: No, sir. I hadn't even gotten the master plan. When I got it, that was for everything else.

President Raben: That's fine. Okay, thank you.

Councilmember Tornatta: I say we just leave that like it is, take care of the 4140, and scoot.

President Raben: Yeah, that's fine. Okay, any other questions? The motion is to set 4140 in at zero. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

4140-1450	Water Attractions	\$0.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

RECORDER

President Raben: Okay, back to page 14.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I would move that all salaries, FICA, PERF, and Insurance be set in, in September. The balance of this budget be accepted as presented.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second, any discussion? I don't really have any questions on the budget, but would just thank the officeholder for supplying us with an updated report on revenues. They look very good. Thank you. Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Tornatta: Go ahead. I'm sorry.

Councilmember Wortman: We need more officeholders to turn in what she turns in. That would really suffice the budget.

Councilmember Tornatta: I had zero by Extra Help. Was that just, did somebody mention that, or was that just wishful thinking?

Councilmember Winnecke: Maybe wishful thinking.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: Let me look, turn back real quick.

President Raben: If you look at this budget, everything else is picked up by her fund, but according to state statute, she's not allowed to pay salary lines with that fund. So, I think this budget remains about as lean and mean as they can get. I'm not entertaining that cut. Any other 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CORONER

President Raben: Page 36.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, I would move that all salaries, FICA, PERF, and Insurance be set in at 2000, I'm sorry, will be set in...sorry, Sandie. Be set in, in September. Line 1990, Extra Help, \$55,884. \$55,884. All other 2000, 3000, and 4000 accounts be accepted at the 2003 level, and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: I have a motion and a second. Any other discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Did you want to look at line item 2600 on that budget? It was \$3,000 in 2003, the amount that was funded, and then \$8,000 for 2004. Did you want to go to the 2003 level, right?

Councilmember Winnecke: Line 2600? Did you say 2600?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, well, okay. That would cover it under your motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: Right.

Councilmember Sutton: I'm sorry.

President Raben: Okay. Any other discussion? Hearing none. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

1990	Extra Help	\$55,884.00
2210	Gas & Oil	\$1,500.00
2230	Garage & Motor	\$1,500.00
2410	Body Transport	\$7,000.00
2600	Office Supplies	\$3,000.00
2700	Other Supplies	\$2,000.00
3160	Radio/Pagers	\$2,000.00
3190	Solid Waste Disposal	\$6,000.00
3310	Training	\$2,000.00
3520	Equipment Repair	\$2,000.00
3530	Contractual Services	\$3,500.00

3640	Diagnostic Studies	\$25,000.00
3650	Autopsies	\$115,000.00
3660	Forensic Dentistry	\$100.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AIRPORT AUTHORITY

President Raben: Page 153.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I move that all salaries, FICA, PERF, and Insurance be set in, in September, and the remaining, the balance of this budget be accepted as presented. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? There was one salary in there I was looking at that I would like to—

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah.

Councilmember Bassemier: Hey.

President Raben: Okay, we'll move on. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0/Councilmember Bassemier abstained)

CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

President Raben: Page 193.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, all salaries, FICA, PERF, and Insurance to be set in, in September. The remainder of this budget to be accepted as presented. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: I know we're kind of pressed for time, and we're not really wanting the officeholders to get up and give long, extended pleas, but there was an issue that we mentioned last week about that allocation we made a few years back on equipment at the Victory, and didn't know if there had been any response back. Councilman Hoy, I don't know if you had received any information, or, Sandie, I know you said you didn't. Marilee, you said you were going to look into it, and I didn't know if you had any additional information you could share with us on where those dollars may have gone, or where the equipment may have gone.

President Raben: Okay, if you will step up to the podium.

Marilee Fowler: There are several people still on our board that were on our board at the time that money was allocated. The check was not cut to the Victory, it was cut to the Signature School, and it was for a professional business center, which was to be used for meetings. As far as I know, the only one that ever used it was our office for a meeting that we held. The equipment then belongs to Signature School. So, I in turn called Signature School to see what they could share with us, and I have not heard back from them. So, it's part of their equipment, part of their facility. I know that was in 1998, so, state of the art five years later is probably not so state of the art. I don't know where that equipment stands at this point as far as part of their facility.

Councilmember Hoy: So, really, the answer to the question is that it has not been used to bring heads in beds?

Marilee Fowler: Correct.

Councilmember Hoy: So, well, we've been lied to before. Not by you. This was not Marilee. It was someone else. The letter that I have in response from the person that (inaudible) that has yellowed with age, saying I will send you an answer. So, it's nice to get an answer.

Marilee Fowler: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: I think we need to be more careful in the future, because, I'll refrain, Mr. President, of making a long speech, but we were really hoodwinked in that session. Badly.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Raben: Okay, thank you. Alright, we have a motion and a second on the floor. 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)*

***Councilmember Winnecke briefly left Council chambers.**

President Raben: We'll take about a five minute break. It looks like it's 9:08. So, let's come back in five minutes.

TAPE CHANGE

TOURISM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

President Raben: Let's reconvene here. I'd ask everyone to - -

Bill Fluty: Want me to find him?

President Raben: Oh, we need to find Councilman Wortman. Okay, we'll go ahead and begin. Page 196.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I would move that this budget be accepted as presented.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second, any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Wortman: Hope it wasn't lowering my salary.

Councilmember Winnecke: It was for that big improvement for Burdette Park.

Councilmember Sutton: Actually, we moved Darmstadt over to Posey County.

Councilmember Tornatta: Accepted.

SURVEYOR

President Raben: Page 34, County Surveyor.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President all Salaries, FICA, PERF, and Insurance be set in at September. Then line 11201060 Chief Deputy is going to be set in at zero and we're going to move this to another fund.

Councilmember Sutton: That fund is - -

Councilmember Winnecke: We'll get to it. It's the Map Fund. Oh, I'm sorry the Preputual, yeah that fund. Sorry. All other 2000, 3000, and 4000 accounts be set in at 2003 levels with exception of line 3371 Computers \$6,000 and line 4220 Office Machines zero. I'll make that in form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Comment. This is a budget that was already a tight budget and would like to compliment the Officer Holder and his Chief Deputy for allowing for the move of the Chief Deputy into their Perpetuation Fund, so thank you. Any other questions? Comments? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

11201060	Chief Deputy	\$0.00
2210	Gas & Oil	\$1,200.00
2230	Garage & Motor	\$1,000.00
2320	Instruments	\$500.00
2600	Office Supplies	\$2,000.00
3310	Training	\$1,500.00
3700	Dues & Subscriptions	\$4,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SURVEYOR CORNER PERPETUATION

President Raben: Page 185.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, all Salaries, FICA, PERF, and Insurance will be set in at September. This is where we are going to put this person we just zeroed out. It would be line 12202650, line12202650 \$40,773, \$40,773.

Councilmember Sutton: And the title and the position is Chief Deputy?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Councilmember Sutton: Okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: All other 2000, 3000, and 4000 accounts will be set in at the 2003 levels and I'll make that in form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second, any discussion?

Bill Jeffers: Did you just zero out our \$6,000 in Computers?

President Raben: No.

Councilmember Winnecke: No, we've already purchased the computers in your other budget.

Bill Jeffers: We were asking for another \$6,000 in 3371.

President Raben: Yeah, that 3371 that figure should stay at \$6,000.

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm sorry, okay, I have it highlighted in another book. I beg your pardon. That line 3371 should be \$6,000. Sorry.

Councilmember Wortman: I second that.

President Raben: And you...the seconder agrees with the amended motion. Any other questions? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

1220	Chief Deputy	\$40,773.00
2320	Instruments	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SURVEYOR MAPS

President Raben: Page 157. Thanks, Bill.

Bill Jeffers: Thank you.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I would move that this budget be accepted as presented.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

President Raben: Page 147, Health Department.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President I would move that all Salaries, FICA, PERF, and Insurance be set in, in September. I would move that line 15702130 be set in at zero, line 15802130 be set in at zero, and 15902130 be set in at zero. Line 1971 Accrued Payments zero, line 1990 Extra Help \$15,000, all other 2000, 3000, and 4000 accounts set in at 2003 levels with the following exceptions line 2721 Laboratory \$54,000, line 3000 Bond and Insurance \$18,000, line 3510 Other Operating \$ 50,000, line 3600 Rent \$357,000, line 4112 Health Department Facility zero, and just as a reminder that will be funded from the existing cash balance, line 4230 Motor Vehicles zero, and line 4290 Vehicle Equipment zero. I'll make that in a form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Hoy: Second

President Raben: We have a motion and a second or several...two seconds. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes, I hate to have you go back but I got kind of turned around on a few of the earlier, earlier lines items when you're dealing with the 100 accounts. Could you go back through those please?

Councilmember Winnecke: Sure. Okay, beginning with line 15702130 page 149, zero. Line 15802130 zero and 15902130 zero. 1971 zero and 1990 \$15,000.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

15702130	Public Health Nurse	\$0.00
15802130	Public Health Nurse	\$0.00
15902130	Public Health Nurse	\$0.00
1971	Accrued Payments	\$0.00
1990	Extra Help	\$15,000.00
2210	Gas & Oil	\$4,000.00
2241	Institutional & Medical	\$51,400.00
3000	Bond & Insurance	\$18,000.00
3510	Other Operating	\$50,000.00
4112	Health Dept New Facility	\$0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

VOTER’S REGISTRATION

President Raben: Page 76.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I would move all Salaries, FICA, PERF, and Insurance be approved in September. All 2000,3000, and 4000 accounts be set in at 2003 levels with the exception of line 2600 Office Supplies, I'm sorry that remains \$2,500. I beg your pardon. Line 3371 Computer \$900 and I make that in form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and second. Any discussion? No 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

2290	Election Board Meals	\$0.00
2600	Office Supplies	\$2,500.00
3371	Computer Hardware	\$900.00
3410	Printing	\$2,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COUNTY COUNCIL

President Raben: Page 128.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President I move that all Salaries, FICA, PERF, and Insurance be established in September. All 2000, 3000, and 4000 accounts be set in at the 2003 levels with the following exceptions line 3310 Training zero, line 3315 Court Technology Training \$5,000, line 3461 Court Technology \$249,120.

President Raben: Unless you want to correct it now. The correct figure should be \$100,000.

Councilmember Winnecke: Oh, I don't have that. I'm sorry. Late change, that correct figure is \$100,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Is that 3461, Lloyd?

Councilmember Winnecke: 3461 is \$100,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you.

Councilmember Winnecke: Line 3520 Equipment Repair \$200, line 3530 Contractual Services \$155,490, 155,490 and that is GIS, and line 3700 Dues and Subscriptions \$3,850. I'll make that in form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

3310	Training	\$0.00
3315	Court Technology Training	\$5,000.00
3461	Court Technology	\$100,000.00
3520	Equipment Repair	\$200.00
3530	Contractual Services	\$155,490.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Raben: Well, that pretty much concludes our two weeks of budget sessions. Of course, we'll finalize and put our final stamp on them September 3rd. Councilman Winnecke had hit on this just briefly before the meeting and I feel it's necessary I kind of echo some of the comments made by him. That, as President, I'd like to thank, not only the seven Council people that are up here, but the Auditor's Office and our assistants that works with us closely, not just this time of the year, but all year long and extend my gratitude to all six other Councilmen that have spent a great deal of time working with their assignments as well as communicating back and forth amongst the seven of us. And this budget and once again, is a collaborated effort of seven bodies and not just one or two or

three or four. It's truly a joint effort and thanks everyone and hopefully with these cuts they're going to constitute in the area. You know there's adjustments that will need to be made and salary lines that requests were put in excess of three percent and hopefully when we walk in September 3rd and put our final stamp, these cuts will constitute in the area of \$ 7.8 million. So thanks and it's been a pleasure. With that being said, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Hoy: So moved, Mr. President.

President Raben: Second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second, Jim, you and Lloyd - -

President Raben: All in favor say aye.

(All Councilmembers responded in unison by voting aye)

President Raben: Opposed? Meeting adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President James Raben

Vice President Ed Bassemier

Councilmember Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 3, 2003**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 3rd day of September, 2003 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by County Council President Jim Raben.

President Raben: I'd like to call to order the Vanderburgh County Council meeting for September 3rd, 2003. Attendance roll call please.

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

President Raben: Now if we could all stand for the Pledge.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AUGUST 6, 2003 REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 5, 6, 7 & 12, 13, 14, 2003 BUDGET HEARINGS

President Raben: Okay, I would now entertain motions for approval for the August 6 regular meeting minutes, and then August 5th, 6th, 7th, August 12th, 13th and 14th budget hearing minutes.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any questions? No 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

President Raben: Okay, now we'll go to the appropriations. First, let's take the Sheriff and I'll turn the mike over to finance chairman, Lloyd Winnecke.

SHERIFF

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. Before I start, I think I would just remind everyone of the financial statement that we received in our packets, and remind everyone the decreasing balances we have, especially in the unappropriated general fund and some of the numbers that I will present today are certainly a reflection of that. Beginning with the Sheriff, line 1050-1300 Overtime, Mr. President, I'm going to move that this be set in at zero, and I'll make a statement after there's a second.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Winnecke: I would just, we had started down this road last week in our discussions and I think this is an issue where we have the opportunity for compensatory time, and as difficult as it may be a management issue, this is a case where we need the help and I think comp time for at least the fourth quarter of this year is going to be a key compensatory issue for us going forward for the balance of the year.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions or comments? And I guess what you're saying, again, is this is through the remainder of this year and there was a budget approved for overtime effective January 2004, so, you know, we can go back to paying overtime then, but right now funds just aren't there.

Councilmember Tornatta: And what is the communication with the Sheriff's office?

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm sorry?

Councilmember Tornatta: What has been the communication –

Councilmember Winnecke: He's hearing it today.

Councilmember Tornatta: I'd like to have some type of statement from the Sheriff on this matter.

Brad Ellsworth: Would adapt and overcome be appropriate? Brad Ellsworth, Sheriff. I think Councilman Wortman alluded to this last time. We've done this before. From a management point of view, we talked about it. It's not the most ideal thing, but we've done it before. It allows for more people to take more time off than their allotted vacation, and the other days and – holidays and that – so it takes my manpower days down because I have to allow them to take that time off. But we can do it. I mean, its manageable or we just let them build it. The problems you run into is when you buy it back out if that person, you know, if a raise has been given, you wait a year, then you're doing it at the next year's dollars, if they achieve rank, you also bought it at the new rank, but it's doable. And if it's a quarter we can manage that. I'll just put out the word to the guys – and ladies.

President Raben: Okay. Sheriff, thank you. One thing we need to remember is, you know, again, we're at the point in the year where we have to realize that just the requests today take us down significantly and we still are probably going to be faced with another housing outside the jail housing request probably before the end of this year. So monies are tight and those are requests that we don't have any control over. We're bound to paying those bills. It's not ideal but the Sheriff is willing to work with us. That's great.

Councilmember Wortman: Sheriff Ellsworth, I appreciate that, what you're doing.

Brad Ellsworth: We'll work with you on it. I understand.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions? None? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-1300	Overtime	65,000.00	0.00
Total		65,000.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, The Coroner, line --

President Raben: Do you want, I'm sorry, excuse me. Do you want to take the --

Councilmember Winnecke: Oh yes. Sure, we'll go ahead and do the jail. I said that earlier and totally forgot.

JAIL PROJECT

Councilmember Winnecke: Under Jail Project, I would move that in line 3660-4193 Community Corrections, that this be set in at \$1,300,000. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Bassemier: I got a question. For the record, Mr. Winnecke, where will this 1.3 million be taken out of? What fund?

Councilmember Winnecke: The account 3660, which is the jail set aside fund.

Councilmember Bassemier: That's that money we appropriated for a couple years in a row --

Councilmember Winnecke: We have about 4.3 million dollars in that account now.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, thank you, sir.

President Raben: Okay, and we might -- if anyone wants the Sheriff to come forward and speak to this, but \$300,000 of this, the Sheriff has committed user fee monies for, so he's going to reimburse the county \$300,000. So we're actually, you know, we're only using a million dollars really of our jail set aside.

Councilmember Winnecke: And I would just also add, I'm sorry, I didn't mean to cut you off, just the state Department of Corrections had set a September 6th or 9th deadline for us to make a decision in order for them to know how to proceed with the matching money that they had offered up. So hoping that 1.3 million dollars will be approved today, we would get 1.3 million dollars from the state, so we would have roughly 2.6 million dollars and I think there's some other discussions going on which might allow that to be maybe even a little larger. And I think this is a good move for the county. I think it gets this project off the dime and gets it going forward.

Councilmember Tornatta: And the payback will be within two years, is that what --

President Raben: One year. Sheriff, would you mind coming back up to the podium?

Brad Ellsworth: Thank you. It's Brad Ellsworth again, Sheriff. After going back and reviewing the books from the prior meeting, we should be able to do that at least by the end of next year, if not sooner. And that's with the food that we talked about out of user fees also. Was there any other questions?

Councilmember Hoy: Sheriff, while you're there. You and I talked earlier and you said you didn't mind if we brought this up because when we get the new facility, and God knows we need every piece of good news we can get, there will be a savings represented by the new building in terms of the personnel. Would you want to comment on that?

Brad Ellsworth: That's correct. We're housing inmates or participants on two and sometimes three different floors at the current building on Third. This will be what we, at least the concept at this point is that basically two large dorms, so it's only going to take one person, essentially, to guard those people while they're in house there. Now there's still going to be other employees there but when we start interspersing the jail guards and we've already started moving toward that with the contract negotiations. They are cross training right now between community corrections and the jail. The new – we will still need new employees in the jail, but it will be a decreased rate because of being able to incorporate some of the current county employees of community corrections in the new jail complex, and they'll be cross trained, so their assignment today may be community corrections, may be the jail. It's also a much cheaper bed at community corrections. You know, we've heard the numbers – I don't know if you wanted me to talk about that, but if we end up having to use jail beds as community corrections, you're talking about, I think the number is \$50,000 a bed, stainless steel sinks and toilets and expensive bunks, where community corrections is a lot cheaper to house a person in that. And that's why the more we can get for our – bang for our buck here, is going to run it cheaper down the line.

Councilmember Hoy: And I don't – I'm on that board and I don't think this will interfere with the board's recommendations that are coming down the road for a change in the – I can't think of the word I want –

Brad Ellsworth: Placement criteria?

Councilmember Hoy: Placement criteria, thank you. Yeah.

Brad Ellsworth: I don't think so, either.

Councilmember Hoy: Because that is going to change and there are a number of us, I'm not alone in that, that think it should change. I won't name any other names, but ...

Councilmember Winnecke: I just had one other question, if you could give the Council from your best perspective now, what size facility you think this kind of appropriation, along with the state match, might get our county.

Brad Ellsworth: A lot is going to depend on, like you said, there are negotiations as we speak, going on about what might be included in that match. But I do believe that if we get this to take it to 2.6 million, we can be, and depending on the match, approaching the 175 to 200 bed range. And that's going to be based on some design, but I think we'll be able to get in that area, especially if the state comes

through in what we're talking about. So that's going to get us a lot closer. We do have to, I remind you that we have to stay regional in some aspects. I'm thinking there are ten female regional beds. We need some community transition beds and then plus for our local people. And so, even if the numbers will be reduced, I think, we will be within that and with the new criteria or guidelines we should be able to meet those. And I would like to, you know, obviously, we would try to design everything for expand ability, so if the case would come somewhere down the road that we could increase the size. I'll keep you posted on the negotiations with the state.

President Raben: Alright, thank you, Sheriff.

Brad Ellsworth: Thank you all very much.

President Raben: We'll move on –

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim?

President Raben: Oh, Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I just want to thank the Sheriff for the \$300,000 on using that user fees, but I really hate to see us take the two million dollars out of that fund we just talked about and I guess I'll just bring up what I've tried to say several times in the past that, you know, if they can build this jail across the river for less than ten million dollars, then I really think that this two million ought to come out of that thirty-five million dollars that we appropriated. So, I was going to say, I'm not against community corrections but I just – it was five million dollars that we put aside, hoping to pay off the first two years of that debt service on that bond. I just hate to see us tap into on that fund. So I'm going to have to be against this.

President Raben: Just for the record, Councilman Bassemier, the figure that we will vote on in just a moment is 1.3 –

Councilmember Bassemier: It's a million point three, yes, I understand that. But we're going to take it out of that fund.

President Raben: Out of the jail set aside, correct. Okay, no further questions? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: I think this is a step – real positive step in the right direction in getting us moving forward on this project. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

JAIL PROJECT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3660-4193	Community Corrections	2,000,000.00	1,300,000.00
Total		2,000,000.00	1,300,000.00

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

CORONER

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, moving on to the Coroner, line 1070-3640 Diagnostic Studies, I move that we set that in at \$10,000 and line 1070-3650 Autopsies \$40,000, for a total appropriation of \$50,000. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes sir. I see Mr. Erk out there. Don, could you come forward a minute and just see – I know we cut that a little bit, sir. Will that get you through? I know you're going to have to come back on that.

Don Erk: You mean for the entire year?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Don Erk: It's possible that it will not. I think the figures I gave you would be pretty close to what it should be, but if I need to come back, I will. I mean, I don't have a problem with it.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Don Erk: I'll try to live within whatever you set. I don't have a problem with that.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, sir.

President Raben: Alright. Thank you. Did you have another comment?

Councilmember Bassemier: No, that's fine.

President Raben: Okay, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1070-3640	Diagnostic Studies	15,000.00	10,000.00
1070-3650	Autopsies	50,000.00	40,000.00
Total		65,000.00	50,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Commissioners line 1300-3050 Patient/Inmate Care, I'll move that this be set in at \$350,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: My only question is I'm hopeful this will cover the current bills we have with the money we have on hand. I think it will. Is that not correct?

President Raben: Quite honestly, it probably will not and Commissioner Mosby and myself and his assistants discussed this, and it would be my intent to take care of the local organizations such as Southwest Mental Health, Youth Care, the local not-for-profits, and then pay as much as we have left towards the state. So we'll probably – we'll run a few months behind with the state, but there's several counties out there that are in excess of a year and eighteen months past due with them.

Councilmember Hoy: I think Marion County owes...a lot. I just don't want us to get too far down that road, that's all.

President Raben: Again, we have to allow ourselves somewhat of an operating balance for the next two or three months and there's a lot of definites that are going to come before us that, you know, again, the outside housing of jail inmates and things of that nature, that we have to allow for, too. So I certainly don't mind DOC taking a back seat right now.

Councilmember Hoy: I think they owe us a few bucks, anyway. But –

Councilmember Wortman: Don't they average about \$45,000 a month?

President Raben: Southwest Mental Health and Youth Care both, yes.

Councilmember Hoy: The other comment I would make, Mr. President, for what it's worth and I think it's worth a lot to the seven of us, I hope it registers with folks who come in here and that is, unless somebody is going to counterfeit money or invent a printing press that's legal, people just need to know that the money is not there. We've been at this point before and, at that point, we worked well together, that's been a few years ago when I was president of the Council. And everybody cooperated and that's the kind of cooperation we need now and nobody needs to be asking for anything that is just not absolutely essential.

President Raben: Thank you for those comments. Any other questions? None? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3050	Patient/Inmate Care	550,000.00	350,000.00
Total		550,000.00	350,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, Circuit Court line 1360-3260 Law Library Books, I'll move that we set this in at zero.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1360-3260	Law Library Books	15,000.00	0.00
Total		15,000.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

BURDETTE PARK

President Raben: Burdette Park.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, I'll move that the Burdette Park

appropriation be approved as presented.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? I'd just like to remind everybody that this is pretty well just an in and out. Any questions? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1450-1180-1450	Other Employees	50,000.00	50,000.00
1450-1900	FICA	3,825.00	3,825.00
Total		53,825.00	53,825.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

Councilmember Tornatta: Mr. President, if you'll explain what in and out means just for people on the Internet.

President Raben: This money comes from their Float Stand account, so this appropriation allows them to reimburse the county general, so it's pretty much a wash.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMISSION

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, moving on to transfers, I would move that we accept the transfers – oh, I'm sorry, I forgot LEPC. LEPC line 2861-

4210 in the amount of \$2,000, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

LEPC		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2861-4210	Office Furniture	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total		2,000.00	2,000.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

**CORONER
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
CIRCUIT COURT SUPP. ADULT PROBATION**

**CIRCUIT COURT
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE**

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, now the transfers. I would move that we accept the transfers as presented.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing, none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From:1070-2720	Lab Supplies	1,520.00	1,520.00
1070-3190	Solid Waste Disposal	1,150.00	1,150.00
To: 1070-2210	Gas & Oil	720.00	720.00
1070-3200	Utilities	800.00	800.00
1070-3530	Contractual Services	650.00	650.00
1070-3540	Maintenance Contract	500.00	500.00

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1360-1220-1360	Probation Officer	3,400.00	3,400.00
To: 1360-1980	Other Pay	3,400.00	3,400.00

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1361-1130-1361	Administrative Asst.	524.00	524.00
To: 1361-1460-1361	Correction Officer	524.00	524.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE**REQUESTED****APPROVED**

From: 2030-4730	Roth Road Culvert	26,000.00	26,000.00
To: 2030-3160	Radio/Pagers	1,000.00	1,000.00
2030-4230	Motor Vehicles	25,000.00	25,000.00

CIRCUIT CT. SUPP. ADULT PROBATION**REQUESTED****APPROVED**

From: 2600-1260-2600	Probation Officer	6,400.00	6,400.00
To: 2600-1980	Other Pay	6,400.00	6,400.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Raben: Okay, that concludes the transfers. Now we'll move into the amendments to the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, I would move that we amend Salary Ordinance line 1450-1180 Other Employees as previously approved under Burdette Park. Under Circuit Court, amend Salary Ordinance line 1360-1980 Other Pay as the transfer previously approved. In Community Corrections, amend Salary Ordinance line 1361-1460 Correction Officer as previously approved. And Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, amend Salary Ordinance line 2600-1980 Other Pay as previously approved. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

President Raben: Okay, is there any old business that needs to be addressed today? No old business? There are a few items under new business but we will take action on those at our October meeting. So with that being said, the chair would now entertain a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Wortman: Motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. All in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Raben: Opposed, same sign. Motion carries and meeting adjourned. Thank you.

(Meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.)

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President James Raben

Vice President Ed Bassemier

Councilmember Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

Recorded and transcribed by Teri Lukeman.

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
FINAL BUDGET HEARING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2003**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 3rd day of September, 2003 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was officially opened by President James Raben at 9:08 a.m.

President Raben: Good morning. I'd like to call to order the September 3rd, 2003 final 2004 budget hearing. 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 Raben: Now if we could all stand for the Pledge.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

President Raben: Okay, thank you. This is our 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 what would be the proposed tax rate. Today the chair will only recognize Councilmembers until after the finance chairman has completed his duties. At this time I am going to ask Councilman Lloyd Winnecke, our finance chairman, to begin with the corrections, the amendments and any additions. So, at this time, I'll turn the chair over to Councilman Winnecke.

**LIST A
2004 BUDGET
CORRECTED POSITION TITLES AND SALARIES**

Councilmember Winnecke: Thank you, Mr. President. At this time, I'll ask all Councilmembers to check the listing of the salary position and title changes from the budget book, that is List A that has been presented in front of you. Again, these are all salary position and title changes that occurred during the course of the budget hearings and I would move to make that a part of the record, and I would move that we adopt those as presented.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<p>2004 WAGE INCREASE FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU EMPLOYEES AMEND ARMSTRONG AND ARMSTRONG/REASSESSMENT EXTRA HELP FICA AND PERF ADJUSTMENT</p>

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, at this time I would move that all county employees receive a three percent raise for the year 2004 as listed in the 2004 Salary Ordinance, for all salaries in accordance with the County Salary Ordinance. Again, everyone has a Salary Ordinance at their desk. Also, that all Airport Authority employees and Convention & Visitors Bureau employees receive a pay raise for the year 2004. I would also move that we amend Armstrong Assessor, setting Extra Help line 2492-1100-1990 in at 2,000, and then setting Armstrong Township Extra Help 1100-1990 in at zero. Just for clarification, it was set in at \$2,000, I'm moving that we amend it to zero, and that all other salaries and rates as listed in the 2004 Salary Ordinance, and I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. With that, did you also state all FICA, PERF and Insurance –

Councilmember Winnecke: Oh, I'm sorry, and all FICA and PERF need to be adjusted accordingly.

President Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Wortman: And I'll accept that.

President Raben: And his seconder is clear with that, too. Okay, any questions, comments?

Councilmember Sutton: Now, you're including the insurance line as well? You said FICA and PERF and Insurance?

(Inaudible)

Councilmember Sutton: Okay, okay.

Councilmember Winnecke: And just so it's clear if I did not say it, that it's three percent for county employees, as well as Airport Authority, and Convention & Visitor Bureau

employees.

Councilmember Wortman: And I accept it.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions? Hearing none, roll call vote. Oh, excuse me.

Councilmember Bassemier: On the Airport, I'd like to take that separate. I'd like to abstain from the Airport.

Councilmember Winnecke: I will amend my motion to exclude the Airport Authority from that so as to vote on that separately for Mr. Bassemier.

President Raben: And does the seconder accept that amendment?

Councilmember Wortman: I do.

President Raben: Okay. Everyone clear? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR/REASSESSMENT

2492-1100-1990	Extra Help	2,000.00
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ARMSTRONG ASSESSOR

1100-1990	Extra Help	0.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

2004 WAGE INCREASE FOR AIRPORT AUTHORITY EMPLOYEES

Councilmember Winnecke: And then at this time I would move that all Airport Authority employees receive a three percent pay raise for the year 2004.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Abstain.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0/Councilmember Bassemier abstained from voting)

<p>SALARY ORDINANCE EXHIBITS A - H</p>

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, at this time I would move that Exhibits A through H in the Salary Ordinance for 2004 be approved as presented.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. I think he stated earlier, everyone's been given a copy of the 2004 Salary Ordinance. Any questions? Hearing none, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<p>LIST B 2004 BUDGET ADDITIONAL CUTS/ADDITIONS</p>

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, also each Councilmember has what is listed as List B, sort of appropriately enough, which has a list of additional cuts or additions that came out. Again, this is to clarify these discussions from our previous hearings and I would move that they be made part of record.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Bassemier: Jim, that's another one on the Airport Authority.

President Raben: Do you want to break that one out as well? Councilman Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: I'm looking for it.

President Raben: It's midway through. It's the PERF line.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, I would move to exclude Airport Authority line 2140-1910 PERF from my motion.

Councilmember Wortman: And I'll accept that, too.

President Raben: Okay, and the seconder accepts that amendment. Any other questions?

Councilmember Winnecke: I would point out just as a matter for clarification, the Health Department, Bond & Insurance is an increase from our discussion, but this the correct figure that is needed.

President Raben: Okay, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

2130-3000	Bond & Insurance	90,000.00
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(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

<p style="text-align: center;">LIST B AIRPORT AUTHORITY</p>

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, I would move that we accept the change in the Airport Authority, line 2140-1910 PERF, and the line should be in at \$184,348 as demonstrated on list B.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Abstain.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0/Councilmember Bassemier abstained from voting)

<p style="text-align: center;">HEALTH INSURANCE BUDGET</p>

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, at this time, all Councilmembers have

been given a copy of the final insurance data. I would move that County Council approve the 2004 insurance budget as listed. These figures represent the county's share for the county's three current health plans, with the total employee contribution of 8%. These figures are for full-time county employees. It does not include insurance for Superior Court magistrates, and I would move that we make this insurance budget as a part of the record.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay. We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

ADOPTION OF 2000, 3000 & 4000 ACCOUNTS

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, at this time I would move that all 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts for the 2004 budget be adopted as previously approved for the following: Airport Authority, Area Plan, Armstrong Assessor, Armstrong/Reassessment, Assessor, Assessor/Reassessment, Auditor, Auditor/ Reassessment, Bond Issue, Burdette Park, Center Assessor, Center Assessor/Reassessment, Circuit Court, Circuit Court Supplemental Adult Probation, County Clerk, Clerk IV-D, Community Corrections, Convention Center Operating Fund, Convention & Visitors Bureau, Cooperative Extension, Coroner, County Commission, County Commission/CCD, County Council, Cumulative Bridge, Drainage Board, Drug & Alcohol Deferral, Election Office, Family & Children, Children's Psychiatric Residential Treatment Services, 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 Commission, Local Roads & Streets, Perry Assessor, Perry Assessor/Reassessment, Pigeon Assessor, Pigeon Assessor/Reassessment, Property Tax Board of Appeals, Property Tax Board Assessment Board of Appeals/Reassessment, Prosecutor, Prosecutor IV-D, Prosecutor Fee Check Recovery, Prosecutor Drug Law Enforcement, Prosecutor Victim/Witness Assistance Program, Prosecutor Stop Domestic Violence, Prosecutor Adult Protection Services, Prosecutor Pre-Trial Diversion, Prosecutor Community Gun Violence, Public Defender

Commission, Recorder, Riverboat, Sales Disclosure, Scott Assessor, Scott Assessor/Re-assessment, Sheriff, Sheriff Misdemeanor Housing, Sheriff VCCC Misdemeanor Offender, Superior Court, Superior Court Supplemental Adult Probation, Superior Drug Court, Superintendent of County Buildings, Surveyor, Surveyor Maps, Surveyor Corner Perpetuation, The Centre, Tourism Capital Improvement, Treasurer, Union Assessor, Union Assessor/Reassessment, Veterans Administration, Voter Registration, Weights & Measures, 911 Emergency, Commissioners Cumulative Old Courthouse, and I would make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Can you take the Airport Authority out?

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, I would move that I would exclude Airport Authority from this motion.

Councilmember Wortman: I'll accept that.

President Raben: Okay. We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: If you could take Burdette Park out of there as well.

Councilmember Winnecke: I would move that we exclude Burdette Park from that as well.

Councilmember Wortman: And I'll –

President Raben: And you accept the amendment?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah.

President Raben: Okay, are there any other exceptions? None? Okay, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

2000, 3000 & 4000 ACCOUNTS FOR AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, I'll do these separately if that's alright, if that's how you guys want it. But I would move that all 2000, 3000 and 4000 accounts for the 2004 budget be adopted as previously approved for the Airport Authority, and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Abstain.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0/Councilmember Bassemier abstained from voting)

2000, 3000 & 4000 ACCOUNTS FOR BURDETTE PARK

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, at this time I would move that all 2000, 3000 & 4000 accounts for the 2004 budget be adopted as previously approved for Burdette Park, and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion carried 5-1/Councilmember Sutton opposed)

COUNTY TAX RATE

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, at this time I would move that the County Council set a county tax rate as deemed appropriate by the Indiana State Tax Commissioners following its review of our budget. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE TAX RATE

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, at this time I would move to set in the Cum Bridge tax rate at three cents per one hundred dollars assessed valuation.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? None? Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

CUMULATIVE COURTHOUSE TAX RATE

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, at this time I would move to set in the Cum Courthouse tax rate at zero per one hundred dollars assessed valuation.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

COIT FUNDING FOR LOCAL ROADS & STREETS

Councilmember Winnecke: And Mr. President, at this time I would move that we set in one million dollars in COIT funds into the Local Roads & Streets budget.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

President Raben: Okay, that pretty much concludes today's meeting to finalize our 2004 budget. I would like to thank each Councilmember for their hard work and effort. This, again, was a truly bipartisan budget that all seven of us put a lot of work into and I think it's something we can all be proud of. I'd like to compliment our finance chairman, Lloyd Winnecke. He did a great job leading us through this and, once again, thanks to everyone and we don't have to worry about this mission until next August.

Councilmember Wortman: I make a motion we adjourn.

Councilmember Sutton: Just, before you do that, did we get a final tally on the actual reductions that were made from the budget?

President Raben: Bill, do you have that with you? I didn't carry it up.

Councilmember Winnecke: Just from the general fund, it was approximately \$5,479,000.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions? Hearing none, we have a motion to adjourn. Is there a second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: All in favor say aye.

(All Councilmembers voted aye)

President Raben: Opposed, same sign. Motion carries.

(Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President James Raben

Vice President Ed Bassemier

Councilmember Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

Recorded and transcribed by Teri Lukeman.

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
OCTOBER 1, 2003**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 1st day of October, 2003 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. by County Council President Jim Raben.

President Raben: I'd like to call to order the Vanderburgh County Council meeting for this day, October the 1st, 2003. Attendance roll call please.

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

*Councilman Tornatta arrived late.

President Raben: Now if we could all stand for the Pledge.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

<p style="text-align:center">APPROVAL OF MINUTES SEPTEMBER 3, 2003 FINAL BUDGET HEARING SEPTEMBER 3, 2003 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING</p>

President Raben: Okay, the chair would now entertain a motion for the approval of the minutes for the final budget hearing September 3rd, 2003.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

President Raben: I would now entertain a motion to approve the regular meeting for September 3rd.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Hearing none, 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

President Raben: Okay, next we'll move into the appropriation ordinance and at this time I'll turn the mic over to acting finance chairman, Councilman Curt Wortman.

RECORDER

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you, Mr. President. To start off with, we've got

appropriation requests today in the general fund of \$368,959. We've got three months to go. We've got a balance in the general fund of \$410,381, so that don't leave us much. So we're going to have to be awful careful here, I think. So with that in mind, I'm going to start off with the Recorder. 1040-1990, Extra Help \$6,000; 1040-1900 FICA \$459; and a total of \$6,459. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Betty Knight-Smith: Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry that I overran. I didn't realize that I did.

President Raben: Would you state your name, Betty?

Betty Knight-Smith: Oh, Betty Knight-Smith. I'm the Recorder. I'm sorry. This has helped during the summer when I had two college children and if you'll look at the report that I passed out on your desks, it's one of the best appropriations or the best funds that we've had. Right now we've taken in \$1,015,371.20 for nine months. And that explains why I need the extra help if you'll look at the paper that I passed out to you.

President Raben: Okay, are there any questions?

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman and Councilmembers, I think this is remarkable what Betty Knight-Smith has done down there, so I think that she deserves a lot of credit and she's been a good officeholder, and I appreciate it very much.

Betty Knight-Smith: Thank you very much.

President Raben: Okay, any other discussion? Hearing none, 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

RECORDER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1040-1990	Extra Help	6,000.00	6,000.00
1040-1900	FICA	459.00	459.00
Total		6,459.00	6,459.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

SHERIFF

President Raben: Sheriff.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, Sheriff, line item 1050-2230 Garage & Motor, set in \$25,000. Make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Has this been – talked with the Sheriff's department?

Councilmember Wortman: No, if you remember they responded last week, Mr. Williams did, they had \$300,000 in there and with our appropriations and our balance here is not too much, we're going to have to all work together on this. So this is one item I thought we could lower for right now.

President Raben: Okay, any further discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: If, of course, if they don't – if they run out of funds they can come back next month. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: The discussion, I think, last week that we had, they didn't mention an estimated figure. I don't think that they said that that was the amount that they definitely had, so I don't know if there is some additional information that has come forward to show how much is unobligated from that fund. I guess I'd be inclined, I guess, without their input to vote against it, but again, if we do come up short, we can always come back. Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1050-2230	Garage & Motor	40,000.00	25,000.00
Total		40,000.00	25,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

JAIL

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, go to the next item, the Jail, 1051-2240 Medical \$25,000; 1051-2260 Food zero; for a total of \$25,000. Make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: I'll second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Now was the motion, let me make sure I heard that correctly. That's on 1051-2260 Food, you're setting that in at zero?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes sir.

Councilmember Sutton: Was there –

Councilmember Wortman: Again, we're going to go to that commissary account.

Councilmember Sutton: Was there some dialogue back and forth with the Sheriff's department on this? Sheriff, you're here –

Brad Ellsworth: Sheriff Brad Ellsworth. No, there's been no dialogue with me or my office about reducing that to zero. Councilman Wortman, with all due respect, you say we'll go to the commissary account, if you remember correctly, that is under my control on how to spend that and if you're going to try to spend it, if you want me to tell Aramark to send you the bills or how – do you want to have some dialogue now about this?

Councilmember Wortman: The thing I was referring to, Sheriff, is the balance, you've got roughly \$300,000 and I thought you'd cooperate with us and try to work on this.

Brad Ellsworth: I'll always cooperate with you, but you've not called me, nobody's called me and you're going to reduce a request to zero and say we'll go to the commissary account. I would respectfully request that we have some discussion. I'll work with the Council, I think I've done a good job with the commissary account. I think my office has done a remarkable job, too, but I don't appreciate you putting that at zero or saying you'll take it out of commissary because you can't do that, quite frankly. You can cut it to zero but I can't stop feeding prisoners. And a lot of that money, as Chief Williams explained last week, I give you a report every month. I have to do it twice a year by law, I give it to you every month on what we spend it on. It's not just sitting there – I have a lot of that stuff earmarked and, like I said, you wouldn't know that because nobody's called me...so you may rethink that, if there was some communication. I try to do it in writing, nobody answers, nobody calls, so you know, you can put it in at zero, I'll have Aramark send you the bills.

President Raben: Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah Sheriff, what do you think you can work with us on that, since we're out in the open?

Brad Ellsworth: Well, I don't know, you surprised me here with an appropriation – I've got a lot of things to look at before I can tell you right here from the podium. But, you know, I'm down there every day except when, you know, I'm not down there 24 hours a day, but I'm down there most of the time, and you can come down, anybody on this Council can come down and talk about it. But I don't have the books with me and can't tell you about that. We forecast budgets out a couple years in advance on that.

President Raben: Sheriff, I've got one question and I guess in defense to Councilman Wortman, you know, we have just over \$400,000; we have requests in the amount of just under \$369,000, which your requests total about \$310,000 of that \$369,000, so I mean, we do have a lot on our plate and that 410 isn't going to go very long the rest of this year. And you know, quite frankly, as far as the food, you know, the inmates are what helps build that commissary account –

Brad Ellsworth: Absolutely.

President Raben: So, I know you would rather not, but this is one year and, you know, quite frankly, I don't think we've done this quite often, but this is one year where we really do need your help.

Brad Ellsworth: Well, for one thing, like I said, I'll go on record as saying I have helped. If you remember out of Community Corrections where I zeroed the food last year and took it out of user fees, we did that again this year. I'm not sure Councilman Wortman needs defending from the President but since you did, this is historically, I don't ever remember in my 22 years that they've done this food out of commissary or that they've come up and said, I'll zero that – we'll take it out of commissary. So I don't know if anybody else remembers that, but in my 22 years I've never heard of it. So I'll work with you but I don't want to work with you with a 30 second notice on the Council floor. It wouldn't hurt one of you, whoever is going to make this motion, or somebody, or a representative, whoever my liaison is, to come down and suggest this – it's not a 30-second deal. I can't say yeah, I'll give you \$80,000 and yet, Aramark is not going to go up there and feed these prisoners for free. So if you all want to work together, and I will, send somebody down there to work with me.

Councilmember Tornatta: And I'm like you, I find out about it here on the floor without prior knowledge, but you have roughly \$31,000 in that account right now, if we had to make a concession this month to make sure that things were going to be covered for this month and then negotiate on what we could do next month, if there is an alternative plan that somebody is coming up with, is there that number?

Brad Ellsworth: Kim, what is the monthly –

Kim DeWitt: The average bill is \$8,200 per week (inaudible – comments not made from the microphone).

Councilmember Tornatta: So if this week or this time we did \$30,000, you have 30 in there...

Brad Ellsworth: Then we could probably –

Councilmember Tornatta: And then talk about it next month, with apologies because this is not in respect to an officeholder.

Brad Ellsworth: But knowing how we bill in the county, how long it takes to pay, that's, you know – I'm glad to work with you.

Councilmember Tornatta: Is that something we could do this week?

Brad Ellsworth: I think so.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, at the rate, I mean, if you're running the \$8,200 a week and you factor that out through the rest of the year, we're going to be close to about \$100,000 is what it's going to take to feed prisoners through the course of the year and the request here, 85 plus what they already have in their balance, well, their balance, I guess, reflects actually earlier this month or the last month rather than what it is right now. Still, it's going to run very tight.

Brad Ellsworth: Sure.

President Raben: Brad, --

Brad Ellsworth: That's pretty – I mean, we know per meal what that is, we know about how – we're keeping it at 329 or a little above, so it's pretty easy math.

President Raben: And if you don't do anything, the \$31,000 will probably get you through most of this month. I mean, we can act on this or have further discussion in November.

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, that's over \$32,000 in a month, you know, taking 4.3 –

President Raben: They're billing you probably on the – they're billing you every 30 days, correct?

Brad Ellsworth: I think they come in monthly.

Kim DeWitt: (Inaudible)

Brad Ellsworth: I'm sorry, Aramark, I've just been informed, does it bi-weekly.

President Raben: Okay, but if you pay it in 30 days that'd still probably suffice. But we can address this further next month.

Bill Fluty: Jim, we pay them, if the bill gets in on Friday, it goes out the next Friday. They're a contract.

Councilmember Bassemier: So what are we going to set it in?

President Raben: Okay. You know, again, I think we all, while I understand extremely well what your complaint is here, I mean, I don't think any of us are going to hide from that, but again, we're faced with a situation where we have a little over \$400,000. You have requests in the amount of 310. Your commissary account, right now, is almost as large as our general fund and we have 50 departments to fund

between now and December. So, you know, I understand what you're saying but it's really not good for any of us. If we do everything for you, we're not going to be able to help anybody else the balance of the year. And I know you'd like to –

Brad Ellsworth: It's not for me. It's for the 300 and something felons I've got sitting over there that have medical bills and I can't say food – you know, it's a diverse department. I've got food, I've got medical, I've got four inmates that, as I explained in the letter, four inmates that took up, you know, 30% or whatever it was of the bills. I can't control that. But it's our responsibility to do it. I'll work with you with the commissary money. I need some notice, I need you to understand what I've got that earmarked for and what is going on with that account. It's not going to Brad Ellsworth's fund. It goes for the \$40,000 van I bought two weeks ago. I didn't come up and ask you for \$40,000 for a van to transport the prisoners. I spent it out of that inmate money. That is for the inmates. Jail sheets, towels, blankets, training, there's a ton of stuff. Read that report. It's not – and I'm proud of what we've done to save the money to build up a \$300,000 – I think that's good management of dollars.

President Raben: But I don't think anyone probably in this room would argue that in a financial crisis like we're faced with today, that it would not be an appropriate use of that money.

Brad Ellsworth: Might not be. But somebody needs to come down and also ask why I'm letting that build up, and I've said it from this podium three or four times, there's things going to be in this new jail project that we're earmarking that money for or were, so that we can help not come up to this body and hit you and nickel-and-dime you for every little thing that we're going to have to add to that jail, and that's going to go for the inmates in a jail.

President Raben: Okay. Councilman Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Bassemier, you're the liaison to the jail –

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I tell you what, I'll work with the Sheriff on that, but I'm kind of looking at it, too, you know, our jail is two years away, we're in a crisis now. Maybe finances will be better in two years, but I'm kind of looking at it, and I understand what the Sheriff is saying, but after all, it's going back to the same people that's causing these bills. They're putting it in, you know, I think we ought to take a portion of that out of here, a good portion, because right now we're in a financial crisis. Two years from now that you're building up your – you know, building this up, I understand where you're coming from, but right now we need it. And it's in your account, the \$300,000. You're correct, Sheriff, we cannot tell you what to do with that \$300,000 but their bill is coming from your jail, and it's your people that build up that \$300,000. So I think we need to pay some bills with it.

Brad Ellsworth: Well, they're not my people, they're my guests, my responsibility.

Councilmember Bassemier: You're in charge of them.

Brad Ellsworth: I understand, I'm just saying that anticipating this huge project down the road, there are going to be expenses there that I'm also trying to save along the way, that I can save from nickel-and-dime you. In two years you come back and say, yeah, I'll give you that when I come back and hit you for a medical chair and I have to spend a half hour on the floor, you know, I can buy the dental chair out of commissary, that's going to save tons of money that I don't have to spend, you

know, an hour on the floor explaining. Or I will, I don't mind, but there are things like that, the little FF & E things that if I can build it, I don't have to, you know, I don't have to come up here and beg you for it, quite honestly. And if you're in a financial crisis in two years, we've got, not an empty room sitting over there saying, well, if we had a dental chair we could not take our inmates out to a dentist and have security. That would take three hours of explanation and I know that's what we need.

President Raben: We need to move on. Councilman Hoy, you had a comment?

Councilmember Hoy: My comment was, because I remembered Mr. Bassemier is the liaison and I think just to move us along, you know, you two can get together and work something out.

Councilmember Bassemier: Well, I think we all need to work together. The Sheriff is a big department, we'll all work together and we'll work on this. I'm not surprised to see that set in at zero especially when there's over \$300,000, and we've got two years to go. We've got to feed these inmates and it's \$300,000 sitting there, we've got \$400,000, he's almost got as much in his commissary as we've got in the general fund. So right now, let's feed our prisoners with that commissary if the Sheriff would let us use this money to do this and that makes sense to me. That's all I have to say. And I'll work with the Sheriff. The Sheriff, like he says, he's been very good over the years sharing the commissary with us and everything. He's worked with us 100%, but like I said, right now we're kind of hurting and –

Brad Ellsworth: If you knew that this was going to be set in at zero then I would respectfully request that somebody from Council contact us before hand, let us know, and if this offer to work with us stands, then let's work on it before you just put it in at zero. If you knew, Councilman Wortman, you were going to do it, call my liaison, who is Mr. Bassemier, and let him know what you were going to do so he can call me and it's not a surprise here, and we wouldn't get in these long, you know, we wouldn't be frustrated. That working together thing doesn't have to be right here. I'm all for public meetings but a little forethought would help an officeholder. I could get paperwork and show you. So just, with all due respect, I request that.

President Raben: Okay, thank you. Roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Are we, now are we setting it in at zero? Is that the motion?

President Raben: The motion is to set in Medical at \$25,000, Food in at zero.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-2240	Medical	50,000.00	25,000.00
1051-2260	Food	85,000.00	0.00
Total		135,000.00	25,000.00

(Motion carried 5-1/Councilmember Sutton opposed)

COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Wortman: Now we go to the County Commissioners, 1300-3051 Lodging of Inmates, set that in at zero. I make that in the form of a motion.

President Raben: We have a motion on the floor. Is there a second?

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

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: I guess same question, I guess I asked maybe the last two items. I mean, has there been some discussion on this item with the Sheriff regarding where this will be paid from or that this would be set in at zero? Any communication? I guess the point is made.

Councilmember Wortman: I refer to the commissary account again with an ample supply in there, with our financial crisis. It might get to the point that we're going to have to cut services or personnel if we don't get through this, and I think we're facing that. And I'm looking out for the future, next year it's going to get worse. So mark my words.

President Raben: I might add that while, you know, this item may be another topic for discussion next month, there is still a balance in the amount of \$63,000 in that account. So –

Councilmember Tornatta: Do we know what's used in a week's time?

Brad Ellsworth: We're down to about \$6,000 in that account.

President Raben: So you've paid quite a few bills since last week?

Brad Ellsworth: I'm not going to go in debt to Henderson County and these other states and these other counties and chump them on a bill on these inmates. I'll bring them all home, we're under a federal agreement to go to 329. I'll bring them all back in and then my next call will be to Ken Faulk and you all can deal with him. You

signed an agreement that you would rent the beds and you'd move them out at 329. And I'll work with you, like I said, but you can't squeeze blood out of a rock, and I'll work with you, but I am not – I won't be responsible for taking one more inmate out of here and going to Henderson or to any other state in any other county and rent beds in good faith knowing that you are not going to put any money in there to rent those beds. My next call will be to my attorney, and then I'll bring the inmates back and you all can deal with it.

President Raben: Councilman Wortman, is there a figure that you could work with that would buy some time?

Councilmember Wortman: I'll ask the Sheriff, what would be a good figure?

Brad Ellsworth: Mr. Wortman, I don't know what's a good figure because nobody called me and said, and had any forethought – my phone rings, it works. I used it today. Somebody call me and say let's work together, call my liaison, send him down, or somebody, and let's talk about it. But to do it right here and say, what's in the commissary? I don't have my commissary books with me. I've got budgets I plan out for. This isn't planned. So table it, do whatever you want to do, and then get in contact. You know where I'm at, 435-5307. I'm there every day. I'm in the directory.

Councilmember Wortman: I know your number and you don't need to get smart with –

Brad Ellsworth: Well, this is pretty disgusting really.

President Raben: Okay, Brad, just real quick. Eric, it was Chief Deputy Williams, is in the audience. The question was asked last week, what is the balance in that account, and at the time you didn't know. Did you get that?

Eric Williams: (Inaudible – comments not made from the microphone)

President Raben: Alright.

Councilmember Wortman: I might add, too, with inmate care, we get bills all the time late, and don't pay them on time.

Brad Ellsworth: Patient and Inmate Care has nothing to do with my department.

President Raben: I can't make motions as President, but would you entertain setting in 25 or 30,000 in that line to buy another 30 days or close to it?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, I'll go ahead reluctantly, but I'll change my motion then to set it in at \$30,000.

Councilmember Tornatta: Do we know what a week costs or do we know what a month costs?

Brad Ellsworth: I think we've got 53 out?

(Inaudible)

Brad Ellsworth: 59 inmates out today at somewhere between the high 20's and low 30's, per day, per inmate, so that varies...about \$1,700 a day but...

Bill Fluty: I think it costs – I think we have 50 out, and I think it's going to cost about \$60,000 a month is what it's going to do. So you would have to entertain a motion to give him 65 to get him to the next month.

President Raben: Curt amended his motion, our seconder is waiting for the floor. Councilman Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: I've got a question, but in all fairness, Sheriff, it really isn't, in all fairness to Curt, now it's not nothing new here today. I mean, I know you was out on business last week, but Eric was up here and I guess that's where Curt is getting some of his figures at. He sees this enormous figure sitting out here, just laying in limbo for two years, and then we see all these funds needs to be put in the jail, and the food, the medical and all this, and I see where Curt is coming up with these figures. But, Curt, I will get with the Sheriff and his Chief Deputy sometime this week and we'll work this out.

Brad Ellsworth: I'm sympathetic to the county's financial problems, but the zero is a surprise right now. I don't think they said we're going to put this in last week at zero.

Councilmember Tornatta: And the channels were not followed and I can see where the officeholder is coming from. We didn't follow good channels. We didn't communicate. That's one thing that I've always preached on, our lack of communication at times, and this is just one of them. I didn't know about it. He didn't know about it. If somebody had known about it, we could have got this hashed out and possibly come down, instead of asking a lot of questions here on the floor, we'd know these answers beforehand.

Brad Ellsworth: If this were guesswork on this, inmate meals is so easy to calculate. It's simple. Medical is a little tougher because you don't know what's going to happen up there. This renting of beds, that's pretty easy to calculate. Auditor Fluty said, you know, like Garage & Motors, that's pretty simple stuff. We cut cars, you know, it's not the cars, but we tell them to park the cars and we don't have patrols. I mean, that's what we can do, but these are people living over there, I can't say we're not going to fix that on a person's body because we're out of money or I can't quit feeding them. These are all solid numbers.

Councilmember Bassemier: And that's the point I'm trying to make. We've got \$300,000 over there and we don't have to quit feeding them. We don't have to stop giving medical bills. I think it was kind of hard for us to swallow when all these medical bills are building up, you know, it's just – I know we don't have – we can't help it, but that girl had problems with her pregnancy. It seems like something could have been worked out there before –

Brad Ellsworth: That got worked out. That was one that did work out.

President Raben: Again, nobody, to echo what Councilman Bassemier is stating, nobody needs to go hungry and inmates can still be lodged outside. It's just a matter of what fund do we want to pay it out of. The general fund obviously has supported it up to this time as long as it can. I mean, we've spent how much to date on housing inmates?

Councilmember Tornatta: \$238,000 –

President Raben: Well no, in excess of that if we're down to five or six thousand now. We've spent upwards of \$300,000 to date. In food we've spent close to

\$350,000, so we've been doing our part, the problem is money doesn't grow on trees in this county and none of us own printing presses.

Brad Ellsworth: I wish the jail only had about – you know, I wish the crime rate was low. I do. I wish I could be the –

President Raben: I understand your protection towards that commissary account and I really hate to get into that, --

Brad Ellsworth: I'm not protecting it, it's not going into my pocket, Mr. Raben. It's going to go into stuff for the jail, and stuff that goes for every day expenses right now.

President Raben: Knowing we have prisoners to house outside of county and we have prisoners to feed, I can't think of a more urgent need for that money.

Brad Ellsworth: Well, send somebody to talk to me about it and I'll work with you.

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question about the young lady that was pregnant. We did not have to pay for that? Is that correct?

Brad Ellsworth: She found out she had insurance and it was covered under pre-existing.

Councilmember Hoy: Great. That's good news.

Brad Ellsworth: That's great news.

President Raben: Okay, roll call vote.

President Raben: Did you amend your second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, I did, sir.

President Raben: So the motion now reads 1300-3051 Lodging in the amount of \$30,000, is that correct?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: And I seconded.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Roll call vote.

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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3051	Lodging of Inmates	175,000.00	30,000.00
Total		175,000.00	30,000.00

(Motion carried 4-2/Councilmembers Tornatta & Sutton opposed)

SUPERIOR COURT

President Raben: Superior Court.

Councilmember Wortman: Superior Court, 1370-3250 Law Books, zero; 1370-3941 Guardian Ad Litem \$4,000. I make that in the form of a motion, total of \$4,000.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Councilman Bassemier, did you second that?

Councilmember Bassemier: I will now.

President Raben: Okay. Any other 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT

REQUESTED

APPROVED

1370-3250	Law Books	5,000.00	0.00
1370-3941	Guardian Ad Litem	4,000.00	4,000.00
Total		9,000.00	4,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

COUNTY COUNCIL

President Raben: County Council.

Councilmember Wortman: County Council, 1480-3460 Consultant in the amount of \$3,500. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes. I mean, is this something that we have to pay right now? I mean, is this a pressing matter that maybe could be delayed for later on?

Sandie Deig: I owe them \$3,000 right now.

President Raben: If you remember, we transferred from this account earlier in the year for one reason or another.

Councilmember Hoy: This is the money that we –

Councilmember Tornatta: For the consultant –

Councilmember Hoy: – asked for the environment studies out at the railroad yards.

Councilmember Tornatta: Is that...yeah, that is correct.

President Raben: Okay, any other discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, that was for the jail, wasn't it? The \$3,500 for the jail? Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-3460	Consultant	3,500.00	3,500.00
Total		3,500.00	3,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES

President Raben: Family & Children Services.

Councilmember Wortman: Family & Children Services, line item 2042-32520 Out of home placements - Institutions, in the amount of \$885,000. That’s outside of our general fund. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

FAMILY & CHILDREN SVCS.		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2042-32520	Out of home placements-Institutions	885,000.00	885,000.00
Total		885,000.00	885,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

President Raben: County Health Department.

Councilmember Wortman: Health Department, 2130-4112 Health Department - New Facility, \$450,000; 2130-4113 New Facility Construction \$1,000,000, that makes a total of \$1,450,000. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: I just want to comment being the liaison there, and that is that in case anybody is wondering where we got all this money, this is money that the Health Department saved up over the years in order to make this move, so they've done a good job in getting us ready for this.

President Raben: Okay. Any further discussion? Hearing none, 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2130-4112	Health Dept.-New Facility	450,000.00	450,000.00
2130-4113	New Facility Construction	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
Total		1,450,000.00	1,450,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

REASSESSMENT/TREASURER

President Raben: Now we'll move into Reassessment funds.

Councilmember Wortman: Reassessment funds, 2492-1030-1990 Extra Help, \$2,200; 2492-1030-1900 FICA, \$180, makes a total of \$2,380. I make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

TREASURER/REASSESSMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2492-1030-1990	Extra Help	2,200.00	2,200.00
2492-1030-1900	FICA	180.00	180.00
Total		2,380.00	2,380.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

President Raben: Transfers.

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ARMSTRONG/REASSESSMENT
KNIGHT/REASSESSMENT
COMMISSIONERS/CCD (LATE)

SHERIFF
WEIGHTS & MEASURES
BURDETTE PARK
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
AUDITOR/REASSESSMENT
GERMAN/REASSESSMENT
SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING
LOCAL ROADS & STREETS (LATE)

Councilmember Wortman: If its alright with the Councilmembers, I'd like to take the transfer requests as listed on each sheet and make that in the form of a motion, if that's agreeable.

Councilmember Bassemier: Anybody got a problem with that before I second it?

President Raben: Go ahead and second it –

Councilmember Bassemier: I'll second that.

President Raben: Councilman Wortman, County Highway has been withdrawn.

Councilmember Wortman: Excuse me. County Highway has been withdrawn, that's page –

President Raben: At the bottom of page 3, it's \$4,000 from Garage & Motor to –

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, here it is. Yeah, the Highway Department, the Garage & Motor \$4,000, Telephone \$4,000, that's been withdrawn. Add that to my motion.

President Raben: Does the seconder accept that amendment? Councilman Bassemier, do you accept that amendment?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

President Raben: Any further discussion? The late transfer for The Centre, is that part of the motion and Commissioners?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes sir.

President Raben: Okay, any other discussion? Hearing none, 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1010-1130-1010	Small Claims Court Clerk	1,000.00	1,000.00
1010-1320-1010	Deputy Clerk/Small Claims	869.00	869.00
1010-1480-1010	Commitment Clerk	454.10	454.10
To: 1010-1450-1010	Asst. Chief Deputy/Cash	1,869.00	1,869.00
1010-1540-1010	Abstract Clerk/Misd.	248.85	248.85
1010-1630-1010	First Deputy/Elections	205.25	205.25

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1510	College Reimbursement	5,000.00	5,000.00
1050-2660	Reserves	9,600.00	9,600.00
1050-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	5,000.00	5,000.00
To: 1050-2210	Gas & Oil	19,600.00	19,600.00

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1300-3020	Southwestern Mental Health	8,000.00	8,000.00
To: 1300-3420	Legal Advertising	8,000.00	8,000.00

WEIGHTS & MEASURES		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1302-3120	Postage/Freight	250.00	250.00
To: 1302-3140	Telephone	250.00	250.00

THE CENTRE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1440-3536	Centre Operating Account	20,000.00	20,000.00
1440-1190-1440	Custodian	4,000.00	4,000.00
1440-1140-1440	Custodian	7,500.00	7,500.00
To: 1440-1850	Union Overtime	28,756.26	28,756.26
1440-1910	PERF	1,423.64	1,423.64
1440-1900	FICA	1,320.10	1,320.10

BURDETTE PARK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1450-1180-1450	Other Employees	903.00	903.00
To: 1450-1250-1450	Maintenance	476.00	476.00
1450-1850	Union Overtime	427.00	427.00

HIGHWAY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2010-2230	Garage & Motor	4,000.00	Withdrawn
To: 2010-3140	Telephone	4,000.00	Withdrawn

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-4381	Broadway Ave. Bridge #271	175,000.00	175,000.00
To: 2030-4739	Johnson Lane Culvert	175,000.00	175,000.00

FAMILY & CHILDREN		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2042-32510	Out Of Home Placements-Therapeutic	235,000.00	235,000.00
2042-32550	Misc. Cost Of Wards	100,000.00	100,000.00
2042-32600	Adoption Services	50,000.00	50,000.00
To: 2042-32540	Preservation Services	235,000.00	235,000.00
2042-32500	Out Of Home Placements-Foster	150,000.00	150,000.00

AUDITOR/REASSESSMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2492-1020-1300	Regular Overtime	1,597.31	1,597.31
To: 2492-1020-1990	Extra Help	1,597.31	1,597.31

ARMSTRONG/REASSESSMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2492-1100-2700	Other Supplies	97.75	97.75
To: 2492-1100-1990	Extra Help	97.75	97.75

GERMAN/REASSESSMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2492-1120-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	140.00	140.00
2492-1120-3540	Maintenance Contract	33.20	33.20
2492-1120-4220	Office Machines	79.78	79.78
2492-1120-3410	Printing	36.71	36.71
To: 2492-1120-2600	Office Supplies	289.69	289.69

KNIGHT/REASSESSMENT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2492-1130-1120	Office Coordinator	6,900.00	6,900.00
To: 2492-1130-1990	Extra Help	6,900.00	6,900.00

SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2780-1360-2780	Detention Officer	3,000.00	3,000.00
To: 2780-1920	Insurance	3,000.00	3,000.00

LATE TRANSFER REQUESTS

COMMISSIONERS/CCD		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2031-1300-4230	Motor Vehicles	22,856.00	22,856.00
2031-1300-4130	Park & Playground	22,144.00	22,144.00
To: 2031-1300-4121	Roof Old Courthouse	45,000.00	45,000.00

LOCAL ROADS & STREETS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2160-4326	Burkhardt Rd Phase IV	325,000.00	325,000.00
2160-3930	Other Contractual	200,000.00	200,000.00
To: 2160-4742	Harlan Ave. Extension	525,000.00	525,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Raben: Now we'll move into the amendments to the salary ordinance. Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Okay, we'll start off with the Recorder, salary ordinance line 1040-1990 Extra Help as approved. Treasurer/Reassessment, amend the

salary ordinance line 2492-1030-1990 Extra Help as approved. Clerk, amend salary ordinance as the transfer previously approved due to employee changes: 1010-1450 Assistant Chief Deputy/Cashier - PAT III. Current employee is a PAT III, Step 1. Annual salary \$26,479. 1010-1540 Abstract Clerk/Misdemeanor - COMOT III. Current employee is a COMOT III, Step 1. Annual salary \$21,386. 1010-1630 First Deputy/Elections - PAT III. Current employee is a PAT III, Step 4. Annual salary \$30,541. The Centre, amend salary ordinance line 1440-1850 Union Overtime as transfer previously approved. Amend salary ordinance, Burdette Park, line 1450-1250 as transfer approved. Next is the Auditor/Reassessment, amend salary ordinance line 2492-1020-1990 Extra Help. I want to refer back to Burdette Park and correct there. Again, 1450-1850 Union Overtime and 1450-1250 as transfer approved. Auditor/Reassessment, amend salary ordinance line 2492-1020-1990 Extra Help as transfer previously approved. Armstrong Assessor/Reassessment, amend salary ordinance line 2492-1100-1990 Extra Help as transfer previously approved. Knight Assessor/Reassessment, amend salary ordinance line 2492-1130-1990 Extra Help as transfer previously approved. Prosecutor, amend salary ordinance as follows: delete salary amounts in Prosecutor's Incentive fund accounts, 2670-1110 Chief Deputy Prosecutor, annual salary \$11,363. 2670-1120 Chief Trial Deputy, annual salary \$15,354. Add salary amounts in Prosecutor's Infraction account - User fees, 2501-1110 Chief Deputy Prosecutor, annual salary \$11,363. 2501-1120 Chief Trial Deputy, annual salary \$15,354. I make all those in the form of a motion.

President Raben: We have a motion and Councilman Hoy has seconded, is that correct?

(Councilmember Hoy responded with an affirmative nod)

President Raben: Okay, any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

**PYROTEK, INC
14828 FOUNDATION DRIVE
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT ZONE
ENTERPRISE ZONE INVENTORY PROPERTY TAX CREDIT**

President Raben: Okay, now we move into New Business. Is there anyone here from DMD? Oh, there's Rob. Excuse me. Rob, would you state your name for the record?

Rob Schaefer: Rob Schaefer, DMD.

President Raben: Okay, we've got under items A and B, resolutions for both Pyrotek and Graham Packaging. Rob, I'll turn the mic over to you.

Rob Schaefer: Okay. These two resolutions are exactly the same. They're for the two companies and they would exempt these two companies from inventory tax because they are located in the Airport Development Zone and probably within two years the state won't have an inventory tax anymore, so this probably is just a benefit for the next couple of years to these companies. Graham Packaging would save approximately \$3,000 a year in inventory tax and Pyrotek would save approximately \$23,000 a year. And the companies are then required to reinvest the money saved back into their business with a small fee going to the Airport Authority board. Both these companies are located in Vanderburgh Industrial Park.

President Raben: Okay, Councilman Hoy, questions?

Councilmember Hoy: I have a question about Pyrotek. Do you know what their salary ranges are? Unless I missed it, we've got the figures here for the total amount, but I'm just wondering what their range is.

Rob Schaefer: Salary ranges?

Councilmember Hoy: Uh-huh.

Rob Schaefer: I don't have it in this folder. Its probably in the tax abatement folder, though. I can go back and walk down the hall.

Councilmember Hoy: No, that's alright. I was just curious.

Councilmember Tornatta: Question. What part of the inventory taxes come back to the county?

Rob Schaefer: I'm not sure what you mean, what part?

Councilmember Tornatta: Well, there is an inventory, there is that \$3,000 or \$23,000, does that stay here in the area or does that go to the state or does it go to the state and come back to the county?

Rob Schaefer: The way I understand it, all property is assessed and it goes to the state, and then the state has some sort of formula that designates how much the county gets.

Bill Fluty: No. They'll fill out on their schedules which they turn into the Assessors, what personal property they have and that is similar to real estate taxes. It comes

into the county and then we disperse that to all the taxing units.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, and as –

President Raben: Can we hold comment just a moment? We need to change the tape.

(Tape changed)

Councilmember Tornatta: Is that under tax, any kind of tax abatement at this point?

Bill Fluty: Yes, I believe that Graham Packaging has a real estate at this time and also –

Rob Schaefer: Pyrotek does, too.

Councilmember Tornatta: And that goes with – not the real estate, but the inventory as well? He's talking inventory tax.

Rob Schaefer: This is inventory tax, yeah, and then the tax abatement that –

Councilmember Tornatta: Does the tax abatement cover the inventory tax?

Rob Schaefer: No.

Councilmember Hoy: This is on top of the tax abatement. This is that special zone around the airport that –

President Raben: Your normal inventory tax covers machinery, things of that nature, property. This is inventory tax exemption much like the enterprise zone that was established years ago within Vanderburgh County.

Councilmember Hoy: So they're getting, should this be voted, they're getting two tax breaks.

President Raben: Okay, any further discussion? Okay, Rob, this is the first reading, is this correct?

Rob Schaefer: No, this isn't the first reading.

President Raben: Does this serve as the second reading?

Rob Schaefer: Yeah.

President Raben: Okay. The chair would now entertain a motion for the Resolution of the Vanderburgh County Council Approving the Airport Development Zone Enterprise Zone Inventory Property Tax Credit for Pyrotek, Incorporated at 14828 Foundation Drive. The chair would entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

President Raben: Is there a second?

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Hearing none, roll call vote.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: I believe I've given them tax abatement, to give them anymore incentive for them being here, I don't think that's prudent to the taxpayers of Vanderburgh County, so I vote no.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton?

Councilmember Sutton: Let me maybe just get some clarification. I know its time to vote but just let me make sure I'm clear, this is an extension of action that's already been taken, correct, on the Graham Packaging that we voted on from a year ago.

Rob Schaefer: Well, I mean, its separate from the tax abatement program.

Councilmember Sutton: So this is an additional tax abatement request?

Rob Schaefer: Well, its not under the tax abatement program, its under the airport development zone. Its two different projects, but yeah, basically what they're getting is a tax abatement at this time, but just not the tax abatement program.

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Raben: Okay, Councilman, your question is answered?

Councilmember Sutton: Yes.

President Raben: Okay, any further discussion?

Councilmember Hoy: We were voting. We're ready for Mr. Bassemier to vote.

President Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes. There's a no and two yes's.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Sutton, was your vote yes?

Councilmember Sutton: It was yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes. Motion passes, four to six. Four to two – yeah, I’m adding it up. I think we’re all having a bad day today.

(Motion carried 4-2/Councilmembers Tornatta & Hoy opposed)

<p style="text-align: center;">GRAHAM PACKAGING 5504 FOUNDATION DRIVE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT ZONE ENTERPRISE ZONE INVENTORY PROPERTY TAX CREDIT</p>

President Raben: Under item B, next is a Resolution from the Vanderburgh County Council Approving the Airport Development Zone Enterprise Zone Inventory Property Tax Credit for Graham Packaging Company at 5504 Foundation Drive. The Chair would now entertain a motion to that effect.

Councilmember Wortman: I make a motion for approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussions on this item? Again, it’s the same thing, inventory tax, property tax or the manufacturing equipment – already been given tax relief, this is inventory, once again. Any other discussion? Hearing none, 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: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes. Motion passes four to two.

(Motion carried 4-2/Councilmembers Tornatta & Hoy opposed)

<p style="text-align: center;">RESOLUTION FOR VOTING MACHINE EQUIPMENT REIMBURSEMENT</p>

President Raben: Now, the Chair would now entertain a motion for the resolution for the voting machine reimbursement funding.

Councilmember Sutton: So moved.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Marsha Abell, our County Clerk, is in the audience to speak to this if anyone has any questions.

Marsha Abell: I'll answer any questions you have.

President Raben: Would you state your name for the record?

Marsha Abell: Marsha Abell, the Vanderburgh County Clerk.

Councilmember Bassemier: It's a good deal, right?

Marsha Abell: It's a great deal.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Marsha Abell: It's the best deal you're going to get.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

President Raben: Okay, does any Councilmember have a question or concern to share?

Councilmember Hoy: My only statement is that, as you know, Mrs Abell, I don't have nearly as much faith in computers as the rest of the world does, so I am still concerned about security on these but I'm going to vote yes on it. And I just want to get that on record in case I, unfortunately, happen to be correct on this. I hope I'm not.

Marsha Abell: Well, let me just say that the vendor that we're looking at, that we have recommended, there were four vendors that the state approved. This particular vendor makes all of their own internal software and they keep their patent secure and no one has access to it. And the other three use what we call smart cards that can be purchased at any office supply store. If anyone knows how to program those, they could do that. So I think that of the companies that we've look at, this is the most secure one available, and we really don't have much choice about whether or not we do change because its been mandated.

Councilmember Hoy: I know that, I just wanted to get my caveat out there because I know, I have a wonderful, expensive computer that still does some interesting gymnastics on a regular basis.

Marsha Abell: Well, we do some interesting gymnastics in the Election Office trying to get those punch cards to work.

President Raben: Okay, any further discussion? Hearing none, 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 Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION

President Raben: Okay, last but not least, this is not on the agenda for reasons for which I'll explain in just a moment, but last week there was a member of the Taxpayers Association, Mr. David Coker, that had wished to be heard. And, at the time, last week I had stated that his request was to ask this body, the County Council, to pass a resolution against the increase in property tax for the Vanderburgh County School Corporation. I had stated at that time that, if it were the wishes of the majority of this Council, that a resolution would be prepared and would have the opportunity to be brought to the floor. After careful review and quite a bit of discussion amongst all six members here today, it was decided that there definitely wasn't the support for the resolution so I made the call to pull it. As a matter of courtesy, I will allow anyone in the audience a few moments to speak who wishes to be heard, but again, there will not be a resolution brought to the floor. So are there any members in the audience wishing to speak?

David Coker: My name is David Coker, I'm President of the Vanderburgh County Taxpayer's Association. I think this is a pretty sad day for the taxpayers that voted back in April; 23,000 of them, in fact, over 23,000, who at that time voted down a ten million dollar tax increase over the next seven years, which amounted to a \$70,000,000 tax increase that the school corporation wanted then. I would just like to make a hypothetical suggestion or plant a little seed in your mind: suppose the referendum had succeeded. We wouldn't be looking today at a ten million dollar tax increase for fiscal 2004, we'd be looking at a \$23,000,000 tax increase for fiscal 2004. Now I just sat here and watched you guys haggle over hundreds of thousands of dollars, as it should be. We're looking at a debt service in excess of \$85,000,000 right now over the next 30 years, over and above what you guys deal with. We are creating a mountain of debt in this community for a shrinking tax base, an aging tax base. We are not certain now what the composition of the tax base is going to be in 2008, 2010, in 2012, in 2015. We have no idea what that's going to be. Right now, if a young person in this community would purchase a home, they would start paying that bond issue for the voc-tech building until 2023. They would be 40 years old before the bond is retired. I would only like to make one additional suggestion to you and put this little seed in your mind for a moment: suppose, for instance, we

were to have a catastrophic event in this community. A tornado would come and destroy The Centre or destroy this building or make some major damage out at the airport, or some other municipal or county facility around here and you guys were faced with the proposition of a sizable bond issue to replace that facility. I'm sure insurance might cover some of it but you'd probably end up on the lam for a good deal of the reconstruction costs. You're not protecting yourselves for long term potential contingencies. And the taxpayers of this community do not feel that this is in their best interests. That is why I came before you last week, that's why I'm coming before you today, and this is not the last inning of the last ball game in the season. We'll be back. One of these days we're going to get four votes. It might not have been this time but we're going to get four votes eventually because we cannot continue to allow the school corporation to have a free ride and a rubber stamp school board. They have just gone beyond the beyond in this. All this debt, all these salaries, all the things, there have not been any sacrifices at the top level of this school corporation. There are 20 people on the payroll that make more money than the mayor. And we've got to take a long, hard look at all of this because you all aren't footing the bills, but the people that I'm speaking for do. Thank you very much.

Councilmember Bassemier: Hey, don't go away.

Councilmember Tornatta: I mean, you talked about the 9th inning, last out of the 9th inning, but you understand, you're not in our ballpark for that conversation. You're not, we're talking about two separate entities separated by statute to be that way.

David Coker: It's still local government.

Councilmember Tornatta: They have a board, we have a board. The best day of your emphasis on this tax structure was last week when it got out that that was the purpose and we decided that we were going to take charge and have a meeting, and construct and get some type of common ground between these two bodies so that we can be on a level to say, we did our part to keep your taxes down. Can you do your part to keep the taxes down on the school board? Past that, we can do nothing. We decided that it's not in our best interest to pit boards against boards. And it's not going to be in our best interest or we would have brought that out, and I think that spoke clearly of all the Councilmembers on here, that we respect the right of the voter to do their job on the school board if they see fit. But we are not in business to go and attach other boards. We did have good conversation. We did talk to them. We got a lot of things out in the open. It is the taxpayers job now on October 14, at 8:30 in room –

Bill Fluty: 307.

Councilmember Tornatta: In room 307, to speak their voices to the state. We've got it out there to the people that they can make this move, and I think that that is where the taxpayers pick it up, because at this point the County Council has driven the bus to the border, and let them off to take it from there. We do not have control of that school board budget and nothing we can do would put us in that position. So we are advocates of the tax public and advocates that your group is represented and respected. But please understand that in doing all that, we have maximized our capabilities in this seat that we sit in right now.

President Raben: Okay. If most everyone is going to want to make a comment, I'll just go around the room and you can pass up the opportunity if you choose. Are these questions towards Mr. Coker and his comment or do we want to hear from

other members in the audience first?

Councilmember Sutton: If there's others in the audience that want to speak, I mean, I think that's fine. I mean, I think that's part of what we're here for and then we'll always get an opportunity to respond or give our comments. But if there's members of the audience we ought to give them the deference.

President Raben: Okay, are there any other persons in the audience wishing to speak? Any other individuals? We have one.

Cathy Edrington: I'm Cathy Edrington. I tried to catch a couple of you guys. Its hard to get you on the phone. I understand what the Sheriff is saying. Your comments about the 14th, can we count on any of you to be there to back the taxpayers? That's my question. I don't care if you come as County Councilmen or you come as public citizens, you know, can we count on you to be there to help the taxpayers on the 14th?

Councilmember Hoy: If I decide to come to that meeting, I will come to that meeting as a citizen. I will not come representing my office necessarily, although I can hardly get away from being who I am, nor will I try to represent this body.

Cathy Edrington: I mean, several of you acted like you sort of supported the tax issue and we really need you on the 14th.

Councilmember Bassemier: Ma'am, before you leave, nobody wants to see property taxes increase. I'm sure there's a lot of us in here that pay more in taxes than you or David Coker, but this vote would not be binding so I'll be there to represent as a taxpayer but this is an important body, to sign something that's not binding is just, I think, I won't say a waste of our time, but I know all of us up here do not want our property taxes increased. But please don't be mad at us because –

Cathy Edrington: No, I'm just stating –

Councilmember Bassemier: – we didn't sign it because it wasn't binding. So we'll be there, we'll support it, we don't want our taxes to go up any higher. So that's my message.

Cathy Edrington: Well, I just talked to one of you and they made the comment, you know, they'll be at the budget hearing next year and it's like, there's still time to do something this year. You know, there's no point in waiting till next year to show up at budget hearings.

Councilmember Bassemier: And you made a comment, did I talk to you last night? Did you call my – somebody called me last night about, after 10 o'clock and I talked with them until 11 o'clock.

Cathy Edrington: No, it wasn't me.

Councilmember Bassemier: I would have talked with her all night, but somebody did call me last night, so you know, you said, you know, you're hard to get a hold of, you know, whoever called me last night didn't have any trouble because I was ready for bed. Thank you.

President Raben: Okay, Councilman Sutton, did you have a comment?

Councilmember Sutton: Yeah, I was just going to – well, there's – it looks like someone else from the audience.

President Raben: Oh, we have another...

Jeff Devine: Good afternoon, my name is Jeff Devine. I'm the President of the Evansville Area Council PTA. You guys received a letter from us concerning this issue. We would just like to say on behalf of the PTA's, that we appreciate your willingness to look into the issue further and to try to work with us in constructive ways to make our schools better. So we thank you for that.

President Raben: Thank you.

Councilmember Sutton: I guess what I was just going to add is I commend the group in really being diligent in their efforts to pursue this issue. I mean, it is an important issue, but I don't think what they want from us is a window dressing resolution. You know, you want something with some teeth, you want something with really the ability to make a change or have some effect upon what decision is going to be made, and any resolution, as we've said here, would not have that effect. And to do anything short of that really would not do the process any justice, and likely if I'm able to be there, I'll come as a citizen, not as a representative of the County Council. But for me, I look at the neighborhoods that I represent, the most pressing issue that faces my district is an education issue. So to speak to me about education, I want you to tell me how we can bridge this education gap between African-American students and non-African-American students. I want you to tell me how we can address issues related to the high rate of expulsion among African-American students in the community that I represent and the low rate of graduation. If you can address those issues – those are the most pressing issues for me as far as this community is concerned that I represent. Under employment, unemployment are the things that I'm facing. Education is going to be the way that we can turn some of this cycle around in the district that I represent. So I feel it's very important that we find a way, yes, get the right budget, but be supportive of our school corporation as well. Because if school corporations, when we have companies that come before our Council that talk about locating here, one of the key things that they want to know is the – they want to know about the strength of our schools. They want to know how we're educating the kids. If we don't have that, we won't have new companies come here. We won't have the growth taking place. We won't have all these things that we all aspire to have for this community. So I know it's a half dozen of one, you know, six of another, but we really have to make some hard choices as a community, and I think the meeting that we had earlier this week was a great, positive step in having several entities coming together, talking about this issue. But if we're talking about growth and seeing this community be – to continue to grow, and we are losing population – if we want to be progressive, we're going to have to have a strong educational system. That doesn't necessarily mean a swelling budget, it doesn't mean that at all, but we just have to make sure that it continues to be a priority.

President Raben: Okay, thank you. Councilman Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Well, had this resolution reached the floor, and this is what I was going to say, I'll read a couple parts of it just so people know where I am: I would vote against the resolution because I agree with Mr. Tornatta. It doesn't seem proper to me for one governing body to issue such a resolution to another governing body and coupled with that, as a County Councilman, I would be more than annoyed a little bit if the school board or the City Council used such a resolution to criticize

this body, and how we handle money because I know we try to do our best in here. I did a lot of study on this, EVSC cut a lot of teachers' positions and some other positions. Some people didn't get a raise as I understand it and I've tried to listen carefully to both sides of this issue during the last week. And I will continue to be a strong – I'm an extremely strong supporter of public education as I have been in the past. We put a lot on the corporation in terms of special education and other special programs. My final comment is a lot of people buttonholed me and called me and e-mailed me and a few other things, saying well, why did you let it get this far? And I perhaps wondered that. The more I thought about it, Mr. President, the more I think that maybe what's happened is healthy for us. Maybe, maybe, just maybe, with what we're reading in the paper and with the criticisms that have been made, some of which I don't think are true, some of which may be, we can get together on a vision for our community as to what we want this community to become. And education is an enormously important part of that. I have fifteen grandchildren and I don't have a big problem spending money on their future, just to be selfish about it. Thank you.

President Raben: Okay. Mr. Coker has wished to make a comment. You need to step to the podium.

David Coker: The heart of the issue about what kind of community we want this place to become goes to the very – one of the main criticisms that I have of the voc-tech project, its one project. The project has been endorsed by a number of companies that are in mature industries: Vectren, Alcoa, plastics companies, others that are local employers that are already here. In many respects, by Mr. Yeager and Dr. McCandless presenting this before the Rotary Club yesterday, they more or less validated the criticism that was being lodged by Robert Koch several weeks ago. I don't see in their curriculum anything about fiber optics or advanced ceramics techniques or bio-technology, or the cutting edge of biological engineering for medical purposes and this sort of thing. If these were the kinds of technical areas that they were talking about that are on the cutting edge of technology areas, I would have no problem with this. But for the curriculum as they stated right now, you know, it just doesn't make it as far as I'm concerned, and that's only one example that I would point to. A lot of the comments that I've heard from people in the community is that maybe we need to go slow on some of these big ticket projects. We've got buildings that are under utilized and, you know, we don't have an opportunity to sit down and seriously discuss these sorts of things with the school board and officials at the school corporation because I told you about the way the procedural arrangements of their meetings, where outsiders are acknowledged at the very beginning of the meeting and the public has virtually nothing to say about any specific line item. These kinds of things need to be changed and if you could work with us to convey that message to the school corporation and make them more open to what we have to say, and to the concerns of taxpayers, you'd be doing us a great service. So that's – you could help us. We would like to try to help you as well.

President Raben: Okay. Councilman Wortman, did you have any comments? Okay, to conclude this I'm going to make just a brief comment and first to Mr. Coker and the Taxpayers Association, I don't really look at this as you lost the game in regards to your efforts here with this body. I think its, in fact, you've scored a victory. It's been a wake up call for all of us and I think you'll see a lot of our faces at the school board meetings, you know, in the future and through next year's budget session. And, you know, as much as anything you have not only served a wake up call to us, but you've served notice to the school corporation that all eyes are on them to continue to try to do the right things and bring their budget in order. So, you know, again, please don't look at it as that you lost any game. And secondly, to the school

corporation, the tech school, and I'm making this comment based on a comment that you made earlier, we have to remember that we're talking about teenagers. When we get into biotechnology and things of that nature, you know, these kids have not crossed the threshold of any college institutions or anything like that, so you have to do things that are within the realm of what a teenager can absorb at a very young age. So with that being said we're going to move on. The chair would now entertain a motion to adjourn.

APPOINTMENT TO SOUTHWESTERN INDIANA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Councilmember Sutton: Mr. President, there were a couple of things. I don't know if we omitted them or if there weren't any appointments to be made. On our agenda under item 8 –

President Raben: We can. I just have one appointment that we're prepared to make. We can, if you'd like to, I thought we'd make them both at one time but for Southwestern Indiana Mental Health Board appointment I would appoint Gene Koch and we'll pick up the other one next month. Any other questions/comments?

Councilmember Hoy: Motion to adjourn.

President Raben: We have a motion, is there a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: All in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed? Motion carries, meeting adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

President James Raben

Vice President Ed Bassemier

Councilmember Lloyd Winnecke

Councilmember Phil Hoy

Councilmember Curt Wortman

Councilmember Royce Sutton

Councilmember Troy Tornatta

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 5, 2003**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 5th day of November, 2003 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:36 p.m. by County Council Vice President Ed Bassemier

Councilmember Bassemier: I'd like to welcome everyone to the November 5th, 2003 County Council meeting. Attendance roll call please.

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

(*Councilmember Sutton arrived late)

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

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
OCTOBER 1, 2003**

Councilmember Bassemier: We need a motion for approval of the minutes for the October 1st, 2003 meeting.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Got a second. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

Councilmember Bassemier: First of all I need to mention that Mr. Raben is out of town on business and that's why I'm up here. Okay, we'll now get into the appropriation ordinance and I'm going to turn it all over to our finance chairman, Mr. Winnecke.

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

AUDITOR

Councilmember Winnecke: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all for the Auditor, line 1020-3370 Computer (Data Management) in the amount of \$6,800. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Bassemier: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Wortman: Second. And I might add that's being repealed back in.

Councilmember Bassemier: That is correct, that is a repeal. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1020-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	6,800.00	6,800.00
Total		6,800.00	6,800.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

JAIL

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, under the Jail, line 1051-2260 Food, I'll move we set in at zero, and line 1051-2240 Medical in the amount of \$25,000, I move that we set in at zero, and I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion?

Councilmember Winnecke: I would just add that the Sheriff's Department has paid almost all of these expenses through Commissary funds.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1051-2260	Food	85,000.00	0.00
1051-2240	Medical	25,000.00	0.00
Total		110,000.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

SURVEYOR

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Surveyor's Office, line 1060-2230 Garage & Motor, I'll move that we set in this amount at \$200.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

SURVEYOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1060-2230	Garage & Motor	350.00	200.00
Total		350.00	200.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

CORONER

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Coroner’s Office, line 1070-3640 Diagnostic Studies, I’ll move that we set this in at \$5,000, and line 1070-3650 Autopsies, I’ll move we set in at \$20,000, for a total appropriation of \$25,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: We’ve got a motion and a second. Any discussion? Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

CORONER		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1070-3640	Diagnostic Studies	8,000.00	5,000.00
1070-3650	Autopsies	30,000.00	20,000.00
Total		38,000.00	25,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Commissioners, line 1300-3051 Lodging of Inmates, I'll move that we set this in at zero.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: And I would just add that I've spoken with Commissioner Fanello and they have agreed to present this request again next month and we would fund it through the unappropriated Riverboat funds. And I've talked to the Sheriff's Department and everyone is fine with that plan.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, thank you. I have a motion and a second. Roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3051	Lodging of Inmates	145,000.00	0.00
Total		145,000.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 5-0)

SUPERIOR COURT

Councilmember Bassemier: Superior Court.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, line –

Councilmember Tornatta: It would be 1370-2600 on the transfer.

Councilmember Bassemier: Hold on, I'm sorry. What are we –

Councilmember Winnecke: This will be – I believe what Councilman Tornatta and Judge Dietsch have discussed is doing this as a late transfer, is that correct?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Councilmember Winnecke: So what we would do under the appropriation is zero this out and catch the transfer under transfers.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Winnecke: So just to make the motion clear, line 1370-3250 Law Books set in at zero.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, we have a motion and a second by Mr. Wortman. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1370-3250	Law Books	7,000.00	0.00
Total		7,000.00	0.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, it passes.

THE CENTRE

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, The Centre, line 1440-3798 Food Services, I'll

move that we set this amount in at \$100,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: I 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 Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

THE CENTRE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1440-3798	Food Services	200,000.00	100,000.00
Total		200,000.00	100,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

COUNTY COUNCIL

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, under County Council, Airport Authority Expenditure, this request was withdrawn.

COUNTY COUNCIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1480-3071	Airport Authority Exp.	5,000.00	Withdrawn
Total		5,000.00	Withdrawn

CCD/COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Winnecke: Under CCD Fund appropriations, line 2031-1300-4194 Civic Center Renovations, I'll move that we approve this at \$90,000.

Councilmember Bassemier: Do I have a second?

Councilmember Hoy: I'll second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second by Mr. Hoy. Any discussion?

Councilmember Winnecke: I would just add that while I think that this is an important study to undertake, I think that this appropriation does not mean that we are approving future funding of renovations. We don't know, frankly, how much money we are going to have next year, what kind of additional debt we would be able to service, but I think it is important to have specific plans drawn up so we know exactly what kind of plans or potential renovations are out there.

Councilmember Bassemier: 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 Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: No.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

CCD/COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2031-1300-4194	Civic Center Renovations	90,000.00	90,000.00
Total		90,000.00	90,000.00

(Motion carried 5-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

GENERAL FUND REPEAL

AUDITOR

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, we have a repeal next, I guess.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, repeal.

Councilmember Winnecke: Line 1020-1390-1020 TIF/Tax Sale in the amount of \$6,800, I'll move approval.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second by Mr. Wortman. Any discussion? That’s coming back to the Auditor, Bill, on the first page. I’ve got a second. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes. I’ve never seen a repeal voted against.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1020-1390-1020	TIF/Tax Sale	6,800.00	6,800.00
Total		6,800.00	6,800.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

SURVEYOR
CIRCUIT COURT
LEGAL AID
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE
SUPERIOR COURT (LATE)

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, we’ll move along to the transfers.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. Chairman, I would move that the transfers be approved as presented.

Councilmember Bassemier: Anybody got a problem with that?

Councilmember Winnecke: We’ll come back and get the –

Councilmember Wortman: Okay. Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: We got a second. Okay, any discussion on that? We’re

going to come back on the other one. Okay, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

SURVEYOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1060-2320	Instruments	450.00	450.00
To: 1060-2210	Gas & Oil	450.00	450.00

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1230-1200-1230	4-H Assistant	24.00	24.00
1230-3200	Utilities	515.00	515.00
To: 1230-1990	Extra Help	24.00	24.00
1230-3600	Rent	515.00	515.00

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1360-3902	Grand Jurors	1,500.00	1,500.00
1360-3903	Petit Jurors	14,500.00	14,500.00
To: 1360-3260	Law Library Books	16,000.00	16,000.00

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1361-1130-1361	Administrative Asst.	995.00	995.00
1361-1250-1361	Correction Officer	500.00	500.00
1361-1270-1361	Correction Supervisor	900.00	900.00
1361-1300-1361	Case Manager	700.00	700.00
1361-1330-1361	Correction Officer	4,500.00	4,500.00
1361-1380-1361	Correction Officer	9,100.00	9,100.00
1361-1420-1361	Correction Officer	1,600.00	1,600.00
1361-1430-1361	Correction Officer	13,600.00	13,600.00
1361-1450-1361	Correction Officer	4,500.00	4,500.00
1361-1980	Other Pay	2,000.00	2,000.00
To: 1361-1390-1361	Correction Officer	1,215.00	1,215.00
1361-1460-1361	Correction Officer	400.00	400.00
1361-1850	Union Overtime	36,780.00	36,780.00

LEGAL AID **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 1460-3000	Bond & Insurance	100.00	100.00
1460-3680	Malpractice Insurance	1,260.00	1,260.00
1460-3410	Printing	20.00	20.00
1460-3450	Yellow Pages	125.00	125.00
1460-3520	Equipment Repair	800.00	800.00
1460-3010	Other Insurance	157.00	157.00
To: 1460-3371	Computer Hardware	2,462.00	2,462.00

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE **REQUESTED** **APPROVED**

From: 2030-4381	Broadway Avenue Bridge #271	45,000.00	45,000.00
2030-4727	Marx Rd. Culvert #934	35,000.00	35,000.00
2030-4729	Fischer Rd. Culvert #206	25,000.00	25,000.00
2030-4730	Roth Rd. Culvert #1537	50,000.00	50,000.00
To: 2030-4735	Stockwell Rd. Culvert	155,000.00	155,000.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT**REQUESTED APPROVED**

From: 2130-3510	Other Operating	13,475.00	13,475.00
To: 2130-2210	Gas & Oil	700.00	700.00
2130-2600	Office Supplies	1,400.00	1,400.00
2130-3130	Travel/Mileage	5,325.00	5,325.00
2130-3140	Telephone	2,050.00	2,050.00
2130-3410	Printing	500.00	500.00
2130-3530	Contractual Services	3,500.00	3,500.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. Chairman, at this time I would yield to Councilman Tornatta if he has the line items in front of him because I do not.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, what we're looking at is under Superior Court, 1370-3250 Law Books, transfer to 1370-2600 Office Supplies in the amount of \$7,000.

Councilmember Bassemier: Do I have a second? That's in the form of a motion?

Councilmember Winnecke: You just reversed it. From Office Supplies to...

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, sorry. Those are the two numbers for the transfer for \$7,000.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, let me go back. We have Superior Court 1370-2600 transferring \$7,000 to 1370-3250 Law Books.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yeah, I got a motion and a second by Mr. Sutton. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

SUPERIOR COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1370-2600	Office Supplies	7,000.00	7,000.00
To: 1370-3250	Law Books	7,000.00	7,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Councilmember Bassemier: That was for \$7,000, right?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, that passes.

AMENDMENT TO SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Bassemier: Alright, Amendment to the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. Chairman, I would move that we amend Salary Ordinance line 1230-1990 Extra Help as the transfer previously approved under Cooperative Extension, and Community Corrections amend Salary Ordinance lines as follows: line 1361-1390 Correction Officer, line 1361-1460 Correction Officer, and line 1361-1850 Union Overtime, all lines as previously approved. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Got 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 Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Bassemier?

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 6-0)

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, Jim is not here to take care of that, I don't think we've got a name on Old Business. So we'll move on to New Business.

DECEMBER 2003 AND JANUARY 2004 MEETING FILING DEADLINE

Councilmember Bassemier: Let's see, the December 2003 and January 2004 meeting filing date will be November the 12th for the December 3rd meeting, and the filing date on December 4th for the January meeting, is that correct, Sandie? Sandie, would you please give everybody a letter –

Sandie Deig: Yes.

Councilmember Bassemier: – on those two dates, please.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (MULTI-HOUSING) REVENUE BONDS ARBORS AT EASTLAND, L.P.

Councilmember Bassemier: We'll go to, Counsel, would you take the next one on that bond issue?

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, I was contacted by Tom Froehle and Jason Schiesser, the attorneys for Sterling Group and Arbors at Eastland. They have requested that today we introduce the ordinance but postpone the vote until the next meeting of the Council. The ordinance, and if we could for the record consider it hereby introduced, and it's entitled An Ordinance of the Vanderburgh County Council Authorizing the Issuance of Economic Development Multi-Family Housing Revenue Bonds By Vanderburgh County, Indiana In An Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$10,150,000, the Proceeds of Which Shall Be Loaned to Arbors at Eastland, L.P., to Finance the Acquisition, Construction, Installation and Equipping of Certain Economic Development Facilities Located Within Vanderburgh County, Indiana and Approving and Authorizing Other Actions in Respect Thereto. So the ordinance has been introduced. They've just requested if we would, to not take a vote today, but at the next meeting.

Councilmember Bassemier: Counselor, on the next meeting, are we talking about the next Personnel & Finance meeting? Is there a special meeting before, what do they recommend?

Jeff Ahlers: What they've requested is they said that they've talked to President Raben about possibly having a special meeting shortly before the next Personnel & Finance Committee meeting because, I guess, they really need to have a vote on this taken before Thanksgiving. So, I mean, I guess it will be for President Raben or, under other rules, a majority of the Council to call a special meeting. So I assume that President Raben will take care of that upon his return. But that's what they requested.

Councilmember Bassemier: Does anybody have a problem with that? Sandie, I guess we have to advertise that?

Sandie Deig: (Inaudible)

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, we'll have to do that.

Jeff Ahlers: Yeah, we'll just need to have Mr. Raben tell us what specific time and then we can go ahead and have that advertised.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

Teri Lukeman: When you get that information can you provide that to me so I can get that advertised?

Jeff Ahlers: Yes, I will.

Teri Lukeman: Thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay.

EUTS 2003 TRANSPORTATION PLAN PRESENTATION

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, the next one is the EUTS 2003 Transportation Plan Presentation. Rose?

Rose Zigenfus: Good afternoon. I'm Rose Zigenfus with the Evansville Urban Transportation Study. It's nice to be here this afternoon because we have important information to share with you all. Mr. Winnecke is your member on our board for the transportation planning process and we appreciate that input. Alright, let me begin. We are developing the 2030 transportation plan and as a mandate of congress, we are the metropolitan planning organization for the Evansville urban area. Our study area includes, of course, Vanderburgh County, Warrick County, Posey and Gibson County, as well as Henderson County. Many of you recall that the metropolitan planning organization is required by the highway legislation act that we are currently being funded with. But the new twist in all of that is that we are now what we call a transportation management area in the fact that we have exceeded 200,000 in population for the urban area. That's important, that's important to remember because it has an impact on our funding. So we're growing, ladies and gentlemen, we are growing and transportation system is becoming more important as we connect to Posey and Gibson County but also for east/west corridors into Warrick County. Part of that will be demonstrated in our presentation a little later. Federal Highway requires that we have a transportation plan with at least a 20 year horizon and that's what we are developing. And keep in mind, too, that our transportation plan is what makes this area eligible for federal funds for any of the state and local projects. There are two requirements for the plan. We must

be fiscally constrained and we must meet air quality standards. During the next 30 days we will be going to other local jurisdictions that we serve to present our plan, our proposed plan, get input as we will today from you all, and then submit the draft to our policy people, but not as a draft at that point, as a final plan on December the 4th. So we're hoping that we can wrap up this whole process, get it adopted by our policy committee, send it on to the federal and state agencies, and then not miss our drop dead deadline of March, 2004. They need an opportunity to review it during that interim three month period, and so we think we're on target, we think we've got a good plan. I would introduce Pamela Drach, she's the transportation engineer on staff, she's going to give you an overview and go through the projects that relate pretty much to Vanderburgh County and some in Warrick County...but questions and answers any time, so just let me know.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, Rose.

Pamela Drach: I have a handout for you. It includes a map of the Vanderburgh and Warrick County area, it also includes a list of projects for the 2030 transportation plan. The list of projects differs from that that you may have received in the mail by three minor ways. The plan that was sent to you in the mail, we had Henderson County projects listed first on your list, now we have Evansville projects first. Henderson projects have changed and also –

Councilmember Bassemier: Introduce yourself.

Pamela Drach: Alright.

Councilmember Bassemier: For the record, please.

Pamela Drach: Okay, certainly. Pamela Drach, I work at the Evansville Urban Transportation Study. The final difference on this list compared to the list that you received in the mail would be in the 2030 transportation plan list of projects for Vanderburgh County and I'll touch on that when I get to those projects. What I'd like to do is go through the Vanderburgh County projects with you for the different time periods. If you could refer to your table and maybe have the map in front of you. This map should be the same as the map that we have up here. The columns, real briefly, we have an I.D. number, and that's just so that we can reference the projects on the list to projects on the map. Designation number means it's a project, it's a number that's given to a project that's already in the transportation program. We have the road, the limits, the type just as a brief description of the type of project being proposed. Exempt is a column that refers to, exempt is a term that's used in the air quality conformity analysis. Funding source, it shows whether it's a locally funded project, 100% locally funded, if it has TIP in there, that means that there's going to be some use of federal funding and that you would refer to the transportation improvement program, which is a document we have in the office, to show how the funding split would be. And then the cost estimate in dollars at the end. The cost estimate for the Vanderburgh County projects and for the city of Evansville and Warrick County projects are for construction only, they don't include preliminary engineering or right-of-way costs, it's only for the construction costs. We can count on or when we're doing the fiscally constrained portion of our plan, we're counting on 80% of the construction costs to be federally funded and 20% to come from local funding. Starting off with the projects to be completed by the year 2006, these are projects that need to be constructed and open to traffic by January 1 of 2006, and these are all projects that should be very familiar to the Council. Eickhoff-Koressel Road (Section A1) which

goes from the interchange at US1 to Upper Mt. Vernon Road, it's a new facility, a four-lane facility and being funded with both federal and local funds. The next project is a local project, its Green River Road, its to extend the widening of Green River Road from Lynch to Hirsch Road, it's the four lane cross section extension, and it would be funded 100% locally. The next project is Lynch Road project (Phase 2B), this takes it from the interchange to the county line. It's a new four lane facility and its both federally and locally funded, 80% federal funding money and 20% local. And then the final project is the Mt. Pleasant Road project from Old State to US 41. Its an upgrade project and its being funded with 100% local funds. Any questions about these projects? Okay, I'll go on to the next page which is projects to be completed by the year 2015. These are projects that need to be constructed and open to traffic by 2015. This doesn't mean that they're all going to be constructed in 2015, some of them can be done sooner than that, maybe 2008, 9, 10. But they are just all projects that have to be open to traffic by 2015. The first project is the continuation of the Eickhoff-Koressel Road project, a new four lane from Upper Mt. Vernon Road and takes it up to Diamond Avenue. The next project would be the extension of the Green River Road project to take it from Hirsch to Heckel. This phase is expected to be 80% federally funded and 20% locally funded. The final project, which would be a new project to the Vanderburgh County program, would be Oak Hill Road. If you look up at the table above the Vanderburgh County table, you'll see in the city of Evansville, they have the Oak Hill Road project. Its to widen Oak Hill Road to three lanes from 41 to Lynch Road, and the project for Vanderburgh County would be the extension of that widening from Lynch Road up to State Road 57, and this is a project that is very much needed to accommodate the residential development in Northern Vanderburgh County and along that corridor. The next four projects would be funded with INDOT money, and then a state match. The first is State Road 62, Lloyd Expressway - Boehne Camp Road, and Rosenberger. It's new interchanges and a widening of the Lloyd Expressway to six lanes. The next project is Lloyd Expressway - Burkhardt Road new interchange. And we have US 41 widening to six lanes from Diamond Avenue to Mt. Pleasant Road. And then we have a new Ohio River Bridge that would connect I-164 to the Breathitt Parkway. Are there any questions about any of these? Moving on to the 2025 projects, again, projects to be completed and open to traffic by January 1 of 2025. They could be done sometime sooner but between 2015 and 2025 time frame. Most of these projects will be relatively new to the program with just a few exceptions. The first one, Eickhoff-Koressel Road is the continuation of the Eickhoff-Koressel Road corridor, construction of a four lane facility and this goes from Diamond Avenue to Boonville-New Harmony Road. Next we have Green River Road, continuing the four laning of Green River from Heckel up to Millersburg Road. And then we have a Millersburg Road project from Oak Hill Road to I-164. That project, in conjunction with the next project which would be a state funded project, we're proposing a new interchange at I-164 and Millersburg Road. And in this 2025 time frame, if you look on your maps its in green, you'll see projects six, seven and fourteen, they're Millersburg Road, the new interchange at I-164 and then a Millersburg Road-Heim Road corridor out into Warrick County. Its right up here. What we're proposing is that Vanderburgh, INDOT and Warrick County work together to create another east/west corridor similar to the Lynch Road corridor so that the counties have access to one another and also have an additional access to I-164. The next project on the list is a state project, its US 41, a widening to six lanes from Mt. Pleasant Road to I-64, it's a continuation of the project from the 2015 listing. Then we have some new widening of the Lloyd Expressway from Eickhoff-Koressel Road to Boehne Camp Road to six lanes. State Road 57 we're recommending be widened to four lanes from US 41 to I-164. And the final project shown in the Vanderburgh County list is I-69, the Evansville to

Indianapolis portion of the I-69 corridor. Any questions about any of these?

Councilmember Hoy: Back to the whole Eickhoff-Koressel project, I've raised this question before, are there any plans to keep that from being just like any other road we build where you have lots of traffic lights, lots of business development because we've done this so many times in Evansville, and I really consider it kind of a waste because I'm not anti-business, but I go to other cities and I find that you can access the businesses but they're not all crowded up around the corner so the traffic flows more smoothly and you have fewer traffic lights. Is there anything in the plan that would address that situation, that problem?

Pamela Drach: As this project moves forward, that's something that can be built into the design of the project itself. Right now, it's purely in a planning stage and they're still trying to determine which corridor to select. They haven't gotten in to the details yet as to whether they want to have a limited access facility and how they want the corridor to look itself.

Councilmember Hoy: And I wish you would consider that up front because what will happen is, and if I were an investor I'd do the same thing, but I would watch that, and then I would acquire that property, you know, and make plans for it, and then I would put pressure on it not to change. And I think that (inaudible) in our process that I've seen time and time again, and I really wish, you know, that you would build that in. That's coupled with one of my feelings, and I know you don't set these rules but you have to live by them, and that's when we say well, you know, the traffic, it's like the west side by-pass, 69, you know, the traffic doesn't merit it. Trust me, it will merit it. I mean, we're always addressing these things behind, you know, rather than in front of, because we have to wait until the traffic supports it. And what will happen, the traffic will. And I think everybody who builds highways knows that. So if you could address those things, I would appreciate it. Thanks.

Pamela Drach: We certainly can. Okay, moving on to the 2030 projects, this is just a five year time period, so that's why there are just a few projects on the list. But we found that there was a need to do improvements to Boonville-New Harmony Road from Petersburg to Green River Road, and then this would be the next phase of the Eickhoff-Koressel Road project to take it from Boonville-New Harmony Road to I-64, completing that corridor. And the final project proposed is to six lane I-164 and that would be a state funded project, not a locally funded project.

Councilmember Hoy: And further comment on Eickhoff-Koressel, say the federal government, and it doesn't look like they're going to build I-69 around the west side, wouldn't it be wonderful to have Eickhoff-Koressel be the kind of bypass, because right now, in addition to not, you know, not being able to move traffic like we would like to, we are bringing hazardous waste and hazardous materials right through the heart of the city all the time. I mean, we've just been very lucky or blessed or however you want to say it, that we have not had a huge catastrophe. And if Eickhoff-Koressel could be that to the west side, it would also redirect stuff coming in from the north, at least, to Mt. Vernon to all the industry over there. To me, that would just be superior planning and it would also take into account public safety as regards these materials that go through here all the time. I, for a number of years until recently, served on the – I can't remember the name of the committee – the one that looks into the, you know, the spills and things. And they do happen. Fortunately, we've been lucky, but we all know that that can change, and why not plan that in because I am pretty convinced, and I'm speaking to this because I don't think I'll live to, you know, as old as I am, I'll probably not live to drive on any of this,

but my grandkids will.

Pamela Drach: That's a very good point. Eickhoff-Koressel Road serves a real need on the west side. Our 2025 transportation plan originally had this section of Eickhoff-Koressel Road that went from Diamond to I-64 as only being a two lane facility. And this time around when we were looking at it, we found that the need is definitely there and it needs to be a four lane facility. The final page that's in your packet would be the vision list of projects. And these are projects that we could not include in the fiscally constrained list because the funding was not available. But if any funding becomes available, we will just move projects from the vision list into the transportation plan. And included on the vision list are some more east/west connectors and north/south roads that are going to be in need of some improvements in addition to the west side loop, should I-69 be chosen to take the I-164 route.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay. Anybody got any questions? On 2030, I think Mr. Wortman will still be a young man, won't you, Curt? The year, 2030, --

Councilmember Hoy: He's a lot younger.

Pamela Drach: I'm done. Thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: Last on our agenda --

Councilmember Hoy: Excuse me, I have one other question since Rose is here. One of my constituents called me and bent my ear for some time, and you may have a simple answer to that and that would be fine because I would carry it to them, but they made the suggestion that we take a branch off Lynch Road down to Diamond and make that an east/west corridor across the city. There's not much there right now, there will be, unfortunately, but I would suggest maybe looking into that. I thought it was a pretty good suggestion because you can come right off of I-64, get on Lynch, and then, you know, you can drop down to Diamond and --

Rose Zigenfus: Are you talking drop down to Diamond east of 41 or --

Councilmember Hoy: Yes, east of.

Rose Zigenfus: -- or the other side of 41?

Councilmember Hoy: East of 41, yes. Not on the railroad side, but on the --

Rose Zigenfus: On the other side.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't know, it just seemed like a practical suggestion because I know the difficulty we've had trying to get something...you know and I know, east/west across the northern part of the city. And while there are a lot of lights on Diamond, it does certainly move faster than...than, you know, and too, just to argue the other side of everything, Rose, I was in Nashville a few months ago on a vacation, it took me an hour and a half on the interstate to get from the north side to the west side. I came home and didn't complain for a whole month.

Rose Zigenfus: That's what we need, to drive other areas. I would just remind you, you have 30 days. Please, if you have any comments, let us know, call the office or e-mail us. Your input is valuable. Or you can give your message to Mr.

Winnecke and he'll get it to us, but we need to document every comment in our report and you'll get a final copy of that when we produce it. So, appreciate your help. Thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, Rose.

PROPOSED JOINT CITY/COUNTY OFFICE OF DISABILITY SERVICES

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, last on our agenda, the proposed joint city/county office for disability services and we have another presentation by Mr. Rob Kerney. State your name, please, for the record.

Rob Kerney: My name is Rob Kerney.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, sir.

Rob Kerney: And as they always say, you saved the best for last, but I wish you wouldn't have. You should have gotten in your packets this month, one of these booklets. If not, I've got a couple extra with me.

Councilmember Bassemier: We do.

Rob Kerney: Okay. I'll just take a few minutes of your time today to talk about this. I've already been before the City Council and the County Commissioners and have received their support for the idea, and will be sitting down with Mayor-elect Weinzapfel in the next few weeks. I'm not sure if that will be before or after he's sworn in, but he is interested in talking to me about it. I've come to get your support. I'm not asking for you to vote for this or to vote to fund this, just to get your support so we can move forward on trying to create a study or a panel to look into the feasibility of such a panel. If you look in the first page of the packet, you'll see some ideas of what this office could do. The first and probably the foremost important is to deal with economic development, especially for employment for the disabled. Just like everybody else, we basically want employment or a job that we can support ourselves and our family on, so that we don't have to live off any type of public assistance. It says on there that the late Governor O'Bannon said that at a press conference, that 65% of people with disabilities are unemployed in this part of the state. I will have to admit the 2000 census says that 52% are employed, however, this is probably also including part-time and temporary and other types of jobs also. This is kind of important when you consider that Vanderburgh County alone, when you look at the working age 18 to 64 year olds, that we have 19% of people with disabilities in this age group, and when you get up to 65 and above, you're talking about people, 42% of the people had some sort of disability and this is a minority that crosses gender, it crosses race and everything. A second idea would be to possibility work with ADA compliance to make sure that county and city municipal buildings and such are – recreational areas are disabled accessible. Now we are doing quite well in the county, I will admit that, however, it would be nice if we had a way to maybe go a little bit beyond adequate and make life good for everybody. Another area that would be special to the county would be working with the County Clerk's Office, who has been working with a small group of people with disabilities, to make sure the polling sites as well as polling machines, and I know the new machines will be here in the spring, but to also make sure polling sites are accessible by everybody and give us the right to a secret ballot like everybody else has the right to. Also, another idea would be to make sure that they have community involvement, that we get our people with disabilities involved and

able to get to meetings at nighttime and all times of the day, to get involved with the Lions Club, civic organizations, even possibly organizations that are appointed by members of the Council and Commissioners and so forth. But to get them involved with the community so they can get in and help the community be a better place to be. Also to work with EHA to make sure that the housing is available, work also with lending corporations or landlords to make sure that there is adequate and affordable housing and that everybody has the right and ability to do loans and so forth, to own their own property and their own house, the American dream. And the last one I can remember that – forgive me, I'm having senior moments and forgetting a couple of the points on there, but the last one I'll bring up is using all services currently now and putting them under this office. And the only one that I've known so far would be, actually, the municipal building which is really more of a city entity than it is a county. I just had one pop in my head and leave me again already. But what I'd like to know just on an unofficial vote, if you would be interested or if I could get your interest in this enough to move forward with a – I won't say a study, but more of a focus group to look into and possibly set down the guidelines and job descriptions and things like that for an office such as this.

Councilmember Bassemier: Mr. Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. Kerney, you're looking just for our initial nod today, but do you have an idea in your mind of how large an office in terms of manpower this would be?

Rob Kerney: I'm figuring to begin with, its going to be one person with maybe one staff person, maybe even a part-time staff person to begin with. And then just kind of see where it takes it from there, but initially, I would say one full-time employee with one part-time or full-time staff person.

Councilmember Winnecke: The other question that pops into my mind is, how do you plan to proceed with the focus group, as you call it.

Rob Kerney: I'd like to get appointments from each of the branches of the government, along with some people with disabilities and kind of start down the work from the foundation up. I'm aware of Indianapolis has a similar idea, so I'd like to get more information from their office and look at some other cities our size across the country to maybe find some ideas on how they've dealt with this already, and start from the very basic beginning and move forward. I don't want this to look like its something I'm pushing through just to help myself. So the more people involved in the beginning, the better.

Councilmember Winnecke: Thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: Anybody else? Mr. Kerney, what – do you have a cost in mind, starting cost?

Rob Kerney: Really, I don't because I have to admit I've not seen an average salary. But I'm figuring roughly off the cuff, \$80,000 a year just for a full-time and a part-time. I'm probably shooting the moon too high there. I'm not really familiar on what the salaries are for a department head type job like this on city/county level. So I'm guessing \$80,000. I'm sure I'm over-shooting it quite a bit there. But I thought it was better to do that than to tell you \$80,000 and then come back later and say it was \$120,000.

Councilmember Winnecke: You know us well.

Rob Kerney: I know you well.

Councilmember Bassemier: Can everybody hold just a minute? We're going to change the tape.

(Tape changed)

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, Mr. Kerney, go ahead. Sorry.

Rob Kerney: Okay, but like I said, I really don't know, but that's just a rough idea of \$80,000, probably less than that but hopefully that answered your question.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, you did. One other question, when do you plan on hoping to get started, get all this implemented?

Rob Kerney: You know the old saying, the sooner, the better, but I also know it needs to be done in the proper channels and the proper mode. I think we're looking at probably a six month, one year process to get the groundwork laid down where we can even hope to have the doors open for the office. Just because we know how when people try to meet, you try to get more than two people together, everybody's schedule starts screwing up and everything, so I would hope six months – six to twelve months at the longest. I'd like to open the doors tomorrow, but I also don't see that happening any time soon.

Councilmember Bassemier: And you're kind of wanting to get kind of a nod here today, to go ahead and pursue it from our standpoint? I personally, I think it would be wonderful and anybody else's thoughts?

Councilmember Hoy: I agree with you, Mr. Bassemier, and I would strongly encourage you, Mr. Kerney, to go ahead. I know you, I know that you're a capable person and you're very capable of pursuing a project, so I'm glad to see you here today.

Rob Kerney: Thank you, I appreciate it. I'll take that as a nod, yes, then and move forward.

Councilmember Bassemier: Yes, sir, it is. And anybody else?

Councilmember Winnecke: I would make a motion –

Councilmember Bassemier: Do we need a motion?

Councilmember Winnecke: – for Council to...

Councilmember Bassemier: We probably just – everybody okay with it? I'm okay with it, Mr. Hoy and Mr. Winnecke...just a green pen or the red pen. Green one? Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: I think anytime you come up – Mr. President, I think anytime there's a good idea that's presenting their, whether it comes from us or from someone in the community, which most of the novel ideas tend to come from people in the community, we are so focused on what we're doing. And anytime you

have an opportunity to really get the branches, the areas of government together discussing an issue or topic that is needed in our community, that's always, that's a good thing. You know, we've got a committee that's studying the consolidation issue, and this is more, its more close to people in terms of the services that are provided there. And I think it will be a good idea to encourage Rob to move forward with bringing together the appropriate representatives from the different bodies to study it, discuss it, and work on moving it forward.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, Mr. Sutton. That's a yes. And, Mr. Kerney, I want to commend you for putting all this together and go ahead and pursue it and we're behind you 100%, and we'll hope to see you here in the near future.

Rob Kerney: Okay, and I'll close with a quote and basically, what was said back in the 80's when they were trying to get the Americans with Disabilities Act is, and that is the disabled is the only minority that any of us could join at any time, whether it is spontaneous from an accident or over time with age. So it is a very important group. So I appreciate your support.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, sir. Have a great day.

Rob Kerney: Thank you.

Councilmember Bassemier: Anybody else got anything to say? Make a motion to adjourn?

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Bassemier: Second?

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

Councilmember Bassemier: Adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.)

VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 26, 2003**

The Vanderburgh County Council held a special meeting on November 26, 2003 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:28 p.m. by County Council President Jim Raben.

President Raben: Good afternoon, I'd like to call to order the special meeting of the Vanderburgh County Council for November 26th, 2003. Attendance roll call, please.

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

President Raben: If we could all stand for the Pledge.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

**ORDINANCE BY COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (MULTI-HOUSING) REVENUE BONDS BY
VANDERBURGH COUNTY, INDIANA/ARBORS AT EASTLAND L.P.**

President Raben: Okay, thank you very much. The purpose of this meeting today is to vote on an ordinance by the Vanderburgh County Council authorizing the issuance of economic development revenue bonds by Vanderburgh County on behalf of Arbors at Eastland, L.P. Rob Schaefer from the Department of Metropolitan Development is in the audience today. Rob, if you would state your name for the record.

Rob Schaefer: Yeah, Rob Schaefer, DMD. The Sterling group would like to request that we table this until December 5th.

President Raben: December 3rd?

Rob Schaefer: December 3rd, I'm sorry.

President Raben: Okay. Well, we can do that.

Rob Schaefer: Thank you.

President Raben: Meeting adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.)

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**VANDERBURGH COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2003**

The Vanderburgh County Council met in session this 3rd day of December, 2003 in room 301 of the Civic Center Complex. The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m. by County Council President Jim Raben.

President Raben: I'd like to call to order the Vanderburgh County Council meeting for this day, December 3rd, 2003. Attendance roll call please.

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

President Raben: Now if we could all stand for the Pledge.

(Pledge of Allegiance was given)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
NOVEMBER 5, 2003**

President Raben: Okay, before we begin today's meeting I would like to recognize several individuals out here in the audience today. We have several students from both North and Central High School attending the meeting today. Are there any other schools represented here other than just North and Central? None? Okay. Welcome. The Chair would now entertain a motion to approve the minutes from November 5th.

Councilmember Wortman: So moved.

Councilmember Winnecke: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

President Raben: Now we will move into the appropriation ordinance and at this time I will turn the mic over to Finance Chairman, Lloyd Winnecke.

AUDITOR

Councilmember Winnecke: Thank you, Mr. President. First we'll begin with the Auditor. Line 1020–3372, Computer Software, I move that we set this amount in at \$3,200.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, that's going to be repealed back in. Thank you, Mr. Auditor.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions, comments? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1020-3372	Computer Software	3,200.00	3,200.00
Total		3,200.00	3,200.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

COMMISSIONERS

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, from the Commissioners line 1300-3120 Postage/Freight in the amount of \$30,000 I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1300-3120	Postage/Freight	30,000.00	30,000.00
Total		30,000.00	30,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

RIVERBOAT

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, from our Riverboat fund, line 1490-3051 Lodging of Inmates, I'll move that we set this in at \$100,000.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion?

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, I would have one comment if you don't mind. You and I were part of I think a really fruitful meeting a week or two ago with the Sheriff and the Chief Deputy, regarding the future of the jail. Now that ground has been broken I think it's important that this body, along with all the other stakeholders in the criminal justice system in the county, sort of recommit themselves to the criminal justice meetings that have been going on. I think probably in recent months they probably have fallen off everyone's radar a little bit. Now that we're actually, dirt has been turned and the project is closer to becoming a reality, I think it's important that everyone sort of re-energize. Council President Raben and I committed to the Sheriff that we would make sure we were part of these meetings going forward and I would hope that the judiciary, the public defender's office, the prosecutor's office, anyone who has a role in the criminal justice system in the county, start attending these meetings again to make sure that everything is running truly as efficiently as possible in order to keep the jail population as low as possible.

Councilmember Sutton: I know that the group is, on the past maybe few meetings or so, there really haven't been agenda items and the meetings haven't occurred, but in light of the amount that we are spending on lodging of inmates, it's been pretty substantial in terms of the amount. I've kind of lost track after a while how much we're actually spending there. But as we think about when this project will ultimately be complete, when the jail is completed, the amount that we have spent, you know to lodge inmates elsewhere, perhaps maybe those dollars could have been spent someplace else. But I think as well, as we look at this whole project, it just underscores the urgency of getting this burden off the county's back as we are really helping the budgets of a whole lot of neighboring counties. They really are enjoying Vanderburgh County. So if whatever we can do to either make the process more efficient, sitting back down to talk about how we can use some alternative – someone's phone is ringing – some alternative methods of trying to make things a little bit more efficient, but obviously we can't control how many crimes are going to be committed out there, but our response to what we have available, obviously, we only have so much space. We've got a cap we're working under. But this is a burden that we can't continue to bear.

Councilmember Winnecke: And I would just point out that the meeting is scheduled for December 11th at 4:00 in room 303, if anyone would like to attend. I think the Sheriff and the Chief Deputy are spearheading that meeting. And if you have agenda items or just topics you'd like to see discussed, I think if you'd get it to those guys they'll make sure it's on the agenda.

President Raben: I would like to add, and Councilman Sutton, great comments, that does need to be a big part of what the upcoming discussions are amongst that group is how can we look towards keeping those figures as low as we can in those out of county placements. But as Councilman Winnecke said, we also need to try to bring the prosecutor's office, the judges, the public defenders office, both bodies of law enforcement, and we need to know what their plans are for the next few years and the upcoming years so that when we move into the new facility, that overcrowding is not an issue within a year of moving in. So anyway, I'm interested in hearing what their plans are for not just the immediate needs, but future needs and there's sure a lot of other interest by others. We'll move on.

Councilmember Winnecke: Need to vote.

President Raben: Oh, we need to vote.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, one last comment, Jim, I was going to make on this and the fact that we're drawing this from Riverboat funds, you know, as I said a number of times before, anytime that we are drawing on what I consider extra or our dollars that really can't be counted on from a long-term standpoint or when we're counting on those kind of dollars for day-to-day expenses, it's really not a good habit to get into. It really puts you on a slippery slope and the course that I would hope that we don't get into as well next year, but these Riverboat dollars are not, from what we have all, our discussions were not intended to use this to house inmates but obviously, given the financial situation of the county right now, we don't really have very many options available to us. But we just need to be very careful on this.

President Raben: Okay, any other comments or questions? None? 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

RIVERBOAT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1490-3051	Lodging of Inmates	100,000.00	100,000.00
Total		100,000.00	100,000.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, under Sheriff Misdemeanor Housing Fund, line 2780-1390-2780 Clerk-Typist, I'll move that we set this amount in at \$89.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

SHERIFF MISDEMEANOR HOUSING		REQUESTED	APPROVED
2780-1390-2780	Clerk-Typist	89.00	89.00
Total		89.00	89.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, Item E, Local Drug Free Community, that item has been withdrawn.

LOCAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY		REQUESTED	APPROVED
3280-2990	Discretionary-Office Exp.	10,000.00	Withdrawn
3280-3951	Treatment	10,000.00	Withdrawn
3280-3952	Prevention	10,000.00	Withdrawn
3280-3953	Law Enforcement	10,000.00	Withdrawn
Total		40,000.00	Withdrawn

GENERAL FUND REPEAL REQUEST

AUDITOR

Councilmember Winnecke: We'll move to the repeals, the Auditor, line 1020-1310-1020 AA/Public Info Facilitator in the amount of \$3,200. I'll move approval.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

AUDITOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
1020-1310-1020	AA/Public Info Facilitator	3,200.00	3,200.00
Total		3,200.00	3,200.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

TRANSFER REQUESTS

CLERK
JAIL
PROSECUTOR IV-D
VOTER REGISTRATION
CIRCUIT COURT
LEGAL AID
REASSESSMENT/PERRY

SHERIFF
PROSECUTOR
CENTER ASSESSOR
COMMISSIONERS
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, the transfers, there are a lot of them. I've had one Councilmember ask that I hold one out for individual questions. At this time I would move approval of all the transfers as presented with the exception of Riverboat, which is on page four of your docket, everything else I would move that we accept as presented.

Councilmember Sutton: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? And the motion is to accept all transfers with the exception of Riverboat, correct?

Councilmember Winnecke: Correct.

President Raben: 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

CLERK		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1010-1420-1010	Minute Calendar Clerk	1,726.00	1,726.00
To: 1010-1580-1010	Misd/Traffic Clerk	1,013.00	1,013.00
1010-1680-1010	Deputy Clerk/Misd.	713.00	713.00

SHERIFF		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1050-1130-0207	Clerk Typist	4,505.00	4,505.00
1050-1130-0045	Patrolman	888.80	888.80
To: 1050-1130-0102	Patrolman	4,505.00	4,505.00
1050-1130-0215	Prop. Mgmt. Clerk	110.87	110.87
1050-1130-0231	Post Command Rec.	91.87	91.87
1050-1130-0208	Clerk Typist	97.04	97.04
1050-1130-0232	Post Command Rec.	91.87	91.87
1050-1130-0216	Post Command Rec.	97.09	97.09
1050-1130-0209	Clerk Typist	106.07	106.07
1050-1130-0218	Post Command Rec.	88.95	88.95
1050-1130-0217	Post Command Rec.	88.95	88.95
1050-1130-0210	Investigative Trans.	116.09	116.09

JAIL		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1051-1130-0309	Detention Officer	101.06	101.06
To: 1051-1130-0338	Clerk/Typist	101.06	101.06

PROSECUTOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1080-1030-1080	Deputy	20.00	20.00
To: 1080-1050-1080	Deputy	20.00	20.00

PROSECUTOR IV-D		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1081-1280-1081	Enforcement Officer	70.00	70.00
To: 1081-1120-1081	Sr. Asst. Director	70.00	70.00

CENTER ASSESSOR		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1110-1150-1110	Deputy Assessor/ Personal Prop.Mobile	10.00	10.00
To: 1110-1170-1110	First Deputy/Office Coordinator	10.00	10.00

VOTER REGISTRATION		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1220-3520	Equipment Repair	192.00	192.00
1220-2700	Other Supplies	200.00	200.00
To: 1220-4220	Office Machines	392.00	392.00

COMMISSIONERS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1300-3471	Abstracts	9,500.00	9,500.00
To: 1300-3130	Travel/Mileage	3,500.00	3,500.00
1300-3420	Legal Advertising	3,000.00	3,000.00
1300-3410	Printing	3,000.00	3,000.00

CIRCUIT COURT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1360-2270	Juror Meals/Lodging	3,000.00	3,000.00
1360-3723	Psychological Eval.	2,000.00	2,000.00
To: 1360-2600	Office Supplies	500.00	500.00
1360-2610	Copy Machine Supply	2,500.00	2,500.00
1360-3620	Copy Machine Lease	1,000.00	1,000.00
1360-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	1,000.00	1,000.00

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1361-1750	Clothing Allowance	780.00	780.00
To: 1361-1400-1361	Correction Officer	780.00	780.00

LEGAL AID

		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1460-3250	Law Books	94.99	94.99
1460-3700	Dues & Subscriptions	794.24	794.24
1460-3730	Continuing Education	206.00	206.00
To: 1460-3410	Printing	1,095.23	1,095.23

CUMULATIVE BRIDGE

		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2030-4729	Fisher Road Culvert #206	500.00	500.00
To: 2030-3160	Radio/Pagers	500.00	500.00

REASSESSMENT/PERRY ASSESSOR

		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 2492-1140-3410	Printing	263.35	263.35
2492-1140-3310	Training	300.00	300.00
To: 2492-1140-3141	Communications	263.35	263.35
2492-1140-2600	Office Supplies	300.00	300.00

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

RIVERBOAT

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President, at this time under the Riverboat transfer I would move that we accept as presented the transfer from line 1490-3110 Economic Development to line 1490-3538 Old Courthouse Contractual Services in the amount of \$450,000. I'll make that in the form of a motion.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes, I don't know if anybody is here from the Commissioners? I don't see anybody. The questions I've got, where did we get the \$450,000, that figure? Is this going to be, the Commissioners, their intent to move some offices from the Civic Center over there, I want to ask that question. How are they going to treat the handicapped with those elevators in the shape they are. And if you move officeholders, your expense is going to be considerable with computer hookup, telephones, etcetera, and I understand they're going to make an energy efficiency study, I understand that, but is this the final figure or is it going to escalate that, can we afford it, and what have you. These are questions I'd like to be answered right now –

Councilmember Tornatta: Tammy is in the office and Sandie can possibly go get her and she might be able to –

Councilmember Winnecke: We can come back to that.

Councilmember Tornatta: I've got a question, just real quick, I guess I didn't see the late transfers. Did you include those as well?

Councilmember Winnecke: No, I did not. That was not my intent. In fact, I didn't see them either, so we can take those up separately.

President Raben: Okay, we have a member in the audience that would like to approach the podium.

Glen Koob: Glen Koob, Perry Township Assessor. As you'll notice, I can't talk long because my voice is going, which is good for you. I'd like to thank everyone on the Council for my T1 line. It is (Inaudible) working very well. I've not, only one time, have I been down in my system because of some problem down in the Civic Center. So Mark Rolley and Councilman Winnecke and Sandie and the Auditor, they've helped me out and I really appreciate it. Thank you very much (Inaudible) and happy holidays.

President Raben: Thank you, Glen, happy holidays to you and the folks in your office.

Tammy McKinney: Am I up?

Councilmember Winnecke: You're on.

President Raben: Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes, I wanted to ask you some questions please. This \$450,000, how did we arrive at that figure?

Tammy McKinney: That is an estimate that we thought would just, from talking to people, energy savings providers, Seimens and Performance Services, and just a general idea of how much (inaudible).

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, is Vectren going to conduct these energy—

Tammy McKinney: Vectren? No, —

Councilmember Wortman: It's going to be a private outfit. Is this strictly for the research to come up to find out what it's going to save or cost or what have you?

Tammy McKinney: No, actually, we're opening up RFQ's Monday night for energy savings systems, renovations, HVAC, the plumbing, the electrical, windows, (Inaudible).

Councilmember Wortman: Was the handicap, the elevators involved in this, too, for the handicapped?

Tammy McKinney: The elevators at the courthouse are handicapped accessible, so that's already in place.

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, now when you mention plumbing, how did they come out with a report you're going to save money on plumbing?

Tammy McKinney: Well, right now, there are a lot of leaks in the plumbing.

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah, I understand replacing it, but that could be an item that would be costly just to improve it, you know, on that from being the drain stopped up or the water or, you know, dripping faucets.

Tammy McKinney: But over time it will save money just from leaking pipes, rusty pipes. I've had rusty pipes burst over there and have to be replaced with PVC piping that will cost more –

Councilmember Wortman: You're talking about maintenance, though, possibly, replacement, and maintenance free to substitute that. Now, what are you going to do about the heating and air conditioning?

Tammy McKinney: That's another RFP that they're opening Monday night is for architectural services and an architect will actually design the HVAC and the plumbing for the courthouse.

Councilmember Wortman: How is this going to blend in with the Historical Preservation Society, with doing all of this remodeling, if it's going to be extensive?

Tammy McKinney: They're not going to damage the structure, so it would not affect the historical preservation (inaudible).

Councilmember Wortman: But this 450, is it the intent of the Commissioners, do you know, to move offices from the Civic Center over there?

Tammy McKinney: Yes, that is my idea.

Councilmember Wortman: Do you have any – what kind of offices that's going to move over there and when?

Tammy McKinney: I'm not sure. I know Dave Rector has been doing some space allocation and right now I'm working with Will Fosse and getting the Health Department moved to their new location, so we've just started working on (inaudible). But we're working on that.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, thank you.

President Raben: Okay, any other questions? Hearing none, 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: It's possibly alright, but I'd rather have seen it in writing, what we're actually going to do over there. For right now, I'm going to vote no.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

RIVERBOAT		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1490-3110	Economic Development	450,000.00	450,000.00
To: 1490-3538	Old Courthouse Contractual Services	450,000.00	450,000.00

(Motion carried 6-1/Councilmember Wortman opposed)

LATE TRANSFER REQUEST

ELECTION OFFICE**REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TWP ASSESSOR**

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, at this time I would move that we accept the two late transfers as presented.

Councilmember Hoy: Second.

President Raben: We have a motion and a second. Any further discussion?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yeah, I was just curious about the Election Assistant and the Absentee Teams, what the situation is with those numbers? Marsha, just curious about the Election Assistant and the Absentee Teams, were those not funded enough or what was the situation?

Marsha Abell: Is this on? Does it not work?

Bill Fluty: It's not plugged in.

Marsha Abell: Oh, well I can talk without it.

Councilmember Sutton: You won't be on the record.

Marsha Abell: Okay. It was not funded enough. We ran a lot more absentee teams than we had any intention of running when we set up the budget, like about three times more than what we intended to do. We've worked more people because we had more paperwork to get done.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay. Is that the teams or the assistant?

Marsha Abell: Well, the assistant teams are on there. The Election Assistant is the employees in the—

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Marsha Abell: Because the actual person that runs that office is paid out of the Clerk's budget.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Marsha Abell: These are people that actually worked in the Election Office some of whom are even working today because we're moving the old equipment out of the Election Office into the basement to make room for the new election equipment that is going to arrive here in a week.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, you don't see this...I mean, this will be taken care of next time we go through this you'll be able to predict better? This won't even be anything we'll deal with with the new system?

Marsha Abell: Well, you know, whether I can say that or not I don't know. We had, I'm sure you've read the newspapers, we had thousands of requests for ballots, absentee ballots, that we never, ever have so we had to have more people in there to process all the absentee ballot information. We had no...there was no way to predict that we were going...we did nine times what we did the year before. No way to predict that. I would never...I would have never...doubled it would have been the most I would have ever done. I would have never of thought nine times as much so we, you know, whether it will happen again, that many people requesting an absentee ballot, it could.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: On the, Marsha, on Legal Services, you are requesting \$2,200 there, what is that for?

Marsha Abell: We've gotten one bill from the Election Board attorney for responding to a request regarding the legalities of absentee ballots that was outside of the realm of his legal work. We've only gotten, that I am aware of, one bill from him that is in the amount of around \$800. This is anticipating that he is going to have more because he will be involved in the...somewhat involved in the recount which will probably be charged back to Dr. Tina Murphy since she requested the recount, but we still have to have the money in place to pay it.

Councilmember Sutton: Now, the process that took place while the investigation was going on with the Evansville Police Department, did your office incur overtime and if so how do we pick up the cost related to the process that went on with that investigation?

Marsha Abell: No, our office didn't incur any overtime because Carla and B.J. and myself did it and none of the three of us qualify for overtime.

Councilmember Sutton: Thank you.

Marsha Abell: Uh-huh.

President Raben: Any other questions? Marsha, thank you.

Marsha Abell: Okay, thank you.

President Raben: Okay, now we'll move into—

Councilmember Sutton: We didn't vote.

President Raben: Oh, okay. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

ELECTION OFFICE		REQUESTED	APPROVED
From: 1210-2700	Other Supplies	12,984.00	12,984.00
To: 1210-1120-1210	Election Assistant	8,000.00	8,000.00
1210-1130	Absentee Teams	180.00	180.00
1210-1900	FICA	1,500.00	1,500.00
1210-1910	PERF	4.00	4.00
1210-2280	Precinct Meals	950.00	950.00
1210-3610	Legal Services	2,200.00	2,200.00
1210-3630	Equipment Lease & Rental	150.00	150.00

REASSESSMENT/KNIGHT TWP ASSESSOR REQUESTED APPROVED

From: 2492-1130-3520	Equipment Repair	1,485.37	1,485.37
2492-1130-3370	Computer (Data Mgmt)	633.55	633.55
2492-1130-2710	Color Film	965.56	965.56
To: 2492-1130-3540	Maintenance Contract	3,084.48	3,084.48

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

AMENDMENTS TO SALARY ORDINANCE

President Raben: Now we will move to the amendments to the Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Winnecke: Okay, Mr. President, the amendments to the Salary Ordinance are numerous, two and a half pages. We each have a copy of them and short of me doing a dramatic reading, I would move that we accept this Salary Ordinance amendment as presented and make them part of the record.

President Raben: Is there a second?

Councilmember Hoy: I'll second that although I was ready to demand the dramatic reading. I would love to hear it.

Councilmember Tornatta: Only in costume.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Again, the motion is to accept the amendments as they are presented in paper form. 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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion unanimously approved 7-0)

WOMEN'S MINORITY BUSINESS BOARD APPOINTMENT

President Raben: Next, under old business I would like to appoint Kathy Decker to the Women's Minority Business Board. Again, it's Kathy Decker.

2003 COUNTY TAX ABATEMENT COMPLIANCE

President Raben: Under new business I guess we need to take a vote, Rob, on the 2003 tax abatement compliance, is that correct?

Rob Schaefer: You don't actually have to vote. Rob Schaefer, DMD. I'm required to give you a summary of compliance, tax abatement compliance, for the year and that's what this spreadsheet is. In return the Council President and the Auditor must sign each CF1 which is a compliance form that they are required to fill out so that I can send it on to the state. So if you have any questions or problems with any of these numbers...I did highlight a couple of these because the job creation is so low on a couple of them, but there were explanations on both of them. On Graham Packaging the company that they are supplying they delayed the start of their new product launch, so the number of jobs will ramp up to what they said that it will be only it has been slower than what they expected. Timme Mold lost some business and blamed it on the poor economy. They believe that the job numbers will come up next year.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. President?

President Raben: Yes, Councilman Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: I appreciate Rob getting us information. I would, especially for those two businesses, I think it's important for those businesses to stand before a public body and make those explanations. They come before us seeking abatement. We ask a lot of questions generally of companies that have come before us and I think it's great that they provide DMD with the explanations that we've heard, but I think it's important that representatives of each of these bodies come here and offer a public explanation.

Councilmember Hoy: I agree.

President Raben: Okay.

Councilmember Sutton: Are you saying the ones that are out of compliance?

Councilmember Winnecke: Correct. I mean, in my opinion if you are 90 percent or greater that's good. Obviously, if things...you can't anticipate every challenge in business, but when you're 56 percent of compliance or 65 percent I think that is worthy of a public explanation.

Councilmember Sutton: I don't think we are...even though we're going to act on this it still doesn't prevent us from having them to come before us the first meeting of the year to talk about where they stand and have them to answer questions that we may have about their development.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. President--

Councilmember Sutton: In fact, I would recommend that we do that.

President Raben: We'll go around, Councilman Hoy.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you. On Azteca, if my recollection is correct, we gave them a reduction in the number of jobs, did we not? Do you remember that, Rob?

Rob Schaefer: The projected number or the actual number?

Councilmember Hoy: The actual because they were before us--

Rob Schaefer: Yeah.

Councilmember Hoy: --and reporting to us and they at that time I think they were about 145 jobs and now they are at 158. I know that one is not redlined, but I have some real problems even though I voted for it. That's one of the few I voted for.

Councilmember Winnecke: I think they're up to 165.

Councilmember Hoy: Are they?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yeah.

Councilmember Hoy: Are we getting...also are we getting any kind of affirmative action statement from them because we had--

Rob Schaefer: I don't have anything like that.

Councilmember Hoy: It seems like--

Rob Schaefer: Did you ask me to ask them for that?

Councilmember Hoy: We had asked for that, yeah. We asked them for that and Mr. Sutton made...I think you asked for the affirmative action statement from Azteca.

Councilmember Sutton: Right, they did have it.

Councilmember Hoy: Did they have one?

Councilmember Sutton: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Hoy: Because I know at one time they balked and they said they really didn't know and we suggested that they go out in the plant and count.

Councilmember Tornatta: We've kind of talked about this several times. I mean, I think this...we're getting to the point where we are saying we want something in writing for all these companies and I think that you have a good idea with the 90

percent compliance and we've had a good idea with some type of rating system to put this all together. I think we ought to get this on paper so we don't have to be unfair to one and more fair to another. I know we've talked about possibly getting something, but I really think we ought to pursue this and maybe set that as a project for next year to get a point system in place where we can evaluate people on apples to apples basis and it won't have to do with who is affiliated with what and then also come in and get a compliance, some type of compliance register so we know that if they're below a certain amount that we need to have them come and explain and explain all public accounts.

Councilmember Hoy: Thank you, Mr. Tornatta, and in connection with that the City Council has some kind of standard on abatement, I believe, do they not?

Rob Schaefer: It's really vague. It allows the City Council to determine what they believe is substantially complying or in compliance. We do have that scoring sheet, that scoring system that you don't have.

Councilmember Hoy: Would you be...would you get copies of that for us because I won't name the City Councilman because I don't want to embarrass anybody, but I have asked umpteen times and I never get it, but I know you've got it. If you would supply that with us I think that would give us--

Rob Schaefer: The resolution that we passed and the scoring and all that?

Councilmember Hoy: Yeah, and the scoring. It would at least give us some sort of beginning marker for what Mr. Tornatta is asking for.

Rob Schaefer: Right, and in that resolution we can insert a percentage. But then if it is in the resolution then we need to follow that percentage.

President Raben: Rob, back to a...excuse me, Mr. Wortman, you've not been given the opportunity. Go ahead.

Councilmember Wortman: Let's go back to this Azteca. I understand Lloyd and Troy and Jim met with Azteca out there and then after the next day or so I met with them.

Rob Schaefer: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Wortman: Okay. I got a real problem out there with that smell yet and we discussed it and discussed it and I told them up front that they've got to stop and I want the smell eliminated--

Rob Schaefer: Uh-huh.

Councilmember Wortman: --and if they didn't there is going to be repercussions. Now, the next thing is I want a letter stating that the smell will be eliminated permanently. They said they've been trying and trying and they're going to add on out there, I understand it now, and we're not sure if it is going to increase, but I hope they're going to direct a lot of money to improving the existing system that they've got.

Rob Schaefer: Right.

Councilmember Wortman: Anyway, they're supposed to get a letter drafted up that will say they will eliminate the smell outside in the spring of the year. There is going to be three or four weeks in there where that smell is going to exist when they transfer this system out there on the waste water treatment plant. So they're supposed to be submitting that to us and if they do it and when they do I'll bring it to the Council.

Rob Schaefer: So you've asked them for that letter and they know they need to get that?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes, sir. And it's still existing. I got a call two days ago it existed and I've smelled it and it's just an ongoing thing and they've got to stop it, that's all.

Rob Schaefer: Okay.

Councilmember Wortman: I know they used the excuse, well, when they bought that land from Rexing out there, they gave them three for one, okay. Now the Forneys, which is effected by the smell it seems like more so than anybody, they're closer, they said they had an exorbitant price they wanted. Well, they was only offered two for one swapping land, see, so this is what bothers me. I can recall when they originally went out there, I'm going to say this too, they didn't want the Scott Township Assessor in there assessing that property so he just told them I'll assess it from out there at the fence and then you'll wish I had come in so they did let him in. So I just thought I would bring these things up, see, so we want a good neighbor. We like them out there. They're going to expand. Construction jobs and it's going to put, you know, the payroll, but we want them to comply, see. This is one of the things, so hopefully they'll do it and then I'll bring that along. Thank you.

Rob Schaefer: Okay.

Councilmember Hoy: Mr. Wortman, did you remind them that they're not operating in Mexico?

Councilmember Wortman: Exactly.

Councilmember Hoy: I mean, they get by with murder down there.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thank you, Mr. President.

Councilmember Hoy: I don't want--

Councilmember Bassemier: Rob, would you please check on their contract of how many employees they said that they were going to employ. I think it was 180. The last time they were here they said they only had 120 and the reason was that it was hard for them to find help. I've sent several people out there in the last two years and they wasn't hiring and they weren't bad people, so I was just kind of curious. If you can get me the amount they said they was going to employ when we okayed this and how many they've got employed by them right now and we'll go from there because I have sent several people out there and none of them has got a job. I know there is help out there and they told us last time that they can't get any help.

President Raben: Rob, if I'm not mistaken they were in for their compliance review about a year ago and at that time is when we had renewed their abatement and

they explained that to us at that time why their employment levels were less than what they stated. With that being said--

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman, can I interrupt with one thing?

President Raben: Sure.

Councilmember Wortman: In reference to these tool and die shops, machine shops, that industry has went down all over in this locale. The Timme out there, he has got his building for lease, no business, you can't operate it on it. There has been four or five go out. I know, and I've been affected by the wiring in different shops, see, and it's really a bad thing laying these people off and finding another job, it's really bad in this area. Of course, China and foreign countries are doing it for one-tenth of it, I guess, the price, see, and that's what wrong, see, basically.

President Raben: Rob, as far as the others like Graham Packaging, they will come before us for compliance review when?

Rob Schaefer: If you want to see them at the next meeting--

President Raben: Well, yeah, I think we want to see them, but they actually have to come back for compliance review at some point, don't they? Okay, legal counsel would like to address that.

Jeff Ahlers: And that's what I was going to ask is a clarification as to whether or not you were just wanting them to present before you at the next meeting or you actually want to have a hearing to make a determination as to whether or not they are in substantial compliance with their application for abatement. The reason I say that is you may recall, I don't know if it was last year or maybe two years ago, we called in one or two companies and if you are going to actually have a substantial compliance hearing there needs to be statutory notices sent out and if you need me to help you with that or you may have them. I don't know if you were onboard when we did that last time. They have to actually be sent notice to have a representative appear and to answer questions and present information and then Council would actually take a vote on those as to whether or not they are in substantial compliance. If you do nothing with any of them or don't call them before you...I mean, the compliance review on an informal level, I mean, you're sort of doing that now. There is no requisite that they have to come before you every year unless you ask them to do so or have an actual substantial compliance hearing. So I just wanted to make sure whether you're wanting to have an informal hearing or if you are actually wanting to make a determination as to whether all or a portion of their abatement should be revoked and if that is the case we need to comply with statute and we probably ought to have a motion here for Mr. Schaefer to send a notice for them to appear for that hearing as opposed to informally them coming before us for questions.

President Raben: And what you're saying is what I was leading up to. I think by statute they're required to come back after like 12 or 24 months for compliance review.

Rob Schaefer: Compliance review is annual.

President Raben: Annually, okay. So have they've been...they've not been back.

Rob Schaefer: This is their compliance. These forms that they fill out every year are what they are required to do. If you find that they're not, that one form or that one company is not substantially complying with their statement then you ask them to come in. They don't necessarily have to come in unless you asked them to come in. This is their compliance right here.

President Raben: Did we not at one point vote on each and every one when they came...when they submitted their review for compliance?

Councilmember Winnecke: Not in my time we haven't.

President Raben: We did. Now, we may not...maybe we haven't for the last year or two, but they were always in the past were brought before this body to be voted on.

Councilmember Wortman: They came before us. I don't know about a vote, but we asked a lot of questions. Ahlers can help us on that, too, I think.

President Raben: It was always up to this body to, you know, make the final decision if a company was within compliance.

Rob Schaefer: Yeah, it's definitely up to you, up to this body, whether you vote on each single one or how you did that. I don't know what they would be voting on.

Jeff Ahlers: Well, I recall there may have been one year, and I don't know that's everybody that's ever gotten a tax abatement from us or whether we had a smaller number at that time, but I do recall at least on one occasion a couple of years ago that we called in four or five and had the substantial compliance hearings and you voted. Now whether that was because you chose to call them all in, I don't remember it being this big a number, so whether it was a smaller number back then and you just chose to call them all in or whether you actually had questions concerning four or five of them, I do remember that. I mean, I can look at the statute and get with Rob, but what I do know is that if you are wanting to have an actual formal hearing to make a determination as to whether or not a company is in substantial compliance we do need to comply with statute, send them the appropriate notice, and bring them before us versus if you are just wanting to call them in on a more informal level and ask them questions. You do not have to bring all of them in for a substantial compliance review or if you want to you can. What would normally happen is if you do nothing their tax abatement continues. You would have to make an affirmative vote by a majority that you find that they are not in substantial compliance and therefore their abatement is terminated or affected by whatever recourse you take, but if you do nothing the abatement continues.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. Chairman?

President Raben: We can at that point if we do call them in we can change the length of abatement as well, correct? If initially they were given a ten year abatement I think by statute we can change the length of—

Rob Schaefer: I'm not sure.

Councilmember Tornatta: That would affect their payments at that point.

President Raben: Well that's true, it would.

Rob Schaefer: I do know that you can discontinue the tax abatement if you find that they are substantially complied. Whether you can change the length, that I don't know.

Councilmember Winnecke: Mr. Chairman, maybe this will help move us along. I would make a motion that we accept the spreadsheet that has been presented as accepting these companies as being compliant with the exception of Graham Packaging and Timme Molding and I would further move that those two companies be asked to appear before this body for a substantial compliance review.

Councilmember Wortman: Second.

Councilmember Hoy: And that the appropriate notice be sent.

Councilmember Winnecke: And that the appropriate notice be sent through DMD.

Councilmember Tornatta: Okay, I was just kind of thinking we also don't want to set a precedent of accepting...we were talking the 90 percent rule, but I really don't think I want to do that either if somebody plans on 100 percent and they do 90 percent, you know, they could plan on going ten percent short of what they're doing, so in my opinion I think that if we're going to call everybody on the carpet they better have met their 100 percent goal or maybe we should have them in to just do a compliance check.

Councilmember Sutton: Well, the other thing to keep in mind, too, I think we're primarily focused upon the employment side, but keep in mind there is another element of compliance that is just as important and that's the amount of investment that they have made as well. Some may have met the threshold, 90 or 100 percent threshold on one, but not on the other so we need to, if we're going to do this, we need to make sure we're looking at both the compliance...actually, it's three compliance areas just to ensure that if we're going to bring them in we're going to bring them all in if they fall short of what they said.

Councilmember Wortman: Mr. Chairman?

President Raben: Councilman Wortman.

Councilmember Wortman: Like Timme Tool & Mold, they had a sale and went out of business. How are you going to treat them?

Rob Schaefer: They're out of business now?

Councilmember Wortman: Yeah.

Rob Schaefer: Well, if they are out of business they're not getting tax abatement because they're not paying any taxes.

Councilmember Wortman: That's what I say, they had a sale and everything. Advertised and everything.

Rob Schaefer: I have a letter from—

President Raben: They still have to pay real estate taxes.

Councilmember Tornatta: They still have to pay taxes.

President Raben: On the real estate, yeah I know.

Rob Schaefer: Has the property been sold?

Councilmember Wortman: Well they had...didn't they have...I'm not sure if they had equipment though too. The real estate, sure they'll pay taxes on that. The building is still there and he still owns it the way I understand, but the equipment, see, things of this—

President Raben: Well, there would be taxes owed on the equipment if he sold them, I'm sure. If you could look into that. We're going to move on. I'm going to allow Teri to change the tape real quick.

TAPE CHANGE

President Raben: Okay, roll call vote, please. Again, the motion is to approve the spreadsheet with the exception of Graham Packaging and Timme Mold.

Teri Lukeman: Ready?

President Raben: Yes.

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 Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes.

(Motion was unanimously approved 7-0)

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT (MULTI-HOUSING) REVENUE BONDS
ARBORS AT EASTLAND, L.P.**

President Raben: Next under item C is the ordinance by the Vanderburgh County Council authorizing the issuance of Economic Development Revenue Bonds by Vanderburgh County for Arbors at Eastland L.P. This was deferred from last week's meeting. The Chair would entertain a motion.

Councilmember Winnecke: So moved.

President Raben: We have a motion and is there a second? Motion, is there a second?

Councilmember Tornatta: Second.

President Raben: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Now discussion.

Kent Heckaman: I'm Kent Heckaman. I'm Vice President of development for Sterling. I appreciate the Council's consideration of the resolution before you on the agenda today. I have distributed memos with a package of information that is probably a repeat of some of the information you have received in the past through Rob's office, but I wanted to take this opportunity to walk through the benefits of this development. If I could take a few minutes to do that I would appreciate it. We'll be brief as I walk through it, but we'll invite you and encourage you to ask questions of myself relative to the materials and the memo in general. What I would like to do is just kind of highlight the two primary issues here and some of these issues are related to questions and comments that Council members have addressed to each other and to myself directly relative to Arbors at Eastland Apartments. Again, location at Old Boonville Highway/I-164. I believe everybody should have the package I am referencing, Mr. Hoy, if you still have yours from early distribution. The first issue and some of the questions that were related to this proposal were with respect to the affordability aspect of the rent. What I did was point out three issues. Number one, under housing market relevant issues in your memo the Arbors at Eastland will be between 16 and 35 percent below rents being charged at comparable market rate developments. The two that are closest and most new in the community being Cross Lake and Copper Creek. These are 100 percent market rate developments and as you'll see as we go on, ours are restricted to certain income levels and we'll discuss that here in a second. There is a spreadsheet in your package that is right before the excerpt that I have copied from the market study that shows this comparison of these two communities relative to our rent, so feel free to look at that as you may. Number two, the demand is great in Evansville and continues to be very, very great for affordable housing such as this, affordable rental housing. One of the things I pulled out that is sort of interesting is that the occupancies continue to be very strong, but that the demand analysis predicted that we fill 176 units in nine months. That's about double the average demand and we have 5,000 units in four states, so we have quite a bit of experience with demand analysis and that is really quite shocking for an analysis to come forward and make that kind of a prediction. Number three, the market area here in Evansville predominately 35,700 households within our market area specifically of which about 31 percent are rental households. Of that, 95 percent of that housing was built before 1982, so in the last 20 years very little housing has been constructed although you'll see some new apartments that have gone up. I mentioned Cross Lake and Copper Creek, but again a small, small percentage

have been developed. If you could turn the page, the memo, essentially there are seven points I want to highlight with respect to the economic benefits of proposed Arbors at Eastland Apartments. Number one, we will be generating \$117,000 per year estimate of property taxes. Of course, with the new assessments and methodologies being used to assess properties that could be higher than that, but that would be what we are going to predict and what we've seen in like kind communities and there is no property tax relief being sought from the Council. Arbors at Eastland will employ primarily local sub-contractors. Construction contracts totaling just under \$10 million will be forthcoming. We're the general contractor, but we don't perform any of the bricks and mortar, of course, work. Number three, Arbors at Eastland will employ between four to six full-time and part-time employees with annual salaries of \$130,000 combined. Number four, Arbors at Eastland will spend over \$150,000 in water and sewer main extensions. This particular property out there is north of a proposed industrial park owned by Mr. Peyronnin and there is a little development in that area. A lot of it is because water and sewer capacity is not there. We are with our own dollars extending water and sewer to continue to encourage growth out there. Putting a lift station in and this infrastructure is being 100 percent paid for again by the developer. Arbors at Eastland will be 100 percent privately financed. I think there has been maybe some confusion or questions about how the taxes that bond vehicle effects the type of development we're talking about here, but essentially the end financing is 100 percent privately financed. No local, no state, no federal dollars are being utilized in the construction. The taxes in bond is a vehicle that is yes by nature tax exempt meaning that there is a federal benefit to the end buyers of those bonds, of course, and that they're tax exempt, but again the financing is through 100 percent private equity as far as private lending on the mortgage side as well. The net result benefit of the bond, because you might say, well then why do you go that route, is that it does in the end offer a more attractive interest rate. The most important thing to note here though is that the rents that are being reduced by the 16 to 35 percent number that I had referenced earlier is for this reason. One hundred percent of the savings that we're going to be realizing would be poured back into the rent reduction because as you can see by the comparables we could charge more if we went 100 percent non restricted income without the bond. Number six, our total construction cost is about \$14 million or about \$81,000 per apartment home which is more expensive than it costs to buy many of the single family homes in many parts of the area. Then finally, Arbors at Eastland will reserve 100 percent of the apartment units to professionals and young families earning between \$19,000, this is 2003 figures, and \$38,580. Many would say that is a moderate income level. That's true, but the challenge for...let me just tell you basically of the 5,000 units that we have over a third of the apartments that we rent in this income range is to single mothers, one, two, three children. Mothers that earn \$20,000 or \$22,000 a year with two children and a car payment have a very difficult time making ends meet. They're not eligible for Section 8 because they make too much money. They're not eligible for WIC and some of the other things that mothers that are earning in the \$9,000 to \$15,000 range qualify for. So while we can say this moderate income this young family base or professionals struggle to make ends meet as much if not more than those receiving financial aid. So having said that, we are very encouraged by the number of young families, young mothers, in Vanderburgh County looking for safe, decent, quality market rate housing, but yet discounted to make it affordable to them. This bond vehicle before the Council today allows us to do just that. Finally, Sterling relied upon this Board, on May the 7th you were kind enough to pass the resolution which we relied to moved forward and submitted the application to the state for the bond cap. We received that and we're here today before you as a vote that would allow us to move forward and

benefit this county in the ways that I've just referenced. At this time I'll pause and welcome any questions that you might have.

President Raben: Okay, thank you, Kent. Councilman Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: In your rent, like one bedroom \$475, how long would that remain there for these people at that price?

Kent Heckaman: In terms of if somebody signs a lease?

Councilmember Wortman: At \$475, what do they sign a year lease?

Kent Heckaman: Yes, we typically...we will entertain a six month lease for those residents that can show us that they are being employed for a limited time and then being transferred after six months we would entertain that, but normally it's a 12 month lease.

Councilmember Wortman: Alright, at the end of the year will you...when do you anticipate raising the rent or do you?

Kent Heckaman: Well, these rents, by the way, there are maximum rent limits that are established in the guidelines being used for this bond program or through HUD. So we are at the mercy of those rent caps, number one, and we don't have to go as high as those rent caps and in this case those rent caps, Mr. Wortman, can actually go up another \$100 based on 2003 rents. We have artificially discounted those rents to make them, you know, to boast that 16 to 35 percent discount for current market rents we have artificially lowered those as much as \$100 so that we can claim affordability on this development from a market standpoint or practicality standpoint, so we will continue to remain at that level as long as we still need to show to the potential resident base out there the affordability aspect.

Councilmember Wortman: Would there be any security out there at all around the apartments?

Kent Heckaman: We have...our management team is, by the way, a team of over 20 corporate people in addition to the on-site staff. We have a layer of district management, regional management, vice president management on down. So we have a number of different ways for the residents to feel secure in addition to having direct access through a beeper system to the on-site management system which is a manager, an assistant manager, a leasing agent and we also are very well connected to the public safety system employed throughout Vanderburgh County and the City of Evansville with respect to any resident who calls needing any assistance at all through the 911 system.

Councilmember Wortman: Thank you.

President Raben: Councilman Hoy?

Councilmember Hoy: Well, when we met earlier I asked you with this reduction in the interest rate you would be saving...your company would be saving about \$20,000 a year. That figures out to \$113.64 per unit or a little less than \$10 a month savings, you know, per unit. I am assuming that these rents, because you're in compliance with federal guidelines, are less than you would charge if you...I think

this is going to pass today, but if it didn't pass what kind of rents would you be charging.

Kent Heckaman: Well, that's a very good point and, again, let me state that the amounts of savings are all relative and are all estimates and they're all relative to what the current interest rates are. Obviously, the higher the interest rates are in the market the more the savings, but to answer your direct question about what would the rents be without a bond, Mr. Hoy, the answer would if you look at Cross Lake Apartments' rent which are in the excerpt, the market study, and the spreadsheet that we provided those are the comparable rents. I feel like we have a mousetrap, if you will, that is better than those developments and I am very confident in saying that our amenities and the pictures that are presented to you in your package represent a development that is at least equal to if not superior to the two developments that charge the 16 to 35 percent additional dollars. You know, anywhere from \$50 to \$100 more in rent. So the answer to your question would be at least at those levels if not more than Cross Lake and Copper Creek apartments would be charging today with our product.

Councilmember Hoy: But your company, and I'm not against companies making money at all. You can't survive if you don't make money, but the savings really is not as much as those rents cost in those other units, by any means. I mean, you're going to average a savings of about ten bucks a month per unit.

Kent Heckaman: Again, those numbers I would not...those numbers could be three dollars, they could be ten dollars. I could not stand here without going and actually marketing this development, Mr. Hoy, and really determining what is the true savings. First off, there is no cash flow in this development, okay. The development is barely breaking even at these rents. When you're building a development \$81,000 a unit plus land costs our performance shows breaking even, okay. The real profitability, if you will, is in the construction of the development, so if we were to lower these rents any more than they are at the interest rate that we are getting we would be going in the hole. So that's just to give you a little bit of perspective. When we had the rents at a pace in the summer I think you might have remembered we came in and there were some comments about the rents and whether they were truly affordable in the marketplace. I think since then we have lowered them. At that point we were showing some cash flow and some profitability through the cash flow. Since we've lowered the rents based on the interest rate we're showing that we're at break even.

Councilmember Hoy: And as I mentioned to you I don't hold you responsible for the abysmal level of wages in this town and in this county. I hold some other people responsible for that. Not you, but you're looking at twenty...somebody who makes ten bucks an hour which is considered a good wage here. I don't think it is, but other people do. That's \$5,700 a year on the one bedroom plus utilities and when you factor in, you know, car expense and that's going to put a...you know, be pretty tight for that person. Again, I emphasize that's just a point that I like to make publically as often as I can because I think that it's an issue that needs to be addressed. This body here is...we're criticized by some people because we give raises and we have good health insurance and all of us have agreed that that's the right thing to do and we try to set an example for other employers, but that's one of my problems with things in general. Thank you.

Kent Heckaman: Thank you, good point.

Councilmember Bassemier: Sir, I think you already answered this, but I'm sure these rent figures aren't...do not include gas and electric, of course?

Kent Heckaman: Yeah, there is a utility allowance that is calculated based on the gas, the electric, water is paid for by the owner. But when you look at the gas and the electric and, of course, phone and, you know, cable television, internet or whatever anybody else wants to use, but we do discount the rent also to compete in that area for utilities and we do keep an eye and we have to report utility allowances to HUD so that there is rhyme or reason for what the utilities...if utilities goes up, let's say that the gas prices went up drastically in Evansville and in the rest of the country we would have to make additional allowance to the resident for the gas bills.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, you say allowance.

Kent Heckaman: Yeah.

Councilmember Bassemier: They pay \$475 for a one bedroom and you're saying allowances. Now, do they pay a percent on top of...they get a \$100 gas and electric bill do they pay \$475 plus \$100 for their gas and electric?

Kent Heckaman: They're going to pay whatever the bill equals for the gas and electric, Mr. Bassemier, but basically what HUD is saying is that let's say that your cap is \$550 including the utility allowance and that the utility allowance is \$75 so that you can charge \$475. It's a lot more than that, because we have artificially discounted that, but what HUD says is you can't charge more than X including utility allowance and if utility allowances in Vanderburgh County continue to go up then we as developers have to keep our eye on that and continue to not exceed the cap which includes that utility allowance, inclusive of that utility allowance. We can't exceed that.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, and on your deposit, I don't see...I see a lot of apartments going down Green River Road and they're advertising no deposits or \$99 and I assume there are vacancies out there when they're advertising no deposits, so what will your deposit be?

Kent Heckaman: Oh, uh—

Councilmember Bassemier: I was just kind of curious.

Kent Heckaman: I don't...I'm not sure to be honest with you. I'm not on the management side. If it's \$100 or what the actual deposit is for security you're saying. Typically there is a security deposit and that's not usually...I mean, that can be a concession. More often than not you see anxious developers or anxious owners of apartments maybe grant one month free in addition to a limited amount of security deposit. Those kinds of things do happen in some developments. But we're not saying there is a lot vacancies. We see three and one half percent vacancy according to our market study in the apartments which indicates a very strong market here.

Councilmember Bassemier: I just didn't want to see everybody go from the Timbers or from Williamsburg on the Lake and leave them and go to your place because yours is brand new and a little bit less rent. Of course, I know some of that is going to happen.

Kent Heckaman: It's going to happen, but we're not going to be able to lease to a lot of those people who, again, I give you the example of the single mom. If she makes \$25,000 a year she can't live at this community. She is over income qualified for this community. Not to say that everybody at those developments are at those income levels and above, but those that are will not be able to enjoy the benefit of the discount in the new apartment community.

Councilmember Bassemier: Okay, thank you.

Kent Heckaman: You're welcome.

Councilmember Bassemier: Thanks for talking with me yesterday. I appreciate it.

President Raben: Are there any other questions? Hearing none, roll call vote please.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Tornatta?

Councilmember Tornatta: Yes.

Jeff Ahlers: I just want to make sure it is on the record they understand they are voting on the--

President Raben: Ordinance?

Jeff Ahlers: --ordinance, okay.

President Raben: I stated that when I opened it up. Okay. 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 will vote my symbolic no at this point just because I have problems with the breaks that create uneven advantages.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Winnecke?

Councilmember Winnecke: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: Councilmember Wortman?

Councilmember Wortman: Yes.

Teri Lukeman: President Raben?

President Raben: Yes. Motion passes 6-1.

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

PERSONNEL AND FINANCE MEETING

President Raben: Last, I would like to announce that the Personnel and Finance meeting will be held December 17th at 3:30 p.m. in this room due to holidays the following two Wednesdays, so we'll see everybody back here in about 14 days. Okay, and please wait before everyone leaves. They need to sign this ordinance which we just passed.

(Inaudible.)

President Raben: Uh, I did not do anything on it. Do we need a motion to defer it?

Jeff Ahlers: (Inaudible, mike not on.)

President Raben: Okay, meeting adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

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